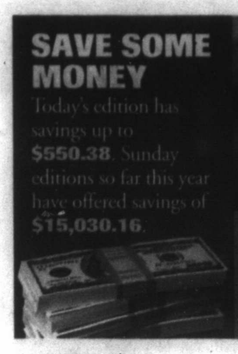
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Midland unemployment dips to 3.4 percent

Jobless rate for the Tall City a year ago in May was 4.5 percent

By Mella McEwen
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"Stable" continues to define the Midland labor market, with the May unemployment rate slipping to 3.4 percent from 3.5 percent in April, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

A year ago, Midland's unemployment rate was 4.5 percent.

Odessa saw a similar decline, to 4.7 percent from 4.9 percent in April and comes in well below the May 2016 rate of 6.5 percent.

Willie Taylor, chief executive officer of the commission's Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, again expressed his pleasure that the region's labor market remains stable.

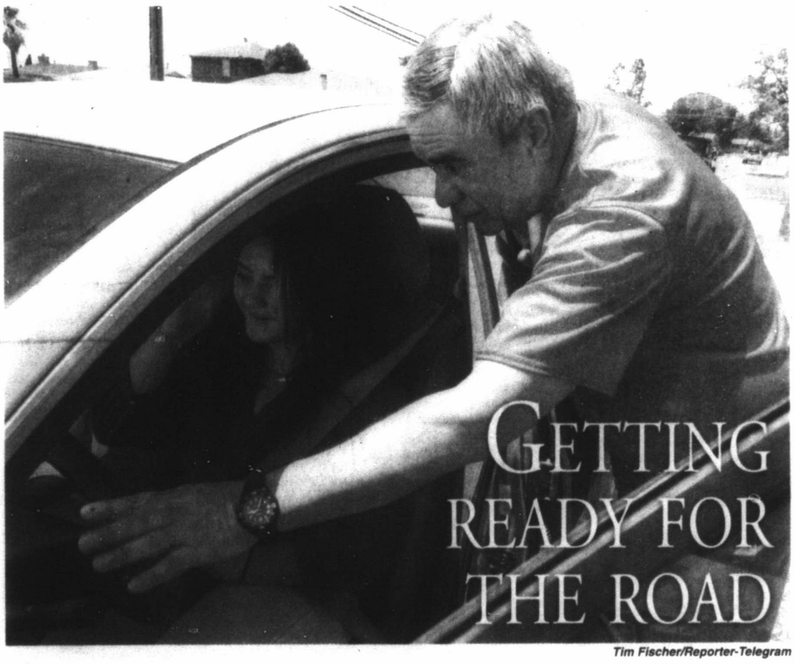
Noting that an estimated 2,000 students just graduated from Midland high schools, Taylor said many of those students will head off to college, others into the military and others straight into the workforce. It underscores the need to encourage continued training and ensure they're prepared for the workforce, he said.

"I know they may be tired of school, but if they continue to enhance their skills, that translates into more income and opportunities for them," he said.

That includes training in areas such as education and health services, he said. Looking at the industrial composition of Midland and Odessa, he expressed concern that the Education and Health Services sector remained unchanged from April to May and has only added 100 jobs in the last 12 months.

Although the dominant mining, logging and construction sector added 100 jobs from April to May and 1,900 jobs over the last 12 months, Taylor said the region

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Abel Abundez, Big C Driver Education instructor, goes over driver controls Thursday with Brianna Martinez in one of the cars.

Instructors prepare teens for summer driving

■ Classes focus on seat belt use, danger of distracted driving

By Simone Jasper
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Rising sophomore Brianna Martinez looks forward to the days when she won't have to rely on her mom for transportation. Though the 15-year-old keeps driving safety in mind, she's noticed some of her peers make decisions that could lead to crashes.

"Maybe because they get carried away," Martinez said. "Driving is a big responsibility. They're not mature enough."

Martinez is taking driver's education courses this summer — a time period AAA dubs the "100 Deadliest Days" for teen drivers. The average number of fatal crashes involving teen drivers spikes between Memorial Day and Labor Day, according to the association.

Locally, instructors prepare new drivers to be on the road all times of the year, including school breaks. But they said attitudes toward some behaviors — such as texting while driving — could put teenagers at risk of crashing.

COMBATING DISTRACTED DRIVING

Charles Hodges, CEO of Stop DWI Inc., attributes the AAA summer findings to the volume of teen drivers on the road.

"Teens in the summer are

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OPEC hurt itself while taking aim at US oil producers

By Clifford Krauss
New York Times News Service

HOUSTON — Picture a three-year-old tug of war waged across the globe that leaves both sides wobbly and scarred but unmoved. That's one way of looking at the high-stakes competition between the world's big oil exporters and the companies drilling in American shale fields.

More inside

Price pattern could be bad news for OPEC. **Page 4A**

Permian Basin Petroleum Index posts seventh consecutive increase. **Page 1F**

The struggle for dominance of the 97-million-barrel-a-day global market has left a scorecard that few in the oil patch could have anticipated three years ago, when oil sold for over $100 a barrel — more than twice the current price, which is near 12-month lows. With the onset of the summer driving season, oil and gasoline prices should be rising, but they have fallen over the last two weeks as inventories of crude and refined products remain stubbornly high in the United States and abroad.

On one side of the rope is the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, the Saudi-led group whose strategy for retaining market dominance has twirled from one failed tactic to another as it struggles to conquer a glut that will almost surely suppress prices for at least another year.

And on the other side are the companies still working at a frenzied pace to tap shale reserves in the United States.

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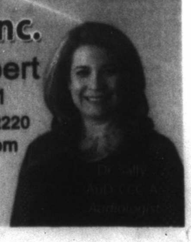
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UNEMPLOYMENT

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needs to ensure it has enough workers in other, equally vital areas such as education and health services.

With the school districts seeking teachers, "I'm concerned there's not enough educators," he said. "We need to find a way to grow the numbers in education and health services that will be needed."

Taylor said when he asked the employers on his board how many were fully staffed, "not one raised their hand. That tells me they all need employees. I'm concerned about the numbers and if we'll have enough workers (in the future)."

Although the mining, logging and construction sector has been adding jobs as the area's oil and gas industry continues to recover from more than two years of low oil prices, Taylor said the industry representatives on his board tell him not to expect the same employment numbers as when oil prices exceeded $100 a barrel.

"One thing my board tells me is not expect (those) numbers because of increased technological innovation," he said.

Although that means that industrial sector won't need as many workers, Taylor said it creates opportunities for training in other areas.

Midland's unemployment rate reported its slight decline in large part to a 400-person decline in its civilian labor force, which dropped 86,409 from 86,826 in April. Taylor said he sought an explanation from the commission's Austin offices and was told it was likely an adjustment in the commission's estimate of the labor force. Austin labor analysts said the figures are only estimates and that most of the commission's 26 metropolitan statistical areas saw similar month-to-month declines in their labor force.

Midland added 300 jobs from April to May, as a 100-job loss in the manufacturing sector was offset by a 200-job gain in the leisure and hospitality sector and 100-job gains each in the mining, logging and construction and the government sectors.

From May 2016 to May 2017, Midland added 1,400 jobs, as a 1,900-job gain was reported in the mining, logging and construction sector, 300 jobs were added in government and 100 jobs each were added in the education and health services, the leisure and hospitality and other services sectors. Those gains were offset by the loss of 700 jobs in trade, transportation and utilities, 300 jobs in professional and business services and 100 jobs in financial activities.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas recently released its economic indicators for the Permian Basin and found that average weekly wages fell in the final quarter of 2016, ending three quarters of increase. Fourth quarter 2016 average weekly wages were $1,041 for the state, $1,232 for Midland and $988 for Odessa. The bank said between the third and fourth quarters of 2016, wages fell 5 percent in Texas and Odessa and 2 percent in Midland. Midland reported a 0.7 percent increase in the fourth quarter compared to the fourth quarter of 2015, the bank said.

Statewide, the unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent from 5 percent in April. The state added 14,800 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs during the month and has added 266,600 jobs over the last year.

Amarillo had the lowest unemployment at 3.1 percent, followed by Austin-Round Rock, College Station-Bryan and Lubbock with 3.2 percent each and then Midland. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area had the highest

By the numbers: Midland unemployment

January 2017	4.1 percent
January 2016	4 percent
February 2017	4.2 percent
February 2016	4.2 percent
March 2017	4 percent
March 2016	4.4 percent
April 2017	3.5 percent
April 2016	4.5 percent
May 2017	3.4 percent
May 2016	4.5 percent

Preliminary numbers for May

(April numbers in parentheses:

Amarillo 3.1	(3.0)
Austin-Round Rock 3.2	(3.2)
College Station-Bryan 3.2	(3.2)
Lubbock 3.2	(3.2)
Midland 3.4	(3.5)
San Antonio-New Braunfels 3.6	(3.6)
Sherman-Denison 3.7	(3.7)
Dallas-Plano-Irving 3.8	(3.8)
Fort Worth-Arlington 3.8	(3.9)
Wichita Falls 3.9	(3.9)
Abilene 4.0	(3.8)
San Angelo 4.0	(3.9)
Waco 4.0	(3.9)
Tyler 4.1	(4.1)
Killeen-Temple 4.2	(4.3)
Laredo 4.4	(4.6)
Texarkana 4.5	(4.4)
Odessa 4.7	(4.9)
El Paso 4.8	(4.8)
Victoria 4.8	(5.1)
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land 5.1	(5.3)
Longview 5.4	(5.7)
Corpus Christi 5.7	(6.1)
Beaumont-Port Arthur 7.0	(7.4)
Brownsville-Harlingen 7.0	(7.5)
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 7.5	(8.0)

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1211 W. Michigan Ave.	Residence-Detached
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4302 Saltillo Court	New Residence
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6711 Hall of Fame Blvd.	New Residence
6610 Hall of Fame Blvd.	New Residence
6709 Hall of Fame Blvd.	New Residence
6619 Commonwealth Road	New Residence
10320 Hernandez Ave.	New Residence
3304 Limestone Lane	Residence-Detached
3606 Dentoreat Drive	Residence-Detached
1606 Rankin Highway	Sign

Source: City of Midland

Don't let scammers inflict further damage in addition to hail storms

Hail can severely damage the roof and siding of homes and businesses, as well as shatter windshields, side view mirrors, headlights and leave noticeable damage to the body of a vehicle.

Hail also attracts "storm chasers." These scammers come in from other cities and drum up business in places that have received some kind of storm damage. They usually go door-to-door, offer a quick fix and demand cash up front. Although many of these contractors offer low prices, some lack the proper registration and do not stand behind their work.

Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas wants to make sure homeowners are getting the right services at the right cost. If you have damage, make sure to contact your insurance provider right away to verify your coverage and deductibles.

On the heels of this latest hailstorm and those to come, BBB offers the following advice:

■ **Do your research.**

After an insurance adjuster has surveyed your hail damage, you will need to find a reputable company to make repairs. Check with bbb.org to find a trustworthy business. BBB Business Profiles on the company include contact information, licensing information, advertising concerns, complaint history and customer reviews.

■ **Stay calm.**

Although you may be anxious to get things back to normal, avoid letting your emotions get the better of you. Don't be pressured into making an immediate decision with a long-term impact. Be proactive in selecting a company and not reactive to sales solicitations.

■ **Find out if you're covered.**

Your insurance policy may cover hail damage. Call your insurance company immediately to report the damage and discuss how to proceed with repairs. Make sure you understand how your insurance company will reimburse your repair costs. Take photos or video of damage.

■ **Get several bids.**

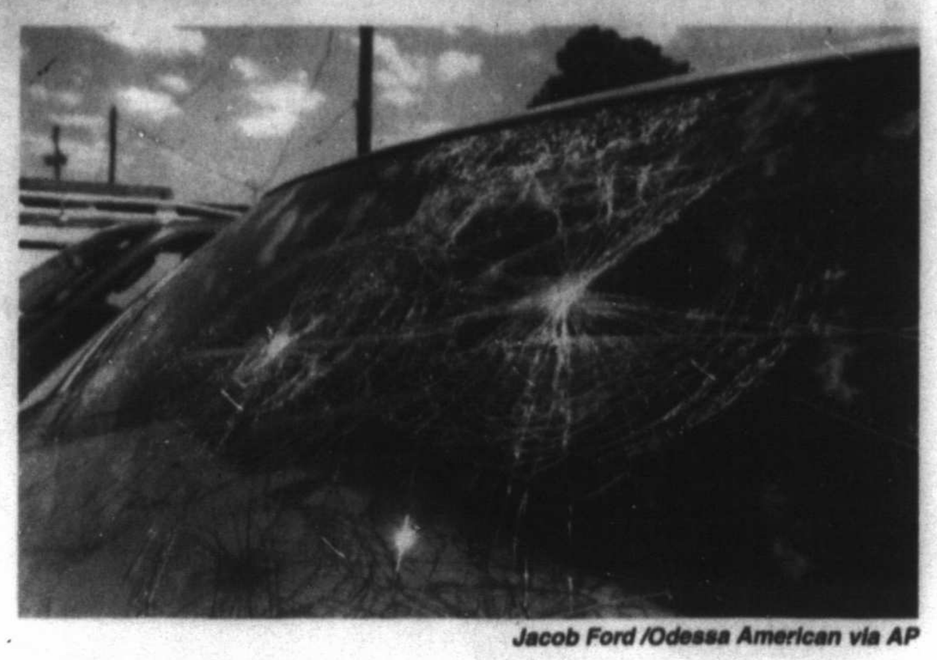
Don't pay large fees up front or pay in cash. It's best to solicit bids from at least three different companies. All bids should be in writing and should provide a full description of the services to be provided.

■ **Ask for a timeline.**

Find out how long the repair will take. If damage was heavy in your area, it may take longer to schedule the repairs.

■ **Get everything in writing.**

Be sure all work is explained in the contract, including cleanup, waste disposal and start and completion dates. Any verbal agreements that were made should be included in the contract. If you notice a flaw in your repair, find out if it can be fixed at no additional charge.



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Permian Glass's parking lot is filled with vehicles in need of window replacement from Wednesday hailstorm in Odessa on Thursday. Storms packing winds of more than 60 mph and hail as big as grapefruit left behind damage in West Texas but no reported injuries.

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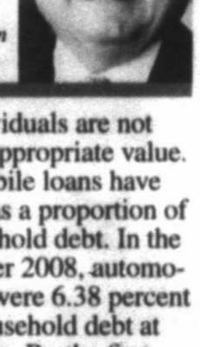
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Household debt at record levels is good, bad news

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman



We recently passed a notable milestone in the long process of recovering from the Great Recession: Household debt levels have surpassed the peak reached during the recession in 2008. In many ways, this rise in consumer debt is a good sign in that it indicates Americans are feeling optimistic enough to take on additional obligations. Moreover, housing markets and credit conditions have normalized to the point where mortgages are trending upward along with loan quality. On the other hand, it can be viewed in a somewhat more negative light in some respects, particularly given that one category responsible for significant growth is student debt which may not be providing adequate returns in terms of enhanced future earning capacity or other educational goals. Let's take a brief look at some of the salient points.

In 2008, when mortgage loans peaked during the early stages of the recession, total U.S. household debt stood at $12.68 trillion according to the Quarterly Report on Household Debt and Credit maintained by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The vast majority (about 73 percent) was in the form of mortgage loans (at nearly $9.3 trillion), with the rest as credit card debt (6.8 percent), automobile loans (6.4 percent), home equity lines of credit (5.5 percent), student loans (4.8 percent), and other loans (3.3 percent). In the second quarter of 2013, the total outstanding household debt had dropped to $11.15 trillion, virtually all of which was the collapse of the mortgage market at the lower end. That segment fell to $7.84 trillion, with much of the drop reflecting workouts and foreclosures.

It wasn't until the first quarter of this year that we finally surpassed the prior peak. Most recently, total U.S. household debt reached almost $12.73 trillion. (Note that this data is collected on a nominal basis, so part of the increase is due to inflation and the prior real level of debt as a percent of income has not been approached.) Of that total, mortgages were $8.6 trillion (nearly 68 percent of the total), which remains well below the pre-recession levels in 2007.

Looking more closely at the mortgage category reveals additional shifts. The peak level of mortgage debt was $9.29 trillion, which was reached in the third quarter of 2008. At that time, mortgage originations by risk score showed 8.83 percent of mortgages were originated to consumers with scores below 620 (the higher the credit risk score the less risk of default), while 35.87 percent went to consumers with risk scores above 760. As of the first quarter 2017, the composition of mortgage originations had shifted dramatically to only 3.61 percent with risk scores below 620 and 60.87 percent with risk scores above 760. The most recent data indicate that the number of foreclosures is less than one-sixth of that observed in early 2009. In other words, mortgage quality is dramatically improved.

The upward trend in student loans has been relatively rapid. In 2003, the total amount outstanding was about $241 billion. In just 14 years, it expanded by more than 5.5 times to the current $1.34 trillion. Although borrowing to invest in one's human capital is often wise and prudent, the system has been subject to considerable abuse and many individuals are not receiving appropriate value.

Automobile loans have also risen as a proportion of total household debt. In the third quarter 2008, automobile loans were 6.38 percent of total household debt at $809 billion, By the first quarter 2017, automobile loans comprised 9.17 percent of total household debt at $1.17 trillion. The other sizable category, credit card debt, has actually decreased from $858 billion in 2008 to $764 billion as of the first quarter 2017.

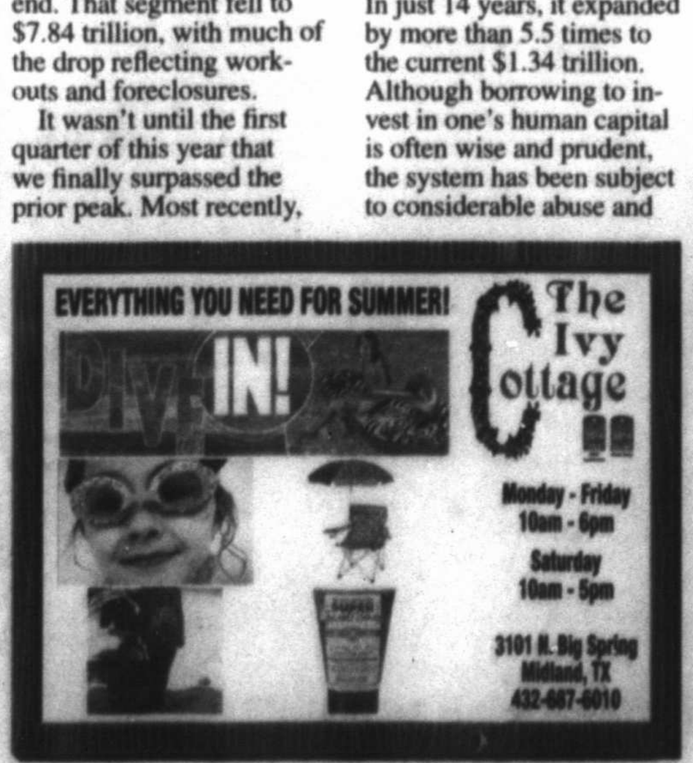
The most recent national trends are fairly positive. Delinquency rates have improved notably since the recession and remain low by historical standards, but have increased slightly in recent months. However, delinquencies are rising in the automobile and credit card categories, and student loans delinquency rates remain high.

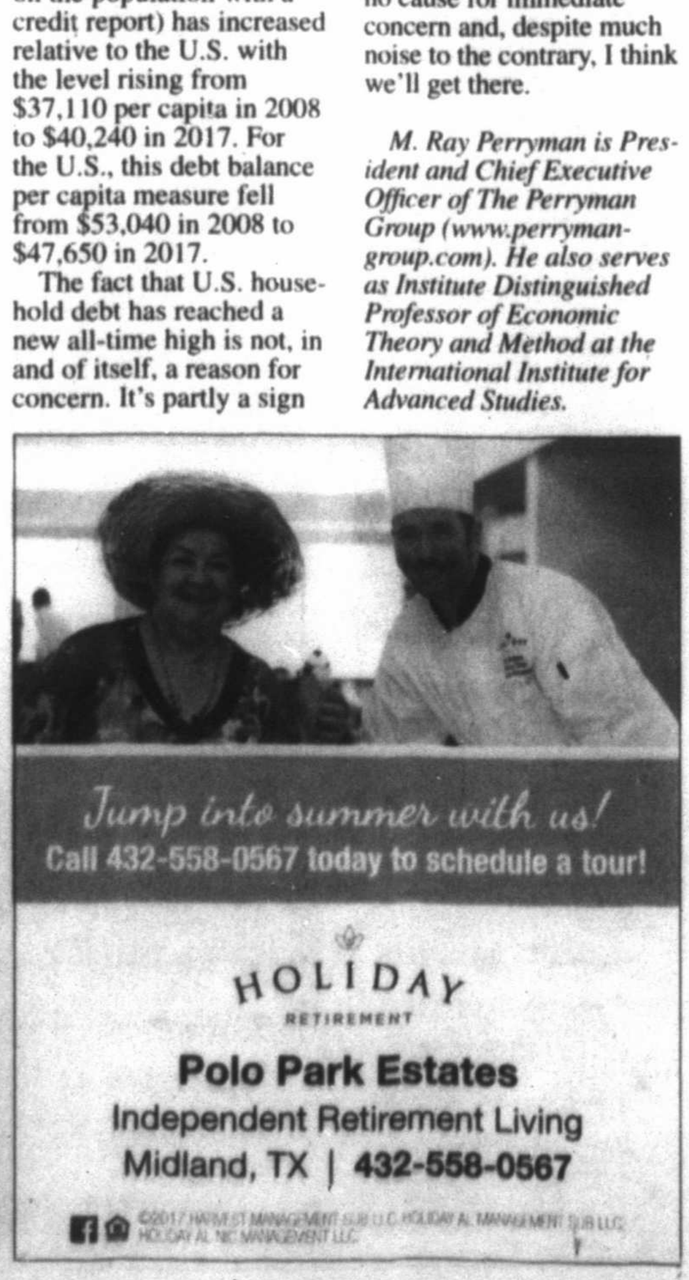
In Texas, total debt balance per capita (based on the population with a credit report) has increased relative to the U.S. with the level rising from $37,110 per capita in 2008 to $40,240 in 2017. For the U.S., this debt balance per capita measure fell from $53,040 in 2008 to $47,650 in 2017.

The fact that U.S. household debt has reached a new all-time high is not, in and of itself, a reason for concern. It's partly a sign that we've worked through more of the recession-related credit mess. Furthermore, given growth in the economy and household wealth and incomes over the past 10 years (as well as some inflation), the number remains lower on a relative basis than it was in 2008. On the other hand, although some of the crisis talk regarding student loans is arguably overblown (that segment is only about 14 percent as large as mortgages in 2008 despite the recent expansion), it is true that they are taking up a slice of the future incomes of young adults which might otherwise be used in a more productive manner.

Debt is a normal and essential part of the economy as well as an important mechanism to enable families to pay for college or a home. The simple fact that U.S. households now have more debt than ever is really not a big deal, but there is some cause for concern in some of the underlying categories. Keeping debt at sustainable levels will require careful vigilance, ensuring that borrowers have the right information to make good decisions and working to keep college costs under control. I see no cause for immediate concern and, despite much noise to the contrary, I think we'll get there.

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Today is Fathers Day

Father's Day in the United States is on the third Sunday of June. It celebrates the contribution that fathers and father figures make in their children's lives. Its origins may lie in a memorial service held for a large number of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia, in 1907.

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Things to do

Today

■ Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more, noon to 6 p.m., 4305 N. County Road 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

■ Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

■ Bingo Nights, 4 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

■ Summer Sunday Lawn Concert: Current Nine. This show's theme is Dad Night, 7:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.

■ Creedence Clearwater Revisited, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

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■ Austin Girls' Choir will perform a selection of classical and sacred music as well as selections from the American Songbook and more, 7 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield St. girlschoir.com.

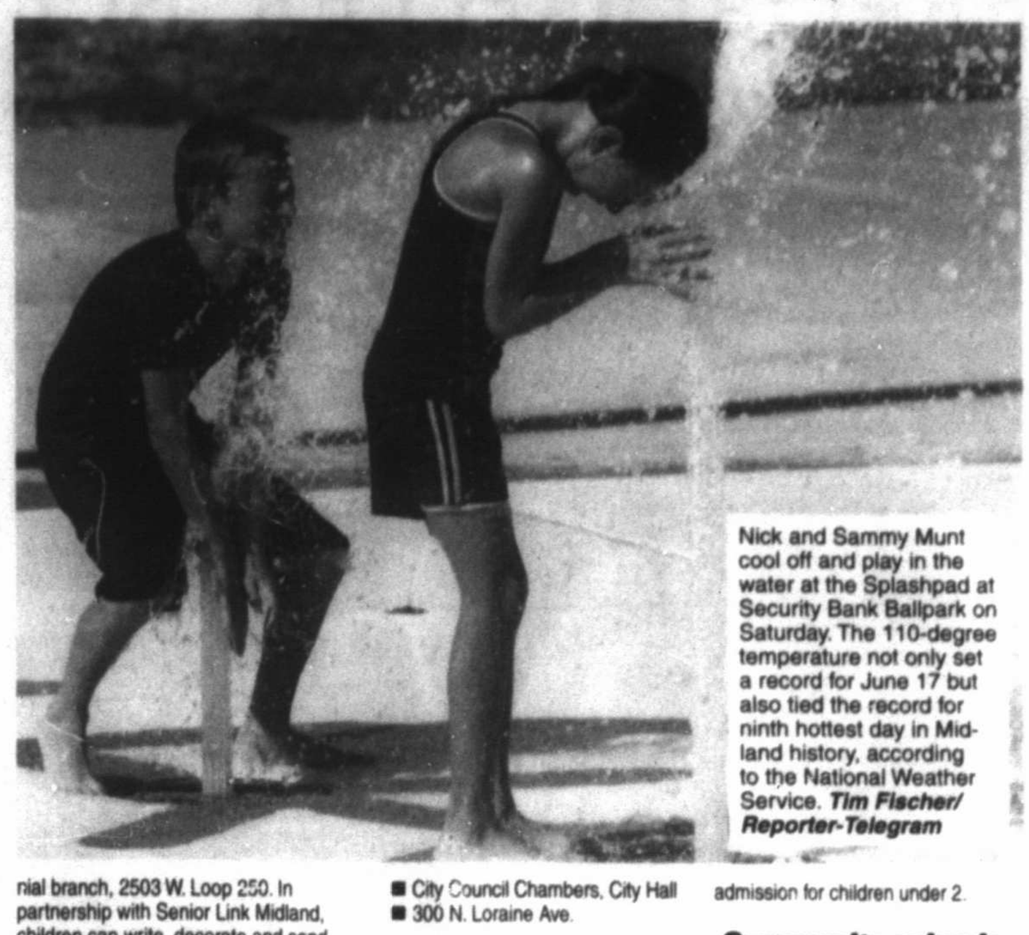
Tuesday

■ Summer Movie Camp: "Moena," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., The Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 W. Camp includes popcorn, experiments and games. $5 per child. Adults join for free. pbpetro.org.

■ Build a Better World Postcard Day at Centennial, 11 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. In partnership with Senior Link Midland, children can write, decorate and send postcards that will be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients.

Saturday

■ The Third Annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1K is hosted by the Midland Humane Coalition, 7 to 11 a.m. at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Registration is $20-$35 for adults and $10 for children 11 and younger. To sign up, visit eventbrite.com and search "hot dog run." midlandhumane.org.



Nick and Sammy Munt cool off and play in the water at the Splashpad at Security Bank Ballpark on Saturday. The 110-degree temperature not only set a record for June 17 but also tied the record for ninth hottest day in Midland history, according to the National Weather Service. *Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram*

Meetings this week

Planning and Zoning Commission
■ 3:30 p.m. Monday
■ City Council Chambers, City Hall
■ 300 N. Loraine Ave.

Permian Basin MPO
■ 5 p.m. Monday
■ Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
■ 9601 Wright Drive

Midland College
■ 4 p.m. Tuesday
■ Gibson Board Room

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 Midland Drive, 1 to 7 p.m.
■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., 1 to 7 p.m.

The cost of entry at city of Midland pools is $3 per person, with free admission for children under 2.

Community calendar

■ The Permian Basin PA Society will be hosting free CPR training for anyone 12 and older 6 p.m. Thursday at the Texas Tech Library 800 W. Fourth St. in Odessa and at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Dorothy and Todd Aaron Science Building at Midland College. The training is free, but registration is required. To register, email pbpasociety@gmail.com or call Ibxia at 214-384- 7591 or Jeneva at 488-6292.

■ West Texas VA Health Care System will hold a quarterly town hall meeting from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Ector County Administrative Annex, 1010 E. Eighth St. in the County Commissioners Courtroom.

The meeting is an opportunity for veterans to hear from the leadership team about new programs or initiatives within VA. Staff will be on hand to assist veterans with enrollment, scheduling and other health care needs. Procedures to protect veterans' privacy will be shared at the start of the meeting.

Airport numbers

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)

May 2017	46,621
May 2016	40,917
Percent difference	13.9
Year to date: 327,478 (5.0 percent increase from 2015-16)	

Total passengers

May 2017	92,593
May 2016	81,466
Year to date: 652,508 (4.8 percent increase from 2015-16)	

Fuel sales
(in gallons)

May 2017	447,932
May 2016	559,215
Percent difference	-19.9
Year to date: 3,314,021 (24.4 percent decrease from 2015-16)	

Parking revenues

May 2017	$340,369
May 2016	$274,369
Percent difference	24.1
Year to date: $2,269,108 (1.3 percent increase from 2015-16)	

Commercial landings

May 2017	696
May 2016	740
Year to date: 5,478 (3.2 percent decrease from 2015-16)	

Today in History

On June 18, 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, "This was their finest hour."

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-9-6
Pick 3 day: 5-8-2
Pick 3 evening: 5-8-8
Pick 3 night:6-6-5
Daily 4 morning: 1-0-5-5
Daily 4 day: 8-5-2-3
Daily 4 evening: 4-2-7-3
Daily 4 night: 1-4-5-0
Cash Five: 1-12-24-28-37
Lotto Texas: 3-4-6-23-34-54
Powerball: 10-13-32-53-62
PB: 21 Power Play: 2
Texas Triple Chance: 2-12-16-26-27-43-44-50-52-55
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-5-7-8-10-11-16-17-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 3-5-7-8-9-12-14-16-18-21-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-5-6-10-11-12-14-15-18-20-22-23
All or Nothing night: 2-3-4-7-9-13-14-17-18-19-20-21

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Weather

Saturday's temperatures

High	110R
Low	75
Normal high	94
Normal low	68

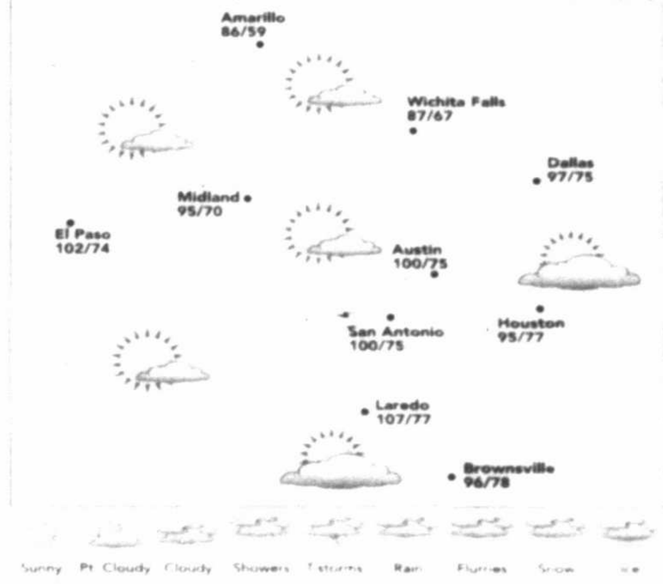
June 17's records
Record high: 108 set in 2011
Record low: 49 set in 1981

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Friday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.53 in.
Year total	7.22 in.
Normal total (year to date)	5.32 in.

Winds
Highest sustained: 17 mph
Highest gust: 24 mph

June 18 forecast
High: 90



Low: 64

Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: Up to 25 mph (gusts of 35 mph) during the day and 15-20 mph (gusts of 25 mph) at night
Chance of rain: none

Sunrise 6:43 a.m.
Sunset 8:57 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 18, 2017:
This year you often take off suddenly with a friend or loved one. Impulsiveness will lead to interesting and fun happenings. Your openness becomes contagious, as people willingly reveal more of themselves. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone you really enjoy being around. The type of relationship you develop depends on both of you. If you are attached, the two of you might opt to be more playful together. You often will make a last-minute change of plans just to have more quality time together. ARIES makes a great friend and anchor for you.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might want to deflect some of the attention you are receiving. In fact, no one would be surprised if you suddenly vanished and turned up at one of your favorite spots. Someone at a distance could be difficult to reach. **Tonight:** Willingly adjust your plans, if need be.
This Week: Assessing your finances occupies a lot of time.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★ Listen to your inner voice, as you'll need to deal with some latent anger that could pop up in a noncontroversial conversation. You'll see that what occurred today will allow you to root out the real cause of your reaction. Tonight: Speak your mind.
This Week: You hit your strongest days of the month Monday and Tuesday.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You could be up for any type of fun activity. Interacting with friends in a casual yet structured way allows people to reveal what they feel is important. A loved one could be pushing you to spend more time with him or her. **Tonight:** Avoid a controlling person at all costs.
This Week: Play it low-key until late Wednesday, when the Moon enters your sign.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might be especially emotional right now. Try to root out the problem and handle your unhappiness and dissatisfaction before it builds up too much steam. Do not push yourself too hard at the present moment. **Tonight:** Be open to having a long-overdue conversation.
This Week: Do not overthink things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Be direct in how you are dealing with an overwhelming amount of calls, a difficult loved one and a demanding schedule. Detach and prioritize what you feel is most important. Remember, today is also your day to relax and do what you want. **Tonight:** Call it early.
This Week: Do not resist a boss's suggestion; try to work with it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating elicits a strong reaction from your friends. People are used to having you around, and they will continue to seek you out. Try to join your pals at a barbecue, or invite them over for one. Listen to what a loved one has to share. **Tonight:** Make it special.
This Week: Detach, and you will make better choices as a result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Try to be more open when dealing with others. Just because someone doesn't make the same choices as you doesn't mean that you need to distance yourself from him or her. You also might not be as talkative as usual. **Tonight:** Do what you want.
This Week: Let others make the first move.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your ability to root out problems and get to the real issue might result in a flutter of activity, some denial and perhaps even a sarcastic or sharp comment. Others might be acting strange. Why not go work out or throw yourself into a favorite hobby? **Tonight:** Out late.
This Week: Others call the shots.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might not be aware of how others perceive you. If you notice people backing off, try to air out any issues once you have assumed a friendlier attitude. You probably feel the need to defend yourself. Smile, and you are likely to notice a difference. **Tonight:** Be more spontaneous.
This Week: Use Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to clear out as much as you can.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Stay close to home, as others continue to seek you out. A loved one might be on the war path. Spend more time with this person, and try to discuss his or her conflict or hurt feelings. Remain compassionate and open-minded. **Tonight:** Change your plans, if need be.
This Week: Tap into your creativity, and unusual solutions appear.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could come up with unique solutions, as long as you listen to your inner voice. Allow yourself to visit with people whom you rarely see. An old friend might be difficult right now. Someone you meet today might come with karmic ties! **Tonight:** Adjust to the moment.
This Week: Stay close to home through Wednesday if possible.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will feel lucky and want to buy a lottery ticket or head to the casino. Stay within your budget when taking risks. A family member might be watching you carefully. Know that this person is likely to voice his or her disapproval. **Tonight:** Make a favorite dessert for a friend.
This Week: Speak your mind and others will listen, at least through Wednesday.

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FATHER-DAUGHTER BONDING TIME



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Homero Medrano talks with his daughter, Davanny, during Camp Fire USA's Father's Day lunch Friday. See more photos from the event on Page 1B.

Price pattern could be bad news for OPEC

By Alex Longley
Bloomberg

As if a mini-collapse in oil prices wasn't bad enough for OPEC, the pattern in which futures contracts are trading years from now has flipped into the worst possible structure for the exporter group.

Brent and West Texas Intermediate crudes, down almost 15 percent since late May, are both trading in contango, where forward prices get higher all the way into the next decade. Although it's a structure that normally denotes weak demand for spot cargoes, the price pattern could also be bad news for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries as it can sometimes tempt producers outside the group to lock in output for future years.

Saudi Arabia is among nations that have been saying for months that a re-balancing is under way in the oil market after OPEC and other producing nations agreed late last year to cut production. That view was undermined in recent weeks by data showing that combined stockpiles of crude and fuels in the U.S., still the biggest consumer, swelled by 22 million barrels. The International Energy Agency in Paris suggested Wednesday that there's little sign 2018 will be much better.

"It's not good news for OPEC," said Warren Patterson, commodity strategist at ING Bank NV. "Nothing (last) week has been particularly bullish. Non-OPEC supply is going to be stronger than demand growth, suggesting OPEC are possibly going to have to make even more cuts or extend them."

Until recently, the forward curves for Brent and WTI had partly been trading in backwardation, meaning some prices were lower further in the future. That flipped into full contango earlier this month, as the U.S. Energy Information Administration unexpectedly said crude inventories rose 3.3 million barrels. The structure became even more entrenched on Wednesday when the IEA said non-OPEC producers led by shale will add barrels more quickly than any expansion in global consumption.

Brent time-spreads between December 2017 and 2018, and then 2018 to 2019, are trading in the deepest contangos since mid-November, the most bearish structure since before OPEC agreed to cut output.

"OPEC's decision to merely extend production cuts showed a disconnected cartel, which was not on the 'market pulse,'" said Thibaut Remoundos, founder of Commodities Trading Corporation Ltd. The increase in later-dated futures has been driven by a surge of activity from consumers such as shipping companies and airlines, while bullish bets on the market's structure have been unwound, Remoundos said.

Consumers have been quick to lock in cheap future supplies as crude prices have dropped below $50. Citigroup Inc. analysts including Daoyuan Zhou wrote in a report on Friday that structural changes in the options market are likely a reflection of consumer activity being stepped up. Producers may hedge 1.3 billion barrels of next year's crude supply in the second half of this year, BofA Merrill Lynch analysts wrote.

The weakness of crude timespreads has outpaced the declines in the nearest prices. That's a sign that market concerns about a lingering supply glut have extended beyond the short-term into later years. On Thursday, WTI for December 2019 was as much as $1.37 cheaper than the same contract for December 2020, just 10 cents away from its most bearish level in a year.

Some of the world's biggest banks have also grown increasingly pessimistic about the prospects for crude prices into next year. Morgan Stanley said recently that OPEC will need to extend cuts for the whole of 2018 if it wants to keep the market in balance. Meanwhile, JPMorgan slashed its forecast for next year by $10, anticipating "a substantial build in inventories" as U.S. shale producers ramp up output. Even if crude stockpiles do eventually fall, financially traded oil may still struggle to reflect it, said BofA Merrill Lynch.

"There were all those expectations that inventories would go down and that would lead to a tighter market this year and in following years," Olivier Jakob, managing director of consultancy Petromatrix GmbH, said by phone. "Right now it has been delayed and the expectations of a re-balancing are starting to evaporate."

OPEC

From 1A

especially across Texas. They have survived the cartel's attempts to kill off shale production, but they are limping from the depressed crude prices that make eking out a profit a daily struggle.

At least 123 of the companies operating in North America have filed for bankruptcy since early 2015, and the survivors, like Exxon Mobil and Chevron, have watched their share prices slump well below bull market averages as they borrow to keep up their dividends. More than 150,000 oil workers lost their jobs in the United States alone, although the job market is beginning to recover.

"For both sides, there has been one twist in the road after another," said Daniel Yergin, the energy historian and vice chairman of IHS Markit, an energy research consultancy. For prices to rise again, "inventories have to be seen as coming down, and there needs to be a tempering in the growth of U.S. shale production," he said. "Those are the two things that are defining the market right now."

But neither is happening.

Last week oil traders were shaken by a report by the International Energy Agency that global supplies rose by 585,000 barrels a day in May as both OPEC countries and non-OPEC countries increased production. Oil stocks for the 35 industrialized economies, the agency noted, are not only well above the historical average but higher than when OPEC decided late last year to cut output.

United States oil production, which averaged 8.9 million barrels a day in 2016, will rise to 9.3 million barrels a day this year, according to the Energy Department. The department is projecting production of 10 million barrels a day in 2018, exceeding the record set in 1970. Earlier this month domestic crude inventories eased a bit, but gasoline stockpiles rose by 2.1 million barrels.

OPEC set the latest market cycle in motion in late 2014, when the Saudis and their allies decided to swing cartel policy in an unexpected direction. Instead of cutting production to support prices, as it had done so often in the past, OPEC decided to let market forces loose and then even raised production.

The goal was a sharp but brief price slump that would drive independent American producers out of business to guarantee continued OPEC dominance of international markets.

American drilling did drop precipitously, as companies decommissioned more than half their rigs and neglected to complete wells already drilled through 2015 and part of last year.

But the American producers proved durable. They pushed innovation to produce more oil at lower costs by drilling longer lateral wells through shale fields. Their effort was helped along by cost reductions for drilling and production made possible in part by new technologies, including robotics and sensors to improve efficiencies.

Companies generally lost money through much of 2015 and 2016, and while some are beginning to earn a profit again, others risk being taken over or going out of business altogether.

"Nobody wants to come to grips with the fact the days of $70 and $80 oil are over," said Fadel Gheit, a senior oil company analyst at Oppenheimer & Company. "The shale producers continue to cut costs, and that gives them the hope to survive. But if oil prices don't rise significantly from the current level, 50 percent of the shale producers will go out of business."

The exception may be the companies operating in the Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico, with its layer cake of shale strands that make multiple wells cheaper to drill. The building of pipelines across Texas is pushing new American energy exports to Europe, Asia and Latin America.

"The unexpected resilience and revival of U.S. shale production is already frustrating OPEC's efforts to draw down global stocks," said Badr Jafar, president of Crescent Petroleum, based in the United Arab Emirates, "and threatening its market share at the same time."

The failure to stem American production led OPEC to change tactics late last year and finally cut production. Last month, the cartel extended its cuts through March 2018. It succeeded in getting Russia and a few other important producers to follow suit.

The new tack helped stabilize the market for a time, raising the oil price, which had dropped below $30 a barrel in early 2016, to over $50 a barrel during much of the first half of 2017. At that point many oil companies operating in the United States raised production and locked in higher sale prices with hedges.

But OPEC's cuts were partly a mirage. Its production actually rose by 290,000 barrels a day in May, to the highest level of the year, because Libya and Nigeria were exempted from the cuts and were gushing crude onto world markets.

Political instability could throttle production from either country at any moment, but both continue to surprise the markets with their robust exports.

The low oil and gasoline prices are nice for consumers, but they also hurt the competitiveness of cleaner electric cars. They could also damage the prospects for an initial public offering by the state-owned oil company Saudi Aramco — a move central to King Salman's efforts to remake the economy.

But another twist may lie ahead in the battle for markets. Lower prices could force companies to slash production again. Already, some are cutting back on exploration and new projects in fields where it is expensive to operate, like the Canadian oil sands.

"It remains to be seen if drilling can continue at the same pace in a sub-$50 environment once price hedges expire," Mr. Jafar said, referring to the American shale producers. "But if it does, I believe OPEC producers will have no choice but to revert to preservation of market share once again, which could see prices nose-dive. And the cycle will continue."

STATE&REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Top Texas scientists to release fracturing impact study

A respected state research cooperative will release on Monday a report on the effects of hydraulic fracturing on communities in Texas.

The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas, a conglomerate of Texas research scientists across disciplines, has spent two years reviewing the impacts of shale oil and gas development on earthquakes, wildlife, air quality, water, transportation and area residents.

The academy, known as TAMEST, touts the report, Environmental and Community Impacts of Shale Development in Texas, as the first comprehensive analysis of its kind.

"The goal of the TAMEST Shale Task Force report is to provide a clear, science-based assessment of these impacts and the gaps in our current knowledge of them," said task force chair Christine Ehlig-Economides, a petroleum engineer and professor at the University of Houston.

TAMEST calls itself "Texas' premier scientific organization," which includes all of the state's Nobel Laureates, plus Texas-based members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

The Shale Task Force report is an analysis of existing peer-reviewed scientific literature, following the same processes used by the National Academies, TAMEST said.

The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation paid for much of the project. TAMEST neither sought nor accepted funding from the oil and gas industry interests.

OKLAHOMA

Pair of earthquakes rattle parts of Oklahoma

BLANCHARD — Two earthquakes have shaken parts of north and south central Oklahoma.

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 3.2 quake Saturday morning about 9 miles south of Blanchard. Earlier Saturday, the survey says a magnitude 2.6 temblor rattled about 15 miles east of Cherokee.

No damage or injuries were immediately reported.

Geologists say damage isn't likely in quakes below magnitude 4.0. Earthquakes of magnitudes 2.5 to 3.0 are generally the smallest that are felt by humans.

Thousands of earthquakes have been recorded in Oklahoma in recent years, with many linked to the underground injection of wastewater from oil and natural gas production operations.

State regulators have directed oil and gas producers to close some disposal wells or reduce the volume of fluids they inject in others.

DRIVING

From 1A

more prone to be in more crashes because they're out on the street more," Hodges said. "They're not in school and out driving."

Statewide, 101 drivers 16 to 17 were involved in fatal crashes last year, according to Texas Department of Transportation figures.

Crashes involving distracted driving are highest among drivers 16 to 34, according to a TxDOT press release from March. Locally, driving educators think teenagers' cellphone use is one of the top distractions putting them at risk for crashes.

Ned Simmons, owner and instructor at Big C Driver Education, said his classes emphasize the dangers of texting while driving.

"It doesn't really affect them until they get a ticket," Simmons said. "As much as I harp on safety or the lack thereof, kids don't learn until they feel."

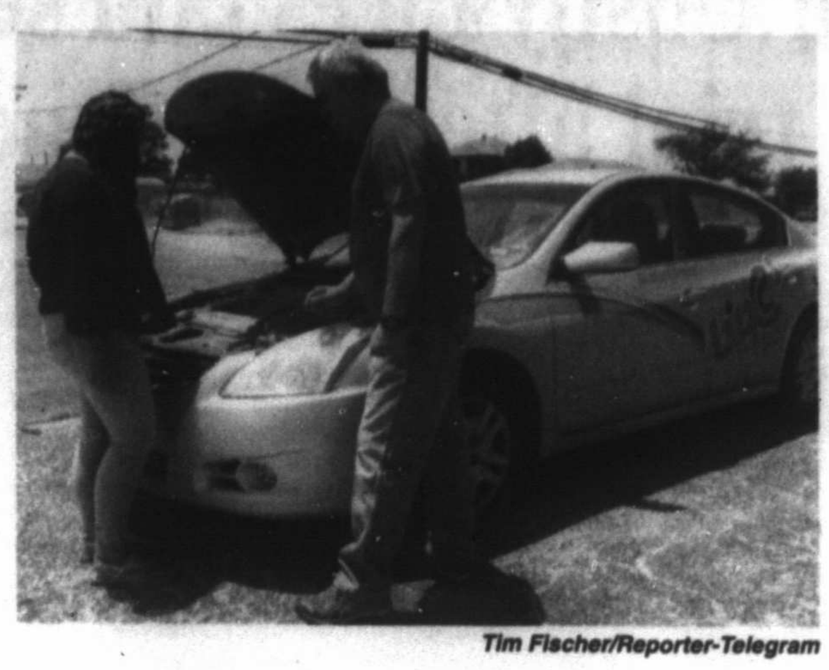
In Texas, the use of wireless communications devices is prohibited for drivers under age 18.

This month, Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law a statewide texting-while-driving ban, which takes effect Sept. 1. Midland City Council passed an ordinance in 2015 to prohibit the practice.

Stop DWI advocated for local and state texting bans, and Hodges hopes the laws discourage teenagers from using their cellphones while in the driver's seat.

"Most people think about getting stopped," Hodges said. "They don't think about the dangers involved in such actions. Wearing a seat belt, they think they don't want to get a ticket. I think that's good. It's the same with texting."

Stop DWI brings hands-on activities to schools to give teenagers a sense of distracted driving and its potential consequences for themselves and others on the road.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Abel Abundez, Big C Driver Education instructor, goes over basic engine parts of one of the cars Thursday with Brianna Martinez.

"When kids go on the streets, we expect them to have the knowledge and have the confidence. Midland didn't have as much traffic 10 years ago, but with oil companies and more people coming in, people are on the street."

Tom Esikhati, president and CEO fof TOE Driving Academy Inc.

Richard Moore, Midland Police Department traffic officer, said factors other than texting can distract drivers. Though teen cellphone use is prohibited, actions such as eating and changing radio stations aren't.

"There's not a law against distracted driving," Moore said. "It's not illegal. A lot of times, it's a contributing factor in crashes, doing things like following too close."

At TOE Driving Academy Inc., instructors encourage teenagers to avoid texting and other in-vehicle distractions, including food, loud music and the number of passengers. Tom Esikhati, president and CEO, said teenagers sometimes adopt cellphone behavior from their parents.

"It's very hard for kids to change when they see their parents texting while driving or talking while driving," Esikhati said. "I feel like the whole community has to change."

For Martinez, her mother's instructions — rather than the texting ban — influenced her decision to avoid handheld devices while behind the wheel.

"When I first started driving with my mom, she told me to put my phone up, so I don't use my phone," she said.

Addressing other risks

Parents play a role in modeling other practices that could prevent fatal crashes, according to Simmons. He said adults should realize teenagers watch them make maneuvers on the road.

"They soak it up," Simmons said. "What we're trying to do is eliminate wrong habits."

In addition to teaching driving fundamentals, local instructors address the effects of impaired driving. For minors, "if any detectable amount of alcohol is in their system while operating a motor vehicle on a public street, it is a criminal offense," according to a Texas Department of Public Safety webpage for teen drivers.

Still, 93 juveniles were arrested in Texas for driving under the influence in 2015, according to DPS data.

"In the summer … there are temptations to drink alcohol with friends," Esikhati said. "Therefore, in the syllabus we have drug and alcohol (information) we teach."

In a class at Big C Driver Education, Martinez said a video featuring stories about impaired driving made an impact.

"They scared me a lot," Martinez said. "I learned from their mistakes. They caused me to be more cautious about what I do."

In its findings, AAA attributes fatal crashes involving teen drivers to other factors, including speed and failure to use seat belts.

Local instructors said they encourage new drivers to obey speed limits and adjust for weather and traffic conditions. But Hodges said some teenagers fail to control their speed when they challenge each other on the road.

"Racing is concentrating on beating a guy in another car and not paying attention to what's around you," Hodges said. "The mindset is to get around the other person and win. There are people all around you, and you have no regard for human life."

Martinez said racing is a trend among her peers. She recognizes the temptation to speed but remains cautious as a beginner.

"Sometimes when I'm on a small street in a rush to go somewhere, I want to go faster," Martinez said. "I always stop myself."

For seat belt use, Martinez said buckling up doesn't come naturally to some people her age. She said those whose parents encourage them to strap in feel most comfortable with the practice.

To promote the use of seat belts, driving teachers give students reminders during in-car instruction. Over the years, Esikhati said many teenagers have grown accustomed to using them.

"Most kids have come to accept they have to put on seat belts," Esikhati said. "Some videos show … most accidents when people die are because they don't wear seat belts."

Esikhati and others hope their instruction will keep teen drivers and other Midlanders safe on the road. They said the task is important as the area's population grows.

"When kids go on the streets, we expect them to have the knowledge and have the confidence," he said. "Midland didn't have as much traffic 10 years ago, but with oil companies and more people coming in, people are on the street."

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Chick-fil-A to close, rebuild

The Chick-fil-A restaurant located near the northside Wal-Mart is closing — but only temporarily.

Doors will close on Wednesday, according to a press release. Franchise owner Andy Slatken plans to tear down and rebuild the store. It is slated to reopen in the fall.

The new restaurant will feature a "vintage heritage" design. Seating will increase from 75 to 125, and kitchen capacity will increase 33 percent. The drive-thru will feature dual ordering lanes merging into a single payment and pickup lane. Those who want to speed up the pick-up process can use the Mobile One app. There will be two parking spaces for app users.

Slatken is providing full pay to a majority of the store's full-time employees, the release said. Some will be placed at a different restaurant locally. The store has 50 employees, and the company plans to hire more before reopening.

Slatken took over the store at 4508 W. Loop 250 N. in 2013. He previously ran a location in Tennessee, and his history with Chick-fil-A goes back to when he was 14 and worked at a mall location in Paramus, New Jersey.

Chick-fil-A has been at the Loop 250 location since 1995.

Updates are available at facebook.com/cafmidlanddrive.

MPD: No hazardous material found in package

Midland Police Department officials said no hazardous material was found in a suspicious package found Saturday at a central Midland auto parts store.

City spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz said police investigated a suspicious package in the parking lot of O'Reilly Auto Parts store on Big Spring Street.

Police blocked off parts of Big Spring Street while the investigation took place.

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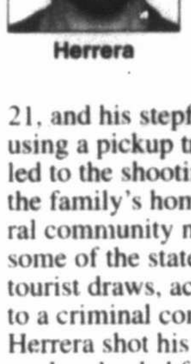
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Family: Suspect in 4 slayings talked about killing for fun

Associated Press

ABIQUIU, N.M. — A man accused of killing his stepfather, brother and two strangers in a shooting rampage spanning nearly 200 miles across New Mexico had made troubling statements to family members about his intentions to kill or hurt people for fun, court documents said Friday.


Herrera

An argument between Damian Herrera, 21, and his stepfather over using a pickup truck likely led to the shootings outside the family's home in a rural community not far from some of the state's popular tourist draws, according to a criminal complaint. Herrera shot his mother as she pleaded for her life, witnesses say.

After Herrera gunned down his family, police say, he carjacked and killed a driver before shooting another man hours later at a general store in a tiny town that artist Georgia O'Keeffe called home. That's where the final victim, a regular at the store and security guard at O'Keeffe's home, died.

Herrera was arrested Thursday and initially accused of five counts of murder. But prosecutors later said Herrera's mother was in critical condition. She had been taken off life support, leading authorities to believe she had died, District Attorney Marco Serna said.

It was not immediately clear if Herrera had a lawyer to speak on his behalf.

His sister and others were at the family home in La Madera when they heard gunshots ring out Thursday.

Witnesses told police that Herrera shot his stepfather first while the two were outside. Hearing his calls, Herrera's brother and mother went outdoors. The brother was shot in the neck during a struggle, and Herrera then shot his mother in the head as she begged for mercy, according to the complaint.

Family members told police that Herrera was calm and had a blank stare as he opened fire, "as if he knew exactly what he was doing," the complaint said.

"None of these victims had a chance, none of them," State Police Chief Pete Kassetas said during a news conference.

Police found the lifeless bodies of Max Trujillo Sr., 55; and Brendon Herrera, 20, when they arrived. The mother, Maria "Brenda" Gallegos, 49, was bleeding and gasping for air and was taken to the hospital.

Damian Herrera then headed north toward the community of Tres Piedras, where he's accused of killing Michael Kyte, 61, and stealing his truck. Kyte had picked up Herrera after he ran out of gas, offering to help, police say.

One Taos County commissioner offered her condolences on social media, saying Kyte had recently retired from the Tres Piedras Ranger District, where he worked for years as an archaeologist.

Herrera drove into Colorado before finding his way back south into New Mexico, winding through a rural area dotted by just a few close-knit communities and scenic mountain ranges.

About five hours after the first 911 call came in about the family's slaying, Manuel Serrano, 59, was killed at the general store in Abiquiu, a traditional Hispanic enclave where O'Keeffe lived.

Community members were shaken.

Jonathan Naranjo, 35, of nearby Espanola, said his parents and uncle live along the road that leads past the store. They saw a stream of emergency vehicles just before sundown.

"My uncle was locked and loaded. Everybody was pulling out their rifles, because you know how it is around here. It's mostly ranchers," Naranjo said.

Herrera was caught after sheriff's deputies spotted the stolen pickup and chased it.

He was speeding through a curve when the truck veered into oncoming traffic, overcorrected and crashed into a tree, police said.

Herrera got out and ran toward deputies. He tried to grab one of their guns and it fired, authorities said. A second deputy used a stun gun on Herrera, and he was taken into custody.

An officer hurt his elbow but there were no other injuries, police said.

Kyle Frettem, who took classes at the University of New Mexico with Herrera and would go hiking with him, said he had not talked to Herrera in about a year but described him as someone who was into inner peace.

"He was the kind of guy who would go out into the mountains and meditate," Frettem said. "People can change pretty drastically in a year, but someone like this, it's like no way."

Court records show Herrera had no criminal record, just two traffic citations in the past two years.

Bill Cosby faces 2nd sex assault trial after jury deadlocks

Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — Bill Cosby, the comedian and actor once known as "America's Dad" for his TV role as paternal Dr. Cliff Huxtable, avoided a conviction on Father's Day weekend as a jury declared itself hopelessly deadlocked on charges he drugged and molested a woman more than a decade ago.

Prosecutors found themselves back to square one Saturday after the judge declared a mistrial following more than 52 hours of deliberations over six days.

Excoriated by the defense for charging Cosby in the first place, District Attorney Kevin Steele vowed to put him on trial a second time, saying accuser Andrea Constand supported the decision.

"She has shown such courage through this, and we are in awe of what she has done," Steele said. "She's entitled to a verdict in this case."

Cosby's team declared victory, however temporary.

By sowing doubt among one or more jurors, Cosby's lawyers managed to overcome two years of unrelenting bad publicity for their client after the public release of his damaging testimony about drugs and sex, as well as a barrage of accusations from 60 women who came forward to accuse him of sexual assault.

Constand's 2004 encounter with Cosby at his suburban Philadelphia estate was the only one to result in criminal charges.

She told jurors that Cosby gave her pills that made her woozy and then penetrated her with his fingers as she lay paralyzed on a couch, unable to tell him to stop.

"She's ready to go again," said her lawyer, Dolores Troiani, of a retrial. "She's a very spiritual woman, she believes things happen for a purpose, and I think the purpose is ... it should encourage other women to come forward and have their day in court."

Troiani acknowledged the difficulty of the case, given the passage of time and the impact of the alleged drugging on Constand's ability to recall details.

The jury failed to reach a unanimous decision on any of the three counts against the comedian, ending the trial without a verdict.

Cosby's team immediately went on the attack.

The entertainer's wife of 53 years, Camille, slammed prosecutors for bringing the case to court, calling Steele "heinously and exploitively ambitious" in a statement released after the trial. She also criticized the judge, the accuser's lawyers and the media.

"How do I describe the judge? Overtly arrogant, collaborating with the district attorney," said her statement, which was tweeted by her husband and read by an associate of the public relations firm representing Cosby.

Cosby himself didn't comment, remaining stoic as the judge declared a mistrial, but Wyatt declared the star's "power is back. It has been restored."

That seemed debatable.

Cosby's career and good-guy image were already in tatters by the time his chief accuser took the witness stand, and the prosecution's decision to pursue a second trial keeps him in legal limbo.

Cosby had broken barriers as the first black actor to star in a network show, "I Spy," in the 1960s and, two decades later, created the top-ranked "Cosby Show." He also found success with his "Fat Albert" animated TV show and starred in commercials for Jell-O pudding.

But it was Cosby's reputation as a public moralist who urged young people to pull up their saggy pants and start acting responsibly that prompted a federal judge to unseal portions of an explosive deposition he gave more than a decade ago as part of Constand's civil lawsuit against him.

Under questioning from her lawyer, Cosby acknowledged that he had obtained several prescriptions for quaaludes in the 1970s for the purpose of offering the powerful sedative to women he wanted to have sex with.

Cosby also said he gave Constand three half-tablets of the cold and allergy medicine Benadryl to help her relax before what he insisted was a consensual sexual encounter at his home. Prosecutors suggested he drugged her with something stronger.

The jurors clearly struggled with their verdict, telling the judge on Thursday they were at impasse. Judge Steven O'Neill instructed them to keep working toward a unanimous decision. On Saturday, they came back and told O'Neill they were hopelessly deadlocked.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed June 5-9 by district Judges Robin Darr, George D. Gilles, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Ramon Bustamante, 30, tampering with physical evidence, extend supervision one year, TAIP.

George Christopher Bryant, 42, driving while intoxicated third or more time, five years TDCJ, suspended for five years probation, 30 days county jail, fine, restitution, 150 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 365 days, AA meetings.

Sherri Ann Cates, 36, tampering with physical evidence, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, fine, court cost, AA meetings, driver's license suspended for 365 days, 200 hours community service; failure to appear; 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, court cost, TAIP.

Timothy Lee Cogdill, 26, possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail suspended for five years probation, fine, court cost, TAIP, 50 hours community service.

Amanda Lea Cruz, 36, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 12 months state jail, restitution; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 12 months state jail, restitution.

Eduardo Deleon, 39, evading arrest with a previous conviction, 12 months state jail; failure to appear; two years TDCJ.

Terrance Fillmore, 43, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony, revoke supervision, four years TDCJ.

Kevin Lynn Fincher, 60, driving while intoxicated, 180 days Shock probation.

Chase Duane Fisher, 34, theft of property more than $100 but less than $750 as a lesser included offense of theft of property more than $1,500 with two or more previous convictions, 90 days county jail.

Christopher Jacob Hamilton, 24, possession of a controlled substance, 15 months state jail.

Roy I. Harrel Jr., 39, assault family violence by strangulation, revoke supervision, three years TDCJ.

Laquisha Deshante Harris, 26, prohibited substance in a correctional facility — attempt, extend supervision one year, TAIP, AA meetings.

Linda Carol Lemons, 45, theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000 — enhanced as a repeat offender, 10 years TDCJ suspended for 10 years probation, restitution, 100 hours community service.

John Lopez, 37, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000 — enhanced as a repeat offender, eight years TDCJ.

Mathew Martinez, 21, evading arrest/detention in a motor vehicle, extend supervision two years, 75 days jail, CRTC.

David Montez, 27, driving while intoxicated, eight years TDCJ suspended for eight years probation, 30 days county jail, fine, court cost, interlock device, driver's license suspended, TAIP, AA meetings, 75 hours community service.

James Cale Murphy, 34, failure to appear, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, fine, 75 hours community service; assault family violence with previous conviction, adjudicate, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, 10 days jail, fine, anger management.

Paul Neatherlin, 27, possession of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, fine, 250 hours community service, TAIP; fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, TAIP.

Jonathon Paul Michael Rivera, 22, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication three years, fine, restitution, 120 hours community service, TAIP.

Dana Anette Prince, 55, possession of a controlled substance, 12 months state jail; theft of property more than $2,500 with two or more previous convictions, six months state jail.

Danielle Jordan Salinas, 30, possession of a controlled substance, 10 months state jail.

Israel Tarango, 33, driving while intoxicated third or more time, revoke supervision, five years TDCJ.

Olivia Chairez Torres, 44, theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, 10 years TDCJ suspended for three years probation, 10 days county jail, fine, court cost, 150 hours community service.

Shaneka Charell Williams, 22, possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred adjudication, fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP; obstruction/retaliation, five years deferred adjudication, fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

(TDCJ = Texas Department of Criminal Justice; TAIP = treatment alternative to incarceration program, CRTC = court residential treatment center; ISP = intensive supervision parole; SAFT = substance abuse felony treatment; CBT = cognitive behavioral therapy)

CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested on assault charge

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after allegedly assaulting a woman, according to court documents.

Joseph Alexander Payan, 28, was being held Friday on a $50,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member with a previous conviction. He was also being held on $500 bonds for two misdemeanor charges.


Payan

Police were dispatched in reference to a welfare check.

Payan allegedly punched a woman in the face twice causing her to fall to the ground, according to his arrest affidavit. She told Payan she needed to go to the hospital, but he refused to let her leave and hit her on the right side of her face, according to the affidavit.

Payan was convicted of a family violence offense in May 2017, according to the affidavit.

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

MPD: Woman leaves 4 children alone

A Midland woman was arrested Wednesday for allegedly abandoning and endangering a child, according to court documents.

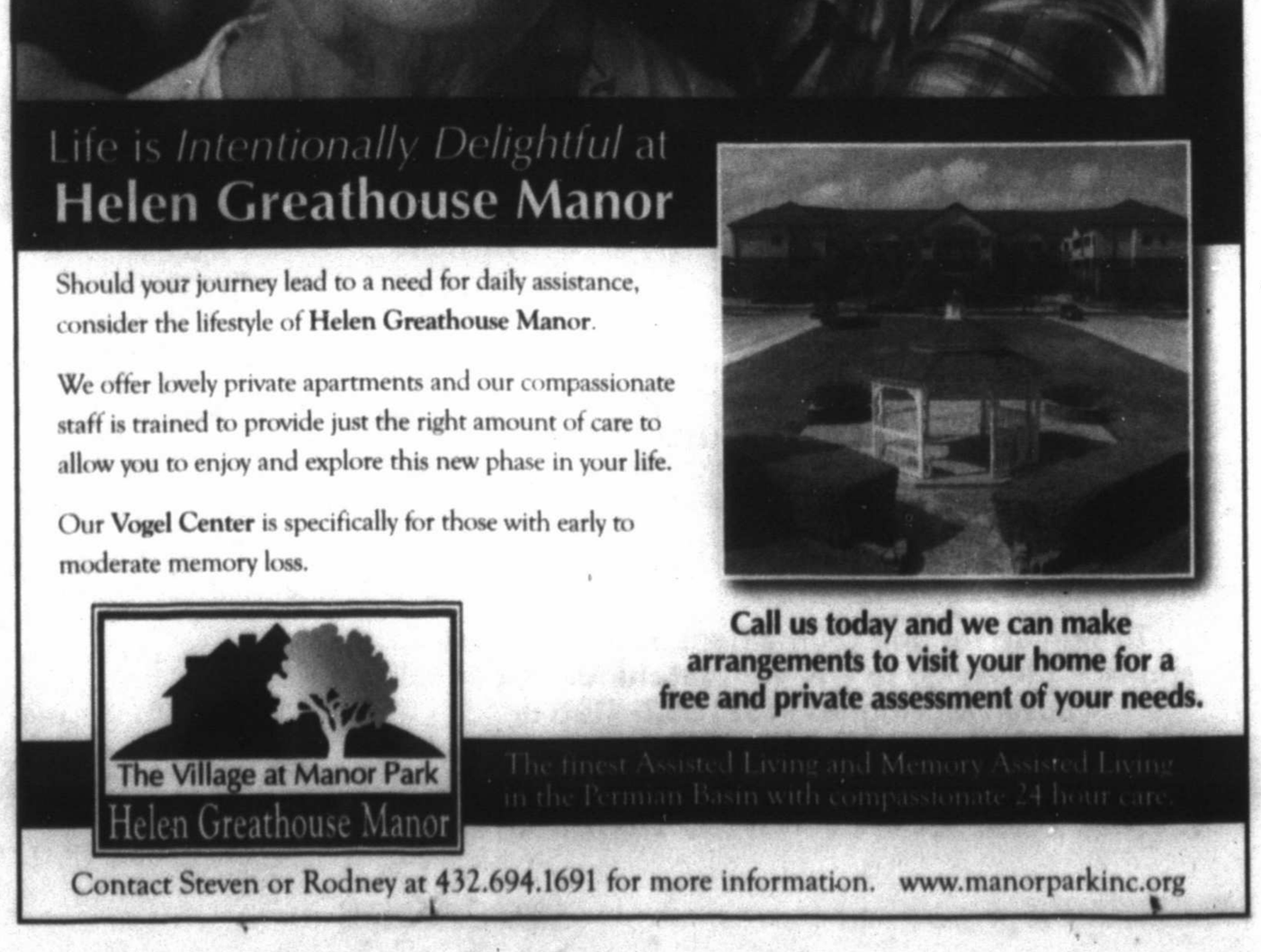
Andrea Elizabeth Castro, 29, was released Thursday on a $10,000 bond for each of four counts of a state jail felony charge of abandonment/endangerment of a child with intent to return.


Castro

Police were dispatched around midnight in reference to a welfare check and found four children under the age of 15 home alone, according to the arrest affidavit.

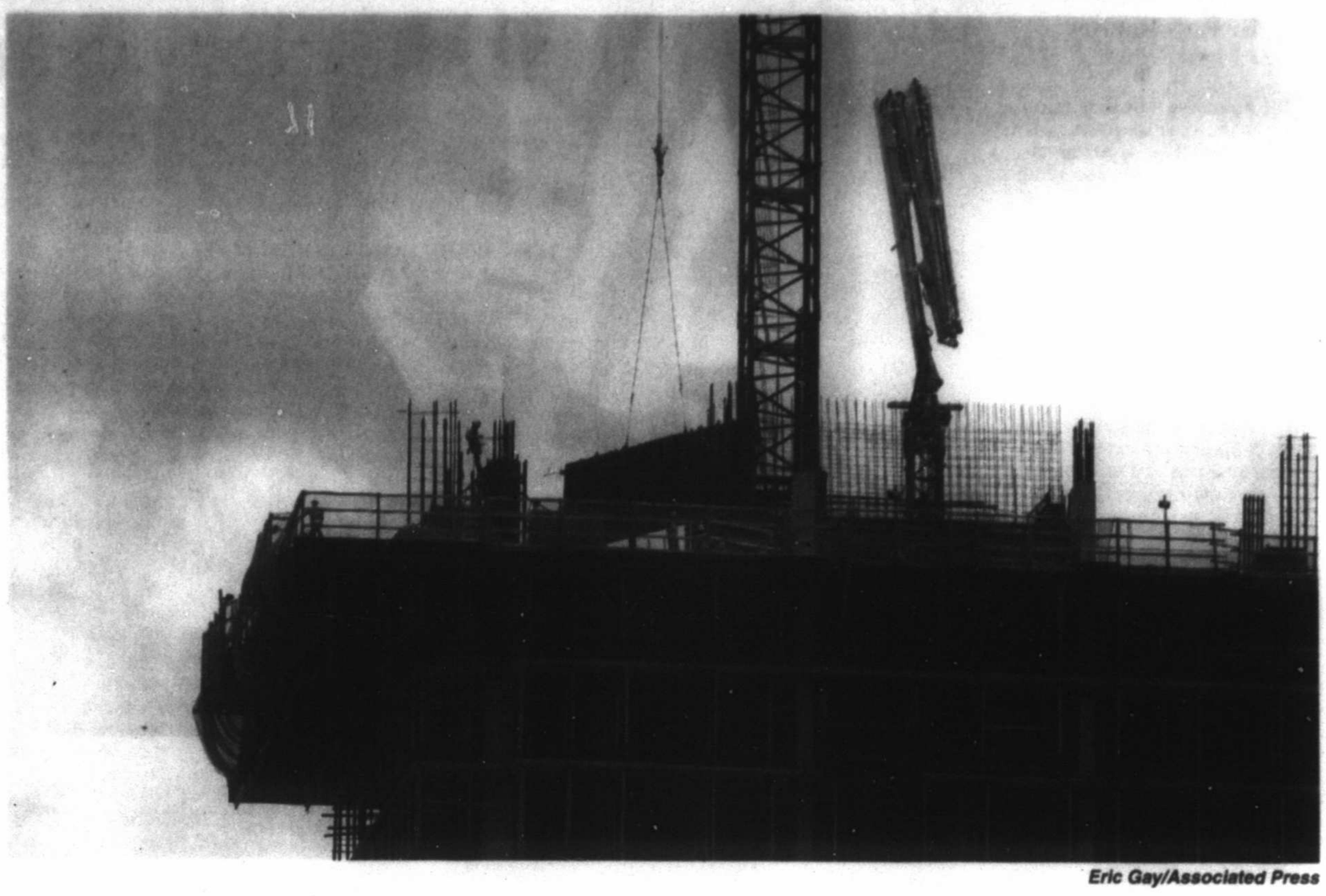
The children were asleep and and were startled when they woke up. They told the officers it was not the first time Castro had left them alone. Castro had allegedly left them alone while she visited a friend in Lubbock.

If convicted, Castro faces up to two years in prison on each charge.



Texas companies tie worker shortages to immigration fears

By Meredith Hoffman
Associated Press



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Construction workers work high atop a building under construction, Thursday in Austin. A national immigration crackdown has fueled workforce shortages as people in the country illegally abandon jobs in many sectors of the economy, from hanging drywall for booming construction businesses in Texas to working the fields at Oregon wineries.

AUSTIN — Though construction is in high demand in Texas' booming capital city, Oscar Martinez's drywall company is suddenly struggling.

One-third of the approximately 20 employees Martinez uses to build new homes and commercial spaces have recently fled the state, spooked by a combination of a federal immigration crackdown by the Trump administration and a tough anti-"sanctuary cities" law approved last month by Texas' Republican-controlled Legislature.

"I took a big hit since my workers started hearing crazy stories about being deported, and they panicked," said Martinez, who relies on immigrants in the U.S. illegally for labor and has failed to find replacements for the physically grueling, precise work.

"The Americans I hire can't last in this job more than half a day," Martinez said.

Similar fears have sent shockwaves through many sectors of the U.S. economy. In most cases, demographers and economic experts say it's too early to quantify the full impact of workforce shortages fueled by immigration fears, but anecdotal evidence is widespread.

"I've heard from growers, construction, and the service industry about a destabilization of the workforce in Texas and around the country," said Ali Noorani, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, a Washington-based immigrants' rights advocacy group. "It's definitely happening more in states that are considering major immigration enforcement policies."

The issue is particularly pronounced in Texas because it's a conservative state and has one of the largest populations of immigrants who are living in the U.S. illegally. Texas' new law has exacerbated more general fears among immigrants about immigration policies becoming stricter nationwide under President Donald Trump.

Opponents have dubbed it the "show me your papers" law because it allows police to ask about the immigration status of anyone they stop and requires them to turn over immigrants to U.S. immigration authorities upon request. Sheriffs and other police officials who don't comply could see their departments fined and could personally face criminal charges and be booted from office. The law is aimed at so-called sanctuary cities — a term with no legal definition that loosely services where police have traditionally refrained from enforcing U.S. immigration law.

The biggest industry to take a hit from the immigration crackdown is construction. About half of that industry's workers are in the U.S. illegally, according to the immigrant rights organization Workers Defense Project.

"Projects are coming in late because we don't have enough labor," said Frank Fuentes, chairman of the U.S. Hispanic Contractors Association, based in Austin. "When paranoia hits this segment of the community, it truly affects the industry as a whole."

Fuentes said he "gets calls of concern on a daily basis" from states including California, Georgia, and Florida about staffing shortages. But Texas' new law has triggered an extreme crisis, said Fuentes.

"It's funny because they know these workers are needed," Fuentes said of state lawmakers. "Yet they don't want them."

Faced with the labor deficit, Martinez has recently lost contracts with two big clients. One of his workers was deported; others told him they were moving to Mexico, California, and other states with more forgiving immigration policies.

"It just breaks my heart when they have to leave because of the situation," said Martinez, whose employees typically work 15-hour days and six or seven days a week. "It's not fair."

Immigrant fears have also rattled other industries.

"Everyone's on pins and needles," said Craig Regelbrugge, vice president of horticulture industry group AmericanHort, noting that farms were already in need of more employees.

Hotel and restaurant owners have also reported losing workers, said Cathy DeWitt, a spokeswoman for the Texas Association of Business. But she said the bigger economic impact could be from the loss of customers.

"We're more concerned about the buying power of this population," she said, pointing to the estimated 1.1 million people in Texas who are living in the U.S. illegally, second only to California. "When you have over a million people not feeling welcome they'll move somewhere they are welcome."

Texas for many years led the nation in job growth, though its economy has slowed more recently, in part due to a slump in oil prices. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has defended the new law, and the measure's author, state Sen. Charles Perry, said it's key to ensuring security in the state.

"Banning sanctuary cities is about preventing those who commit terrible crimes from being released back into our community while affording protections to undocumented victims and witnesses of crime," said Perry, a Republican from Lubbock.

Steven Camarota, director of research for the conservative Center for Immigration Studies, said businesses may suffer, but U.S. citizens and other workers living here legally should benefit.

"The poorest American workers may see an increase in wages and employment," Camarota said.

Randy Capps, director of research for U.S. programs with the Migration Policy Institute, a bipartisan think tank based in Washington, predicted that most immigrants ultimately would remain in the state.

"I think, as long as the economy is strong in Texas, you're less likely to see that impact," he said.

Martinez, for one, desperately hopes that's true.

"At the end of the day, we need these people," he said.



Nathan Lambrecht/The Monitor via AP

Crates of U.S. manufactured parts are prepared for shipment into Mexico on June 2 at Freight Dispatch Service Agency LTD in Pharr. The freight service ships parts between the U.S. and Mexico that pass through the border freely because of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Texas business groups are banding together to keep NAFTA strong

By Julián Aguilar
Texas Tribune

Despite uncertainty on how the Trump administration will renegotiate the United States' role in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), two-way trade between Texas and Mexico has continued to flourish since the president was sworn in in January.

Now, a number of Texas-based business groups have teamed up to prevent a reversal in that trend by making sure the state has a seat at the table now that Trump has told Congress his administration would begin renegotiating the 23-year-old trade deal between the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

Representatives from the Texas Association of Business, the El Paso-based Borderplex Alliance and the Texas Business Leadership Council announced on Thursday the creation of the Texas-Mexico Trade Coalition, a binational group of business interests that seeks to keep Mexico as Texas' No. 1 trade partner.

Coalition members said time isn't necessarily on their side if they want to preserve the benefits and job growth NAFTA has brought to Texas and beyond.

"The failure to act swiftly will push us into not only the midterm elections in the United States, but also the presidential election in Mexico," said Eddie Aldrete, senior vice president of the International Bank of Commerce and chairman of the coalition. "So we need to pass NAFTA on its own merits, on its own timeframe."

Aldrete said that will include working to amend the current agreement instead of overhauling it completely.

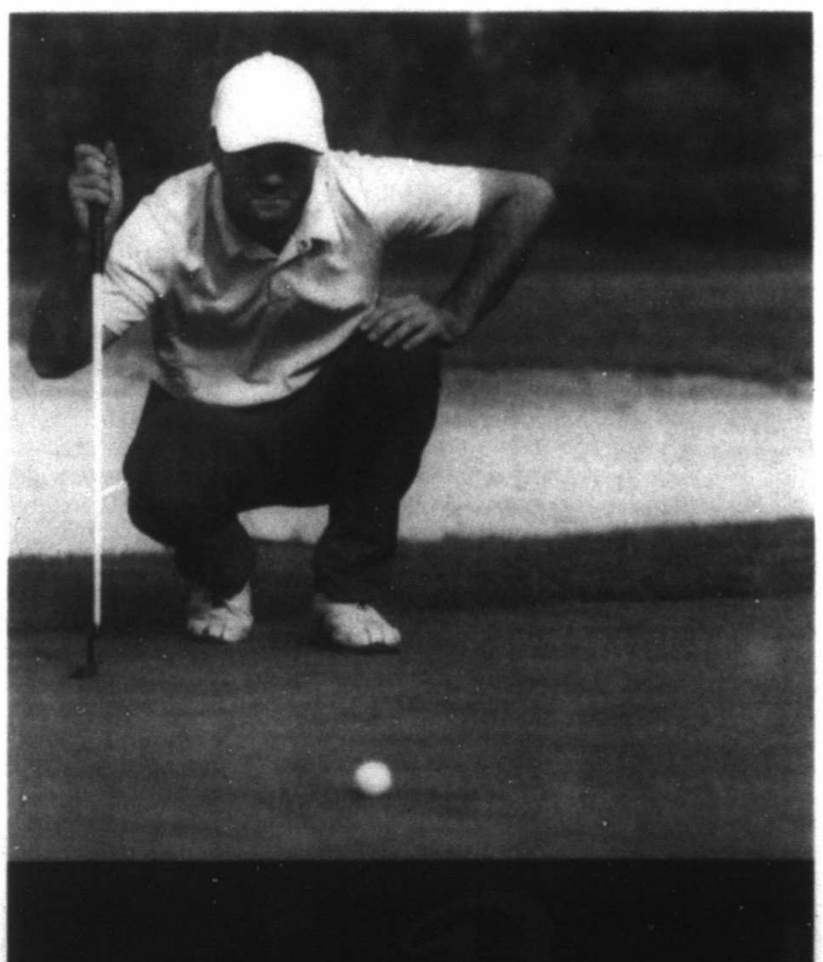
Texas has more to lose than any other state on the country's southern border if NAFTA is reworked in a way that decreases trade between the two countries. From January to April of this year, more than $178 billion in two-way trade has passed through ports in the United States and Mexico, according to WorldCity, a Florida-based economics think tank that uses U.S. Census data to track trade patterns. That figure represents a 4.5 percent increase compared to the same timeframe in 2016.

