

MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018

mrt★com

320,000 readers in print and online

HEALTH + WELLNESS

Nine ways to avoid holiday weight gain while eating and drinking merrily.

Page 1B



CHEEZ-IT BOWL

The newly named Cheez-It Bowl has a history of points coming in bunches, with six of the past seven producing at least one team scoring 30 points or more. This year's might be lucky to have 30 combined points.

Page 1C

UT endowment passes Yale with help from oil

■ Texas A&M's increases to \$13.5 billion

By Michael McDonald
Bloomberg

Oil has been very good to university endowments in Texas.

It was so good in the year through June 30 that the University of Texas saw the value of its endowment reach \$31 billion, surpassing Yale to become the second-largest endowment in U.S. higher education, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

The endowment was fueled by mineral rights from land it controls in the Permian Basin. It's an area bigger than Delaware

that has emerged in the past decade as the world's fastest growing oil-producing region due to advances in hydraulic fracturing. The state system shares the mineral rights revenue with Texas A&M University, which saw its endowment value surge to \$13.5 billion.

The boom may recede as the price of a barrel of oil has tumbled by 40 percent from a high this year of \$76 in October. Still, endowment performance out of the Lone Star state is a testament to the influence of the Permian. A small school in Abilene with a big energy bet produced one of the best returns in higher education in fiscal 2018. Most universities began reporting fiscal 2018 endowment investment returns in the fall.

"It's very common in Texas to have a

lot of exposure to energy," said Christian Busken, a senior vice president who oversees real asset investments at Fund Evaluation Group in Cincinnati. "Fortunes are made and lost but if you play it in the right way it can be a great long-term investment."

Mineral rights, which can be split from holdings of the surface property, convey ownership of the underground gas, oil and other natural resources. They are a common asset at Texas colleges. The two public systems receive royalties from land the state designates for higher education while other schools are often given mineral rights by donors.

Mineral rights are also seen as a relatively low-risk way to get exposure to energy and generate income compared with

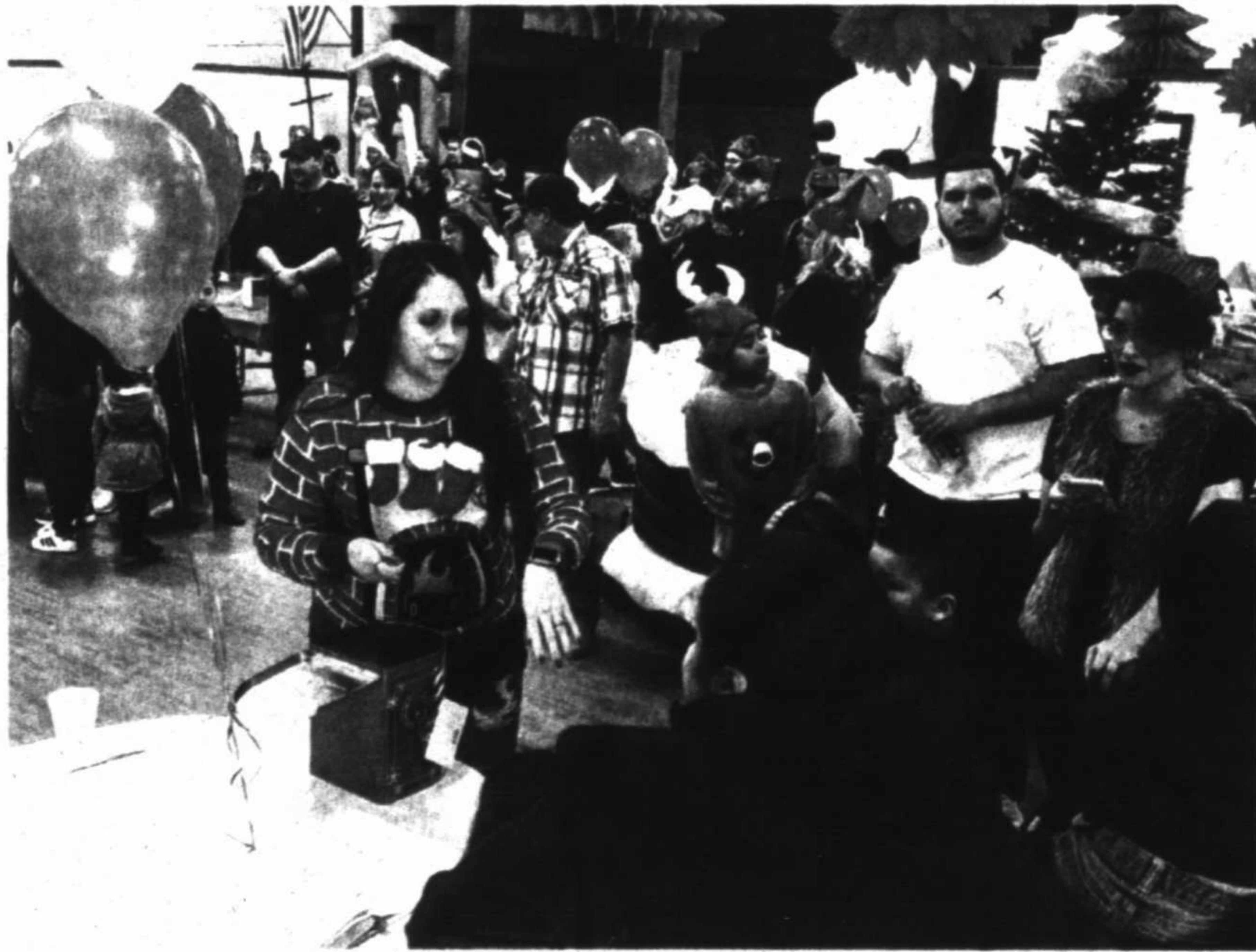
buying shares in drillers or taking stakes through private equity funds.

The University of Texas controls 2.1 million acres of land in the Permian, which generated a record 5.3 million barrels in July as drillers built longer and longer horizontal wells to frac. The companies paid out a little