About $94 billion of 2017's trade has passed through the Laredo customs district, with another $29.5 billion passing through the El Paso customs district. The ports of Houston and Port Arthur are also in included in Mexico's top 10 trading partners, ranking fifth with $6 billion and eighth with $1.95 billion, respectively.

Jeff Moseley, the CEO of the Texas Association of Business, said revamping NAFTA only makes sense because of how much industry and commerce has changed since pact went into effect in 1994.

"The document, as it was pulled together 23 years ago, did not contemplate that we would have so much development in technology," he said. "It didn't contemplate that the Mexican Constitution would have been amended to allow for energy exploration. So there are new opportunities to bring forward."

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UT/TT Poll: Texas voters grade state's top elected officials

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

The figurative wrestling match between the state's top three officials jiggled their approval ratings, but not by much, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

Gov. Greg Abbott remains the highest rated of the state's high officials, with 45 percent of voters saying they approve his job performance and 38 saying they disapprove. That's slightly higher than the 33 percent who disapproved in February's UT/TT Poll, but he continues to get more positive than negative reviews.

The same can't be said for his legislative colleagues. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Joe Straus have more negative than positive reviews, though the margins are small. Patrick got good reviews from 34 percent of voters and bad ones from 36 percent; Straus had 25 percent good reviews and 29 percent negative ones. The speaker, as is ordinarily the case, remains the least well-known of the three, with 46 percent of voters either giving him neutral or no ratings.

Republican voters clearly have a favorite in Abbott, with 83 percent approving his job performance. Patrick gets good marks from 68 percent of those voters. Among Tea Party Republicans, Abbott gets approving nods from 90 percent; Patrick from 78 percent.

The most popular U.S. senator from Texas is Ted Cruz, with 38 percent of Texas voters saying they approve of the job he's doing, while 28 percent approve of John Cornyn's work in the Senate. But Cruz is also the leader in negative reviews, getting those from 44 percent of voters. Cornyn got negative marks from 41 percent. That said, the margins are important, and Cornyn had a wider gap — 13 percentage points — between his bad notices and his favorable ones.

The senior senator from Texas won't be on the ballot in 2018. Cruz will be, and U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso, plans to challenge him. The incumbent is much better known: 18 percent said either that they had a neutral opinion of Cruz or no opinion at all. O'Rourke, who has never run for office outside of El Paso, isn't a name brand yet: 13 percent of Texas voters have a neutral opinion of him, but 55 percent have no opinion at all.

"The rumblings that Ted Cruz was damaged by his presidential campaign were overstated," said Jim Henson, head of the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin and co-director of the poll.

Where 37 percent of voters have positive opinions of Cruz, 45 percent have unfavorable opinions. Among Republican voters, Cruz did much better, with 68 holding favorable views; 87 percent of Tea Party Republicans like him. The lesser-known El Pasoan is viewed favorably by 18 percent of Texas voters, unfavorably by 15 percent.

"Republicans like Cruz more than we like dads on Father's Day," said Daron Shaw, co-director of the poll and a government professor at UT-Austin. He said Democrats are not fans of the state's junior senator — "he's got to write off 33 percent of the electorate" — but said Cruz's strength with Republicans gives him a solid foundation. O'Rourke, who hasn't run statewide, has work to do, Shaw said. "Most people don't have any idea who he is; 70 percent don't have any opinion about him."



AP file photo

Gov. Greg Abbott gestures as he announces a special session of the Texas Legislature on June 6 in Austin. Gov. Abbott remains the highest rated of the state's high officials, with 45 percent of voters saying they approve his job performance and 38 saying they disapprove, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

Institutions

Texas voters trust the U.S. Supreme Court and the judicial branch of government more than the legislative or executive branches, and they hold Congress in especially low regard. While 38 percent said they trust the courts most, 26 percent pointed to the president and the executive branch and only 6 said Congress is their most trusted part of the federal government. Another 30 percent registered no opinion. Democratic voters were more likely to choose the courts — 56 percent put their votes there — while 48 percent of Republicans put their faith in the president. Congress was the favorite of 8 percent or less in every subgroup in the poll: by party, by ideology, race or gender.

Asked to rate the job Congress is doing, 15 percent said they approve, while 67 percent disapprove. The rest were either neutral or registered no opinion. Some voters were emphatic: 2 percent "strongly" approve of Congress' work, while 43 percent disapprove "strongly."

It's a Washington thing; Texas lawmakers fared much better on the report cards from voters, with 34 percent saying the approve and 42 percent saying they disapprove of the work the Legislature is doing. Standing alone, those are hardly good marks, but next to Congress, they look stellar.

Eight years after it first appeared forcefully on the national political scene, the Tea Party remains influential with Texas voters, with 16 percent saying they would vote for a congressional candidate from the Tea Party over Republicans and Democrats if that were an option. Asked about the Tea Party's influence, 30 percent said it has too much, 26 percent said it has too little and 16 percent said it has just the right amount.

The University of Texas/Texas Tribune internet survey of 1,200 registered voters was conducted from June 2 to June 11 and has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.83 percentage points. Numbers in charts might not add up to 100 percent because of rounding.

Immigration, border security still top concerns for Texas voters

Immigration and border security continue to top Texas voters' lists of most important problems, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

About one-third of the voters surveyed listed one of those issues as their top concern, leaving issues like political corruption/leadership, education and health care in the dust. And a long list of issues from property rights to the environment, transportation to taxes, barely registered.

"Only 6 percent say unemployment or jobs are top of mind," said Daron Shaw, co-director of the poll and a professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin. He added that kind of rating is often good for the powers that be. "People are coming to the idea that the Texas economy is good and the national economy is getting better. That, I think is good for the party in power, he said.

Some other responses, however, show "a taste for leadership and reform," Shaw said.

Voters' views of the biggest issues facing the country were somewhat different. More than a quarter listed either political corruption/leadership or national security/terrorism as the most important problem facing the United States, followed by the economy, immigration and health care.

Voters' relative comfort with the economy shows up in their views of how things are going nationally, for the state and for their families. In all three cases, more voters see improvement over the past year than see things getting worse. More than half said their own economic situation is about the same as it was a year ago. But 42 percent think the national economy is better, and 34 percent think the state economy has improved.

That said, 54 percent of Texas voters said the country is headed off on the wrong track, while 34 percent think things are headed in the right direction. They're happier with the direction of the state: 43 percent said Texas is on the right track, and 40 percent said it's on the wrong track.

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UT/TT Poll: Despite Russia inquiry, Texas GOP voters solidly trust Trump

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

Most voters in the country's biggest red state are wary of President Donald Trump — but Republican voters remain strongly supportive of him, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

More than half of the voters said Trump does not have the temperament to serve as president, but that number reflects strong Democratic antipathy to the president. Only 5 percent of self-identified Democrats said he has the temperament for the office, while 68 percent of self-identified Republicans said he does have the proper temperament.

Other assessments of the president carry the same partisan seasoning: Only 4 percent of Democrats said Trump is honest and trustworthy, and just 9 percent said he is competent. Republicans in Texas are still satisfied, with 66 percent saying Trump is honest and trustworthy and 80 percent saying he's competent.

Overall, 43 percent approve of the job Trump is doing in office, while 51 percent disapprove. Among Republicans, 80 percent approve. Among Democrats, 90 percent disapprove.

Texas voters' views of Trump roughly track the findings of the February UT/TT Poll. "If anyone has had a rough launch, it's Donald Trump," said Jim Henson, co-director of the poll and head of the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin. "But Texas Republicans are holding steady. They continue to embrace him."

Russia and 2016

Two in five Texas voters believe Russia influenced the 2016 presidential election; those who did were predominantly Democrats and, unsurprisingly, believe that the Russian influence was beneficial to Donald Trump.

Only 9 percent of Republican voters said Russia influenced the election; 81 percent said it didn't. Among Democrats, the numbers flipped: 75 percent said the Russians influenced the election, and 9 percent said that didn't happen. Of those who said the Russians were influential — a group overwhelmingly dominated by Democrats — 95 percent said the Russian influence helped Trump and 2 percent said it helped Hillary Clinton.

Was there coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia? Once again, the answers were colored by party affiliation: 74 percent of Democratic voters said yes, while 80 percent of Republican voters said no. Overall, 39 percent of Texas voters believe there was coordination and 45 percent believe there was none. The remaining 16 percent chose "don't know enough to say."

"There's no penalty for Trump fighting back against contentions of Russian involvement," said Josh Blank, manager of polling research at the Texas Politics Project at UT-Austin. That contention aligns with the views of Republican voters in Texas.

Russia's attempts to influence that election are the subject of an investigation. Asked about the FBI, which is doing much of that work, 45 percent of Texas voters have a favorable opinion, 26 percent have an unfavorable opinion, and 29 percent said they have no opinion. Democrats were more likely than Republicans to express favorable views of the federal law enforcement agency: 51 percent have favorable opinions and 15 percent had unfavorable views; among Republicans, 43 percent were positive and 35 percent were negative.

Russia isn't popular in Texas, but it's less popular with Democrats. Overall, 11 percent of Texans have favorable views of that country and 56 percent have unfavorable views. The remaining 33 percent were either neutral or had no opinion. Among Democrats, 5 percent of the views were positive, 71 percent were negative and 24 percent were neutral. Among Republicans, 15 percent were positive, 45 percent were negative and 40 percent were neutral.

Health care

The Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare, isn't a popular program in Texas, but it's more popular than the health care legislation passed by the U.S. House earlier this year, the poll found.

Where 39 percent of voters have favorable views of the Affordable Care Act, only 20 percent have similar views of the American Health Care Act, which passed the House in May. Almost half of Texas voters — 49 percent — have "somewhat" or "very" unfavorable views of the ACA, while 51 percent put the House plan in that same category. Almost 30 percent said they had neutral or no opinion about the House plan, while only 13 percent were neutral on Obamacare.

The University of Texas/Texas Tribune internet survey of 1,200 registered voters was conducted from June 2 to June 11 and has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.83 percentage points. Numbers in charts might not add up to 100 percent because of rounding.

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Increasing threats unnerve lawmakers still rattled by Alexandria shooting

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press



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Supporters of House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., hold signs before the Congressional baseball game Thursday in Washington. The annual GOP-Democrats baseball game raises money for charity. Since the shooting Scalise, members of Congress have spoken more freely about how threats of physical violence or death have increased in recent months, leaving lawmakers fearing for their safety as well as the safety of their families and staff.

WASHINGTON — A voicemail message directed to Arizona Rep. Martha McSally last month warned "our sights are set on you, right between your ... eyes." Another voicemail said: "Yeah, Martha, your days are numbered and next time you show your face in Tucson it might be the last time."

McSally, a Republican in her second term, forwarded the messages to U.S. Capitol police, resulting in federal charges against an Arizona man.

Democratic Rep. Al Green was threatened with lynching by callers infuriated with his effort to impeach President Donald Trump. One caller used a racial insult and said the seven-term African-American lawmaker would be "hanging from a tree" if he pursues impeachment.

Since the shooting of House Majority Whip Steve Scalise at a Virginia baseball field Wednesday, members of Congress have spoken more freely about how threats of physical violence or death have increased in recent months, leaving lawmakers fearing for their safety as well as the safety of their families and staff.

"I've never been so shaken," said Rep. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D.

The Scalise shooting "hits so close to home," Cramer said. "We've all been under this cloud for a while of aggressive social media and threat assessments and thinking about families and whatnot and just trying to determine ... is it even worth it" to continue to serve in Congress.

Answering his own question, Cramer said "of course it is," but said Scalise's shooting and threats against fellow lawmakers "does cause contemplation at a level I haven't had since I've taken this job."

The Capitol is one of the best-guarded buildings in the country, but when the vast majority of lawmakers leave the fortress of Capitol Hill, they're on their own. Wednesday's shooting highlights the vulnerability of lawmakers when they are in public. Only the congressional leaders have security details.

Even before the shooting, House Speaker Paul Ryan and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi had begun talking about changes that could improve members' safety, said Ryan's spokeswoman, AshLee Strong.

Cramer, who holds many "Coffees with Cramer" events around North Dakota, said that several weeks ago, a man walked right up to him and tried to shove money down his shirt collar. Since former Rep. Gabby Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot during a town hall event in Arizona in 2011, police and legislative leaders have urged lawmakers to ensure a local police presence at events, a practice Cramer said he has long followed.

"At this point I think that presence is a requirement to participation" Cramer said, pointing out that it's not just his safety at risk — it's everyone who attends. "So if people don't feel safe coming to see us, we're robbed of that opportunity. I love the interaction so we have to think of all that."

At Cramer's events, attendees sign in but are not screened for weapons.

Rep. Ann Wagner, R-Mo., said she has received five death threats this spring and watched children in her suburban St. Louis neighborhood scrub away chalk outlines of dead bodies that had been drawn on the driveway of her home.

The children replaced them with happy faces. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch first reported the threats against Wagner.

Shortly after Wednesday's shooting, Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-N.Y., received an email with the subject line: "One down, 216 to go ..."

There are 238 Republicans in the House, but 217 voted for a bill that would repeal and replace President Barack Obama's health law. It was unclear whether the email writer was referring to that vote.

Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., said messages to his office became so vile that he told his staff some years ago he no longer wanted to see them.

"If you would like to come to my office, my district office, I can show you some of the letters I have framed and I keep over my desk for anybody who wants to think this is something about left-wingers," said Clyburn. "Those are not left-wingers who wrote me that stuff."

The voicemails left with McSally's congressional office resulted in a federal grand jury charges against Steven Martan, 58, of Tucson. The charges state that Martan threatened to assault and murder a U.S. official, McSally, with the intent to interfere and intimidate her while she was engaged in performance of her official duties.

The threats, while extreme, are becoming increasingly common, according to members of Congress.

Rep. Barbara Comstock, R-Va., said lawmakers laid out threats they've received during a closed-door meeting following Wednesday's shooting. Congressional leadership and the House Administration Committee are looking at what can be done to increase security because of so many death threats.

"Some of this is really nasty — people wishing ill things on you — but it's crossed the line now into quite a few death threats," Comstock said.

Rep. Ralph Abraham, R-La., said violence — and the threat of violence — have no place in politics.

GOP tax overhaul in trouble as opposition to import tax grows

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A key part of House Republicans' plan to overhaul the way corporations pay taxes is on life support, leaving lawmakers scrambling to save one of President Donald Trump's biggest priorities and increasing the chances the GOP will simply pass a tax cut instead of overhauling the tax code.

A proposed tax on imports is central to the GOP plan to lower the overall corporate tax rate. It would generate about $1 trillion over the next decade to finance the lower rates without adding to the deficit. It would also provide strong incentives for U.S.-based companies to keep their operations in the United States and perhaps persuade companies to move overseas operations to the U.S.

But the tax faces strong opposition from retailers, automakers and the oil industry, and a growing number of congressional Republicans have come out against it. They worry that it will increase the cost of imports, raising consumer prices.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., says there probably aren't enough votes to pass the import tax in the Senate — not a single Republican senator has publicly endorsed it. And a powerful group of House conservatives says it's time to dump the idea.

"The sooner we acknowledge that and get on with a plan that actually works and actually can build consensus, the better off we will be," said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., chairman of the conservative Freedom Caucus.

Even one of the biggest backers of the new tax says he is open to other ideas.

Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, has pushed the tax as chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. He still says it's the best way to promote economic growth and domestic jobs, but he has softened his stance on alternatives.

"I'm still confident that we're going to stay at the table until we solve that problem, which is how do we stop U.S. jobs from continuing to leave the United States," Brady said. "We're going to remain open to the best ideas on how we do that."

On Tuesday, Brady proposed gradually phasing in the tax over five years to give corporations time to adjust.

It wasn't received well by opponents.

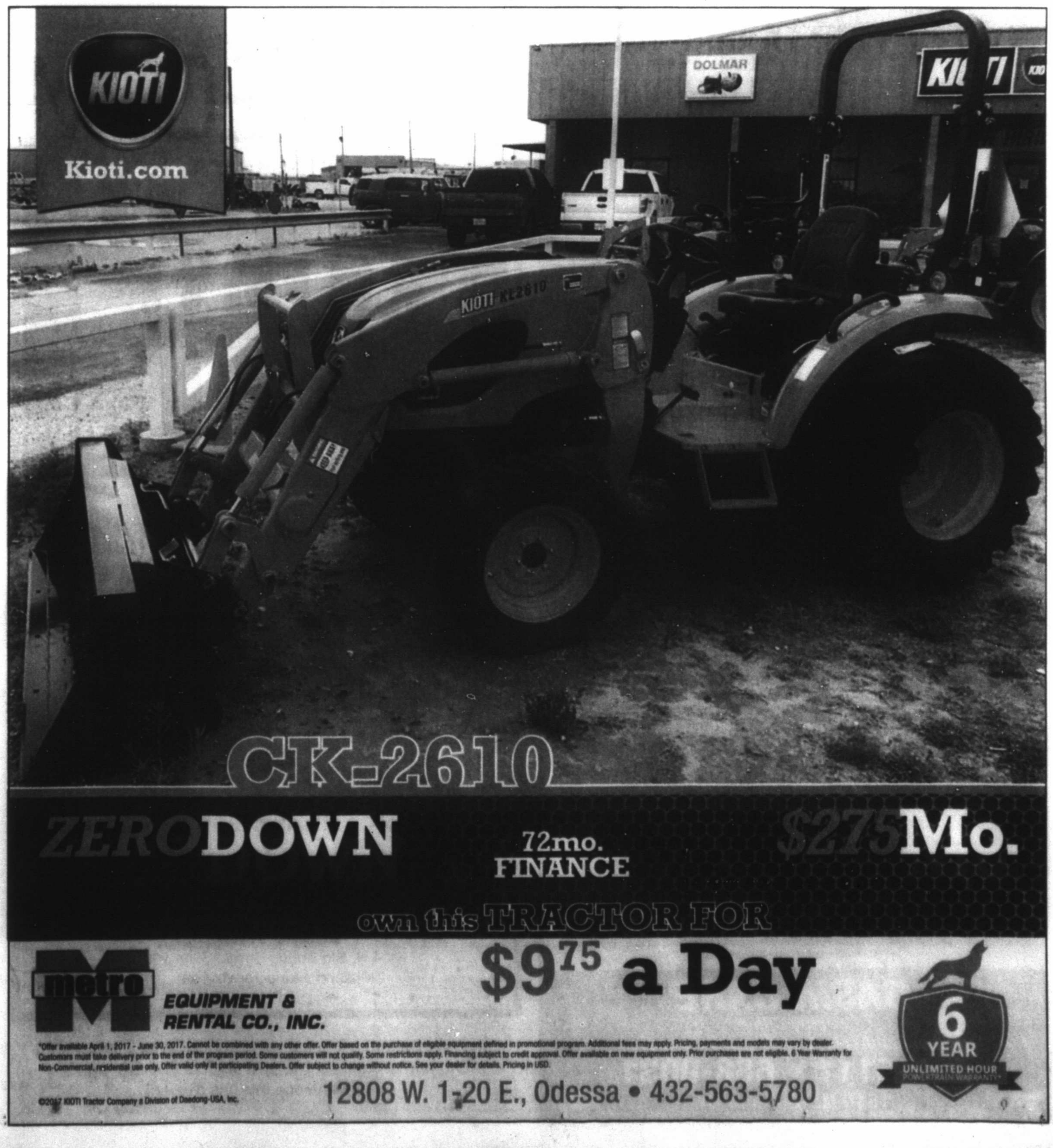
"Forcing consumers to pay more so that some profitable companies can operate tax-free is no better of an idea in five years than it is today," said Brian Dodge of the Retail Industry Leaders Association.

But if the import tax is dead, then what?

"I would never declare anything dead until there was a fully formed alternative," said Rohit Kumar, a former tax counsel to McConnell who now heads PwC's Washington tax office. "I think that's one of the big challenges that Republicans are struggling with right now."

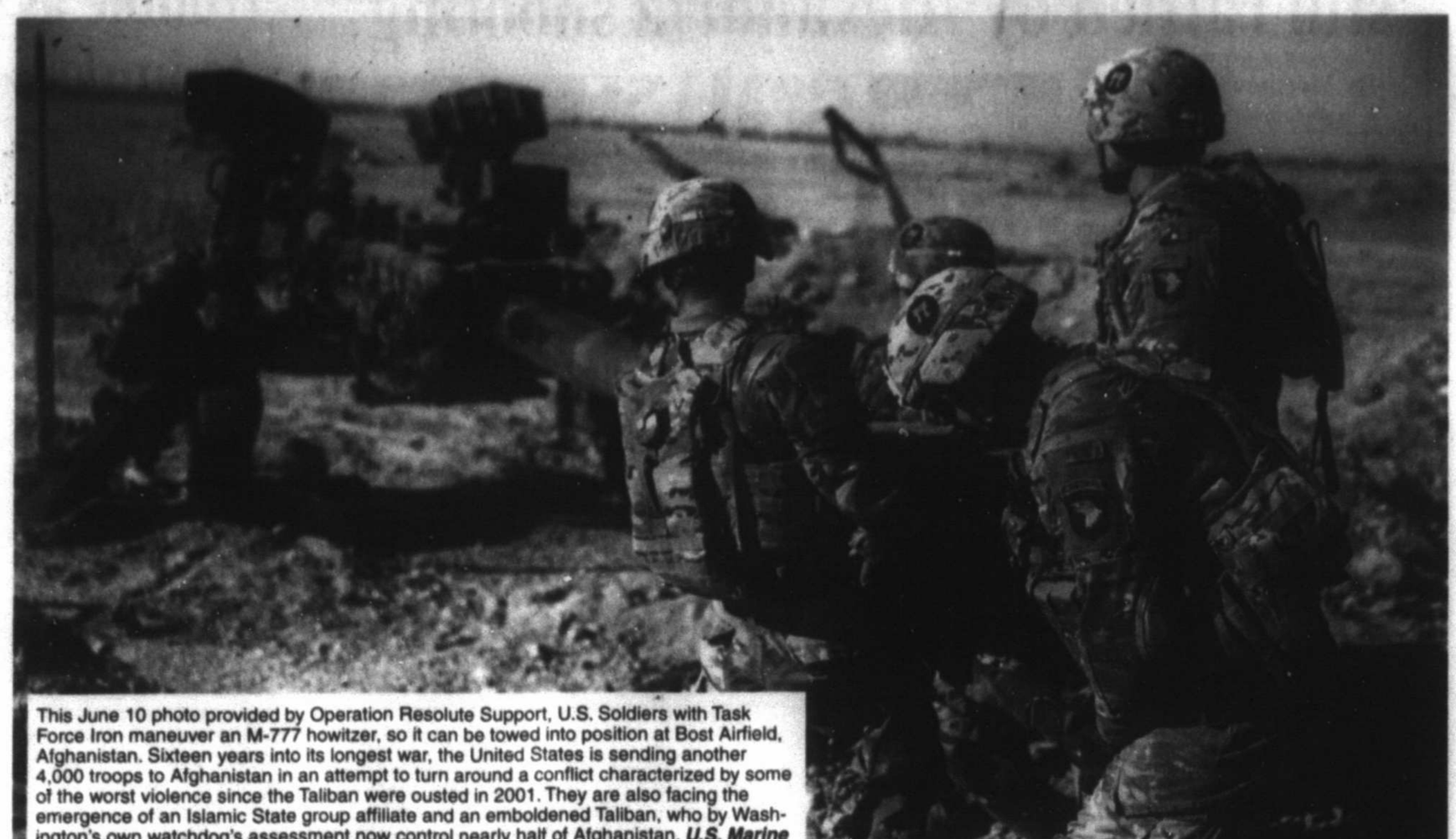
Thirty-one years after the last tax overhaul, there is widespread agreement that the current system is too complicated and picks winners and losers, compelling companies to make decisions based on tax implications instead of sound business reasons.

The goal — for now — is to simplify the tax code and make it more efficient in a way that does not add to the federal government's mounting debt. That means some would pay more and some would pay less, a heavy political lift among politicians who have deep political and practical disagreements.



Q&A: US looks to troop surge to win Afghan war

By Kathy Gannon and Amir Shah
Associated Press



This June 10 photo provided by Operation Resolute Support, U.S. Soldiers with Task Force Iron maneuver an M-777 howitzer, so it can be towed into position at Bost Airfield, Afghanistan. Sixteen years into its longest war, the United States is sending another 4,000 troops to Afghanistan in an attempt to turn around a conflict characterized by some of the worst violence since the Taliban were ousted in 2001. They are also facing the emergence of an Islamic State group affiliate and an emboldened Taliban, who by Washington's own watchdog's assessment now control nearly half of Afghanistan. ***U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Justin T. Updegraff, Operation Resolute Support via AP***

KABUL, Afghanistan — Sixteen years into its longest war, the United States is sending another 4,000 troops to Afghanistan in an attempt to turn around a conflict characterized by some of the worst violence since the Taliban were ousted in 2001. The troops also face the emergence of an Islamic State group affiliate and an emboldened Taliban, who by Washington's own watchdog's assessment now control nearly half the country.

In February, Special Inspector General for Afghan Reconstruction John Sopko, in his first report to the Trump administration, offered a bleak picture of a country struggling under the burden of a deeply corrupt government, a strengthening Taliban and a U.S. development budget rife with waste.

Although the government of President Ashraf Ghani asked for a troop surge, at least one lawmaker, Nasrullah Sadeqizada, was skeptical of the plan and cautioned it should be coordinated with the Afghan government and not be done unilaterally by the United States.

"The security situation continues to deteriorate in Afghanistan and the foreign troops who are here are not making it better," the lawmaker said.

At its peak, the war involved 120,000 international troops from 42 countries. So many in Afghanistan question whether adding 4,000 troops to the 8,500 U.S. soldiers in the country will bring peace. But failure could leave the U.S. vulnerable to an increasingly hostile Afghanistan and its growing anti-Western sentiment.

Here's a look at the situation amid the pending U.S. troop surge:

What caused the deterioration ultimately leading to the troop surge?

When the Taliban were ousted in December 2001, the U.S. and its coalition partners declared victory. However, within months, the religious movement began to show signs of re-emergence, spurred on by a government that alienated ethnic Pashtuns who were the militant group's backbone.

As early as the fall of 2002, a deputy police commander in Afghanistan's southern Zabul province said he tried unsuccessfully to recruit thousands of young Pashtun men to the police. All but four returned from the Afghan capital, Kabul, claiming discrimination because of their ethnicity, and joined the Taliban, whose leadership had found a safe haven next door in Pakistan.

The first government after the Taliban's ouster was made up of commanders of various ethnic backgrounds, all with powerful militias, while ethnic Pashtuns were represented by then-President Hamid Karzai, who was without a militia and politically dependent on the U.S. and the powerful commanders of the so-called Northern Alliance, which had been allied with the U.S.-led coalition against the Taliban.

What groups do the U.S., NATO and Afghan soldiers face?

The most powerful and well outfitted group is the Taliban. Among them, the strongest outfit is the so-called Haqqani network with its deep ties to Pakistan and particularly Pakistan's intelligence agency. The relationship between the two dates back to the 1980s Afghan war against the former Soviet Union, which had sent in more than 100,000 soldiers to support the pro-communist Afghan government.

Three years after the Russians were defeated in 1989 by the U.S.-backed mujahedeen, or holy warriors, a collection of mujahedeen groups including the Haqqanis had taken power in Kabul. But they quickly turned their guns on each other, killing 50,000 people, mostly civilians, in their four-year rule that led to the Taliban's rise and eventual takeover of Kabul in 1996. The Taliban ruled until their ouster in 2001. During their five-year rein, the Taliban ended the fighting but imposed their interpretation of Islamic law, or Sharia, which denied girls education, women work and meted out harsh punishment for offenses against Islam.

The other increasingly violent enemy facing off against the U.S. and Afghan troops is the Islamic State group affiliate known as IS in Khorasan Province, an ancient area that once encompassed parts of Afghanistan, Iran and Central Asia.

The IS began as mostly a group of Pakistani tribesmen driven from their tribal areas by the Pakistani military after they declared war on the Pakistan state. Disgruntled Afghan Taliban commanders and fighters, mostly from Afghanistan's eastern Nangarhar province who favored a more aggressive war against the Kabul government, joined them.

A dangerous twist to the IS in Afghanistan is the injection of thousands of war-seasoned Uzbek and other Central Asian militants that had once been aligned with the Taliban but had a falling out after a Pakistan military operation drove them across the border into Afghanistan from the North Waziristan tribal region.

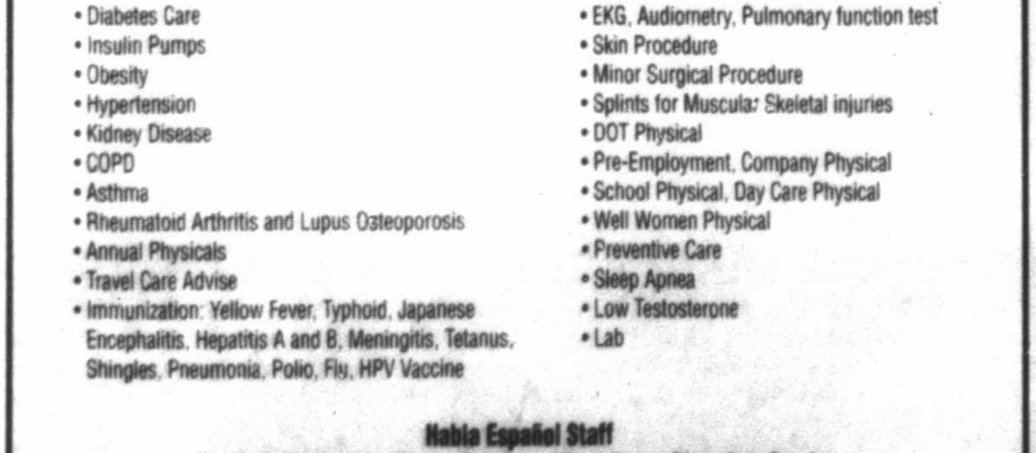
What's at stake if the surge doesn't help?

Failure in Afghanistan would once again offer a safe haven for militant groups of all stripes.

Although the majority of al-Qaida's Arab fighters are understood to have relocated to other Middle Eastern battlefields in Iraq, Syria and Libya, its leadership is still believed to be in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

After 16 years of war, ordinary Afghans are increasingly frustrated by the relentless violence and security failures that allowed, for instance, a truck packed with explosives into the center of Kabul to explode and kill more than 150 people in a recent attack. Many are also disappointed at a government so rife with corruption that even paying utility bills requires paying a bribe to a local official.

On the streets of the capital, the Afghans' frustration is turning into protests and a growing anti-Western sentiment is spreading throughout the country — with the ire directed at U.S. and NATO troops who have been in the country for years without being able to bring about peace.



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Poll shows most doubt Trump's respect for institutions

By Darlene Superville and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans say they think President Donald Trump has little to no respect for the country's democratic traditions, according to a new poll that underscores the difficulty Trump faces in uniting a country deeply divided about his leadership.

The new survey, conducted by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, found more than 6 in 10 Americans disapprove of the job Trump is doing as president, and nearly half strongly disapprove. The poll was conducted before a shooting spree at a Washington-area baseball field on Wednesday left a congressman wounded and renewed calls for more civil political discourse.

"We may have our differences, but we do well in times like these to remember that everyone who serves in our nation's capital is here because, above all, they love our country," Trump said Wednesday, responding to the shooting.

The survey suggests Trump faces considerable challenges as he seeks to position himself as a unifying figure.



Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Associated Press

President Donald Trump walks across the South Lawn of the White House in Washington on Tuesday following his arrival on Marine One helicopter from nearby Andrews Air Force Base. Trump was returning from a trip to Milwaukee.

Two-thirds of Americans, or 65 percent, think Trump doesn't have much respect for the country's democratic institutions and traditions or has none at all. Just a third of Americans, or 34 percent, thinks he has a great deal or even a fair amount of respect for them.

Overall, 64 percent disapprove and just 35 percent approve of his job performance.

Trump was unpopular among Americans overall even as he was elected president, but the poll shows that even many Republicans have doubts. Nearly a third of Republicans and independents who lean toward the Republican party think Trump has little to no respect for the country's democratic institutions, and a quarter disapprove of the job he's doing as president.

Nine in 10 Democrats and 6 in 10 independents say the same.

Ron Denmon, a 55-year-old independent voter from Houston, agreed that Trump has little regard for the country's democratic institutions and traditions, including the White House taking steps to avoid politicizing the Justice Department and the FBI. Denmon referenced recent news reports that Trump was considering firing Robert Mueller, the special counsel named by the Justice Department to investigate Russia's role in the 2016 election. Mueller was appointed after Trump dismissed Comey, who had been leading the inquiry. Comey has said Trump was trying to influence his handling of the Russia investigation.

"The fact that he's even considering getting rid of Mueller is even more evidence that he thinks it's all about him and how he wants to control things," said Denmon, a 22-year Air Force veteran who said his vote for Trump last November was more against Hillary Clinton, the Democratic candidate, than for Trump.

Of Trump, Denmon said: "He doesn't care about the process. He only cares about him."

A White House spokeswoman, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, said Tuesday that Trump "has no intention" of firing Mueller, but maintained he "has the right to."

Linda Draper, an independent from Mulberry, Florida, who voted for Trump, said the president is the one who isn't being respected, and criticized those she says have tried to block him at every turn.

"If they would leave him alone and let him do what the American taxpayers voted him in there to do, this country would be a whole lot better off," said Draper, 64. "What he's trying to do is good."

Among whites without a college education, who voted overwhelmingly in favor of Trump last year, 50 percent say they approve of Trump, down slightly from 58 percent in March.

Health care remains Trump's worst issue in the poll, with 66 percent disapproving of his handling of the issue. Even 33 percent of Republicans disapprove of his handling of the issue.

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Reaction to congressional shooting reveals simmering nation

By Mark Z. Barabak
Los Angeles Times

■ ANALYSIS

The targeted shooting of Republican lawmakers at play yielded a kaleidoscope of emotions Wednesday — anger, revulsion, horror — but little in the way of surprise.

The attack almost seemed a natural, if sick, extension of the virulence that surrounds the country's increasingly tribal politics.

As if to prove it, events quickly settled into a familiar pattern: finger-pointing, blame-laying, partisan positioning. People today don't just disagree. They've grown to hate the other side, from President Donald Trump on down.

Not necessarily over issues or ideology, which can be debated or leavened by compromise. But rather as an outgrowth of a deeper pathology, a contempt toward people for merely existing.

"It's hard to suggest it's an ideological conflict," as if, say, the abortion issue has suddenly grown more heated, said Marc Hetherington, a political science professor at Vanderbilt University. "What it's all about is bad feelings."

He cited studies showing Republicans say they hate Democrats more than they hate atheists, and Democrats hate Republicans more than they despise religious fundamentalists.

Both sides, he said, hate the other more than they hate "illegal immigrants," the inflammatory phrase used to gauge respective animosities.

The overwhelmingly majority of people, of course, don't take up weapons to vent their anger as did gunman James T. Hodgkinson, a supporter of independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and a fierce Trump critic.

In the aftermath of Wednesday's brutality there were many instances of grace, not least from those most directly affected.

"We don't shed our humanity when we enter this chamber," House Speaker Paul D. Ryan of Wisconsin said in a moving oration on the House floor. "For all the noise and fury, we are one family."

Nancy Pelosi, the leader of House Democrats, responded, "On days like today, there are no Democrats or Republicans, only Americans united in our hopes and prayers for the wounded."

The coming-together recalled a similarly transcendent moment after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, when members of Congress, Democrat and Republican, ventured to the steps of the Capitol and side by side delivered a spontaneous rendering of "God Bless America."

But that brief harmony proved a mere pause as the country descended into an even deeper slough of animosity and political loathing.

Similarly, the high-flown words of party leaders were quickly and loudly drowned out Wednesday by partisans grasping for tactical advantage.

Among them was the president's son, Donald Trump Jr., who used Twitter to link the shootings to a controversial New York production of "Julius Caesar," in which a presidential doppelganger is murdered onstage.

"Events like today are EXACTLY why we took issue with NY elites glorifying the assassination of our President," commentator Harlan Hill wrote in a Tweet the younger Trump amplified by sharing with 1.7 million Twitter followers.

"The Left in this country is ushering in a new #CultureofViolence where violent hate is the new normal," tweeted Bill Mitchell, a pro-Trump radio host. "#DomesticTerrorists," he added.

On the Democratic side, some more virulent partisans openly celebrated the critical wounding of Rep. Steve Scalise, the No. 3 Republican in the House leadership, or summoned eye-for-an-eye memories of the hatred directed at President Barack Obama and his supporters. (A number of Democratic lawmakers reported receiving death threats immediately after the attack.)

The junior Trump's tweet drew a string of angry rejoinders:

"Did you have a problem when (candidate Trump) said 'I could shoot someone on Fifth Ave. and my approval would go up?'"

"Or when Trump advocated violence at rallies to show people a lesson? Lol"

"Trump is a major contributor (to) the type of violence that led to this in the first place."

The president, for his part, responded Thursday with a call for national unity, a show of equanimity in notable contrast to his stance during the campaign, when he sometimes encouraged violence and, at one point, seemed to invite opponents to take up arms against Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

Although many were quick to blame Trump for Wednesday's violence — just as they implicated him after a Republican congressional candidate body-slammed a reporter for asking about health care — it's not as though he overnight transformed a nation bathed in love and light.

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Washington embraces unity amid the shooting — but only for a moment

By Julie Pace and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

■ ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON — The president called on Americans to set aside their differences. One of his fiercest critics prayed for him and the safety of his family.

For one afternoon, Washington appeared to be knocked back into a lost era of solidarity in times of trial. Still, it felt naive to think it would last.

Wednesday's jarring shooting of a top House Republican during a baseball practice both punctured the deep polarization in the nation's capital and provided an instant reminder that such moments tend to be fleeting.

After incidents far more deadly, and at times even less riven with division, the moment of unity inevitably fades, replaced by the capital's familiar infighting and harsh, personal attacks.

That was the case after the horrific shooting of 20 elementary school children in 2012. And after the 2011 shooting of Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was holding a constituent event in a supermarket parking lot when a gunman opened fire, killing six people.

The nation was divided then, too, still struggling to recover from a devastating economic crisis that exacerbated the gap between haves and have nots, and from the bruising political tussle over health care reform. Mark Kimble, who worked for Giffords then, said that for a period "that now seems all too brief, there was an unbelievable amount of unity across party lines."

"If this happens the way it did after Gabby was shot, I think it will last for a while, but I don't think it will be any kind of sea change in how Washington operates," Kimble said.

The calls for change were frequent on Wednesday.

House Speaker Paul Ryan urged his colleagues "to come together to lift each other up and to show the country, show the world that we are one House, the people's House, united in our humanity."

Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi decried the violence as "an injury in the family." She offered her prayers for Trump and his own family.

But the answer to how long Washington can embrace this moment of unity may well rest with Trump, one of the most divisive figures in recent American political history.

Trump, in brief remarks from the White House Diplomatic Room, was scripted and restrained. He made no mention of the fact that the shooter had a history of lashing out at Republicans.

"We may have our differences, but we do well in times like these to remember that everyone who serves in our nation's capital is here because, above all, they love our country," he said. "We can all agree that we are blessed to be Americans that our children deserve to grow up in a nation of safety and peace and that we are strongest when we are unified."

Trump stepped into the role of unifier with historically low approval ratings for a president at this stage of his tenure. Overall, 64 percent disapprove and just 35 percent approve of the job he is doing as president, according to a recent poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Trump has been a particularly polarizing figure since the moment he stepped onto the political stage. And there's no doubt that he has contributed to the increasing corrosiveness that has gripped American politics.

As a candidate, he urged his supporters to "knock the crap" out of protesters who attended his rallies. He called Hillary Clinton, his Democratic rival in last year's election, a "nasty woman" and vowed to throw her in jail if he won, a pledge he has not followed through with.

To be sure, Trump's presidency has also prompted intense criticism from Democrats, who have excoriated him as incompetent and unqualified. Earlier last week, Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Calif., circulated proposed articles of impeachment.

Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Pa., said all the things that used to bring members together seem to be slipping away, contributing to the gulf between left and right.

"All the chances to interact with each other outside our suits, and outside floor debate, are few and far between," said Doyle, who manages the Democratic baseball team.

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Summer vacation? Lots of Americans say they can't afford it

By Beth J. Harpaz and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

Forget frequent flier miles, last-minute getaways and even road trips. Nearly half of Americans say they won't be taking a vacation this summer, mostly because they can't afford it, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The new AP-NORC survey, conducted in May, said 43 percent of Americans won't be taking a summer vacation. The top reason for skipping a trip was the cost, cited by 49 percent of non-vacationers. Another 11 percent said they can't take the time off from work, while 3 percent said they don't like to be away from work.

About half of Americans living in households making less than $50,000 a year don't plan to take any summer vacation this year, and they're especially likely to cite costs as a reason.

And if your employer gives you paid vacation days, consider yourself lucky: Forty-one percent of those surveyed who work full or part time said they do not get any paid time off from their employers to use for vacation. Younger and lower-income workers are especially likely to not get any paid time off.

Danny Aguilar of Lakewood, Colorado, says the cost is what stops him from planning a vacation. He works in information technology, but because he's self-employed, "the income is very unknown. You don't know what's going to happen. You never really know what's coming. You can't really budget."

Other findings from the poll:

■ Most Americans use at least some of their paid time off if they have the option, but many still leave paid vacation days on the table. Fourteen percent of workers who get paid vacation time from their jobs did not use any of the days they had coming to them. Just half of those with paid vacation time used up all or most of the days they were entitled to in the past year.

■ Not everybody wants to go away in the summer. Fifteen percent of those who are passing on a summer getaway say it's because they already took a vacation this year or because they'll travel some other time of year.

■ Americans seem to value time over luxury when it comes to their vacations. Nearly two-thirds say they'd prefer to take a longer but less luxurious vacation over one that's shorter but more luxurious.

Linda Dube and her sister are among those citing cost as a reason for staying home this summer. The sisters, who are retired, live in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and usually vacation for a few days at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut. "We decided this year, instead of doing that, we'd save a little money and take a one-week staycation," she said. They plan a day at a local mall, eating out at a "wonderful little diner in the next town" and perhaps a trip to a nearby art museum. Dube's sister is in a wheelchair, she added, so any destination must accommodate wheelchairs.

David Kisler of Costa Mesa, California, says he can't afford a vacation either. "I'm working three jobs to make ends meet," said Kisler, who lost his job marketing network security in 2009. His wife works, too, but he said they've been dipping into savings to tackle projects around the house.

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Las Vegas sports books are taking more nongame wagers. Are politics next?

By David Montero
Los Angeles Times

"It's good for Nevada, the betting capital of the world. We have to offer what we can now. Soon, every state is going to have betting, and we need to be in front of that. It's a rapidly expanding industry."

Nevada state Sen. Tick Segerblom

LAS VEGAS — Kevin Durant had missed his first shot. So did Stephen Curry. Then 33-year-old Zaza Pachulia grabbed a rebound and scored for the Golden State Warriors.

The NBA Finals weren't two minutes old, and if a bettor had put money on Pachulia to be named the series' most valuable player, that early moment might have provided a faint flicker of hope given the center was listed at 2,000-to-1 at Westgate SuperBook to get that honor.

But then the world righted itself.

Durant and Curry took over Game 1 of the series — both heavy favorites at the sports books to earn MVP honors — as the Warriors rolled to victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

This was the first time Nevada sports books were allowed to take bets on who would be named the NBA Finals MVP. The Nevada Gaming Control Board approved the wager May 24 — one of several so-called off-field bets that sports books have been seeking and getting approval for as they expand their wagering options for more casual fans.

Bob Scucci, director of race and sports for Boyd Gaming, says the trend toward off-field bets isn't surprising as gambling continues to be mainstreamed and a premium is placed not just on accurate point spreads, but on creative wagering options as well.

"There is public interest in things like this," Scucci said. "The state regulators have eased up on these restrictions by recognizing the public appetite for these types of wagers."

In Nevada it began when the state Gaming Control Board was petitioned in 2010 to allow wagers on events other than a horse race, greyhound race or athletic event. That prompted the birth of Regulation 22.120 and the ability of bookmakers to begin offering more-exotic wagers.

Karl Bennison, chief of the enforcement division for the board, says the new regulation didn't garner much in the way of requests right away. There have been a total of 33 wager requests and approvals since 2011. All the high-profile requests and approvals tied to the four major pro sports and college football have come since September 2015.

He says the board doesn't track the trends. It just processes the requests under the new regulation.

"It started slow, but it's picked up in recent years," Bennison said. "Each request is handled on a case-by-case basis."

Sports bets are a small fraction of the win total for the casinos in Nevada, accounting for less than 2 percent of $11 billion taken in for 2016. But those in the industry say it's hard to quantify how important the sports books are for marketing and as an entry point to other gambling options inside a casino.

David Schwartz, director of the center for gaming research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, says sports books have gained a higher profile as odds on games have become regular fodder on highlight shows, on websites and through social media.

And though bets on nonsporting events — such as the Academy Awards, the presidential election and reality TV shows — are not allowed in Nevada, they are permitted overseas, and interest in such betting provides a push for casinos to expand their portfolios beyond traditional wagering.

But regulators and casinos remain mindful of tampering or influence where voting, rather than scoring, decides an outcome. They have instituted safety measures, such as halting betting well before voting takes place and capping the amount that can be won — usually about $10,000. Most casinos require identification through a player's card for bigger bets.

"We're not going to take six-figure bets on these," said Jay Kornegay, Westgate's vice president of race and sports book operations.

He says transparency in the process — how a player is selected an MVP or a Heisman Trophy winner — is the only way regulators approve off-field proposition bets. Gaming control officials review the voting procedures to make sure they can't be corrupted.

"I think our first goal is to make sure we protect both sides of the counter — the customer and the book — as well as the event," Kornegay said.

But he says there have been discussions among casino operators about seeking approval for betting on nonsports events, such as "American Idol" or the presidential election. He says that the presidential election is a popular betting option overseas, and he predicted if it were offered in Las Vegas, "it would be bigger than the Super Bowl."

Nevada state Sen. Tick Segerblom, a Las Vegas Democrat, thought the same thing when he introduced a bill in 2015 seeking to lift the state's ban on betting on federal elections. The bill stalled, but the senator says he plans to introduce it again when the Legislature meets in 2019.

"It's good for Nevada, the betting capital of the world," Segerblom said. "We have to offer what we can now. Soon, every state is going to have betting, and we need to be in front of that. It's a rapidly expanding industry."

Gaming regulators remain squeamish about political betting, however, pointing to fears that the odds could influence voter turnout if the line moves for a candidate. But others argue that widespread opinion polling before an election can have a similar effect.

Sports book operators say they believe there are some obstacles for betting on reality television shows, too. They are taped in advance, not live, creating the potential for leaks about the outcomes.

With current sports-related off-field bets, the sports books have added a layer of protection by cutting off bets well before the outcomes. In the case of the Cy Young Award winner, presented to baseball's top pitcher in each league, bets will stop being taken several weeks before the season ends. For the NBA Finals MVP, bets were cut off before the series tipped off.

Frank Kunovic, director for specialty games at Caesars Entertainment, said betting was light on the NBA Finals MVP. He had no takers on the long shots, including Pachulia.

"We didn't get a ton of action," Kunovic said. "But it's a new offering and word is just getting out."

It's a bet the casinos appear to be sticking with for now.

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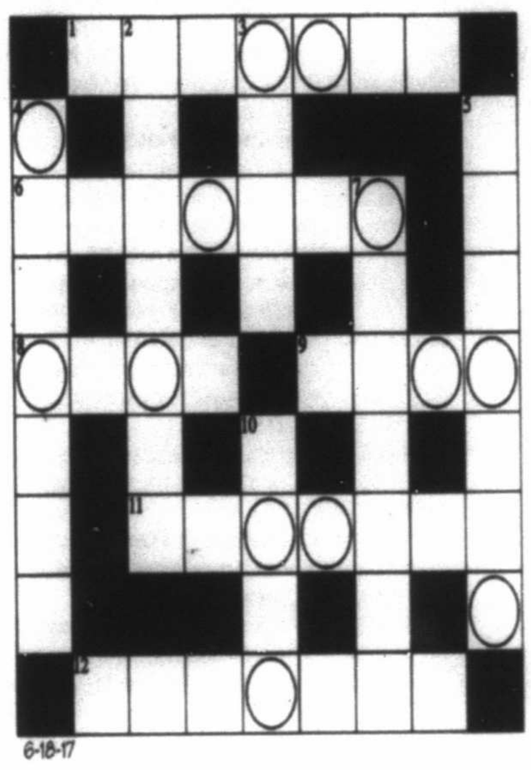
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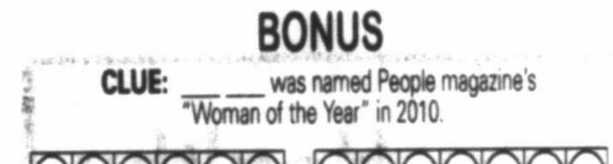
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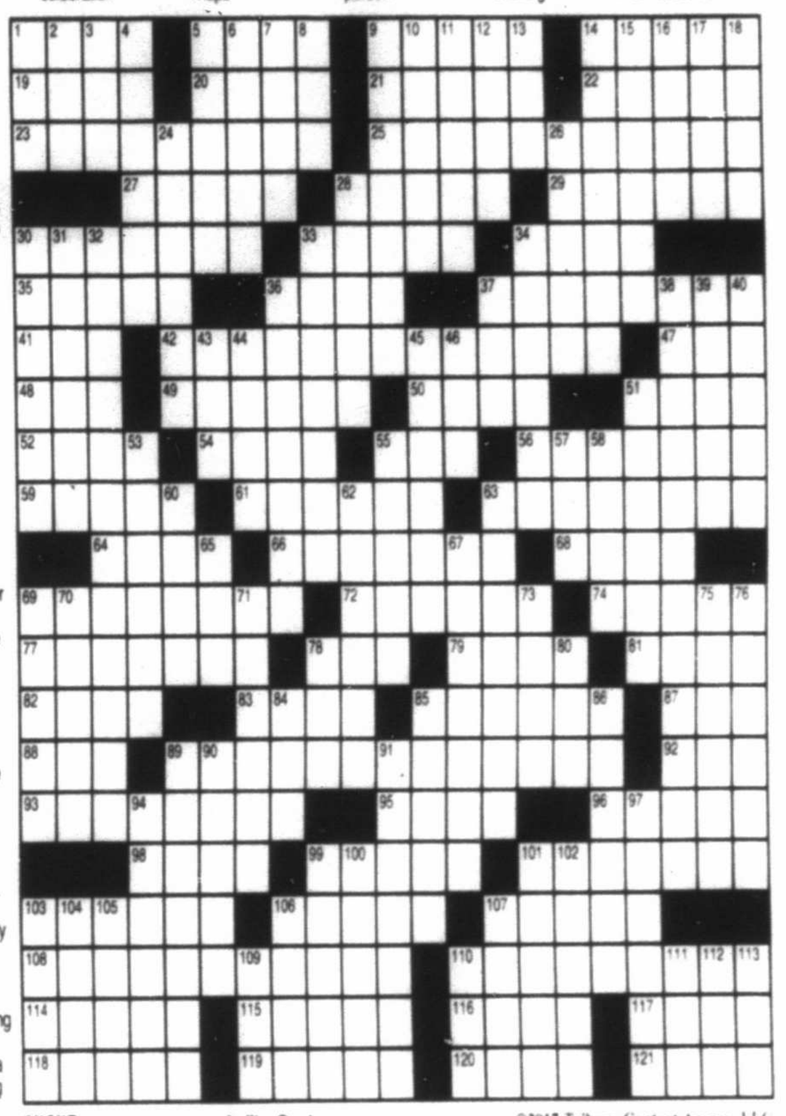
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35 "How about that!"
36 Kin of -trix
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42 School social worker's concern
47 Plastic __ Band
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28 Charged
30 Brand measured in drops
31 Completely behind
32 Newspaper revenue source
33 Run over
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36 Difficult to find
37 Start to tour?
38 Gorilla Glue, for one
39 How sun-dried tomatoes are packed
40 "Tut-tut" evokers
43 Military drill syllable
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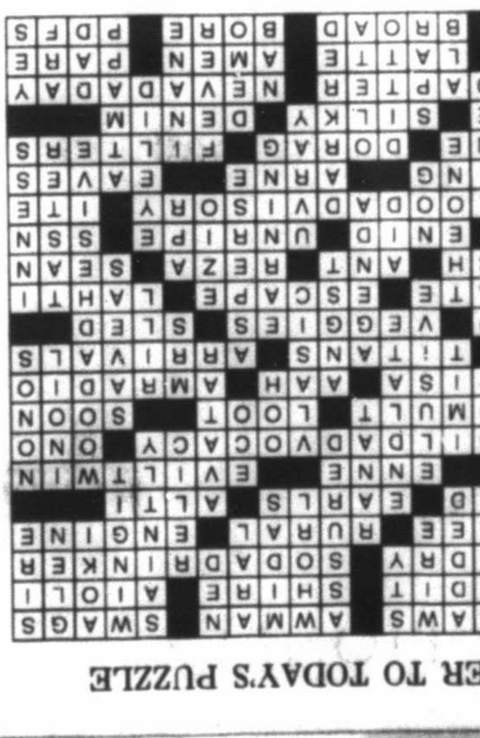
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How Fed hike will affect US consumers and overseas economies

By Christopher S. Rugaber and Alex Veiga
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WASHINGTON — Credit card holders will soon pay more. So will people with adjustable-rate mortgages or home equity lines of credit.

But most would-be home buyers needn't worry. And auto loan rates won't likely change much. For savers? Rates should creep up, at least for the highest-yielding CDs and saving accounts, though on average they'll still pay a pittance.

The cumulative impact of another Federal Reserve interest rate hike — its fourth in 18 months — will range widely for individuals and businesses with loans or income-producing accounts.

And the consequences range beyond U.S. shores. A series of Fed hikes generally means that overseas investors in search of interest income can increase their returns by shifting money into the United States. Higher U.S. rates also tend to cause an outflow of capital from developing countries that can ill-afford it.

The most immediate effects, though, are generally on borrowers in the United States. When the Fed lifts the short-term rate it controls by one-quarter of a percentage point, as it did Wednesday, it typically translates into a quarter-point rate increase for credit card debt and home equity lines, as well as for some adjustable mortgages.

Fed policymakers have raised their benchmark rate to a range of 1 percent to 1.25 percent and indicated that they foresee one additional hike this year, assuming that the economy remains on solid footing.

For someone with a $5,000 credit card balance who makes a minimum payment each month, the Fed's four rate increases since December 2015 equal an additional $700 in payments over the life of the loan, according to Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

"That's where consumers are feeling it and are going to continue to feel it," McBride said.

But home and auto loan rates are another story: Despite the Fed's moves, they've barely budged since December 2015, when the central bank announced its first increase after seven years of near-zero rates.

Here are some questions and answers on what the Fed's moves could mean for consumers, businesses, investors and the economy:

Q. Why haven't mortgage rates increased?

Because fixed-rate mortgage rates don't typically follow the Fed's changes. Sometimes they even move in the opposite direction. So it doesn't necessarily make sense to rush into buying a home or refinancing a mortgage. The hike often won't translate into higher mortgage rates.

Fixed long-term mortgages tend to track the rate on the 10-year Treasury, which, in turn, is influenced by such factors as investors' expectations of future inflation to global demand for U.S. Treasurys.

In December 2015, a week before the first increase, the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate was 4.06 percent, according to Bankrate.com. It actually fell for most of 2016, then jumped later in the year and peaked at 4.44 percent in mid-March this year.

But since then, long-term mortgage rates have declined and are back to almost exactly where they began: The 30-year averaged 4.04 percent earlier this month.

Even the increase that began in late 2016 had little to do with the Fed. Rather, investors dumped Treasurys and bought stocks in anticipation of faster growth and higher inflation after Donald Trump's election. Better growth overseas also raised optimism.

But as Trump's tax and infrastructure spending proposals have stalled, investors' outlooks have dimmed. Demand for the 10-year Treasury has risen, and so its yield has dropped, reducing mortgage rates with it.

Other factors can also keep rates low. When global investors grow nervous, they often pour money into Treasurys because they're seen as ultra-safe. That buying pressure holds down Treasury rates.

Q. So where will home loan rates go from here?

Hard to tell. The Fed expects to lift its benchmark rate one more time this year and three times in 2018. Eventually, those increases should put upward pressure on mortgage rates, but it's impossible to say when.

Mortgage rates are still very low by historical standards. Before the Great Recession, the 30-year rate had never dipped below 5 percent.

Q. How could the Fed's actions affect other countries around the world?

Higher rates in the United States tend to attract more investment from overseas. The European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan are still keeping their benchmark rates near zero to try to stimulate those economies. So investors can earn more by investing in dollar-denominated assets.

That inflow pushes up the value of the dollar, which can make U.S. exports costlier overseas It can also pull money out of developing countries, where rates are usually higher but government bonds carry more risk. A flow of funds out of developing nations can lower their currencies relative to the dollar, making it harder for businesses in those nations to repay debts they have incurred in dollars.

Q. My credit rating isn't so great. How will I be affected?

Doug Amis, a certified financial planner in Cary, North Carolina, says consumers with less-than-sterling credit can expect to pay more, especially when financing the purchase of a used car.

"There's going to be an opportunity to increase those rates higher," Amis said. "So if you have poor credit, this is going to impact you."

Still, even with another rate hike, the impact on consumers and businesses is likely to remain mild, as rates remain very low, relative to years ago, Amis noted.

Q. Have the Fed's moves boosted the puny rates available for savers?

In a few cases, yes. McBride says some smaller banks are starting to offer higher rates on CDs and savings accounts than larger banks are. The huge national banks already have "more deposits than they know what to do with," McBride said, so haven't lifted their rates at all.

As a result, the disparity between the smaller local banks and nationwide institutions is widening, he said: "Exploit that difference. It's money in your pocket."

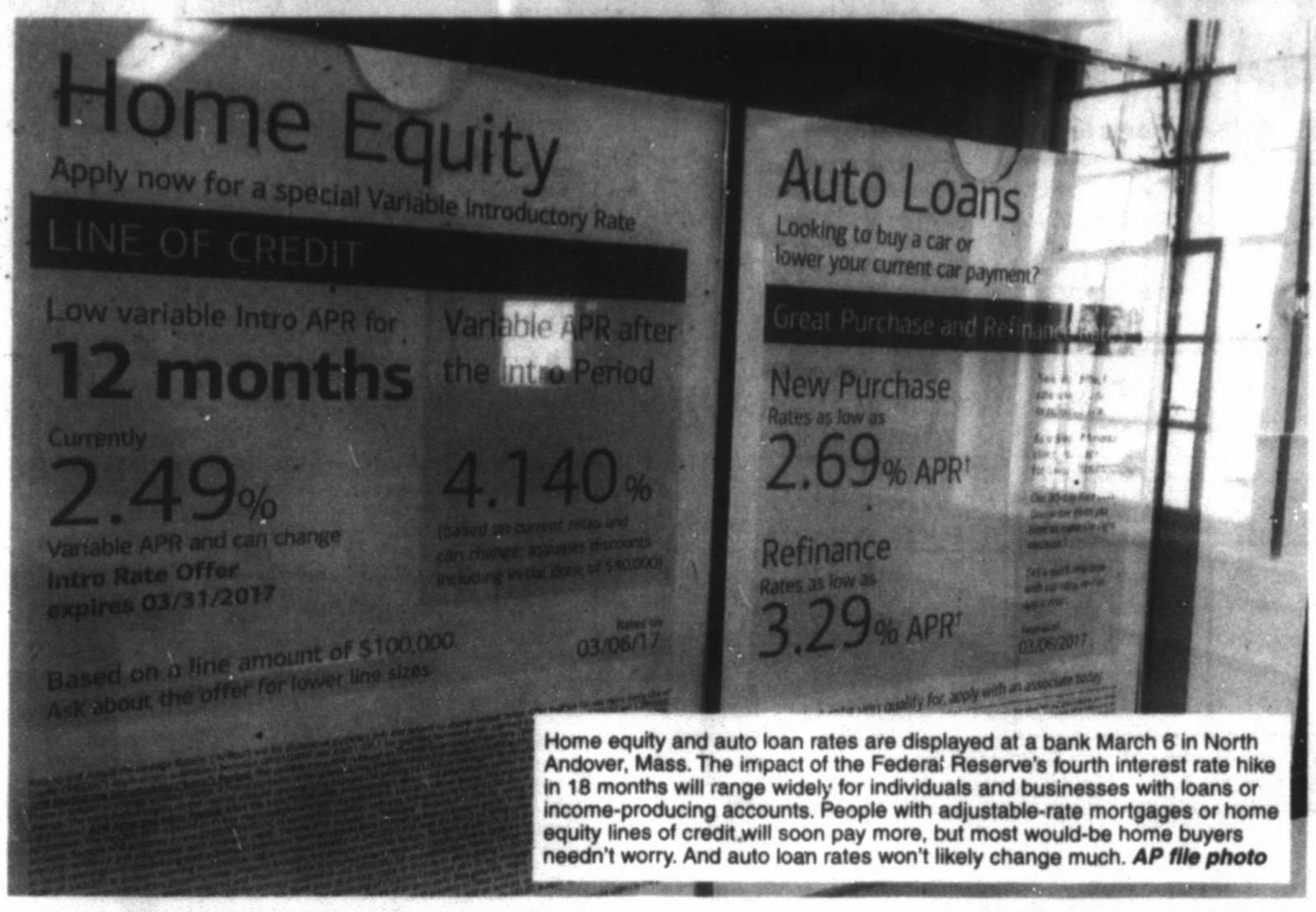
So far, the average rate on a one-year CD has barely risen since the Fed's rate hikes began, inching up from 0.27 percent in December 2015 to 0.35 percent now, according to Bankrate.com. But the highest-yielding CDs have risen from 1.35 percent to 1.5 percent.

Q. What if I'm a retiree invested in bonds?

Amis says he tells his fixed-income clients not to stress out over another rate hike.

"This is part of investing in fixed income, and it's not a signal to jump ship and go into dividend-paying equities," he said. "I would recommend they stay the course and earn the coupon."

Since rates began rising again, Amis has been advising retirees and others with fixed-income investments like bonds to ensure that their portfolios are balanced between very short-term and long-term bonds. Longer-term bonds typically pay higher rates, and as rates rise, the short-term securities will be replaced with higher-yielding ones.



Home equity and auto loan rates are displayed at a bank March 6 in North Andover, Mass. The impact of the Federal Reserve's fourth interest rate hike in 18 months will range widely for individuals and businesses with loans or income-producing accounts. People with adjustable-rate mortgages or home equity lines of credit will soon pay more, but most would-be home buyers needn't worry. And auto loan rates won't likely change much. *AP file photo*

The US is where the rich are the richest

NEW YORK — It's an excellent time to be rich, especially in the U.S.

Around the world, the number of millionaires and billionaires is surging right along with the value of their holdings. Even as economic growth has slowed, the rich have managed to gain a larger slice of the world's wealth.

Globally, almost 18 million households control more than $1 million in wealth, according to a new report from the Boston Consulting Group. These rich folk represent just 1 percent of the world's population, but they hold 45 percent of the world's $166.5 trillion in wealth. They will control more than half the world's wealth by 2021, BCG said.

Rising inequality is of course no surprise. Reams of data have shown that in recent decades the rich have been taking ever-larger shares of wealth and income — especially in the U.S., where corporate profits are nearing records while wages for the workforce remain stagnant.

In fact, while global inequality is simply accelerating, in America it's gone into overdrive. The share of income going to the top 1 percent in the U.S. has more than doubled in the last 35 years, after dropping in the decades after World War II (when the rich were taxed at high double-digit rates). The tide shifted in the 1980s under Republican President Ronald Reagan, a decade when "trickle-down economics" saw tax rates for the rich fall, union membership shrink, and stock markets spike.

Now, those policies and their progeny have helped put 63 percent of America's private wealth in the hands of U.S. millionaires and billionaires, BCG said. By 2021, their share of the nation's wealth will rise to an estimated 70 percent.

The world's wealth "gained momentum" last year, BCG concluded, rising 5.3 percent globally from 2015 to 2016. The firm expects growth to accelerate to about 6 percent annually for the next five years, in both the U.S. and globally. But a lot of that can again be attributed to the rich. The wealth held by everyone else is just barely growing.

Where is all this wealth coming from? The sources are slightly different in the U.S. compared with the rest of the world. Globally, about half of new wealth comes from existing financial assets — rising stock prices or yields on bonds and bank deposits — held predominately by the already well-off. The rest of the world's new wealth comes from what BCG classifies as "new wealth creation," from people saving money they've earned through labor or entrepreneurship.

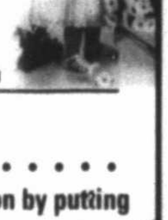
In the U.S., the creation of "new" wealth is a minor factor, making up just 28 percent of the nation's wealth increase last year. It's even lower in Japan, at 21 percent. In the rest of the Asia Pacific region, meanwhile, two-thirds of the rise is driven by new wealth creation.

Political changes could boost the riches of American millionaires even further. After the 2016 election, U.S. stocks rose as investors hoped Republican President Donald Trump and a Republican Congress would agree to eliminate regulations and lower corporate tax rates. The wealthy may also get a tax cut as part of the bargain. For example, the American Health Care Act, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives to repeal and replace Obamacare, includes the elimination of taxes paid almost exclusively by the top 1 percent.

"No one knows" what kind of tax changes will become law, said BCG senior partner Bruce Holley. However, "this could buy the (growth in U.S. wealth) that we are predicting."

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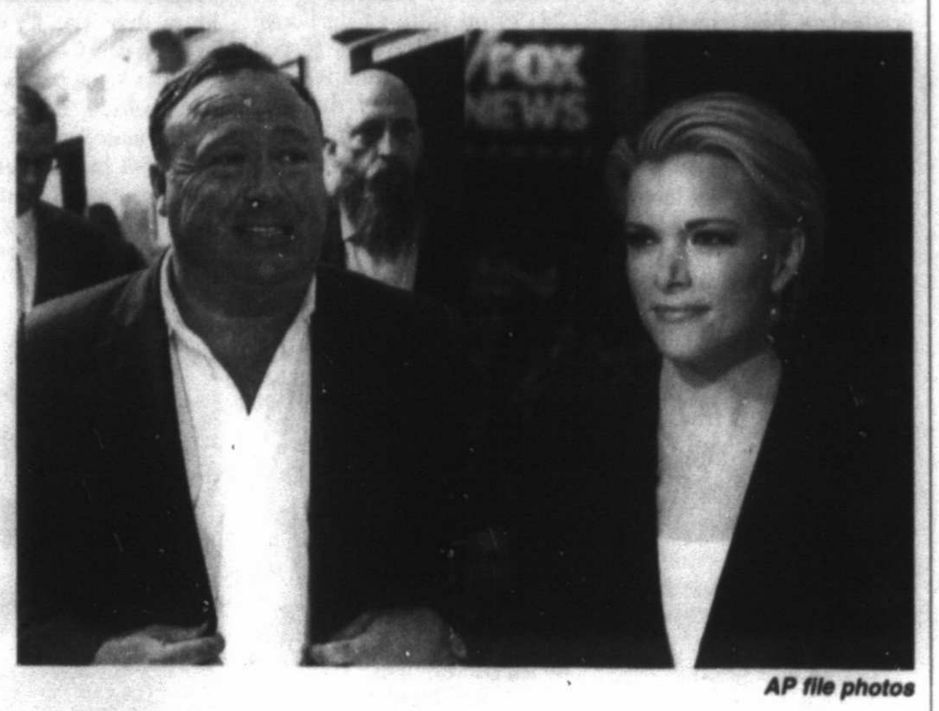
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LEFT: "Infowars" host Alex Jones arrives April 17 at the Travis County Courthouse in Austin. **RIGHT:** Megyn Kelly waits for the start of the Republican presidential primary debate Jan. 28, 2016, in Des Moines, Iowa.

The social media backlash against Megyn Kelly's NBC News interview with far-right conspiracy theorist Alex Jones is showing how the transition from cable to broadcast news can be a tricky one.

Kelly, who joined NBC after 12 years at Fox News, is the highest-profile cable star to cross over to broadcast news. While controversy often drives viewers to cable news personalities, it's generally eschewed in the more buttoned-down environment of a broadcast network news division.

NBC News poached Kelly from Fox News with the hope of making her a bigger star. But many TV news industry observers believe the negative publicity over an interview with a subject who isn't considered a big TV "get" is not the formula for her turning her new show into a hit.

The network is feeling the heat in only the second week of its new newsmagazine "Sunday Night With Megyn Kelly," the prime-time platform for the anchor reportedly earning $17 million a year.

As a Fox News anchor, Kelly regularly received criticism from liberal media watchdogs and occasionally the ire of conservatives who grew disdainful of her tough coverage of President Donald Trump. Provocative political talk is what drives viewers to watch cable news every night as minute-to-minute ratings are often broken down to measure audience interest in every segment.

But broadcast news programs — even with their diminished ratings — still have a level of stature that isn't appropriate for a fringe figure such as Jones, said Joe Peyronnin, former network news executive and journalism professor at Hofstra University.

"There is no journalistic reason to give him a prime-time network platform," Peyronnin said. "While the controversy around the Alex Jones interview may draw higher viewer tune in, it will not benefit the American people, and has opened NBC News and Megyn Kelly to enormous criticism."

In its second week on the air, "Sunday Night With Megyn Kelly" averaged 3.608 million viewers — down 2.5 million viewers from its June 4 debut.

Jones — head of "Infowars," a Web-based radio and video network that has relentlessly pushed conspiracy theories — has repeatedly suggested the shooting that killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012 was a hoax staged to alter the country's gun laws. He has made similar suggestions about the mass shooting at a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, the same year.

After NBC aired a lengthy teaser that showed Kelly interviewing Jones for a segment scheduled to air this coming weekend on her program "Sunday Night," hundreds of angry messages appeared on social media.

"A new low," Diane Sherman posted on Twitter with a photo of the 20 children killed by gunman Adam Lanza in the shooting. "Have u no integrity or shame @megynkelly @NBC?"

The negative response led JPMorgan Chase to pull back its local TV advertising on "Sunday Night" and other NBC News programming until after the Jones segment airs. NBC News did not respond to an inquiry on whether other advertisers are opting out of the episode.

Kelly was also dropped as the host of a gala sponsored by Sandy Hook Promise, an anti-gun violence organization founded by the parents of children killed in the school shooting. The organizers cited the interview as a reason for dumping Kelly from the event scheduled for Wednesday.

Kelly responded with a statement on her Twitter account that said she is disappointed with the organization's decision. But she defended the interview, which is still scheduled to air.

"I find Alex Jones' suggestion that Sandy Hook was 'a hoax' as personally revolting as every other rational person does," she said.

Kelly's statement said that her interview is aimed at learning how Jones, "who traffics in these outrageous conspiracy theories, has the respect of the president of the United States and a growing audience of millions. ... Our goal in sitting down with him was to shine a light — as journalists are supposed to do — on this influential figure, and yes — to discuss the considerable falsehoods he has promoted with near impunity."

Kelly said it's her job to "shine a light" on newsmakers. Trump and his former national security advisor, Michael T. Flynn, have been open enthusiasts of Jones' "Infowars."

Kelly was also defended Monday night by Liz Cole, an executive producer for NBC News, in an interview with CNN. "Viewers will see Megyn do a strong interview where she challenges (Jones) appropriately," Cole said. "That's the benefit of putting him out there. When someone actually sits down and asks him questions and he has to come up with answers — ther's value to that."

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CNN's chief Zucker lays blame on Trump for threats

By David Bauder
Associated Press



Zucker

NEW YORK — CNN chief Jeff Zucker says the level of threats faced by his journalists is more serious than people realize and he lays the blame squarely at the feet of President Donald Trump and other politicians he says try to delegitimize the press.

Zucker called it "unconscionable and dangerous and they should know better."

CNN has frequently been the target of Trump's complaints about "fake news." Anti-CNN chants were heard from the audience at some of Trump's campaign rallies last year. It didn't involve CNN, but recently elected Montana congressman Greg Gianforte pleaded guilty to body-slamming a newspaper reporter who had asked him a question the night before his special election victory.

"This is what happens when you try to delegitimize an institution that is trying to do its job," Zucker said on Thursday. "It is shameful on the part of the administration and other politicians to cause a frenzy against something that is guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States. It does a disservice to this country and its position in the world and allows a heightened sense of rhetoric against journalists and media organizations."

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Zucker, president of CNN Worldwide, said he was reluctant to talk publicly about the concerns but that "we've been dealing with this in a very real and heightened way over the last 18 months."

The Committee to Protect Journalists said it is concerned that public criticism and attacks have "created a threatening environment for journalists," said Carlos Lauria, CPJ's senior program coordinator for the Americas. The organization is in the process of documenting incidents in the U.S., he said.

CNN and Trump have had a complicated relationship; the network was criticized in the early stages of last year's campaign for giving Trump too much airtime, and the network still gets heat for some of the pro-Trump commentators it employs, like Jeffrey Lord. Zucker has consistently defended the importance of having people on the air who reflect Trump's point of view.

Zucker and Trump have a personal history, too. He was head of NBC Universal when Trump became one of NBC's biggest stars on "The Apprentice." Zucker said he hasn't spoken with Trump since he became president.

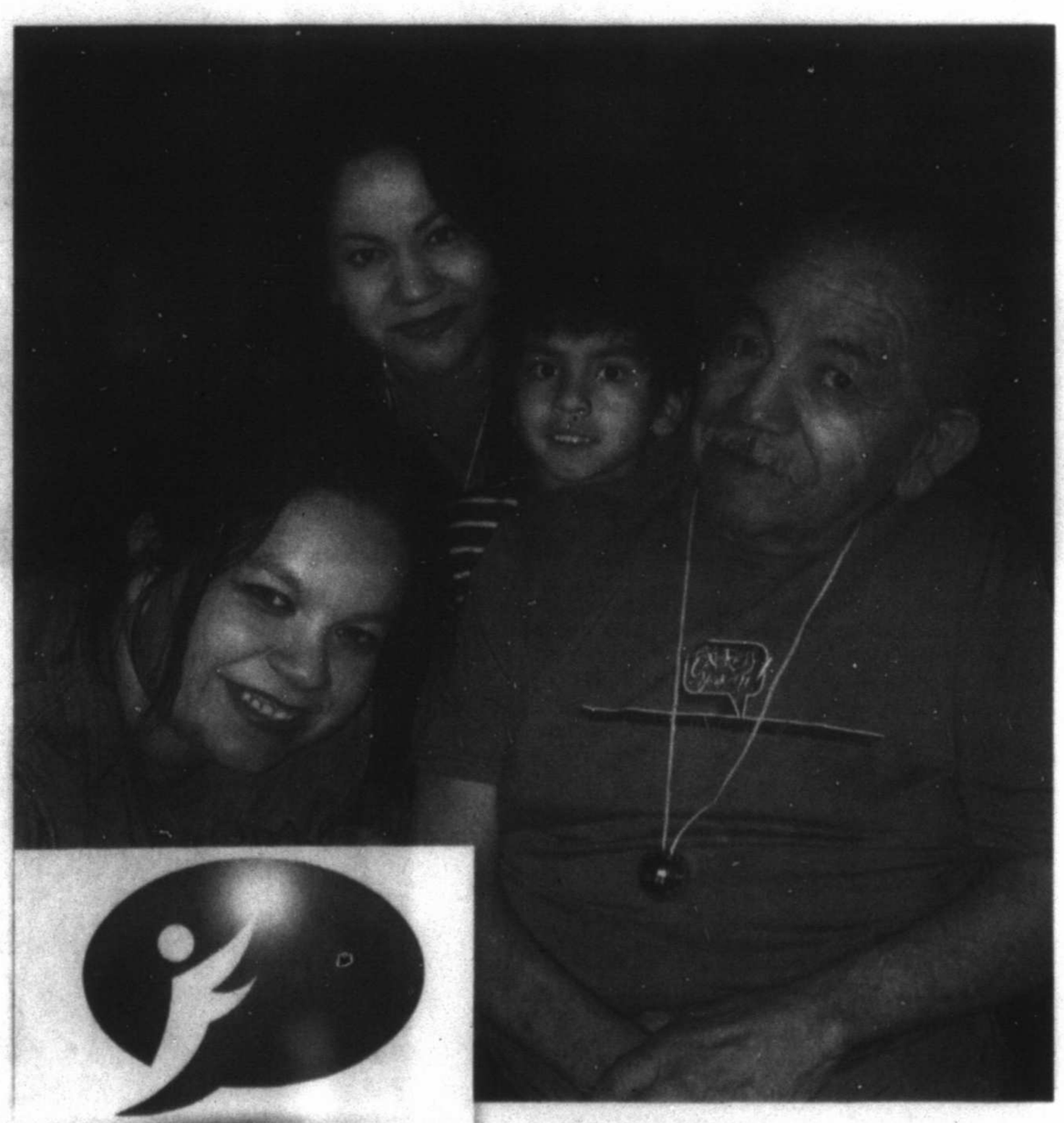
Meanwhile, he notes that CNN has yet to score a sit-down interview with the president and said he's willing to do so at any time.

Zucker also said CNN will continue to air the White House press briefings that were a staple of cable networks' early afternoon programming in the first weeks of the Trump administration, even though they've become less frequent, shorter and — some critics have noted — less informative.

"There is value in shining a light on what the president's spokesperson says," Zucker said. "There is news value in the unwillingness or inability to answer questions."

Some Superheroes Don't Have Capes or Words

Jose Salinas' role as a father to four children and ten grandchildren was at great risk when stroke and aphasia struck one year ago. The once outgoing, independent, bubbly man became wheelchair bound, with his ability to talk, read, and write severely compromised. In the words of Jose's daughters Veronica and Leticia, here is their Father's Day tribute.



A year ago, every interaction was heartbreaking and stressful for our family. We couldn't understand our dad and we feared his life was basically over. As a retired professional house painter, an outgoing and involved church member, he was always going above and beyond to help others. Over these last months, as a widow and stroke survivor, he had to muster the courage to progress through rehabilitation therapies, an unwanted move to assisted living, and a continued life without words.

We were devastated and wanted our dad back like he was before. But then we started going to the Aphasia Center together as a family. We learned about aphasia and we learned different ways of communicating. There is always a way to communicate, a way to get back to living life. When we walk in the Center and see people laughing, helping each other out, it is so awesome to know he can't wait to be there each week.

Life is opening back up as we look for programs to help get dad's home handicap-accessible - a realistic dream given all his progress. Our dad has always been our role model – a man of faith, teaching us to never give up.

This Father's Day, and every day, his example is even more powerful us as we watch him not give up on himself. Happy Father's Day.

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18 new, returning TV shows worth checking out this summer

By Hank Stuever
The Washington Post

Not only is summer a useful time to finish or delete anything that's loitering in your DVR, I've always encouraged viewers to also use these months as a time to guiltlessly graze TV's junk-food aisles. Certain inane pleasures await when we stop treating TV like highbrow homework and let it become the populist entertainer it was made to be.

That said, I do have some summer assignments (no groaning!), including FX's instantly addictive 1980s drug epic "Snowfall" (July 5), Netflix's delightful lady-wrestler dramedy "GLOW" (June 23) and PBS' ace-detective prequel "Prime Suspect: Tennison" (June 25) — reviews of which you can find elsewhere in this preview package.

And here are another 20 new and returning shows I think are worth checking out between now and Labor Day. (No pressure, though. If you'd prefer to spend your summer watching real estate transactions and celebrity game shows, I won't tell.)

"The Great British Baking Show"

(PBS at 8 p.m., premiered Friday) Once more into the tent! Twelve amateur bakers vie for the only title that really matters, with judges Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood scrutinizing 30 new dessert challenges. Fans consider "The Great British Baking Show" to be the perfect escape from a tumultuous world, and they're right — it is.

"Broadchurch"

(BBC America at 9 p.m., June 28) Remember how wild we all were for "Broadchurch" a few years back? (And how let down we were by Season 1's ending and Season 2's meandering?) Now the show is back for a reinvigorated third (and final) round, reuniting detectives Alec Hardy and Ellie Miller (David Tennant and Olivia Colman) as they investigate a rape case.

"The Words That Built America"

(HBO at 6 p.m., July 4) Indefatigable documentarian and patriot Alexandra Pelosi steps out of the picture and gets famous and non-famous Americans to read aloud from the three documents that define our nation: the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution. That ought to fix things.

"The Defiant Ones"

(HBO at 8 p.m. July 9-12) Critics got a glimpse awhile back of this four-night documentary about the intertwining careers of Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine (and the emergence of Interscope and Death Row Records) — and I was totally hooked. "The Defiant Ones" affirms the idea that a good ear for talent is connected to an open (and rebellious, idiosyncratic) mind that instinctively roots out the new.

"Last Men in Aleppo"

(PBS, premieres July 10; check listings or visit PBS.org/pov) Of all the documentaries coming out of war-ravaged Syria, including Oscar-winner "The White Helmets," this one from director Feras Fayyad is particularly impressive as a fuller work. Washington Post film critic Michael O'Sullivan wrote that "Last Men in Aleppo" is "a deeper and more artful film (than 'White Helmets')."

"Salvation"

(CBS at 8 p.m., July 12) This sci-fi/suspense thriller is about an MIT student and a tech billionaire who team up to save the world from an asteroid. That particular sort of Armageddon sounds like old hat (or maybe wishful thinking), but with past shows like "Brain Dead" and "Extant," CBS seems to really get the experimental nature of summer TV.

"I'm Sorry "

(TruTV at 9 p.m., July 12) "Veep" fans know Andrea Savage as President Laura Montez; here she plays a crazed comedy writer/mom/wife in one of those "loosely based" autobiographical L.A. dramedies. Not exactly a new concept (see "Better Things," et al.), but short clips from the show seem surprisingly funny — and naughty.

"Friends From College"

(Netflix, July 14) Film director Nicholas Stoller ("Neighbors") and wife Francesca Delbanco are behind this eight-episode dramedy about a group of six Ivy Leaguers (including Keegan-Michael Key, Fred Savage, Cobie Smulders and Nat Faxon) who remain friends in their complicated 40s. Precious, sure, but Key's comedic timing saves the episodes I've seen.

"Game of Thrones"

(HBO at 8 p.m., July 16) Although I find it a bit rudderless since it eclipsed the novels (which I've never read), "GoT" is still one of the best shows of our time. There are only seven episodes in this penultimate season, so enjoy them while they last. As far as I'm concerned, the sooner Daenerys and Tyrion take care of Cersei, the better — but I hope they leave something for Arya.

"The Strain"

(FX at 9 p.m., July 16) Guillermo del Toro and Chuck Hogan's underappreciated viral-vampires saga moves at a nice clip with a minimum of existential crises amid the horror. This fourth and final season deals with the fact that petulant brat Zach (Max Charles) set off a nuclear bomb in Manhattan at the end of Season 3. (He's the worst.)

"Insecure"

(HBO at 9:30 p.m., July 23) Issa Rae's affecting portrait of a young social worker in Los Angeles and the up-and-down state of her friendships and love life ended its first season on an especially down note, when her character's boyfriend dumped her after discovering she'd had an affair. Both Rae and HBO have been pretty tight-lipped about what happens next.

"Midnight, Texas"

(NBC at 9 p.m., July 24) From author Charlaine Harris (who gave us "True Blood"), this drama is about a small town that's full of paranormal inhabitants (vampires, witches, werewolves, psychics) who have to fight off cops and biker gangs to form a community where they can be themselves. Looks like the usual monster mash-up of gothic and erotic.

"Somewhere Between"

(ABC at 9 p.m., July 24) As if media workers aren't crazy-busy enough these days, Paula Patton stars as Laura Price, a TV news producer who has a frighteningly detailed vision that her 8-year-old daughter (Aria Birch) will be murdered. This 10-episode thriller follows along as Laura desperately tries to prevent the inevitable.

"Room 104"

(HBO at 10:30 p.m., July 28) From brothers Jay and Mark Duplass ("Togetherness"), this anthology dramedy features a random mix of characters who each spend a night in Room 104 of an nondescript motel. The brothers initially said they wanted to set the show in a banal, corporate chain motel, but in a preview clip, this retro, double-queen room definitely looks old-school No-Tell Motel.

"Manhunt: Unabomber"

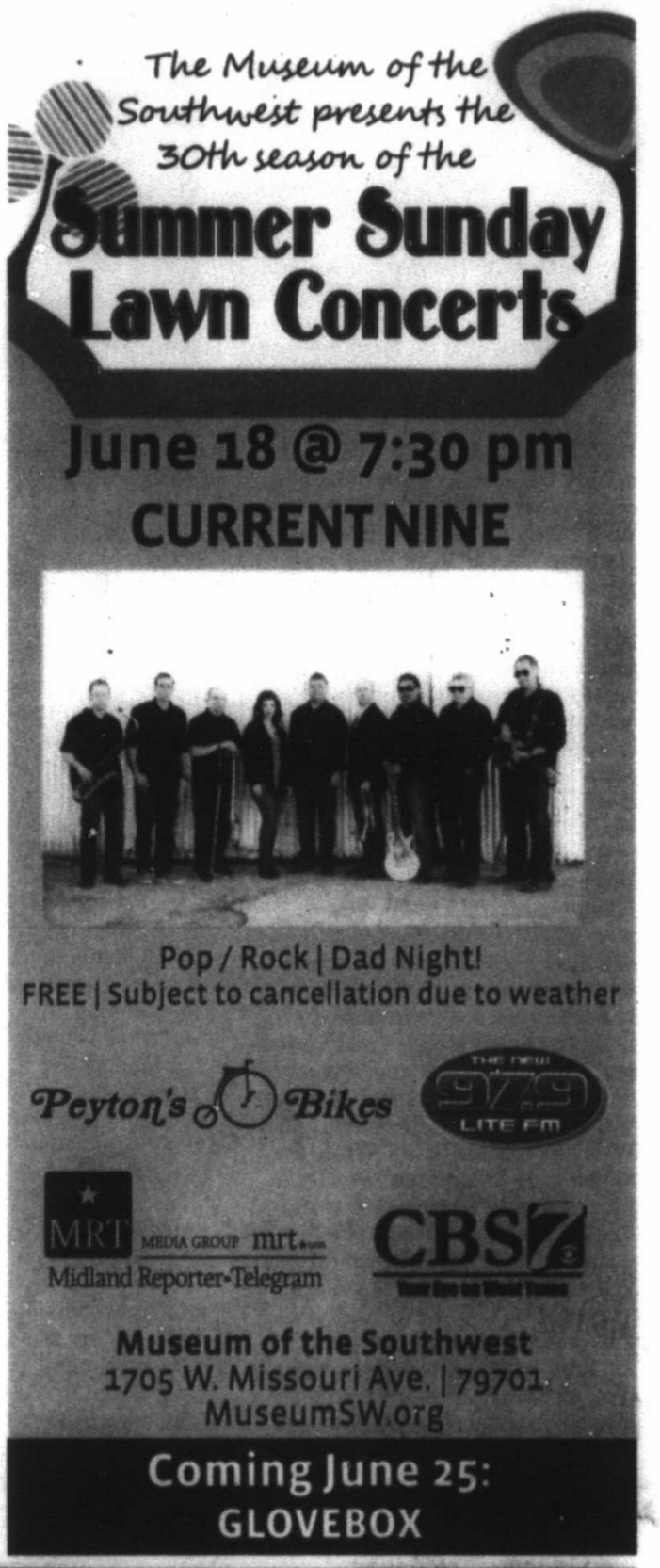
(Discovery Channel at 8 p.m., Aug. 1) Discovery takes a dramatic, eight-episode stab at telling the story of hermit and domestic terrorist Ted Kaczynski (Paul Bettany) and the FBI profiler, Jim Fitzgerald ("Avatar's" Sam Worthington), who tracked him down in 1996. Jane Lynch plays Attorney General Janet Reno. "Quarry" showrunner Greg Yaitanes directs.

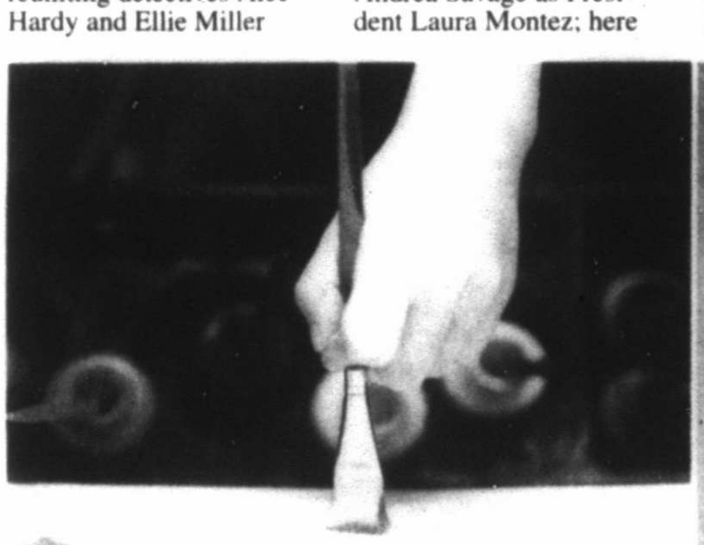
"What Would Diplo Do?"

(Viceland at 9 p.m., Aug. 3) Viceland's first attempt at a scripted show is a dramedy in which James Van Der Beek stars as a satirically egocentric version of Diplo, the world-famous DJ and record producer. Your skepticism is warranted, but know this: The TV industry exists mainly to find Van Der Beek the perfect comeback vehicle. It's been going on for years now.

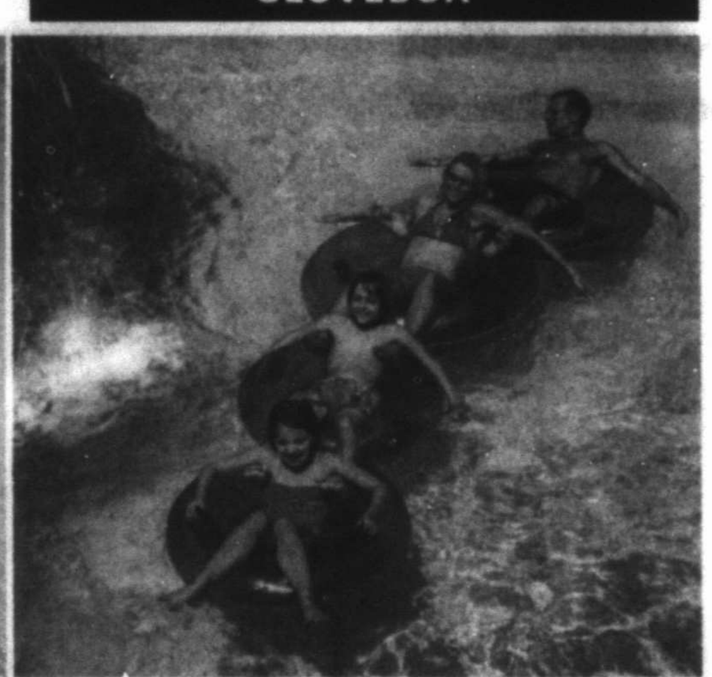
"First in Human"

(Discovery Channel at 8 p.m., Aug. 10) Three-night docu-series, narrated by "Big Bang Theory" star Jim Parsons, takes viewers on an unprecedented trip inside the National Institutes of Health's "Building 10" hospital complex, where chemotherapy was first used against cancer, lithium was tried for depression and — so long as federal funding continues — further research continues.













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VIEWPOINTS

Is the new texting ban the best Texas can do?



KEN HERMAN
Austin American Statesman

Tucked into Gov. Greg Abbott's recent announcement about the upcoming special legislative session was the revelation that he'd signed into law the bill banning texting while driving.

In general, I'm good with banning dumb and dangerous stuff.

More from Abbott: "But I was not satisfied with this law as it was written. ... We've got to pre-empt all local ordinances that regulate mobile devices in vehicles. ... We don't need a patchwork quilt of regulations that dictate driving practices in Texas."

Sounds logical, right? Maybe. Ditto for the new statewide texting while driving ban.

What Abbott wants — a state override of local ordinances on behind-the-wheel cellphone use — would make Austin streets less safe. Austin now bans pretty much all forms of hand-held cellphone use for any purpose (and there are as many purposes as there are apps) while driving.

About 90 Texas cities have some form of ban. The new state law, effective Sept. 1, bans only "electronic messages" and allows lots of other uses, including hands-on phone calls, surfing the web and doing your income taxes.

So the Austin ordinance does more to promote safety than the state law, with which Abbott wants to override it. I get the potential problem of patchwork. But why not a state law more like our local ordinance? Seems wiser than a state law that erases our stronger Austin ordinance.

You've got to figure that millions (or more) of texts are sent by drivers every day. Shockingly few of those texts ever cause a problem. But when they do, they can kill.

And that leads to another thing about texting while driving: It's amazingly stupid, as well as unnecessary. Ditto for other hand-held cellphone use while driving.

People do dumb and dangerous stuff — like texting while driving — because they've successfully done it zillions of times without a problem. That's the problem. I'd hope one close call would cure anyone of texting while driving, even if it's legal, which it shouldn't be.

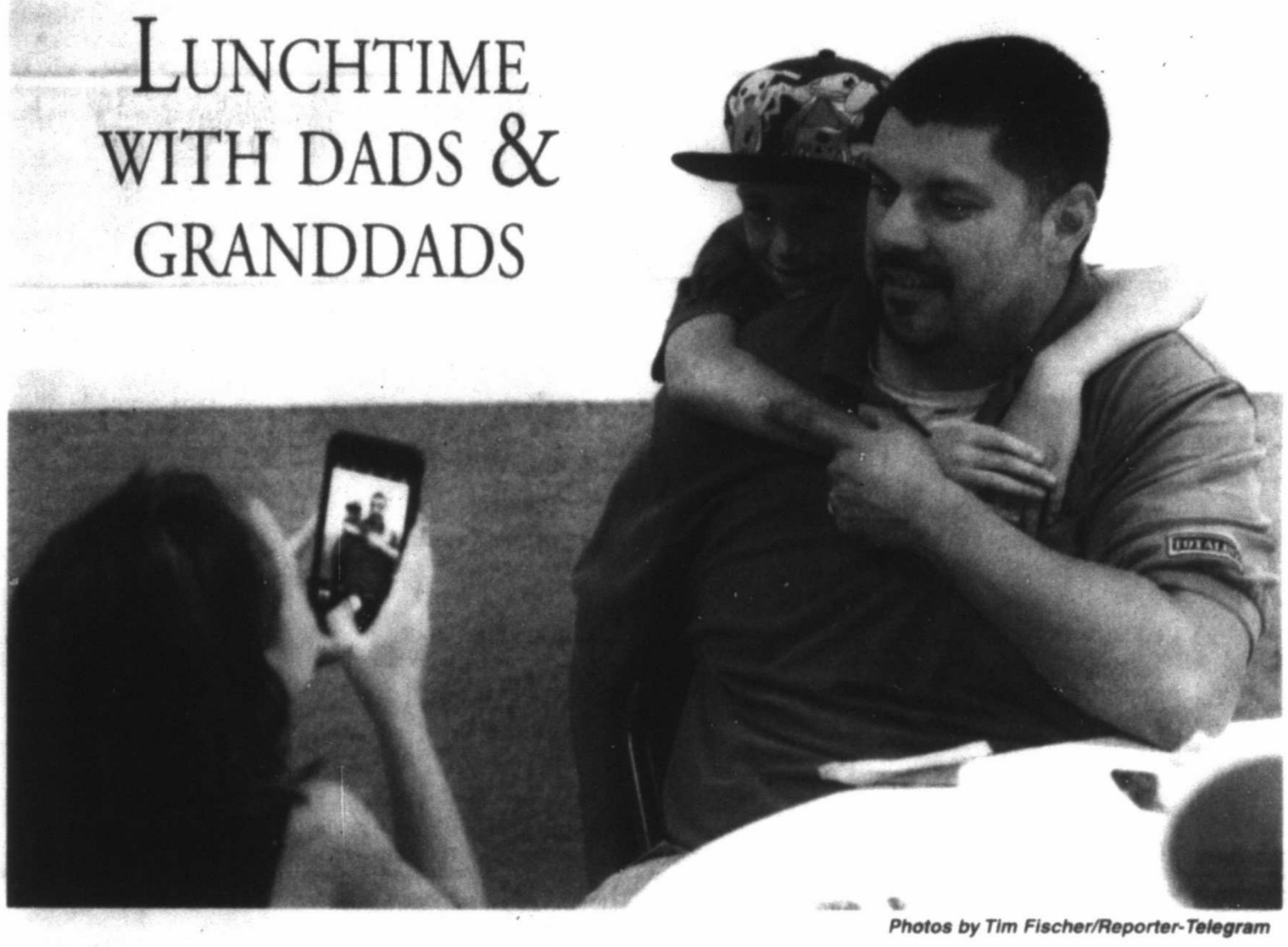
Abbott's signing of House Bill 62, the anti-texting bill, was praised by the folks whose profit margin is dinged by wrecks caused by texting drivers.

"Insurers believe this bill will save lives on Texas roads," said Joe Woods, vice president of state government relations for the Property Casualty Insurers of America. "By making texting while driving a primary offense, law enforcement can pull over drivers who are seen using their

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TO DADS ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

LUNCHTIME WITH DADS & GRANDDADS



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ABOVE: Braleigh Sawyer takes a picture of her grandfather, Jeff Prieto and Bryson Love during Camp Fire USA's Father's Day lunch Friday. **BELOW LEFT:** Mark Greene talks with his grandson Kaden Martin. **BELOW RIGHT:** Jake Dolen talk with his son Braddox.







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There is no greater gift than being a father

I am a father.

Over the years, there have been other titles used to describe me — son, brother, reporter and editor are a few that come to mind. None will measure up to being the "father" of two beautiful girls. None will be more meaningful or important.

I love being a father. Hearing the girls call me "daddy" is still the highlight of my day. I thought that would change as they grow older. It hasn't. I expect it never will.

I always heard that my life would change when I became a father, and it did. I stopped playing golf. I watch movies that are more their style, and traveling starts with what sounds good to them.

I really have had no issue with any of it. I didn't play enough golf to be good, because of the girls. I discovered the drive-in (two movies for one low price) and I would rather travel with them anyway.

I am writing this, of course, because today is Father's Day — something that doesn't mean much to me as a dad. Some readers might not appreciate that sentiment, but I have never been a greeting card holiday guy. A person shouldn't need Valentine's Day to remind them to tell their significant other how much they love them. I also don't need the third Sunday of June to be a day of appreciation for something that gives me the better end of the deal.

I am not going to write something corny like "Every day is Father's Day." It doesn't work like that. But there will not be a day when I am not their father, and for that, I am grateful. That's all I need.

If someone asked me what I want for my girls — currently 11 and 8 years old — my answer is pretty easy. To be happy, healthy, hard-working, love their God with all their hearts and love their neighbor as themselves. If they do that, I expect everything else generally will fall into play.

My job is to be there for them, and along with their mother provide guidance and help lay the foundation for them to achieve everything mentioned above. All I will ask in return is the opportunity to walk them down the aisle. It seems like a fair trade for this father.

I want to wrap this up with a little honesty. I will never be a perfect father. There are days I fail to live up to the most important title I will ever receive. It is like being a Christian. There is always a reason to strive to be better, and it doesn't mean I won't stop trying.

Fathers in Midland: I hope this day is everything you want it to be. I also hope that you strive to be the best father you can be the other 364 days of the year.

Happy Father's Day to the one who is kind, steadfast, happy and true



MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

Dearest Husband,

The kids, doglets and I have just returned from our trip to the dry cleaner's and a lazy brunch. The washing machine is laboring away, and we have picked up our rooms and put away all the art supplies left out yesterday. It was a struggle. Your daughter cried — a lot. Cleaning is so not her jam, but then I overheard your son offering to help her clean her bedroom. It was a disaster area that had spilled over into their bathroom and hall. How anyone so small can make a mess so large, so quickly, is beyond me. Working together, it only took them a few minutes to get everything back right. Like you, that sweet boy is a sucker for tears and damsels in distress. I hope they will always be friends and partners, helping each other make messes and cleaning them up.

Our children have really started to play well together this year. I have only yelled at them twice and threatened to pull the car over once since school ended. As I write, they are getting out remote controls and firing up the Xbox One. I know another "Minecraft" marathon is brewing so I can work in relative peace. This has been a crazy week with the roofers and carpet cleaners here. I have felt frazzled after being trapped indoors with hysterical dogs and children for three days. They have felt stressed, too. But today, oh today, they are angels and willing to help me work.

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It's time to listen to conservative women in the nation



SHARON GRIGSBY
Dallas Morning News

A debate over whether it's more difficult to be a conservative or a woman in the United States no doubt fits into the category of "first-world problem." Neither is very hard in comparison to, say, life on a rice paddy.

But the "which is tougher?" discussion is nonetheless hot after remarks by 24-year-old conservative firebrand Tomi Lahren during the opening session of a Young Women's Leadership Summit. She is among the headliners at the conservative event, which runs through Sunday in Dallas.

Lahren said Thursday night that it's not hard to be a woman in the U.S. In fact, "there's no better place to be a woman than the United States of America," she said.

Actually, a lot of researchers would disagree. The 2017 Best Countries report, with its impeccable methodology, lists Sweden, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands and Canada as its top five for women; the U.S. comes in at No. 16.

But I believe her comments regarding the difficulty of being a conservative — in particular, a conservative woman — need to be taken seriously. They give voice to an important perspective.

Lahren said young women often tell her that "one of the hardest things to be is a conservative."

She and her followers have standing that I don't to make that assessment. While I am solidly to the right of many of my Dallas Morning News colleagues, no one would say I have much conservative cred.

But my circle of close friends, family and acquaintances includes nearly as many conservative women as liberal ones. And they agree heartily with Lahren's assessment. Even with a Republican in the White House and the Texas Governor's Mansion, they say, being a conservative can feel pretty lonely in many circles, particularly women's circles.

Just last weekend, I hosted a group of

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Obituaries



Jewel D. Cook

Jewel D. Cook was born in Davilla, Texas on November 30, 1932, the second of eight children, to Booker T. and Ella B. Williams, who both preceded her in death. She attended Davilla Public Schools and shortly thereafter moved to Midland, Texas and was united with Edgar E. Cook, her loving husband of 60 years, who also preceded her in death. Mrs. Cook, along with her late husband, started their life in Midland as proprietors of the "Drug Store", one of the local hangouts for Carver High School students. She also went on to earn her Associate's degree in Accounting.

She was definitely a "jewel". She was a genuine gem and served her community in various capacities as a Midland resident. Jewel always enjoyed doing something for someone else. She volunteered her services as a tutor at Casa de Amigos, worked as a hotline volunteer for the Battered Women and Children's Center, and many other community services.

Besides her volunteer work in the community, Jewel was employed at Sunoco (formerly Sun Oil Company) for 21 years. After retirement, she worked as a Wedding Coordinator and Home Interiors representative.

In the fall of 1991, she started a second career as an Administrative Assistant at the Southeast Senior Citizen's Center because it was important for her to give a little of her time helping others.

Mrs. Cook united with the Macedonia Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. H.F. Doyle. She was a member for 67 years and served as the Chairman of the Decorating Committee until she passed the torch. She was also a member of the Gospel Chorus, under the leadership of the late Pastor Emeritus Rev. O.J. Archie and current Rev. Woodrow W. Bailey III.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Earnestine Williams and Christine Knight (Fred), and a brother, Booker T. Williams, Jr.

To cherish her memories she leaves two daughters, Rolanda Cook-Witt of Marietta, Georgia and Karen Cook of Midland, TX; God daughter, Jessica Price and her son, Brenden of Houston, TX. One grandchild, Courtland Cook (Betsy) of Midland, TX and two great grandchildren, Khyston and her "name sake" Landyn Jewel. She is also survived by four sisters; Darlene Burleson (wife of the late Harry Burleson) of Cameron, TX; Dorothy Dickerson (Emmitt) of Mitchellville, Maryland; Wilma Green (wife of the late Dan Green) of Cameron, TX; Alma Smith of Temple, TX and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, extended family members and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 19, 2017 at Macedonia Baptist Church with Rev. Woodrow Bailey III officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland. There will be a wake service from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Sunday, June 18, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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



Mona Enfield Coffield

Mona Lee Enfield Coffield passed away peacefully on June 7, 2017, in the presence of her family. The cause of death was heart failure.

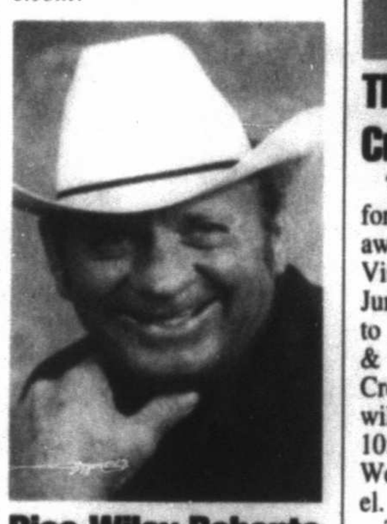
Born August 4, 1932, Mona married Robert N. Enfield in 1957 and moved to Roswell, New Mexico, where they made their home and their children were born. In 1972, Mona and her family moved to Santa Fe.

In May 1992, Mona married longtime Midland resident, Conrad E. Coffield.

Mona's kindness and generosity knew few bounds. She embraced life, loved ones, friends, and community with zest, grace, compassion, and fortitude.

Survivors include husband, Conrad; children, Lisa Enfield (Paul), Eric Enfield (Kelly Sue), and Stuart Enfield and their families, all of Santa Fe; grandchildren, Ariel Sklar (Simon) and great-grandchild-to-be, Ethan Sklar, Tim Enfield, Frances Enfield, and Isis Enfield; siblings, Elizabeth Stephenson, Judy Blaise, and Joe Munch (Shawn) and their families; Conrad's children and their families, Conrad Coffield, Jr., Michael Coffield (Causey), Megan Lyon (Frank), and Edward Coffield; and sister-in-law, Mollie (Enfield) Seymour and family.

A memorial in celebration of Mona's life will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rivera Chapel of Light, 417 East Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, (505) 989-7032. *www.riverafamilyfuneralhome.com*.



Riss Wiley Roberts

Riss Wiley Roberts age 79 departed life on June 14, 2017 at Kingwood Medical Center. The family will be accepting guests from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Sunday, June 18, 2017. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel on Monday, June 19, 2017. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery in Garden City, Texas at 4:00 p.m. Services will be officiated by Dennis Davis. All are welcomed to attend & celebrate Riss' life.

Riss was born on August 17, 1937 in Garden City, Texas to parents R.W. & Ubie Roberts. Riss enjoyed golf and spending time with family.

He is survived by his brothers, Doss Roberts and Bowman Roberts; sisters, Myrna Thadaline Rainey and Della Banks; and children, Johnny Roberts, Randy Roberts and Melissa Dereta.

Riss is preceded in death by his parents and brothers Joel Roberts and Ross Roberts.

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

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



Thomasine St Clair Crawford

Thomasine St Clair Crawford, 99, of Midland passed away Friday June 16, 2017. Visitation will be Monday, June 19, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 20 at 10:00 am at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

Tommie was born September 9, 1917 to Robert Clifton St Clair and Gussie Alberta Ross St Clair in Ozona, Texas. She boarded in Ozona from her family's ranch to attend and finish high school. Tommie and Oscar Crawford were married January 2, 1942. Tommie was a homemaker, helpmate, ranch hand and best friend to Oscar. She referred to herself as "like a hen with one chick" as they had no children. This little hen had a flock of in-laws nieces, nephews and friends that loved her and were blessed to enjoy her company. Tommie and Oscar were members of Primitive Baptist Church in Midland.

She is survived by sisters-in-law Leora Spann of Colorado City, Dorothy Crawford of Midland, brother-in-law Carl Crawford of Midland and numerous nieces and nephews.

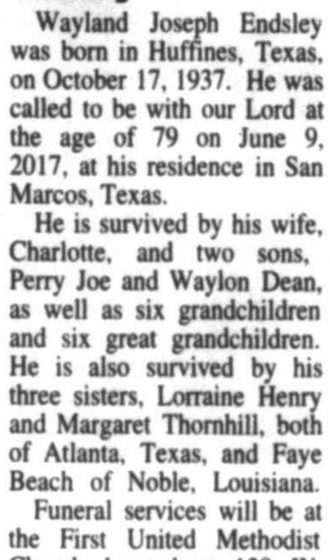
She is preceded in death by her husband Oscar; sister Billie Kessler; brother Dan St Clair; and nephews Joe David Kessler and James Thomas Kessler.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Maria and Cassandra Medellin and Mariana Segovia for their faithful friendship and care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Wayland Joseph Endsley

Wayland Joseph Endsley was born in Huffines, Texas, on October 17, 1937. He was called to be with our Lord at the age of 79 on June 9, 2017, at his residence in San Marcos, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, and two sons, Perry Joe and Waylon Dean, as well as six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is also survived by his three sisters, Lorraine Henry and Margaret Thornhill, both of Atlanta, Texas, and Faye Beach of Noble, Louisiana.

Funeral services will be at the First United Methodist Church located at 129 W. Hutchison St., San Marcos, Texas, on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the American Cancer Society/ Memorial and Honor Giving or a charity of your choice.

Death Notices

Rose Marie (Burke) Norvell

Rose Marie (Burke) Norvell, 62 of Midland, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2017. The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6:00pm-8:00pm on Wednesday, June 21. A Celebration of Life will be at Temple Baptist Church at 3:00pm on Thursday, June 22.

Rose is survived by her husband, Max Norvell; children, James Max Norvell, Jr. and Joni Nell Norvell Sarafian; and two brothers.

Sixta Sepulveda

Sixta Sepulveda, 68, of Midland, Texas passed away on June 14, 2017.

Viewing will be Sunday, June 18, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment will follow at Resthaven North Memorial Park.

Sixta is survived by her husband, Jose Manuel Sepulveda; daughters, Stephanie Subia, Sara Sepulveda-Edwards; sons, John Thomas Sepulveda, Jeremiah Manuel Sepulveda; three sisters; two brothers; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

W. Modell Willis

W. Modell Willis, 92, of Hobbs, New Mexico passed away Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. (MST), Monday, June 19, 2017 at Griffin Funeral Home in Hobbs. Interment will follow in Prairie Haven Cemetery. Visitation is from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday the 18th at Griffin Funeral Home. Modell was born on August 14, 1924 in Willow, Oklahoma.

Services are under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to: *www.griffinfuneralhomehobbs.com*.

Director who won Oscar for 'Rocky' dies

By Jake Coyle and Anthony Mccartney
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — John G. Avildsen, who directed "Rocky" and "The Karate Kid" — two dark-horse, underdog favorites that went on to become Hollywood franchises — died Friday at age 81.

Anthony Avildsen said his father died Friday in Los Angeles from pancreatic cancer.

"Rocky" was a huge success. It won Oscars for best picture, director (Avildsen) and editing and was nominated for seven others. No less a Hollywood eminence than Frank Capra loved it, telling The New York Times in 1977, "When I saw it, I said, 'Boy, that's a picture I wish I had made.'" For his part, Avildsen said Capra — who also championed underdogs on film — was his favorite director.

"Rocky" was a chance venture for Avildsen. Sylvester Stallone, then unknown, had written the script and sought Avildsen to direct it, but Avildsen was already working on another film. Suddenly, the production company ran out of money and that film was canceled.

A friend sent Avildsen the "Rocky" script. "On page 3, this guy (Rocky) is talking to his turtles, and I was hooked," Avildsen remarked. "It was a great character study." Avildsen agreed to direct "Rocky" even though he knew nothing about boxing.

The film was shot on a tight budget, less than $1 million, and it was completed in 28 days.

"The first time I showed it to 40 or 50 friends, they all freaked out, so that was encouraging," he recalled. "But I guess when I saw the lines around the block, it began to take on a reality."

Stallone praised the director Friday night for believing in him.

"I owe just about everything to John Avildsen. His directing, his passion, his toughness and his heart — a great heart — is what made 'Rocky' the film it became," Stallone wrote in a statement. "He changed my life and I will be forever indebted to him. Nobody could have done it better than my friend John Avildsen. I will miss him."

Five sequels followed, but Avildsen turned them down, until the fourth, "Rocky V," in 1990. He said he considered it a good script and liked that Rocky would die. During the shooting, the producers decided Rocky had to live. "You don't kill off your corporate assets," Avildsen commented. The fifth sequel, "Rocky Balboa," came out in 2006.

"The Karate Kid" was another surprise hit. In it, a teenager hounded by bullies played by Ralph Macchio seeks help from a Japanese handyman (Noryuki "Pat" Morita) who teaches him about karate. At the climax, a newly self-confident Macchio takes on a bully in a karate contest — and wins.



AP file photo

In this March 28, 1977, file photo, John G. Avildsen accepts the Oscar for best director for "Rocky" at the Academy Awards in Los Angeles. Avildsen, who directed "Rocky" and "The Karate Kid," the hugely successful underdog fables that went on to become Hollywood franchises, has died at age 81. Avildsen's son Anthony says his father died Friday in Los Angeles from pancreatic cancer.

Released in the summer of 1984, "The Karate Kid" attracted millions of youngsters and brought Morita, a veteran performer best known for his TV roles, an Oscar nomination as best supporting actor.

"As soon as the producers saw the business it was doing, they wanted to do it again," Avildsen said in a 1986 interview. "I was very apprehensive. I didn't want to do a sequel because this was a very tough act to follow."

He relented and directed both "The Karate Kid, Part II" in 1986 and "The Karate Kid, Part III" in 1989. (The franchise was revived in 2010 with a hit remake directed by Harald Zwart.)

Avildsen had come up the hard way in films. He started with a long apprenticeship as assistant director, then moved up to production manager, cinematographer and editor.

He directed a few small films and then broke through with "Joe" (1970). Peter Boyle portrayed a hardhat bigot at odds with the emerging hippie youth culture.

"My hope as a filmmaker is to make people feel a little differently about something when they leave the theater," Avildsen told the Los Angeles Times in 1971.

Avildsen liked working with unknowns like Boyle. "The problem with name actors is everyone knows them, no matter how (Dustin) Hoffman-y they look," he told the Times.

Boyle, whose career got a huge boost from "Joe," told The New York Times that as a director, Avildsen was "on your side. He makes you feel good about what you're doing."

After "Joe," Avildsen directed "Save the Tiger" (1973) starring Jack Lemmon as a burned-out dress manufacturer. Lemmon won the Oscar as best actor for "Save the Tiger," while Jack Gilford got a supporting-actor nomination.

Among other Oscar nominations for "Rocky" were two for Stallone, best actor and best screenplay; plus best actress, Talia Shire; best supporting actor, Burgess Meredith and Burt Young; and best song, "Gonna Fly Now."

Avildsen directed other major stars: Burt Reynolds in "W.W. and the Dixie Dancekings" (1975); George C. Scott and Marlon Brando in "The Formula" (1980); Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi in "Neighbors" (1981); and Morgan Freeman in "Lean on Me" (1989).

He had been hired to direct "Saturday Night Fever" after his success with "Rocky," but was let go amid differences over his desire to make the story more upbeat than the producers had in mind. "It's better not to be doing something you don't want to do," Avildsen told the Los Angeles Times after he departed from the project.

"Throughout the decades, his rousing portrayals of victory, courage and emotion captured the hearts of generations of Americans," the Directors Guild of America wrote in a statement Friday.

John Guilbert Avildsen was born in 1935 in Oak Park, IllInois, the son of a tool manufacturer. He attended New York University, then worked as an advertising copywriter. He spent two years in the Army as a chaplain's assistant.

A documentary on Avildsen, "John G. Avildsen: King of the Underdogs," premiered earlier this year at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival. The film, which is to be released digitally in August, was shot by Anthony Avildsen.

"He was a pretty extraordinary man, in my estimation. He was super talented and very driven and very stubborn and that was to his detriment but also often to his benefit," Anthony Avildsen said.

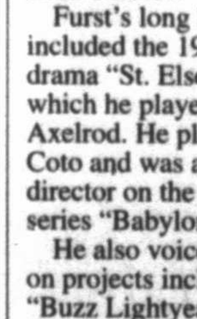
In a 1992 interview, Avildsen outlined his view of filmmaking: "I don't see my films as following any strict formula — even if many of them do have a similar theme. I guess I just like to see underdogs winning against the odds. To me, that is good drama. And the opposite would be too depressing."

Avildsen is survived by his sons Jonathan, Ashley and Anthony, and daughter Bridget.

Actor who played Flounder in 'Animal House' dies

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Stephen Furst, who played naive fraternity pledge Flounder in the hit movie "Animal House," has died of complications from diabetes, his family said Saturday. Furst was 63.



Furst

Furst died Friday at his home in Moorpark, California, north of Los Angeles, said his son, Nathan Furst.

Furst played Kent "Flounder" Dorfman in the 1978 film that also starred John Belushi.

Furst's long list of credits included the 1980s medical drama "St. Elsewhere," on which he played Dr. Elliot Axelrod. He played Vir Coto and was an occasional director on the 1990s sci-fi series "Babylon 5."

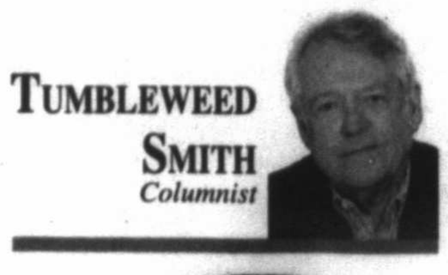
He also voiced characters on projects including TV's "Buzz Lightyear of Star Command" and the video "The Little Mermaid 2: Return to the Sea."

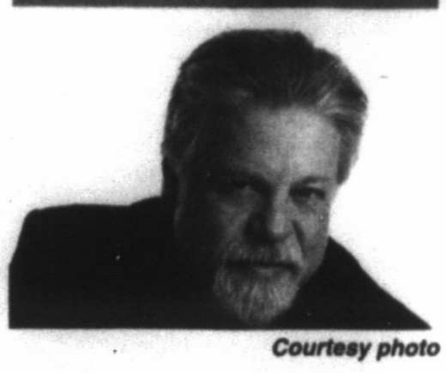
"He was proudest of his family, and he felt blessed and incredibly privileged to have the career that he had and enjoyed," Nathan Furst said Saturday.

Stephen Furst also was a director and producer, working with his other son, Griff. Their Curmudgeon Film projects included the movies "My Sister's Keeper" and "Cold Moon," a suspense thriller set for release in October, Griff Furst said.

Texas native teaching at SFA after years in Hollywood

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Columnist





Courtesy photo

Native Texas Brad Maule played Dr. Tony Jones on "General Hospital" for 22 years. He now lives in Nacogdoches, where he's taught at Stephen. F. Austin UIniversity for the past 11 years.

Brad Maule grew up on a farm near Hobbs. At the age of 5, his family got a television and indoor plumbing. It was a big year. Brad was fascinated with television, and during his high school years in Snyder, he dreamed of being a TV star.

He was in several plays and during summers sang in the production of "TEXAS Outdoor Musical" in Palo Duro Canyon. He attended college at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, majoring in English and theater. After graduation, he went to Los Angeles with $600 in his pocket. Within a short time, he was down to $11.

He worried that his dad would tell him to come home and be a farmer like he was supposed to be. But Brad stayed with his dream.

"I found a place that had meatloaf sandwiches for 99 cents. So I'd buy a meatloaf sandwich every day and split it in half. I'd eat half in the morning and half at night. Then I got an audition for the Serendipity Singers folk singing group."

He even ended up in Hawaii singing part time with Don Ho.

"I could have stayed with that group four years, but I got an audition for a spot on 'Charlie's Angels.' It would require four days of shooting. So, I had to make a choice: a guaranteed four years with the Singers or four days with TV. I chose TV."

That lead to appearances on other TV shows.

He worked summer stock in a few places, but his big break came when he sang a solo on the American Movie Awards television broadcast. He was dressed as an usher and sang on his way to the stage. Roger Moore introduced him and the theater was filled with movie stars. After his appearance, people were calling him a star, and he went to a restaurant to celebrate with several movie stars like Jimmy Stewart.

"I was sort of the Cinderella, the belle of the ball, the young kid, you know. They had taken me in a limousine to the party. When it was over, the limo made a U-turn because I lived right across the street from the restaurant. The next day, I was doing my laundry at the laundromat."

Brad was cast as Dr. Tony Jones on "General Hospital," a part he played for 22 years. Needless to say, he learned how Hollywood works.

"As you get older, they use you less and less. I went from Emmy nominations, limousines and nannies to 'Nobody wants to hire you because you're 50 years old.'"

He went to Nacogdoches where he had gone to college and fished for 30 straight days, trying to consider what was ahead for him. He liked the city and had always wanted to live in a downtown loft.

He lives there now and teaches filmmaking and acting at his alma mater, Stephen F. Austin University. His students have won major awards, and one student film went to the Cannes Film Festival.

Brad has been at SFA for 11 years but still gets mail addressed to "Dr. Tony."

HERMAN

From 1B

devices while driving."

Sure enough, and that might be a problem. Some of what those drivers are doing — using a navigation app, navigating a music app — remains legal. The law calls that a "defense to prosecution," which means somebody seen doing one of the legal uses probably would have to show up somewhere — perhaps a courthouse — to prove legal use of the device.

HB 62 says, "An operator commits an offense if the operator uses a portable wireless communication device to read, write or send an electronic message while operating a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is stopped. To be prosecuted, the behavior must be committed in the presence of or within the view of a peace officer or established by other evidence."

Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, made a defensible, if unsuccessful, case for changing that last "or" to an "and."

"My concern with this bill, members, is it's got a lot of holes in it, and enforcement, I think, is an issue," Taylor told colleagues as the bill was headed for Senate approval in May. "From what I've been told, it exempts things like using your phone for GPS, for music apps and for traffic apps.

"And so we have a real problem with people being pulled over for potentially doing things that are perfectly legal under this law," he said.

Taylor did some Senate floor show-and-tell, tapping on his cellphone and challenging colleagues to guess what he was doing.

"Am I texting or right now am I actually in Waze looking for the quickest way out of here?" he asked, then moving on to what he called a "search for the greatest hits of the '60s."

"And did I not mention that I could actually read the newspaper on my wireless device and under this law, this proposed law, it's perfectly legal?" Taylor said.

Generally, I'm in favor of newspaper readership. But in this case there ought to be a law against it.

And, in a counterintuitive argument, Taylor said a cellphone in a driver's hand can promote safety, such as using GPS instead of struggling to read street signs at night.

Taylor unsuccessfully pushed to change "or" to "and" so that to have a violation of the new law a cop would have to see illegal texting and there'd have to be other evidence of a violation.

"This is a very emotional issue," he said, "and I understand that. I know that people have died texting."

And people have killed other people while texting.

Back to Taylor: "I am against that. But at the same time there are reasonable uses of a device while you're driving that are reasonable and safe."

He offered this example: "The fact that I pull up my phone and put a 'y' for yes and (hit) send and I do it in a fraction of a second I don't think makes me any less safe than someone eating a hamburger or reading a novel while they drive down the road. I'm much safer than those people."

Bill sponsor Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said Taylor's proposed change would make the law unenforceable. His amendment was voted down 19-12 and the bill was approved 23-8, with Taylor and seven other Republicans saying nay.

We need a law regulating cellphone use, for any purpose, while driving. The question is whether this is the right law. Or — and maybe this is the more proper question: Is this just the best law we could get? And shouldn't a city, maybe one that sees itself as somewhat weird, be allowed to have what it thinks is the best law?

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longtime friends; we've known each other since high school. All of them are professional women with college degrees. We are evenly split between those who voted for Hillary Clinton and those who didn't. Between those who think Republicans are better for the economy and Democrats over-regulate, and those who think otherwise. Between those who are socially conservative — whether the discussion is "bathroom bills," abortion or sanctuary cities — and those who aren't.

And bluntly, despite the fact that these women all love me, more than half of them believe that the industry I work for — and in some cases my own newspaper — is slanted unfairly against Republicans. So does most of my family.

One of the most uncomfortable moments in an otherwise lovely weekend was when I pointed to a couple of news sites that truly publish fake news. Several of my guests were more interested in discussing what they see as a much bigger problem in the media: a hyper-vigilance around President Donald Trump's every move, something they don't believe they saw when President Barack Obama was in the White House.

Yet they don't feel comfortable talking about their perspectives outside very small circles of trust. These are women who prefer to keep their political views to themselves because, they say, they know what the response will be: "You're what's wrong with women in today's society."

They make a good point, given this exchange:

In writing this column, I asked one of my liberal friends the same question: "Do you think, for conservative women, it's harder to be a woman or to be a conservative?"

Her answer: "I don't think conservative women are really women. They're man wannabes."

Ouch. I hope I don't lose my female-gender card for simply giving voice to conservative women's perspectives.

Finally, let me pivot to one of my younger friends, a thirtysomething with a cool job, someone I met in yoga class four years ago. She's smart on the issues and can defend her conservative points. Judging by the reaction of other young women who nodded along with her comments before yoga class, many of them also are "closet conservatives."

And, like Lahren, this Dallas woman thinks being a conservative — even worse, she says, a young conservative woman — is dreadfully difficult. And never more so than during the 2016 presidential campaign.

She might have wished for a different Republican nominee, but she voted for Trump in a heartbeat over Clinton. And like my older friends, don't try arguing with her about Trump's behavior toward women. Two words: Bill Clinton.

And while she has well-reasoned responses to those who might challenge her point of view with attacks such as "feminism is failing because of you," she prefers to just stay out of those conversations.

These are all women who might not have broadcast that they were Trump supporters, but who, in the voting booth, voted Republican.

The members of my informal conservative focus groups are overwhelmingly middle-income, maybe upper-middle in a few cases. They've not lived with privilege, but rather known the realities of women as second-class citizens: passed over for a job, harassed in the workplace, sexually assaulted.

Yet at the end of the day, they would agree that being a woman is not as difficult for them as being a conservative.

So Lahren's not crazy on this issue. Not even hyperbolic. She's speaking for a lot of the women around us. Until liberals can honestly have conversations around this fact, I fear we will continue to be surprised by these "closet voters."

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NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

According to MISD policy, on July 10, 2017, The Midland Independent School District intends to destroy the special education records and files of students who have withdrawn, graduated, or were dismissed from the special education program in 2011/2012. The student or the parents may need these records for social security benefits and or other purposes.

Please contact Dawn Miller, Executive Director of Special Services, Midland ISD, (432) 240-1402, **before July 10th,** if you do not wish to have these records destroyed.

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DESTRUCCIÓN DE ARCHIVOS DE EDUCACIÓN ESPECIAL

De acuerdo a las políticas de MISD, el 10 de julio de 2017, El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Midland tiene la intención de destruir los archivos y registros de los estudiantes de educación especial que se han dado de baja, se han graduado, o reunieron los requisitos para salir del programa en el año escolar del 2011/2012. El estudiante o los padres pueden necesitar estos archivos para beneficios del seguro social u otros propósitos.

Por favor póngase en contacto con; Dawn Miller, Directora Ejecutiva de Servicios Especiales, Midland ISD (432) 240-1402, **antes del 10 de julio, 2017,** Si usted no desea que estos archivos sean destruidos.

REP. CHARLES 'DOC' ANDERSON

Texas House



Proposed border adjustment tax messes with Texas jobs, wallets

For more than 20 years, I have been an advocate for small businesses through my appointments to statewide committees on the Texas Association of Business, the National Federation of Independent Business and the Texas Small Business Advisory Council. As a seven-term legislator, I've taken that advocacy to the Texas Capitol, having served on the Economic & Small Business Development committee and as vice chairman of both the House Committees on Agriculture and Livestock & Energy Resources, as well the chairman of the Texas Legislative Rural Caucus.

Small business is the engine of our economy, and yet it continually suffers from the heavy hand of government and onerous laws, regulation and taxes. Too many small businesses fail or suffer under the weight of the government when they could be focused on growing their business and creating jobs.

Now, Washington is poised to add one more bad idea that could be the nail in the coffin of many businesses and cause dramatic price hikes on consumers. To finance their tax reform plan, leaders in Washington are proposing a so-called Border Adjustment Tax (BAT) which would slap a 20 percent tax on all goods imported into the United States.

The BAT would be the breaking point for many businesses. There are very few industries today that don't rely on imports in some fashion. Retailers rely on imported textiles and clothing and grocers rely on imported foods and other products. Manufacturers rely on imported parts and equipment. Imported chemicals and fertilizer are big costs for the farmers in Texas. Imagine what a 20 percent hike will do to their bottom line.

Retailers have already faced a decline in Texas. Many of them will be unable to weather the burden of the BAT. Those that can will have difficult choices to make — like raising prices and scaling back on hiring. All of this will have an impact on Texas consumers. The ripple effect of increased prices on imports will hit their wallets on the everyday items they buy at the store. Food, clothing, medicine will all see a price hike. Gas could also see a $.35 per gallon increase. In all, family budgets could pay an estimated $1,700 more per year for these necessities. For Texas rural residents these items aren't as easy to come by and we must drive farther to get to them, so we will be feeling a disproportionate pain from the BAT.

Many U.S. Senate leaders have expressed doubts about the BAT. Sen. John Cornyn noted that there are "Many unanswered questions about the proposed border adjustment tax." Sen. Ted Cruz, who was an original supporter of the border tax concept, said "There's no doubt that one of the most controversial aspects of the House tax plan is border adjustability, and I think there are many folks in our economy who are concerned about the impact that it would have, particularly on retailers, and those arguments carry considerable weight."

Reforming our tax code is long overdue, and it will be no easy task. I am interested in lowering our overall tax burden, rather than in increasing taxes in any area.

A veterinarian, Charles "Doc" Anderson represents the 56th District in the Texas House of Representatives. He is the chairman of the Texas Legislative Rural Caucus and is the vice chairman of the Committee on Energy Resources.

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Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done last week.

Water	1 family	$1,200.00
Rent	25 families	$24,410.57
Medical	2 families	$ 445.91
Total		$26,056.78

A few weeks ago we met with Gabriel, a young man who was two months behind on his rent and utility bills and was also behind on his car payment and insurance. He is young, strong and healthy and until recently held a job making good money in his oil field related job that he had held for a good, long time. But he quit his job.

Gabriel and his wife Rachel married ten years ago. Young and very much in love, they lived the dream. He held a good job and was able to provide a home for his wife. They soon had a baby and two short years later another came. Life was good.

But then Rachel was diagnosed with breast cancer, and it was necessary that she have a mastectomy. Chemo and radiation followed and eventually the cancer went into remission. They were soon able to make up the debt they had accumulated with her illness and life returned to a normal routine of raising their babies and loving each other. They were happy.

But two years later the cancer returned with a vengeance. This time it had traveled to her brain and there was no hope of recovery. Hopelessly, Gabriel watched his beloved weaken and before she died she made him promise that he would take care of their babies and make them the most important part of his life. She was 34-years-old when she passed.

When he visited us two months after her funeral, he told us that he had quit his job. It was a night job in the oilfield, and he could no longer do that and care for his children. He could not find a babysitter. He was offered a job out of state, but he could not, and would not, leave his children. He is still out of work, looking for a job that will provide an income and also allow him to raise his children.

He proudly showed us a photo of his children — a beautiful 6-year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl who held their arms around each other and smiled joyfully into the camera. We know he will make Rachel proud to see that their children are loved and well cared for.

We were able to bring all of his bills current. Please pray that he finds a job soon that will allow him to be home at night with his children. And thank you for your generosity that made it possible to help him through this crisis.

Please help me not buy an outdoor grill



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My fatherhood journey has not been perfect but it's been worth it. I wake up every day striving to be better because of my wife and kids. They truly have changed my life and made me a better man. No man is completely ready for fatherhood — you must take it one day at a time. A good father must be a provider, protector, teacher, friend, disciplinarian and a spiritual leader. A wise man once said "a good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

Early positive fatherhood involvement in a child's life leads to greater academic success, positive social behavior, fewer conduct problems, better self-esteem, lower levels of depression and a reduced risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system.

I currently work for First Five Permian Basin at UTPB as the Fatherhood Program coordinator. I have the honor mentoring teen fathers in Midland and Odessa using the "24-7 Dad" curriculum. I am currently in Midland High, Lee High, Richard Milburn, Coleman High and Culver Detention Center in Midland. I am also in Odessa High, Permian High, Richard Milburn and the Juvenile Detention Center in Odessa. The Fatherhood Engagement Program is designed to enhance the role fathers play in their child's life, and stress the importance of being an active father. Whether in a relationship with the child's mother, dads can still be an integral part of their child's development.

I challenge every man who is given the opportunity to be a father to be the best father that they can be, seeking to improve every day. Let's be the change we want to see in our community.

Happy Father's Day.

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We shouldn't be shocked at so many Strong Fathers

J. Michael Hall
Strong Fathers-Strong Families



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■ COMMENTARY

The last day of May, I shared a Facebook post of a dad and kid working with a tutor at the Barnes and Nobles in Midland. The person who took the picture was impressed that the dad did not just get a tutor and go away but stayed and learned (or tried to learn) Algebra with his son. I think that is awesome. I think that is a good dad. I also think that is kind of average.

As the president and founder of Strong Fathers-Strong Families, LLC., I have the distinct pleasure of working with more than 15,000 dads per year in our public schools in Texas and around the nation. These thousands of dads show up to spend time with their kids at their school and learn about math, science, reading, and what goes on in a public school classroom. I also have the pleasure of working with dads in Head Start, Early Head Start, and other early childhood programs like home visiting programs. When they approach dads like we train them to do,

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LEFT: The Hubs meets Bodacious. **ABOVE:** The Hubs and Parksalot.

Will the real black dad please show up?

By Louis Harrison and Anthony L. Brown
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■ COMMENTARY

A brief online search for "Black Fathers" reveals articles in nearly every news outlet that all attest to the prevailing myth of the "absent" black father. As black fathers, we wonder why so many people think that black fathers are missing. How does this myth retain its potency in the face of so much counter-evidence? Our simple answer to this question is this: The narrative is a simple and convenient stock story to make sense of the complex lives of black males. The absent father helps to explain black male school performance, incarceration, unemployment and any other social ill black males are facing.

The preponderance of the evidence places black fathers, by no fault of their own, in the defensive position. With so many news outlets bringing this into focus and with their evidence coming from reputable agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it defies the label of fake news. In fact, a 2013 Los Angeles Times article described a CDC report as "defying stereotypes about black fatherhood."

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NICHOLAS

From 1B

And speaking of angels, I loved spending last Sunday at church with you and our babies. Even though I cried. When the pastor asked where we thought we were on life's road trip, I confess that in that moment, I felt like I might be pulled over on the side of the road, trying to read the damned map. But I looked over to see you, smiling at me and hugging our son. I was reassured because I married the very best driver.

You were such a good sport at the mall this week. I could not face taking both kids shopping by myself. Little Son needed all new shorts and bigger shoes, Bodacious required a longer dress for family pictures. Our baby giants, they are so strong and tall, just like you. They have had an unprecedented year of growth, both physically and emotionally. Thank you for helping me to remember to keep their hurdles and successes in perspective.

I have enjoyed this slow summer. Already it has been filled with lots of little moments, and I have been able to savor them for a change. I am growing, too. I love watching you slow dance with our daughter across the kitchen floor. She may have my personality, but her assuredness that she is amazing comes from you. I pray that she finds a man just like you someday. Right now, she plans to marry her brother because he's the next best thing. Your son, however, isn't so sure about that. Thank you for helping me raise him. It is hard to raise someone so unlike myself. His appetite for knowledge and for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches is stunning. He cannot ask me enough questions to satisfy himself. We saw a Mayflower moving van today and he wanted to know all about the company. He also wanted to know how large their trailers were. And if the moving company was named after the Pilgrims' ship, how large was the original Mayflower? Whenever he starts to question me, I can't help but think about that other bespeckled kid, the one from "Jerry Maguire" who loved trivia. Thank you for getting me a phone with internet access. It has been a sanity saver. The human head might weigh eight pounds, but the Mayflower had four decks about 100 feet in length. She carried people, food, tools, bedding, clothing and guns. I keep reminding myself to be patient with him; it is not his fault that he wants to know more than I do. That "fault" belongs to you, and I can't wait for him to ask you 1 million questions about how fireworks work.

I still remember the first night I realized I wanted to be a mother. It was 19 years ago, and we were walking through a dark parking lot in College Station. I looked at you in the streetlamps and knew that more than anything, I wanted to marry you and have children who are just like you. I also remember being completely surprised by that. Some girls grow up knowing they want to have families, but I had never before considered my own motherhood.

A few weeks ago, your son asked me what I thought God's purpose for my life was. That was easy for me to answer. God sent me you, so that I could be a mother to our children. I am not always the woman or mother that I want to be. But I thank you for giving me the chance to try again every single day. Sweet husband, you are the very best. I could not ask for anyone better-suited to me or our children. You are kind, steadfast, happy and true. You put our family first every single day. Thank you, and happy Father's Day.

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HERMAN

From 4A

policy's stupidity rider that kicks in if somebody who shouldn't have an outdoor grill has an outdoor grill. Every jury in the land would rule that I shouldn't have an outdoor grill.

Because of existing constraints, any grill we purchase would have to be used on a covered back patio. Fancy Boy Grill Store man said we'd be OK (translated in my head as "have a chance of surviving") as long as the roof over the patio is at least 8 feet high. Later, he told us if we were permanently installing a grill on our covered patio, we'd be required by city code to have permits, a vent hood and proof of ownership of an American LaFrance Aero Chief firetruck.

In an unfair move, Fancy Boy Grill Store man had a guy demonstrating the $4.7 million infrared grill. We sampled free sliders and chicken. Both were awful. At least that's what I'm saying (though I would have enjoyed another slider).

We returned to the store just before 6 p.m., closing time, for a second look. I was disappointed there was no free dinner.

Back home that evening, the two voters did our research. The other voter, the one who will prevail, opted for an email survey of grill-owning friends. (And, for the record, grills are like boats, something you want your friends to own and share. And, as with boats, the two best days of your life are when you get a shiny new grill and the day you get rid of a grimy old grill.)

The email survey results were unanimously on my side, perhaps only because I ignored anything not on my side.

"During pollen season, I get some on the grill. ... It wipes off really easily," was in one response.

By that, of course, what he meant was "During pollen season it usually takes more no more than a few days to dig the grill out from under the pollen. And I always finds rats under the pollen. And I can't wait for bulky day."

For research to support my argument, I typed, "Are outdoor grills always dirty?" into a browser. The first few results were wrong. I finally found one that was right. And it was British. Everything sounds more authoritative when said or read in English English.

Actual, factual background: Also on our to-do list that day was buying two replacement toilet seats. So, imagine my delight (and obnoxiousness) when I found this online headline:

"The average British barbecue contains TWICE as many germs as a toilet seat."

Thank you, Daily Mail. Thank you, Great Britain. And thank you, "hygiene expert Dr. Lisa Ackerly" who did the study. Why anyone would do such a study is perplexing and troubling. But Ackerly is an expert of the best kind, the kind offering stats that support my point of view.

And there's this from the U.S. Fire Administration: "Grill fires cause an estimated $37 million in property loss each year" and "Patios, terraces, screened-in porches and courtyards are leading home locations for grill fires" and "Ken Herman should not have a grill." OK, I made up one of those.

Also, thanks to the U.S. Fire Administration, another powerful force is on my side in this case: Death.

"These fires resulted in an estimated average of 10 deaths, 100 injuries" every year, the feds report.

So, I've got that going for me in the upcoming two-voter election in which this decision will be made. Nevertheless, I expect to lose another tie vote and become the owner/operator of an outdoor grill. But I'm digging in and would like your help.

I'm looking for photos of dirty, greasy, disgusting outdoor grills. Please accompany the photos with tales (they don't have to be true) of how your grill became so dirty, greasy and disgusting despite little use. And all the better if the photo shows rats frolicking on your grill.

Oh, did I mention that history at my house, despite the impressive indoor cooking prowess of one of the voters, shows we're terrible at outdoor grilling? The last grill we had produced varying results. To fend off potential litigation, I'll withhold the name of the grill.

But I can tell you the steaks occasionally had the texture of boxing gloves after a 12-round slugfest.

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HALL

From 4B

they get amazing responses from dads who want to be engaged.

Now, I would love to tell you that our training is amazing. (It is.) However, all we have really done is expose the fact that fathers love their kids, fathers want the best for their kids, and fathers want to prepare their kids for a successful future. That is what the average dad wants, and it drives his behavior. However when a dad does what a dad is supposed to do, so many people think it is amazing. It is awesome but probably not amazing. I see dads from all kinds of backgrounds putting forth great effort for their children every day. I see that when the dads show up at our events, they already have a warm, close relationship with their children. They are in close physical contact, they are joking around, and they have a history of time together. You can see it clearly in their interaction. Not a big deal, lots of guys in the room acting the same way with their kids. We average almost 100 families or more per program so that is a lot of average going on.

Even though we see some horrible things from dads go on in our society, that is not the norm. The average father is trying to put bread on the table and help his kids succeed. No dads want to raise kids to fail. However, the news doesn't typically cover the great things that dads do on a daily basis and most dads are alright with that. If you see some horrible act committed by a man, it is not typically a biological father. Only 17 percent of all physical abuse cases are perpetrated by biological fathers. Most horrendous crimes committed against children are males that are not related to the child.

This Father's Day I invite you to look around. It would be nice if you honored your dad or the father of your children but honor them for what they do and how they are with their kids. Most dads interact with their kids, coach them, carry them around, help with homework and teach them life skills. These dads are not asking to be treated like superheroes they just want to be acknowledged that they are good fathers, strong fathers. There is no reason to celebrate a dad every time he does something good for his kids, it is his job, it is his mission. It is not that dad wants to be celebrated, it is just that most dads ask that everyone not act so surprised when he is doing good things for his kids. That is what he always does, you just don't always notice. Most dads just want to do their jobs, they want to do it well, and they want their children to be successful. If you are not surprised that kids grow up to be successful then you should not be surprised when they had fathers who helped them become that way. Happy Father's Day to all of the average dads. It means you are a part of a big group of men who love their kids well every day. Keep up the good work. You always have.

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HARRISON & BROWN

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Black fathers must be above average to change the minds of observers. The character Rowan Pope, father of Olivia Pope on the TV show "Scandal" raised the ire of white America when he reminded his daughter, "You have to be twice as good as them to get half of what they have." This may have infuriated some audience members, but it is a common proverb in black culture. So why are black fathers so strongly associated with the "missing in action" label?

The answer lies in the unrealized power of stereotypes.

When we stereotype, we impose perceived traits onto people based on their group membership. This process operates below the conscious level. Cognitive laziness prompts us to put people in categories to avoid the processing of multiple and complex behaviors. Therefore, our society has a negative impression of black men that is automatically imposed on black fathers. When black boys exhibit negative behaviors, there is often an automatic assumption of an absent father. Nevertheless, even when a father shows up, the assumption is not erased. Stereotype research indicates that evidence contrary to a stereotype is subjected to much more scrutiny and often attributed to chance of situational factors.

If the stereotypes cannot be explained away, people often create subcategories of black fathers they claim are "different." Most people of color can attest that when they exhibit behavior outside of the expected stereotyped actions, they hear the phrase "but you're different." Black men with children are often labeled as different because they don't fit-expected stereotypical behaviors of black fathers.

Unfortunately, positive depictions of black fatherhood are often ignored or dismissed as atypical by many. But according to much of the research, black fathers actually do more "dad stuff" than fathers from other ethnic groups. Yet we still suffer from the stigma of perceived absenteeism. It is amazing how so few are willing to believe the truth.

Moving forward, if we are to change the stereotype, the real narratives about black fathers must be available to key stakeholders in the policy discourse about black males en masse. This would include influential journalists that have the capacity to reach a wide audience. Then there are legislators and policymakers at the federal, state and local government levels who would benefit from knowing the real stories of black fathers. For example, rather than assuming that black fathers are categorically absent, schools should seek ways to reach the fathers of some of the boys who are being underserved in schools.

Shifting the narrative would challenge policymakers to consider a confluence of factors such as school culture, teacher training and school curriculum that impact the educational experience of black males. The key point is all roads concerning black male social and educational conditions should not simply lead back to the black father.

As we celebrate Father's Day and reflect on the reality of black fatherhood, our society must turn to the real and relevant research that more positively frames black fathers. Constructing a more accurate reality about black dads will provide more motivation for us to be even better dads going forward. Better dads make for a better world.

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TNS FORUM

Supreme Court shouldn't delay action on travel ban case



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It looks like the next stop for President Donald Trump's so-called travel ban is the U.S. Supreme Court.

And chances are we won't have to wait long to learn the fate of the president's executive order temporarily suspending entry into the U.S. for individuals from six terrorist safe havens in Africa and the Middle East. Indeed, we may get a decision by the end of June or the beginning of July.

Yes, the ban has already been struck down by two courts of appeals — the Fourth and Ninth Circuits ruled against the president. But those were political decisions, not legal ones. The judges in those courts ignored binding U.S. Supreme Court precedents that give presidents the authority to suspend the entry of any aliens into the country, something numerous prior presidents, including Barack Obama, have done.

Under those precedents, President Trump's actions fall fully within the constitutional authority delegated to him by Congress. As five dissenting judges in the Ninth Circuit pointed out, "When (courts) are reviewing decisions about who may be admitted into the United States, (the courts) must defer to the judgment of the political branches."

All of the judges who have ruled against the president have made it clear that they are not deferring to the president's judgment on the national security need to temporarily suspend the entry of aliens from Syria, Libya, Iran, Somalia, Yemen and Sudan to ensure that we have the vetting procedures in place to prevent terrorists from getting into the country.

But it now looks like the battle in the lower courts may be over. On June 1, the U.S. Justice Department filed a petition for certiorari with the Supreme Court, asking the justices to review and overturn the Fourth Circuit's decision. The next day, the court ordered the challengers in the case to file their response to the government's petition by June 12.

The challengers met that deadline, filing a brief asking the court not to take the case but to let the lower court decisions stand. On June 13, the court told the parties to file another round of briefs on the government's request for a stay (or lifting) of the injunction against the executive order by noon on June 21. This is the day before the last Supreme Court conference. It is at those conferences that the justices, meeting in private, vote on whether to take up a case that has been appealed to the court.

Given the national security issues at stake in the global war on terrorism, it seems almost certain that the Supreme Court will grant the Justice Department's petition and accept this case for review. At the very least, the court will decide whether to issue a stay while the case is pending. But then the question arises of how quickly the court will resolve the substantive merits if it accepts the case for review.

The Supreme Court's term normally winds up at the end of June. There are no more oral arguments scheduled before the court. Once the term ends, the justices will not be back until October.

So what will happen with the travel ban case if the court decides to take it at the June 22 internal conference?

Even if the court decides to take the case, it could put off hearing arguments until October. But that seems unlikely. The court already shortened the usual deadlines for filing briefs with the court. And there have been prior important cases filed towards the end of the court's term in which the court has acted very quickly to resolve them.

Probably the most famous example is New York Times v. U.S., the Pentagon Papers case. The Supreme Court granted certiorari for that case on June 25, 1971. The case was argued before the court on June 26, and the court issued its decision on June 30. So the entire case was handled in only a week.

The Supreme Court needs to take this case, stay the lower court rulings, and issue a decision as soon as possible on the merits. Basic constitutional principles and national security are at stake. That can't wait until October.

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Fatherhood is one of the best things that can happen to any man. Fatherhood is challenging yet rewarding. Growing up, I always looked up to my father He was basically Superman in my eyes. He was determined and dedicated to give my siblings and me the best childhood possible. I was blessed to have him as a role model.

As I grew into a man myself, I now understand the sacrifice you must make for your family — your time, your money and most importantly, your love. When my girlfriend first told me she was pregnant, I was scared and confused, not knowing what my next step would be. I remember speaking with my father, who told me me the importance of being in my child's life. I remember him telling me that my daughter will look to me for security and reassurance, and my son will look up to me as a role model.

My fatherhood journey has not been perfect but it's been worth it. I wake up every day striving to be better because of my wife and kids. They truly have changed my life and made me a better man. No man is completely ready for fatherhood — you must take it one day at a time. A good father must be a provider, protector, teacher, friend, disciplinarian and a spiritual leader. A wise man once said "a good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

Early positive fatherhood involvement in a child's life leads to greater academic success, positive social behavior, fewer conduct problems, better self-esteem, lower levels of depression and a reduced risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system.

I currently work for First Five Permian Basin at UTPB as the Fatherhood Program coordinator. I have the honor mentoring teen fathers in Midland and Odessa using the "24-7 Dad" curriculum. I am currently in Midland High, Lee High, Richard Milburn, Coleman High and Culver Detention Center in Midland. I am also in Odessa High, Permian High, Richard Milburn and the Juvenile Detention Center in Odessa. The Fatherhood Engagement Program is designed to enhance the role fathers play in their child's life, and stress the importance of being an active father. Whether in a relationship with the child's mother, dads can still be an integral part of their child's development.

I challenge every man who is given the opportunity to be a father to be the best father that they can be, seeking to improve every day. Let's be the change we want to see in our community.

Happy Father's Day.

Kendahl Johnson is the Fatherhood Program coordinator for First 5 Permian Basin

We shouldn't be shocked at so many Strong Fathers

J. Michael Hall
Strong Fathers-Strong Families



Courtesy photo

J. Michael Hall is the founder of Strong Fathers-Strong Families.

■ COMMENTARY

The last day of May, I shared a Facebook post of a dad and kid working with a tutor at the Barnes and Nobles in Midland. The person who took the picture was impressed that the dad did not just get a tutor and go away but stayed and learned (or tried to learn) Algebra with his son. I think that is awesome. I think that is a good dad. I also think that is kind of average.

As the president and founder of Strong Fathers-Strong Families, LLC., I have the distinct pleasure of working with more than 15,000 dads per year in our public schools in Texas and around the nation. These thousands of dads show up to spend time with their kids at their school and learn about math, science, reading, and what goes on in a public school classroom. I also have the pleasure of working with dads in Head Start, Early Head Start, and other early childhood programs like home visiting programs. When they approach dads like we train them to do,

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LEFT: The Hubs meets Bodacious. **ABOVE:** The Hubs and Parksalot.

NICHOLAS

From 1B

And speaking of angels, I loved spending last Sunday at church with you and our babies. Even though I cried. When the pastor asked where we thought we were on life's road trip, I confess that in that moment, I felt like I might be pulled over on the side of the road, trying to read the damned map. But I looked over to see you, smiling at me and hugging our son. I was reassured because I married the very best driver.

You were such a good sport at the mall this week. I could not face taking both kids shopping by myself. Little Son needed all new shorts and bigger shoes, Bodacious required a longer dress for family pictures. Our baby giants, they are so strong and tall, just like you. They have had an unprecedented year of growth, both physically and emotionally. Thank you for helping me to remember to keep their hurdles and successes in perspective.

I have enjoyed this slow summer. Already it has been filled with lots of little moments, and I have been able to savor them for a change. I am growing, too. I love watching you slow dance with our daughter across the kitchen floor. She may have my personality, but her assuredness that she is amazing comes from you. I pray that she finds a man just like you someday. Right now, she plans to marry her brother because he's the next best thing. Your son, however, isn't so sure about that. Thank you for helping me raise him. It is hard to raise someone so unlike myself. His appetite for knowledge and for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches is stunning. He cannot ask me enough questions to satisfy himself. We saw a Mayflower moving van today and he wanted to know all about the company. He also wanted to know how large their trailers were. And if the moving company was named after the Pilgrims' ship, how large was the original Mayflower? Whenever he starts to question me, I can't help but think about that other bespeckled kid, the one from "Jerry Maguire" who loved trivia. Thank you for getting me a phone with internet access. It has been a sanity saver. The human head might weigh eight pounds, but the Mayflower had four decks about 100 feet in length. She carried people, food, tools, bedding, clothing and guns. I keep reminding myself to be patient with him; it is not his fault that he wants to know more than I do. That "fault" belongs to you, and I can't wait for him to ask you 1 million questions about how fireworks work.

I still remember the first night I realized I wanted to be a mother. It was 19 years ago, and we were walking through a dark parking lot in College Station. I looked at you in the streetlamps and knew that more than anything, I wanted to marry you and have children who are just like you. I also remember being completely surprised by that. Some girls grow up knowing they want to have families, but I had never before considered my own motherhood.

A few weeks ago, your son asked me what I thought God's purpose for my life was. That was easy for me to answer. God sent me you, so that I could be a mother to our children. I am not always the woman or mother that I want to be. But I thank you for giving me the chance to try again every single day. Sweet husband, you are the very best. I could not ask for anyone better-suited to me or our children. You are kind, steadfast, happy and true. You put our family first every single day. Thank you, and happy Father's Day.

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Will the real black dad please show up?

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■ COMMENTARY

A brief online search for "Black Fathers" reveals articles in nearly every news outlet that all attest to the prevailing myth of the "absent" black father. As black fathers, we wonder why so many people think that black fathers are missing. How does this myth retain its potency in the face of so much counter-evidence? Our simple answer to this question is this: The narrative is a simple and convenient stock story to make sense of the complex lives of black males. The absent father helps to explain black male school performance, incarceration, unemployment and any other social ill black males are facing.

The preponderance of the evidence places black fathers, by no fault of their own, in the defensive position. With so many news outlets bringing this into focus and with their evidence coming from reputable agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it defies the label of fake news. In fact, a 2013 Los Angeles Times article described a CDC report as "defying stereotypes about black fatherhood."

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HERMAN

From 4A

policy's stupidity rider that kicks in if somebody who shouldn't have an outdoor grill has an outdoor grill. Every jury in the land would rule that I shouldn't have an outdoor grill.

Because of existing constraints, any grill we purchase would have to be used on a covered back patio. Fancy Boy Grill Store man said we'd be OK (translated in my head as "have a chance of surviving") as long as the roof over the patio is at least 8 feet high. Later, he told us if we were permanently installing a grill on our covered patio, we'd be required by city code to have permits, a vent hood and proof of ownership of an American LaFrance Aero Chief firetruck.

In an unfair move, Fancy Boy Grill Store man had a guy demonstrating the $4.7 million infrared grill. We sampled free sliders and chicken. Both were awful. At least that's what I'm saying (though I would have enjoyed another slider).

We returned to the store just before 6 p.m., closing time, for a second look. I was disappointed there was no free dinner.

Back home that evening, the two voters did our research. The other voter, the one who will prevail, opted for an email survey of grill-owning friends. (And, for the record, grills are like boats, something you want your friends to own and share. And, as with boats, the two best days of your life are when you get a shiny new grill and the day you get rid of a grimy old grill.)

The email survey results were unanimously on my side, perhaps only because I ignored anything not on my side.

"During pollen season, I get some on the grill. ... It wipes off really easily," was in one response.

By that, of course, what he meant was "During pollen season it usually takes more no more than a few days to dig the grill out from under the pollen. And I always finds rats under the pollen. And I can't wait for bulky day."

For research to support my argument, I typed, "Are outdoor grills always dirty?" into a browser. The first few results were wrong. I finally found one that was right. And it was British. Everything sounds more authoritative when said or read in English English.

Actual, factual background: Also on our to-do list that day was buying two replacement toilet seats. So, imagine my delight (and obnoxiousness) when I found this online headline:

"The average British barbecue contains TWICE as many germs as a toilet seat."

Thank you, Daily Mail. Thank you, Great Britain. And thank you, "hygiene expert Dr. Lisa Ackerly" who did the study. Why anyone would do such a study is perplexing and troubling. But Ackerly is an expert of the best kind, the kind offering stats that support my point of view.

And there's this from the U.S. Fire Administration: "Grill fires cause an estimated $37 million in property loss each year" and "Patios, terraces, screened-in porches and courtyards are leading home locations for grill fires" and "Ken Herman should not have a grill." OK, I made up one of those.

Also, thanks to the U.S. Fire Administration, another powerful force is on my side in this case: Death.

"These fires resulted in an estimated average of 10 deaths, 100 injuries" every year, the feds report.

So, I've got that going for me in the upcoming two-voter election in which this decision will be made. Nevertheless, I expect to lose another tie vote and become the owner/operator of an outdoor grill. But I'm digging in and would like your help.

I'm looking for photos of dirty, greasy, disgusting outdoor grills. Please accompany the photos with tales (they don't have to be true) of how your grill became so dirty, greasy and disgusting despite little use. And all the better if the photo shows rats frolicking on your grill.

Oh, did I mention that history at my house, despite the impressive indoor cooking prowess of one of the voters, shows we're terrible at outdoor grilling? The last grill we had produced varying results. To fend off potential litigation, I'll withhold the name of the grill.

But I can tell you the steaks occasionally had the texture of boxing gloves after a 12-round slugfest.

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HALL

From 4B

they get amazing responses from dads who want to be engaged.

Now, I would love to tell you that our training is amazing. (It is.) However, all we have really done is expose the fact that fathers love their kids, fathers want the best for their kids, and fathers want to prepare their kids for a successful future. That is what the average dad wants, and it drives his behavior. However when a dad does what a dad is supposed to do, so many people think it is amazing. It is awesome but probably not amazing. I see dads from all kinds of backgrounds putting forth great effort for their children every day. I see that when the dads show up at our events, they already have a warm, close relationship with their children. They are in close physical contact, they are joking around, and they have a history of time together. You can see it clearly in their interaction. Not a big deal, lots of guys in the room acting the same way with their kids. We average almost 100 families or more per program so that is a lot of average going on.

Even though we see some horrible things from dads go on in our society, that is not the norm. The average father is trying to put bread on the table and help his kids succeed. No dads want to raise kids to fail. However, the news doesn't typically cover the great things that dads do on a daily basis and most dads are alright with that. If you see some horrible act committed by a man, it is not typically a biological father. Only 17 percent of all physical abuse cases are perpetrated by biological fathers. Most horrendous crimes committed against children are males that are not related to the child.

This Father's Day I invite you to look around. It would be nice if you honored your dad or the father of your children but honor them for what they do and how they are with their kids. Most dads interact with their kids, coach them, carry them around, help with homework and teach them life skills. These dads are not asking to be treated like superheroes they just want to be acknowledged that they are good fathers, strong fathers. There is no reason to celebrate a dad every time he does something good for his kids, it is his job, it is his mission. It is not that dad wants to be celebrated, it is just that most dads ask that everyone not act so surprised when he is doing good things for his kids. That is what he always does, you just don't always notice. Most dads just want to do their jobs, they want to do it well, and they want their children to be successful. If you are not surprised that kids grow up to be successful then you should not be surprised when they had fathers who helped them become that way. Happy Father's Day to all of the average dads. It means you are a part of a big group of men who love their kids well every day. Keep up the good work. You always have.

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HARRISON & BROWN

From 4B

Black fathers must be above average to change the minds of observers. The character Rowan Pope, father of Olivia Pope on the TV show "Scandal" raised the ire of white America when he reminded his daughter, "You have to be twice as good as them to get half of what they have." This may have infuriated some audience members, but it is a common proverb in black culture. So why are black fathers so strongly associated with the "missing in action" label?

The answer lies in the unrealized power of stereotypes.

When we stereotype, we impose perceived traits onto people based on their group membership. This process operates below the conscious level. Cognitive laziness prompts us to put people in categories to avoid the processing of multiple and complex behaviors. Therefore, our society has a negative impression of black men that is automatically imposed on black fathers. When black boys exhibit negative behaviors, there is often an automatic assumption of an absent father. Nevertheless, even when a father shows up, the assumption is not erased. Stereotype research indicates that evidence contrary to a stereotype is subjected to much more scrutiny and often attributed to chance of situational factors.

If the stereotypes cannot be explained away, people often create subcategories of black fathers they claim are "different." Most people of color can attest that when they exhibit behavior outside of the expected stereotyped actions, they hear the phrase "but you're different." Black men with children are often labeled as different because they don't fit expected stereotypical behaviors of black fathers.

Unfortunately, positive depictions of black fatherhood are often ignored or dismissed as atypical by many. But according to much of the research, black fathers actually do more "dad stuff" than fathers from other ethnic groups. Yet we still suffer from the stigma of perceived absenteeism. It is amazing how so few are willing to believe the truth.

Moving forward, if we are to change the stereotype, the real narratives about black fathers must be available to key stakeholders in the policy discourse about black males en masse. This would include influential journalists that have the capacity to reach a wide audience. Then there are legislators and policymakers at the federal, state and local government levels who would benefit from knowing the real stories of black fathers. For example, rather than assuming that black fathers are categorically absent, schools should seek ways to reach the fathers of some of the boys who are being underserved in schools.

Shifting the narrative would challenge policymakers to consider a confluence of factors such as school culture, teacher training and school curriculum that impact the educational experience of black males. The key point is all roads concerning black male social and educational conditions should not simply lead back to the black father.

As we celebrate Father's Day and reflect on the reality of black fatherhood, our society must turn to the real and relevant research that more positively frames black fathers. Constructing a more accurate reality about black dads will provide more motivation for us to be even better dads going forward. Better dads make for a better world.

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TNS FORUM

Supreme Court shouldn't delay action on travel ban case



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It looks like the next stop for President Donald Trump's so-called travel ban is the U.S. Supreme Court.

And chances are we won't have to wait long to learn the fate of the president's executive order temporarily suspending entry into the U.S. for individuals from six terrorist safe havens in Africa and the Middle East. Indeed, we may get a decision by the end of June or the beginning of July.

Yes, the ban has already been struck down by two courts of appeals — the Fourth and Ninth Circuits ruled against the president. But those were political decisions, not legal ones. The judges in those courts ignored binding U.S. Supreme Court precedents that give presidents the authority to suspend the entry of any aliens into the country, something numerous prior presidents, including Barack Obama, have done.

Under those precedents, President Trump's actions fall fully within the constitutional authority delegated to him by Congress. As five dissenting judges in the Ninth Circuit pointed out, "When (courts) are reviewing decisions about who may be admitted into the United States, (the courts) must defer to the judgment of the political branches."

All of the judges who have ruled against the president have made it clear that they are not deferring to the president's judgment on the national security need to temporarily suspend the entry of aliens from Syria, Libya, Iran, Somalia, Yemen and Sudan to ensure that we have the vetting procedures in place to prevent terrorists from getting into the country.

But it now looks like the battle in the lower courts may be over. On June 1, the U.S. Justice Department filed a petition for certiorari with the Supreme Court, asking the justices to review and overturn the Fourth Circuit's decision. The next day, the court ordered the challengers in the case to file their response to the government's petition by June 12.

The challengers met that deadline, filing a brief asking the court not to take the case but to let the lower court decisions stand. On June 13, the court told the parties to file another round of briefs on the government's request for a stay (or lifting) of the injunction against the executive order by noon on June 21. This is the day before the last Supreme Court conference. It is at those conferences that the justices, meeting in private, vote on whether to take up a case that has been appealed to the court.

Given the national security issues at stake in the global war on terrorism, it seems almost certain that the Supreme Court will grant the Justice Department's petition and accept this case for review. At the very least, the court will decide whether to issue a stay while the case is pending. But then the question arises of how quickly the court will resolve the substantive merits if it accepts the case for review.

The Supreme Court's term normally winds up at the end of June. There are no more oral arguments scheduled before the court. Once the term ends, the justices will not be back until October.

So what will happen with the travel ban case if the court decides to take it at the June 22 internal conference?

Even if the court decides to take the case, it could put off hearing arguments until October. But that seems unlikely. The court already shortened the usual deadlines for filing briefs with the court. And there have been prior important cases filed towards the end of the court's term in which the court has acted very quickly to resolve them.

Probably the most famous example is New York Times v. U.S., the Pentagon Papers case. The Supreme Court granted certiorari for that case on June 25, 1971. The case was argued before the court on June 26, and the court issued its decision on June 30. So the entire case was handled in only a week.

The Supreme Court needs to take this case, stay the lower court rulings, and issue a decision as soon as possible on the merits. Basic constitutional principles and national security are at stake. That can't wait until October.

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Media can't help sad, obvious double standard

■ Still one contributor to this dire predicament of political violence is obvious: the size and scope of government

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What's the worst part about horrific, murderous violence in America? Well, except for the death, the ruined lives, the pain and the fear and the rush to pass laws that wouldn't have prevented it, I think it has to be the media criticism.

The challenge, at least for conservatives, is that the media's double standard is so profoundly obvious and at the same so passionately denied that bringing it up feels like an exercise in gaslighting.

If a former Ted Cruz volunteer tried to murder a bunch of Democratic congressmen at a baseball practice, the instant conventional wisdom from the mainstream media would be to blame Donald Trump, Republican rhetoric and conservatism generally. We know this because that is what always happens, even when the villain isn't a conservative.

When then-Congresswoman Gabby Giffords was shot by Jared Lee Loughner in 2011, the media went into paroxysms of finger-pointing sanctimony, insisting that a map Sarah Palin had posted on Facebook was to blame because it had crosshairs drawn over certain targeted districts. It turned out that Loughner was a largely apolitical paranoid schizophrenic and drug abuser prone to extreme delusions and hallucinations. Not only did Loughner believe the government carried out the 9/11 attacks, he thought the conspiracy went much deeper: The government was using mind control through its manipulations of grammar.

And yet, some cherished myths die hard. As news came out that the "Ballfield Shooter," James Hodgkinson, was a passionate progressive and Bernie Sanders supporter, was a member of a Facebook group called "Terminate The Republican Party" and had deliberately targeted Republicans because they were Republicans, The New York Times posted an editorial that resurrected the utterly debunked "link" between Palin's map and Loughner, while casting the link between political rhetoric and this week's shooter as more debatable. (In the face of intense criticism, the Times issued a correction the next day.)

This is not to say that conservatives always color themselves with glory in the wake of these horrors either. In the cases when a murderer is clearly of some kind of right-wing bent, many conservatives rush to insist that right-wing rhetoric either played no role or should not be blamed. That's defensible in and of itself, but if your position is that political speech should never be indicted when a right-winger commits a crime, you probably shouldn't let your understandable desire for payback seduce you into insisting that left-wing rhetoric is to blame when the shooter is a left-winger.

What is remarkable about this fixation with political rhetoric is how shallow it is. I think political rhetoric, on the right and the left, does play a role in violence, though perhaps not in the case of Loughner or the equally deranged Sandy Hook shooter who murdered all those children.

But not every murderer is a paranoid schizophrenic. Some of them get their ideas from somewhere. Popular culture is surely one source. Another is our political rhetoric. The literary critic Wayne Booth defined rhetoric as "the art of probing what men believe they ought to believe." The political rhetoric of America these days is deeply sick, afflicted with a zero-sum tribalism: What is good for my side must also be bad for their side.

Where does that come from? I can come up with a dozen partial or possible theories (in part because I've been writing a book on all this for the last several years). But I think one contributor to this dire predicament is obvious: the size and scope of government.

For decades we've invested in the federal government ever-greater powers while at the same time raising even higher the expectations for what government can do. The rhetoric of the last three presidents has been wildly outlandish about what can be accomplished if we just elect the right political savior. George W. Bush insisted that "when somebody hurts, government has to move." Barack Obama promised the total transformation of America in palpably messianic terms. Donald Trump vowed that electing him would solve all of our problems and usher in an era of never-ending greatness and winning.

When you believe — as Hodgkinson clearly did — that all of our problems can be solved by flicking a few switches in the Oval Office, it's a short trip to believing that those who stand in the way are willfully evil enemies bent on barring the way to salvation. That belief won't turn everyone into a murderer, but it shouldn't be that shocking that it would turn someone into one.

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OPINION EXTRA

Without plan, Trump allows more troops for Afghanistan

Usually when a president agrees to send more troops to a war zone, it's part of a broader strategy. George W. Bush approved the surge of forces to Iraq as part of a population-centric counterinsurgency war plan. Barack Obama did the same when it came to Afghanistan, though he eventually regretted the decision, and spent most of his presidency trying to end that war.

For Donald Trump it's different. On Tuesday, he agreed in principle to send more troops to Afghanistan, but he has yet to agree to the broader strategy for winning America's longest war.

That strategy is still technically in development, but its broad outlines — an increase in special operations forces to train, advise and assist Afghan forces; a more robust plan to go after elements in Pakistan that aid the Taliban; the deployment of more air power and artillery; and a political commitment to the survival of the current government in Kabul — have been in place since April.

Indeed, National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster has been pressing the case for the strategy with cabinet secretaries and the president. Initially he had hoped to get the president to agree to the strategy before last month's NATO summit.

Nonetheless, Trump has yet to sign off on it. Administration officials tell me he has been wary of getting sucked into a quagmire. Other cabinet members like Attorney General Jeff Sessions are wary of making a long-term commitment to the government in Afghanistan, given the track record of the last two American administrations in navigating such relationships. Trump conveyed these concerns to the national security cabinet as recently as Monday.

In a meeting of the National Security Council, according to two administration officials, Trump declined to make a decision to lift the so-called force management levels, the caps on U.S. forces in Afghanistan set by Obama. Today there are approximately 8,500 U.S. forces in the country, along with many contractors who provide logistical support for U.S. war fighters.

On Tuesday Trump relented. In a meeting in the Oval Office with McMaster, Secretary of Defense James Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Trump agreed to lift the caps on troop levels in Afghanistan and allow Mattis to determine how many forces to send to the war there. The New York Times first reported the policy decision, and Mattis confirmed this on Wednesday.

In the private meeting with the president on Tuesday, according to administration officials, Mattis, McMaster and Tillerson made the case that U.S. commanders needed flexibility to send more forces to Afghanistan now in order to prevent a disaster. The Afghan government has been slowly losing the fight with the Taliban since 2015. More recently, U.S. military leaders have testified before Congress that the U.S. is losing the war. The dire situation was brought home recently when the Taliban claimed credit for infiltrating an Afghan unit and killing three U.S. soldiers in Nangarhar province.

It's also important because U.S. officials tell me that removing the limits on U.S. forces in Afghanistan was the key stumbling block for the president to accept the broader regional strategy and war plan for Afghanistan. While no number for a troop increase has been agreed, the fact that Trump has accepted that he will be sending more U.S. forces to the country represents a change for the president, who campaigned against nation-building.

That strategy is expected to be ready for the president's decision sometime next month. Mattis said as much on Tuesday at a hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Some lawmakers are growing impatient. On Tuesday, Sen. John McCain, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told Mattis: "It makes it hard for us to support you when we don't have a strategy. We know what the strategy was for the last eight years — don't lose. That hasn't worked."

Mattis replied that a strategy was being put together now, and that "there are actions being taken to make certain we don't pay a price for the delay." He added,

What Mattis didn't say is why McCain has yet to see Trump's Afghanistan strategy: because Trump hasn't agreed to the one his top advisers prepared more than two months ago.

— Eli Lake, Bloomberg



President Trump's a Republican now

■ He needs Republican Party members in Congress, and yes, they need him

RICH LOWRY

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Donald Trump, the erstwhile Democrat, independent and member of the Reform Party, finally has a fixed partisan identity.

The president may be besieged, unpopular and prone to lashing out self-destructively, but all of this cements his bond to his party rather than erodes it. Commentators who ask wishfully and plaintively, "When will Republicans dump Trump and save themselves?" are missing the point: Trump's weakness makes him more Republican than ever before.

It was possible to imagine Trump, with a head of steam after his upset victory in November, cowing swamp-dwelling Republicans and wooing infrastructure-loving, anti-trade Democrats into supporting a populist congressional agenda. Maybe this was always a pipe dream given the instantaneous rise of the #resistance against him. But this scenario would have required a strong, focused president marshaling his popularity and driving Congress.

We've seen close to the opposite. And, of course, there's the so-called Russia investigation. "Russia" is a misnomer. The controversy is now shifting from being about supposed Trump-campaign collusion to alleged obstruction of justice and whatever else special counsel Robert Mueller dredges up in what will probably be a free-ranging, yearslong investigation.

So, whatever Trump's true ideological predilections, there's no place for him to go. Make deals with the Democrats? At this point, Democrats are more likely to cooperate with Sergey Kislyak on an infrastructure package than with Donald Trump.

Dump or triangulate away from Republicans? Well, then who would do scandal defense, besides a handful of White House aides and outside media loyalists? Imagine what the Comey or Sessions hearings would have looked like if Republicans had joined Democrats in the pile-on.

The need for support on Capitol Hill could well get more urgent if things go badly the next year and a half. If Democrats take the House, Trump will rely on Republicans for an impeachment defense and, if it comes to that, for the votes in the Senate to block removal.

In one sense, this suits Trump. He may have a questionable partisan pedigree, but he is a natural partisan — smash-mouth, heedless of process and norms, willing to make whatever argument suits him at any particular time. There have been many Republicans who have opposed Chuck Schumer before; it took Trump to call him a "clown."

As for congressional Republicans, they, too, don't have much choice. Like it or not, whatever they tell reporters privately about their true feelings about Trump, his fate is their fate.

First, a president's approval rating heavily influences midterm elections. The outcome in the campaign for the House will presumably be much different depending on whether Trump is at 35 or 45 percent. Republicans dumping Trump wouldn't make him any more popular.

Second, such a distancing is not really politically practicable. If Republicans try to skitter away from Trump, their base will roast them. There's no reason to think that at this point the dynamic would be any different than after the release of the "Access Hollywood" tape, when Republicans dumping Trump were quickly forced to pick him right back up again.

Third, Republicans want to get some things done legislatively. A poisonous split with the White House wouldn't help. Trump may be a mercurial and frustrating partner, but he is a partner all the same.

Finally, most Republicans — quite legitimately — think the Russian controversy is a media-driven travesty. If there were a smoking gun, this posture would probably change (obviously, in that circumstance, it should change). But Democrats are in no position to lecture Republicans on cutting loose a president of their own party when they twisted themselves in knots to defend Bill Clinton after he lied under oath over an affair that violated every feminist principle the party professed to hold.

If Trump and Republicans had their druthers, neither would be in quite this position. But this is the reality for everyone. For now, there's no way out, only through, and through it together.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Beer bill accomodates independent craft beer startups while preserving the sound, effective regulatory system

By Rick Donley
The Beer Alliance of Texas

■ COMMENTARY

On its June 10 front page, the Midland Reporter-Telegram republished Texas Tribune content on changes to the Texas alcoholic beverage code made through House Bill 3287 in the recent Texas legislative session. The legislation was sponsored by Rep. Craig Goldman, R-Fort Worth, and sponsored in the Senate by Midland state Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo.

Midlanders, who are known to be respectful of even-handed regulation, supportive of law and order and are fair dealers in business endeavors, deserve a deeper interpretation of the need for and resulting complex changes to the TABC code brought about by the legislation.

The long-established Texas Three-Tier system of alcoholic beverage regulation ensures an orderly and safe marketplace. Craft brewers, have been widely accommodated by the legislature and allowed, without precedent, to essentially function in each of the three Tiers (manufacturing, distributing, retailing).

HB 3287 is fundamentally about preventing large global brewers from, when acquiring a commercial craft manufacturer, taking advantage of incentives the legislature created in 2013 to help stimulate small independent craft breweries. The bill prevents a large global brewery from acquiring an independent craft operator's exempted retail taproom — which large manufacturers have long been precluded from operating under the Three-Tier system.

Parity for other long established "true" retailers is also at the heart of HB 3287. Without this much needed legislation, long-time licensed beverage retailing restaurants in the Tall City like La Bodega, The Bar or Luigi's Italian could be subject to contending with a large global brewer — manufacturing and retailing — literally "across the street" which is violative of the Three-Tier system. (This scenario also bypasses the distribution tier, another deviation of the Tiers.)

Because of the evolving marketplace, a new legal definition was needed to define a larger production brewer under state law. The current 225,000 annual barrel production threshold which distinguishes a large brewery operation from a smaller independent brewery remains unchanged (225,000 barrels equates to 7 million gallons, or 3.1 million cases or 74 million 12-ounce beers produced annually). However, if a smaller independent brewer is purchased or sells more than 25 percent interest or relinquishes operational control, and their combined production exceeds 175,000 annual barrel production, they are no longer afforded the rights and privileges the legislature put in place for the small startup craft brewers (175,000 barrels equates to 5.4 million gallons, or 2.4 million cases or 57 million 12-ounce beers produced annually).

Three previously concluded acquisitions by global brewers Anheuser-Busch InBev, Miller-Coors and Heineken of crafts that would have exceeded the 225,000 benchmark, successfully petitioned the Senate to have their three existing investments grandfathered by the legislature allowing continued operation of those previously purchased taprooms. As identified throughout the Tribune article as a likely casualty of the new law, the large (more than 225,000 barrel) out-of-state independent brewer Oskar Blues, chose, at its own peril, not to fully participate in the public policy making process taking place for months, nine miles from its Austin brewery in the State Capital.

When an independent craft brewer through relocation, expanding operations or mergers, results in production in excess of 225,000 barrels of product annually, the new legislation defines the business as being no longer entitled to the privilege of self-distribution and now requires said product to go through the distribution Tier as any other large manufacturer must comply.

The Beer Alliance of Texas takes exception to select craft brewers' absurd characterizations of the law's enforcement as "extortion." The cost associated with keeping a manufacturer who also acts as a retailer (of its own product) in compliance with regulations regarding alcohol retailers, would be a negotiated business agreement between the two entities. Beer Alliance of Texas members will likely seek a very nominal if not negligible fee to manage the brewer-to-distribution-to retail transaction which, by the way, is anticipated to occur, at this time, at one of the state's more than 300 craft brewers (that would be late-to-the game Oskar Blues). To be clear, other than Blues, no other craft brewery is affected today nor is any independent craft brewer known to be anywhere near approaching the upper production threshold. And contrary to the Tribune article which has since been corrected, any future expansion of taprooms by the three grandfathered brewers would be required to go through the distribution Tier.

A beer distributor's business model is quite straightforward: the receiving, warehousing, delivery and marketing of beverages in compliance with manufacturer quality and state regulatory standards, and earning the business of the retailer customers we service. Our members actively warehouse, distribute and market many creative and exciting craft beer and ale brands and we look forward to doing so to mutually serve malt beverage customers and aficionados for years to come.

The Beer Alliance of Texas strongly supports maintaining an orderly alcoholic beverage regulatory marketplace and appreciates the intent of HB 3287.

Editor's note: The legislation in question was enacted into law last week by the governor, without a signature.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MISD reunion was hosted elsewhere

The article in June 8 Reporter-Telegram about the decrease in the hotel/motel tax receipts was interesting to me. I graduated from Midland High School in 1965, and a 50-year reunion was held two years ago, but not in Midland. The reunion was held in Round Rock in conjunction with Lee High School.

I was in email contact with the organizers, and asked why the reunion was not being held in Midland. They told me that all the hotel rooms in Midland had been trashed by oilfield workers living in them during a recent housing shortage. I knew that was not true, but I guess I learned the difference between a reunion and a homecoming.

I just thought it strange the way things work out sometimes.

Don Williams

Public desires factual news stories

Enough is enough, and it is time you were told. The 2016 presidential election was won by Donald Trump, in case you had not noticed. Get over it.

The media, both print and electronic, have now adopted the stance that it is their solemn duty to become the militant wing of the Democratic party. It seems all we get anymore in the way of coverage is a wall-to-wall, beginning-to-end shrill anti-Trump screed. All the public desires is factual news stories presented with some degree of perspective and not the partisan venom. Enough is enough.

If you want to get some measure of the Trump administration, read his "The Art of the Deal." I have and it tells you just about all you need to know about what is happening in Washington. Love him or hate him; you will come away with the impression that at least the guy is consistent. The Obama doctrine was, "The Obama administration is for everything and against everything, except, of course, when it is not." Such is not the case anymore. Enough is enough.

It has gotten to the point that I buy a newspaper only for the crossword puzzle and the obituaries and am now beginning to question why you would see fit to drag the dead into it.

Drew Matthews

Park would draw people to downtown

Finally, someone voiced an opinion for the old courthouse space that some of us have long thought to be the solution for use and heritage for downtown restructuring. The opinion page a few weeks ago said it well — restoration of a central park. The City Council recently agreed that the big hole left by the demolition of the old courthouse be filled and planted and made into a park. This green space would provide a place to rest in the shade of a busy downtown — a chance to breathe amid the concrete and tall buildings. It could include room for food trucks to offer lunch (or dinner) and be a venue for the return of events that brought many folks to the downtown area, and hopefully attract new ones.

This park could also help connect our past to our future. How about naming the park in memory of Judge John Hyde? This would be appropriate, considering his history of keeping Midland's story alive. A sculpture would be nice, including the symbols of meaning in the MHS word CATOICO: cattle, oil, cotton — the three building blocks of Midland's whole history and economy. These might help connect our past to our future.

The growth of Midland has been phenomenal — from one tall Petrolcum Building and Yucca Theatre in 1929 to many tall buildings, the sky has been the limit. We continue to grow. Who knows what the future will bring? With the completion of the new convention center, the addition of mid-town residences, such as the Wall Street Lofts, the renovation of the old Ritz Theatre, plus other business ventures, such as Opal's Table, we can see something going on every night in the park that would draw people to the downtown area to participate in or just sit and enjoy the space. We see this draw of people to the park as a catalyst for more small business openings as well. In the meantime, we won't be ashamed of having a downtown in constant turmoil, but a place of activity, beauty and rest.

Sally Green

MMH should continue Aetna negotiations

I received a letter from my health care provider, Aetna, stating, "Your hospital is leaving your plan's network. Midland Memorial Hospital is no longer part of your plan's network as of July 1, 2017."

As a retired Texas public school teacher/administrator, who retired with the Teacher Retirement Service, I had one choice for my health care coverage: Aetna. Because Midland Memorial Hospital is the only hospital in Midland, we teachers must pay "out of network" fees to be treated locally. I called Aetna customer service and was told that the decision to leave Aetna was made by our hospital.

I also called our hospital's CEO, Russell Meyers, and he said that Aetna cut their rates; therefore, the hospital can't afford to keep Aetna "in network." My question for the CFO, Steve Bowerman, who must negotiate with Aetna is, "Would you please continue to try and negotiate with Aetna on behalf of your West Texas neighbors, who spent their lives educating your children?" We are depending on you to "go to bat" for us. Please don't give up on helping us stay "in network."

The timing of this decision is such that many teachers may be out of town on vacation. I ask readers who care about retired teachers in Midland, to please take the time to encourage our hospital administrators to continue negotiating with Aetna representatives on behalf of the retired public school teachers in our area.

Direct your letter to Russell Meyers or Steve Bowerman, and fax it to 221-1190; or call them at 221-1111. Their mailing address is Midland Memorial Hospital, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, TX 79701.

You may also share your concerns by sending a letter to Aetna, National Accounts, CRT; PO Box 14463, Lexington, KY 40512. State that you want Aetna to reconsider their termination notice that was sent to our hospital. Express your disappointment in Aetna's decision to abandon their customers, and ask Aetna to continue negotiations with our hospital administrators until a positive decision is reached.

Audrey L. Curry

Roads are in the public interest

On this issue I agree with the editorial. Roads are for the use of all Midland residents and are truly in the public interest. If the 4B tax had been focused on roads and less on parks it may have passed. This bond is necessary since the conditions of our roads are poor, and we need new roads to alleviate congestion on Loop 250, specifically extending Wadley Avenue, Tradewinds Boulevard, Mockingbird Lane and others. Many roads in Midland require widening, repaving, and drainage improvements made. Our recent heavy storms once again remind all of us how quickly they flood and create safety issues.

The preferred solution in my mind would be a smaller bond election and a renewal of the 4B option to pay for the new roads that will help the future growth of Midland. Use the bond for existing roads and updating and the 4B for the future requirements of infrastructure. That would be visionary and in line with expanding the city because of our abundant oil economy.

As for the avid park advocates, the city should work with all the major players in the oil industry to provide private money to create the kind of parks that will draw folks to Midland and provide our youth with great facilities to practice and play on. If Presidio can receive money from a pipeline company to build a great sports facility, certainly Chevron, Concho, Pioneer and others can be good corporate sponsors in helping to finance park expansion and new playing facilities.

James Gerety

While other states push hard on clean energy, Texas hopes market is enough

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Dallas Morning News



Texas is playing small ball on clean energy.

A few months ago, a bill was introduced in Austin to study energy efficiency in the state and look for ways to improve it. Universities would cover the costs and the findings would be reported to the next Legislature.

The bill went nowhere.

"There was a desire to just let the market do it," said Gavin Dillingham of the Houston Advanced Research Center.

This is what passes for energy policy in Texas in 2017, at least at the statehouse.

In contrast, the governor of California recently met with leaders from China and Germany to strengthen ties on climate change and clean energy. New York is reshaping its electricity system and setting ambitious goals for renewables and emissions. Nevada has pushed several bills to spur energy storage and more wind and solar.

After President Donald Trump rejected the Paris accord this month, there was a strong reaction. Twelve states and Puerto Rico joined a new U.S. Climate Alliance, and 10 states and Washington, D.C., pledged to follow the Paris agreement. Mayors from roughly 300 cities, including Dallas, Houston and Austin, agreed to work on climate goals and a clean energy economy.

Texas leaders may not feel much urgency to act. The economy is rolling, utilities are doing well, and the state is easily No. 1 in oil, natural gas and wind power.

Texas will be a dominant player in energy with or without government help or global pledges. And companies here will have many opportunities in wind, solar, batteries and more.

"But they're not gonna get any support from the state of Texas to do that," said Dillingham, program director for clean energy policy at HARC, a nonprofit research hub.

It wasn't always this way. In the 1990s, Texas created a strategic plan for energy and pulled in industry, academics, government and consumer and conservation groups. That led to new standards for renewable energy and efficiency, and was part of the march to electric deregulation.

In the mid-2000s, lawmakers also approved new transmission lines to bring wind power from West Texas. That $7 billion investment lowered electric bills and helped the environment.

Today, another opportunity beckons, and Texas should be at the forefront. Because it's so large and has so much wind and sun, Texas has twice as much renewable energy potential as the next-closest state — and three times more than California, according to data from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Texas also has a history of using market-based systems, which attract more private investment and often lead to faster progress.

"We've shown that markets, more than anything, drive innovation," said Bruce Bullock, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University.

There is a role for government, even in a small-government state. Several experts want to revamp the ratemaking system for regulated utilities, such as Oncor Electric Delivery Co. The state has rewarded companies for building more transmission lines, because that helps meet the growth of an expanding economy.

But Texas could also encourage more innovation and efficiency, including batteries and other technologies. They could lower the costs of reliable solutions, said Robert King, a member of the state's energy panel in the 1990s.

Such ratemaking changes are "the next thing for making the new economy possible," said King, CEO of the South-central Partnership for Energy Efficiency as a Resource, an Austin nonprofit known as SPEER.

The group is trying to build a consensus toward regulatory reforms and has been meeting with leaders from industry, environmental groups and more. If they can agree on a plan, King said, lawmakers are more likely to act.

A research paper calls for creating performance-based incentives so utility executives "wake up every morning thinking about how they can" improve service "while reducing total costs."

Others offered more suggestions for a clean energy agenda. For example, corporate customers would set up more micro-grid projects if interconnection standards were improved and standby rates were lowered. There's also great potential in offshore wind farms, and Texas could evaluate adding those transmission lines in the future.

The grid could be made smarter to reduce wasted energy, take advantage of advanced meters and explore ways to export more power. The state could ratchet up goals for energy efficiency, which have lagged.

A strong focus on batteries could expand Texas' manufacturing base, in the same way that dozens of companies started making components for wind turbines, said Tom "Smitty" Smith, the longtime former director of Public Citizen in Austin.

California is leading that field, and Nevada is ramping up. But Texas has significant strengths, including some top researchers.

"How do we jump into the batteries market?" Smith said. "We need to develop a business plan to profit from the transition."

In late 2014, Oncor floated the idea of investing $2 billion in storage batteries. The proposal, described as "fracking for the electric grid," was seen as a major threat to power generators in Texas' competitive market. Lawmakers never took on the issue and it faded away.

"That's an example of an artificial barrier," said Fred Beach, assistant director for policy studies at the Energy Institute at UT-Austin.

Economics will drive action, he said, and he pointed to the positive impact that wind power has had on landowners in West Texas.

"Just talk business," Beach said. "If it makes economic sense, do it."

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GUEST VIEW

When will Texas provide real help to improve pre-K?

Texas lawmakers talked a good game this session about wanting quality pre-K. They even managed to pass a bill requiring it. But they failed to put public money where their political mouths are in order to make it happen.

In fact, they made the funding picture worse, choosing not to renew $118 million in grants approved by the Legislature in 2015 as part of Gov. Greg Abbott's "high-quality" pre-K initiative. Not providing more money for pre-K means that districts across the state, already hamstrung by tight budgets, are left to fend for themselves if they want to improve their programs.

It's alarming that the Legislature's inaction threatens to derail what researchers say could be a game-changer in closing achievement gaps, combating high dropout rates and boosting the economy.

In DISD, students are twice as likely to be ready for kindergarten if they've attended a high-quality pre-K program. That's why the district has made such a strong push to improve its offerings and get every eligible 3- and 4-year-old enrolled.

What a disappointment the state's not doing more to help, and it has real consequences.

Dallas Morning News

Jones needs to be exposed, not ignored



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Megyn Kelly launched her new NBC program three weeks ago by interviewing Vladimir Putin. American politicians routinely call the Russian president a "murderer," and he is universally believed to have meddled in the U.S. election, but there was no protest of Kelly for that meeting.

Not so for her sit-down with provocateur Alex Jones scheduled to air today. Many have asked that the prerecorded interview not be aired, and advertiser JPMorgan Chase has temporarily canceled its support of NBC News.

That Jones is dangerous and a faker is not subject to reasonable debate. The issue is whether it is best for him to be exposed or ignored. My answer to that question is that it depends on how he is interviewed by Kelly.

Consider that Jones was recently a litigant in a child custody battle in Texas. That case said a lot about how our political discourse has been driven into a ditch. Jones was fighting to maintain sole custody of his three children. His ex-wife, Kelly, was seeking sole or joint custody. She said he was "not a stable person," and part of her argument was his media persona.

Who could blame her? Among the conspiracies to which Jones has given heft is that Sandy Hook never happened. He says that the 2012 massacre in which 20 children and six adults were slaughtered was "staged," that "it's got inside job written all over it," and that "the whole thing is a giant hoax."

At a hearing, his lawyer, Randall Wilhite, told the judge that using Jones' on-air persona to evaluate him as a father would be like judging Jack Nicholson in a custody dispute based on his performance as the Joker in Batman. Wilhite claimed: "He's playing a character. He is a performance artist."

Another one of his lawyers, David Minton, described Jones' show as a mix of "humor, bombasity, sarcasm, wit. That's what he does for a living."

Jones was forced to dispute his own lawyers' characterizations — no doubt in order to preserve his audience. In videos he recorded before his court appearance he said he "110 percent believes" what he stands for, and he called himself "the most bona fide, hard-core, real-McCoy thing there is."

Jones lost the case.

The duality of Jones' persona is confirmation of everything I've been saying about men with microphones, namely, that so much of it is BS. The only people I meet, see, or speak with who see the world entirely through extreme conservative or liberal lenses are talk-radio hosts and cable-television personalities. For the rest of us, issues are a mixed bag — conservative on some things, liberal on others. But not the media provocateurs like Jones. They present themselves on the fringes because they know that passion sells. They are far more interested in lining their own pockets, getting people to pay attention to their websites and radio or television programs, than in bringing about good governance. Their business model is built on tumult, division, and fomenting dissent.

Here is the proof that it works: Before the custody trial, Jones' ex-wife was already receiving $43,000 per month from him. Ironically, she is the best thing he has going for his media career, insofar as she says that what you see on TV is the real Alex Jones.

Sadly, what may be performance art to him is real to his listeners and viewers, and therein lies the danger: the conflation of news and entertainment. It's another reminder that society suffers when we surrender our dialogue to the loudest voices with the sharpest elbows. And Jones has a very important person in his audience — the president of the United States. Donald Trump appeared on Jones' radio program during the campaign and praised the host's "amazing" reputation. And Jones claims that he continues to have the ear of the president, saying that he "or his sons" watch every night and that Trump called to ask if Jones was "happy" with his performance as president.

Given the reach he already has, the way to deal with Jones is not to ignore him. It is for someone of Kelly's stature to expose him with factual information at odds with his outlandish viewpoints. Angelo Carusone, president of Media Matters, agrees. (Carusone's organization led the charge against Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity — protests with which I disagreed.) But Carusone told me that NBC should "shine a light" on Jones. "They should not even go after the advertisers on this one, but it's important that when you shine a light, you do it well," he said.

Carusone cited the way "60 Minutes" recently covered another incendiary personality, Mike Cernovich. "Nothing about that interview was done in a way that could enable or validate him even with his own audience," Carusone said.

But, based on advance publicity of the NBC interview, he worries that Kelly's treatment of Jones might be too soft.

"In confronting, you don't take joy rides and take selfies," he said regarding a publicity picture in which Kelly, with a slight smile and wearing mirrored aviator sunglasses, is seen posing alongside Jones in his car. "She didn't do herself any favors. That serves to normalize and validate him. It was unseemly."

Hopefully Kelly, a trained lawyer, did her homework and conducted a thorough interrogation that will make even Jones' supporters question whether his words match reality. We'll find out tonight.

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Giving platform to conspiracy-spouting madman is dangerous



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Just throw an idea out there, no matter how crazy, and in today's world, people — sometimes a surprising number of them — will buy it. As a friend used to say, "I can teach it round or I can teach it flat."

And that was before the internet made it much easier.

Elvis is alive living in Paraguay, or is it Hitler who lives there and Elvis in a secret room in Graceland where he subsists on peanut butter and banana sandwiches? Lyndon Johnson was part of the conspiracy to assassinate John F. Kennedy, having cut a deal with Fidel Castro and the Mob. The moon landing was a fake, and how about this one: Hillary Clinton was running a child sex slave operation out of a pizza parlor in Washington?

But the winner of the most detestable theory: The Sandy Hook massacre of 20 children was a hoax.

All these conspiracy theories and dozens more have een given credence at one time or another and snapped up by TV news looking for ratings among the nut cakes that populate more of the earth than one might imagine.

Now because everyone is connected to everyone else through the insidious marvels of the information highway, instant gratification with all the "real" news is never far from our reach, 24-7. One doesn't have to wait for the "fake" news of the mainstream media, which even enhances the world of make believe by interviewing the theorists about their most preposterous claims, thereby giving them even more credibility.

It makes seers and stars out of persons who, if they truly believe their own babble, belong in one of those ominous places that studded the landscape before the Supreme Court turned loose the inmates to talk to themselves on street corners. In fact, one might do as well to head for a park, overpass, or downtown street to find an interview subject. It would be cheaper.

Just be careful not to touch the grocery cart full of precious possessions. One of them might be a portrait of Donald Trump.

The excuse for giving Alex Jones — one of the purveyors of the Sandy Hook hoax theory — any airtime is to reveal to the vast network audience just how deeply into bananaland he is.

Exposing him is the right thing to do, or is it? Truth is that such revelations often add followers. Saying outrageous things appeals to true believers, especially if the one doing so has the attention of a president. The White House even gave Jones' website, infowars.com, a day press pass and Trump has praised Jones' "amazing reputation."

Therefore, it might be considerably better to stay as far away as possible from not only those who spread their conspiracies but those who subscribe to them, unless in either case one happens to be president of the United States and then one might want to consider taking some other action.

An expert on fable construction once explained in detail just how he could take the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and connect it to that of John Kennedy 100 years later. While it was among the more convoluted of theories, it made sense in a diabolic way.

And, of course, that is the problem. They all share some weird similarities. So, giving exposure to them is exceedingly dangerous. It might prompt someone to fire a gun in a restaurant, which is what happened at the Washington pizza place that was linked to the bogus child sex ring, or desecrate the memory of little children who were victims of a monstrous event like Sandy Hook.

Also, American presidents are vulnerable enough to questionable influence without listening to the whisperings of those who would delude them further. Being a friend of Alex Jones or those like him is not a great idea, Mr. Trump.

And, Megyn Kelly, giving Jones a platform larger than the one he already has isn't any better, even under the guise of public service.

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All participants will receive a participant ribbon and a flag to wave in the parade courtesy of the Col. Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
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Astros prospect Tucker could be on track to majors

By Christopher Hadorn
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Corpus Christi Hooks outfielder Kyle Tucker is on the fast track to Minute Maid Park.

Only 20, Tucker made his Double-A Texas League debut May 30, slightly less than two years after being taken by the Houston Astros with the fifth overall pick of the 2015 amateur draft out of H.B. Plant High School in Tampa, Florida.

Tucker already feels a comfort level in the advanced Texas League where the average age of a ballplayer is four years his senior.

Tucker entered Saturday's game against the Midland RockHounds at Security Bank Ballpark with a .246 batting average in his first 69 at-bats with the Hooks, but he doesn't believe that figure reflects how he is hitting the ball.

"Coming up to Double-A, I felt good," Tucker said. "I feel I'm still improving. Right now I am hitting, like, .240, but I feel like I've been hitting the ball really well, and it's just been right at some people. You can't really do anything about that."

Tucker has uncanny athleticism for a player with his lanky 6-foot-4, 190-pound frame.

The Florida native has played 24 professional games in center field this year, and has 14 combined stolen bases at his two minor league stops.

"He plays well in the outfield, and he runs really, really well," Corpus Christi manager Rodney Linares said. "He doesn't look like he runs well, but he runs really well."

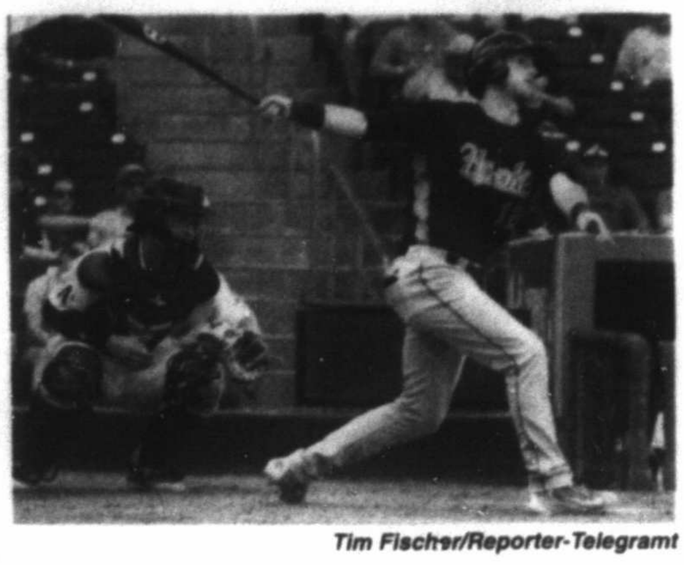
Tucker credited his athleticism to his mother, Lisa Fernandez, and his multi-sport background, as he played soccer and basketball as a youth.

Tucker said his older brother Preston, a fellow outfielder on the Astros' 40-man roster, didn't specialize in baseball either as a youth.

"Our parents, they let us play whatever sport," Tucker said. "We played soccer and baseball. As we grew up, we kind of just stuck along with baseball. They didn't really push us and say 'you have to be a baseball player now since you're good at it.' They kind of let us do our own thing and here we are."

Tucker said his mother, a ping pong

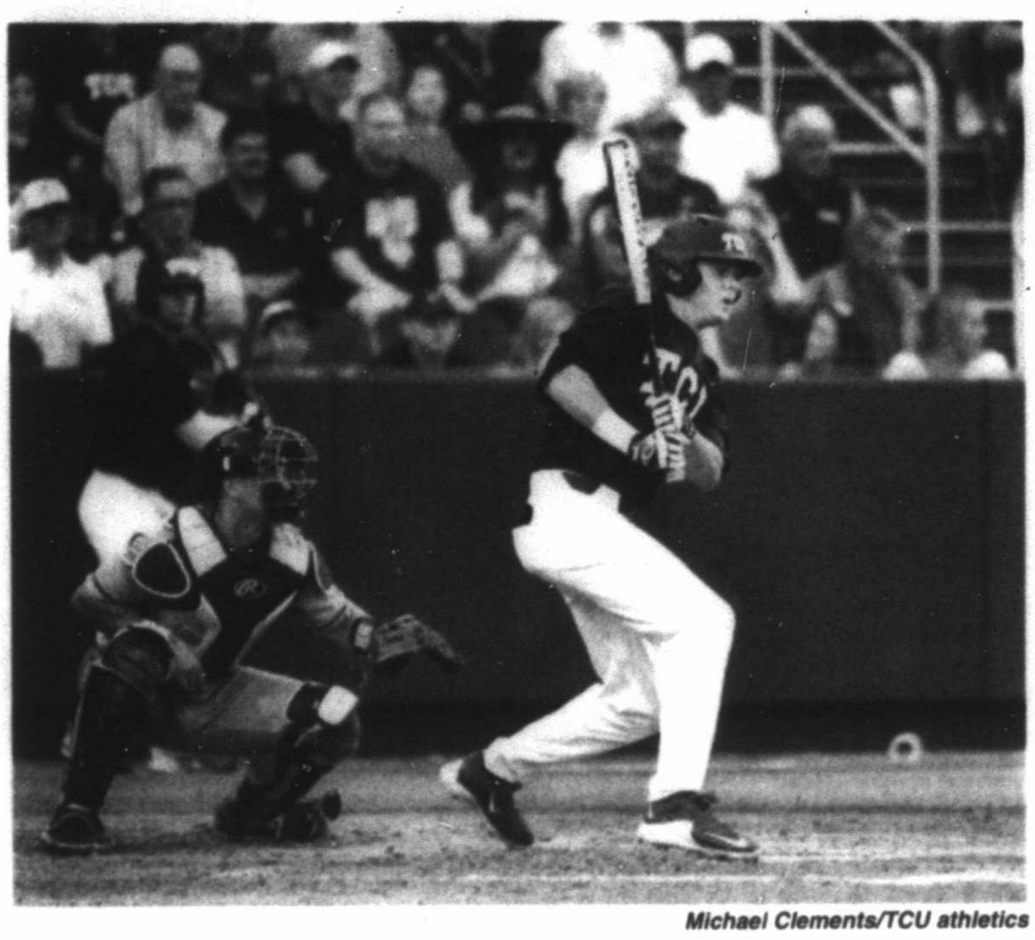
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Corpus Christi Hooks' Kyle Tucker swings for a strike Thursday against the Midland RockHounds at Security Bank Ballpark

Midland players off to CWS



Michael Clements/TCU athletics

TCU's Austen Wade bats in an NCAA Regional baseball game against Dallas Baptist University on June 5 in Fort Worth.



Michael Wyke/Associated Press

Texas A M's Hunter Coleman (10) bunts in the 15th inning against Davidson in an NCAA college baseball tournament super regional game June 9 in College Station

TCU's Wade looks to cap off incredible year with title

By Oscar LeRoy
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Austen Wade would love nothing more than to cap off a great personal season with a national championship in Omaha, Nebraska.

For the third straight season, the Midland High grad and junior right fielder for the TCU baseball team is making an appearance in the College World Series. The Horned Frogs (47-16) play perennial CWS participant Florida (47-18) in an opening round game at 6 p.m. today at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha.

This is the fourth straight year and the fifth time since 2010 that the Horned Frogs will be in Omaha for college baseball's biggest stage. TCU is also the first team since North Carolina from 2006-09 to advance to the CWS in four straight seasons.

Wade, for one, is not interested in just being there.

"At this point, after doing it two times, it would not be satisfaction to come home empty-handed," Wade told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

It's been quite an impressive run for TCU to get to this stage as it has had to overcome the season-ending injury to big hitter and first baseman Luken Baker and have had a big target throughout the season. The Frogs not only cruised through their regional but swept Missouri State in the super regional to get here.

A big part of the Horned Frogs' success can be attributed to Wade's big year at the leadoff spot in the lineup. He leads the team with a .342 batting average to go with five home runs, 37 RBI, three triples, 16 doubles, 52 runs scored and a team-high 47 walks. He ranked second in the Big 12 in walks, third in the league with a .453 on-base percentage and fifth in batting average and runs scored.

Wade's big year not only earned him first-team All-Big 12 and was Big 12 Player of the Week, but on Tuesday, he was drafted in the fifth round (162nd overall) by the Cleveland Indians in the Major

Please see **COLEMAN**/2C

Coleman makes impression in first-year with Texas A&M

By Will Korn
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Looking back, things probably couldn't have been much sweeter for Texas A&M freshman catcher and infielder Hunter Coleman.

He started 40 games for his favorite childhood team, competed in the raucous energy at Olsen Field all season long and played with the pride of the famed 12th Man.

But now, the Aggies are in the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, for the sixth time in program history. And Coleman, a former Lee star, is continuing to reap the rewards of a dream freshman season throughout which he and his teammates heard plenty of naysayers, especially once the Aggies were grouped into a vaunted Houston regional as a 3-seed.

"It definitely feels really good," Coleman said. "I don't think anyone believed in us besides the 35 guys in our dugout and the 12th Man."

Texas A&M (41-21) will open the double-elimination tournament by taking on Louisville (52-10) at 1 p.m. today at TD Ameritrade Park. The game can be seen on ESPN. The winner of that game will face the winner of TCU (47-16) and Florida (47-19) at 6 p.m. Monday on ESPN.

This year's Aggies team might be one of the youngest in the country after losing 16 players to the Major League Baseball draft or graduation last season.

Coleman, one of 14 true freshman on the Aggies roster, made an immediate impact behind the plate and at first base, while wielding an imposing bat. This season, he earned Southeastern Conference Player of the Week honors and was also named to the All-SEC Freshman team after hitting .292 with five home runs and 22 RBI.

He has certainly made an impression on Aggies head coach Rob Childress, who has trusted Coleman with the team's cleanup duties during the postseason.

Thus far in the NCAA Tournament, Coleman is hitting .250 (6-for-24) with a home run, four RBI, four runs and two doubles.

Please see **WADE**/2C

Justin Thomas shoots 63, trails Brian Harman by 1 at US Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ERIN, Wis. — Justin Thomas landed a 3-wood on the 18th green where some players couldn't land a wedge, leaving him an 8-foot eagle putt that he calmly made for a 9-under 63 that matched one U.S. Open record and broke another.

It also put him squarely in the mix to capture his first major.

On an Erin Hills course that again lacked enough wind to be the stern test the U.S. Open wants, Brian Harman weaved his way through traffic at the top of the leaderboard Saturday for a 5-under 67 and a one-shot lead over Thomas, Brooks Koepka and Tommy Fleetwood.

Thomas became the fifth player to shoot 63 in the U.S. Open, and the first with a score of 9 under. This is the first time in 25 years that the U.S. Open has played as a par 72.

By the end of the day, that wasn't even the most shocking number.

Harman was at 12-under 204 and still only had a one-shot lead, with Rickie Fowler two shots behind.

"Yeah, 12 under, I'd have about a 10-shot lead in most Opens," he said.

Just not this one.

There were 18 rounds in the 60s, starting with one for the record book.

If his hot pink pants were not enough, Thomas finished in style. He had 310 yards to the hole when he hit 3-wood that could have led to big trouble if he went too far long or left.

"Oh gosh, Jimmy, be good," he said to caddie Jimmy Johnson when the ball was in the air, and it was close to perfect. The ball landed on the front of the green just soft enough that it rolled out 8 feet by the hole.

Thomas poured that in to become the 29th player with a 63 in a major championship.

"The finish was awesome. I'd love to have another one of those," Thomas said.

But not long after he signed for his record score and an 11-under 205, he began to appreciate the significance of a 63 on this day.

"That means I'm a part of history," he said. "It means I have a lot better chance to win the tournament than I did when the day started. "I felt like I've been playing pretty well all week, and didn't have quite the numbers to show for it. Obviously, today I definitely had something to show for it."

And he still has a long way to go.

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A Charlie Riedel/Associated Press

Justin Thomas hits a drive on the 18th hole during the third round of the U.S. Open golf tournament Saturday at Erin Hills in Erin, Wis.

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SATURDAY'S SCORES
Midland 12, Corpus Christi 8

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

INTERNET
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RECORDS
Midland 34-34
Corpus Christi 33-35

Saturday	Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Midland 12, Corpus Christi 8	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Baseball
CanAm League: Rockland vs. Dominican National Team, 1 p.m., ELVN

Billiards
World Cup of Pool, Session 11, 6:30 a.m., ELVN
World Cup of Pool, Session 12, Final, 8 p.m., ELVN

College Baseball
CWS: Texas A&M vs. Louisville, 1 p.m., ESPN
CWS: TCU vs. Florida, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Golf
US Open, Final Round, 10 a.m., FOX
LPGA: Meijer Classic, Final Round, 10 a.m., GOLF
US Open, Final Round cont., 4 p.m., FOX, FXDEP
PGA: PGA Professional Championship, 1st Round, 4 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m., MLB
Seattle at Texas, 2 p.m., FSSW
Boston at Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
Confederations Cup: Portugal vs. Mexico, 10 a.m., FS1, TELE
UEFA Euro U-21 Championship: Germany vs. Czech Republic, 11 a.m., ESPNDEP, ESPN3
Confederations Cup: Cameroon vs. Chile, 1 p.m., FS2, TELE
UEFA Euro U-21 Championship: Denmark vs. Italy, 1:45 p.m., ESPNDEP, ESPN3
MLS: Philadelphia Union vs. New York Red Bulls, 4 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Motorsports
Monster Energy Cup Series: FireKeepers Casino 400, 2 p.m., FS1
Global Rallycross: Ottawa, 3 p.m., NBC
NHRA: NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals, 6 p.m., FS1

Rugby
Challenge Cup Quarterfinal: Hull FC vs. Castleford, 8:50 a.m., FSP

Sailing
America's Cup, Noon, NBC

Tennis
ATP: Stuttgart, Final; ATP: s-Hertogenbosch, Final, 6:30 a.m., TENNIS
WTA: Aegon Open Nottingham, Final, 9 a.m., beIN, beIN2
WTA: Aegon Classic, 5 a.m., beIN
ATP: London, ATP: Halle, 5 a.m., TENNIS

Track and Field
IAAF: Stockholm, 9 a.m., NBCSN

Women's National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Seattle, 6 p.m., FSSW+

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Seattle at Texas, 2 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa); KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Boston at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

Midland players are a tradition at CWS



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It's nothing new to those of us who have been following the baseball scene around here for quite some time, but two more of our local guys will be playing in the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

Beginning today, Midland High grad Austen Wade (TCU) and Lee grad Hunter Coleman (Texas A&M) will be playing with their respective teams.

I was hoping we would have Texas Tech there as well again but unfortunately it wasn't meant to be. The Red Raiders still have a fairly young team, so they very well could be in the mix next season with Midland Christian grad Grant Little and MHS grad Connor Beck on the roster.

For Wade, this has become something of a regular thing for him as he is making his third trip to the CWS. Most college baseball players just hope for one, but for him to making it three straight is pretty awesome.

I'm sure Coleman would also love multiple trips to Omaha with the Aggies as well as he's made an impact as a freshman, playing catcher and first base.

It's also pretty cool that he gets to go to the CWS 18 years after his dad — Midland College head coach David Coleman — did it when he was a hitting coach with the Aggies. Hunter was still in diapers back then.

"Whatever scale you want to put it on, if you did 1-10 it would be 15," said David Coleman in an interview with TexAgs website. "These past few weeks have been a lot of fun for our family. I've heard the term surreal before, and I don't think I knew what it meant, but I think I'm experiencing it right now."

Good luck to both Wade and Coleman. I know Midland will be rooting for you guys.

■ I left town for a week on vacation and in my absence an old friend returned as Pat Rafferty was hired as the new Midland College men's basketball coach.

Rafferty coached the Chaparrals from the mid to late 1990s and I got a chance to cover his teams from 1996-99. I expect him to do a good job with the Chaps and I'm sure his teams will show some toughness and grit, which I think is essential to winning in the always-tough Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Playing defense should help too.

That unprecedented six-year postseason drought for the Chaps might soon end.

■ Watching that ESPN 30 for 30 documentary series on the Boston Celtics-Los Angeles Lakers rivalry makes me long for rivalries like that in the NBA.

These past NBA Finals between the Warriors and the Cavaliers turned out to be an unfortunate snoozer. Not only were the games mostly blowouts in the Warriors' favor, but they lacked the passion and drama that comes with playing major sports championships.

Draymond Green would get under people's skin at times with his loud mouth and sometimes dirty play, but other than that some of these guys are just too nice.

Viewers want that passion, that hate and of course that star power.

Unfortunately for the NBA and other major sports, unless a series or game goes down to the wire, more and more folks will look to tune into something else.

■ And finally, while the Floyd Mayweather Jr.-Conor McGregor fight on Aug. 26 may sound intriguing, it might turn out to be a dud and a rip-off for viewers.

Let's face it, this is all about the money and both fighters are expected to make a ton — Mayweather will make at least $100 million, while McGregor will make at least $75 million, according to Forbes. But it estimated that the purses could climb as high as $400 million for Mayweather and $127 million for McGregor.

Despite all this, people will still dish out the cash to watch it on pay-per-view as it's expected to bring in both the boxing and the UFC audience.

But here's the thing, this is going to be a boxing match and Mayweather is arguably one of the most skilled boxers ever, so this might turn out to be a little lopsided.

This may be the case where the pre-fight press conferences are more entertaining than the fight itself.

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COLLEGE WORLD SERIES ROUNDUP

OREGON STATE 6, CAL STATE FULLERTON 5

OMAHA, Neb. — Adley Rutschman hit the tie-breaking single in the eighth inning, Jake Mulholland pitched 4 1/3 innings of no-hit relief and Oregon State came back from a four-run deficit to beat Cal State Fullerton 6-5 in the College World Series opener on Saturday.

The Beavers (55-4) extended their winning streak to 22 games and will play Monday against the winner of the Florida State-LSU game Saturday night. The Titans (39-23) have lost eight straight CWS games over five appearances.

Mulholland (7-1) settled things down for the Beavers after Fullerton had taken a 5-1 lead against unbeaten national wins leader Jake Thompson, who lasted 3 2/3 innings in his shortest outing of the season.

LSU 5, FLORIDA STATE 4

OMAHA, Neb. — Greg Deichmann drove in the go-ahead run during a wild eighth inning and LSU won its 17th straight game with a 5-4 victory over Florida State in the College World Series on Saturday night.

Jared Poche' (11-3) worked 2 2/3 shutout innings in a rare relief appearance, and the Tigers (49-17) advanced to a Bracket 1 winners' game against Oregon State on Monday night. The Seminoles (45-22) will play an elimination game against Cal State Fullerton in the afternoon.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned LHP Kyle Crockett to Columbus (IL). Recalled RHP Mike Clevinger and LHP Ryan Merritt from Columbus. Sent OF Brandon Guyer to Columbus (IL) for a rehab assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Placed DH Victor Martinez on the 10-day DL. Recalled C John Hicks from Toledo (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent RHP Huston Street to Salt Lake (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned RHP Ryan Pressly to Rochester (IL). Recalled RHP Alex Wimmers from Rochester. Selected the contract of LHP Adam Wilk from Rochester.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Zach Neal to Nashville (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Michael Brady from Nashville. Traded INF Trevor Plouffe to Tampa Bay for cash or a player to be named.
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed RHP Andrew Cashner on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Selected the contract of RHP Ernesto Frieri from Round Rock (PCL). Designated OF Peter O'Brien for assignment. Sent LHP Cole Hamels to Frisco (TL) for a rehab assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed 3B Chris Coghlan on the 10-day DL. Reinstated OF Steve Pearce from the 10-day DL.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Released RHP Tom Wilhelmsen.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent RHP Daniel Winkler to Rome (SAL) for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with OF Drew Waters on a minor league contract.
MIAMI MARLINS — Reinstated 1B Justin Bour from the 10-day DL. Sent SS Adeiny Hechevarria and 3B Martin Prado to Jacksonville (SL) for rehab assignments.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with OF Darian Sandford on a minor league contract.
American Association
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed INF Creighton Wilke.
Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released LHP Jason Byers.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Released LHP Mike Heesch.
FOOTBALL
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released OL Zachary Intrandi; LB Kyrie Wilson; DBs Sam Brown and Chris Greenwood; WRs Kenny Stafford, Daniel Williams, Gerrard Sheppard and Brandon Thera-Pilamondon; RB Kendall Roberson; and DL Shayon Green, Rupert Butcher and Ian Marouf. Placed OL Qasir Spooner, WRs Derek Vachseon and TJ Thorpe, LB Frank Renaud, LB Jovan Santos-Knox, DL Padric Scott, PK Felix Menard-Briere and DBs Abu Conteh and Robert Porter.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Traded G Mike Smith to Calgary for D Brandon Hickey, D Chad Johnson and a conditional 2018 third-round draft pick.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Traded D Nathan Beaulieu to Buffalo for a 2017 third-round draft pick (No. 68).
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Traded D Mirco Mueller and a 2017 fifth-round draft pick (No. 143) to New Jersey for 2017 second-round (No. 49) and fourth-round (No. 123) draft picks.

COLEMAN

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while helping the Aggies enter Omaha with a 5-0 postseason record.

In Game 1 against Davidson last Friday in the College Station Super Regional, Coleman's two-run home run to left field in the fifth inning proved to be a difference maker in the Aggies' 7-6 win in 15 innings.

"He has been an incredible piece to our success this season," Childress said. "We knew we were going to have to count on some freshman and Hunter has been a huge presence in the middle of our lineup, driving in runs, receiving (the ball), holding guys to a standard and being a leader.

"(He has grown) incredibly well (since arriving at Texas A&M)," Childress said. "Hunter is hitting in the four-hole as a freshman. That speaks (volumes)."

Added Coleman: "I've gotten stronger since I've been here. It's special with what the numbers show, working with Strength and Conditioning coach Jeremy McMillan. I've also been learning how to be a teammate on a good college team."

Coleman, who said he garnered some attention in prior to last year's MLB Draft as a possible third or fourth-round pick, noted his experience with the Aggies thus far has been one he would never want to forego.

While many players with Coleman's profile out of high school might jump at the chance to sign as a high draft pick, Coleman stayed the course and followed his dream.

He added that the type of run Texas A&M is currently on echoes the special run he made to the Region I-6A final in senior season at Lee. That Rebels upended Coppell, the No. 1-ranked team in the nation at the time, while this year's Aggies squad has overcome all the doubters after finishing the regular season seventh in the SEC.

Rather than go pro, he has fully immersed himself in the "Olsen Magic."

"Coming to play at Texas A&M was something I've always wanted to do. I couldn't pass up on that," Coleman said. "It's definitely everything and more. I remember all the chants at the field. When you play here, the atmosphere in the stadium is unreal."

Now on college baseball's biggest stage, Coleman and his teammates find themselves three wins away from a national championship. Even among the final eight teams, it's a tough road to glory.

But the underdog Aggies believe in themselves and that's all that matters.

"(We need to) just keep playing the way we can play," Coleman said. "Just keep doing it for the guys in our dugout."

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LOCAL SPORTS

MIDLAND-ODESSA FC GETS ROAD WIN

HOUSTON — The Midland-Odessa FC bounced back from a loss on Thursday with a 2-0 win over the Houston Regals in National Premier Soccer League action on Saturday night.

MOFC, which clinched a playoff berth out of the Lonestar Conference, got a goal in the 65th minute from Maliq Cooper with an assist from Memo Diaz. Then in the 75th minute, Midland-Odessa FC added another goal from Gil Rocha with the assist coming from Henrik Mueller.

Midland-Odessa FC (6-2, 18 points) will return home on June 24 to face Dutch Lions FC at Grande Communications Stadium.

CWS GLANCE

At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha
Omaha, Neb.
(Double Elimination; x-if necessary)
Saturday, June 17
Game 1 — Oregon State 6, Cal State Fullerton 5
Game 2 — LSU 5, Florida State 4
Sunday, June 18
Game 3 — Louisville (52-10) vs. Texas A&M (41-21), 1 p.m.
Game 4 — TCU (47-16) vs. Florida (47-18) 6 p.m.
Monday, June 19
Game 5 — Cal State Fullerton (39-23) vs. Florida State (45-22), 1 p.m.
Game 6 — Oregon State (55-4) vs. LSU (49-17), 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20
Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser 1 p.m.
Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21
Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 22
Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 23
Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 24
x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, TBA
x-Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, TBA
If only one game is necessary, it will be played at night
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday, June 26: Pairings TBA, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 27: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 28: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	7	3	.700	—
New York	7	4	.636	½
Atlanta	5	5	.500	2
Connecticut	5	5	.500	2
Indiana	5	6	.455	2½
Chicago	2	8	.200	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	9	1	.900	—
Los Angeles	7	3	.700	2
Phoenix	6	4	.600	3
Seattle	5	5	.500	4
Dallas	4	8	.333	6
San Antonio	0	10	.000	9

Saturday's Scores
Connecticut 98, Minnesota 93
Today's Games
Dallas at Washington, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 6 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	9	2	5	32	28	15
Chicago	9	3	4	31	27	17
New York City FC	9	5	3	27	29	20
Orlando City	7	5	4	25	19	21
Columbus	7	9	1	22	25	29
Atlanta United FC	6	6	3	21	31	23
New England	5	6	5	20	27	23
New York	6	7	2	20	15	21
Montreal	4	4	6	18	23	22
Philadelphia	4	6	4	16	20	18
D.C. United	4	8	3	15	10	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	7	4	5	26	20	11
Portland	7	5	3	24	26	21
FC Dallas	6	3	5	23	21	13
Houston	7	6	2	23	27	22
Vancouver	6	6	1	19	18	18
San Jose	5	6	4	19	16	20
Seattle	5	7	4	19	19	24
Los Angeles	5	5	3	18	19	19
Minnesota United	4	8	2	14	19	33
Real Salt Lake	4	10	2	14	15	35
Colorado	4	8	1	13	12	18

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Scores
New York City FC 2, Seattle 1
Atlanta United FC 3, Columbus 1
Chicago 2, New England 1
Montreal 3, Orlando City 3, tie
Toronto FC 2, D.C. United 0
Sporting Kansas City at San Jose, 8 p.m.
Portland at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota United at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Today's Games
New York at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

WADE

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League Baseball Draft. He was the first TCU player to go in the draft this year.

Although he has not announced his decision on whether or not he will forgo his senior season, the odds are good that he will sign with the Indians after the CWS. The approximate slot value for his pick in the draft is $293,800.

Wade's high school coach, Barry Russell, had an idea that Wade could go high in the draft when major league teams started calling him for background checks.

Russell said he couldn't be happier for the success that Wade has had and said he's like a, "proud papa."

"I've always though the world of Austen," Russell said. "He's one of those guys that if both of my daughters weren't married and he would come up to me and ask for one of their hands in marriage, I would say sure."

One characteristic that hasn't changed from Wade since his days as a Bulldog is his work ethic.

Russell recalled that after Wade's junior year at MHS, the Bulldogs got beat in the regional semifinal round. Wade was at his head coach's house on Sunday wanting to work out. When Russell told him he should take some time to relax, Wade responded, "Relaxing is for losers."

"He not only worked hard on the baseball field but he also worked hard in the classroom," Russell said. "He finished (eighth) in his class academically. He's one of those guys who always got good grades, had a great attitude and a great work ethic. He always does the right thing."

That same work ethic continued at TCU as he went from getting little time in the field as a freshman to cracking the starting lineup as a sophomore and not giving it up.

He rewarded the Horned Frogs by being an on-base machine and tied a school record with 57 walks in 2016.

Wade's plate awareness and discipline is something that is essential as a leadoff hitter and is something TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle has admired.

"Ever since he's been on campus, he's had a good awareness of the strike zone," Schlossnagle told the Star-Telegram in April. "His freshman year, in the little bit he played, he had nine walks and three strikeouts. He knows a ball from a strike."

Whether or not TCU can finally break through and win that national title in a talented eight-team field remains to be seen.

The Horned Frogs also look to get past a Florida team, that only came into the NCAA Tournament as the No. 3 overall seed but is also looking for its national title in 22 appearances at the CWS.

Before departing for Omaha, Wade told the Fort Worth media that he believes the team is ready for the challenge.

"I think we belong up there," he said. "I think we've got an incredible team to go up there and actually accomplish the mission we talked about at the beginning of the fall."

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7/6 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
7/15 9-12 Shot & Chip Clinic at Dennis the Menace Park
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Napoli hits 2 of Rangers' 4 homers in win over Mariners

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers' biggest scoring surge of the season has the two-time AL West champions back over .500 for the first time since May 24.

Mike Napoli hit two home runs, connecting along with Rougned Odor and Shin-Soo Choo in the sixth inning to power the Rangers past the Seattle Mariners 10-4 on Saturday.

Following Friday night's 10-4 win in the series opener, the Rangers have their first back-to-back double-digit scoring games of the season.

Napoli's two-run drive capped a five-run first that sent the Rangers (34-33) to their seventh win in eight games, and they added five in the sixth. Seattle lost its third in a row.

"To tack on runs was huge for us today up and down the lineup," Texas manager Jeff Banister said.

Martin Perez (3-6) won for the first time since May 18.

He left with a 5-4 lead with one out in the sixth after giving up a 463-foot, three-run homer to straightaway center by Mike Zunino.

Yovani Gallardo (3-7) retired the first two batters in the opening inning before giving up five straight hits. He lamented how big innings have hurt him all season.

"I've got to find a way to put guys away," Gallardo said. "It's frustrating. I made some pretty good pitches."

Odor hit a leadoff homer in the sixth off Dan Altavilla. Napoli and Choo later tagged the reliever for two-run drives.

"He got some balls up, and you can't do that with this club," Mariners manager Scott Servais said of Altavilla, who had not pitched since Sunday.

The returns of Napoli and Carlos Gomez from the disabled list on Friday have provided Banister with a full complement of offensive weapons.

On Friday night, Gomez homered and had a season-high four RBIs.

"To be able to insert Gomez and 'Nap' and have them come back and have them do what they did is crucial for us going forward," Banister said.

Perez allowed seven hits, struck out five and walked two. With a 34-pitch third inning, he has had an inning of at least 25 pitches in four straight games.

"I just need to stay on the attack and don't give a chance to the (other) team to score," Perez said. "I just missed one pitch, and they scored four runs. But we won."

Zunino keeps streaking

Zunino's three RBIs gave him 22 in June, a team record for catchers in a month. Dan Wilson held the club record with 21 in April 1996. Zunino is hitting .325 with seven homers since being recalled from Triple-A Tacoma on May 22.

"'Z' is a on a great run," Servais said. "He continues to make good adjustments in games. He's really trusting himself."

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 12, HOOKS 8
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Visoergy Rosa spearheaded the Rock-Hounds' 15-hit parade with seven RBI. Rosa went 3-for-5 with a home run and two doubles. With the big game, Rosa has a Texas League-leading 51 RBI, passing Tulsa's Edwin Rios (50). ... Midland's B.J. Boyd had four hits.

TOP PITCHER: Rock-Hounds reliever Sam Bragg picked up the win after spinning 3 1/3 scoreless innings, limiting the Hooks to only one hit and one walk. Bragg struck out two, while lowering his earned run average to 2.94.

HIGHLIGHTS: In the top of the first, the Hooks took a 2-0 lead when Jon Singleton launched a titanic two-run homer to right field that hit the concession stand on one bounce. ... Midland answered with Rosa's two-run double to left field in the bottom half, tying the contest at 2. ... With two out in the second, six consecutive RockHounds hitters reached base, resulting in six runs and an 8-2 lead. Tyler Marinovov provided a two-run double and Rosa capped it off with a three-run homer. The Hooks responded with four runs in the top of the third to close the gap to 8-6. Jason Martin highlighted the frame with an RBI double. ... A two-run double by Yairo Munoz extended Midland's lead to 10-6 in the fifth. ... Leading 10-7, Midland scored two insurance runs on Rosa's two-RBI double to center in the eighth.

NOTES: A.J. Puk is slated to make his Double-A debut for the RockHounds by starting Monday's game at Frisco. Puk was selected by the Oakland Athletics with the sixth overall pick of the 2016 amateur draft. ... Munoz has an 11-game hitting streak. ... Midland salvaged a win after dropping the first three in the series to the Hooks. The 'Hounds start an eight-game road trip, beginning with a 7:05 p.m. start in Frisco today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - RHP Heath Fillmyer (3-2, 3.79 ERA); Frisco - RHP Pedro Payano (0-1, 2.57).

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	37	31	.544	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	34	34	.500	3
Tulsa (Dodgers)	32	36	.471	5
Arkansas (Mariners)	32	36	.471	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	40	28	.588	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	33	34	.493	6½
Midland (Athletics)	33	34	.493	6½
Frisco (Rangers)	30	36	.441	10

Friday's Scores
Springfield 18, Arkansas 1
Midland 12, Corpus Christi 8
Northwest Arkansas 4, Tulsa 1
San Antonio 8, Frisco 2

Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 3:10 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 6:10 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Frisco, 6:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 12, HOOKS 8

Corpus	ab	r	h	bi
Ferguson cf	5	2	3	1
Tucker rf	4	1	1	0
Davis 1b	4	1	2	0
Singleton 1b	3	1	1	3
Stubbs c	3	2	1	1
Mayfield 2b	5	0	1	2
J Martin lf	4	1	3	1
Woodward dh	5	0	0	0
Nunez ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	**37**	**8**	**12**	**8**

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Wilson c	4	2	0	0
Munoz 3b	4	2	2	2
Taylor c	5	2	2	0
Marinovov dh	5	2	2	2
Rosa 1b	5	1	3	7
Sportman 2b	5	0	1	0
Boyd lf	5	1	4	0
R Martin ss	5	0	0	0
Vertigan cf	4	2	2	0
Totals	**41**	**12**	**15**	**11**

Corpus Christi									204	000	011	—	8
Midland									260	030	02x	—	12

E - Singleton (5), Mayfield (6), Davis (8), Munoz (9). DP - Midland 2. LOB - Corpus Christi 9, Midland 8. 2B - Ferguson (14), J. Martin (4), Rosa 2 (16), Vertigan (17), Marinovov (19), Taylor (3), Munoz (15). HR - Singleton (11), Rosa (10). SB - Ferguson 2 (14), Tucker 2 (3), Singleton (3), Boyd (6). SF - Singleton.

Corpus Christi	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Winkelman	1.2	5	7	2	1	3
Ferrell	2.1	3	1	1	0	4
Walter	2.0	3	2	2	0	2
Stutzman	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Midland						
Bracewell	2.2	5	6	6	4	1
Bragg	3.1	1	0	0	1	2
Mann	1.0	1	0	0	0	1

WP - Finnegan. HBP - by Winkelman, Wilson. T - 3:21. A - 5,483.

LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR BRACKETS

Texas West District 3
8-10 Year Old All-Star Tournament
At Windlands Park
Saturday, June 17
Game 1: Floyd Gwin 5, Northern 4
Game 2: Jim Parker vs. Mid City, 8 p.m. at Field 4
Game 3: Tower vs. Sherwood, 6 p.m. at Field 4
Sunday, June 18
Game 4: Eastern vs. Big Spring, 8 p.m. at Field 4
Game 5: Floyd Gwin vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m. at Field 4
Loser's bracket
Game 6: Game 2 loser vs. Northern, 8 p.m. at Field 4

9-11 Year Old All-Star Tournament
At Windlands Park
Saturday, June 17
Game 1: Mid City vs. Eastern, 4 p.m. at Field 2
Game 2: Northern 11, Floyd Gwin 0
Game 3: Jim Parker vs. Big Spring, 4 p.m. at Field 3
Game 4: Tower vs. Sherwood, 6 p.m. at Field 3
Sunday, June 18
Winner's bracket quarterfinals
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Northern, 4 p.m. at Field 1
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6 p.m. at Field 3
Loser's bracket
Game 7: Game 1 loser vs. Floyd Gwin 4 p.m. at Field 2
Game 8: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 8 p.m. at Field 3

10-12 Year Old All-Star Tournament
At Windlands Park
Saturday, June 17
Game 1: Sherwood vs. Big Spring, 4 p.m. at Field 1
Game 2: Eastern vs. Tower, 8 p.m. at Field 1
Game 3: Northern 2, Floyd Gwin 1
Game 4: Jim Parker vs. Mid City, 8 p.m. at Field 2

Sunday, June 18
Winner's bracket quarterfinals
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m. at Field 1
Game 6: Northern vs. Game 4 winner, 8 p.m. at Field 1
Loser's bracket
Game 7: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m. at Field 2
Game 8: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 8 p.m. at Field 2

Intermediate All-Star Tournament
At Roy Anderson Sports Complex, Big Spring
Saturday, June 17
Winner's bracket quarterfinal
Game 1: Midland vs. Odessa East, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 18
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 2: Game 1 winner vs. Big Spring, 8 p.m.

Junior All-Star Tournament
At Big Spring High School Steer Field
Saturday, June 17
Game 1: Midland vs. Big Spring, 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 18
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 2: Game 1 winner vs. Odessa West, 4 p.m.

Senior All-Star Tournament
At Big Spring High School Steer Field
Saturday, June 17
Winner's bracket quarterfinals
Game 1: Big Spring vs. Odessa East, 9 a.m.
Game 2: Odessa West vs. Midland, 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 18
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9 p.m.
Loser's bracket quarterfinal
Game 4: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6:30 p.m.

TUCKER

From 1C

player, takes credit for his hand-eye coordination at plate.

Tucker has thrived as a batter, hitting .288 with nine home runs and 43 RBI with advanced Single-A Buies Creek prior to his promotion to Corpus Christi.

The 6-foot-4 athlete is starting to unlock his natural power, clubbing 11 professional home runs this season after swatting nine homers in 2016. Tucker cracked a home run and a triple in Friday's double-header against Midland.

"Last year I top spun a lot of balls to right (field) that I pulled," Tucker said. "Now I am starting to get that backspin to right (field) so I have just been hitting the ball hard in the air and getting that backspin to rise."

Tucker uses an unorthodox swing, but Linares says it works. Linares says the criticisms of Tucker's swing remind him when people questioned the swing of San Francisco Giants outfielder Hunter Pence, when he coached him as an Astros farmhand in the New York Penn-League in 2004.

If Tucker continues to hit, he might be able to realize one of his dreams, playing on the same field with Preston. Preston Tucker, 26, currently plays for Triple-A Fresno, one level above in the Astros' system.

The two occupied the same dugout on more than one occasion during spring training, but have never played in a game together.

"He's six-seven years older than me so that time-frame never overlapped to where we could play together, having the opportunity would be great," Tucker said.

Tucker is also thrilled to be a part of a Houston organization that not only holds baseball's best record at 45-23, but is unafraid to push homegrown prospects into prominent roles in the majors.

"You can see it in our big league team," Tucker said. "They pushed a lot of new guys up and they've been doing really well this season. Being in an organization that pushes up young guys is great for us. They are showing a lot of success."

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Altuve, Beltran homer in Astros' win over Red Sox

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jose Altuve hit a solo homer, Carlos Beltran had a two-run shot and three RBIs, and the Houston Astros beat the Boston Red Sox 7-1 on Saturday night.

Altuve led off the third with his homer off the train tracks above the left-center field facade, and Beltran followed three batters later with his ninth home run of the season to put Houston ahead 6-0.

Houston jumped on Boston starter Rick Porcello (3-9) for three runs in the first. Altuve had an RBI double, and Brian McCann and Beltran followed with sacrifice flies.

Yuli Gurriel scored on Norichika Aoki's double play in the sixth to give the Astros a 7-1 lead.

David Paulino (1-0) allowed one run and three hits with four strikeouts in six innings for his first career win.

Chris Young led off the fifth with a solo home run for Boston.

Porcello gave up seven runs and 10 hits in six innings. Last year's AL Cy Young Award winner lost his fourth straight — his second four-game losing streak this season — and has allowed five or more runs in three straight outings.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RAYS 3, TIGERS 2

DETROIT — Chris Archer pitched six strong innings, Daniel Robertson drove in two runs and scored a third, and the Tampa Bay Rays bounced back to beat the Detroit Tigers 3-2 Saturday.

Detroit had won the first two games of the series, outscoring the Rays 18-7.

Archer (5-4) gave up two runs on six hits and a walk, striking out eight. Two relievers finished, with Jesus Colome getting five outs for his 19th save.

WHITE SOX 5, BLUE JAYS 2

TORONTO — Todd Frazier and Matt Davidson hit consecutive home runs to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 5-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday.

Jose Abreu also went deep to help the White Sox win their fourth straight series against the Blue Jays, beating them for the ninth time in the in the last 10 games.

INDIANS 9, TWINS 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Jose Ramirez homered twice, doubled and drove in four runs as the Cleveland Indians pulled even with Minnesota atop the AL Central by beating the Twins 9-3 Saturday in the first game of a day-night doubleheader.

Ramirez touched off a three-run first inning with a two-out homer off Adam Wilk (0-2). He chased the spot starter with a two-run double in the fourth and added another solo shot off Alex Wimmers in the sixth. It was the second multihomer game of Ramirez's career, both this season.

ATHLETICS 5, YANKEES 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Ryon Healy went deep twice for his third multihomer game in two weeks, Matt Joyce also hit a long ball and the Oakland Athletics beat the New York Yankees 5-2 on Saturday.

Joyce reached base five times, Jesse Hahn (3-4) pitched five innings to defeat New York for the first time in his career and Jed Lowrie had an RBI single to keep the A's rolling at home. Oakland has won six of its last eight at the Coliseum, including three straight against the Yankees.

ANGELS 9, ROYALS 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Albert Pujols, Cameron Maybin and Luis Valbuena each homered and Alex Meyer dominated for six innings, helping the Los Angeles Angels beat Kansas City 9-0 on Saturday to snap the Royals' six-game winning streak.

Maybin hit a leadoff homer in the first inning, Pujols had a two-run shot in the fifth and Valbuena added a three-run homer in the seventh.

National League

BRAVES 8, MARLINS 7

ATLANTA — Brandon Phillips drove in the winning run with in the bottom of the 10th inning, Matt Adams had four RBIs and the Atlanta Braves rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the Miami Marlins 8-7 on Saturday.

Johan Camargo led off the 10t with a single, advanced on a sacrifice and scored when Phillips lined a ball up the middle off A.J. Ramos (1-3).

PADRES 7, BREWERS 5

MILWAUKEE — Cory Spangenberg and Chase d'Arnaud each hit solo home runs in the 11th inning, lifting the San Diego Padres over the Milwaukee Brewers 7-5 on Saturday in yet another slugfest.

The teams have combined for 15 home runs in the first two games of the three-game series. The Padres totaled five home runs Saturday, including two by Yangervis Solarte and one by Wil Myers, while Milwaukee got a homer each from Orlando Arcia, Eric Thames and Keon Broxton.

NATIONALS 7, METS 4

NEW YORK — Trea Turner hit a leadoff homer and the Washington Nationals backed Stephen Strasburg with three long balls Saturday, beating the New York Mets 7-4 to stay undefeated at Citi Field this season.

Adam Lind added a two-run shot and Jose Lobaton also went deep for the NL East leaders, who can finish a four-game sweep Sunday afternoon.

DODGERS 10, REDS 2

CINCINNATI — Yasiel Puig hit two of the Dodgers' four homers, powering Los Angeles to a 10-2 victory on Saturday that took the edge of the Cincinnati Reds' latest honor for their banned hits king.

Pete Rose unveiled a bronze sculpture of his headfirst slide in front of Great American Ball Park before the game. Thousands of packed-in fans cheered when he said, "Let's get those Reds in high gear."

DIAMONDBACKS 5, PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA — Paul Goldschmidt hit a two-run double and also made a key catch, boosting the Arizona Diamondbacks over the Philadelphia Phillies 5-1 Saturday for their sixth straight victory.

The Diamondbacks improved to 43-26, matching the best 69-game start in team history.

ROCKIES 5, GIANTS 1

DENVER — Kyle Freeland tossed six solid innings. Tony Wolters drove in two runs and the Colorado Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants again, 5-1 on Saturday.

The Rockies are 9-1 against San Francisco this season and have won the last eight against the Giants.

Freeland (8-4) pitched with runners on base in every inning but held the Giants to one run and eight hits. The rookie right-hander left with a 2-1 lead and pumped his fist after striking out pinch-hitter Brandon Belt to end the sixth with a runner on second.

Interleague

ORIOLES 15, CARDINALS 7

BALTIMORE — Jonathan Schoop homered twice and drove in four runs, Manny Machado went deep in a seven-run second inning against Adam Wainwright and the Baltimore Orioles beat the St. Louis Cardinals 15-7 on Saturday.

GIANTS 1

Cincinnati 101 000 00– 2 11 2
Ryu, Avilan (6), Baez (7), Raisin (8), and Grandal; Wojciechowski, Brice (3), Cingrani (6), Suchanan (8) and Mesoraco. W—Ryu 3-6. L—Wojciechowski 1-1. HRs—Los Angeles, Puig 2, Pederson, Bellinger.

NATIONALS 7, METS 4

Washington 111 100 03– 7 11 1
New York 000 101 020– 4 12 1
Strasburg, Treinen (6), Grace (7), Blanton (8), Romero (8) and Lobaton; Lugo, Sewald (8), Reed (9) and R. Rivera, TJ Arnaud. W—Strasburg 8-2. L—Lugo 1-1. Sv—Romero (2). HRs—Washington, Lobaton. Lind, Turner. New York, Cespedes.

PADRES 7, BREWERS 5 (11 INNINGS)

San Diego 010 101 000 22– 7 9 1
Milwaukee 003 000 000 20– 5 7 1
Lamet, Yates (7), Hand (8), Maurer (9), J.Torres (10), Maton (11) and Hedges. C.Anderson, Hughes (8), Knebel (9), C.Torres (10), Drake (11) and Bandy, Pina. W—J.Torres 4-2. L—Drake. Sv—Maton (1). HRs—San Diego, Solarte 2, Myers, d'Arnaud. Spangenberg. Milwaukee, Arcia, Broxton, Thames.

BRAVES 8, MARLINS 7 (10 INNINGS)

Miami 000 052 000 0– 7 10 0
Atlanta 102 002 101 1– 8 16 0
Locke, McGowan (5), Ziegler (8), J.Garcia (9), Barraclough (7), Phelps (8), A.Ramos (9), and Realmuto; J.Garcia, Hursh (6), Krol (8), Jose Ramirez (9), Motte (8), Johnson (9), Vizcaino (10) and Flowers. W—Vizcaino 3-2. L—A.Ramos 1-3. HRs—Miami, Moore. Atlanta, Adams, Flowers.

INTERLEAGUE
ORIOLES 15, CARDINALS 7

St. Louis 100 213 000– 7 10 0
Baltimore 270 302 1x– 15 15 1
Wainwright, Lyons (2), Brebbia (6), Bowman (8) and Molina, Fryer; Miley, Asher (6), Bleier (6), Givens (6), Brach (9) and Castillo, C.Joseph. W—Miley 3-4. L—Wainwright 7-5. HRs—St. Louis, Molina, Fowler. Dejong. Baltimore, Machado, Jones, Trumbo, Schoop 2.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	38	28	.576	—
Boston	39	30	.559	1
Tampa Bay	36	35	.507	4½
Baltimore	33	34	.493	5½
Toronto	32	35	.478	6½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	31	.523	—
Minnesota	34	31	.523	—
Kansas City	32	35	.478	3
Detroit	32	35	.478	3
Chicago	31	36	.463	4
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	46	23	.667	—
Texas	34	33	.507	11
Los Angeles	36	36	.500	11½
Seattle	33	37	.471	13½
Oakland	30	38	.441	15½

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	42	26	.618	—
Miami	30	36	.455	11
New York	30	37	.448	11½
Atlanta	30	37	.448	11½
Philadelphia	22	45	.328	19½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	37	33	.529	—
Chicago	33	34	.493	2½
St. Louis	31	36	.463	4½
Pittsburgh	31	37	.456	5
Cincinnati	29	38	.433	6½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	45	26	.634	—
Los Angeles	43	26	.623	1
Arizona	43	26	.623	1
San Diego	28	41	.406	16
San Francisco	26	44	.371	18½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Saturday's Scores
Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto 2
Cleveland 9, Minnesota 3, 1st game
Oakland 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Baltimore 15, St. Louis 7
Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2
Texas 10, Seattle 4
Houston 7, Boston 1
L.A. Angels 9, Kansas City 0
Cleveland at Minnesota, late

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Shields 1-0) at Toronto (Happ 1-4), 12:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Faria 2-0) at Detroit (Farmer 2-0), 12:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 5-3) at Baltimore (Jimenez 1-2), 12:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Bauer 5-5) at Minnesota (Gibson 4-4), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (Bergman 3-4) at Texas (Darvish 6-4), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Vargas 9-3) at L.A. Angels (Ramirez 6-4), 2:37 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 0-0) at Oakland (Cotton 3-7), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Price 1-1) at Houston (Musgrove 4-5), 7:05 p.m.

National League
Saturday's Scores
Colorado 5, San Francisco 1
Arizona 5, Philadelphia 1
Baltimore 15, St. Louis 7
Atlanta 8, Miami 7, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 10, Cincinnati 2
San Diego 7, Milwaukee 5, 11 innings
Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 4
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 3

Today's Games
L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 4-3) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 3-5), 12:10 p.m.
Washington (Ross 3-2) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 5-3), 12:10 p.m.
Arizona (Ray 7-3) at Philadelphia (Lively 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 4-7) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 3-1), 12:35 p.m.
Miami (Urena 5-2) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 4-5), 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 5-3) at Baltimore (Jimenez 1-2), 12:35 p.m.
San Diego (Perdomo 1-3) at Milwaukee (Nelson 4-3), 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Blach 4-4) at Colorado (Chatwood 6-7), 2:10 p.m.

Texas boxes

RANGERS 10, MARINERS 4

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Gamel lf	5	0	1	0	Choo rf	5	1	2	2
Haniger rf	5	0	2	0	Andrus ss	3	0	0	0
Cano 2b	3	0	1	0	Mazara lf	4	1	2	0
Cruz dh	3	1	0	0	Beltre 3b	4	1	1	0
K.Seger 3b	4	0	0	0	Odor 2b	4	2	2	2
Ybarcia 1b	4	1	1	2	C.Gomez cf	3	2	1	2
Zunino c	4	1	1	3	Napoli dh	4	2	2	4
Heredia cf	4	1	2	0	Lucroy c	4	0	0	0
Motter ss	4	0	1	1	Gallo 1b	4	1	0	0
Totals	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**35**	**10**	**10**	**10**

Seattle	001	003	000	—4
Texas	500	005	00x	—10

E—Motter (3). LOB—Seattle 7, Texas 3. 2B—Heredia (4), Motter (11), Odor (11). HR—Zunino (7), Choo (10), Odor (12), Napoli 2 (13).

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gallardo L,3-7	5	6	5	5	1	3
Altavilla	1	4	5	4	0	1
Whalen	2	0	0	0	0	2
Texas						
Perez W,3-6	5 1-3	7	4	4	2	5
Leclerc	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Claudio	1	2	0	0	0	2
Kela	1	0	0	0	0	2
Jeffress	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Altavilla (Gomez).
T—2:54. A—35,928 (48,114).

ASTROS 7, RED SOX 1

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Betts rf	4	0	1	0	Springer cf	4	1	2	0
Pedroia 2b	4	0	1	0	Ma.Giroa 3b	4	1	1	0
Bgaerts ss	3	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	2	2	2
Mreland 1b	3	0	0	0	Correa ss	3	1	1	0
Sndoval 3b	0	0	0	0	B.McCrn c	3	0	1	1
Brentnd lf	3	0	0	0	Beltran dh	3	1	2	3
Chris.Y dh	3	1	1	1	Y.Grml 1b	4	1	1	0
Brdly J cf	3	0	0	0	Fisher lf	4	0	1	0
Rtledge 3b-1b	3	0	0	0	Aoki rf	3	0	0	0
Leon c	3	0	0	0					
Totals	**29**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**Totals**	**32**	**7**	**11**	**6**

Boston	000	010	000	—1
Houston	303	001	00x	—7

DP—Boston 1, Houston 1. LOB—Boston 2, Houston 4. 2B—Springer 2 (13), Altuve (19), Beltran (15), Y.Grml (14). HR—Chris.Young (3), Altuve (10), Beltran (9). SF—B.McCann (3), Beltran (2).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Porcello L,3-9	6	10	7	7	1	3
Maddox	1	0	0	0	0	0
Abad	1	1	0	0	0	2
Houston						
Paulino W,1-0	6	3	1	1	1	4
Devenski	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gregerson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Diaz	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:34. A—41,017 (42,060).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
WHITE SOX 5, BLUE JAYS 2

Chicago	020	001	01–	5	8	0
Toronto	010	000	100–	2	6	3

Petkey, Jennings (7), Beck (7), Kahnle (7), Dav.Robertson (8) and Narvaez; Stroman, Tepera (6), Loup (9) and Maile, Martin. W—Petkey 3-5. L—Stroman 7-3. Sv—Dav.Robertson (11). HRs—Chicago, Davidson, Abreu, Frazier.

INDIANS 9, TWINS 3

Cleveland	301	202	001–	9	14	1
Minnesota	001	200	000–	3	8	1

Merritt, McAllister (5), B.Shaw (7), Otero (8) and R.Perez; Wilk, Wimmers (4), Boshers (6), Belisle (8) and Gimenez. W—McAllister 1-0. L—Wilk 0-2. HRs—Cleveland, Ramirez 2.

ATHLETICS 5, YANKEES 2

New York	000	000	00–	2	5	0
Oakland	110	300	0x–	5	12	1

Tanaka, German (5) and Au.Romine, Hahn; Hendriks (6), J.Smith (7), Madson (8), Doolittle (9) and Phegley. W—Hahn 3-4. L—Tanaka 5-7. Sv—Doolittle (2). HRs—Oakland, Healy 2, Joyce.

RAYS 3, TIGERS 2

Tampa Bay	000	010	200–	3	8	2
Detroit	000	011	000–	2	8	0

Archer, J.Diaz (7), Colome (8) and Norris. Fulmer, Wilson (7), Greene (8), Rodriguez (9) and Avila. W—Archer 5-4. L—Fulmer 6-5. Sv—Colome (19). HRs—Detroit, Cabrera.

ANGELS 9, ROYALS 0

Kansas City	000	000	000–	0	2	0
Los Angeles	100	23x	0x–	9	13	2

Junis, Chris Young (8), Wood (8) and Butera. Meyer, Parker (7), Bedrosian (8), Petit (9) and Maldonado. W—Meyer 3-3. L—Junis 2-1. HRs—Los Angeles, Valbuena, Maybin, Pujols.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ROCKIES 5, GIANTS 1

San Francisco	000	100	000–	1	10	0
Colorado	010	011	20x–	5	14	1

Cain, Morris (6), Osich (7), Gearrin (8) and Hundley. Freeland, Oberg (7), Ottavino (8), McGee (9) and Wolters. W—Freeland 8-4. L—Cain 3-6.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, PHILLIES 1

Arizona	001	000	40–	5	9	0
Philadelphia	000	001	00–	1	9	0

Godley, De La Rosa (6), Hoover (7), Chafin (7), McFarland (8) and Iannetta, Eickhoff. E.Ramos (7), Finn (7), Morgan (8), L.Garcia (9) and Knapp. W—De La Rosa 3-1. L—E.Ramos 0-4.

DODGERS 10, REDS 2

Los Angeles	100	101	011–	10	12	1

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Blaney's success has Ford riding high in Michigan

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Ryan Blaney's victory meant a lot to Brad Keselowski.

It was Keselowski who gave Blaney a big opportunity back in 2012, when Blaney had a chance to drive with Keselowski's team in the Truck Series. Five years later, the 23-year-old Blaney won for the first time in NASCAR's Cup Series when he prevailed last weekend at Pocono . It was a win that gave Ford a lot to feel good about before this weekend's always-anticipated race at Michigan — and Keselowski, another Ford driver, clearly enjoyed Blaney's success.

"I think there's a lot of moments you have in life that you really don't prepare for and when it happens it's just pretty dang awesome," Keselowski said. "That was a pretty dang awesome moment for me, to see him win and to see one of his dreams come true."

Keselowski's own career floundered before he got the chance a decade ago to drive for Dale Earnhardt Jr. on the Nationwide Series. He says the support he received from Earnhardt means a lot to him.

There are some similarities between their relationship and the way Keselowski has helped Blaney.

"I wouldn't be where I am at in my career without the help of people that have given me the opportunities, and I'm thankful for them, but I can never really repay them for that. And so what I can do is pay it forward to others and give that same opportunity," Keselowski said. "Seeing someone like Ryan win is almost like the best thank you I can give to Dale Jr. or to Roger (Penske) or to my dad and family that gave me opportunities."

The events at Michigan International Speedway about 70 miles from Detroit are always important to Ford and Chevrolet, and those manufacturers split the two Cup races at the track last year. With Keselowski and Kevin Harvick both in the top five in driver points, and Blaney coming off his win last week, there are plenty of encouraging signs for Ford.

Blaney's win came for the Wood Brothers, a storied team with long ties to Ford.

"That's probably the single most important thing to our family — the relationship that we have with Ford Motor Company," said Wood Brothers Racing owner Eddie Wood. "It started with our dad and uncles in 1950 and we've never raced anything but Ford Motor Company products."

Blaney drives a limited Xfinity schedule for Team Penske, and he competes for the Wood Brothers in the Cup Series through an alliance between Penske and the Wood Brothers. There's plenty of talk that Blaney could join Penske for the Cup Series, and Wood takes all that in stride.

"He'll go on to bigger and better and greater things. He's going to win a lot of races, and I think he's going to win some championships," Wood said. "Whatever we do from there, it'll be fine."

Keselowski, meanwhile, said this week he'd have no reason to want to leave Penske, even with Earnhardt's No. 88 at Hendrick Motorsports coming open.

"I can tell you that I've gone a long ways in my life and career with the help of Roger and all Team Penske, and I hope to continue to do so," Keselowski said.

If Keselowski stays put and Blaney keeps improving, the future could be pretty bright for Ford.

A few more things to watch in Sunday's Cup race at MIS:

Going back

Jimmie Johnson, who was 13th after Friday's qualifying, spun during Saturday's morning practice and eventually went to a backup car. He was ninth in Saturday's second practice, but he'll have to start from the back of the field Sunday.

"We need to work a little more on it to make it more comfortable for me, but all things considered we will be OK," Johnson said. "Just need to pass some cars again."

NASCAR-Monster Energy-Firekeepers Casino 400 Lineup
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: (oval, 2 miles)
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 202.156 mph.
2. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 202.117 mph.
3. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 201.664 mph.
4. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 201.523 mph.
5. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 201.337 mph.
6. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200.854 mph.
7. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 200.770 mph.
8. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 200.742 mph.
9. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 200.730 mph.
10. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200.378 mph.
11. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 200.206 mph.
12. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 200.050 mph.
13. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 200.306 mph.
14. (77) Erik Jones, Toyota, 200.178 mph.
15. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 199.712 mph.
16. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 199.369 mph.
17. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 199.225 mph.
18. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 198.961 mph.
19. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 198.708 mph.
20. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 198.533 mph.
21. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 198.522 mph.
22. (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 198.211 mph.
23. (10) Danica Patrick, Ford, 197.775 mph.
24. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 197.525 mph.
25. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 197.482 mph.
26. (43) Darrell Wallace Jr., Ford, 197.401 mph.
27. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 197.158 mph.
28. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 196.223 mph.
29. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 195.780 mph.
30. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 195.615 mph.
31. (23) Ryan Sieg, Toyota, 193.668 mph.
32. (83) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 192.472 mph.
33. (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 191.520 mph.
34. (15) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 190.305 mph.
35. (33) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 189.999 mph.
36. (34) Landon Cassill, Ford, 0.000 mph.
37. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 0.000 mph.

Hamlin edges Byron in thrilling Xfinity finish at Michigan

By Noah Trister
Associated Press



Carlos Osorio/Associated Press

Denny Hamlin celebrates with a burnout after winning the NASCAR Xfinity series auto race Saturday in Brooklyn, Mich.

BROOKLYN, Mich. — The Xfinity race at Michigan began with instant drama — contact between Brad Keselowski and Kyle Busch that sent Busch spinning.

The ending was just as compelling.

Denny Hamlin inched ahead of William Byron on the final turn and nosed out the rookie at the finish line, winning Saturday in the closest NASCAR Xfinity race at Michigan International Speedway since the advent of electronic scoring in the series.

"We went so low down the back straightaway that there was dust and stuff flying off the tires," Hamlin said.

It was Hamlin's 16th career Xfinity victory and first in three starts this year, but the 19-year-old Byron made him earn it. Byron led after a restart with two laps remaining, but Hamlin pressured him the rest of the way , and the Cup Series veteran eventually prevailed by 0.012 seconds in his No. 20 Toyota.

The two cars crossed the finish line next to each other, with Hamlin barely ahead on the inside.

"It was a lot of fun," Byron said. "He just had enough air down there to get to the side of us, and it was just a race to the line after that."

The previous track record for closest victory margin was 0.192 seconds by Todd Bodine on Aug. 19, 2000.

Elliott Sadler was also in the mix during the final lap and finished third in the 125-lap, 250-mile race. He took over the series points lead from Justin Allgaier.

Busch and Keselowski were 1-2 after qualifying, giving this Xfinity race a couple of big names at the front. Seconds after the start, Busch drifted slightly to the right, and Keselowski made contact from behind on the outside.

"I don't think he knew I was there," Keselowski said. "I lifted the best I could, I guess I just didn't do a good enough job lifting. I was already pulling up alongside of him."

Keselowski finished fourth and Busch was fifth. Keselowski and Sadler were in first place after the first and second stages, at 30 laps and 60.

Hamlin was ahead by about three seconds before a late caution for debris, and the restart with nine laps remaining kicked off a wild finish. Byron came away with the lead, only for another caution to come when Matt Tifft went spinning.

Byron held on gamely after the last restart, but the 36-year-old Hamlin was too tough.

"Super glad to have the experienced guy in the seat," said Chris Gabehart, Hamlin's crew chief. "William Byron, with years, will gain that, but a guy like Denny Hamlin is able to think through every second of that at 190 miles an hour and know exactly where he needs to be at each second, and that's why we're here today.

"We had a fast car, and think we were going to win it either way, but when it came down to experience at the end, I'll take him."

Hamlin will try to add another win for Joe Gibbs Racing when he competes in Sunday's Cup race. Byron, meanwhile, will have to keep trying for his first Xfinity win. His best previous finish was fourth, and this effort earned him quite a bit of respect.

NaSCAR Xfinity Irish Hills 250 Results
Saturday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

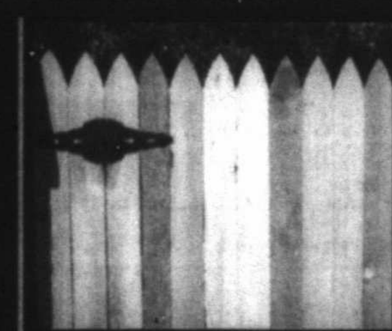
1. (5) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 125 laps.
2. (4) William Byron, Chevrolet, 125.
3. (3) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 125.
4. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 125.
5. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 125.
6. (17) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 125.
7. (10) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 125.
8. (20) Ryan Reed, Ford, 125.
9. (11) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 125.
10. (7) Cole Custer, Ford, 125.
11. (15) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 125.
12. (16) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 125.
13. (6) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 125.
14. (23) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 125.
15. (18) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 125.
16. (22) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 125.
17. (13) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 125.
18. (8) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, 125.
19. (24) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 125.
20. (28) Dakoda Armstrong, Toyota, 125.
21. (38) David Starr, Chevrolet, 125.
22. (27) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 125.
23. (19) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 125.
24. (30) Dylan Lupton, Toyota, 125.
25. (35) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 124.
26. (14) Matt Tifft, Toyota, 124.
27. (32) Josh Bilicki, Chevrolet, 123.
28. (34) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 122.
29. (26) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 122.
30. (29) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 122.
31. (33) Korbin Forrister, Chevrolet, 122.
32. (40) Mike Harmon, Dodge, 120.
33. (31) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 118.
34. (36) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, electrical, 66.
35. (25) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, vibration, 44.
36. (12) Ben Kennedy, Chevrolet, accident, 41.
37. (9) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, accident, 38.
38. (21) JJ Yeley, Toyota, accident, 37.
39. (39) Timmy Hill, Toyota, steering, 20.
40. (37) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, suspension, 19.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 124.671 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 0 minutes, 19 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.012 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 32 laps.
Lead Changes: 10 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: B. Keselowski 1-32; D. Hamlin 33; C. Custer 34-48; B. Keselowski 49-57; E. Sadler 58-70; B. Keselowski 71-83; E. Sadler 84; D. Hamlin 85-116; W. Byron 117-124; D. Hamlin 125.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): B. Keselowski 3 times for 54 laps; D. Hamlin 3 times for 34 laps; C. Custer 1 time for 15 laps; E. Sadler 2 times for 14 laps; W. Byron 1 time for 8 laps.

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Seeking answers, Jordan Spieth struggles in third round at US Open

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

ERIN, Wis. — Jordan Spieth's first attempt to get out of the bunker on the 18th hole Saturday ended badly. The ball slid back down the sandy slope until it came to a rest near his footprints.

It was a fitting end to a frustrating day for Spieth at the U.S. Open.

"It's been an off-putting week for me," Spieth said. "Searching for it, but just haven't quite finished out a major with the speed."

Spieth shot a 4-under 76 in a third round that ended with a double bogey on the par-5 18th . Spieth was at 4 over for the tournament — 16 shots behind leader Brian Harman.

The fifth-ranked player in the world has had his ups and downs this year.

Spieth missed the cut at The Players Championship and the AT&T Byron Nelson before tying for second after shooting a 65 in the final round at the Colonial.

He said he felt like he was back on the upswing at the Colonial. A week later, at the Memorial, Spieth shot a 66 in the first round before fizzling and tying for 13th.

"And out here I'm just thinking a lot about my stroke, stance, stuff you would rather not be thinking about. You'd rather think about line of pace," Spieth said Saturday. "But I can't do that yet because I haven't figured out the other part."

Louis Louis: For a while Saturday, Louis Oosthuizen looked as if he would make one of the biggest moves up the leaderboard after shooting a 68 in the third round to move to 4 under.

His outlook for making a final-round charge changed considerably once the afternoon groups teed off.

"But it's soft conditions. The guys are going to shoot low. I can see the guys in the afternoon shooting that score easily," Oosthuizen said.

To say the least.

The birdies started piling up as the round drew to a close. By the end of the day, Oosthuizen was eight shots back of leader Brian Harman.

But Oosthuizen knows how quickly momentum can swing at a U.S. Open.

Two years ago, he carded a 29 on the back nine of the final round at Chambers Bay, equaling the lowest nine-hole score in U.S. Open history. He finished in a tie for second at 4 under after an opening 77.

"I'm probably going to be six behind teeing off tomorrow, six or maybe even more," Oosthuizen said. "But it's all on how you start. You can have a really fast start and just get up the leaderboard, and you never know what can happen."

Stricker's day: Homestate favorite Steve Stricker keeps feeling the love from U.S. Open fans.

He nearly gave them a final few holes to remember in the third round.

Stricker birdied three of four holes going into the par-5 18th. But his 9-foot putt to save par edged just short of the hole, and he had to tap in for bogey.

Stricker shot a 69 to move to 2 under going into the final round.

"Yeah, a little disappointing the way I finished there on 18. Really a solid day, though, all the way around," Stricker said.

Stricker, who turned 50 this year, seems to be rejuvenated on the course. Now eligible for the PGA Champions Tour, Stricker is playing more this year than in recent seasons.

"Tomorrow will be fun and special, just going around here and being a part of this first U.S. Open here in Wisconsin," Stricker said. "It will just be cool in itself."

Cinking in: Stewart Cink had a bad start to the third round of his 20th U.S. Open.

His first four holes went this way: double bogey, bogey, bogey, bogey.

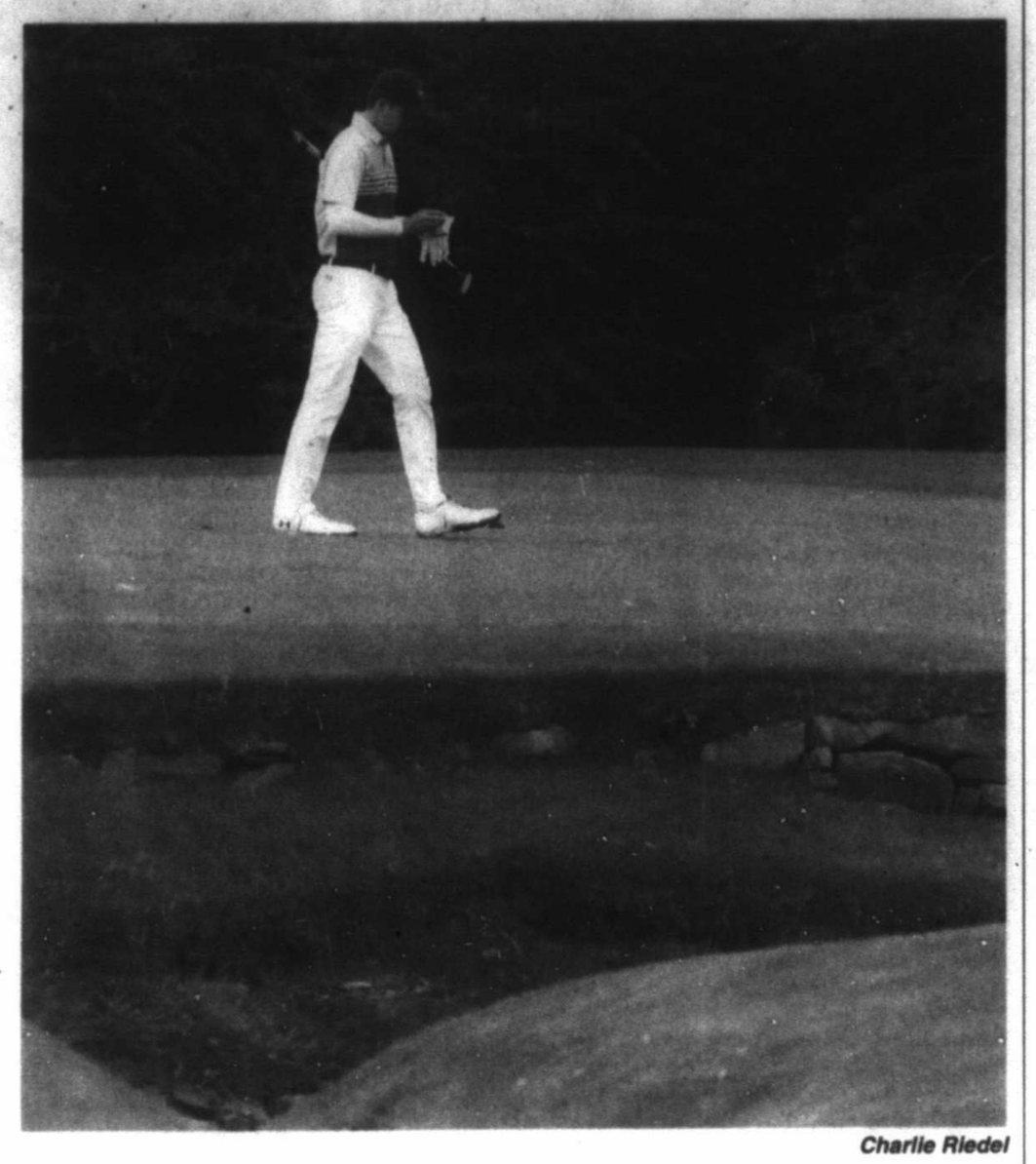
"When you start off like that, you're whole system gets shaken up. It's hard not to struggle with your focus a little bit," Cink said.

He ended up with two birdies and no bogeys over his last five holes.

"Stabilized is a good word for it. But when you're 5 over through four holes, you don't need to stabilize, you need to completely turn it around," Cink said.

The 2009 British Open winner made his first appearance at the U.S. Open in three years, having secured a qualifying spot at the Columbus, Ohio, sectional. His best finish at the U.S. Open was third in 2001.

Third-round disappointment aside, Cink is still looking forward to playing on Sunday. It also happens to be his 24th wedding anniversary with his wife, Lisa.



Charlie Riedel

Jordan Spieth makes his way to the 13th green during the first round for the Masters golf tournament Thursday in Augusta, Ga.

U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

Saturday
At Erin Hills
Erin, Wis.
Purse: $12 million
Yardage: 7,741; Par 72
Third Round
(a-amateur)

Brian Harman	67-70-67—204
Justin Thomas	73-69-63—205
Brooks Koepka	67-70-68—205
Tommy Fleetwood	67-70-68—205
Rickie Fowler	65-73-68—206
Si Woo Kim	69-70-68—207
Patrick Reed	68-75-65—208
Russell Henley	71-70-67—208
Charley Hoffman	70-70-68—208
Bill Haas	72-68-69—209
Brendan Steele	71-69-69—209
Brandt Snedeker	70-69-70—209
Xander Schauffele	66-73-70—209
Bernd Wiesberger	69-72-69—210
Hideki Matsuyama	74-65-71—210
J.B. Holmes	69-69-72—210
Louis Oosthuizen	74-70-68—212
Trey Mullinax	71-72-69—212
Eddie Pepperell	72-71-69—212
Sergio Garcia	70-71-71—212
Chez Reavie	75-65-72—212
Marc Leishman	68-72-72—212
a-Cameron Champ	70-69-73—212
Jamie Lovemark	69-69-74—212
Paul Casey	66-71-75—212
Zach Johnson	71-74-68—213
Jim Furyk	70-74-69—213
Matt Fitzpatrick	70-73-70—213
David Lingmerth	73-69-71—213
Steve Stricker	73-72-69—214
Kevin Chappell	74-70-70—214
Michael Putnam	73-70-71—214
a-Scottie Scheffler	69-74-71—214
Jack Maguire	70-73-71—214
Matt Kuchar	74-71-70—215
Brandon Grace	72-72-71—215
Martin Laird	72-71-72—215
Whee Kim	73-70-72—215
Jonathan Randolph	71-71-73—215
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Satoshi Kodaira	73-69-73—215
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Shane Lowry	71-74-73—218
Stephan Jaeger	71-73-74—218
Yutaku Miyazato	72-70-76—218
Jason Kokrak	75-70-74—219
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Lee Westwood	69-75-75—219
Keegan Bradley	72-73-75—220
Jordan Spieth	76-71-76—220
Kevin Kisner	74-70-76—220
Stewart Cink	74-70-76—220
William McGirt	70-71-79—220
Talor Gooch	74-71-76—221
Ernie Els	70-72-79—221
Tyler Light	73-72-76—223
Kevin Dougherty	71-72-80—223
Haotong Li	74-70-82—226

Lexi Thompson takes 1-shot lead in Meijer LPGA Classic

Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Lexi Thompson shot a 64 on Saturday on the Blythefield layout reduced to a par of 69 because of flooding, giving her a one-stroke lead in the Meijer LPGA Classic.

The fifth hole was played as a 111-yard par 3 instead of a par 5 because of the flooding from overnight rain.

Coming off a playoff loss to Ariya Jutanugarn last week in Canada, Thompson had six birdies and a bogey to reach 15-under 196.

Brooke Henderson, the leader after each of the first two rounds, had a 67 to drop into a tie for second with Lee-Anne Pace (61), Sung Hyun Park (62) and Jenny Shin (63).

Hyo Joo Kim (65) was 12 under, and Lydia Ko (64), Michelle Wie (64), Moriya Jutanugarn (67) and Carlota Ciganda (68) followed at 11 under. Ko dropped to No. 2 in the world Monday after an 85-week run at the top. The top-ranked Ariya Jutanugarn, Moriya Jutanugarn's younger sister, was 9 under after a 64.

Thompson won the Kingsmill Championship last month in Virginia for her eighth LPGA Tour title after losing the ANA Inspiration in a playoff after being penalized four strokes for a rules violation reported by a television viewer.

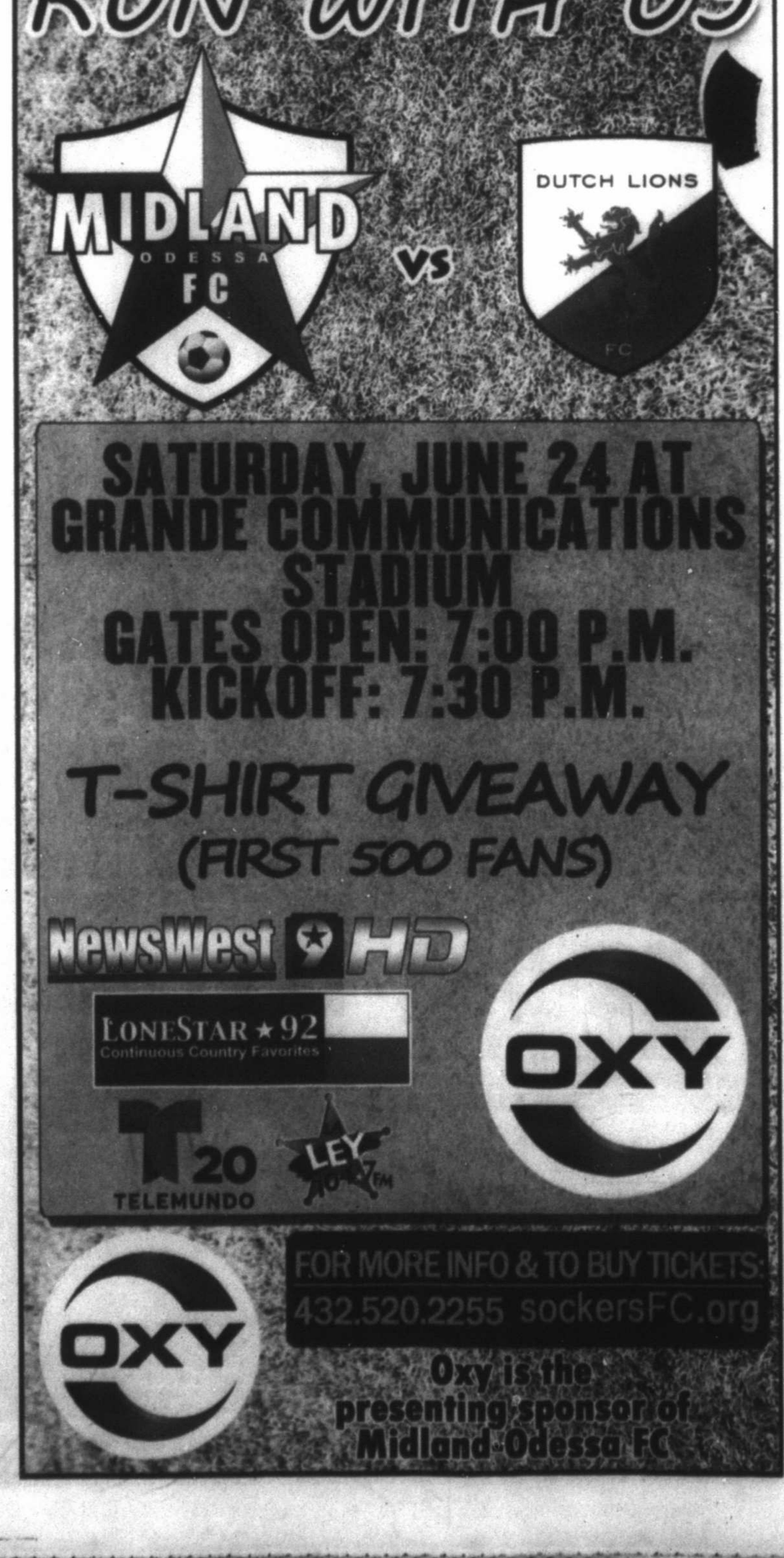
At Rancho Mirage in early April, Thompson was given the four-shot penalty with six holes to play in the final round. She had a 15-inch putt on 17 in the third round when she stooped to mark the ball, and quickly replaced it about an inch away. The television viewer contacted the LPGA Tour the next day, and officials determined it was a clear violation.

Thompson was assessed a two-shot penalty for where she replaced the ball, and because it happened the day before, she received a two-shot penalty for signing an incorrect scorecard. She went from a three-shot lead to one shot behind, and eventually lost to So Yeon Ryu in the playoff.

LPGA TOUR-MEIJER LPGA CLASSIC SCORES

Saturday
At Blythefield Country Club
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,451; Par 71
Third Round

Lexi Thompson	64-68-64—196
Lee-Anne Pace	68-68-61—197
Sung Hyun Park	67-68-62—197
Jenny Shin	67-67-63—197
Brooke M. Henderson	63-67-67—197
Hyo Joo Kim	69-65-65—199
Michelle Wie	68-68-64—200
Lydia Ko	65-71-64—200
Moriya Jutanugarn	67-66-67—200
Carlota Ciganda	68-64-68—200
Mirim Lee	69-68-64—201
Cristie Kerr	67-68-66—201
Madelene Sagstrom	65-70-66—201
Stacy Lewis	64-71-66—201
Emily K. Pedersen	67-67-67—201
Shanshan Feng	64-70-67—201
Mi Jung Hur	66-66-69—201
Danielle Kang	71-68-63—202
Wichanee Meechai	70-69-63—202
Ariya Jutanugarn	69-69-64—202
Jacqui Concolino	71-66-65—202
Mi Hyang Lee	70-67-65—202
Su Oh	67-70-65—202
Jane Park	66-71-65—202
Aditi Ashok	68-68-66—202
Beatriz Recari	71-69-63—203
Sei Young Kim	70-70-63—203
Haru Nomura	69-69-65—203
Sarah Jane Smith	69-69-65—203
Azahara Munoz	68-70-65—203
Na Yeon Choi	69-68-66—203
Simin Feng	65-72-66—203
Marissa L Steen	69-71-64—204
Megan Khang	69-70-65—204
Nelly Korda	72-68-64—204
Holly Clyburn	64-74-66—204
Mariah Stackhouse	70-67-67—204
Morgan Pressel	69-67-68—204
Jessica Korda	68-68-68—204
Vicky Hurst	70-70-65—205
Hee Young Park	69-71-65—205
Demi Runas	67-73-65—205
Cydney Clanton	69-70-66—205
Rachel Rohanna	69-69-67—205
Lindy Duncan	69-69-67—205
Brittany Altomare	68-69-68—205
Therese O'Hara	72-68-66—206
Kim Kaufman	70-69-67—206
Inbee Park	70-69-67—206
Lizette Salas	69-70-67—206
In-Kyung Kim	69-70-67—206
Min Lee	69-70-67—206
Gerina Piller	68-71-67—206
Alena Sharp	67-72-67—206
Brooke Pancake	70-68-68—206
Tiffany Joh	67-71-68—206
Wei-Ling Hsu	69-71-67—207
Brittany Lincicome	69-71-67—207
Jeong Eun Lee	68-71-68—207
Ally McDonald	70-70-68—208
Laura Gonzalez Escallon	69-71-68—208
Amy Olson	69-70-69—208
Ryann O'Toole	73-68-70—208
Dori Carter	68-70-70—208
Giulia Molinaro	64-76-69—209
Jackie Stoelting	71-68-70—209
Haeji Kang	67-72-70—209
Joanna Klatten	76-64-70—210
Angel Yin	71-68-71—210
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	72-68-70—210



OPEN

From 1C

In the previous 116 U.S. Opens, only six players had ever reached 10-under par or lower, never in the same tournament. There were five players in double digits Saturday at Erin Hills.

Koepka also reached the green in two on the 667-yard closing hole for a two-putt birdie and a 68. Fleetwood was poised to take the lead until his pitch to the 18th wasn't strong enough and his next shot went beyond the flag and down the slope some 70 feet away. He got that up-and-down for a bogey and a 68.

Fowler, sharing a house with Thomas this week, was being left behind until he ran off three straight birdies and shot 68. He was 10 under.

"It's going to be a really cool day for someone tomorrow," Fowler said. "I'm looking forward to my shot at it. I've been there a handful of times and had some good finishes. But I'm looking forward to getting the job done."

Not to be overlooked was Si Woo Kim, who captured The Players Championship last month. He shot 68 and was only three back.

Even with the course drying out, there simply was not enough wind to frighten anyone on their game.

Thomas, the 24-year-old from Kentucky who is a major away from joining the young elite in golf, only added to a year of low numbers. He made an eagle on his final hole at the Sony Open in January to shoot 59, and he went on to break the PGA Tour's 72-hole scoring record.

The U.S. Open didn't seem to faze him, and he delivered a variety of big shots that led to his sensational finish.

He rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt on No. 5 from the edge of the green that broke so severely that he stood with his toes facing the hole and rapped the ball toward his left foot. It took a hard turn to the right and rolled in. In the hay left of the 12th fairway, he gouged it out with a 9-iron and watched it roll to 10 feet.

And with the tees moved up on the 15th hole to make it reachable, Thomas hit a 3-wood that rolled off the back slope of the green to 6 feet. He two-putted for birdie, and he rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th.

"It doesn't matter how long, how whatever the course is," Thomas said about the longest course in major championship history. "When you give us soft greens, good greens and not much wind, you know there are going to be some good scores. I was just happy that I was the one that was able to take advantage of it today."

But the work is not done.

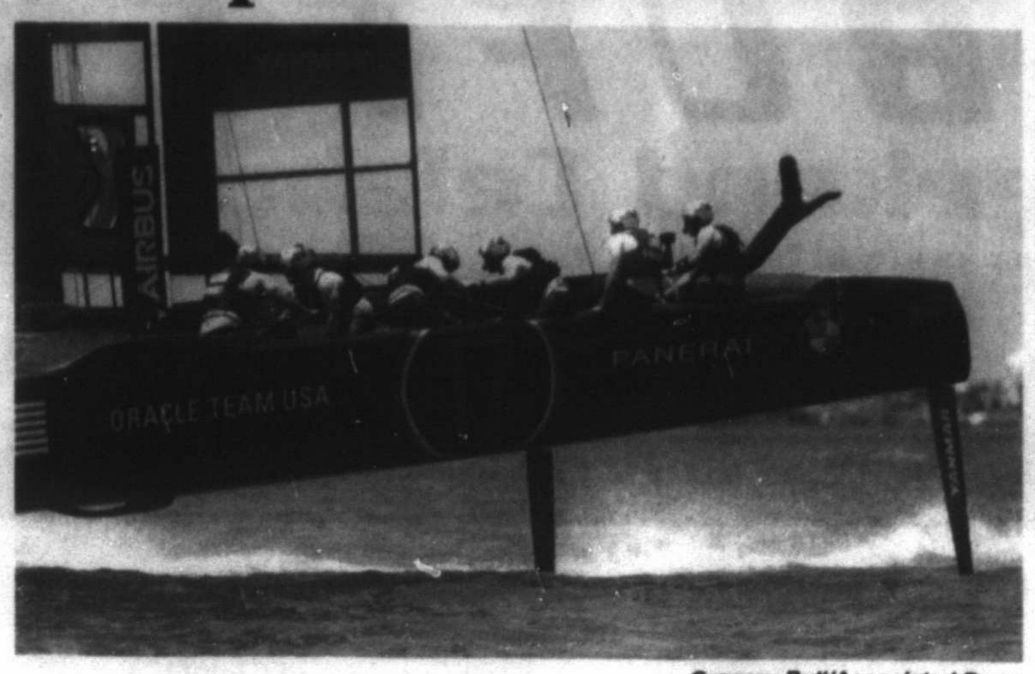
Of the five other players who shot a 63 in the third round at a major, none went on to win. Most of them had to come from far back going into the weekend, and it was difficult to put together two good rounds.

Then again, none of the top 16 on the leaderboard has ever won a major.

"Someone has a very good chance of ending up with their first major tomorrow," Fowler said.

Kiwis beat Oracle in first two America's Cup races in Bermuda

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press



Gregory Bull/Associated Press

Oracle Team USA races Emirates Team New Zealand during the first race of America's Cup match sailing competition Saturday in the Great Sound of Bermuda.

HAMILTON, Bermuda — In light, shifty winds on the turquoise waters of the Great Sound, Peter Burling and Emirates Team New Zealand made fewer mistakes than Jimmy Spithill and Oracle Team USA and won the first two races of the 35th America's Cup.

It wasn't the cleanest start to sailing's biggest regatta, leaving more questions than answers as both teams headed back to their bases to pore over data and figure out where they need to sharpen up.

Although they won twice, by 30 seconds and 1 minute, 28 seconds, the Kiwis lead just 1-0. Oracle earned a bonus point for winning the qualifiers, but it was actually a negative point for the Kiwis, so the first-race win merely erased that. That means they need to win eight races total to spirit the Auld Mug back to the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron in Auckland, where it resided from 1995 until 2003. Oracle needs to win seven to keep the silver trophy in the hands of American software billionaire Larry Ellison.

"We're under no illusions," said Burling, 26. "We've got a lot of hard work to do to keep pushing forward. All the people in the shed back at the base are already going over the boat and trying to get little bits of speed to start throwing at these guys."

Other than the Kiwis remaining fast in light conditions, there's not much of a conclusion to draw yet.

After all, the 2013 America's Cup proved that no lead is safe.

This is a rematch of that epic regatta, when Team New Zealand, then skippered by Dean Barker, reached match point at 8-1 before Oracle Team USA won eight straight races on San Francisco Bay to retain the oldest trophy in international sports.

Still, this is! Just start the powerhouse Oracle squad expected.

"It was obviously a tough day," Spithill said. "Clearly we weren't sailing at our best. But we had our opportunities. We had our chances, but these guys made fewer mistakes. The good news is, we're only one back."

Burling, who has won Olympic gold and silver medals with grinder Blair Tuke, again appeared unflappable. He is an America's Cup rookie.

Spithill, an Australian, is trying to win his third straight America's Cup before he turns 38.

For a few dramatic minutes, it looked like Spithill was going to salvage a split of Saturday's races. The American-backed crew benefited from a wind shift sailing upwind on leg five in the second race and made up a huge deficit, pulling right behind the Kiwis sailing through the gate mark. But its 50-foot catamaran came off its foils during a bad gybe and buried its bows in the water, allowing the Kiwis to speed back ahead and open a lead of more than 300 yards.

Spithill thinks the splashdown was caused by a problem with one of the rudders.

"I think we saw just how a couple of times these guys built a healthy lead, and in the blink of an eye it's back on again," Spithill said. "We were far from our best today. We're obviously going to put some hours in now, really have a good look back through all the video, all the data, sharpen up and come out swinging tomorrow."

The low-key Kiwi crew shook hands after crossing the finish line of the second race just off the America's Cup Village on the site of a former Royal Navy base.

Spithill told his crew: "Hang in there."

Races 3 and 4 are scheduled Sunday.

The Kiwis snapped a 10-race losing streak to Oracle, including eight at the end of the 2013 regatta and two in the round-robins this year.

In the first race, Spithill was over the starting line early, forcing him to drop two boat lengths behind to clear the penalty. The Kiwi catamaran rose onto its hydrofoils and sped ahead.

But the Kiwis later came off their foils during a difficult maneuver and slowed dramatically in the tough conditions, losing half their lead. They had enough of an advantage to hit the line well ahead.

The always-innovative Kiwis are using a "cyclor" grinding system. They've built four stationary cycling stations into each hull to tap leg power instead of traditional arm power from the grinders to power the hydraulic systems that control the wing mainsail and the daggerboards.

Browns' Garrett has sprained foot, expected to be in camp

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Browns finally caught a break. Top pick Myles Garrett only has a sprained foot.

After fearing the rookie defensive end might be out for a significant period, the Browns announced Saturday that Garrett has a lateral sprain in his left foot, but that he's expected to be ready for training camp next month.

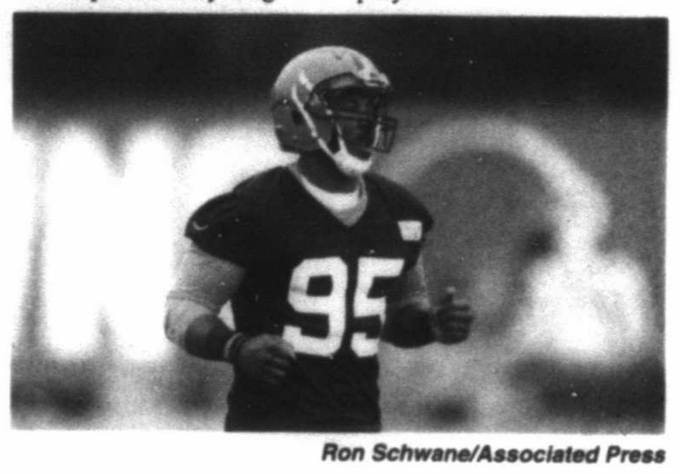
Garrett was injured Wednesday during the late stages of practice, going down without any contact while rushing quarterback Brock Osweiler during a two-minute drill. Garrett's reaction — he put his hands to his head, grabbed his foot in pain — as well as his frustration while being seen by a trainer seemed to indicate a serious injury.

However, the Browns said Dr. Robert Anderson, a foot and ankle specialist with OrthoCarolina, agreed with a preliminary diagnosis by team physician Dr. James Voos of University Hospitals that Garrett only has a sprain. He's in a walking boot and will receive treatment before the Browns open training camp on July 27.

Garrett was slowed by an unspecified injury earlier this spring, but his new injury is not believed to be related to that one.

The Browns are expecting big things from Garrett after signing him to a fully guaranteed four-year contract worth $30.4 million last month. The deal included a $20 million signing bonus and a club option for a fifth year.

Needing an impact player following a 1-15 season, the Browns took the former Texas A&M star first overall in April's NFL draft. Garrett recorded 32½ sacks in three seasons with the Aggies. He got 8½ last season despite playing much of the year with a severely sprained left ankle and being double- and triple-teamed on some plays.



Ron Schwane/Associated Press

Cleveland Browns' Myles Garrett running through drills during an NFL football rookie minicamp May 12 in Berea, Ohio. He got hurt at the end of Wednesday's practice, but the Browns waited until Saturday to provide an update.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

You can email it to sports@mrt.com.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

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.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0673 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Midland College 2017 Girls Basketball Camps
Session I: Beginners FUNdamental Camp
For: Grades 1st-5th
When/where: 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 17-20, Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Cost: $75 (includes camp T-shirt)
Session II: FUNdamental & Competition Camp
For: Grades 6th-11th
When/where: 1-5 p.m., July 17-20, Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Cost: $125 (includes camp T-shirt)
For more info on either camp: Call Ron Jones at 432-685-4581 or email rjones@midland.edu

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

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

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
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

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 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
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. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn 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 682-0988

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 state 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 7-8:30 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.midland-softball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

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

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
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 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
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

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

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@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Track and Field

Midland Crusader's Track Club Summer Program
When: May 6-Aug. 6. Practices on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
Where: Lee High School track
For more info: Call Tony Goyang at (432) 694-2424 or (432) 349-1125, or e-mail crusadertrackclub@gmail.com

Farris' Tall City Christian Track Club
For ages 7-18 (eligible to compete from level to level; 5 and 6-year olds welcome (will only compete in 2-3 meets maximum)
When: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 29-Aug. 1, 5:30-8 p.m.
Where: Midland Memorial Stadium, 2001 W. Cuthbert
For more info: Call Tekeira Strambler at 432-413-0903 or email at tekeiras@gmail.com

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
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.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email gary.petersen@mygrande.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com

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Show your affection for the men of the house with unforgettable dinning experience
Friday Night Seafood Buffet & Saturday Crab Pots!

June 18
10am-2pm

CARVING STATION
Prime Rib / Virginia Baked Ham / Herb Crusted Pork Loin

ENTREES Salmon with Mango Chutney / Chicken Cordon Bleu
Hand Battered Fried Shrimp / Hungarian Pork Chops
Fried Catfish Fillet / BBQ Ribs and Sausage

SIDES Primavera Mixed Vegetables
Corn on the Cob / Ranchero Beans
Loaded Mashed Potatoes

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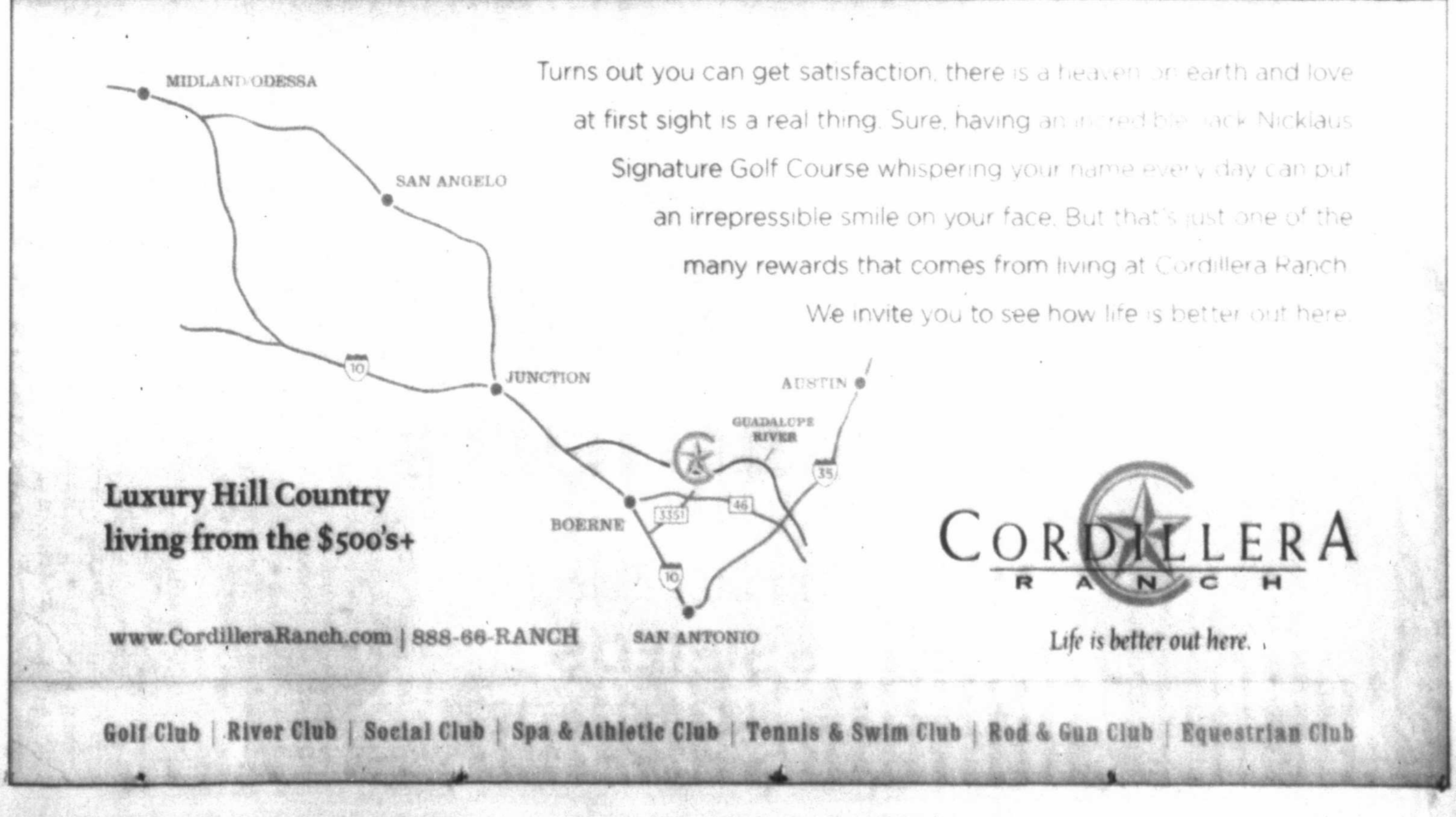
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This position has a bonus program based on ancillary sales. Benefits include medical, dental, vision, 401(k) and more!

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ENERGY AND UTILITIES

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National Oilwell Varco now hiring downhole tool service technicians. Competitive pay and benefits. Apply in person or submit resume online at nov.com/careers or 8301 Groening Road, Odessa, TX 79765. (near the H & P Yard). 432-563-1173

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Occidental Petroleum Corporation

OXY strives for sustainable growth in its primary businesses by incorporating social, economic and environmental considerations in all of its business activities. Responsible health, environment and safety (HES) management is a core value and Occidental's goal is to provide an appropriate and consistent level of care for people and the environment throughout its worldwide operations. We are currently seeking a Contractor Compliance Advisor for our Midland Basin business unit office in Midland, TX.

HES Advisor
(Contractor Compliance Advisor)

Essential Duties:
- Implementation of contractor safety procedures in the business unit
- Use of the OOG developed processes and tools to maintain contractor safety and compliance
- Train safety champions in roles and responsibilities and scorecard process
- Train managers in the scorecard process and how to use the data to improve the organization
- Monitor ISNetworld scores to determine contractors in need of a field audit
- Provide input, review and agreement on process and procedures for contractor safety
- Provide input, review and agreement on training materials and requirements
- Contractor evaluation process
- Conduct field assessment audits in contractors local offices and on locations
- Conduct FAN audits in contractors local offices and on locations
- Score the assessments audits
- Input audits into OOG unified tracking database
- Input FAN audits into unified ISNetworld FAN audit site
- Selection of Monthly Scorecard contractors
- Selection of Safety Champions
- Support of Safety Champions by accompanying them at random on monthly
- Tracking, Monitoring and Reporting on Contractor
- Tracking of the business unit Contractor Scorecard grades
- Tracking of contractor grades in ISNetworld FAN audits
- Report to business unit monthly on Contractor Scorecard Grade
- Arrange interventions of Contractor Scorecard companies that show poor performance
- Report to management when contractors scores show poor performance

Qualifications
- 3+ years of HES experience in the oil and gas industry and/or a B.S. or two year Degree in Industrial Hygiene, Safety Engineering or Environmental Practices (experience will be considered in lieu of degree)
- Knowledge and training in safety, environmental and health practices to include interpretation of data, standards, codes and regulations (e.g., NFPA, OSHA- PSM, ANSI/ASSE, API, etc.)
- Time management and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently without continuous direction
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Computer skills – Outlook, Word, Excel, Visio, and PowerPoint
- Excellent interpersonal and team skills
- Willingness/ability to spend +/- 75% working in the plant/field in support of contractor and employee HES management
- Ability to work in a PSM plant with high volumes of sour natural gas and enrolled in the plant respiratory protection program
- Have a valid driver's license with an excellent driving record

Additional:
- Bilingual (Spanish) is preferred
- Demonstrated self-development activities – continued education, participation in special projects
- CSP, OHST, CSHO, or other safety-related credentials or certifications desired

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HES Advisor
(Training & Emergency Response)

Essential Duties:
- **Administration of HES training**
  - Implementation of HES training requirements in the business unit
  - Implement training requirements listed in PSPG's
  - Adhere to training goals and objectives
  - Appropriately staff training position with competent personnel to deliver HES training to the business unit in accordance with trainer criteria
- **Learning Management System**
  - Assign training requirements in the Learning Management System (LMS) to each employee according to the HES training matrix
  - Assure timely completion of training and understanding of materials
  - Update and maintain roster of employees LMS
- **Training**
  - Conduct various safety meetings in all areas
  - Conduct HES training required in the PSPG's and as required by regulation for all employees in the business unit
    - Class room
    - Hands-on
  - Verify effectiveness and comprehension through pre and post course evaluations and hands on performance
- **Audit**
  - Audit individual course comprehension and effectiveness
  - Audit individual trainer competency and effectiveness
- **Emergency Management**
  - Develop emergency management plans
  - Maintain emergency management plans
  - Audit emergency management plans and effectiveness
  - Conduct emergency management drills
  - Train employees on emergency rolls and responsibilities

Qualifications
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FIELD ENGINEER I

SPIRIT Global Energy Solutions, Inc seeks candidates for the position of Field Engineer I located in Midland, TX. SPIRIT designs and manufactures cutting edge, state-of-the-art downhole rod pumps and other equipment and devices to monitor and increase the production of oil and gas wells.

College, university, or equivalent degree from an accredited program in Engineering, Information Technology, Computer Science or related field is required. Successful candidate will engineer SPIRIT's artificial lift products into customers' new or existing fields and/or sites.

The annual salary for this position is at least $77,979. Interested candidates may apply at https://doveralscareers.silkroad.com only. Please do not call or send resume outside of link.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
Department of Engineering and Technology
Adjunct Faculty Positions in Mechanical and Petroleum Engineering

The Department of Engineering and Technology at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin is accepting applications for adjunct professors who can teach Petroleum Engineering and Mechanical Engineering courses. The positions require a Master's degree in engineering. Openings exist for teaching courses in upper level undergraduate courses as well as fundamental lower division courses such as Petroleum Fundamentals, Statics, Dynamics, Mechanics of Materials, Thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics, and related laboratory courses. The anticipated start date is in August, 2017. The courses are taught face-to-face in the Odessa/Midland, Texas area. Interested candidates should submit a resume including three professional references to Becky Gardner at gardner_b@utpb.edu.

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Need Contact Lens technician for busy Optometrist clinic. Experience preferred but not required. Good candidate will have a positive, friendly attitude and good organizational skills. Bring resume in person to **Phillips Eye Clinic, 4311 W. Wadley Ave Midland, TX.**

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MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram
The MRT has an opening for a Circulation District Manager. This individual would be responsible for overseeing a delivery force of independent contractors/carriers, as well as performing other duties involved with the delivery and distribution of our newspaper, other contracted products, and niche publications.

This position requires excellent communication skills, must be able to work flexible hours (largely in the early morning hours including weekends), have reliable transportation. Candidate with previous newspaper delivery experience preferred but not required.

This is a full time salaried position, eligible for full benefits including health, vision, dental and paid time off with excellent starting salary.

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OTHER JOBS

Administrative Assistant

Midland Habitat for Humanity is seeking a full-time administrative assistant to work in our offices at 305 E. Texas Ave. Duties include answering the phone, updating databases and calendars, working with staff and homeowners, supporting on-site home construction activities and working in the ReStore. Must be computer literate and social media savvy and be able to work occasional weekends or evenings. High school diploma required, AA or BS degree preferred. E-mail resume to abest@habitatmidland.org or call 432-686-8877

Assembly Technician

Assemble and wire electrical control panels. Must be mechanically inclined and able to follow wiring diagrams. Pre-employment drug screen required. Apply in person at R&D Specialties, 2629 Faudree Road #B-7, Odessa, Texas 79765, or send resume via fax 432-561-5696 or email: rdspec@rdspec.com.

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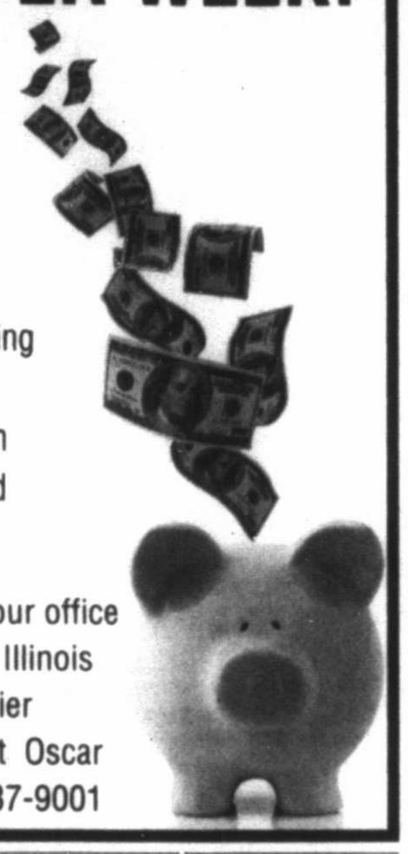
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Donation Pick Up Driver / Sales Assistant

Ability to lift/load furniture and appliances. Good driving record/drug test. Full time with benefits. Apply at Midland Habitat, 305 E Texas. 432-686-8877

Warehouse Worker & Delivery Driver

Part-time help wanted. Early hours. Must have valid drivers license. Apply in person at: Quick Salad Produce, 1011 S. Goode St. Midland 79701

Evening Maid & Garage Sweeper

Lucio Janitorial is looking to fill 2 positions. An evening maid and garage sweeper. Hours are M-F from 5-8 and hourly rate is $10 an hour. Duties include your basic cleaning duties and sweeper must be able to operate a Tennant parking lot sweeper. Must also pass background check. Please call 806-752-0681 to pick and application.

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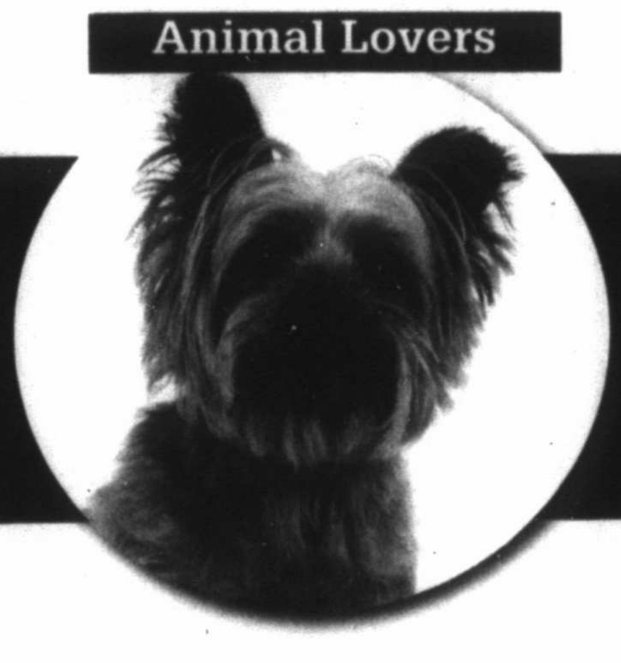
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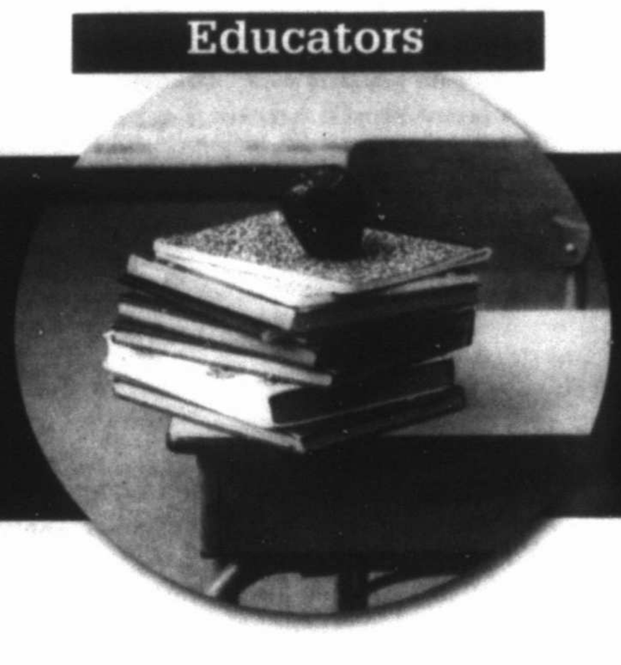
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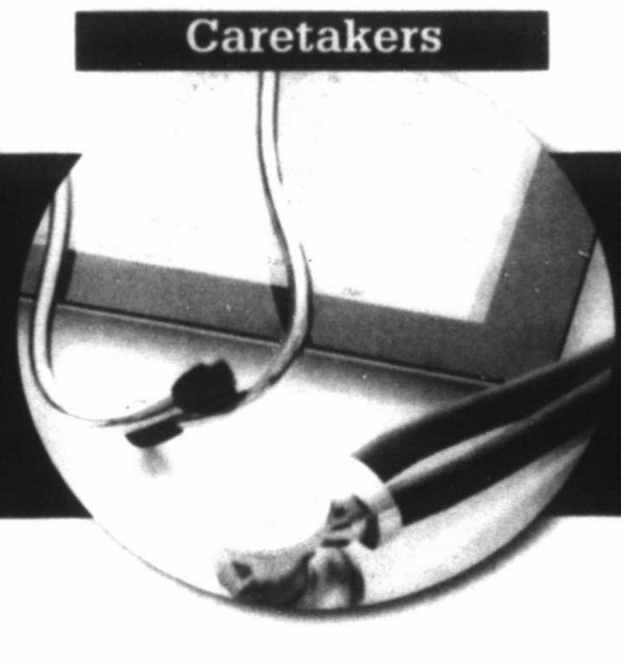
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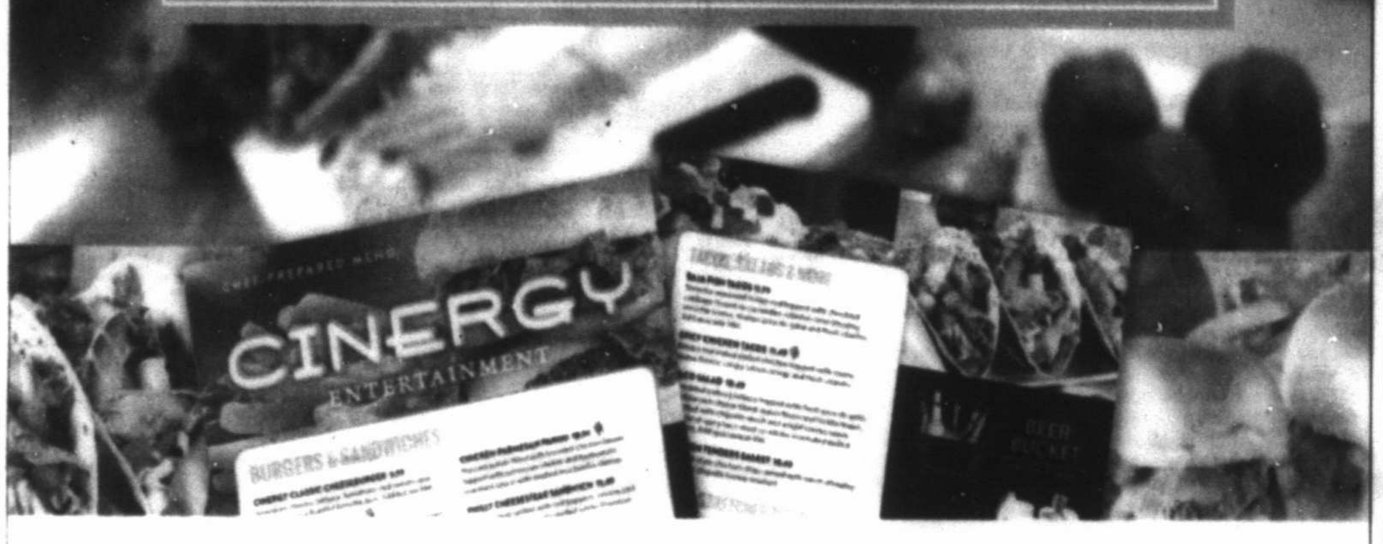
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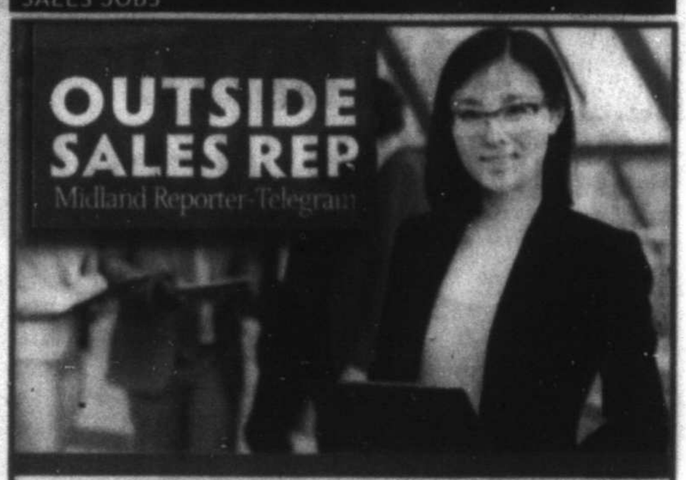


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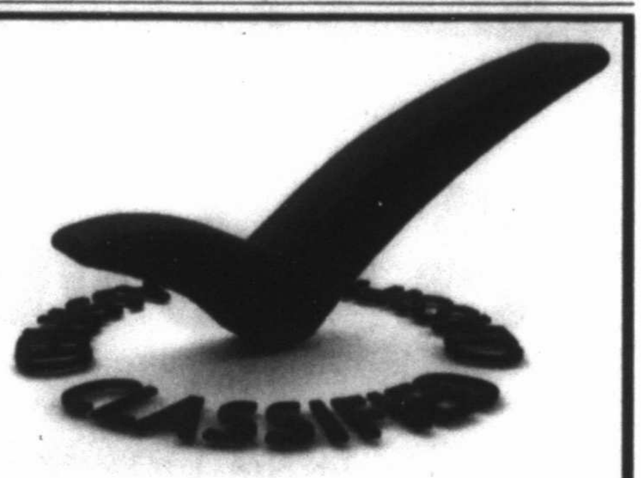
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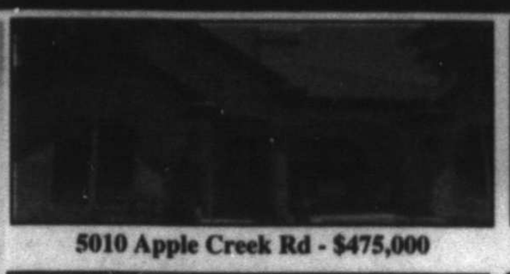
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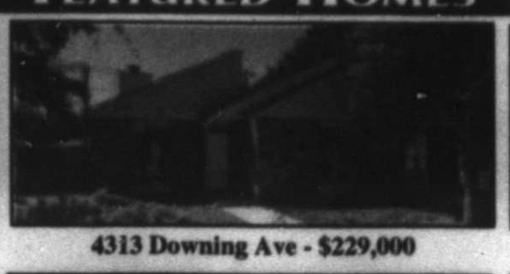
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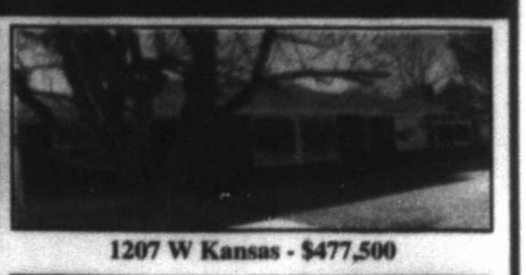
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FEATURED HOMES




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7608 Keyhaven - $383,000


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New and Reduced Listings

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4709 Gateway - Immaculate-Large kitchen-big breakfast bar open to dining and living with fireplace! Ready first week in July ..... **monthly $1,700**

One Bedrooms

4700 Boulder Dr - Lovely 1 Bedroom/1 Bath condo in Skyline Terrance w/community pool **$53,000**

Two Bedrooms

2605 Freeport Ln - Unbelievable updates, New windows, plank style tile flooring, granite countertops, artificial turf in back yard! The list goes on. ..... **UC $187,500**
1604 W Michigan - Spaasky clean move-in ready! 2 or 3 BR/1BA. Hardwood floors, updated Kitchen and, large yard! Great location! ..... **UC $189,000**

Three Bedrooms

6310 Deerbrand Cove - Beautiful custom Glenn Miller home on cul-de-sac in Greathouse **$479,500**
1200 Cuthbert Ave-Gorgeous spacious 3BR/2.5BA home w/wonderful updates in Old Midland ..... **SOLD $458,000**
11007 W County Rd 92 -Lots of space here! 3/2 on 5 acres with a barn, stable w/tack/man cave and roping arena! **$425,000**
2602 Denger - Spacious updated 3BDR/2BA in Fannin! , traditional curb appeal. Move in condition! ..... **UC $364,900**
5900 Gateway Ct - Gorgeous, quaint, north Midland 3/2 home in a quiet cul-de-sac location. Spacious open floorplan. Beautifully landscaped corner lot. ..... **UC $360,000**
2904 Lockheed Dr-Fantastic location in great neighborhood! Many updates! New windows, Updated high efficiency HVAC system! Workshop! ..... **UC $310,000**
5400 Ridgemont Ct - Lovely 3BR/2.5BA on quiet cul-de-sac in Grasslands. Spacious w/great plan and pretty yard **$369,000**
1200 Realty Ave-Another great town house in Wallace townhomes! Recent kitchen remodel! Granite and tile! New cabinets! Great patio! **$297,500**
2705 Rowly Ave-Loved and cared for home in "old Midland" Updated kitchen, spacious bedrooms, large yard plus extra storage! **$295,000**
4602 Meadowwood Ct.-One of the nicest patio homes we've seen! 3/2 in great condition. Good plan, neutral colors. ..... **UC $294,000**
1000 Candlewood Rd-Great home @ a price for buyer who wants to update paints & flooring with their own touches. Large BR's plus bonus room **$279,900**
3210 Chelsea Pl - Wonderful & well maintained Mike Jackson resale w/beautiful hardwood floors, high ceilings and plantation shutters ..... **UC $270,000**
2503 Fannin-Terrific 3BR/2BA in Fannin! 2LA/2DA, recent windows, granite in kitchen, updated baths, wood look tile! Move in condition, great yard! ..... **SOLD $260,000**
2604 Anice-Great neighborhood! Corner lot, open floor plan! 3/2 w/so much storage! ODESSA! ..... **UC $260,000**
11509 W County Rd 84- Immaculate country property. 2.5 acres, pipe and chain link fenced. 24X24 shop. 2 separate fenced areas ..... **UC $250,000**
3911 Boardwalk-Stunning home w/all the bells and whistles! Vaulted ceilings, wide open kitchen w/tons of counter space, an eat in kitchen that every cook will love! **$250,000**
4204 Cimmaron Ave-Super clean and NICE! A wide open floor plan, beautiful hardwood floors and majestic nature trees! **$199,900**
624 E 80th St - Beautiful "like new" home w/spacious rooms & soaring ceilings, in ODESSA **$196,000**
1804 W Michigan - Spaasky clean move-in ready! 2 or 3 BR/1BA. Hardwood floors, updated Kitchen and, large yard! Great location **$188,000**
705 Alpine - Pretty and well maintained home w/many extras. Workshop, shady patio and spacious multipurpose second living area/Gameroom/Playroom ..... **UC $175,000**

Four Bedrooms

3210 Polo Verde Glen-Amazing property on 2 acres in town!!! Open kitchen, wet bar! Huge patio for entertaining w/outdoor grill Pool and spa! **$1,790,000**
6500 Saddle Hare Ln-Gorgeous Los Conchos estate! 4 BR, 3 Bath, 40X60 workshop/RV garage, sparkling pool, fabulous open plan w/ great room and amazing kitchen! **$850,000**
2509 Legacy Oaks - Beautiful 4/3.5 MP Lary home w/ so many extras! Painted cabinets throughout ..... **SOLD $775,000**
4503 Green Tree Blvd - Lovely updated home on the golf course. The view is amazing!! Plus a lovely screened in porch and pond! **$659,900**
1000 Huntington Ave- Exquisite 4/3.5 home on one of Midland's beautiful tree-lined streets in the heart of Midland. **SOLD $588,000**
5010 Apple Creek Rd - Practically perfect in every way! Great plan, open kitchen, lovely landscaping. One of a Kind. **$475,000**
5515 Casa Grande Trail-Beautiful custom Almand resale w/4BR/3BA. Two yards-side & back w/ x-lg. covered back patio. **UC $449,900**
3604 W County Pd 145 - Beautiful custom home w/escrebido woodwork throughout! Huge 35" x 70' insulated w/shop! So much more! On 3 acres. ..... **UC $425,000**
713 Doral Ct -Desirable custom built home in sought after Saddle Club East neighborhood! This spacious, 4/3 w/well laid out floor plan. **$399,000**
7608 Keyhaven - Gorgeous custom built home on a quiet Cul-De-Sac, w/Solis custom built kitchen cabinets! Nice spacious rooms ODESSA **$383,000**
2700 S County Rd 1087 - Spacious 4/2, open kitchen /den, closet is concrete safe room w/ventilation. 30X40 workshop, insulated, electricity, 12ft parking pad behind shop, pool, bar area all on 1 acre. A Must See! ..... **UC $379,900**
1211 Shirley - Really nice townhome w/real mother in law house. Brand new roof! All new floors!! **$362,500**
2004 Indiana-Beautiful remodeled home in Old Midland! Quiet neighborhood/museum district w/a very unique, mature yard **$349,900**
2010 Holy Dr-Great house! Great price! Great neighborhood! Wonderfully updated home in the perfect central location! ..... **SOLD $330,000**
3211 Highsby Dr-Wonderful 4BR, 2.5BA home w/nice built-ins in both living areas, mature landscaping, close to shopping, restaurants, and schools. ..... **UC $329,100**
2502 W Cuthbert Ave - Large 4BR/3BA + AWESOME location! Updated master, it is gorgeous!! Plus Bonus rooms and office space. **$270,000**
1210 Gulf Course Rd - Truly an "Old Midland" home. Spacious back porch, hardwoods, 3/4 of an acre lot, pretty landscaping, even a basement **$265,000**
4302 Parkdale- Beautifully remodeled 4BR 3BA home w/bonus room that can be a home office or 2nd living area. Must see! **$213,000**
3300 S. County Rd. 1080-Great opportunity to have an acre of land in Greenwood. 4br/3 bath w/lots of space. **UC $160,000**

Five or More Bedrooms

3101 Polo Verde Glen - Wonderful family home on 1 9 acres. Pristine condition, great floorplan ..... **UC $1,295,925**
15 Lakes Dr - Wow! This custom built home in Saddle Club Lakes will truly "wow" you! **$794,500**
1297 W Kansas -Open and spacious 5Bdrm/4Bth W/plenty of room to spread out and tons of updating **$477,500**
524 Charlematie - Plans Changed! Unfinished construction. Electrical and plumbing have been partially completed. Great plan! ..... **UC $250,000**

For Lease

4301 St Andrews Dr "A" - Pristine well maintained and updated town home in a very central area. For lease ..... **monthly $2,200**
2200 Western Dr -If looking for a 2/2.5 rental w/jacuzzi and space, this is a must see. Super location! ..... **monthly $1,900**
1702 E. New Jersey Ave. 3,200 sq ft office/warehouse, recently remodeled with water well ..... **monthly $1,725**
4709 Gateway - Immaculate-Large kitchen-big breakfast bar open to dining and living with fireplace! Ready first week in July ..... **monthly $1,700**
1400 Connell St. 6,000 sq. ft. industrial/wise w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... **Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111**

Lots, Land and Acreage

+20. West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1114.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ..... **$2.000.000**
6500 Saddle Hare 1+-Gorgeous Los Conchos estate! 4 BR, 3 Bath, 40X60 workshop/RV garage, sparkling pool, fabulous open plan w/great room and amazing kitchen! 0.936 acres **$999,000**
0101 H Hwy 349- Once in a lifetime opportunity for building a dream home w/ 2 on this 1.99 ac tract of land @ Midland Country Club. **$700,000**
1106 E. Co. Rd. 150-56.29 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn. mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ..... **$491,120**
5703 E. Co. Rd. 60-2784 sq. ft. with-law plan **$399,900**
2701 S. County Rd. 1118-Prime location ! 336 acres. to build a home that could face either South County Road 1118 or East County Road 95 ..... **$87,000**

Commercial Investment Property

2150 Oregon St. - Odessa. Tx 79764-Approx. 64,005 sq. ft. on 9.5377 acres, combination of warehouse/shop/office property ..... **Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111**
3909 S. Co. Rd. 1290. Midland. Tx - Includes 5 buildings on 9.852 acres. Total of 50,035 sq. ft ..... **Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111**
301 S. Lark Hwy . Odessa Tx - Includes 3 tracts with 3 buildings. Total square footage of 14,562 with both office buildings, warehouses, and a truck maintenance shop ..... **Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111**
1400 Connell St. 6,000 sq. ft. industrial/wise w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... **Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111**
Centennial Tower-Downtown Sublease, approx 3,729 sq. ft. Class A Bldg. with covered parking. ..... **Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111**
Crockett Hwy. & 158-205.4 Acres available for immediate industrial development. Call Bill or Brandee ..... **UC $3.000.000**
2800 W Louisiana Ave - Location , Location , Location This 45 room facility originally built in 1954 w/new additions since **$2.900.000**
Interstate 20-44.38 acres in Lewco Addition w/city utilities next to GF Oil & Gas. Call Bill or Brandee **$2.884.700**
2211 W. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property/ 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres **$795,000**
2908 N. County Rd. 1150-Approx 11,800 sq. ft shop or industrial space a / 900 sq. ft. shop & 4 - 1,250 sq. ft. separate spaces . Great man cave. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll @ 682-1111 ..... **$725,000**
#17 E. Industrial Loop-Midland. TX - 11,470 sq. ft. warehouse or distribution center **$625,000**
5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.04+ acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott **$575,000**
1207 S Garfield St - Excellent location!!! Shop and office areas. Could easily be turned to retail. One story office area w/2 story shop/warehouse. Fenced yard **$534,742**
Foudree Rd. -4.02 acres with city utilities in the Lewco Industrial Addition. Call Bill or Brandee **$256,475**
1700 FM 1936-Odessa. TX - Two warehouse/shop buildings, fenced yard, city water. 480 sq. ft. office space **$239,900**
1419 N. Big Spring-Midland. TX Approximately 3,354 sq. ft. retail building **$139,900**
0 Cotton Flat Rd - Zoned Industrial Park **$100,000**

Out of Town Properties

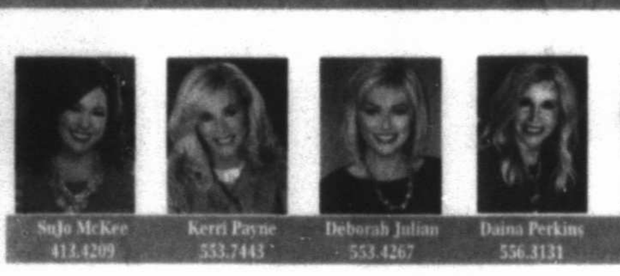
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4+ Bedrooms

419 Sir Barton Pkwy-Absolutely fabulous 5 bed/5 full+2 half bath/4 living /2 studies-1 w/fireplace, great room, media or game room) area estate w/dazzling pool, cabana & spectacular outside living space w/kitchen & fireplace! Gorgeous granite thru-out! **$1.399.900**
3201 Lantana Lane-Stunning mi lary 1-owner estate on 2 acres! 4 Bed/4.5 Ba/5 liv (formal living/dining,great room,study,media/gameroom)/6 gar! Fabulous pool (w/waterfalls, fire rock) & resort-like grounds! **$1.250.000**
401 Affirmed-Stunning custom 4 beds/4 full baths + 2 half baths w/ 3 car garage in Solomon Estates! Dazzling pool & spa (130k), 1 acre lot, water well! **$975.000**
66 Meinfield Dr.-Beyond spectacular estate w/incredible open floor plan--4 bed/4.5 Bath/4 living/2 dining on gorgeous landscaped grounds! Covered circle drive, 4 car gar & service driveway! Dazzling pool & spa, outdoor grill, sep dog yard & outdoor shower! **$950.000**
4310 Coyote Trail-Absolutely fabulous home on 3.33 Acres---country living w/city convenience! 4 Spacious bed/3.5 Bath/2 dining/4 living (great room, media room, formal living, study)/3 car gar+6-parking in workshop (1225 sqft w/2 gar doors & rv parking! Fantastic swim spa recently added **$844.000**
5300 Chelsey Court -Spectacular 4 or 5 bed/3 bath/2 or 3 living/3 car gar home! Gorgeously updated! Tankless WH, workshop off garage on landscaped grounds w/ pergolas! **$574.900**
0701 ECR 110 -Spectacular home in greenwood (Built 2014), has 4 bed/3 baths/oversized 3-4 garage + 30x40 workshop w/2 overhead doors! 1.59 Acres-lovely landscaping & recent fence! Stunning tile thru-out! **$499.900**
0100 Widener Strip-Fabulous 5 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining area home w/4 car gar! Recent interior & exterior paint, hardwood & tile flooring, soaring ceilings, crown molding, walls of windows & plantation shutters! **$475.000**
13200 ECR 115 - Lovely 4 bed/3 bath/3 gar home in gated greenwood community w/1.3 Acres---built in 2014! Soaring ceilings w/elevated treatments & special lighting, walls of windows, plantation shutters, art niche, & crown molding! **$469.900**
3600 Wedgewood Court-Stunning & updated 4 or 5 bed/3 or 4 living (den, formal, family room, study or nursery off master) 3 bath/ 3 garage in Trinity Estates on tree-lined cul-de-sac corner! **$449.900**
5712 Cranston Place-Fantastic 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living/2 dining/3 gar home on corner of quite cul-de-sac lot! Excellent condition! **$419.900**
4207 Greenbriar Dr. - Absolutely stunning 4 bed/3.5 Bath/ 2 living (formal+den)/ 2 dining/ 2 car garage home w/remarkable updates! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows & miles of tile thru-out! Kitchen w/cozy fireplace, huge island, stainless new appliances! **$399.900**
3801 Trinity Meadows Drive-Spacious 4 bed/3 bath/2 dining area home w/ 3 car garage near Trinity School! Updated bamboo hardwood flooring, new granite countertops in kitchen, & exceptional cabinet space! **$389.900**
5002 ECR 120-4.94 acres w/ 4 bed/2 bath/2 living w/ fireplace & updated kitchen & baths! Open plan guest house w/ bed/living/kitchenette & bath! Water well, 2 septics, workshop/1 car gar/4 carport! Greenwood! **$339.900**
806 Stanolind Ave-Absolutely spectacular update- 5 bed/4 bed+study/3bath/1 living/2 dining/2 car gar home on cul-de-sac w/lovely mature landscaped grounds! Spacious floor plan w/walls of windows & gleaming hardwood floors+tile flooring+carpet in bedrooms -immaculate! **$299.900**
1303 E. Spruce Ave. - Wow! What a fantastic find! 4 Bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$229.500**
1329 E. Spruce Ave. - Wow! What a fantastic find! 4 Bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$229.500**
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1313 E. Spruce Ave. -Wow! What a fantastic find at this price! 4 Bedrooms/2 baths/2 car garage w/gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave, pantry & tumbled marble backsplash! Custom finishes on cabinets & bronze fixtures! **$229.500**
4700 Leisure Drive-Updated 4 bed/1.5 bath home w/ new AC unit & new windows thru-out! Huge back yard on a corner lot! **$186.900**

1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms

1406 Princeton Avenue-Spectacular updated 3 bed/2 bath/3 living (lg den, formal, sitting room)/2 garage with mature landscaping on large corner lot in the heart of old Midland! **$550.000**
4905 Kingsboro Ct.-Absolutely wonderful 3 bed/2.5 Bath/3 living/den, formal,study)/2 dining w/3 car gar on cul-de-sac! Immaculate! High ceilings, walls of windows, plantation shutters & fabulous extended patio **$337.000**
2203 Sinclair Avenue-Charming 3 bed/2 bath/3 living/storage building area home in the heart of old Midland! Interior recents w/ walls of windows on fenced landscaped lot! **$325.000**
4000 Trinity Court - Fantastic 3 bed/2.5 Bath townhome at end of cul-de-sac in trinity square! 3 Living areas & 2 dining areat featuring double-sided gas log fp in den & fp! Beautiful gleaming real wood floors in formal living & dining room! Bonus room perfect for play! **$319.900**
2002 Shandon Avenue - Wonderfully updated 3 bed/2 full baths/2 living areas/2 dining & 2 car garage home! Spacious open floor plan w/ windows & plantation shutters! Beautiful back yard with enclosed a/c & heated patio! A 224 sq foot a/c workshop & storage! **$314.900**
4007 #3 Pine Meadow Dr.-Beautiful & completely updated home! 3bed/2.5Bath w/rich hardwoods thru-out! Spacious floor plan w/extravagant lighting, built-ins & plantation shutters! Kitchen w/new stainless steel appliances, granite counters & gorgeous marble backsplash! **$294.900**
3804 Baybridge Ct - Beautiful well-maintained townhome w/ nicely-shaded porch (no fenced yard) in fabulous area! 3 Bd/2ba home built by mike jackson (2008) w/tons of cabinets & space in fantastic kitchen! Granite countertops! **$280.000**
3233 W. Shannon Avenue-Super spacious 3 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining on mature landscaped lot! In Fannin Elementary! For Sale or lease for $2400/MO! **$269.900**
1409 Ainslee-Spectacular Updated 3 bed/2 full bath/3 living/2 dining/2 car garage home w/ circle drive! Beautiful landscaped lot with shed! **$264.900**
10302 County Rd 50 - 40X80 shop, 400 square foot apartment with 24x24 living (heated and cooled) kitchen, shower, 3 car garage with a rv bay on the side, 36x40 storage, 1 6 Acres-shop only **$235.000**
2824 Metz Drive-Super cute 3 bed/2 bath/2 living/2 dining area home within walking distance from Emerson & Goddard! Spacious bedrooms, large utility room & abundant storage! Workshop in large fenced backyard! **$234.900**
1415 Ainslee-Light & bright remodeled 3 bed/2 bath/2 living/2 garage home in fantastic neighborhood! Includes fridge and washer & dryer! New carpets and cabinets & freshly painted! **$231.900**
4512 Norwood St - Absolutely charming updated 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 dining areas and 2 car garage. Stunning new features include: granite in kitchen and bathrrooms & miles of tile. (Carpet in bedrooms) open formal living with wood burning fireplace **$229.000**
1407 Ainslee Street-Spacious 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 living area (den+formal living)/2 garage home on large lot w/ workshop! **$224.900**
2209 Shell-Charming 3 bed/2 bath in Old Midland! Spacious bedrooms, hardwood flooring & ceramic tile! Large backyard w/ 14x12 workshop! **$214.900**
1310 E. Spruce Ave. - Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 Bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$203.000**
1312 E. Spruce Ave. - Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 Bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$203.000**
1314 E. Spruce Ave. - Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 Bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$203.000**
1316 E. Spruce Ave. - Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 Bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$203.000**
1201 E. Pecos - Absolutely spectacular new construction from James Morris! Fabulous kitchen w/granite, tons of cabinets and gas range w/ self cleaning oven! Open kitchen to the gorgeous living & dining areas! Spacious living with soaring ceilings, crown molding & miles of tile! Oversized backyard w/ large covered patio! **$180,000**
1000 W Michigan Ave. - Cute! Cute! 2 Bedroom/1 bath/1 great room/1 formal dining/1 carport home in old midland! Gleaming hardwood floors, walls of windows & crown molding! **$139,900**
600 Liddon-Spacious 1 bed/1 living/1 dining townhouse in Liddon Townhomes! **$60,000**

Commercial, Land and Lots

10113 W County Rd 150 - Absolutely wonderful one-owner (Kahler Built) custom home on 1.5 acres w/fruit tree orchard-(fabulous ground!) great water well (all irrigated) **$399,900**
1414 Tejas-7.9 Acres in 349 ranch estates (just north on big spring across from midland country club) **$280,000**
Timber Wolf Estates-Fast-growing subdivision-timber wolf estates-city of midland, martin co. Appr 5 acre lots @ $13k/acre. plat available. Water well/s/septic system/fence can be added to price but @ buyers expense. Sharyland electric. Can attend midland isd or stanton isd. Min home 2,800 sq ft **$62,400**
Sun Garden Village, Section 4 ..... 11 lots available ..... **$40,500-$60,000**
Cotter Estates-Fabulous subdivision conveniently located in gordondale-cotter estates-16 lots (appr .75 Acre) plat available. Roads will be paved by developer. Water well/septic sys/fence can be added to sales price but @ buyers exp, min home 2800 sq ft, buyer has choice of builder, plans approved by developer **$30,000**

UNDER CONTRACTS & SOLDS!

6003 Medina Drive	UNDER CONTRACT
129 Waimea Drive	UNDER CONTRACT
3005 Vermont	UNDER CONTRACT
15 Stutz	UNDER CONTRACT
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1211 Castle Rock	UNDER CONTRACT
902 Bedford	UNDER CONTRACT
5611 Ridgemont Drive	UNDER CONTRACT
4 Bay Meadows	UNDER CONTRACT
6101 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd	SOLD
5001 Mira Vista	SOLD
6026 Island Circle	UNDER CONTRACT
6106 Copper Sky Court	UNDER CONTRACT
2601 NCR 1278	UNDER CONTRACT
7208 Raphael Street	UNDER CONTRACT

PRINTZ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 684-8202 FOR LEASE

107 Mockingbird Lane #101-3 bed/2 bath	$3.000
3233 W Shandon Ave	$2.400
3506 Hyde Park Avenue-3 bed/2 bath	$2.000
1606 Hodges Street- 3 bed/2 bath	$1.700
1104 Delmar Street-3 bed/2 bath	$1.600
5301 S FM 715	$750


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Midland County Hospital District is Requesting Proposals for:

RFP # 1215-061117
Business Office Furniture
for
Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital located at 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland TX 79701 on or after **June 12, 2017.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 Noon, Thursday, June 29, 2017.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled
"RFP # 1215-061117."

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until **June 30, 2018.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Offerors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy and procedures 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, Supply Chain
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
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Midland, Texas 79701

Legal and Public Notices

CAUSE NO. PI9080

IN THE ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT
§
BETTY LOUISE BRUMLEY HALL § OF
§
DECEASED § MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BETTY LOUISE BRUMLEY HALL, Deceased, were issued on June 7, 2017, in Cause No. P19080 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: HENRY HERBERT HALL.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

HENRY HERBERT HALL
c/o Casey Alcantar
Bradley Law Firm
2100 Valley View Lane, Suite 100
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234
Phone: 432-894-2441

DATED this 13TH day of May, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Casey Alcantar

KEITH BRADLEY
State Bar No. 00783707
13 East Henderson Street
Cleburne, Texas 76031
Tel. (817) 645-3993

CASEY ALCANTAR
State Bar No. 24059368
2100 Valley View Lane, Suite 100
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Legal and Public Notices

SHERIFF'S SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

AS REGISTERED OWNER AND/OR LIEN HOLDER OF RECORD, OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED MOTOR VEHICLE, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT SAID MOTOR VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AS AN ABANDONED VEHICLE UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 5.04 ARTICLE V OF THE TEXAS LITTER ABATEMENT ACT (ARTICLE 4477-9a) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1982. SAID VEHICLE(S) WILL BE STRUCK OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

YR	MAKE/MODEL	VIN
1991	MITS/GALANT	JA3CR46V9MZ030854
2003	BMW/25I	4USBT334X3LR63405
1999	PONT/SUNFIRE	3G2JB5249XS843729
1973	WINN/MOTOR HOME	33J3303343564
2007	CHRY/300	2C3KA43R67H688047
2001	FORD/EXPLORER	1FMZU62E01ZA08521
1999	CADI/DFW	1G6KD54Y3XX4758492
1994	TOYT/CAMERY	4T1SK12E0RU429948
2000	BUICK/PARK AVE	1G4CU5419Y4276906
1996	CHEV/2500	1GCGC29R6TE29095
2002	FORD/E150	1FTRE14222HB02849
1999	CHEV/PK	1GCEK19V7XE139009
2005	CHEV/SUV	1GNDS135052375436
1994	ISU/TROOPER	JACDH58V2R7921209
1996	CHEV/ASTRO VAN	1GNDM19W0TB107889
1990	LEXU/LS4	JT8UF11E5L0000661
2007	MAZDA/3	JM1BK32F671623811
1985	FORD/CROWN VIC	2FABP43F3FX257133
1984	CHEV/BOX VAN	1FBJS31G1JHB20831
1994	STRN/SL2	1G8ZK5577RZ337742
2001	FORD/EXPEDITION	1FMRV15L41LA98806
2004	DODG/2500	3D7KA28D94G138667
2000	DODG/INTREPID	2B3HD46R6YH219204
1998	FORD/F150	1FTZX1721WNA40373
2006	CADI/DTS	1G6KD57486U103399
2002	PONT/BVS	1G2HX54K824129708
2001	CHEV/C15	3GNEC16T41G222744
1999	CHEV/MALIBU	1G1ND52T4X6130457
2007	FORD/TAURUS	1FAFP56U77A140716
2008	YAMATI/SCOOTER	LAVTAAMT69C488349
1982	CHEV/PICK-UP	1GCGC34M7CS166643
1982	FORD/PICK-UP	1FTCF10E9CPA49528
1984	FORD/VAN	1FBJS31G1JHB20831
NONE	LAMAR/GOOSENECK	NONE FOUND
1996	MERC/SABLE	1MELM53S0TA630500
1991	ISU/PICK-UP	4S1CL1122P4219248
1997	FORD/EXPLORER	1FM0U32P4VZB19668
1997	DODGE/INTREPID	2B3HD46T1VH69888882

SALE TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTON WITH RENE' BATES AUCTIONEERS, INC. LOG ON TO www.renebates.com. AUCTION BEGINS 06/19/2017 AT 08:00 AM AND ENDS 06/29/2017 AT 12: PM. VIEWING OF THE VEHICLES WILL BE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ON JUNE 21, 2017 BY CALLING 432-638-7236 FOR SERGEANT HAROLD UDDLEY OR INVESTIGATOR GABE SUBIA.

SERGEANT HAROLD UDDLEY
MIDLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CIVIL WARRANT FUGITIVE SECTION
P.O. BOX 11287
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702

General Announcement

Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Lost and Found

FOUND: BROWN pomeranian puppy in the vicinity of Robert Lee Jr. High on Oak Ave. No chip insert. Contact Mary at 432-570-8101 or 432-352-2838.



Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

86 BUICK LESABRE, 1 owner 84,000 mi. title, Midland, $1000. Leave msg. 432-694-1295. Mitsubishi Montero Sport $1200, Odessa. Call/text 432-559-1485.

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Passenger Cars



TOYOTA, 2003 MR2 Spyder convertible, 69,000 miles, 5-speed manual, A/C, new paint job and tires, runs perfectly, $8500 (432) 254-6953.

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Pickup Trucks



F-450 DUALLY/ Diesel/ CM Flatbed, 2008, 68,000 Miles, good tires, good condition. Spray equipment can be removed and you will have a nice flatbed truck. All in good condition. Located in Baggs, WY. 307-380-8100.

GMC SIERRA, 2003, 1500 Extended Cab pickup with 5.3L V-8 engine. 127,000 miles. Good condition with nearly new tires. Call 432-556-1440 for information.

NISSAN KING-CAB pick-up, 1997. 92,000 One owner miles. 5 Speed manual, air, good tires. Recent alternator, radiator, tune-up and injector treatment. $2,800 432-683-7607, leave message.

4WD and SUV



TOYOTA SEQUOIA Limited, 2006, 4WD, 173K miles, white w/ tan interior. Great condition. 1 Owner $9,900. 432-349-6330.

Specialty Vehicles



2005 KENSWORTH T800B T/A Sleeper Wireline Truck. For Sale. Newly refurbished. Wonderful Condition. JOB READY! Please call for information, will lease as well. 432-213-4744.



Recreation Vehicles

2014 ROYAL TRAVEL, 37' 5th wheel. 3 Slides, 2 A/C's, W/D, electric awning, large hot water heater, hide a bed sofa & queen size bed, sleeps 6, many extras. $30,900. Will deliver. 210-317-5357.

2017 44' Monte Carlo 5th Wheel. 5 Slideouts. 2 bedrooms, washer, dryer, large hot water heater, fireplace. All the bells and whistles. Mint condition. In Gardendale. 720-362-0739.



FIBERGLASS 2016 5th wheel self contained 2 BD, 5 slideouts washer/dryer, dishwasher, large refergator, table & chairs, garden tub w/optional shower, 2 a/c. Winterized, lots of living/storage space $42,500 (obo) will deliver. 505-307-1954.



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IN MONAHANS 2005 35' Fleetwood Bounder motorhome. Has 2 super slideouts, backup camera, washer & dryer, generator, automatic awning, has 2004 Ford Explorer 55,000 with car, or $52,000 without car. 432-940-1184

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PRICE REDUCTION 2010 KEYSTONE Larado Super Lite, 29' bumper, 1 slide, Most bells & whistles. Low mileage, new tires. Excellent condition. $19,500. 432-889-1006.

SILVERBACK BY Cedar Creek, 2007, 32 ft fully self contained, fiberglass full private bedroom great condition, two slideouts. $13,500. Must sell 432-413-0394.

Garage-Estate-Yard Sale

Yard - Garage Sales

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Miscellaneous 4-Sale

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Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., June 30, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17002458

For RFP for Raised-Access Flooring

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

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Allan Baker, Deceased, were issued on June 13, 2017, in Cause No. P19067, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Ronald Wayne Baker.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o **James J. Napper**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1370
Stanton, Texas 79782

DATED the 13th day of June, 2017.

James J. Napper
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Banking Services
RFP No. 2017-14(H/C)01, 2017-14(L/V)01, 2017-14(P/P)01
The Housing Authority of the City of Midland
Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place
Attn: Teressa Thompson
700 W. Scharbauer Drive
Midland, Texas 79705

Respondents must submit one (1) original response to the Request for Proposal and three (3) copies in a sealed package plainly marked with the above noted information.

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  - *4,212 ac. Maveric Creek. canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail $825/ac
  - *1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders. great w-tail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850
- **Nolan County**
  - *646 ac. over 1 mile **SOLD** creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak $3,550/ac
  - *565 ac. Pecan Creek. New Living/Shop. 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $4,425/ac
- **Howard County**
  - *842 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, quite, surface water, some off-road traffic $750/ac
  - *150 ac. big canyon **SOLD** oaks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav $895/ac
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Yard - Garage Sales

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Merchandise

Furniture

4 PIECE King size bedroom suit, king four post, bed, nightstand, chester drawers and mirror & tv cabinent with drawers. Bought from Carter's. $680 mattress & box spring included. 301-1528.

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Pets- Animals

Cats

FREE KITTENS: 8 Weeks only gray/white and gray/white tabby. Please call or text 432-559-0949 if interested.

Dogs

$500 REWARD! Lost Chihuahua named Ruby. Lives near Storey Ave. No questions asked! Please call if found 432-661-4390.



LOST DOG! CHIPPED MALE SCHIPPERKE NAMED PABLO. NO COLLAR. Lost in Guthbert between D & F St. area. Reward offered! 432-215-9584.

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1904 PECOS 3 bedroom 2 bath completed remodeled. $1,700 mo. $1,000. deposit. 432-352-9791, ntpproperties.com

1 BR, 1 Bath, Central Heat & Air, Small Fenced Yard. 2002 W. Michigan - Rear. $800.00 Per Mo. 634-6445.

2 BEDROOM, 2 living area, 1 bath, 1 car garage, good neighborhood. 3202 Princeton. $1,400 month $1,400 deposit. 432-230-5281

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 1 112 car garage plus storage building in the back. 3224 Sycamore Ave. Midland, TX 79701 off of Midkiff Rd. $1,500 /month and $1,500 deposit. Allow pets with deposit. $35 application fee and credit check/ Call or text 432-770-3243

3 BEDROOM 2 bath with office country home. Very nice, private. $1,850 month, $1,500 deposit. No pets. References. 432-296-0952

3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car rear entry, large walk-in, large master BR, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, wet bar, sunroom, low maintenance yard. $2,200/mo. + $2,200 deposit. Lease with option to purchase. 3316 Haynes. Text 432-967-3535.

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DUPLEX FOR LEASE

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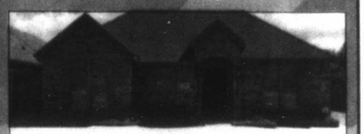
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911 CITATION DR. -$925,000


3307 EBBETS - $900,000

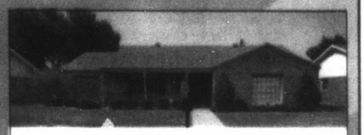

8101 EDINBURGH DRIVE - $895,000


3400 MEADOWRIDGE LANE - $595,000


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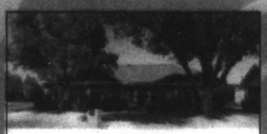

3204 APPERSON DR. - $350,000


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4812 KNIGHTS PLACE - $340,000

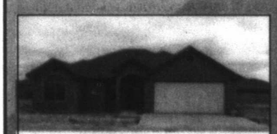

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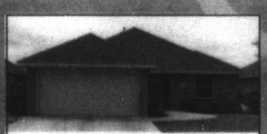

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UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS


SALE PENDING
4937 RUSTIC TRAIL
$975,000


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6704 E. CO. RD. 107
$795,000


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$630,000


SALE PENDING
2101 S. CO. RD. 1087
$535,000


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5309 QUICKSAND COVE
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6116 TURTLE CREEK RD.
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911 TRINIDAD PLACE
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5702 RIO GRANDE AVE.
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3304 ROSEMONT DR.
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5111 LAVACA AVE.
$250,000


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1501 MONTERREY DR.
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4404 STOREY AVE.
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9209 LAMAR AVE.
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4306 THOMASON DR.
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3114 PALO VERDE GLEN
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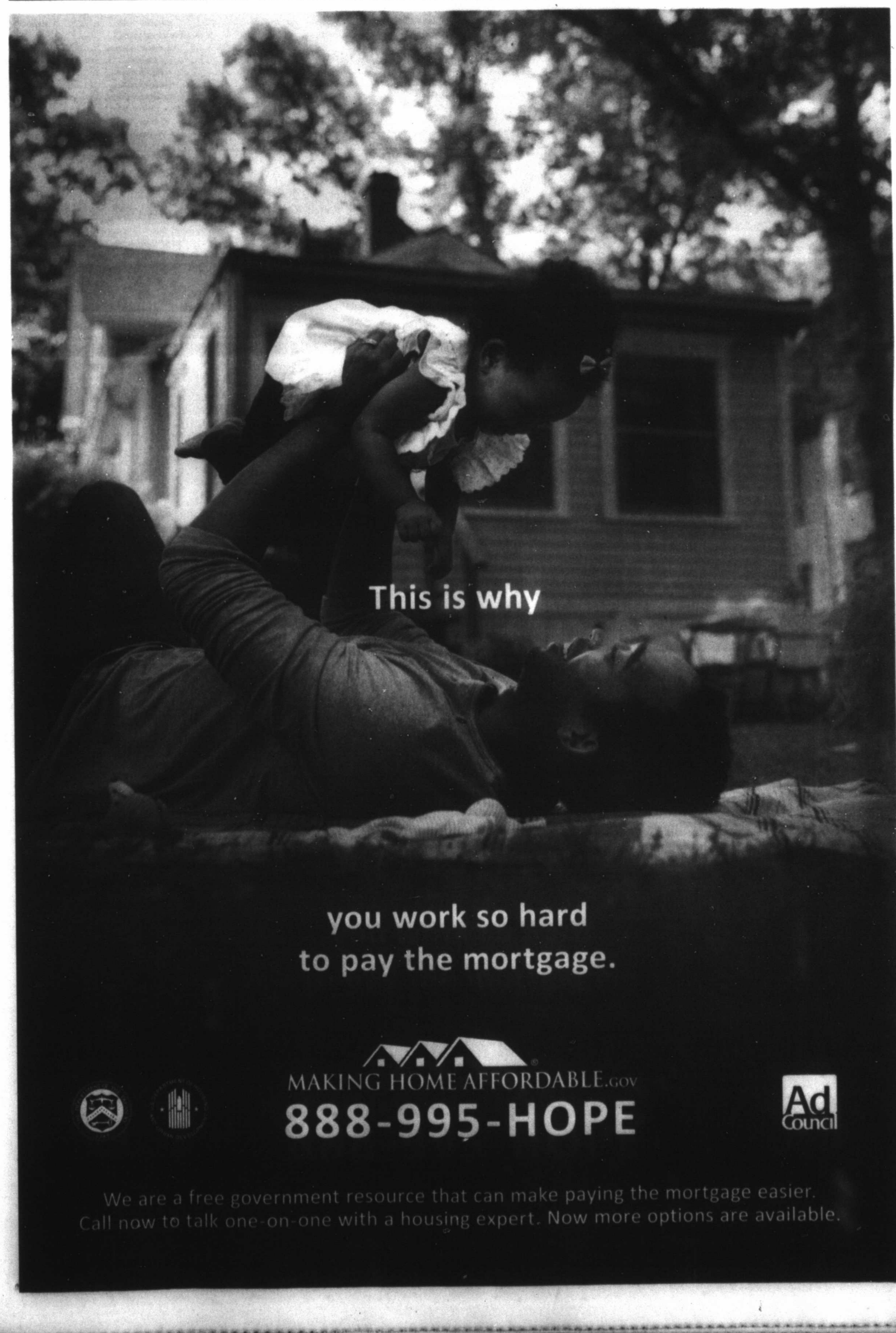
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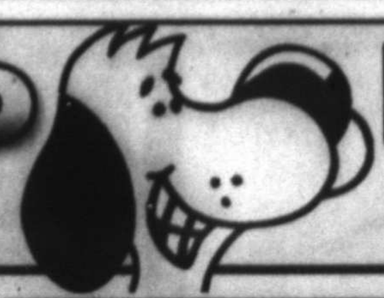
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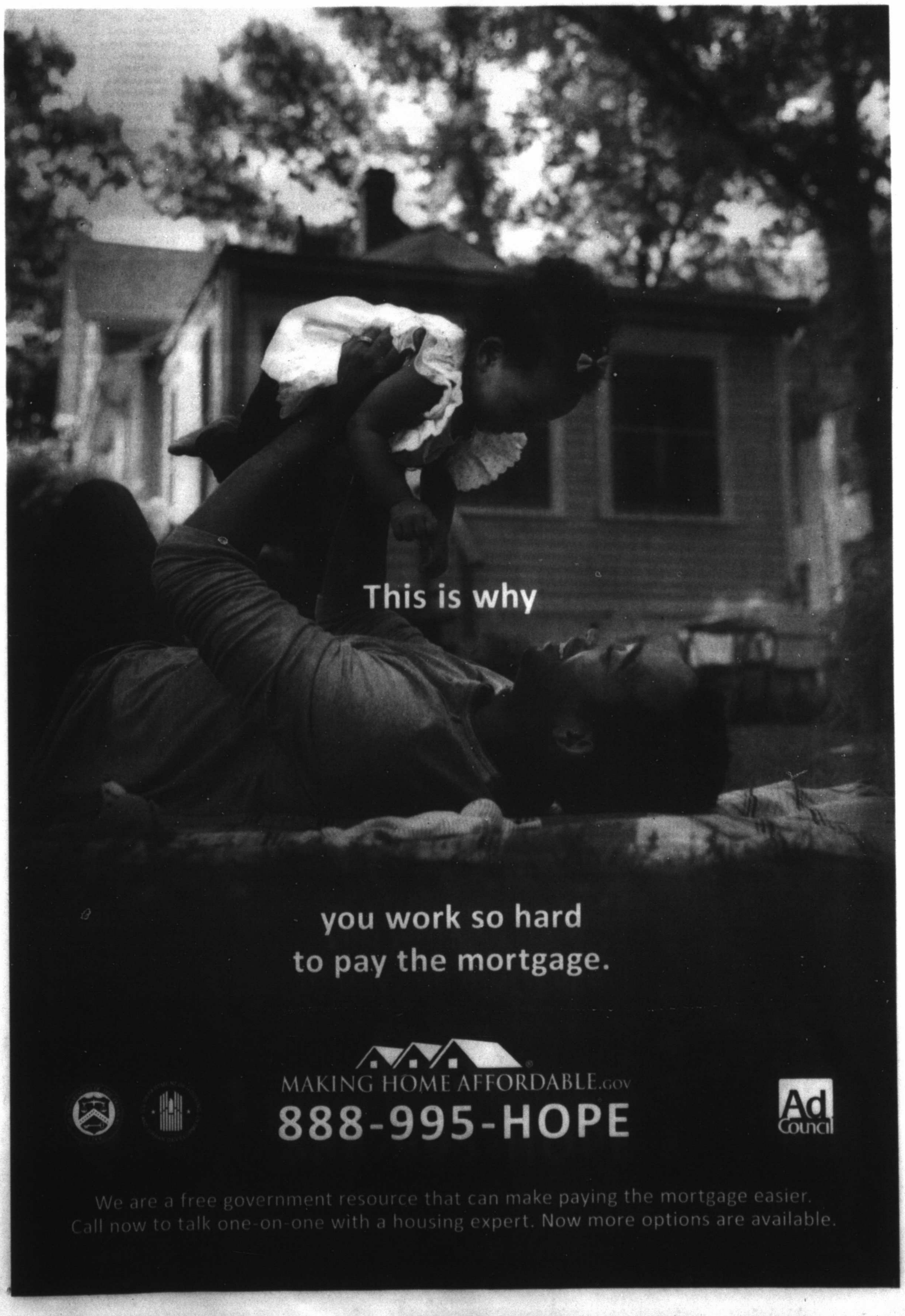
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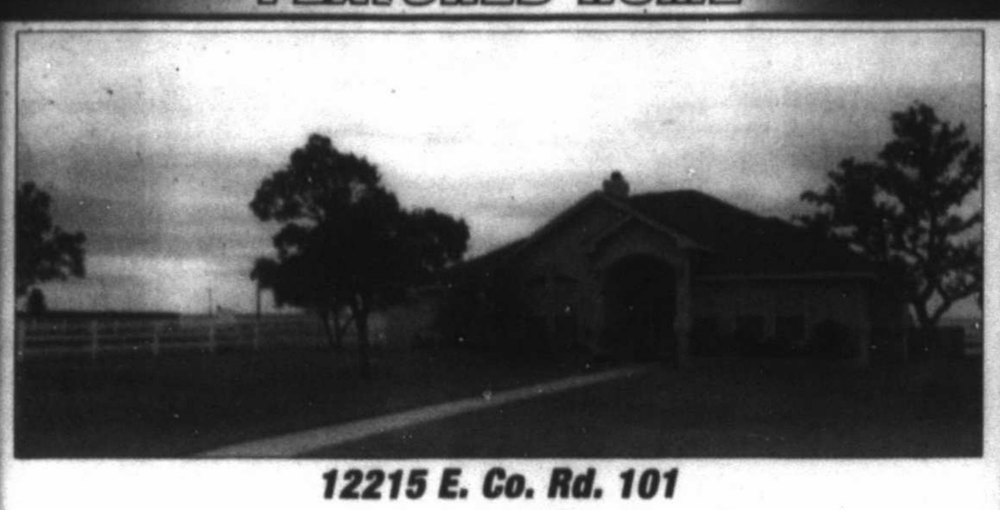
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803 W. Kansas	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$349,900
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6106 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$969,000

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4117 Amistad Dr	Sanchez Diamond Homes/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
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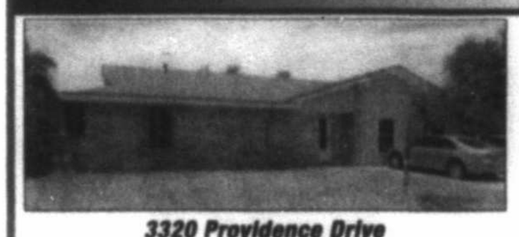
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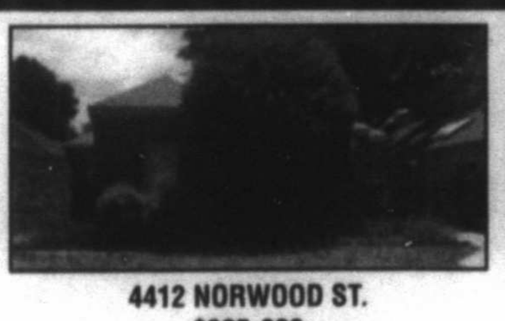
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4515 BROOKDALE DR.
$140,000
Cute and cozy. A must see!! Perfect for first time home buyer!! The seller has done lots of updates. appliances are staying including the washer, dryer & microwave. New laminate flooring throughout the house, butcher block counter tops in kitchen, with a beautiful new sink and back splash. Fresh paint inside and out, including the interior trim! Huge back yard for your growing family
Call Tanya Salas, 432-271-6737



5521 CASA GRANDE TRAIL
$433,500
Wonderful Parade of Homes Resale. Don't miss this beauty. Inviting at every turn. Gourmet cook's kitchen w/ all the bells and whistles. Towering ceilings, flooded w/ natural light, terrific master suite respite - separate and commodious his & her vanities. Relax & getaway in the beautiful jetted tub, multihead supersized shower w/ bench. Three additional bedrooms + 3 full baths. 3 garage.
Call Suzi Knight, 432-559-5036



4412 NORWOOD ST.
$225,000
Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome that has completely been gutted and remodeled! Great location with easy access to Loop 250. Close to shopping, restaurants and schools.
Call Melonna Campbell, 432-634-8722



4811 DENTCREST DR.
$268,000
Super nice 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. Formal dining or add'l LA, large family room with wall of bookcases, TV mounted on fireplace (stays), kitchen is large w/ abundant cab & counter space. Double ovens. Bdrms are spacious w/walk-in closets. Large mstr bdrm w/ complete remodeled bathroom. Laundry w/sink & room for add'l fridge. Beautiful patio w/TV mounted (stays). All sound equip. stays, AC on patio stays.
Call Kathy Phillips, 432-634-0006

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4707 TATTENHAM COURT	FACT ID #1018	$580,000
2501 N. COUNTY RD. 1278		$545,000
1909 N. COUNTY RD 1110	FACT ID #1041	$454,900
5521 CASA GRANDE TRAIL	FACT ID #1089	$433,500
5401 HILLCREST COURT	FACT ID #1086	U/C
1406 W. INDIANA AVE	FACT ID #1061	U/C
5714 SABINE DR	FACT ID #1085	U/C
6710 BOOT DRIVE	FACT ID #1067	$335,000
5600 E. CO. RD. 60	FACT ID #1068 PRICE REDUCED	$300,000
3206 BOARDWALK	FACT ID #1002	U/C
3320 BAUMANN AVE	FACT ID #1100	$180,500
3506 STANDLIND AVE	FACT ID #1032	SOLD
1306 UPLAND ST	FACT ID #1085	$140,000
1320 FAIRGROUNDS RD	FACT ID #1048	$85,000

3 BEDROOM

2215 S. COUNTY RD. 1110	FACT ID #1060	$569,500
2215 COUNTY RD. 1172		$549,900
4601 N. CO. RD. 1130	FACT ID #1130 PRICE REDUCED	$394,900
3306 HAYNES AVE	FACT ID #1019	$385,000
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5329 BELLA PLACE	FACT ID #1011	$375,000
11899 W. COUNTY RD. 54	FACT ID #1047	$315,000
504 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$314,900
3618 COUNTY RD. 1185	FACT ID #1088	U/C
2109 BRADFORD COURT	FACT ID #1011	$299,999
4811 DENTCREST DR	FACT ID #1079	$268,000
1007 DENTON RD		$239,000
4205 NELSON	FACT ID #1006	$235,000
1722 E. SCHARBAUER DR	FACT ID #1006	$235,000
706 BOYD ST	FACT ID #1005	U/C
4709 BOULDER DRIVE	FACT ID #1038	$205,000
4309 MERRILL COURT	PRICE REDUCED	$201,110
4507 LEISURE DR	FACT ID #1079	$190,000
4714 COUNTRY CLUB DR		U/C
1300 CONNELL STREET		U/C
512 PARKWOOD DR	FACT ID #1067	U/C
3349 CR C 2400	FACT ID #1088	$155,000
309 WILLOWOOD DR	FACT ID #1076 PRICE REDUCED	$145,000
4515 BROOKDALE DR		$140,000
1404 W. KENTUCKY AVE	PRICE REDUCED	$140,000
4709 THOMASON		U/C
705 N. D AVE	FACT ID #1082	$129,000
1303 E. CUTHBERT AVE	NEW PRICE	$79,000
1320 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD SPACE 302	FACT ID #1026	SOLD

2 BEDROOM

4412 NORWOOD ST	FACT ID #1072	$225,000
1109 W. INDIANA AVE	FACT ID #1066	$139,900
1501 E. 17TH		$135,000
608 LIDDON #69		$65,000
1902 E. CALIFORNIA AVE		NEW PRICE $50,000
1209 PRATT	FACT ID #1037	U/C

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4008 FIRENZE	FACT ID #1033 PRICE REDUCED	$285,000
3109 SAN MARINO DR	FACT ID #1033	SOLD
1708 E 53RD ST, ODESSA	FACT ID #1068	$230,000
8813 RAINBOW DR	FACT ID #1026	$210,000
1325 W. 29TH ST		U/C
53 WILLOW DRIVE		$210,000
1903 DORAN DRIVE		$160,000
2719 REDWOOD		$85,000
122 N. PALMINO DR		$58,000
917 E. 32TH ST		U/C

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207 S. BURLESON, MCCAMEY, TX - BUSINESS		$125,000

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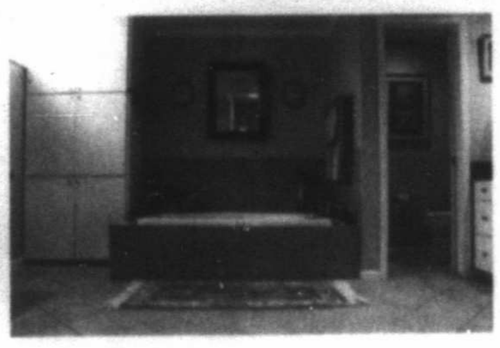


911 Citation - $925,000

Location! Location! Location! This is it! Prestigious Saddle Club Estates engulfs this beautiful 5 bedroom home! The perfect home for entertaining large crowds yet cozy for smaller family settings! Soaring ceilings and large windows offer bright & gorgeous rooms! Surrounded by a glassed in atrium, the house breathes fresh & airy which gives an open feel throughout! The gourmet kitchen is large and open into the wonderful den! Windows abide for light plus the white cabinets gleem! The sautillo tile flooring, dark granite countertops and wood top island coincides with the wood lined ceiling for added warmth! Side yard is perfect for bar-b-qing or quiet reading time! Formal living plus family room with fireplace make this home easy to live in! The master bedroom is downstairs with access to amazing backyard plus has a recently renovated master bathroom! The other bedrooms are spacious and offer plenty of bathroom space! The resort-like backyard lands hours of fun! Incredible pool with tile surrounds give space to swim & sun or relax under the covered patio! Plus yard for kids & pets to enjoy outside time as well! Don't overlook the 4 car garage! Other amenities include quiet street with park-like center island and tons of trees, silver closet, office/craft room, wet bar, 2 fireplaces, crown moulding, plantation shutters and the list goes on! Call your agent for a private viewing today!







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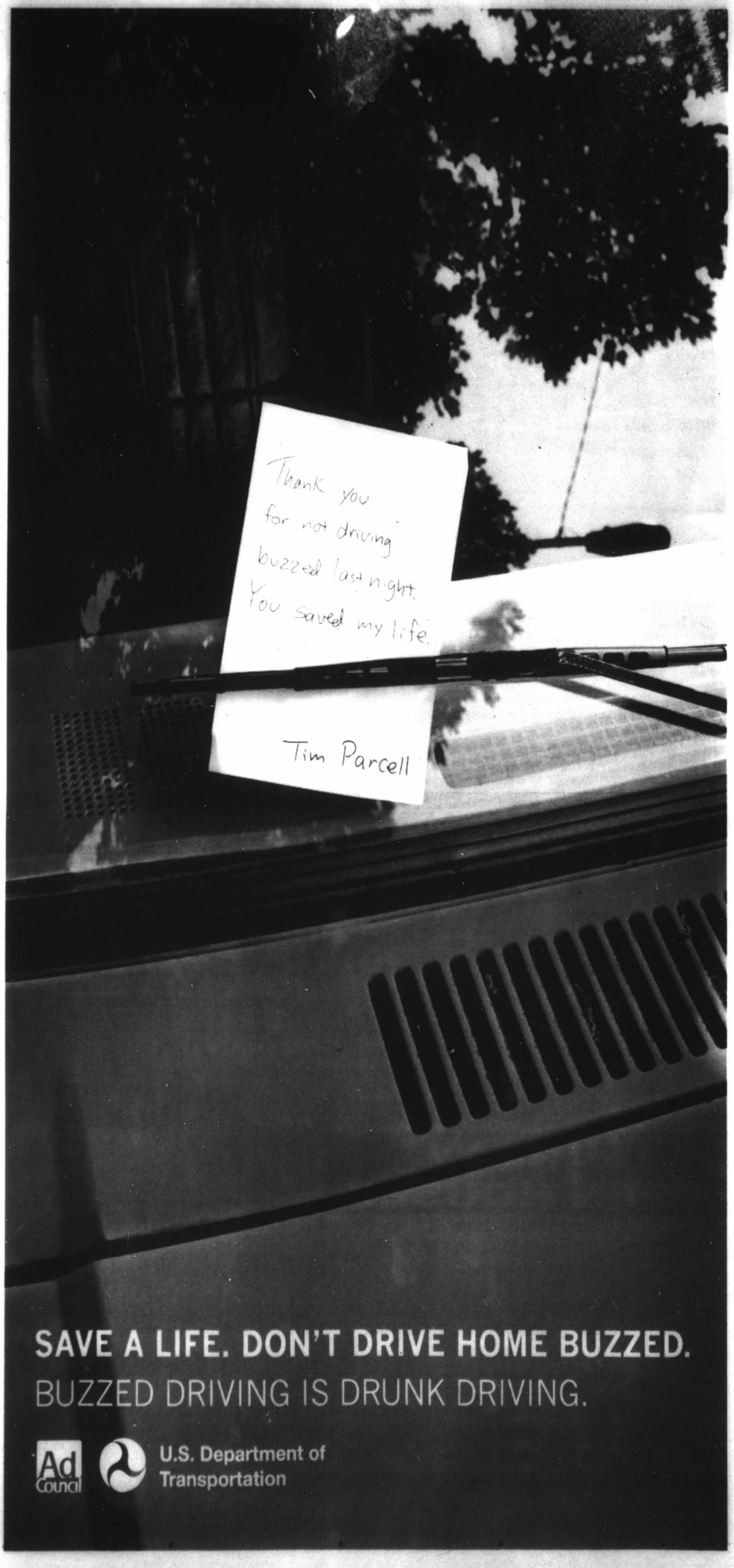
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4900 Oakwood Ct. - $499,900 • 4BD/3.5BA
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2809 SHANKS
Wonderful country home on 1.25 acres! Open floorplan with 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Long list of fabulous updates! Terrific location with wonderful sweeping views! Outdoor amenities include covered patio, workshop, shed, covered RV parking, and fenced corral. **$359,000 MLS# 50007396**

FEATURED LISTINGS

9708 FM 307	Residential or Commercial Land, Will subdivide into 1 Acre Tracts	MLS #50005743		$860,000
2020 Mosswood Dr.	5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2 living, 4 car garage	MLS #50007631	NEW PRICE	$769,200
1107 Breckenridge Dr.	4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 living, 5 car garage	MLS #50008250	UNDER CONTRACT	$554,990
2940 FM 829	Near Stanton, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 1 half bath, 2 garage, pool	MLS #50006617	NEW PRICE	$550,000
5912 Dunbarton Oaks	4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage	MLS #50007748	SOLD	$499,900
3120 Fairfield Ln.	5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living, bonus room, 3 garage	MLS #50008859	UNDER CONTRACT	$449,000
3600 WCR 143	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, 20x20 shop	MLS #50006892	SOLD	$420,000
8600 FM 307	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, on 4 Acres in Greenwood	MLS #50007405	SOLD	$411,000
2809 Shanks	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, on 1.25 Acres	MLS #50007396	NEW PRICE	$359,000
4705 Spring Meadow Lane #2	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, townhouse	MLS #50008893	UNDER CONTRACT	$279,000
604 S. Jackson	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Construction	MLS #50007046	NEW PRICE	$226,000
5252 Lake Co. Rd 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #1106038	OWNER CARRY	$99,400
11070 Graham Way	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1LA on 1.3 Acres near Lake Ivie	MLS #50008064		$99,000
6714 FM 715	22 Acres	MLS #108863	SOLD	$365,000
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, TX	3.888 acres with Caliche pit on property, non-restricted	MLS #108092		$32,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES SECTION III				
6400 WCR 41	Lot 1, Block 6, 3.950 Acres	MLS #50003663		$119,000
6401 WCR 41	Lot 1, Block 8, 3.658 Acres	MLS #50003662		$119,000
6407 WCR 41	Lot 2, Block 8, 3.548 Acres	MLS #50003661		$119,000
6607 WCR 41	Lot 6, Block 8, 3.548 Acres	MLS #50003660		$119,000
6400 WCR 44	Lot 14, Block 8, 3.655 Acres	MLS #50003659		$119,000

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4 Steps to a Tidier Kitchen

Whether you're cleaning your home in anticipation of selling, or just looking to live in a streamlined space, a well-organized kitchen can be the pinnacle of a fully functioning home, appealing to potential buyers and everyone living inside. If you're looking to make better use of your kitchen—arguably the most-used room in the home—read the following tips.

Create a master plan – What is your dream plan for your kitchen? Figure out exactly what your ideal kitchen would look like. Is it cleaner? Tidier? Refinished? Are you looking to create an inviting home-style atmosphere or a gleaming space right out of a magazine? Knowing just what you're going for will make it more achievable overall.

Set goals - Create a six-month plan. If your master plan was to have more organized counter space, then try setting a goal to declutter and maintain tidiness for the next six months. Do you want to make sure your kitchen is as clean as can be? Delegate tasks to certain days (i.e., mop the floors on Mondays) to make your cleaning goals more attainable.

Break your plan down into tasks - Part of being well organized is setting time aside to actually do the organizing. If it helps, try marking tasks on your calendar. Is it time to dig through the junk drawer or find new homes for your miscellaneous pots and pans? Every person has a different style of organizing that works for them. Some people tidy up every day, while others dedicate one day a month to power through it all.

Be realistic about what will work for you, so you will be more likely to stick to your plan of attack. Whether you spend every Sunday sifting through the stack of mail that has collected on the counter or an hour a week tidying up drawers and cupboards, figuring out when and how much time you need to dedicate to kitchen maintenance can help. Also consider whether you will take these tasks on yourself or delegate to family members.

Keep a monthly check-up. At the end of every month, inventory your progress on your clean-kitchen goal. This will help keep you on track, and your kitchen spotless.

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5512 Carmel Court
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Shown by Norma Pine

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4608 S FM 715
Beautiful 4 bedroom/2 full & 2 half bath home on 5 acres! Property has numerous out-buildings, covered parking pad for an RV, 2400 sq ft shop w/a 900 sqft apartment. Horse stalls, 12'x24 storage building, 4-car carport
$475,000

CHARMING!!



1301 Godfrey St
Cute 3 bedroom, 2 full bath townhome complete with refrigerator, washer and dryer! Adorable kitchen, new carpet, paint - corner of 4 perfect for parking a large truck/trailer combo. Master bedroom w/tile and her closets, virtual tours. Open patio - 1 car garage
$185,000

GORGEOUS!!



5307 Brazos Ct
Awesome home inside & out! Northgate 3 bed/2 bath/2-car garage in cul-de-sac! Sec. master w/fireplace, dual sinks and closets! Towering ceilings in living area! Gorgeous yards with big trees, gas fire pit, pavers, lighted area! Privacy fence!
$227,000

ADORABLE!!



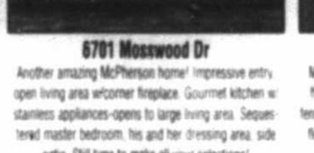
709 W Pine
An "AS IS" bargain for "DO-IT-YOURSELF" buyers! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and nice living area with cozy fireplace. Ceramic tile floors throughout, large bedrooms. Great kitchen with stainless stove. Oversize backyard! If you're ready to do some work, this is it!
$149,900

AWESOME!!



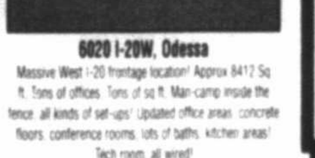
317 S. Grant, Odessa
Property to be sold "AS IS" Main building over 13,000 sq.ft. roof recently re-done, 3 large bays, 3 front offices, 3 baths. Large storage area. New 3 bedroom 1 bath apartment. Equipment available, but sold separately. So many uses for this property!!
$300,000

SPECTACULAR!!



6701 Mosswood Dr
Another amazing McPherson home! Impressive entry, open living area w/corner fireplace. Gourmet kitchen w/ stainless appliances-opens to large living area. Secure-tenad master bedroom, his and her dressing area, side patio. Still time to make all your selections!
$415,000

COMMERCIAL!!



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6718 BOOT DR ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50008291 ..... SALE PENDING

5711 LLANO CT...Tina Atkins 661-0062 ..... MLS #50008552 ..... $310,000

6107 SUN TEA WAY ...Kay Bivens $310,000

4200 CRESTGATE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50009097 ..... $299,900

4508-10 FAIRGATE DR.-DUPLEX...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50006199 ..... $299,900

3203 DURANT DR ...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50008947 ..... $299,900

5308 MAGELLAN ST ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50009176 ..... $297,000

2829 MAXWELL DR ...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... MLS #50008166 ..... $295,000

2905 EMERSON PL ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50009041 ..... $295,000

6110 CRYSTAL SKY LN ...Leah Watkins ..... MLS #50006820 ..... $295,000

6107 SUN TEA WAY...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #50008012 ..... $290,000

2821 METZ DR...Lauren Therrell 557-4114 ..... MLS #50008464 ..... $289,000

5901 MILE HIGH LANE.....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50009113 ..... $284,900

3412 PINEMONT DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50007359 ..... SALE PENDING

2111 STANOLIND CT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #50001703 ..... DA SALE PENDING

7 STUTZ COURT...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #50007107 ..... SALE PENDING

4012 NORWOOD ST...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... MLS #50004883 ..... SALE PENDING

2900 DURANT...Pam Dodd $280,000

2826 W. SHANDON AVE...Stephanie Rogers ..... MLS #50007956 ..... $279,000

4110 MARINOR COURT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #50006418 ..... $278,500

2908 BOARDWALK...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... MLS #50008676 ..... $275,000

509 O'ROURKE...Tina Atkins 661-0062 ..... SALE PENDING

1204 RANDOLPH LN ...Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #50008009 ..... $275,000

1210 W. GOLF COURSE...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ..... MLS #50002353 ..... $275,000

3602 NORTHTOWN...Leah Watkins ..... MLS #50005784 ..... $270,000

3615 HYDE PARK AVE.....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50006654 ..... SALE PENDING

6204 MILE HIGH...Kim Merrill ..... MLS #50007498 ..... $265,000

4610 NCR 1178 ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #50008485 ..... $255,000

1106 MILLTOWN RD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50007982 ..... $240,000

3217 SINCLAIR...Donna Omar ..... MLS #50007298 ..... $235,000

3413 MARK LANE...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50008855 ..... $230,000

1917 HUNTINGTON ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #50003683 ..... $229,900

604 S. JACKSON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50007040 ..... $226,000

1807 HUGHES...Donna Omar ..... MLS #50007655 ..... SALE PENDING

4404 STOREY AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008288 ..... SALE PENDING

3210 CARVER...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #50006231 ..... SALE PENDING

604 W. KANSAS AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #108203 ..... $180,900

500 S. LINCOLN ST...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50007219 ..... SALE PENDING

3316 NEELY...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50007654 ..... SALE PENDING

708 UPLAND DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #50005289 ..... $169,900

2408 NEELY AVE...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #50004558 ..... SALE PENDING

601 BECKLEY ...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ..... $140,900

3508 S. CO. RD. 1223 1/2...Kim Merrill ..... MLS #50005825 ..... $92,000

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

3307 EBBETS ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008426 ..... $900,000

3701 CARDINAL LN ...Pam Dodd $850,000

1803 MABERRY...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $849,900

3300 WRIGLEY ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008789 ..... $500,000

5309 QUICKSAND COVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008786 ..... SALE PENDING

5804 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD ...Denise Brasher ..... MLS #50008275 ..... SALE PENDING

1804 NORTH H...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #50008505 ..... $369,900

910 W. CUTHBERT...Michelle Hofer 238-4572 ..... SALE PENDING

3204 APPERSON DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008513 ..... $350,000

5001 WOODHOLLOW ...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50008238 ..... SALE PENDING

5503 LA JOLLA CV...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50004419 ..... SALE PENDING

5518 SAN SABA ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50008302 ..... SALE PENDING

1807 PEUBLO ...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... MLS #50007053 ..... SALE PENDING

5611 CARMEL COURT...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ..... MLS #50005117 ..... $315,000

4108 CYNTHIA DR ...Lisa Russell $310,000

2406 W. DENGAR AVE...Kim Merrill ..... MLS #50008815 ..... $305,000

2605 DOUGLAS ...Lytha Scudder $299,000

5406 SAN SABA CT...Gina Reyes ..... MLS #50008830 ..... $295,000

4900 TIMBER CT ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008487 ..... $290,000

4702 ELMA ...Stacy Gonzalez ..... MLS #50008915 ..... $289,900

5909 LLANO COURT ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #108526 ..... SALE PENDING

5702 RIO GRANDE AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008482 ..... SALE PENDING

3304 ROSEMONT DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008517 ..... SALE PENDING

6001 MEDINA DR ...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ..... SALE PENDING

1404 MANOR ST ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50007629 ..... $267,500

6900 KING RANCH RD ...Pam Dodd $260,000

2817 EMERSON PL ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50008077 ..... SALE PENDING

5612 LLANO CT ...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #50008739 ..... $256,900

2602 HUGHES ST ...Kelli Moss 661-904-7715 ..... $255,000

1200 PRAIRIE LANE ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #1000034433 ..... $255,000

5308 CANADIAN ...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... SALE PENDING

6909 KING RANCH RD ...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... $250,000

5111 LAVACA AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... SALE PENDING

4606 BISHOPS CASTLE DR ...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #50003188 ..... $249,900

3501 CLAREMONT DR ...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50001061 ..... $249,000

2410 W. SHANDON AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008694 ..... $247,500

3210 FANNIN...Stacy Gonzalez ..... MLS #50008976 ..... $245,000

4703 PRESTON DR ...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50006749 ..... SALE PENDING

4102 DYER CIRCLE ...Lana Flores 385-5843 ..... MLS #442004633 ..... $244,000

1106 CERRILLOS AVE ...Jerry Lesikar 425-1096 ..... MLS #50008254 ..... $242,400

5904 MILE HIGH ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50007421 ..... SALE PENDING

3305 EDGEMONT DR ...Leah Watkins $239,000

1208 RANDOLPH LN ...Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #50008031 ..... $235,000

1202 PUEBLO ...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #50008932 ..... SALE PENDING

5210 CANADIAN ...Donna Omar ..... MLS #50003775 ..... $235,000

2001 DOUGLAS ...Pam Dodd ..... SALE PENDING

3304 CLAREMONT ...Donna Omar 349-1458 ..... MLS #50005493 ..... SALE PENDING

1603 NEELY AVE ...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #50004091 ..... $232,500

505 COLISEUM CT ...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... MLS #50009031 ..... $230,000

401 S. JACKSON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50007040 ..... $230,000

1109 MILLTOWN RD ...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50008001 ..... $229,900

2412 EMERSON CT ...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50009158 ..... $229,900

2412 GODDARD CT ...Mark Philliber 222-5071 ..... MLS #50008287 ..... $229,900

1117 MILLTOWN RD ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008665 ..... SALE PENDING

405 CRENSHAW DR ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #50004711 ..... $225,000

3601 STANOLIND...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $225,000

3405 BOYD AVE...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50007035 ..... $225,000

4301 NORWOOD ...Donna Omar ..... MLS #50009047 ..... $225,000

1211 PRAIRIE LANE ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50008829 ..... SALE PENDING

908 SHEA LN ...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50003252 ..... $223,000

4512 PALMER DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008119 ..... $222,500

1126 CEDAR CREEK ROAD ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #50008191 ..... $219,000

1502 WRANGLER...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50008873 ..... $219,000

3203 W. SHANDON ...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #50001315 ..... $215,000

3605 JORDAN AVE ...Skye Farris $213,000

6203 SCR 1185 ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #50008719 ..... $210,000

4501 W. CUTHBERT...Karen Foster ..... MLS #50005489 ..... SALE PENDING

5101 LAVACA ...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50008328 ..... SALE PENDING

3000 VERMONT...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50009207 ..... $204,900

506 WAVERLY DR.....Skye Farris ..... MLS #50006416 ..... $200,000

1119 S. GLENWOOD DR...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... MLS #50007883 ..... $199,900

4302 MERRILL CT ...Josie Rendon 689-8394 ..... MLS #50008832 ..... $199,000

4508 HYDE PK ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #50002192 ..... $195,000

307 S. ESINHOWER...Wendy Waddell $187,000

3326 FANNIN AVE.....Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #50007360 ..... SALE PENDING

2602 FRONTIER...Karen Foster ..... MLS #50004099 ..... SALE PENDING

5805 RAINBOW RD...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ..... MLS #50001365 ..... SALE PENDING

2500 PRINCETON...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #50001320 ..... SALE PENDING

5211 STOREY AVE...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #50008190 ..... $175,000

3318 STOREY AVE...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50001776 ..... SALE PENDING

3239 WHITTLE WAY...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ..... $169,900

5123 SUNNYSIDE...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ..... MLS #50008310 ..... SALE PENDING

305 S. DALLAS ST...Darla Davis ..... MLS #50002162 ..... $167,000

2609 GRACELAND...Andrea Snell ..... MLS #50007561 ..... SALE PENDING

5208 SUNNYSIDE DR...Martha Manulik ..... MLS #50004108 ..... $165,000

5254 SAN ANTONIO...Danny Norwood ..... MLS #50004827 ..... $160,000

3105 DELANO AVE.....Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..... MLS #50006353 ..... $159,000

1704 N. MAIN...Josie Rendon 689-8394 ..... MLS #50007162 ..... SALE PENDING

3804 TANNER DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... SALE PENDING

3400 W. GOLF COURSE RD ...Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #50002095 ..... SALE PENDING

3008 W. OHIO...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #50001730 ..... $149,000

1202 E. ESTES...Josie Rendon 689-8394 ..... MLS #50008842 ..... $144,900

4702 COMANCHE...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50006821 ..... $140,000

610 W. KANSAS...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ..... MLS #50008662 ..... $135,000

420 E. SHANDON...Denise Brasher ..... MLS #50007936 ..... SALE PENDING

1510 E. SCHARBAUER DR...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #50004057 ..... $128,000

3500 ROOSEVELT...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50009067 ..... $127,000

4405 PARKDALE...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $124,900

703 RUBY...Donna Omar ..... MLS #50002293 ..... SALE PENDING

309 E. PINE...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #50003468 ..... SALE PENDING

308 CEDAR STREET...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... SALE PENDING

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

4306 CRESTGATE ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50008303 ..... SALE PENDING

4724-B HARVARD AVE ...Stephanie Masterson 556-1564 ..... $158,000

4704 HARVARD AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50007798 ..... $135,000

104 HOLLY ...Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #50004592 ..... $133,500

2510 COLLEGE AVE...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #50009036 ..... $129,900

4306 THOMASON DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50006766 ..... SALE PENDING

708 N. CALHOUN ST...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50008498 ..... SALE PENDING

3330 CALDERA #146...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50006509 ..... $110,000

2105 W. WASHINGTON...Sue Lytle ..... MLS #50002944 ..... $83,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

4409 E. CO. RD. 63 ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #108422 ..... $999,000

5203 S. CO. RD. 1065 ...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50005087 ..... $885,000

6704 E. CO. RD. 107 ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008195 ..... SALE PENDING

2711 SHANKS ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50005451 ..... SALE PENDING

7008 E. CO. RD. 108, GREENWOOD ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS #50007715 ..... $669,000

5510 FM 307, GREENWOOD ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50008336 ..... $630,000

18310 S. CO. RD. 1210 ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50006926 ..... Home w/Hangar $569,500

2101 S. CO. RD. 1087 ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50006430 ..... SALE PENDING

12187 W. CO. RD. 52 ...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #108236 ..... $485,000

7314 E. CO. RD. 91, GREENWOOD ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50008026 ..... $445,000

6808 E. CO. RD. 92...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50009245 ..... $410,000

12119 E. CO. RD. 102 ...Lana Flores 385-5843 ..... MLS #50001291 ..... $365,000

1902 E. CO. RD. 129...Andrea Snell 559-4417 ..... MLS #50008114 ..... $349,900

2211 S. CO. RD. 1085, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50009241 ..... $339,900

1300 S. CO. RD. 1120...Josie Rendon 689-8394 ..... MLS #50007854 ..... SALE PENDING

3315 W. CO. RD. 185, SKYWEST AIRPORT ...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... $335,000

2807 W. CO. RD. 115...Jerry Lesikar 425-1096 ..... MLS #50007872 ..... $333,000

3104 S. CO. RD. 1067, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS #50007544 ..... $325,000

3700 W. CO. RD. 145...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #50005495 ..... $305,000

10603 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50005495 ..... $299,900

4001 S. CO. RD. 1140...Denise Brasher ..... MLS #50008871 ..... 1.73 Acres/$299,500

4108 N. CO. RD. 1133...Mark Philliber ..... MLS #50009204 ..... $295,000

10909 E. CO. RD. 108...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #108961 ..... 0.51 Acres/$295,000

9103 W. CO. RD. 160...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #50001570 ..... $265,000

4607 S. CO. RD. 1177 ...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50005740 ..... $249,000

7101 E. CO. RD. 90...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50009143 ..... $239,900

5201 S. CO. RD. 1160...Stacy Gonzalez ..... MLS #50008733 ..... $225,000

9801 W. CO. RD. 56...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50009197 ..... 431 Acres/$55,000

4403 N. CO. RD. 1130...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

14800 SBS N. BROWNWOOD, TX ...Donna Omar 349-1458 ..... MLS #50008668 ..... $996,500

401 4TH ST STANTON, TX ...Lisa Russell ..... MLS #50004541 ..... $699,900

1001 NW 11TH ST, ANDREWS, TX ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50005859 ..... $550,000

2940 FM 829 NEAR STANTON ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50006611 ..... $389,000

6650 DRIFTWOOD DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50006949 ..... $315,000

3016 SAN PEDRO, ODESSA ...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50005362 ..... $299,000

7637 KING RANCH, ODESSA ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50008852 ..... $260,000

6969 KING RANCH RD, ODESSA ...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... $259,900

2201 S. 3RD, LAMESA ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50008073 ..... $259,900

4610 NCR 1178 ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #50008485 ..... $255,000

503 W. 3RD, STANTON ...Lana Flores $250,000

5605 JOY, ODESSA ...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... SALE PENDING

6203 SCR 1185 ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #50008719 ..... $210,000

1201 OLD COURSE RD...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #104067 ..... $205,000

8725 CORNELL AVE...ODESSA ...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #102876 ..... $204,000

1100 E. 44TH, ODESSA ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #50007312 ..... $200,000

604 VASSAR, ODESSA ...Lana Flores ..... MLS #104104 ..... $196,500

409 OLD COURSE RD ...Amanda Gunter $195,000

409 E. 98TH STREET, ODESSA...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ..... $199,900

14241 LOYOLA, GARDENDALE ...Leah Watkins ..... MLS #50002358 ..... $189,000

6250 LAMAR AVE, ODESSA ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50007336 ..... SALE PENDING

912 CORONADO ...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #1000010 ..... $160,000

10075 E. EMERSON ST., GARDENDALE ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 MLS #50004438 ..... $133,000

5252 LAKE CO. RD. 256 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #106038 ..... $99,400

11070 GRAHAM WAY ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50006064 ..... $99,000

308 N. AVENUE D ...Josie Rendon 689-8394 ..... MLS #50007972 ..... $56,900

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

10294 FM 307 ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... MLS #106820 ..... $1,528,000

9700 FM 307 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50005743 ..... $800,000

3100 N. BIG SPRING...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50009139 ..... $625,000

807 E. 2ND ST., ODESSA ...Sue Lytle ..... MLS #107382 ..... $500,000

1108 W. HWY. 80, STANTON ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #108426 ..... 0.743 Acre/$150,000

LAND AND LOTS

9700 FM 307 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50005743 ..... $850,000

3701 CARDINAL LN ...Pam Dodd $850,000

4110 E. CO. RD. 136 ...Kim Merrill ..... MLS #50001996 ..... 40 Acres/$800,000

3000 N. CO. RD. 1278 ...Mark Philliber 222-5071 ..... MLS #50002830 ..... 48 Acres/$629,000

N. CO. RD. 1250 ...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #107925 ..... 70 S Acres/$490,000

1200 STOKES ...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50007917 ..... $425,000

CO. RD. 1130 ...Mark Philliber 222-5071 ..... MLS #50001560 ..... 79 Acres/$250,000

2900 S. CO. RD. 1200 ...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #50001161 ..... 2 Acres

CO. RD. 60 W. AND 1263 ...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #50007449 ..... 3 Acres/$180,000

1121 E. DORMARD AVE ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50003414 ..... $175,000

1108 W. HWY. 80, STANTON ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #50006801 ..... SALE PENDING

2807 W. CO. RD. 140 ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50007174 ..... 10 Acres/$125,000

MARTIN CO....Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... MLS #103862 ..... $125,000

6601 CO. RD. 41 ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50003662 ..... $119,000

6408 W. CO. RD. 41 LOT 1, BLK 8 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50003661 ..... $119,000

6401 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 1, BLK 8 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50003662 ..... $119,000

6407 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 2, BLK 8 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50003661 ..... $119,000

6607 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 6, BLK 8 ...SandyJ. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50003660 ..... $119,000

6408 W. CO. RD. 44, LOT 14, BLK 8 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50003659 ..... $119,000

S. CO. RD. 1133, GREENWOOD ...Lana Flores ..... 2 Acres/$80,000

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

3600 MISSION CT ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50007305 ..... SALE PENDING

4705 SPRING MEADOW LANE #2 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #50008893 ..... SALE PENDING

3301 WEDGWOOD COURT ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... $262,500

2817 EMERSON PLACE ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #50008077 ..... SALE PENDING

1501 MONTERREY DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #50008406 ..... SALE PENDING

3010 MOSS ...Karen Mason ..... MLS #50001761 ..... $229,900

3102 TEALWOOD...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #50007820 ..... $191,900

2415 IDLEWILDE, UNIT 13 ...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..... MLS #50007200 ..... $125,000

3316 CALDERA BLVD. D-121...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... MLS #50005228 ..... SALE PENDING

600 LIDDON AVE. #52...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50006540 ..... SALE PENDING

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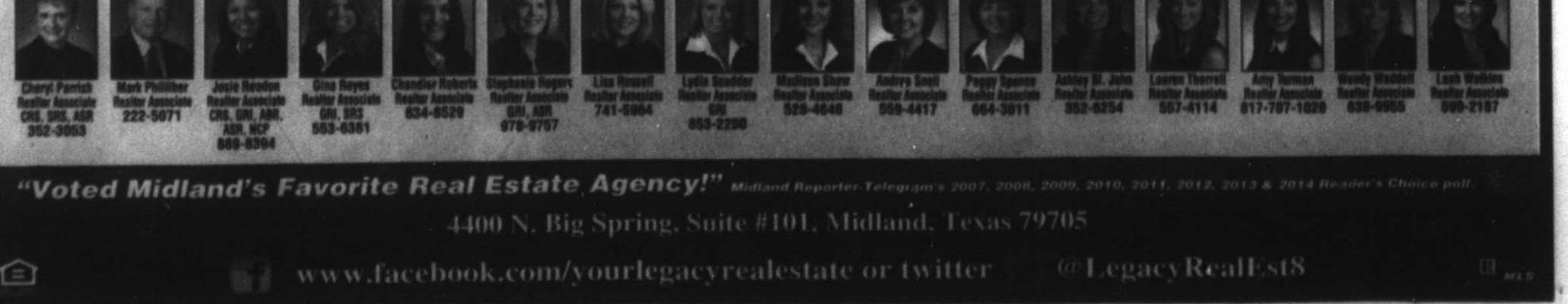
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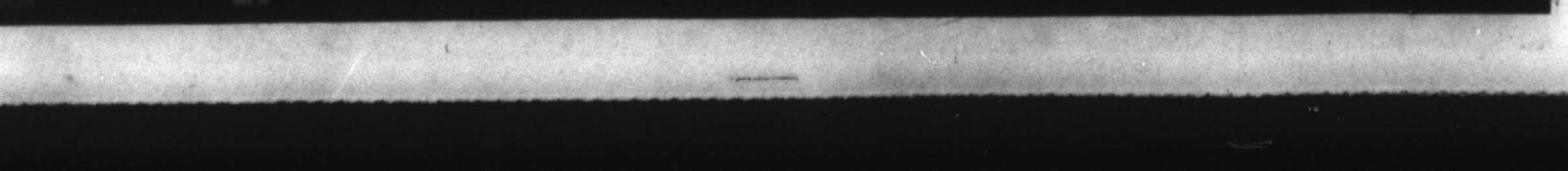
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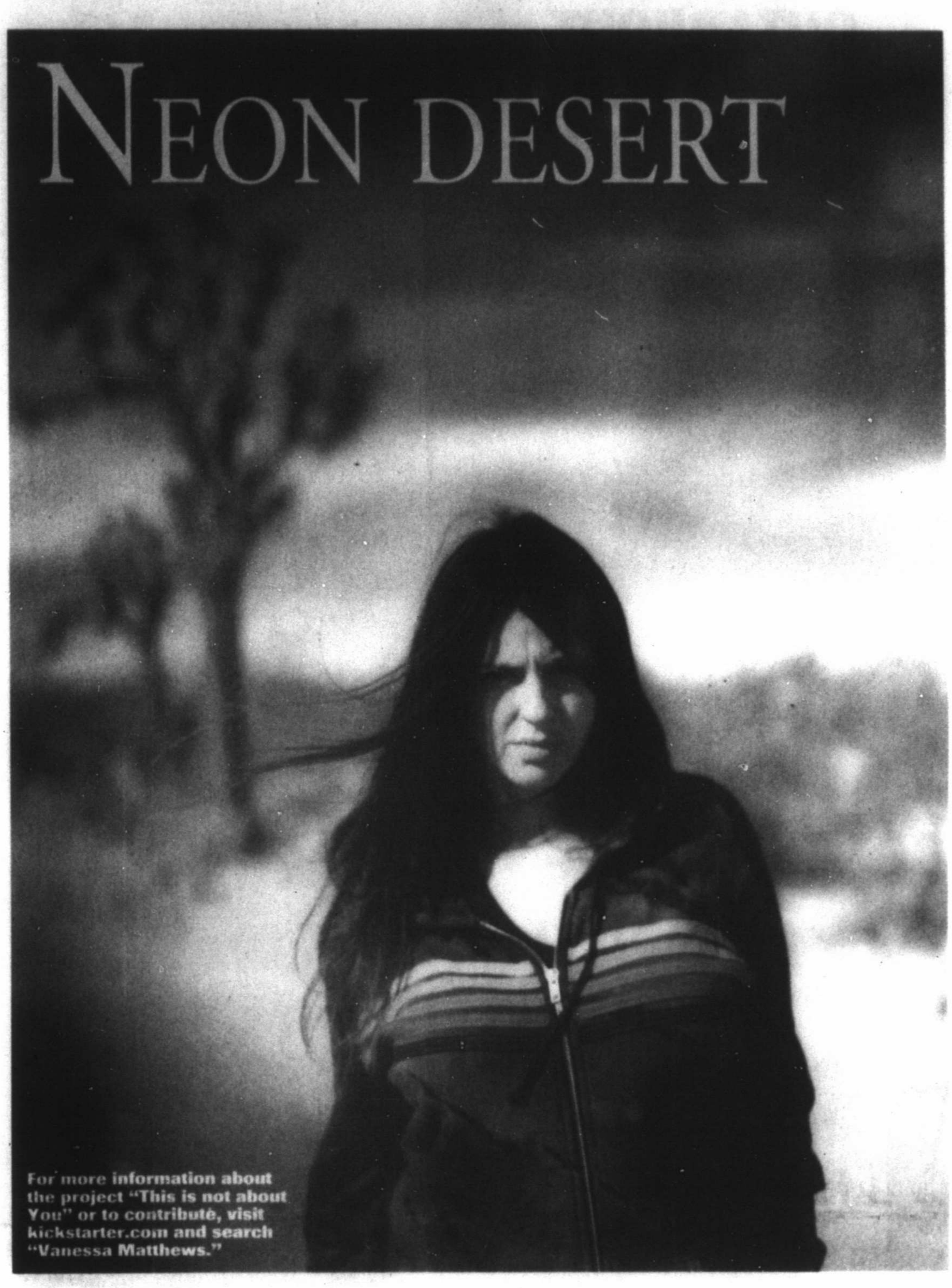
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Artist's new installation shows West Texas roots

By Rich Lopez
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In today's tech-driven world, text messages are a norm in interpersonal communication. In that sense, Vanessa Matthews' newest art piece makes sense. Except, her screen will be the Mojave Desert.

The Midland native is in the midst of a Kickstarter campaign to help fund her project "This is not about You." As of press time, she's just shy of $5,500 toward her $7,000 goal, but whether she meets her goal with Kickstarter or elsewhere, Matthews is determined to make her newest installation.

Splitting her time between Los Angeles and Joshua Tree (a small community in the Mojave), Matthews is working on what will be a neon text message to passersby driving through the desert.

That she finds herself in the desert isn't much of a surprise. Although she left Midland to pursue her career, Matthews' return to the desert in some ways is a nod to her upbringing here.

With days left on her campaign, Matthews discussed her approach to "This is not about You" and how her days in West Texas helped define her as an artist.

MRT: First, can you talk about the piece itself?

Matthews: The piece is "This is not about You" which is in neon but rendered in my own handwriting. The word "not" is the one element that is animated and it will flicker off and on at random intervals, at times being completely off. The finished size is approximately 8 feet wide. It will be installed 9 feet off the ground. You could call it a primitive text message.

MRT: What led you to this?

Matthews: For a long time I felt very compelled to doing text-based art. It was more about the idea and not so much the medium. But there were a lot of limits to my own thinking about it. Did I have the right to make this? I had a big fear of what other people thought.

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5 QUESTIONS

With Debbie Kelly | actor

We continue our series of Five Questions with the cast and crew of Summer Mummers. Debbie Kelly is a perennial cast member, and this year she can be seen in the Olio and as one of the emcees, which she lists high on her achievements.

Before this current season of Mummers, she played Cyndi Lauper in Midland Community Theatre's "Awesome '80s Prom."


Kelly

MRT: What's been your proudest achievement in Summer Mummers?

Kelly: It's hard to pick just one accomplishment to be proud of. Every time I make someone laugh I feel that I have accomplished what Mummers is all about. But if I have to pick one thing I think I have to say being cast as the first female emcee. Being the master of ceremonies is a great honor, setting the tone for the show from the very first moment. Grabbing that crowd and taking them on the journey that is Summer Mummers. It is a big responsibility, but I feel as if all of the women are there with me, pulling for my success, and just like the Mummer family always does, supporting me and helping me to be a success.

MRT: What do you feel is your best quality and why?

Kelly: I think my best quality is that I want the best in people. I want my family and friends to be happy and healthy. I want good things for people. I want them to succeed. We have too much ugliness in the world, and I like to make my little space on the planet a positive space. We all have bad days, but lifting people up always makes my bad days better.

MRT: What is the best thing you cook?

Kelly: I am actually a very good cook. I love to cook for friends, and I love how it brings us together. Anything cooked with the people you care about is always the best dish ever. The fellowship of the kitchen is a powerful thing. I guess if I have to pick I would say my pasta from scratch. If you never had fresh pasta, you don't know what you're missing.

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Creedence Clearwater drummer Doug Clifford ponders the then and now

By Rich Lopez
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Before Creedence Clearwater Revisited's appearance today at the Wagner Noel, drummer Doug Clifford compared much of what currently is going on in music to his time with Creedence Clearwater Revival. He and bassist Stu Cook, another original member, started Revisited in 1995 playing the classic songs. Thus, his comparisons made sense because he not only takes on familiar songs with a new attitude but also new bandmates.

The music industry

"Rock 'n' roll was pretty new when I started back in 1953. Radio was certainly different and my dad hated it," he said in a phone interview. "Decades later, the industry has changed tremendously — both good and bad. I think quality has gone down with technology. And I just think it's a lot harder to make it in this business now."

Popular music

"I was captivated by Etta James and Bo Diddley. I really liked and was influenced by music from New Orleans and Memphis," he said. "Now I think Bruno Mars is the whole package. I think Ed Sheeran is terrific. He reminds me of a young Van Morrison."



Want to go?

Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. . wagnernoel.com.

CCR's hit songs

"I missed playing them before Revisited. It was like coming back home. And now it's a joy to play these songs. My favorite song was always 'Born on the Bayou' but I love them all in different ways," he said.

There were songs he wished had become more popular during the original band's heyday.

"I am surprised some didn't make it like 'It Came Out of the Sky.' That was classic Creedence. 'Effigy' was also a very powerful, political song but it never became the single I thought it would have. We don't see much protest music anymore but the time now is ripe for that to happen."

Woodstock

Before Bonnaroo, Coachella and Austin City Limits, there was Woodstock. The music festival was billed as "Three days of Peace and Music" at White Lake, New York in August

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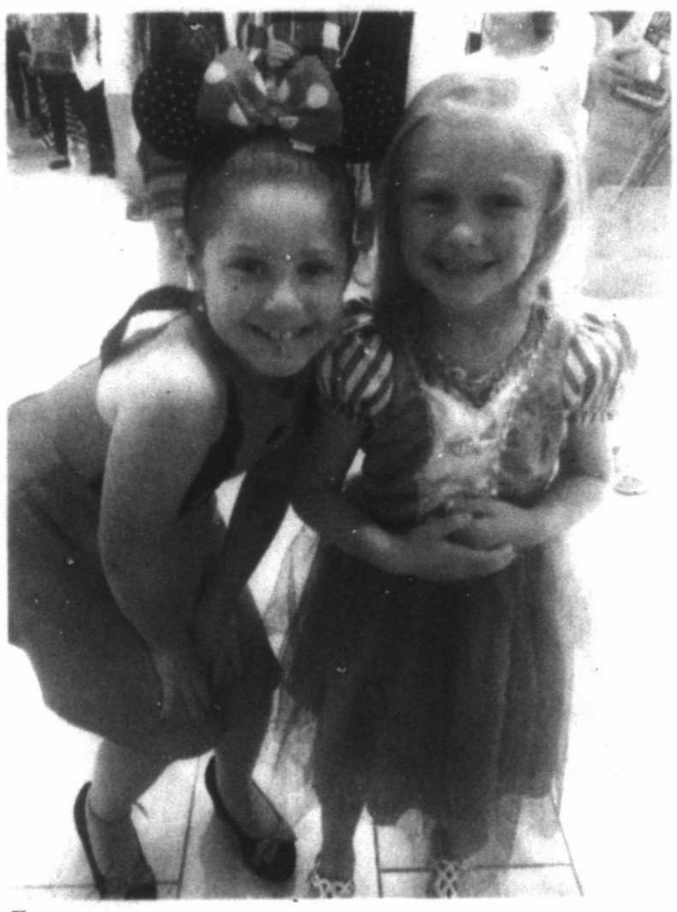
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Morgan Carlisle, from left, Kinleigh Carlisle, Berkley Carlisle and Leigh Ann Mansell



DISNEY

Sarai Velasquez



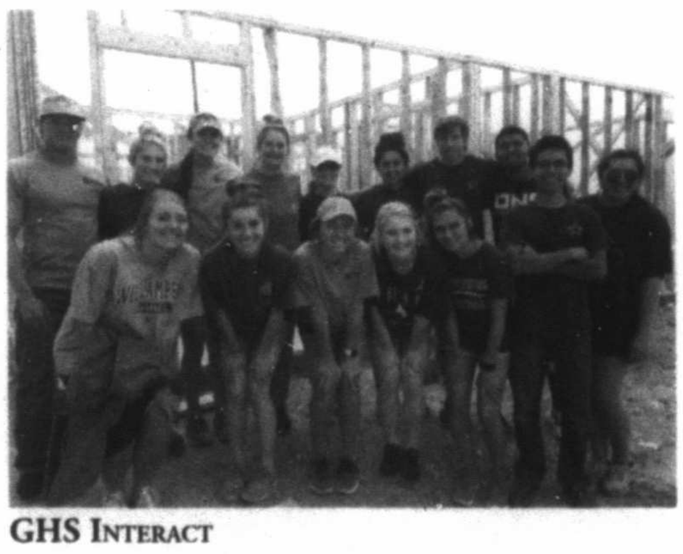
DISNEY

Blair Capellini, left, and Braelyn PaehlBacklund



GHS INTERACT

Analissa Leyva, kneeling left, and Genesia Montoya; and Kyle Allen, standing from left, Madison Hartman, Kensleigh Ellis, Maddi Huber, Sarahi Urias and Cooper Allen



GHS INTERACT

Rachel Barner, front row from left, Maddi Ulcak, Jenna Fader, Kaitlin Murphey, Matti Miller and Antonio Reyes; and Samuel Shaw, back row from left, Shelby Farmer, Cylie Mebane, Reagan Shanks, Crosby Cobb, Faith Duran, Ben Brockman, Brian Ramos and Zayra Urias



DISNEY

Mary Grace Backlund, from left, Rachel Backlund and Jennifer Backlund



DISNEY

Ava Adams, left, and Chloe Stroud



GHS INTERACT

Hunter Russell, front row from left, Cody Luzader, Haley Russell and Taylor Peyton; and Hannah Flores, backrow from left, Kaylee Cheek, Peyton Richardson, Kaitlan Keel, Jaylene Valezuela and Ashley Stacey

DISNEY NIGHT

It was a magical evening of storytelling and music inside the Wagner-Noel Performing Arts Center recently with "Disney's A Tale As Old As Time." Children dressed up in their favorite Disney character costumes as four Disney vocalists took to the stage accompanied by the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale.

A large screen served as the backdrop of the stage and provided clips of Disney movies that the songs were from: "The Little Mermaid," "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin," "The Princess and the Frog," "Cinderella" and "Sleeping Beauty."

After a long, thunderous standing ovation to the finale of "Frozen," the last song in the program, the symphony and vocalists surprised members of the audience still in the theater with "Circle of Life" from "Lion King."

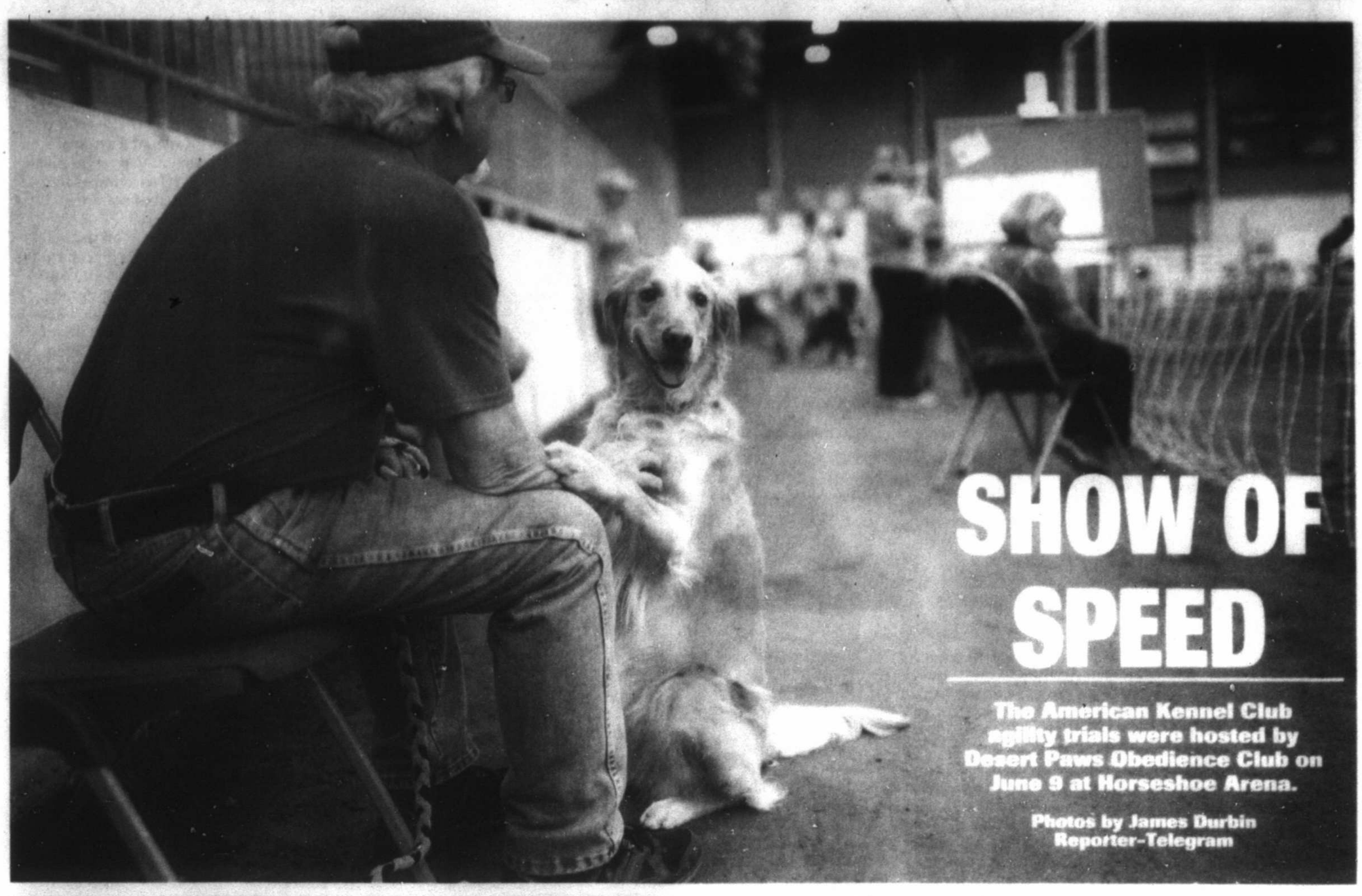
GHS INTERACT CLUB

The Greenwood High School Interact Club completed its school year with a total of 23 service projects. The projects included Habitat for Humanity, Rays of Hope, MARC's Spectrum of Solutions, Greenwood's first responders, High Sky Children's Ranch, Hospice of Midland, Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, Special Olympics, Parks Methodist Nursing Home, Stanton Nursing Home and the diabetes walk.

In addition to their community service, students raised $8,900 during the school year. The funds were distributed among four families in Greenwood.

Almost 100 students — ranging from freshmen to seniors — are in the club, which is sponsored by the Midland Rotary Club. Businesses that have sponsored these students are Basic Energy, KelTech, Mayfield Paper Co., Midland Meat Co., G&S Specialties and Big D.

To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.



SHOW OF SPEED

The American Kennel Club agility trials were hosted by Desert Paws Obedience Club on June 9 at Horseshoe Arena.

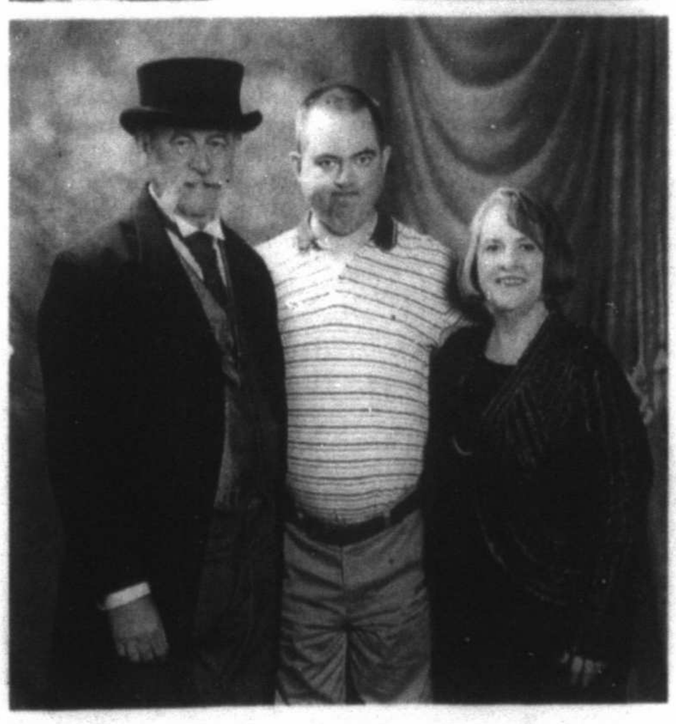
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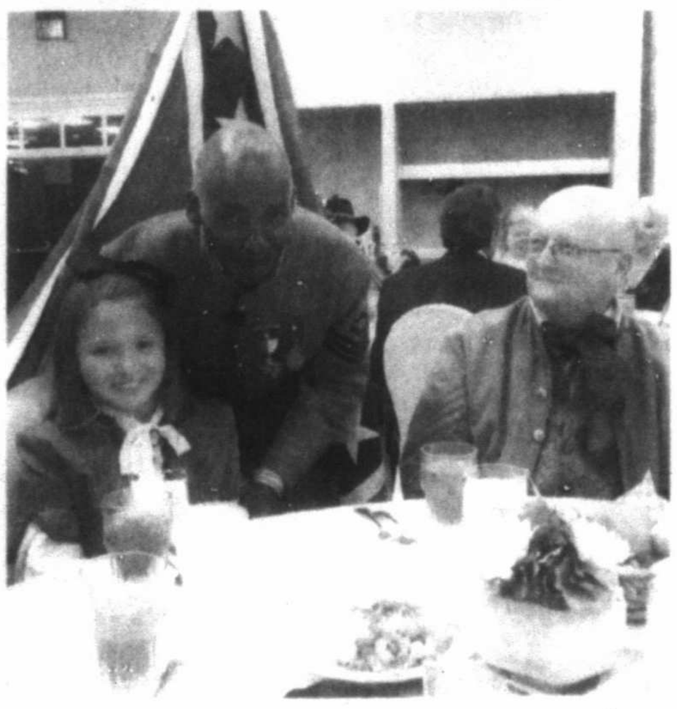




SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS REUNION







Courtesy photos

The Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans held a reunion the weekend of June 3 in Fort Worth. **FROM COUNTERCLOCKWISE:** Steve Parnell, right, commander of Dunn-Holt-Midkiff Camp 144, and his wife, Tre, are seen with keynote speaker H. K. Edgerton, who walks 10 miles a day in Confederate uniform with battle flag to promote Southern heritage. Also attending from the local camp was Midlander Bob Templeton, left, who was elected second lieutentant commander of Brigade 2 (West Texas region). He was accompanied by his wife, Lois, and son, Brian. Also representing Camp 144 was adjutant Floyd Roundtree, right. The keynote speaker was H.K. Edgerton, left.

GORENBRIDGE

FROM BOB JONES

East-West vulnerable, South deals

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♣ 9 5 3

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K Q 6 4
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EAST
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9 8 2
♣ Q J 8 6 4

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The bidding:

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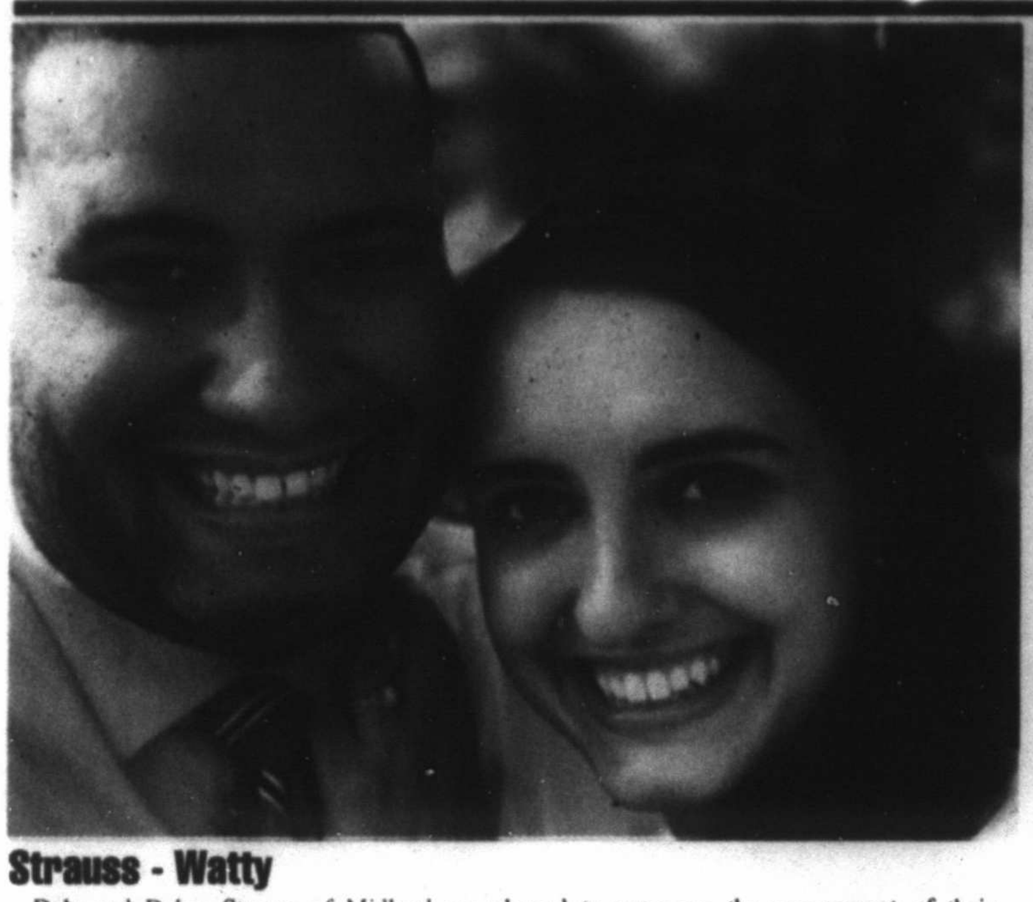
Opening lead: Queen of ♠

IMAGINATION

Many players would open one no-trump with the South hand, but with two un-stopped suits, this South chose to open in his five-card major. East-West would have some play for a four-spade contract, but North's leap to four hearts shut them out of the auction. The opening spade lead went to dummy's singleton king and East's ace. East shifted to a low club, won by declarer with the ace. This was a routine contract until East showed out on the ace of hearts. It looked like there were four certain losers. Needing a miracle of some sort, South led the 10 of diamonds, planning to run it if West played low. West covered with the queen and dummy's ace won the trick. A second diamond was led to the jack and the king. South was pleased to see the eight fall from East on this trick. West reverted to clubs, South winning with the king. Declarer cashed the king of hearts and then ruffed a spade to dummy. Dummy's low diamond was ruffed, and the fall of the nine from East brought a broad smile to declarer's face. Another spade was ruffed in dummy, and the established seven of diamonds was cashed in order to discard the club loser. Instead of giving up, South had used his imagination to dream up a lie of the cards that would allow his contract to succeed. Nicely done!

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ENGAGEMENTS



Strauss - Watty

Dale and Debra Strauss of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Michelle, to Stephen Watty of Queens, New York.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Oma and the late Dolores Peggy Ogle of Llano, Texas, and the late Douglas and Rose Strauss of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The groom-elect is the son of Wilflix Watty of Queens, New York and Lorri Okobia of Ogden, Utah. He is the grandson of Jeanene and the late William Cook of Brigham City, Utah, and Rose and the late Rolston Watty of St. Croix, the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The couple will wed on July 1, 2017, at El Paso's International Museum of Art, with Reverend Barbara Perez officiating.

Stephanie was the salutatorian of the Lee High School Class of 2007. She graduated from Yale University in 2011, with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Latin American Studies. She earned her Master's degree in Anthropology from George Washington University in 2013 and will complete her Doctorate in Art History from the University of Texas at Austin in 2018. This fall, Stephanie will be a visiting professor of ancient art at Southwestern University in Georgetown.

Stephanie and Stephen met as undergraduates at Yale University. Stephen graduated from Hewlett High School in 2007 and earned his Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry from Yale in 2011. He is currently a medical student at the Texas Tech Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso and plans on specializing in surgical radiology.



Roberts - Campuzano

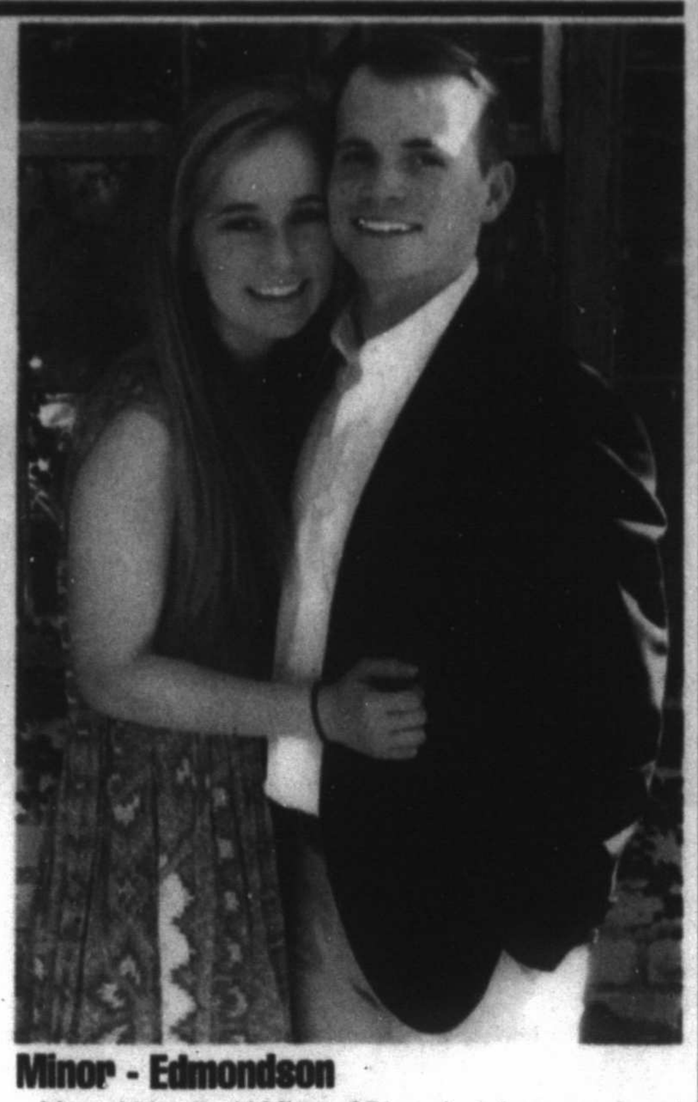
Kevin (Berto) and Lisa Roberts of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Lee Roberts, to Anthony Michael Campuzano, son of Marc and Lanita Campuzano, also of Midland and formerly of El Paso, Texas.

Rachel is a 2011 graduate from Lee High School. She attended Midland College and Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Rachel holds a Texas Real Estate License.

Anthony is a 2011 graduate from Chapin High School in El Paso and a graduate from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. He graduated from Texas Tech in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, a Bachelor in Mathematics, and a Minor in Business. He is employed with Lockheed Martin in Ft. Worth as a Project Engineer.

The couple currently resides in Ft. Worth and is planning a July wedding in McKinney, Texas.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 682-6222.



Minor - Edmondson

Mr. and Mrs. David Minor of Rimrock, Arizona are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mattea Joy, to Grant Witten Edmondson. Grant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cory Edmondson of Midland, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2014 graduate of Midland High School and a 2017 graduate of University of North Texas where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management. Mattea is the Operations Manager of Kimzey's Coffee in Argyle, Texas.

The groom-elect is a 2014 graduate of Midland High School and a 2017 graduate of University of North Texas where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance. Grant works for K&S Insurance Agency in Rockwall, Texas.

Parents debate whether teens are ready to stay home alone

DEAR ABBY
Universal Press Syndicate



DEAR ABBY: I've never written to you before, but I'm having a disagreement with my husband. We are taking our daughter out of state to drop her off at college in August. Our twin 15-year-old boys will be starting high school at the same time.

My husband thinks we can leave them home alone together for the five days and four nights we'll be gone; I feel we should arrange to have them stay with friends. He says we can trust them, and he's worried we'll be putting a burden on our friends. I'd like to ask two different families to take them for two nights each.

They are pretty responsible boys. I do trust them, but I still feel it's a bad idea to leave them home alone for that period of time. What do you think? — HOME ALONE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HOME ALONE: I agree with you. Your sons may be angels, but to leave two minors who are not yet in high school alone for that length of time would be irresponsible. Don't do it.

DEAR ABBY: My co-worker, "Sara," comes to work drunk. After I reported it to my supervisor, "Ben," Sara stopped for a while, but now she has started again. Sara has not been doing her job correctly. Ben is now asking me to sign a statement about it. She is my best friend, and I don't want to get her in trouble. But I'm scared that she's going to get hurt at work or while driving. Please help! — DANGER IN THE WORKPLACE

DEAR DANGER: Your friend needs some kind of intervention. Some companies have an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which might enable Sara to get the professional help she needs. An EAP is a voluntary, work-based program that offers free and confidential assessments, short-term counseling, referrals and follow-ups to employees who have personal and/or work-related problems. Before you sign the statement, find out if your company offers this program and if your supervisor will make it available to Sara. Do not worry about getting her in trouble. She's already in trouble, and this may be the solution.

DEAR ABBY: A couple of times a year I have lunch with an old friend. I recently ran into her at the store and noticed she now has very white teeth. They look great; however, they almost do not look like real teeth. We're having lunch together next week, and I would like to compliment her on her beautiful teeth but, if she now wears dentures or has implants, I don't want to embarrass her. Would it be OK if I tell her I think her teeth look beautiful and pearly white, or should I keep quiet? — PEARLY WHITES IN ARIZONA

DEAR PEARLY WHITES: Your friend may have gotten dentures or implants, but she also could have simply had her teeth brightened by her dentist. If you want to compliment her, be a little more subtle than to mention her teeth. All you need to say is, "You know what? You've got a great smile!" If she wants to respond by giving you all the details, she will. If not, you will not have encroached upon her privacy.

DEAR READERS: Allow me to wish a Happy Father's Day to fathers everywhere — birth fathers, stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers, grandfathers, and all of those caring men who mentor children and fill the role of absent dads. I applaud you all.

P.S. And once again, a big shout-out to dual-role moms. — LOVE, ABBY

CLIFFORD

From 1E

of 1969. The festival is considered a seminal moment in popular music as well as defining the counterculture drawn to the festival.

CCR was on the Saturday bill, albeit performing after midnight into Sunday. They were among many other iconic musicians of the time such as Janis Joplin, The Who, Jimi Hendrix, Grateful Dead and others.

"We knew then going in that it was going to be special. It was a true example of peace and love," he said. "Now, thinking about it, it was a logistical nightmare. The electronics and rain were not a good combination. And we weren't even in the documentary. In the 40th anniversary edition, they did get us in the bonus tracks."

BEING ON STAGE

"We did things the old-fashioned way back then but that built our foundation. We were learning stuff at the same time," Clifford said. "With Creedence Clearwater Revisited, we found that music again with the baggage. We love what we do and we've had our best performances without worrying about all the crap. Stu and I are playing with a great group of musicians, and our fans still get into the music. It's a great ride."

ARTIST

From 1E

"On a more philosophical or spiritual level, we all have a tendency to take things personally that wreaks havoc on our personal happiness. We can become so preoccupied with things that really have nothing to do with us in the first place, even if they're seemingly directed at us by a person very intimate to us.

Vanessa Matthews, artist

MRT: Why?

Matthews: Well I got over that idea, but a series of life experiences led to this installation. I also turned 40 and I realized I don't need to worry about what people think. I grew up as a people-pleaser. Each person has their own voice and to have that epiphany was exceptional. Not everyone is going to get it, either.

MRT: How did you end up in Joshua Tree?

Matthews: When I saw Joshua Tree in 2015, I knew this is where I wanted to make art. It's sort of the hub of the national park here. It has a very specific spiritual air to it. There are the folks who have been there for decades and then there are the new people who are coming in from L.A. and New York and renovating the old homesteader cabins. Their motivations seem different, but I think what's driving them is the ability to create something for yourself and to pretty much be left alone.

MRT: Sounds a bit like Marfa.

Matthews: Yeah, that's a great comparison. I only hope it will become as renowned as an arts destination.

MRT: Can you talk about growing up in Midland?

Matthews: Life revolved around school and church, pretty much. I studied art and piano at Lee and that was the way I experienced Midland. I don't think I ever felt like I fit in, to be honest. I was sheltered and well-behaved and really into my church, First Baptist. Sonic was a big thing to do.

MRT: In hindsight, do you see your experience here as the planting of the seeds to your artistic self?

Matthews: Definitely. I struggled because I took everything personally. That created a suffering in me. And back to this piece, I hope it helps lift that suffering in others.

MRT: What happened after you graduated from Lee?

Matthews: I graduated in 1994 and went to Hardin-Simmons in Abilene where I graduated in 1998. I came back for a couple of years and worked as a graphic designer. I also had some abstract paintings at Celebration of the Arts. But I felt like something was calling me. When I came to L.A. to see a Wassily Kandinsky exhibition, I felt immediately connected and I never thought this would be the place.

MRT: Do you get back to Midland at all?

Matthews: Not so much because my parents moved to Dallas. They were what drew me back to Midland.

MRT: How do you think growing up in Midland helped you as an artist?

Matthews: It really made me who I am. I like being from there. I was glad to be raised there and it's really grounded me. There is something about the simpler things that give life meaning. I miss the people who are still there but I love what Midland gave me.

MRT: Your artwork will be in the middle of the desert and quite literally as a beacon of light. People will pass this on the road. What are your hopes for what they take away from it?

Matthews: Even with this self-absorbed culture of social media, we're largely unhappy. There's no repercussion either, when someone fires off a negative comment. Now that we're more connected, there's a big disconnect.

The flickering of "not" off and on, as well as the rest, holds a larger, universal message for me. I do want it to stay with the viewer whether they drive by or stop and contemplate it.

MRT: People will likely take selfies with it.

Matthews: That's the ultimate irony, isn't it? If they interact with this, even with a selfie, I do want that.

MRT: Pardon the comparison, but there is something reminiscent of "Prada Marfa" in your piece.

Matthews: It does feel very similar. There is that juxtaposition of two things that shouldn't be together. I think also that out-of-place aspect makes it easier to go into consciousness and reflect on it.

MRT: So if you have to boil down "This is not about You," what is your basic statement behind it?

Matthews: On a more philosophical or spiritual level, we all have a tendency to take things personally that wreaks havoc on our personal happiness. We can become so preoccupied with things that really have nothing to do with us in the first place, even if they're seemingly directed at us by a person very intimate to us.

MRT: If all goes as planed, when would the work be on display?

Matthews: I'm shooting for the first lighting and launching at the end of the summer or sometime in September, but definitely it will be released this year. And I would love nothing more than for people from Midland to connect to this and come out and see it.

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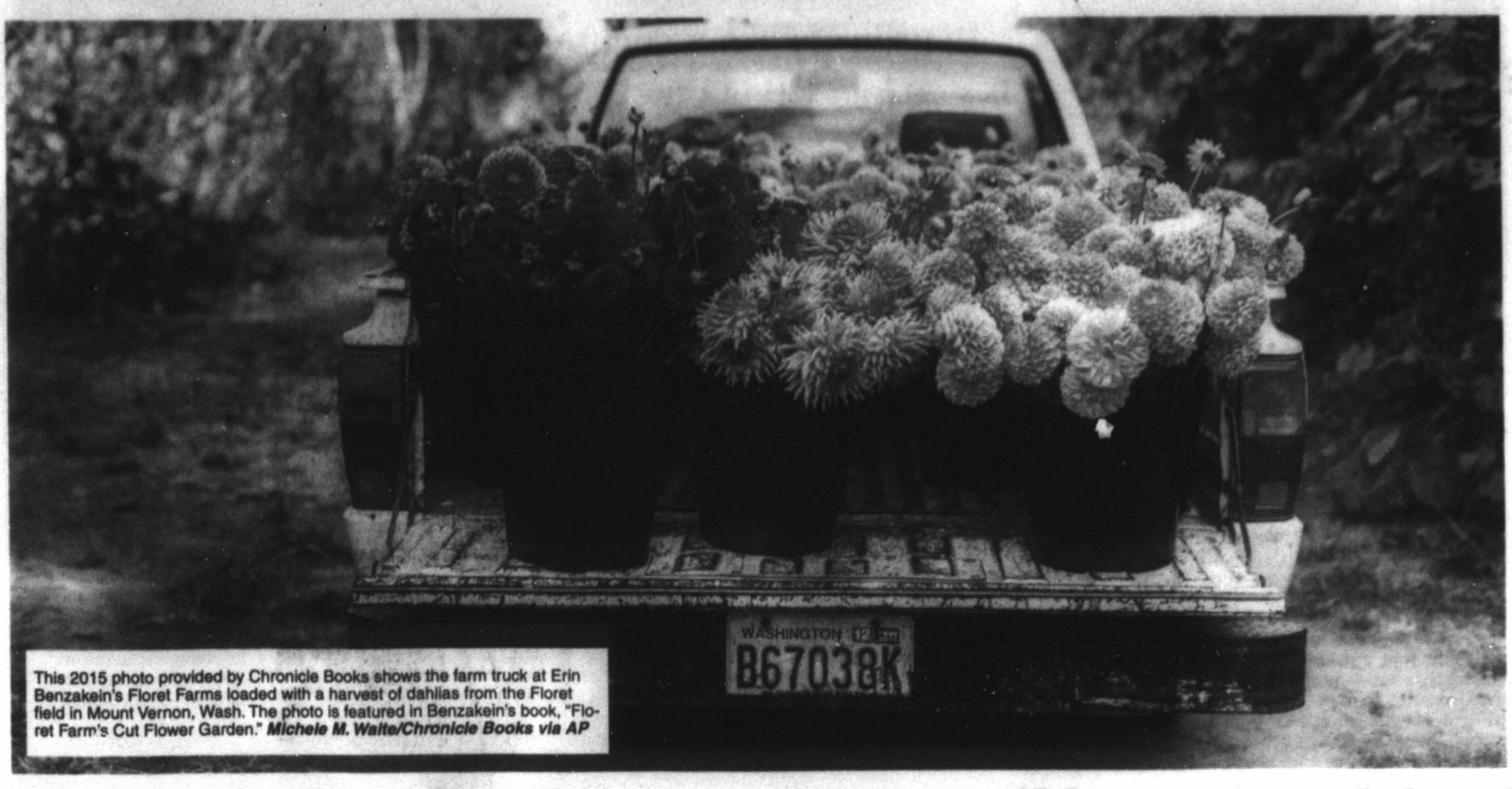
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MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Kelly: I love to play poker. I like the challenge of the game. I've played for 30 years. I started playing poker in Las Vegas before it became popular. Back then, women didn't play poker. I would be the only woman in the poker room, and it would put men off their game. I loved it. I have played in the WSOP (World Series of Poker) several times and will play many more — I hope. I loved the game from the first time I ever played and I still play today. It is a game of brains and bluster. It is always stimulating, fun, and ever changing. Every hand is a different situation, and you have to make decisions based on the information you have at that moment. It has taught me to trust my instincts, to be fearless, and how to be patient when that is the last thing I want to do.

MRT: What book do you always recommend?

Kelly: It might be cliché, but I always recommend the Bible. Best book ever.



This 2015 photo provided by Chronicle Books shows the farm truck at Erin Benzakein's Floret Farms loaded with a harvest of dahlias from the Floret field in Mount Vernon, Wash. The photo is featured in Benzakein's book, "Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden." *Michele M. Waite/Chronicle Books via AP*

The new look in floral arrangements: wilder, seasonal, local

By Katherine Roth
Associated Press

Like a tiny green sprig reaching upward, it happened slowly at first. And then, suddenly, it was everywhere.

A wilder, more seasonal and local look in floral arrangement is replacing the stiffer, more formal arrangements of a decade ago. Bouquets featuring grass or clematis, loose arrangements of flowering or fruit-laden branches, spare displays of flowering purple basil, sweet peas or bearded irises, or surprises like towering fennel — the trend reflects changes in aesthetics as well as in where flowers come from.

"It was initially a trendy thing, but now it's just the way things are done. It really goes hand in hand with the food movement," said Barbara Corcoran, vice president of education at the New York Botanical Garden. The garden's curriculum of courses has been modified over the past two years to adapt to the change in approach.

Just as foodies have gravitated toward organic and locally grown foods, so floral designers and growers are spreading the gospel of seasonal and even foraged blooms, through workshops, books and blogs.

"There's a revolution taking place. Farmers are connecting with florists, and designers with farmers. And a lot of designers are starting to grow their own flowers. We're still on the front end of the big upswing in seasonal, foraged and locally sourced flowers," said flower farmer and designer Erin Benzakein, whose Floret Farm is in Mount Vernon, Washington, about an hour north of Seattle.

The trend toward local and seasonal flowers has really taken off in the last couple of years, she said.

"We've slowly created a global web of people doing this, and we're finding that everybody now seems to be looking for roadside weeds, grandmother flowers — there's a real desire for something real and local," says Benzakein, who gives workshops and has written a new book, "Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden: Grow, Harvest, and Arrange Stunning Seasonal Blooms" (Chronicle Books). The book is co-authored by Julie Chai, with photos by Michele M. Waite.

Another new book on the subject, "In Full Flower: Inspired Designs by Floral's New Creatives" (Rizzoli) by Gemma and Andrew Ingalls, features the work of two dozen of the movement's biggest names.

Especially popular now are delicate flowers, with blooms that last only a couple of weeks, Benzakien said.

"That really gives local growers an edge," she said.

Floral designer Debra Prinzing created SlowFlowers.com, a blog and online directory of flower farms across the U.S. and Canada. She calls it the Slow Flowers movement.

As with the natural foods movement, this wilder floral aesthetic has its roots on the West Coast, although some of its pioneers have taught or studied at FlowerSchool New York.

"Foraged materials are cost-effective, seasonal — which is very important these days — and add new textures and colors to the designs for florists," says the school's executive director, Calvert Crary.

Ariella Chezar, a designer and flower farmer in upstate New York, is artistic director at the school, which has begun offering "foraging tours" of France and Holland.

It's a big step away from the imported, cut flowers still sold in many florists' shops.

The concept is not entirely new, of course; weeds and seed pods found their way into arrangements for British royals in the 20th century, and the New York flower shop Madderlake and its bouquets of the '80s featured roadside weeds and dandelions. But the breadth of the change — partly due to growing environmental

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HINTS FROM HELOISE



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Pancakes are good use for leftover mashed potatoes

Dear Readers: If you happen to have leftover mashed potatoes, here is a recipe that'll use those leftovers and have people asking for more. This potato pancake recipe will be a hit with your family!

- 1 cup mashed potatoes
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pepper
- 1 tablespoon oil

Combine all of the ingredients, adding pepper to taste. Form into pancake-size patties. Fry in oil on both sides until golden brown.

If you love really tasty homemade meals, and enjoy variety without spending hours in the kitchen, go to my website, Heloise.com, to order my pamphlet Main Dishes and More. The mashed potato pancake recipe is not in this pamphlet, but many other wonderfully delicious recipes are waiting for you! If you want to add a little more flavor to the potato pancakes, add some finely chopped onions and just a dash of garlic. — Heloise

Fun food facts

Dear Readers: Did you know:

- Peaches were once called "Persian apples."
- Peaches are found in literature as far back as 79 A.D.
- There are more than 700 varieties of peaches. Some Chinese varieties resemble the size and shape of a hockey puck.
- The first peach orchard was planted in Florida in 1565.
- In China, peaches are the symbol of good fortune and longevity. — Heloise

P.S. Check out the next hint for a delicious peach dessert!

Peach dessert

Dear Heloise: I think one of the most delicious desserts in the world is also the easiest to make. I just put one huge scoop of vanilla ice cream in a bowl; over that, I put a peach, peeled and sliced. Then I pour a jigger full of sangria over the peach slices. It's a nice summer treat on a hot day. — Nadine Q., Macon, Ga.

Feeding the hungry

Dear Heloise: I work with our local food bank, and I can tell you that in this land of plenty, many people are going hungry. We serve 58,000 individuals each week, but we are only one of many food banks across America. We have programs for children, the elderly and even family pets so that people won't have to surrender their beloved companion. Please help us get the word out that every food bank needs more volunteers, more donations and help with food drives. For as little as $1, we can feed seven people. Some of the food donations needed most are peanut butter, canned chili, canned stews, canned soups, cereals, canned tuna, beans and rice. Monetary donations also are welcome. No one in this country should have to go hungry. — Lucinda H. in San Antonio

Two billion cherries

Dear Readers: Utah produces about 2 billion cherries per year, making it the official state fruit. After World War II, the Japanese sent cherry trees to Utah as a token of friendship.

In Oklahoma, the watermelon is the official state vegetable because it comes from the cucumber and gourd families. — Heloise

Grilled chicken Caesar salad wraps take the mess out of a quick lunch

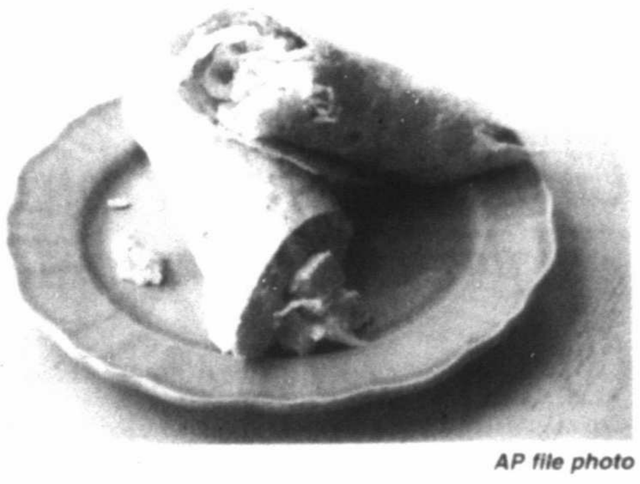
By Katie Workman
Associated Press

Chicken Caesar salad is one of the world's greatest lunches, but it isn't the prettiest thing to eat with your hands while on the go. That's why some exceedingly smart person thought to put it into a wrap.

My family is in universal accord that this is an excellent sandwich, so now instead of picking it up at Le Something Or Other, I figured out how to make it at home.

The chicken can be made ahead of time, and leftover chicken can be tossed into salads, either green salads or grain or pasta salads. Make a double batch if you're looking for some nice, flavorful grilled chicken to have around. The Caesar dressing can be made ahead and hang out in the fridge for up to five days.

If you don't have time to let the chicken marinate, don't worry — the Caesar dressing is plenty flavorful. If you were really pinched for time, you could just brush the chicken with olive oil, give it a sprinkle of salt and pepper and grill it without the lemony marinade.



AP file photo

This May 2017 shows a grilled chicken Caesar wrap in New York. The chicken can be made ahead of time, and leftover chicken can be tossed into salads, either green salads or grain or pasta salads.

Grilled chicken Caesar salad wraps

Start to finish: 30 minutes (not including optional marinating time)
Serves: makes 6 wraps

Grilled Chicken

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 4 (8-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Caesar Dressing

- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon very finely minced garlic
- 1 finely minced anchovy filet or ¼ teaspoon anchovy paste (optional)
- Coarse or kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese, divided

Salad

- 2 hearts of romaine, chopped into bite-sized pieces
- 1/2 red onion, thinly slivered
- 6 9- to 10-inch whole wheat or spinach wraps

For the chicken: In a shallow container, combine the olive oil, lemon juice and zest, garlic, and salt and pepper. Add the chicken and turn to coat. If you have the time, marinate the chicken in the fridge for 2 to 6 hours before grilling — no worries if not.

For the Caesar dressing: In a container with a lid, put the olive oil, mayonnaise, lemon juice, Dijon, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, anchovy (if using), salt and pepper. Cover tightly and shake to combine well. Add half the Parmesan and shake again to combine.

Preheat the grill to medium high. Grill the chicken for 5 to 6 minutes per side, until cooked through, with nice grill marks on each side. Let the chicken cool slightly, then cut into small bite-size pieces.

In a large bowl, combine the chicken, romaine, and red onion with the dressing. Add the remaining Parmesan and toss again. Fill each wrap with about 1 1/2 cups of the salad, and roll closed.

Cooking on a deadline: Greek tabbouleh salad perfect for any summer celebrations

By Katie Workman
Associated Press

This is a Mediterranean twist on a classic Middle Eastern bulgur wheat salad, with very approachable flavors. It can be served as a side dish or a main course, and even as part of a creative appetizer or meze spread.

It's also a great portable dish, perfect for bringing to a potluck or serving outside for a Fourth of July get-together.

In this recipe, the bulgur "cooks" by soaking in liquid, absorbing fresh lemon juice along with the water. That really brightens up the earthy flavor (know going in that you need two hours to get the bulgur soft).

It's a great dish to keep in the front of your mind during the summer months when ripe tomatoes, cucumbers and fat bunches of herbs are readily available. This recipe is adapted from my second cookbook, "Dinner Solved!"

Greek tabbouleh salad

Serves: 6 to 8 as a side dish
Start to finish: 2 1/2 hours (2 hours unattended)

- 1 1/2 cups bulgur wheat
- 13/4 cups hot water
- Finely grated juice and zest of 2 lemons
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, finely minced
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley leaves
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh mint leaves
- 1 teaspoon kosher or coarse salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 seedless cucumber, diced (peeled or not, your choice)
- 1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 3/4 cup crumbled feta
- 1/3 cup slivered Kalamata olives
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh oregano

Pour the bulgur into a large bowl and add the hot water and lemon juice. Stir and cover. Let sit at room temperature for 2 hours, until the bulgur has absorbed all of the liquid, or place it in the fridge for at least 4 hours.

Add the lemon zest, olive oil, onion, garlic, parsley, mint, and salt and pepper to the bulgur and combine well. Stir in the cucumber and tomatoes. Add the feta, olives and oregano, and toss gently to combine.

Nutritional information: 336 calories; 179 calories from fat; 20 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 17 mg cholesterol; 358 mg sodium; 34 g carbohydrate; 6 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 8 g protein.



JEFF FLOYD

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A lack of calcium can become a serious problem for tomatoes

A lot of tomato maladies look the same at first glance. When they begin on the flower, cracking, sunscald and rot can be mistaken for blossom-end rot. While many tomato problems show up at the blossom end of the fruit, blossom-end rot has a very specific cause, requiring a very particular treatment.

As its name implies, blossom-end rot usually starts at the flower end of the fruit. It often begins as a light tan to dark brown circular spot, turning black over time. At first, the spot is small and leathery but will become soft if opportunistic fungi attack the damage.

Homeowners will reach for chemical treatments without taking time to fully understand what's going on. Although fungicides may reduce the spread of secondary disease agents like molds, mildew and fungi, they have little effect on the control of blossom-end rot, which is caused by a calcium deficiency.

Calcium does not move easily in plants. It moves with the flow of water toward openings on the surface of cell membranes. Vigorously growing stems and leaves get first dibs on the majority of root-absorbed calcium, sometimes leaving the fruit undersupplied. The last part of a tomato fruit to receive water and calcium is the end furthest away from the root, the blossom end. Calcium plays a major role in the formation of cell walls. When deficient, cell walls collapse, allowing the contents to dry up, killing the cell.

West Texas soils are loaded with calcium so what is the problem?

The most frequent cause of blossom-end rot is inconsistent movement of water through the plant. Humidity slows, soil water deficits, high concentrations of salts and inconsistent watering are all causes of blossom-end rot rather than a lack of soil calcium.

In situations where the humidity outside of leaf cells is almost as wet as the inside, there is only slight movement of water through the plant. Calcium movement is dependent on the flow of water through the tomatoes' vascular system.

In dry soils, calcium never makes it to the fruit, instead adhering tightly to soil particles. Inconsistent watering causes the soil to cycle between wet and dry. The soil in vegetable gardens should be maintained like a wrung-out sponge (not wet, not too dry) to supply nutrients optimally. About an inch of water per week is necessary to keep soil minerals available.

To learn more about vegetable gardening and dealing with blossom-end rot, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at 432-686-4700 or email jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

CAROL SIDDALL

Permian Basin Master Gardener

Color of particular coleus will dazzle in your garden

One of my favorite plants for the shade garden is coleus. I sometimes feel it is a little forgotten. I haven't been able to find many varieties at all in the nurseries I have been to, which is a shame. There are many varieties to choose from and some even like the sun.

Coleus is native to Southeast Asia. They are tender tropicals that are generally grown as annuals. They like warm soils with decent drainage but are not real happy with overly dry conditions.

There are tall varieties, low-growing ones good for borders, midsize types that are good for filling gaps and trailing coleus that are great for containers. Pinch their stem tips if you want to control height and increase bushiness.

Coleus are easy to grow from cuttings. When you trim them back take that stem and root it. After roots have developed, plant in a pot or the ground. Propagationists do this before frost to have plants ready to set out next spring.

Coleus ranges from small leaves with ruffles to large leaves with bold margins and bold colors. The coleus is coveted for its foliage.

Ironically, the blooms are not the desire of this plant. In fact, they need to be cut off. You want plant growth going to the foliage, not the bloom.

I have seen coleus varieties in shades of hot pink, lime, dark burgundy/black, sizzling gold, orange and a beautiful fuchsia. To me, coleus is one plant that you can mix colors very easily as some leaves have two to three different colors in them.

Coleus adapt easily to containers, which is a great place to showcase their beautiful colorations. Be sure they are planted in free-draining potting soil, and your pot has drain holes in the bottom. You may want to fertilize them during the growing season, but don't overdo it. The trailing coleus works well in a container. Mix and match coleus with annuals that have open flowers in contrasting or matching colors. Or, you can plant them solo to let them have all of the spotlight.

Give them a try if you can find them. They are a good way to add color to

To grow delicious cucumbers, learn how they reproduce

By Lee Reich
Associated Press



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A cucumber flower, left, and a growing cucumber fruit, right, are shown on a cucumber plant June 2 at the organic community garden "Huerto Roma Verde" in Mexico City. Cucumber plants bear separate female and male flowers, but only the female flowers yield cucumber fruits.

If you are going to venture at all beyond the ordinary in growing cucumbers — and you must if you want to eat the best tasting ones — then you should think about how they reproduce.

Cucumber flowers are either male or female, and fruits develop only from female flowers. The male flowers supply pollen, which is carried by bees to the female flowers, whose ovaries, once the flowers are pollinated, swell.

Run-of-the-mill cucumber varieties have separate male and female flowers on the same plant. But each cucumber plant is somewhat flexible about its sexuality, pumping out more female flowers in response to better growing conditions. Fruit and seed production, after all, take a lot of energy.

And then there are cucumbers, called gynoecious types, that have been bred to bear only female flowers. After all, why waste any of a plant's energy producing male flowers?

Gynoecious cucumber varieties tend to yield more fruits and bear them earlier in the season (which is good) but over a shorter period of time (which can be good or bad depending on how you use the cucumbers).

"Whoa," you might say, "no way those female flowers can swell into fruits without male flowers to provide pollen." Good point. That's why seed packets for gynoecious cucumbers contain a few seeds of standard cucumbers to provide enough male flowers — it doesn't take many — to provide pollen for all those female flowers. Those standard cucumber seeds are dyed for identification.

Another way to get pollen to a gynoecious cucumber is to borrow it from your neighbors. No need to walk next door, though: Bees will carry it over from as far as a half-mile or more away.

Lastly, you might get a gynoecious cucumber to bear fruit by growing a variety whose fruits develop without any pollination whatsoever — a parthenocarpic variety. Like parthenocarpic grapes, persimmons and figs, parthenocarpic cucumbers have no seeds.

Parthenocarpic cucumbers look and taste better when not pollinated. Stray pollen on one of their female flowers causes part of the fruit to swell, as if pregnant. Parthenocarpic varieties, such as Sweet Success and Telegraph, are therefore ideal for growing in greenhouses.

Let's now move beyond sex and discuss how to find seeds for this summer's cukes. Most of the cucumbers that you see on grocers' shelves are so-called American slicers. This year, you might want to grow pickling varieties which, although billed for making pickles, have excellent flavor. For something extraordinary, try Lemon cucumbers, which are round and light yellow. They might look like lemons, but their flavor and texture are pure cucumber.

Other parts of the world offer cucumbers that are, to some palettes, more flavorful than American slicers. From across the Pacific comes Suyo Long, with thin-skinned, soft-spined fruits that are long and curved, crisp in texture and sweet in flavor. From Israel come Mideastern, or beit alpha, varieties, such as Amira, with smooth, tender skins and mild flavor. These varieties are gynoecious and parthenocarpic.

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consciousness — is changing the entire landscape, experts say.

Nicolette Owen of the Little Flower School in Brooklyn, New York, says, "People really want to feel more connected to where their flowers are coming from, and I love the closer contact between florists and growers. In my work, I've always been interested in creating arrangements that are a little bit wild. Part of that is highlighting what's best in the season and what's around you.

"I want the beautifully imperfect, and don't mind a few freckles on my rose," she says.

Rachael Burrow, style editor of Coastal Living magazine, says she first noticed "the wilder and looser trend in flowers popping up at weddings and in centerpieces a couple years ago, and now it's really everywhere.

"In our photo shoots now, we always go for more naturally arranged and locally sourced florals. It seems to flow better, and that's the look everyone wants," she says.

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KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Paid	USGA Golf U.S. Open (L)			
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Southwest "Part 2"		Walking	Mission	In Touch Ministries		Aleph	Messiah	Chur.Way	R/Manusc	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Minute	Secrets	InSearch	Naturally	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Paid	Champ	Give	Journey
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	Cat/ Hat	Speaks	Splash8.	Sid	Cat	Jet Go!	Wild K.	O. Squad	Arthur	Cyberch.	Mind
KUPB UNI	4	4	-	4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Netas divinas		Al punto		Como dice el dicho		Como dice el dicho	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		(4:00) Jewelry TV		Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	First Baptist Church		Paid	Cook
FLIX	340	575		165		(:20) ★★★ Dreamscape Dennis Quaid.				★★★ Beyond the Sea Kevin Spacey.				★★★ Shopgirl ('05, Dra) Steve Martin.			
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:05) ★ The League ...		★★ Rush Hour 3 Chris Tucker. (:35)		★★★ Batman Returns				(:45) Miss Peregrine's Home...			
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:55) ★★ Babylon A.D.				★★★ Grumpy Old Men		(:15)	★★ Grumpier Old Men			VicePri.	VicePri.
HBO3	304	552	16	102		(5:45) Serendipity		(:15) Behind the Candelabra Matt Damon.				LastWeek (:50)	★★★ My Big Fat Greek Wedding				Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:00) Hoosiers		★★★ Wall Street Michael Douglas.				(:10)	★★★ Jurassic World Chris Pratt.		(:15)	B.Salt	Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:45) Tetro ('09, Dra) Vincent Gallo.				(:55) Welcome to Mooseport		(:50)	★★★ I Love You, Man Paul Rudd.				Movie
PLEX				96		Movie	(:40)	★★ Larger Than Life		(:20) Career Opportunities		(:45)	★★ The Company Men Ben Affleck.				Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	★★ Spy Kids 3D: Game Over		The Man Who Knew Infinity Dev Patel.				★★★ Lincoln ('12, Bio) Sally Field, Daniel Day-Lewis.					
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	Movie		★★ Witless Protection		(:10)	★★ Company Man			(:35)	Meru (2015, Documentary)	(:05)	★★ The Gift
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Distress"		Crim. Minds "Jones"		Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Carpenter	Fellow.	Abundant	Martin	(:35) Martin	(:10) Martin	(:40) Martin	(:15) Martin	(:50) Martin	(:20) Martin	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Then and Now		Then and Now		S. Charm	"Fowl Play"	Southern Charm		Southern Charm		Southern Charm	
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	Rescue "Bearanoia"		Homestead Rescue		Alaskan Bush People		"Father's Day Special"		Bush "One for All"		Canyon "Lone Gold"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Stuffins	PJ Masks	The Lion	Mickey	Puppy	Elena	Tangled	Pat-Dog	StuckMid	Underc.	★ High School M...	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		E:60 (L)		SportsCenter				30 for 30	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	BASS Fishing		BASS Fishing		SportsCenter		E:60		30 for 30		E:60	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) Fox and Friends						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		Outnumbered	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Rules	S. Kitchen	Heart	BBQ	Big Bite	Cooking	Southern	Pioneer	Contessa	Barefoot	Giada	Kitchen
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	53	★★ The Little Rascals Travis Tedford.				★ Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian				★★★★ WALL-E Ben Burtt.			
FSSW	37	37	38	50	45	29	Outdoors	Golf Life	Insider	Sports	Paid	Paid	The Auto Show		Focused	Polaris	MLB Baseball
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★ Horrible Bosses Jason Bateman.				Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★★ Men in Black 3 Will Smith.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	★ The Convenient Groom Vanessa Marcil.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Hooked "Marijuana"		Hooked: Drugs		Marijuana: A Chronic History				The Stoned Ages			
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	★ The Stalker Club Maeve Quinlan.				★ Running Away	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	PoliticsNation (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		AM Joy (N)				MSNBC Live (N)	
NBCSN	38	43				Fishing	Sweet	Sweet	Bass 2	Bass 2	Salt. Fish	IAAF Track & Field	Bauhaus Galan (L)			Cycling	Tour de Suisse
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	P Ranger	Sponge	Teenage Turtles (N)		Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Off-Road	E. Power	Truck T.	D.Muscle	Bar Res. 'n a Pinch		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	★★★	Inception ('10, Act) Leonardo DiCaprio, Ellen Page, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.				★ Lake Placid: The			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Edward, My...		★★ Bonjour Tristesse Deborah Ker.				★★ He Ran All the Way John Garfield.				★ Judge Hardy &...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Un nuevo dia "Edicion Especial" (L)						Hoy	FIFA Fútbol Copa Confederaciones			Mexico vs. Portugal (L)	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law&O. "Evil Breeds"		Law & Order		Law & Order		LawOrder "Vendetta"		Law & Order "Gaijin"		Law & Order	
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	Amazing	T.Point	In Touch	J.Osteen	Big Star "Episode 3"		Team Ninja Warrior		NCIS "Heartland"		NCIS "Rule Fifty-One"	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Paid	Paid	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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	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
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	American Ninja War.		News	Carrasco
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Xterra	Xterra	Xterra	Xterra	The Current		Heroes at Home				RawTrav.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Brady8.	Brady8.	Mary	Mary	Rhoda	Rhoda	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(10:00) USGA Golf U.S. Open Final Round Site: Erin Hills -- Erin, Wis. (L)											
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Z. Levitt	Mani Erfan	Jerusalem	Restore	Southwest "Part 1"		Southwest "Part 2"		HaYesod	Hebrew	Jerusalem	Housecall
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Sailing America's Cup (L)				IAAF Track & Field		Rallycross				Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	W.L.Yoga	Clos.Truth	Martha	Martha	Chef's	Chef	Baking "Biscuits"		Nova		News. (N)	India
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	¡El que no corre... vuela!		Burt Reynolds.		Republica deportiva		Recuerda y gana		Aqui y Ahora		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Cook	Bucket List	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	A.Athlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	Major Crimes	
FLIX	340	575		165		★★ Lucky Numbers Tim Roth.		(:50)	★★★ Glengarry Glen Ross				(:35)	★ Poltergeist II: The Othe...	(:15)	★ The Young...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(10:45) ★ Miss Pere...		Bill Maher		VICE	Fight	★ Krampus Toni Collette.			(:45)	★ The Wizard of Lies	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	VicePri.	VicePri.	VicePri.	VicePri.	VicePri.	VicePri.	VicePri.	First Look (:45)	★ Legend ('15, Thri) Tom Hardy.			
HBO3	304	552	16	102		(11:30) ★ Bend It Like Beckham		(:25)	★★ The Bodyguard			(:40)	Veep	(:10)	★★★ Get Smart Steve Carell.		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(11:45) ★★★ Wanted		(:35)	★★ Max Payne			(:15)	★★ Ted 2 Seth MacFarlane.		(:10)	★ Deepwater...	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(11:35) ★★ Man on the Moon		(:35)	★ By the Sea ('15, Dra) Angelina Jolie.			Movie		(:20)	★ Mechanic: Resurrection		
PLEX				96		(11:35) Summer ...		(:05)	★★ Canadian Bacon			(:45)	★★ Larger Than Life	(:20)	★★ The Company Neve Campbell.		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	★★ Secret in Their Eyes Chiwetel Ejiofor.				The Putin Interviews		The Putin Interviews		The Putin Interviews		The Putin Interviews	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:05) ★★ The Gift		★ Pele: Birth of a Legend (2016, Biography)				★★ The Ladykillers			(:45)	★ Enemy at the Gates	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	C.Minds "Revelations"		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Distress"		Crim. Minds "Jones"		American Pickers		Pickers "You Betcha"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ Crocodile Dundee Paul Hogan.				★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97, Adv) Jeff Goldblum.						★ Jurassic Park III	
BET	58	-		40		(:55) Martin	Martin	Jazz Day (N)		(:05)	★★ Stomp the Yard ('06, Dra) Columbus Short.					★★ ATL T.I.	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Southern Charm		Charm Savannah		Invite Only Cabo		Housewives P.		Housewives P.		Housewives P.	
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	Devil's Canyon		Naked "The Monster"		Naked "Surthrive"		Naked "Forsaken"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid XL	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Movie	(:50) Austin	Liv/Mad	Underc.	Underc.	Andi M.	StuckMid	★ Alexander & the Terrible, H...			★★ Hercules	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(11:00) 30 for 30		NCAA Baseball Division I Tournament Site: TD Ameritrade Park (L)								MLS Soccer New York vs. Philadelphia (L)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	30 for 30		World XGames (N)		30 for 30		30 for 30		First Take Special (L)		SportsCenterRoad (L)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's Newsroom		Fox News Sunday		AmericaNewsroom		Your World		PerinoStirewalt Tell		Special Report	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Kids BBQ Champ		Kids BBQ Champ		Kids BBQ Champ		Kids BBQ Champ		Chopped Junior	Food Network Star
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	53	Movie	(:40)	★★★ A Bug's Life Dave Foley.				(:45)	★★★★ Cars ('06, Ani) Voices of Paul Newman, Owen Wilson.			Movie	
FSSW	37	37	38	50	45	29	(11:00) MLB Baseball	Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	UFC FB
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★ World War Z ('13, Act) Mireille Enos, Daniella Kertesz, Brad Pitt.							★★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy Chris Pratt.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ The Perfect Bride Pascale Hutton.				★ A Country Wedding Jesse Metcalfe.				★ Mrs. Matched ('16, Rom) Alexa PenaVega.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Cocaine: History Between the Lines				The Rise and Fall of El Chapo				Forged "The Pandat"		Forged "Fans' Choice"	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00) ★ Running ...		★ The Rachels ('17, Dra) Caitlin Carver.				★ From Straight A's to XXX Haley Pullos.				★ Boyfriend Killer	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live (N)		Meet the Press		Pulse of America (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		The Point With Ari Melber (N)			
NBCSN	38	43				(11:00) Cycling		American Ninja (N)		American Ninja (N)		American Ninja (N)		American Ninja (N)		FIVB Volleyball	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Loud H.	Loud H.	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	H.Danger	Thunder
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(11:00) ★ Lake Placi...		★ Piranha ('10, Hor) Elisabeth Shue.				★★ The Scorpion King				★ G.I. Joe: The Ris...	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie	(:45)	★★ The Reluctant Debutante				★★★★ The Courtship of Eddie's Father			(:45)	★ Life With Father	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Un nuevo	FIFA Fútbol Copa Confederaciones			Chile vs. Cameroon (L)				Hoy en la Copa F (L)	Noticias	Videos	Shockwave
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★★ Wrath of the Titans Sam Worthington.				(:15)	★★★ Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace					(:15)	★ Star Wars:...
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	NCIS		NCIS "Broken Arrow"		NCIS		NCIS "The Namesake"		NCIS "Squall"		NCIS "Better Angels"	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Blue Bloods	

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	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
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jimmy Kimmel	Count-down (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs Cleveland Cavaliers at Golden State Warriors Final Game 7 (if necessary) (L)					NBA Post (L)	Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Extra	Weekend	(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		NCIS: Los Angeles "Sirens"		Madam Secretary "South China Sea"		Code Black "1.0 Bodies"		CBS 7 News	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Falcon	(:35) Element.
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "Columbo Goes to the Guillotine" An egocentric psychic murders his old mentor.				Kolchak: Night Stalk "The Vampire"		Honey-mooners	The Odd Couple	Cheers	B.New-hart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(10:00) USGA Golf U.S. Open Site: Erin Hills -- Erin, Wis. (L)			Family Guy	American Grit "Cena Does the Dishes" (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Texans :360	Robert Jeffress	Paid Program
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Behind the Veil	Wings of Truth	Creation Proclaims
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Sunday Night With Megyn Kelly (N)		American Ninja Warrior "Los Angeles Qualifiers" Competitors tackle six obstacles.				Spartan: Ultimate Team Challenge		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	County Reporter	Whacked Out	Bones
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nature "Mystery Monkeys of Shangri-La" (N)		Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Mystery! "Grantchester" (N)			PBS Previews	Front and Center "Cheap Trick"		Artists Den "Marina and the Diamonds	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Los Milagros de Jesus		Los Milagros de Jesus		Aqui y Ahora		Durmiendo mi jefe	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle		CSI "Show Stopper"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Scandal "Wild Card"	
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:15) ★ The Young...		★★★ Beyond the Sea Kevin Spacey.				★★★ Glengarry Glen Ross		(:45)	★★ River's Edge		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(6:45) ★ The Wizard...		★★★ Speed ('94, Act) Keanu Reeves.				Silicon (N)	Veep	LastWeek	Silicon	Veep	LastWeek
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Bill Maher		LastWeek	Term Life	Vince Vaughn.		(:05)	★★ Notorious Jamal Woolard.			(:10) ★ American ...	
HBO3	304	552	16	102		(:05) ★ How to Be Single Dakota Johnson.		Qualifiers" Competitors tackle six obstacles.				★★★ Bend It Like Beckham		★★ The Bodyguard Whitney Houston.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:10) ★ Deepwater...		★★ Three Kings George Clooney.				(:55)	★★ Ride Along 2 Ice Cube.	(:40)	★★★ Heartbreak Ridge		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(4:20) ★ Mechanic: Resurrection						★★★ The Amityville Horror		(:35)	★★ The X-Files: I Want to Believe	Movie	
PLEX				96		(:15) ★ Memories of Me Alan King.						★★★ Summer Rental		★★ Canadian Bacon		(:10) ★ Once Bitten	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	I'm Dying Up Here		Twin Peaks (N)				Dying Up Here (N)		I'm Dying Up Here		Twin Peaks	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:45) ★ Enemy at t...		★★ Deja Vu ('06, Act) Denzel Washington.				(:10)	★★ The Gift Cate Blanchett.			★ Drug War	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Jurassic Pa...		Fear the Dead		Fear Dead "100" (N)		Talking Dead (N)		Fear the Dead "100"		Fear the Dead "100"	
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) ★★ ATL ('06, Com) Evan Ross, T.I..		LastWeek	★ Madea's Big Happy Family (2011, Drama)					Bow Wow, Tyler Perry.		Stop Suffering	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Potomac		Housewives P. (N)		Invite Only Cabo (N)		Housewives P.		Watch (N)	Housewives P.	Cabo	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		A. Bourdain (N)		United Shades		United Shades		Anthony "Trinidad"	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL "Jungle Fever" (N)				Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Rise Above"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Movie	(:40) Tangled	Tangled	Mickey	StuckMid	★ Alexander & the Terrible, H...			Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Andi M.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Houston Astros (L)						SportsCenter			SC
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Baseball Division I Tournament Site: TD Ameritrade Park (L)						SportsCenter		E:60		ESPN FC (N)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		Watters World		TuckerCarlsonTon		Hannity		Watters World		TuckerCarlsonTon	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Game	Chopping Dads"	Guy's Game (N)		Food Star (N)		Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Food Network Star	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	53	(5:25) ★★ Cars 2 Larry the Cable Guy.				(:55)	★★★ Despicable Me Steve Carell.			Stitchers		J. Osteen	Paid
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Bull Riding		MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park						Sports	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Interstellar (2014, Sci-Fi) Anne Hashaway, Jessica Chastain, Matthew McConaughey.								★★★ Interstellar			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ Wedding March 2: Resorting to Love				Good Witch (N)				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Bargain	Bargain	Mexico	Mexico	Hunters	Hunters	H.Hunt	House	Mexico	Mexico
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		War "Acid, Spies and Secret Experiments" (N)				(:05) Alone		(:05) Forged in Fire	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ Boyfriend Ki...		★ Girlfriend Killer ('17, Thril) Nina Meyer.						★ The Good Nanny ('17, Thril) Briana Evigan.		★ Girlfriend Killer	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Meet the Press		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:00) FIVB Volleyball		Mecum Auto Auctions The multi-day fine car auction is action packed. (N)								Auctions "Portland"	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sizzling Summer		Nicky	School	★ Ice Age Ray Romano.		F.House		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue				Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of C...		★★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation Channing Tatum.						★★ Pompeii ('14, Adv) Kit Harington.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Fam.Guy	Family Guy	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(6:45) ★ Life With Fe...		★★★★ Father of the Bride				★ Father's Little Dividend			Call. Pa	★★ The First Auto	
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CALENDAR

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TODAY

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert: Current Nine. This show's theme is Dad Night. 7:30 p.m. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited, 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.. wagnernoel.com.

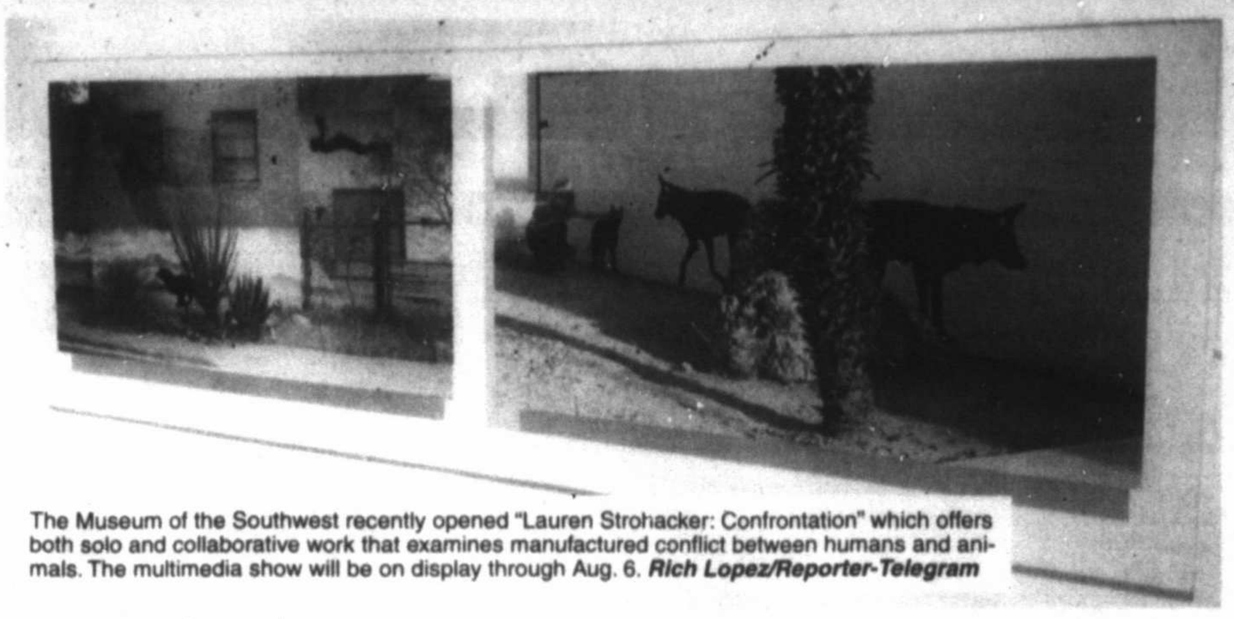
MONDAY

"Super Kids Save the World" is a collaborative exhibition with Keep Midland Beautiful. Through a superhero theme, this show provides information on green practices such as recycling and reusing. On display through Sept. 9 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Fiber Arts Workshop Series: Sewing. Registration is recommended but not required. For ages 12 and older. All supplies provided. 5:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. Call 432-742-7420 or email libsc02@co.midland.tx.us to register or for more information. Free.

Austin Girls' Choir will perform a selection of classical and sacred music as well as selections from the American Songbook and more. 7 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield Street. girlschoir.com.

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 college. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.



The Museum of the Southwest recently opened "Lauren Strohacker: Confrontation" which offers both solo and collaborative work that examines manufactured conflict between humans and animals. The multimedia show will be on display through Aug. 6. *Rich Lopez/Reporter-Telegram*

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.

TUESDAY

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio. 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

Kids Cooking Classes: Cupcake Wars. Participants ages 4-14 will learn about kitchen basics, cooking techniques and more. 3-4:30 p.m. at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50. Register online. hightfoods.com.

Arts Council Midland subgrant information meeting. The meeting will discuss applications and guideline for ACM grants. 5:30 p.m. at ACM, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Tool Tips: Sharp Gardening, 6 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. Wednesday at West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave.

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.

Kids Cooking Classes: Pizza. Participants ages 4-14 will learn about kitchen basics, cooking techniques and more. 3-4:30 p.m. at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50. Register online. hightfoods.com.

THURSDAY

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

Josh Ward, 8 p.m. at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. rockinrodeomidland.com.

FRIDAY

Family Fridays: Creepy Crawlies. Family Fridays are come-and-go sessions with educational activities for the whole family. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years) at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Hot Summer Nights: Flamencura Music & Dance. The outdoor concert series will feature food trucks and children's activities. Lawn chairs are encouraged. 6 p.m. at Noel Heritage Plaza, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa. Odessaarts.org.

The Chet Johnson Band, Brian Milson, 7 p.m. at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $10. dosamigos.com.

SciFridays: "Inception." This screening is Adult Night and guests must be 17 and older to attend. Complimentary snacks and drinks available. Doors at 7:30 p.m. at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

In This Moment, 8 p.m. at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $29.50. haciendamidland.com.

The 69th Season of Summer Mummers: "Psychedelic Trip to the Summer of '69" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$25. Opens Friday and runs weekends through Sept. 2. MCTmidland.org.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. The market is open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

ON DISPLAY

NEW: "Alpha by Artist" is an exhibition of works by Herb Williams. Opening reception and artist talk at 5:30 p.m. today. The exhibition runs through Sept. 7 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. 4909 E. University Blvd. noelartmuseum.org.

CLOSING: "Work from Home: Collections of the Museum Staff" is a continuation of a series of selections that depict the staff's favorite art. Closes today at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Colors of the Southwest: The Tia Collection" in the Concho Resources Inc. and Wagner galleries. On display through June 25. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

First Friday: Third Year Anniversary will feature new works by local artists in 3-foot-by-3-foot Fridays in June at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Chery Roush, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays throughout June. Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. midlandartsassociation.org.

"Merritt Mauzey: Texas Faces and Texas Places," through July 30 at Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Lauren Strohacker: Confrontation" features the solo and collaborative work of the Phoenix-based artist. On display through Aug. 6 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes of Fame" features original prints, photographs, Polaroids, documentary film and more. On display through Sept. 3 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Ellenoelartmuseum.org.

Spring Art Exhibit at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. A. St.

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.

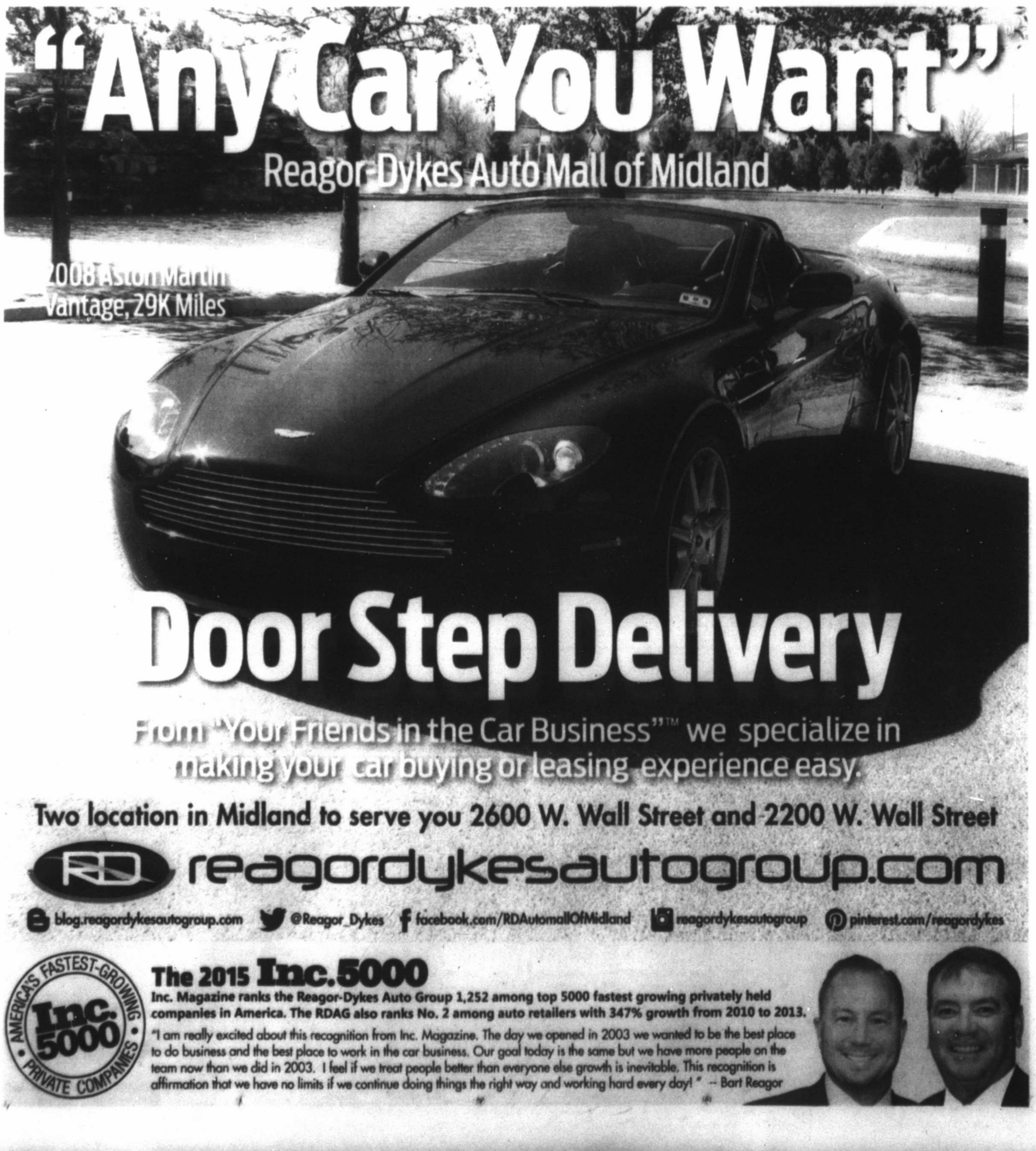
Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

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.

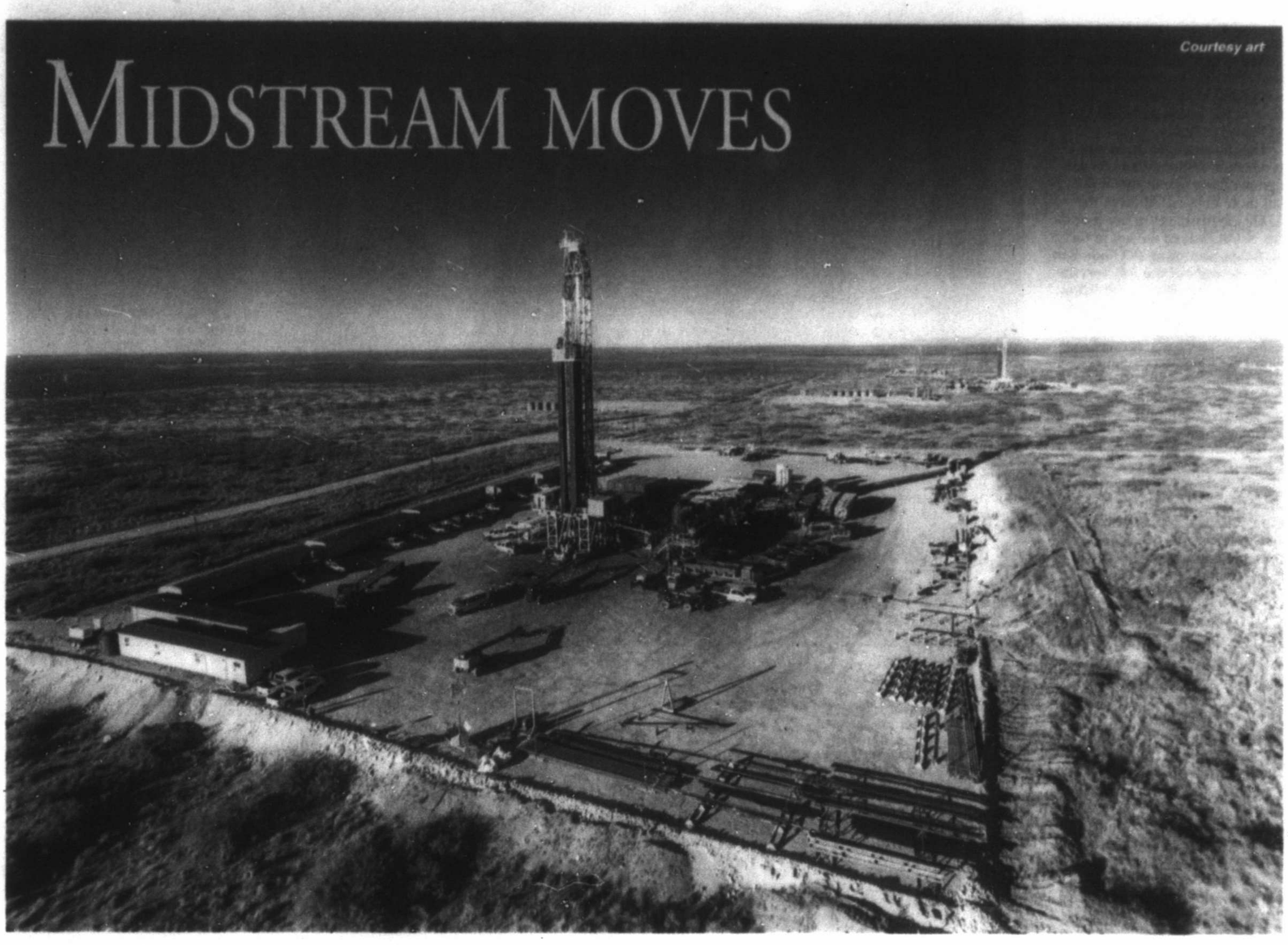
Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

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.



OIL REPORT



Courtesy art

Investment capital flowing into midstream projects

WPX, Howard Energy form partnership to develop Delaware infrastructure

By Mella McEwen
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"There is currently a very deep pool of capital available for both E&P and midstream investment opportunities in the Permian Basin. Great drilling economics in the basin drive attractive financing opportunities across the value chain — for E&P, service and midstream companies."

Brad Bynum, co-founder and president of Howard Energy Partners

Billions in investment capital have flowed into the Permian Basin in the last year as the region's oil and natural gas resources continue to draw the global spotlight.

Not all of that capital is destined to fund drilling holes in the ground, however. A sizable piece of that capital is finding its way into the midstream sector, developing infrastructure to move production to market. Blackstone Energy Partners, for example, is spending $2 billion to buy Midland-based EagleClaw Midstream Ventures.

"There is an inherent link between upstream activity and midstream investment that is very organic," Sam Pitts, managing director, EnCap Flatrock Midstream, told the Reporter-Telegram by email.

"For every dollar spent by producers on the upstream, we believe a corresponding 15 to 35 cents is required to take hydrocarbons from their natural state, condition them to a marketable state, and move them downstream," said Pitts, who recently spoke at Hart Energy's Midstream Texas conference at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

He said his company is augmenting the need for greenfield construction with merger and acquisition opportunities and identified opportunities on the demand end, developing terminals to serve the export market.

"With the uptick in drilling that has taken place since the rig count bottomed in the first half of 2016, we are seeing a broadening of the opportunity set beyond what had been an industry largely focused on the Permian and STACK regions," he said.

Kelly Swan, spokesman for WPX Energy, doesn't see investing in upstream or midstream assets as an either/or situation.

"But the business opportunity always starts with the rock," he told the Reporter-Telegram by email. "You can see that from all the acreage acquired for over $30 billion over the past two years. Midstream is a critical piece of the puzzle, however."

As the Delaware Basin in particular continues to unleash its riches, Swan said his Tulsa-based company has a "strong, very strong" outlook for its holdings in the region, expecting "our activity in this basin to be the catalyst for the future of the company."

As a result, WPX has made what Swan called a strategic long-term move in forming a joint venture with Howard Energy Partners of San Antonio to jointly develop oil gathering and natural gas processing infrastructure in the Stateline area.

Swan said takeaway capacity from its Delaware Basin holdings is not currently an issue, "but could be later based on the sheer level of activity from all the players. We're working hard right now to have everything in place for our expected growth in volumes."

Brad Bynum, co-founder and president of Howard Energy Partners, told the Reporter-Telegram by email the agreement marks his company's entrance into the Delaware Basin.

Swan said the strategic partnership is groundbreaking.

He cited comments from Rick Muncrief, WPX's chairman, president and chief executive officer that the move is "a bold and innovative way to lay a well-defined path for our expected volumes and create an additional platform for generating shareholder value.

"Today's agreement breaks new ground on both fronts. For starters, our forward-looking action gives our long-term Delaware development a competitive advantage. Second, we're looking at the bigger picture and how to extend value creation beyond the drill bit by creating a premier Delaware midstream service provider."

The joint venture with Howard, expected to close in the third quarter, will support WPX's drilling

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Colorado firm develops new method for treating water

By Mella McEwen
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Permian Basin oil and gas producers are constantly being reminded they are as much in the water management business as in the oil production business.

Producers have to navigate various water-related issues, from sourcing water for the increasingly large hydraulic fracturing jobs, to how to manage the water that is produced alongside the crude.

Then there's the technology that allows producers to reuse and recycle produced and flowback water as they seek to be good environmental stewards and good neighbors by reducing or eliminating their use of fresh water in oil field operations.

Producers also are focused on cost-containment and efficiency gains as oil prices remain low.

Boulder, Colorado-based Clean Chemistry thinks it has found a recipe that addresses industrial water waste more

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Petroleum industry on the move, but shifting oil prices add uncertainty

By Mella McEwen
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There is little question the Permian Basin's petroleum industry has rebounded from two years of decline fueled by low oil prices.

The rig count has more than doubled, and crude prices have also doubled from the 13-year lows they reached in February 2016. That has helped the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index post seven consecutive months of increases, coming in 11.3 percent above April 2016 levels.

Still, crude prices remain the major question mark in looking at future trends, said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the index.

For all the talk of higher prices and rising activity, crude prices are not only not significantly higher than a year ago, but they recently slipped below year-ago levels, he said.

"The April average oil price was a little higher, but that didn't last long," he said. "The June average is not higher. In fact, it's a touch lower than a year ago."

The April average of $47 is 25.3 percent higher than the $37.51 averaged last April, and the year-to-date average of $47.94 is 50.3 percent higher than the $31.90 averaged in the first four months of 2016. After rising to about $51.50 in late May, prices recently fell below $46 a barrel.

"Lower prices are doing what lower prices are always telling anyone to do," Ingham said. "The market is saying until producers slow down, it will lower prices until it gets what it wants. It looks like there's plenty of oil on hand, and producers are producing more and more."

He said Permian Basin producers should be grateful to members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries for enacting their production cuts in November and agreeing last month to extend them another nine months because "we'd be in worse shape than we are."

Healthier prices have fueled the increased rig count and rise in drilling permits issued by the Railroad Commission. But that expansion may not last unless prices move significantly higher, Ingham said.

"One surmises that the growth now has been a function of what's already happened: higher prices and lower costs," Ingham said. "At some time, reality will sink in that prices have done all they're going to do."

He predicted that activity levels will flatten unless crude prices rise significantly enough to support higher activity.

With crude supplies on the rise and storage levels sufficient, Ingham said he's not convinced there is anything on the horizon that would lead to higher prices.

In the April Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index:

- Oil and gas employment in April was up about 1,500 or 5.7 percent from the previous April. The year-to-date average was up 800 or 3 percent from last year.
- April's average rig count soared 130.1 percent to 283 from 123 in April 2016. The year-to-date average of 258 is 76.9 percent higher than the year-ago average of 146.
- The Railroad Commission issued 486 drilling permits in April, up 20 percent from 405 last April. The agency has issued 2,309 permits so far this year, up 82 percent from 1,269 last year.
- Operators reported 259 oil completions in April, down 46.9 percent from 488 last April. So far this year, 1,096 completions have been reported, down 40.5 percent from 1,841 last year.
- Oil production volumes in April were 3.9 percent higher than last April and are up 6 percent so far this year.
- Natural gas prices in April averaged $2.77 per Mcf, up 59.2 percent from $1.74 last April. Prices are averaging $2.79, up 52 percent from $1.94 last year.
- Operators reported 11 gas completions in April, down 35.3 percent from 17 last April. Operators have reported 45 gas completions so far this year, down 52.6 percent from 95 a year ago.
- Natural gas production volumes in April were 6.8 percent higher than last April and are up 7 percent this year compared to last year.

Initiative aims for more stable workforce in oil patch

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — A county job development authority in the North Dakota oil patch has launched a unique initiative aimed at centralizing state and university programs to help build a regional workforce less susceptible to the boom-and-bust cycle of the oil industry.

The move comes as energy production in the state is on the uptick after a recent slowdown, but more than one-third of the 3,000 job openings in northwestern North Dakota are not in the oil fields, according to Cindy Sanford, manager of the Job Service North Dakota office in Williston.

"There's help wanted in just about every window," she said. "There are tons and tons of jobs out here. Social work, retail, manufacturing, information technology, energy, customer service, teaching, agriculture."

The McKenzie County Skills Initiative brings together job training programs, classes and services offered by the University of Mary, Williston State College, and the state-sponsored TrainND program and the North Dakota Small Business Development Center. They're centralized at the new $57 million community center in the oil boom town of Watford City, and could help job-seekers with everything from computer skills to truck driving skills, said Daniel Stenberg, director of the McKenzie County Job Development Authority.

Organizers say the effort is the first of its kind in the state. The partnership "shows an innovative way to address workforce and education needs," said Wayde Sick, workforce development director for the state Commerce Department.

The initiative was unveiled during a job fair at which more than 50 companies advertised 500 jobs in a range of industries. Development officials were looking to the event to get a better idea of how many people might be coming to the patch as oil production picks up again.

The latest production report from the state Department of Mineral Resources showed production in April rose more than 2 percent from March and was above 1 million barrels per day for the third straight month. Natural gas production in April reached an all-time high at 1.8 billion cubic feet daily.

The number of people coming to the Job Service office in Williston each day is about one-third what it was in 2012 and 2013, even though the number of job openings is about the same, according to Sanford.

"We have to get rid of the image that was here in 2011, 2012, that there wasn't an (affordable) place to stay," she said. "The infrastructure is all in now."

The establishment of the skills initiative in a city whose population has almost quadrupled since the 2010 census also should prove helpful in attracting workers, Sanford and Stenberg said.

"We have kind of a critical mass in Watford," Stenberg said.



AP file photo

The burn-off flame of natural gas lights up the night sky June 9, 2014, in Williston, N.D. A county job development authority in the North Dakota oil patch has launched a unique initiative aimed at centralizing state and university programs to help build a regional workforce less susceptible to the boom-and-bust cycle of the oil industry.

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operations in the Stateline area, which represents 50,000 net acres, or 37 percent of WPX's approximate 135,000 net acre position in the Delaware.

It includes crude oil gathering assets already under construction as well as a planned natural gas processing complex that is expected to go into service in two phases in 2018 and 2019. WPX will retain all the natural gas and water systems that it acquired when it acquired RKI Exploration & Production in 2015, Swan said.

Under the agreement, it will be a 50-50 joint venture between the two companies. Howard Energy will complete construction of the assets and serve as operator. WPX already has installed approximately half of the planned 50-mile crude gathering system that initiated service in late 2016 and currently has 40 wells tied in, some of which are awaiting completion before starting deliveries into the system.

WPX will receive $300 million upfront from Howard, which will fund the first $263 million of capital expenditures, including a $132 million carry for WPX. The transaction values WPX's Stateline oil gathering and gas processing projects at $863 million.

To fund its portion of the joint venture, Howard Energy has partnered with GIC Private Limited, the sovereign wealth fund of Singapore, as well as its existing unit holders Alinda Capital Partners and Alberta Investment Management Co.

Bynum said his company has raised approximately $2.2 billion dollars over the last six years. Its diversified mix of financial partners — from publicly traded companies to investment firms, pension funds and sovereign wealth funds — "is a big differentiator from other midstream players," he said.

Like Pitts and Swan, he sees upstream and midstream as part of the same value chain.

"There is currently a very deep pool of capital available for both E&P and midstream investment opportunities in the Permian Basin," Bynum said. "Great drilling economics in the basin drive attractive financing opportunities across the value chain — for E&P, service and midstream companies."

CHEMISTRY

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cheaply, more efficiently and with a cleaner process. The company utilizes oxygen, as opposed to chlorine, in its water treatment.

Among the areas where its technology is being applied is hydraulic fracturing. The company has been present in the Permian Basin for the last couple of years, and is opening an Odessa field office to support demand.

Chief Executive Officer and co-founder Damon Waters took a few moments to discuss, by email, Clean Chemistry's process and what he sees for the company's future.

Q: How did Clean Chemistry hit upon using oxygen instead of chlorine?

Our mission is to offer the industry a better alternative to the boring, shelf stable oxidants we can all buy in the supermarket — like bleach and peroxide. That's what led us to use reactive oxygen species (ROS) in our patented PeroxyMAX water treatment chemistry. Singlet oxygen and superoxide are fabulous oxidants but are extremely short-lived, so no one had previously been able to figure out how to harness them for industrial applications.

There are a few factors that make ROS better than chlorine molecules for water management in the oil field:

■ **Separations.**

A big objective in produced water management is separation — separating oil, separating solids. PeroxyMAX forms more stable coagulated solids making separation and solids management simpler.

■ **Speed.**

You can oxidize water contaminants like iron with bleach, but you've got to have large holding tanks for the chemical reaction to happen before you can separate the solids. With PeroxyMAX, you can do it all on the fly, in the waterline itself because PeroxyMAX does all its work in seconds. Therefore we accelerate and condense the process which is a huge advantage in the field.

■ **Selectivity.**

Nasty, noxious gases like chlorine dioxide and ozone are fast acting but are less selective and will corrode frac iron, react with the hydrocarbons, and volatilize out of solution creating safety hazards. PeroxyMAX addresses iron, solids and bacteria without superfluous chemical reactions.

Q. How does the oxygen — as opposed to chlorine — work?

PeroxyMAX is a parent oxidant. This means you inject it into the raw water and it evolves the Reactive Oxygen Species in-situ to do the actual work. The ROS react with the contaminants of concern for completions (iron, suspended solids (TSS), bacteria, etc.). Chlorine dioxide is also a very good oxidant for killing bacteria in fresh water, but as the water becomes more impaired, like produced water, they use more of it. It then becomes corrosive, toxic to inhale and an explosion hazard leading to numerous accidents in the field. Chlorine dioxide also doesn't kickstart the solids separation process the way PeroxMAX will.

Q. Is it cheaper than chlorine?

On fresh water, PeroxyMAX is cost competitive with chlorine dioxide. On produced and flowback water, PeroxyMAX outperforms chlorine chemistries at a lower price.

Q. What happens to the frac water once Clean Chemistry treats it?

Clean Chemistry's PeroxyMAX is used to treat any source water for completions. We can take fresh, brackish, produced, or flowback and treat it to the proper spec for use in completions. We can also use PeroxyMAX to enable oil separations on produced water prior to disposal.

Q. Is this treatment being done out of the Odessa field office? How well is it being received? And how broad an area of the Permian Basin does the office cover?

We've been in the Permian for a couple of years now, but we opened our Odessa field office to support the accelerated demand for an innovative approach to water management. Based out of the Odessa field office, we're supporting projects east of Midland, south of Pecos, west of Hobbs and many areas in between.

PeroxyMAX has been very well-received as a safer, high-performing alternative to chlorine dioxide. And our water re-use customers are achieving their goals at a much lower price compared to first generation solutions. Further, with our tunable automation, we are able to meet the treatment goals reliably, every day, as the water changes, which is a big step forward for this industry.

ENERGYBRIEFS

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Automated sample collection topic for SIPES

Members of the Midland chapter, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES), will meet Wednesday in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club beginning with a reception at 11:15 a.m.

Jay Leeper, with Solid Automated Geological Solutions will offer a presentation on "Automated Sample Collection for Well Site Evaluation."

There is no charge for members, $20 for guests.

SemGroup buys Houston Fuel Oil Terminal Co. for $2B

Tulsa oil and gas pipeline, storage and processing company SemGroup Corp. is buying Houston-based Fuel Oil Terminal Co., one of the largest oil terminals in the U.S., and its prime waterfront acreage on the Houston Ship Channel for more than $2 billion.

Investment funds managed by Houston-based Alinda Capital Partners now own the terminal company. The price includes $1.3 billion in stock and cash, plus the assumption of almost $800 million in debt.

The move buys SemGroup a position on the Ship Channel, one of the largest ports in the U.S. and a key oil and gas offloading and processing center. SemGroup lauded the deal as bringing the company a "premier position on the Houston Ship Channel" with pipelines connecting from all major oil and gas basins to the massive complex of Houston refineries.

The Houston Fuel Oil Terminal Co. assets include 330 acres on the Ship Channel, storage of up to 16.8 million barrels of product, and four existing deep-water marine ports, with potential for a fifth.

"This is a transformational acquisition that adds tremendous stability to our business and provides a dynamic platform for growth," said SemGroup President and CEO Carlin Conner.

Conner called the purchase a "premier location" on the Ship Channel that positions the company to boost export volumes.

"SemGroup," he said, "will be uniquely positioned to capture the future trends in exporting crude oil and refined products resulting from the near and long-term anticipated growth in U.S. shale production."

Blackeagle Energy Services awarded compressor station projects

Blackeagle Energy Services has begun work on two compressor stations, both located in the Permian's Delaware Basin. The project is part of Blackeagle's expansion working with the leading operators in the oil-rich Permian Basin.

Blackeagle will perform the civil, structural and mechanical construction for the two stations. Additionally, Blackeagle is also fabricating the pipe for both stations at its Berthoud, Colorado facility. The company anticipates that the project will result in 80 jobs in Texas and 20 jobs at its fabrication plant in northern Colorado.

"We are excited to secure our first project in the Delaware Basin. It is a great opportunity to demonstrate the high-quality products and outstanding customer service we can provide to operators in the most prolific basin in the country," said Blackeagle President and Chief Executive Officer Rick Barrett.

Blackeagle anticipates that it will complete the project during the fourth quarter of 2017.

WEST VIRGINIA

Top court upholds company's gas pooling

CHARLESTON — West Virginia's top court has ruled that approval of those holding royalty rights to Marcellus Shale natural gas isn't required for pooling agreements when their leasing rights have been signed away.

The Supreme Court, reversing a lower court, says PPG Industries can pool the nearly 106 acres at issue with about 600 others into a single unit and lease them to Gastar Exploration Inc.

Gastar drilled eight wells in the unit, five of them horizontal and reaching the minerals under 106 acres.

Justice Menis Ketchum writes that the owners of those royalty rights in Marshall County refused to ratify the 2011 lease, asserting their interests were diluted.

However, he says the previous owners transferred leasing rights in 1946, which PPG later acquired.

The court ruling was unanimous by all five justices.



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$42.25	Shell Trading	$41.30
Energy Transfer Partners*	$41.25	Nymex futures	$45.75*
Flint Hills Resources*	$41.25		
Phillips 66	$41.35	Net price without transportation charge	
Plains*	$41.25	Note: Posted prices as of June 14	

Oil guru who foresaw crash says OPEC should have cut deeper

By Angelina Rascouet and Laura Hurst
Bloomberg

The oil guru who predicted the market rout in 2014 said OPEC and its allies should have gone much further when they extended their supply deal last month.

"They should have cut another million barrels a day for 90 days in order to drain the system," said Gary Ross, global head of oil at PIRA Energy, a forecasting and analytics unit of S&P Global Platts.

For Ross, the producers missed an opportunity to deepen cuts between June and August when refinery demand is higher and so accelerate the decline in inventories. Such a move would have pushed the market into backwardation, when near-term prices are higher than those for later months, he said. That structure favors OPEC because it would discourage their shale-oil rivals from locking in prices for future production.

"If that was really their objective, then they should have cut during this window of maximum crude runs to accelerate," he said.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and partners led by Russia re-upped their agreement on May 25, agreeing to maintain curbs of as much as 1.8 million barrels a day until next March. Yet benchmark crude prices have since slid toward $47 a barrel, and the International Energy Agency said Wednesday that the cuts are only slowly diminishing global stockpiles.

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Ross's view was echoed by analysts at Sanford C. Bernstein Ltd., who said OPEC needs to cut deeper for longer to restore inventories to normal levels. "OPEC needs to drain by 34 million barrels a month or 1 million barrels a day for the next 10 months," the analysts wrote in a note. "This looks challenging."

Ross also warned that Chinese crude-demand growth is set to decrease in the second half of this year. "That poses a real problem for OPEC as they enter 2018," he said.

Ross lowered his forecast for benchmark Brent crude to $50-$55 a barrel by year-end, he said Wednesday. In early February, he expected Brent would be trading near $60-$65 a barrel by now and reach as much as $70 by year-end.

Although the market is rebalancing, the surplus isn't reducing at the rate OPEC had hoped and will still be at 150 million to 200 million barrels by year-end, Ross said. That's partly because crude production is increasing in Libya and Nigeria — OPEC members that are exempt from curbing output because of internal turmoil.

In November, two weeks before OPEC decided to implement curbs, Ross predicted an agreement could eliminate most of the surplus stocks by the beginning of the second half of this year.

Troubled bank loans in oil-rich states improve

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

The oil bust's spillover effects on borrowers outside the energy industry in Texas and other southern states has begun to let up, banking data shows.

Since early 2015, troubled bank loans have climbed by a third as a proportion of all non-energy loans made in oil-rich states, rising well above the national average for more than two years. Banks in Louisiana and Oklahoma got hit the worst.

By the third quarter of 2016, these so-called classified loans — those considered at high risk of default — rose to a peak of 2.9 percent of all non-energy loans made across eight southern states, according to a recent report by Stephens Inc.

But higher oil prices have improved prospects for non-energy borrowers since then. In Texas, and across the other states, the proportion of classified loans came in at 2.6 percent in the first quarter, compared to a national average of 1.77 percent.

MMEX Resources Corp. secures equity agreement for Pecos refinery

From staff reports

AUSTIN — MMEX Resources Corp. has reached an agreement with Crown Bridge Partners LLC for an issuance of up to $3 million of equity securities, as well as plans to build a 10,000 barrel-per-day crude distillation unit near Fort Stockton as an initial unit for the $450M, 50,000 BPD Pecos County refinery project announced by MMEX earlier this year.

Jack W. Hanks, MMEX president and chief executive officer, said, "Response to MMEX's Pecos County Refinery project has been tremendously positive to date and we're eager to begin construction and bringing new jobs to the region. This smaller-scale, initial refinery unit will significantly accelerate the permitting process for the project, while the equity commitment from Crown Bridge Partners LLC will assist MMEX in financing project development costs on an as-needed basis."

The permitting process for the large-scale, 50,000 BPD refinery, which will distribute its refined products in the Western United States and Mexico, was originally projected to be nine to 12 months. By beginning with a smaller-scale, 10,000 BPD refinery unit, MMEX expects to be able to obtain full permitting within 45 days after permits are filed.

The 10,000 BPD refinery project will require approximately 15 months of construction time and is expected to create jobs in Pecos County during fast-track construction, including full-time positions going forward. These initiatives will accelerate the potential for cash flow while developing the large-scale refinery.

This is the latest in a series of project milestones MMEX has achieved since initially announcing the Pecos County Refinery project in March. MMEX formally opened their Fort Stockton office in May with a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce. The office is located at 107 South Main Street, Fort Stockton, Texas, 79735.

Carbon emissions grow at lowest levels since early 1980s, BP says

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

In the past three years, carbon emissions have risen at the slowest pace worldwide since the early 1980s, a development bolstered last year by an oil bust, declining coal and rapidly growing renewable energy, BP says.

In an annual report on energy data, the British oil company said carbon emissions inched upward by 0.1 percent in 2016, marking the third year in a row in which emissions fell or stayed flat and the lowest three-year average since 1981 to 1983.

In the United States, the world's second-largest emitter after China, carbon emission have fallen from a recent peak of 6.13 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide in 2007 to 5.35 billion last year, amid a surge in natural gas production and a dramatic decline in coal at power plants. China put out 9.12 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide last year, down from a recent peak of 9.22 billion in 2014.

BP attributed the global stagnation in part to weak energy demand, a transient market force that could change amid faster economic growth. OPEC said it expects oil demand to rise by 2 million barrels a day this year.

BP supports the Paris accords, the 2015 agreement between scores of countries to try to keep carbon emissions low enough to prevent a catastrophic rise in global temperatures.

Petroleum Professional Development Center

All classes will be held at the PPDC, 221 N. Main St.

To see more classes and to register, go to the Midland College PPDC's Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

PPDC Courses

PetroSkills: Production Chemistry - OGPC
Instructor: Carlos Palacios
Start Date: June 19 - 23, 2017 - Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4100; Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

PHDWin
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: June 20 -21, 2017 -Tuesday - Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State: $650

Petroleum Geology for Non Geologists
Instructor: Paul Pause
Start Date: June 26-29, 2017 - Monday - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1835; Out of State: $1860

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6 Modules: Title: Oil & Gas Calculations
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: July 5, 2017; End Date: July 28, 2017: Registration Deadline: Noon, July 5, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students: www.midland.edu/ppdc

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 4 of 6 Modules: Title: Oil & Gas Law and its Impact on Land Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: July 5, 2017; End Date: July 28, 2017: Registration Deadline: Noon, July 5, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Geosteering
Instructor: Tom Arnold
Start Date: July 10 -14, 2017 - Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to Noon
Cost: $2125, $2150 Out of State

Basic Drilling for Non-Drilling Engineers
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: July 11-12, 2017 - Tuesday - Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method
Instructor: David M. Orchard
Start Date: July 11 -12, 2107 - Tuesday - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State: $425

Optimizing the Unconventional Symposium
Location: Midland Collage Carrasco Room, 3600 N. Garfield
Start Date: July 13, 2017 - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: Early Registration: $50; $75 Out of State
Cost: Late Registration: $75; $100 Out of State

PetroSkills: Gas Lift - GLI
Instructor: John Martinez
Start Date: July 17 - 21, 2017 - Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4125; Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

The Art of Technical Sales
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: July 17, 2017 - Monday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State: $275

Fundamentals of Directional Drilling
Instructor: Mark Bland
Start Date: July 18-20, 2017 -Tuesday - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cost: $1295; Out of State: $1320

Managing Sucker Rod Lift Well Failures
Instructor: Albert Garza
Start Date: July 18, 2017 - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State: $375

Basic Oilfield Operations Training
Instructor: Albert Garza
Start Date: July 26-27, 2017 - Wednesday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $475; Out of State: $500

SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Database
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: July 26, 2017 - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State: $400

PetroSkills: Corrosion Management in Production/Processing
Instructor: Carlos Palacios
Start Date: July 31 - August 4, 2017
Cost: $4110; Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Calculating Oil & Gas Interests
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: August 1, 2017 - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

Pooling and Unitization in Texas
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: August 2, 2017 - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

Raising/Spending Money: Lenders, Investors and Other Decision Makers
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: August 3, 2017 - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6 Modules: Title: Oil & Gas Law
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: August 3, 2017; End Date: August 29, 2017: Registration Deadline: Noon, August 3, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students: www.midland.edu/ppdc

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 5 of 6 Modules: Title: Legally Enforceable Oil & Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: August 3, 2017; End Date: August 29, 2017: Registration Deadline: Noon, August 3, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Well Control Drilling/Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: August 7 -11, 2017 - Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: August 7- 8, 2017 - Monday- Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

CO2 and ROZ School
Instructor: Stephen L. Melzer
Start Date: August 8-11, 2017 - Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1,895, Out of State $1,920

CO2 and ROZ School - Day 3
Instructor: Stephen L. Melzer
Start Date: August 10, 2017 -Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1,000; Out of State $1,025

CO2 and ROZ School - Day 4
Instructor: Stephen L. Melzer
Start Date: August 11, 2017 - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1,000; Out of State $1,025

Continuous Gas Lift
Instructor: Juan Alvarez
Start Date: August 14-16, 2017 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $950, Out of State $975

Fundamentals of Well Log Interpretation
Instructor: George Asquith
Start Date: August 14 - 16, 2017 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $775, Out of State $800

PetroSkills: Piping Systems - Mechanical Design and Specification - ME-41
Instructor: Gerald Guidroz
Start Date: August 21 - 25, 2017 - Monday through Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4100 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Structuring Exploration Deals
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date - August 28, 2017 - Monday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

Keeping the Lease Alive: Modifications to the Oil and Gas Lease Agreements
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date - August 29, 2017 - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

Understanding Joint Operating Agreements
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date - August 30, 2017 - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

Conveyancing, Leasing, Contracting and Decision Making in Land Management
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date - August 31, 2017 - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

Petroleum Land Management
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: August 30-31, 2017 - Wednesday - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $649; Out of State: $674.00

DEVELOPMENT WELL PERMITS

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Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

Approach Operating LLC
Baker B #136HC
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 6409 fnl, 2857 fel, Abst. 2830, Runnels CSL, 13 n Ozona; TD 7800; API #42-105-42404 Permit issued 6/9

Approach Operating LLC
Baker B #138HB
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 6409 fnl, 2887 fel, Abst. 2830, Runnels CSL, 13 n Ozona; TD 7800; API #42-105-42403 Permit issued 6/9

Irion County

Foreland Operating LLC
Deets 33 #4H
Lir; (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 790 fwl, 900 fsl, Sec 32, Abst. 1238, WC RR, 3 ne Barnhart; TD 9400; API #42-235-35233 Permit issued 6/5

SEM Operating Company LLC
Linthicum C #01WB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 4376 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 1147, Abst. 7, A.D. Anderson, 8.94 se Barnhart; TD 8000; API #42-235-36201 Permit issued 6/6

SEM Operating Company LLC
Linthicum C #01WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 4376 fnl, 360 fwl, Sec 1147, Abst. 7, A.D. Anderson, 8.94 se Barnhart; TD 8000; API #42-235-36202 Permit issued 6/6

Reagan County

FDL Operating LLC
Boothe 236-6 #1H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 990 fwl, Sec 236, Blk 1, Abst. 66, T&P RR, 3.9 nw Barnhart; TD 7000; API #42-383-39894 Permit issued 6/7

Permian Resources LLC
Cope 82-81 #32HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 403 fnl, 1425 fel, Sec 82, Blk 2, Abst. 371, T&P RR, 23.72 ne Big Lake; TD 7600; API #42-383-39899 Permit issued 6/7

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 9C #3612WA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 600 fsl, 15 fel, Sec 36, Blk 2, Abst. 72U, ULS, 14.1 nw Big Lake; TD 8000; API #42-383-39896 Permit issued 6/8

Upton County

Silver Creek Oil & Gas LLC
Goodbar 89 #1H
McElroy-Horizontal; 350 fsl, 2095 fel, Sec 5, Blk X, Abst. 151, J.H. Gibson, 22.11 nw Rankin; TD 3500; API #42-461-40617 Permit issued 6/6

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Andrews County

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
J.M. White #23
Block A-34 (Glorieta); 111 fnl, 2425 fwl, Sec 13, Blk A-34, Abst. 2261, PSL, 12.6 n Andrews; TD 6300; API #42-003-47566 Permit issued 6/9

Culberson County

PDC Permian Inc.
Buffalo State 0916 #A 1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 598 fnl, 2565 fel, Sec 9, Blk 45, PSL, 65.7 ne Van Horn; TD 11000; API #42-109-33113 Permit issued 6/7

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Wise West State #1703H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 7065 fwl, 8424 fsl, Sec 17, Blk 52, Abst. 4180, PSL, 37 nw Pecos; TD 9100; API #42-109-33112 Permit issued 6/5

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Cosmo Daltex Unit 45-4 #2H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1192 fwl, 250 fnl, Sec 45, Blk 45, Abst. 724, PSL, 15.77 sw Orla; TD 9950; API #42-109-33114 Permit issued 6/6

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Cottonwood West Jagoda Unit #1808H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fel, 2240 fnl, Sec 18, Blk 53, Abst. 1275, PSL, 37 nw Pecos; TD 9900; API #42-109-33115 Permit issued 6/6

Ector County

COG Operating LLC
Ratliff A #2001MH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 5108 fnl, 345 fel, Sec 17, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 56, T&P RR, 10.8 ne Odessa; TD 9200; API #42-135-43522 Permit issued 6/8

COG Operating LLC
Ratliff A #2001LH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 5063 fnl, 345 fel, Sec 17, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 56, T&P RR, 10.8 ne Odessa; TD 9200; API #42-135-43523 Permit issued 6/8

Turrentine Oil & Gas Inc.
Edwards #3302
Double -H- (Grayburg); 1650 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 33, Blk 43, T-3-S, Abst. 241, T&P RR, 11.6 sw Odessa; TD 5000; API #42-135-43525 Permit issued 6/8

Glasscock County

Cinnabar Operating LLC
Matthias #0913HC
Garden City South (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 457 fsl, 15544 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 221, T&P RR, 8 nw Big Spring; TD 8900; API #42-173-37606 Permit issued 6/6

Cinnabar Operating LLC
Matthias #0913HD
Garden City South (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 457 fsl, 14934 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 221, T&P RR, 8 nw Big Spring; TD 9400; API #42-173-37607 Permit issued 6/6

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Colt 45 #1BB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2280 fel, 660 fsl, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 407, T&P RR, 6.9 se Spraberry; TD 9800; API #42-173-37613 Permit issued 6/9

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Colt 45 #2BB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 660 fsl, 1045 fel, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 407, T&P RR, 6.9 se Spraberry; TD 9800; API #42-173-37612 Permit issued 6/8

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Houston Allen 12 #2
Garden City Northwest (Strawn); 476 fwl, 2165 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 36, Abst. 1007, T&P RR, 10.6 sw Stanton; TD 12000; API #42-173-37608 Permit issued 6/5

Diamondback E&P LLC
Target L #3908WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 805 fwl, 290 fnl, Sec 39, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 410, T&P RR, 14.7 w Garden City; TD 9860; API #42-173-37609 Permit issued 6/7

Diamondback E&P LLC
Target M #3907WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 835 fwl, 290 fnl, Sec 39, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 410, T&P RR, 14.7 w Garden City; TD 9520; API #42-173-37610 Permit issued 6/7

Diamondback E&P LLC
Target K #3906WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 865 fwl, 290 fnl, Sec 39, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 410, T&P RR, 13.9 w Garden City; TD 9515; API #42-173-37611 Permit issued 6/9

Energen Resources Corporation
Foxtrot NS 30-31 04 #104H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 481 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 1255, T&P RR, 12.4 se Garden City; TD 9500; API #42-173-37614 Permit issued 6/9

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Calverley 36-25 #4215H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 350 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 36, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 807, T&P RR, 7.1 nw Garden City; TD 8200; API #42-173-37605 Permit issued 6/5

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Cook E 20A #1H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 370 fsl, 700 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 1252, T&P RR, 10.7 sw Garden City; TD 10600; API #42-173-37616 Permit issued 6/9

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Cook E 20B #2H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 700 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 1252, T&P RR, 10.7 sw Garden City; TD 10600; API #42-173-37617 Permit issued 6/9

Howard County

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Prichard D #4BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1695 fwl, 2080 fsl, Sec 45, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst.285, T&P RR, 8 n Big Spring; TD 9000; API #42-227-39139 Permit issued 6/9

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Guitar Trust 2 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 487 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 2, Blk A, Abst. 551, Bauer & Cockrell, 5.7 sw Big Spring; TD 10600; API #42-227-39143 Permit issued 6/9

Surge Operating LLC
Allred Unit A 06-05 #4BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 2467 fel, Sec 17, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 326, T&P RR, 3.29 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39126 Permit issued 6/7

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Guadalupe 29-4 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnwl, 400 fnel, Sec 4, Blk 29, Abst. 1178, PSL, 11.3 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33408 Permit issued 6/6

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Big Horn 56-1-45 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 45, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 161, T&P RR, 20.12 nw Mentone; TD 11500; API #42-301-33425 Permit issued 6/8

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Medicine Bow 56-1-15 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-

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Runnels County

Heart Land Petroleum Corporation
Mikeska #2
Wildcat; 881 fel, 959 fsl, Sec 444, Abst. 17, H.L. Bays, 20.1 nw Winters; TD 5600; API #42-399-35527 Permit issued 6/5

The Window Operating Co.
Colburn #2
Wildcat; 467 fel, 467 fsl, Sec 88, Blk 64, Abst. 831, HT&B RR, 1.75 n Winters; TD 4900; API #42-399-35528 Permit issued 6/9

Texas RRCD 8A

Gaines County

McClure Oil Company Inc
Anzio 3 #1
Wildcat; 1210 fsl, 1899 fel, Sec 3, Blk A-27, Abst. 2228, PSL, 18.5 se Seminole; TD 9700; API #42-165-38570 Permit issued 6/8

New Mexico

Eddy County

Matador Production Co
Stebbins 20 Fed #113
Wildcat; Sec 20 T20S R29E, 1663/S & 130/W; 11 1/2 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 11648 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44168

Matador Production Co
Stebbins 20 Fed #114
Wildcat; Sec 20 T20S R29E, 331/S & 130/W; 11 1/2 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 11625 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44169

Lea County

EOG Resources Inc
Osprey 10 #702
Wildcat; Sec 10 T25S R34E, 361/S & 1557/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 19974 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43797

EOG Resources Inc
Osprey 10 #703
Wildcat; Sec 10 T25S R34E, 345/S & 1587/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 19973 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43798

EOG Resources Inc
Osprey 10 #704
Wildcat; Sec 10 T25S R34E, 140/S & 2017/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 19971 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43799

Devon Energy Production Co.LP
Seawolf 1 12 Federal #95
Wildcat; Sec 1 T26S R33E, 170/N & 750/E; 9 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22673 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43790

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Seawolf 1 12 Federal #102
Wildcat; Sec 1 T26S R33E, 200/N & 420/W; 9 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 23182 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43791

BC Operating Inc.
Knife Right Fee T #1
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3D equipment control systems get Big D construction jobs done to pinpoint specifications

Every pad, every tank battery, every frac pit—every oilfield dirt work project—must be installed exactly right. If not, there can be problems with runoff, with getting tanks level and with the durability of the end product. Whatever size job, Big D understands that everything must be just right for the customer's site to succeed.

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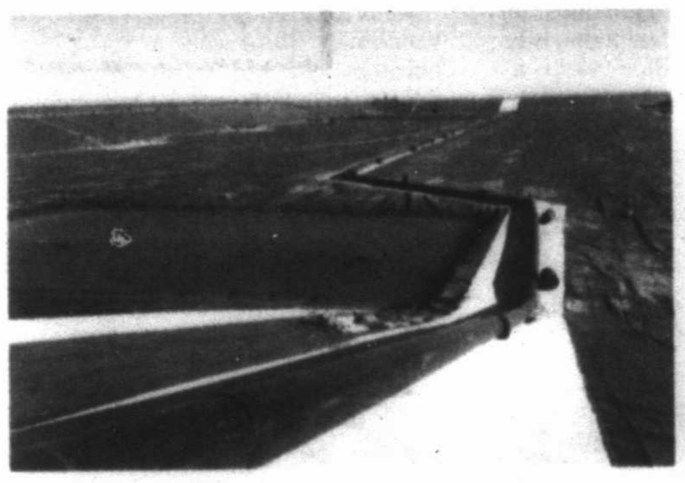
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Medicine Bow 56-1-47 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 401 fnl, 826 fwl, Sec 47, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 162, T&P RR, 19.21 nw Mentone; TD 11500; API #42-301-33423 Permit issued 6/8

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Medicine Bow 56-1-1 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 450 fsl, 400 fwl, Sec 1, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 140, T&P RR, 23.3 nw Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33427 Permit issued 6/8

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Medicine Bow 56-1-11 #1H
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Raymore 1-48 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 357 fnel, 658 fnwl, Sec 48, Blk 1, Abst. 1104, W&NW RR, 6.72 se Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33414 Permit issued 6/8

Apache Corp.
Magpie Unit #114H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 187 fnel, 476 fsel, Sec 4, Blk 2, Abst. 1305, W&NW RR, 3.2 nw Mentone; TD 15000; API #42-301-33404 Permit issued 6/5

EOG Resources Inc.
Apollo 7 #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 2598 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 45, T&P RR, 20.4 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33397 Permit issued 6/5

EOG Resources Inc.
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Apollo 7 #7H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 301 fnl, 2057 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 45, T&P RR, 20.4 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33399 Permit issued 6/5

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Rosehill Operating Company LLC
Z&T 42 #G004
Grice (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 1065 fel, Sec 42, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 1301, T&P RR, 15 nw Mentone; TD 11800; API #42-301-33409 Permit issued 6/7

Rosehill Operating Company LLC
Z&T 42 #F002
Grice (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 1090 fel, Sec 42, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 1301, T&P RR, 15 nw Mentone; TD 11500; API #42-301-33410 Permit issued 6/7

Rosehill Operating Company LLC
Z&T 42 #G005
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RSP Permian LLC
Rudd Draw 29-3 #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 824 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 29, Abst. 986, PSL, 12 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33424 Permit issued 6/8

RSP Permian LLC
Rudd Draw 29-3 #6H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 864 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 29, Abst. 986, PSL, 12 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33426 Permit issued 6/8

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Nyala 53-2-5 LOV W Unit #7H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 397 fnl, 1197 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 22, T&P RR, 12.2 ne Mentone; TD 12100; API #42-301-33413 Permit issued 6/8

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Martin County

Ajax Resources LLC
Vineyard HZ B Unit #0601MS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 741 fel, 732 fsl, Sec 264, Abst. 613, Kent CSL, 19.1 nw Tarzan; TD 9000; API #42-317-40881 Permit issued 6/6

Chevron USA Inc.
J.E. Mabee 'A' NCT-1 #3107H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 9582.8 fsl, 5681.3 fel, Sec 31, Blk 39, Abst. 296, G&MMB&A, 25.8 w Stanton; TD 10020; API #42-317-40887 Permit issued 6/9

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Wanda 28 #2
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 475 fel, 894 fsl, Sec 28, Blk 34, T-3-N, Abst. 1100, T&P RR, 2.9 sw Ackerly; TD 12000; API #42-317-40842 Permit issued 6/6

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Trinity Unit 136 #1
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 475 fel, 715 fsl, Sec 136, Blk A, Abst. 756, S. Holloway, 4.73 nw Tarzan; TD 12000; API #42-317-40861 Permit issued 6/7

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Woody 6-35 #211
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fnl, 800 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 215, T&P RR, 5.4 sw Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-40882 Permit issued 6/8

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Woody 6-35 #221
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fnl, 850 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 215, T&P RR, 5.4 sw Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-40883 Permit issued 6/8

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Woody 6-35 #222
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fnl, 875 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 215, T&P RR, 5.4 sw Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-40885 Permit issued 6/8

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Mabee M #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 990 fel, 333 fnl, Sec 2, Blk 39, T-1-N, Abst. 416, G&MMB&A, 20.4 nw Stanton; TD 11000; API #42-317-40879 Permit issued 6/5

Midland County

Chevron USA Inc.
SOA Scharbauer SE #0016LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 6391.1 fsl, 4042.2 fel, Sec 13, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 53, T&P RR, 6 sw Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-41728 Permit issued 6/8

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SOA Scharbauer SE #0024LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 6963.3 fsl, 1547 fel, Sec 13, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 53, T&P RR, 6 sw Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-41747 Permit issued 6/9

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SOA Scharbauer SE #0025WB
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Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 6963.3 fsl, 1497 fel, Sec 13, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 53, T&P RR, 6 sw Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-41742 Permit issued 6/9

COG Operating LLC
Parks Field Unit 2 #1807LH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 6866 fsl, 1399 fel, Sec 9, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 277, T&P RR, 12.6 sw Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41740 Permit issued 6/7

COG Operating LLC
Parks Field Unit 2 #1806LH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 6821 fsl, 1399 fel, Sec 9, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 277, T&P RR, 12.6 sw Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41741 Permit issued 6/7

Diamondback E&P LLC
ST E Unit #3801LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1469 fwl, 2279 fsl, Sec 38, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 829, T&P RR, 5.91 sw Midland; TD 10205; API #42-329-41736 Permit issued 6/8

Diamondback E&P LLC
ST E Unit #3802LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1499 fwl, 2279 fsl, Sec 38, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 829, T&P RR, 5.91 sw Midland; TD 10195; API #42-329-41737 Permit issued 6/8

Diamondback E&P LLC
ST E Unit #3802WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1559 fwl, 2277 fsl, Sec 38, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 829, T&P RR, 5.91 sw Midland; TD 10565; API #42-329-41738 Permit issued 6/8

Diamondback E&P LLC
ST E Unit #3801WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1529 fwl, 2278 fsl, Sec 38, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 829, T&P RR, 5.91 sw Midland; TD 10585; API #42-329-41739 Permit issued 6/8

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Shackelford #3421H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 235 fel, 445 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 981, T&P RR, 18.6 se Midland; TD 10548; API #42-329-41734 Permit issued 6/6

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Boone-Brunson 43B #2H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 142 fwl, 535 fsl, Sec 43, Blk 36, T-2-S, Abst. 536, T&P RR, 17.1 se Midland; TD 10800; API #42-329-41743 Permit issued 6/9

RSP Permian LLC
Spanish Trail 48 HZ Unit #4825LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 180 fnl, 2644.1 fel, Sec 40, Blk 48, T-1-S, Abst. 830, T&P RR, 4.8 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-41666 Permit issued 6/8

RSP Permian LLC
Spanish Trail 48 HZ Unit #4825WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 180 fnl, 2604.2 fel, Sec 40, Blk 48, T-1-S, Abst. 830, T&P RR, 4.8 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-41668 Permit issued 6/8

XTO Energy Inc.
Midkiff-Halfmann 39-46 4616 #4616AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2157 fel, 418 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 38, T-4-S, Abst. 870, T&P RR, 23.5 se Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-41697 Permit issued 6/9

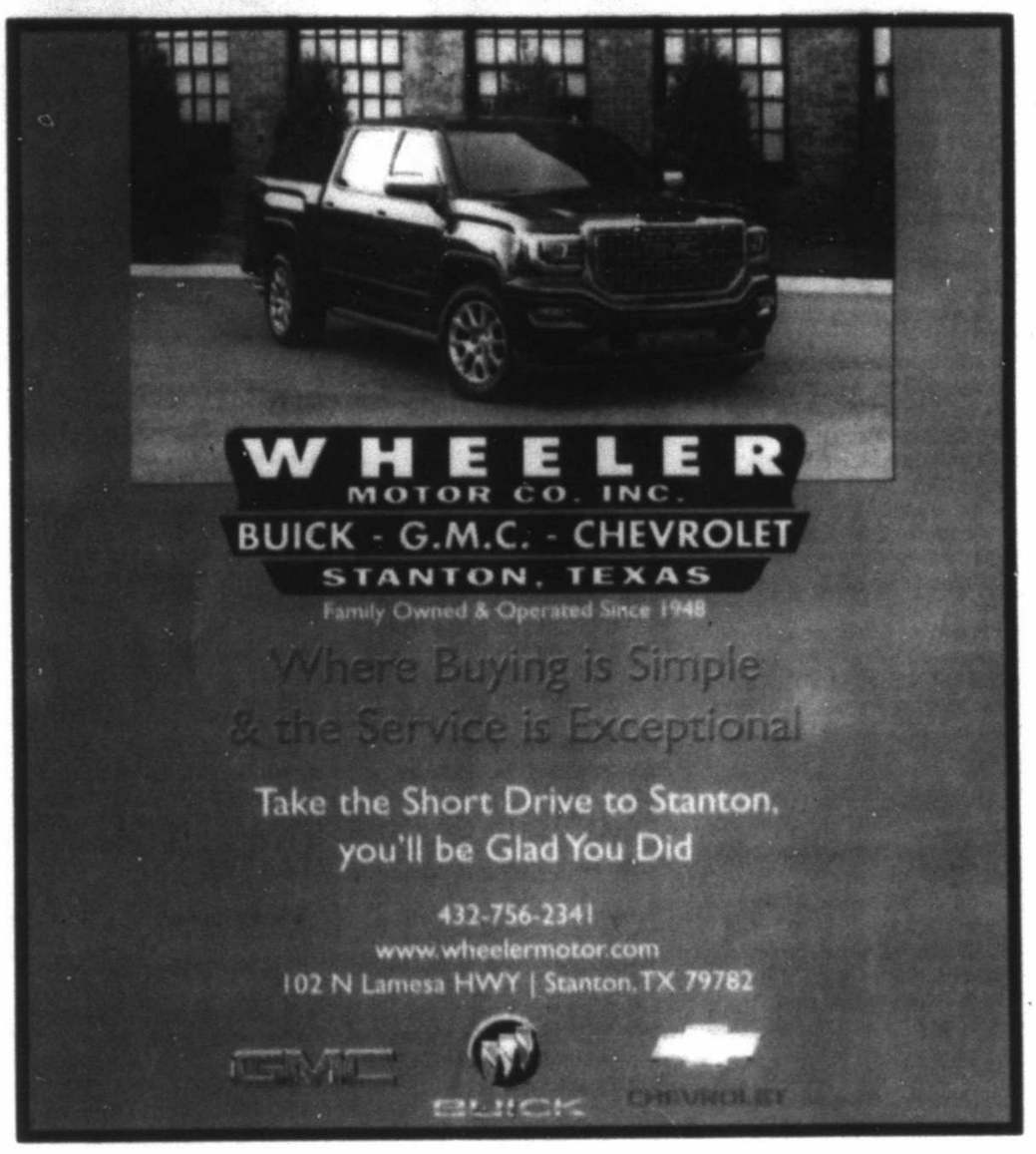
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XTO Energy Inc.
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Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2057 fel, 418 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 38, T-4-S, Abst. 870, T&P RR, 23.5 se Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-41699 Permit issued 6/9

Pecos County

Diamondback E&P LLC
Neal Lethco 39-37 Unit #1WA
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2334 fel, 750 fnl, Sec 39, Blk OW, Abst. 4909, TT RR, 7.1 s Coyanosa; TD 10250; API #42-371-39561 Permit issued 6/8

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Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Neal Lethco 3405-142 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2300 fsl, 2550 fel, Sec 34, Blk 142, Abst. 8673, T&STL RR, 17 nw Fort Stockton; TD 15000; API #42-371-39559 Permit issued 6/7

Manti Tarka Permian Operating LLC
South Smarty Jones State 27 #1HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 380 fwl, 200 fsl, Sec 27, Blk 49, T-8-S, Abst. 959, T&P RR, 12.72 sw Coyanosa; TD 12000; API #42-371-39564 Permit issued 6/8

Reeves County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Pacer 56-1-43 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 400 fel, Sec 43, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 575, T&P RR, 4.22 ne Orla; TD 11200; API #42-389-36047 Permit issued 6/8

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Manticore State 55-3-3 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 453 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 55, T-3-S, Abst. 791, T&P RR, 26.2 nw Pecos; TD 11500; API #42-389-36048 Permit issued 6/8

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Griffin State 56-3-41Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 423 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 55, T-3-S, Abst. 791, T&P RR, 26.2 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-36049 Permit issued 6/9

BHP Billinton Pet(TXLA OP) Co.
State Roy Kimsey 56-T2-46 #W102H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 345 fnl, 1454 fwl, Sec 46, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 2528, T&P RR, 4.5 e Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-35980 Permit issued 6/8

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Riverside 21601 36 #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 2010 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 2749, T&P RR, 5.5 se Orla; TD 10850; API #42-389-36037 Permit issued 6/5

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Riverside 21601 36 #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 2040 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 2749, T&P RR, 5.5 se Orla; TD 10850; API #42-389-36038 Permit issued 6/5

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Roadrunner #7H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 1212 fel, Sec 48, Blk 52, T-7-S, Abst. 1703, T&P RR, 16.3 s Pecos; TD 10700; API#42-389-36024 Permit issued 6/8

COG Operating LLC
Tycoon G Unit #1203H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 348 fnl, 496 fwl, Sec 6, Blk C-7, Abst. 4876, PSL, 8.5 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36033 Permit issued 6/6

COG Operating LLC
Phoenix B Unit #7603H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2933 fnl, 1980 fel, Sec 176, Blk 1, Abst. 4919, H&TC RR, 15.3 ne Saragosa; TD 10700; API #42-389-36036 Permit issued 6/6

Diamondback E&P LLC
Ayers Unit '24' #2WA
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 821 fel, 618 fsl, Sec 24, Blk 6, Abst. 1340, H&GN RR, 14.9 e Pecos; TD 11608; API #42-389-36034 Permit issued 6/5

Diamondback E&P LLC
Ayers Unit '24' #3WB
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 791 fel, 618 fsl, Sec 24, Blk 6, Abst. 1340, H&GN RR, 14.9 e Pecos; TD 11906; API #42-389-36035 Permit issued 6/5

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
McDermott State Unit 1720 #1
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnwl, 330 fnel, Sec 17, Blk 4, Abst. 389, H&GN RR, 7.1 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-36042 Permit issued 6/7

Oxy USA WTP LP
Grissom 31-42-3N #24H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 170 fsl, 2179 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 50, T-8-S, Abst. 4757, T&P RR, 24.7 s Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-35947 Permit issued 6/5

Oxy USA WTP LP
Grissom 31-42-4N #23H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 170 fsl, 2139 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 50, T-8-S, Abst. 4757, T&P RR, 24.7 s Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-35948 Permit issued 6/5

Oxy USA WTP LP
Grissom 31-42-5N #22H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 170 fsl, 2099 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 50, T-8-S, Abst. 4757, T&P RR, 24.7 s Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-35950 Permit issued 6/5

Patriot Resources Inc.
Aardvark State 6 #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 25, Blk C-1, Abst. 1325, PSL, 21.5 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-34426 Permit issued 6/8

PDC Permian Inc.
Buzzard North 6972 #A 1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 390 fnel, 659 fnwl, Sec 69, Blk 4, Abst. 415, H&GN RR, 1.83 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35933 Permit issued 6/5

PDC Permian Inc.
Greenwich NW 3130 #A 1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 486 fsl, 1338 fwl, Sec 31, Blk 57, T-3-S, Abst. 914, T&P RR, 11.1 sw Orla; TD 11000; API #42-389-36039 Permit issued 6/8

PDC Permian Inc.
Greenwich SW 3142 #A 1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2160 fnl, 1320 fwl, Sec 31, Blk 57, T-3-S, Abst. 914, T&P RR, 11.1 sw Orla; TD 11000; API #42-389-36023 Permit issued 6/5

Primexx Operating Corporation
Sabine Unit 160-161E #10H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 855 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 161, Blk 13, Abst. 290, H&GN RR, 27.4 s Pecos; TD 10000; API #42-389-36043 Permit issued 6/8

Primexx Operating Corporation
Sabine Unit 160-161W #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 330 fwl, 330 fsl, Sec 161, Blk 13, Abst. 290, H&GN RR, 27.5 s Pecos; TD 10000; API #42-389-36044 Permit issued 6/8

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Sam Prewitt 255-256 Unit A #13H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 408 fswl, 348 fsel, Sec 255, Blk 13, Abst. 513, H&GN RR, 12 sw Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-35896 Permit issued 6/5

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Sam Prewitt 255-256 Unit A #12HL
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 301 fswl, 532 fnwl, Sec 255, Blk 13, Abst. 513, H&GN RR, 12 sw Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-35899 Permit issued 6/5

Sterling County

Maverick Operating LLC
Flying 'B' Ranch #3H
Garden City South (Wolfcamp); 500 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 90, Blk 6, Abst. 1075, H&TC RR, 19 sw Water Valley; TD 14500; API #42-431-33508 Permit issued 6/7

Ward County

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Sleeping Indian A1 #1LA
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsel, 306 fnel, Sec 142, Blk 34, Abst. 252, H&TC RR, 7.34 ne Barstow; TD 11550; API #42-475-37252 Permit issued 6/9

Cimarex Energy Co.
Davis 33-20 #4H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fnel, 1189 fnwl, Sec 20, Blk 33, Abst. 588, H&TC RR, 16.5 w Pecos; TD 11965; API #42-475-37253 Permit issued 6/8

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
Durham Unit 1 #1
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fsel, 200 fnel, Sec 1, Blk 1, Abst. 326, W&NW RR, 33.1 nw Monahans; TD 12000; API #42-475-37250 Permit issued 6/5

Shell Western E&P
Lola 34-198 WRD Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1224 fnwl, 788 fswl, Sec 197, Blk 34, Abst. 276, H&TC RR, 4.1 ne Barstow; TD 11400; API #42-475-37233 Permit issued 6/5

Winkler County

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Francis Drake #4
Monahans North (Clearfork); 2173 fnl, 590 fel, Sec 24, Blk B-10, Abst. 1605, PSL, 10.6 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-33866 Permit issued 6/8

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Sealy Smith Foundation -A- #103
Monahans North (Clearfork); 3319 fel, 7265 fnl, Sec 49, Blk A, Abst. 40, G&MMB&A, 9.2 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-33869 Permit issued 6/9

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Sealy-Smith Foundation -B- #103
Monahans North (Clearfork); 467 fel, 2248 fnl, Sec 70, Blk A, Abst. 55, G&MMB&A, 9.6 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-33867 Permit issued 6/8

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Borden County

Surge Operating LLC
Dragon Unit B 20-29 #8SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 340 fnl, 250 fel, Sec 20, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 1052, T&P RR, 2.25 ne Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-033-32424 Permit issued 6/6

Cochran County

Element Petroleum Operating III LLC
Reverend Johnson Unit 20-21 #6H
Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 380 fel, 2530 fnl, Sec 15, Abst. 15, T. Harrison, 20 sw Morton; TD 10000; API #42-079-33367 Permit issued 6/7

Gaines County

McClure Oil Company Inc.
Friesen 166 #1
Seminole North (San Andres); 479 fwl, 510 fnl, Sec 166, Blk G, Abst. 1808, WT RR, 4 n Seminole; TD 5800; API #42-165-38529 Permit issued 6/12

Oxy USA WTP LP
West Seminole SA Unit #411
Seminole West; 1020 fnl, 3416 fel, Sec 335, Blk G, Abst. 80, CCSD&RGNG, 10.1 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38571 Permit issued 6/8

Oxy USA WTP LP
West Seminole SA Unit #413
Seminole West; 2481 fnl, 2606 fel, Sec 335, Blk G, Abst. 80, CCSD&RGNG, 9.9 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38572 Permit issued 6/8

Oxy USA WTP LP
West Seminole SA Unit #414
Seminole West; 2407 fnl, 1146 fel, Sec 335, Blk G, Abst. 80, CCSD&RGNG, 9.6 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38573 Permit issued 6/8

Oxy USA WTP LP
West Seminole SA Unit #417
Seminole West; 1739 fnl, 389 fel, Sec 335, Blk G, Abst. 80, CCSD&RGNG, 9.5 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38574 Permit issued 6/8

Hockley County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Southeast Levelland Unit #384
Levelland; 8155 fel, 6138 fsl, Sec 44, Abst. 180, Rains CSL, 4.6 sw Levelland; TD 5800; API #42-219-37419 Permit issued 6/8

Yoakum County

Hadaway Consulting and Engineering LLC
Urban Sombrero 479 #3H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 350 fnl, 1227 fwl, Sec 510, Blk D, Abst. 699, J.H. Gibson, 2.5 s Plains; TD 5386; API #42-501-36809 Permit issued 6/6

Steward Energy II LLC
Road Dirt 534 #4H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 245 fel, 778 fnl, Sec 586, Blk D, Abst. 1926, J.H. Gibson, 12 s Morton; TD 5600; API #42-501-36810 Permit issued 6/9

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #904
Dodd; Sec 10 T17S R29E; 2170/S & 205/E; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 8013 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-44166

Nearburg Production Co.
Neptune 30 Fed #5
East Palmillo; Sec 30 T18S R29W; 770/N & 80/W; 10 1/2 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 11918 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44158

Percussion Petroleum Operating LLC
B & B 22 #12
North Seven Rivers; Sec 22 T19S R25E; 1966/N & 2195/E; 6 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 4000 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44161

Oxy USA WTP LP
Turkey Track 8 7 St #33
Turkey Track; Sec 9 T19S R29E; 1444/S & 570/W; 11 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 19319 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44159

Oxy USA WTP LP
Turkey Track 8 7 St #34
Turkey Track; Sec 9 T19S R29E; 1414/S & 570/W; 11 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 19383 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44160

Matador Production Co.
Stebbins 19 Fed #204
Purple Sage; Sec 19 T20S R29E; 420/S & 130/E; 11 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13991 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44167

Matador Production Co.
Charlie Sweeney State Com 31 23S 28E RB #222
Purple Sage; Sec 20 T23S R28E; 183/S & 1595/W; 1 mi SW Loving; Rot 15500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44164

BC Operating Inc.
El Presidente St X #4
Purple Sage; Sec 2 T24S R27E; 330/S & 2310/E; 4 mi SW Loving; Rot 14100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44165

Matador Production Co.
Tiger 14 24S 28E RB #201
Purple Sage; Sec 14 T24S R28E; 429/N & 330/E; 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14900 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44162

Matador Production Co.
Tiger 14 24S 28E RB #221
Purple Sage; Sec 14 T24S R28E; 428/N & 300/E; 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15700 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44163

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Stratojet 31 State Com #7
North Berry; Sec 31 T20S R35E; 800/S & 1820/W; 14 1/2 mi SE Halfway; Rot 16272 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43792

EOG Resources Inc.
Nectarine 13 St #501
North Berry; Sec 13 T21S R33E; 230/N & 330/W; 13 mi SE Halfway; Rot 18326 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43793

GMT Exploration Co. LLC
Squeeze State Com #2
Ojo Chiso; Sec 2 T22S R34E; 200/S & 1700/W; 12 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15850 Bone Spring; API #30-25-43800

Apache Corp.
Onion Knight State #205
Ojo Chiso; Sec 3 T22S R34E; 150/S & 780/W; 13 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15099 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43801

Apache Corp.
Onion Knight State #206
Ojo Chiso; Sec 3 T22S R34E; 150/S & 1750/W; 13 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15167 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43802

Apache Corp.
Onion Knight State #207
South Ojo Chiso; Sec 3 T22S R34E; 150/S & 1675/E; 13 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15059 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43803

EOG Resources Inc.
Osprey 10 #603
East Red Hills; Sec 10 T25S R34E; 328/S & 1618/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 19489 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43795

EOG Resources Inc.
Osprey 10 #604
East Red Hills; Sec 10 T25S R34E; 166/S & 2041/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 19540 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43796

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Irion County

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Brushy East #3046O
Spraberry (Trend Area); 634 fsl, 710 fwl, Sec 3046, Blk 24, Abst. 904, H&TC RR, 19.9 nw Barnhart; TD 8850; Comp 5/21/2017; producing from 5057-8514; fracture stimulated; pump 56 BO, 212 MCF, 111 BW, 39.3 Oil Gravity. API #42-235-36104

Runnels County

Enrich Oil Corporation
Cuatro #1
Winters Southwest (Upper Canyon); 467 fsl, 467 fel, Sec 55, Blk 63, Abst. 298, HT&B RR, 4 sw Winters; TD 4341; Comp 5/21/2017; producing from 3486-3489, treated with acid; pump 18 BO, 18 MCF, 40 Oil Gravity. API #42-399-35365

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Andrews County

Texland Petroleum LP
Cullen #1H
Dempsey Creek (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2142 fwl, 1050 fsl, Sec 8, Blk A-31, Abst 448, PSL, 21 sw Seminole; TD 4566 TVD, 10291 MD; Comp 5/15/2017; producing from 5015-10085, fracture stimulated; pump 270 BO, 1400 BW, 33 Oil Gravity. API #42-003-47491

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #7324
Fullerton; 11916 fsl, 15122 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 13, Abst. 397U, ULS, 16.4 nw Andrews; TD 7332; Comp 5/15/2017; producing from 6612-7176, fracture stimulated; pump 26 BO, 39 MCF, 412 BW, 41.5 Oil Gravity. API #42-003-47445

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #2515
Fullerton; 29123 fsl, 10869 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 13, Abst. 399U, ULS, 17 nw Andrews; TD 7312; Comp 5/22/2017; producing from 6639-7190, fracture stimulated; pump 152 BO, 113 MCF, 684 BW, 41.5 Oil Gravity. API #42-003-47440

Ector County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Henderson #1
Cowden South (Canyon 8790)-Horizontal; 249 fsl, 1661 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 42, T-2-S, Abst. 117, T&P RR, 3.3 w Odessa; TD 10116 TVD, 10156 MD; Comp 5/18/2017; producing from 8850-9450, treated with acid; pump 1 BO, 1 MCF, 32 Oil Gravity. API #42-135-43485

New Mexico

Eddy County

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Nosler 12 Federal LJ #7
Fren; Sec 12 T17S R31E; 2080/S & 152/W BHL: 1681/S & 1648/E; EL 3961 GL, TD 8909 MD, 5439 TVD; Spud 1-24-17, Comp 3-8-17; production is through treated perfs: 5283-5361. Treat: 2159 bbls 15% acid, 72659 bbls SW, 925261# 100 mesh, 949030# 40/70 WS. 535880# 40/70 CRC-C. IP: 3-21-17 Pump 24 hrs 332 BO, 1419 BW, 145 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 766 w/700 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2008 w/685 sx, 7 @ 4826 w/450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4826-8909 w/315 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4675. API #30-015-43907

COG Operating LLC
Clydesdale 1 Fee #5
Penasco Draw; Sec 1 T19S R25E; 2135/S & 150/E. BHL: 2282/S & 384/W; EL 3401 GR, TD 7541, PBTD 7518; Spud 7-18-16, Comp 10-22-16; production is through treated perfs: 3132-7498. Treat: Acdz w/95,004 gals 15%, Frac w/4,432,302 Aqua Stim, 203,700 trt wtr, 1,440,418# 100 mesh, 2,324,638# 40/70 Arizona Sd, 490,242# 40/70 CRC. IP: 11-14-16 Pump 24 hrs 358 BO, 21010 BW, 215 MCF, GOR 601, Gty 42. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1283 w/1050 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7541 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2278; API #30-015-43659

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 22 Federal Com #6-Y
Cotton Draw; Sec 22 T24S R29E; 1040/S & 207/W. BHL: 881/S & 177/E; EL 2939 GL, TD 13405 MD, 8850 TVD, PBTD 13346 MD, 8849 TVD; Spud 9-27-16, Comp 11-24-16; production is through treated perfs: 8610-13196. Treat: 934920 gals slick water, 29968 gals 15% HCL acid, 2225076 gals crosslink w/6499840# sd. IP: 12-1-16 Flow 24 hrs 515 BO, 1562 BW, 1409 MCF, 27/64" Ch, CP 1160, GOR 2736. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 435 w/740 sx, 7 5/8 @ 8163 w/1300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 8957, 4 1/2 @ 8957-13397 w/540 sx; API #30-015-43906

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #54
South Cotton Draw; Sec 1 T25S R31E; 10/S & 1650/W. BHL: 220/S & 1640/W; EL 3452 GL, TD 18,200 MD, 8304 TVD; Spud 11-1-16, Comp 4-4-17; production is through treated perfs: 8457-18051. Treat: 756 gals acid, 10,011,000# prop. IP: 4-17-17 Pump 24 hrs 268 BO, 2797 BW, 381 MCF, GOR 1422. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 747 w/1015 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4381 w/1475 sx, 5 1/2 @ 18,200 w/2430 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7902; API #30-015-43848

COG Producing LLC
Copperhead 31 Fee #3
Purple Sage; Sec 30 T26S R29E; 349/N & 773/E. BHL: 1980/N & 656/E; EL 2941 GL, TD 17495, PBTD 17340; Spud 11-3-16, Comp 2-17-17; production is through perfs: 10916-17324. IP: 2-17-17 Flow 24 hrs 81 BO, 2990 BW, 1641 MCF, 23/64" Ch, TP 3300, CP 3600. Csg: 16 @ 414 w/400 sx, 10 1/2 @ 2801 w/1250 sx, 7 5/8 @ 10015 w/1325 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17445 w/1500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9561; API #30-015-43924

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Flat Head Federal Com #15
West Maljamar; Sec 14 T17S R32E; 940/N & 2440/E. BHL: 370/N & 2292/E; EL 4088 GL, TD 11825 MD, 5901 TVD, PBTD 11737; Spud 12-15-16, Comp 3-23-17; production is through treated perfs: 6197-11717 Treat: Acdz w/122,976 gals 15% acid, Frac w/427,434 gals trt wtr, 6,051,360 gals slick wtr. IP: 4-11-7 Pump 24 hrs 177 BO, 4551 BW, 121 MCF, GOR 684, Gty 42. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1130 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2852 w/850 sx, 7 @ 5209, 5 @ 11805 w/3150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6132; API #30-025-43151

COG Operating LLC
Pan Head Fee #24
West Maljamar; Sec 2 T17S R32E; 85/S & 2180/W. BHL: Sec 14 944/N & 2285/W; EL 4173 GR, TD 12,833, PBTD 12,765; Spud 11-16-16, Comp 3-30-17; production is through treated perfs: 7025-12,745. Treat: Acdz 36 stages w/142,582 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/11,105,808 gals slick wtr, 925,680 gals trt wtr, 13,599,231# 100 mesh sd, 6,468,040# 40/70 Arizona sd, 1,426,200# 40/70 CRC. IP: 4-11-17 Pump 24 hrs 182 BO, 2538 BW, 156 MCF, GOR 857, Gty 42. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1131 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2820 w/700 sx, 7 @ 5828, 5 1/2 @ 12,833 w/2800 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6057; API #30-025-42820

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Lea Unit #34
Lea; Sec 13 T20S R34E; 2/N & 1690/E. BHL: 330/N & 1750/E; EL 3658 GL, TD 15548 MD, 10960 TVD, PBTD 15548 MD, 10960 TVD; Spud 10-7-15, Comp 11-9-15; production is through treated perfs: 11337-15548. Treat: Frac w/45,531 gals 10% acid, 468,750# 100 mesh, 3,015,000# 30/50 white, 1,170,000# 30/50 oil plus & 116,256 bbls slick water. IP: 12-3-15 Flow 24 hrs 1489 BO, 667 BW, 1364 MCF, 29/64" Ch, CP 1100, GOR 916, Gty 44. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1818 w/1800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5400 w/23424 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15603 w/2750 sx; API #30-025-42344

Marshall & Winston Inc.
Loco Dinero 36 State Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 36 T21S R33E; 330/N & 660/E. BHL: 332/S & 557/E; EL 3644 GR, TD 15307, PBTD 15267; Spud 7-9-16, Comp 10-5-16; production is through treated perfs: 10920-15225. Treat: Acdz w/67964 gals 15% HCl acid, Frac w/1939520# 100 mesh, 351092# 30/50 Prem, 392818O# 40/70 Prem, 1504728# 40/70 Econo Prop. IP: 11-12-16 Flow 24 hrs 501 BO 1589 BW, 444 MCF, 58/64" Ch, TP 310, CP 1064, GOR 864, Gty 39.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1843 w/1560 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5599 w/3300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15307 w/2745 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10110; API #30-025-41856

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UTPB Receives Grant to Assist Students in rural West Texas

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin has received a grant in the amount of $207,120 from the Greater Texas Foundation Scholars (GTFS). UTPB is committed to increasing retention and graduation rates for incoming Early College High School (ECHS) students in the rural West Texas region. The GTFS grant will allow UTPB to offer partner school districts the opportunity for personnel professional development so that they can implement high performing ECHS models. In addition, it will pay tuition and textbook costs for students in these school districts who are partnered with Texas State Technical College (TSTC). Finally, the GTFS funds will be used to hire a Transition Coach.

A Transition Coach will help address the large number of students at UTPB partner schools who are academically well-prepared for college but who do not enroll. In addition, the transition coach will work closely with staff and leaders at the partner schools to increase the proportion of college-ready students who wish to apply and enroll in at UTPB. When ECHS students join the UTPB family, the transition coach will continue to provide social and emotional support.

" This grant will allow UTPB to embrace innovative solutions to benefit students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to earn college credit simply because of where they live."

—W David Watts
President, UT PermianBasin

"The UTPB Greater Texas Foundation Scholars grant will assist UTPB with effectively addressing the needs of Early College High School students and school district personnel," said Lillian Porter, senior program coordinator for the ECHS Program. "Meeting these students' needs will advance the mission of the university and will hopefully build the student population of UTPB for years to come."

Texas' first entirely virtual early college high school began as a partnership between The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Presidio Independent School District. The partnership now includes the following West Texas districts: Presidio, Balmorhea, Marfa, Rankin, Wink-Loving, Kermit, Pecos-Barstow-Toyah, Slaton and one urban ECHS school district partner, Ector County ISD.

"This grant will allow UTPB to embrace innovative solutions to benefit students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to earn college credit simply because of where they live," said David Watts, president of UTPB. "We hope this program serves as a model to expand higher education in rural Texas."

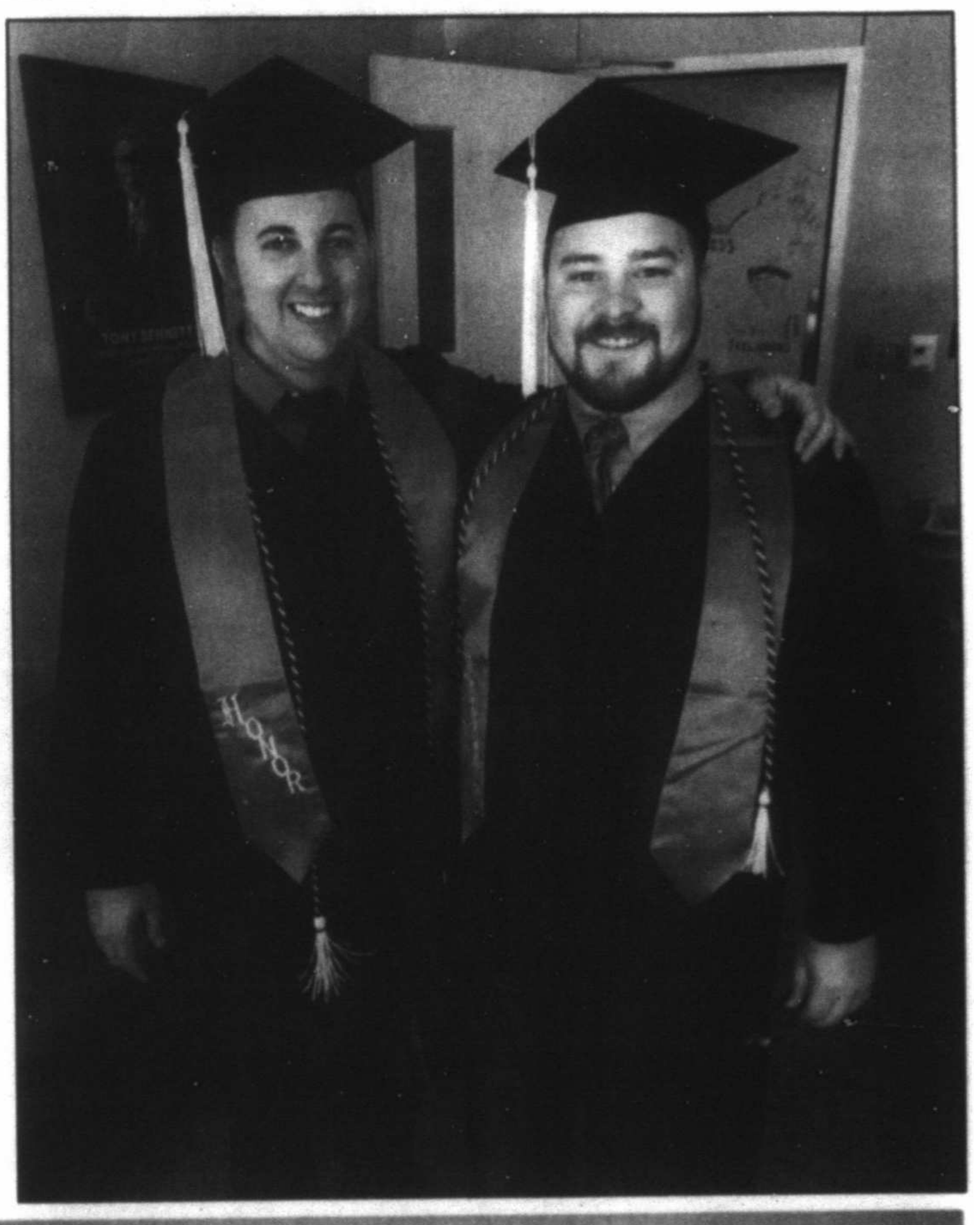
UTPB's innovations in online education and creative partnerships with area school districts have made secondary and postsecondary education a real possibility for students whose location and circumstances would have previously precluded such an opportunity. For students who consider finishing at UTPB, 52 undergraduate degree plans are available.

For more information about this program, contact Dr. Lillian Porter at 432-552-3103.

Falcon updates



Above: The UTPB Music Program has received a $5,000 scholarship for orchestra students from the Permian Basin Youth Chaverim. The scholarship will help recruit and retain cellists and double basses for the University Philharmonic Orchestra in 2017-18. Students who play the cello or double bass should inquire about this new scholarship at Music@UTPB.EDU. Pictured are President David Watts, Dr. Paul Feit representing the Permian Basin Youth Chaverim, and the director of the University Philharmonic, Dr. Tom Hohstadt.



Right: Congratulations to Spring 2017 UTPB Bachelor of Music graduates Texas King and Jeb Harris who were awarded the Texas Music Educators Association's "College Music Educator Award"! The Texas Music Educators Association is one of the largest professional music associations in the world. The criteria for the award is to have a 3.5 or better overall GPA, be a music education major, and the nominees needed to show evidence of non-mandatory music instruction or have been significantly involved in the local music education community. Best of luck in their music education career!

Don't miss out! UTPB Falcon Football Season Tickets on sale NOW!

New season ticket packages for the 2017 UT Permian Basin football season are currently available for just $50.

The Falcons return to action for their second season of football at Ratliff Stadium at 6 p.m. Saturday, September 2 against Sul Ross. UTPB will be home five different times this season, with four games in Odessa and one contest at Grande Stadium in Midland.

All home games this season are scheduled to kick off at 6 p.m.

New football season ticket packages can be purchased online by visiting utpbfalcons.com/tickets, calling ETix at 800-514-3849, or by visiting the Wagner-Noel Performing Arts Center Box Office from noon-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

JOIN THE FALCON CLUB

The best seats at UTPB football games are only available to members of the Falcon Athletic Club. Tickets between the 40 yard lines are available to members at the $500 level and above, and additional season tickets are available at $100 per season ticket. Premium season tickets include parking close to the stadium and a pre-game meal before each game.

UTPB FALCONS FOOTBALL 2017

Home Game Schedule

September 2 vs Sul Ross
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October 28 vs. Midwestern State (Midland)
November 11 vs. Angelo State

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JAMES KNIPE
Vice President Commercial Lending

West Texas National Bank's President and CEO, Keith Moore, announced today the hiring of James Knipe as Vice President of Commercial Lending to shore up WTNB's expanding commercial lending efforts.

A Midland native, Knipe joins WTNB with strong ties to the Permian Basin. Knipe will assist in expanding WTNB's commercial development activities through his expertise with all facets of commercial real estate, including development, construction, asset management and disposition.

Active in the Midland and Odessa communities, Knipe will also support WTNB's pursuit to continue its expansion into new market segments and geographical areas.

"We are looking forward to the opportunities that James can bring to the table for both our customers and WTNB," Keith Moore stated. "His knowledge of our local area, its cycles and deep involvement with his customer base will be extremely complementary to our existing Commercial Real Estate Team."

"Having begun my career at WTNB as an intern several years ago," Knipe explains, "allows me the opportunity to hit the ground running. I am excited about being back and appreciate the long-term considerations, banking culture and growth that WTNB offers both me and my customers."

Knipe earned a Master of Business Degree in Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies along with his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Finance from Texas Tech University.

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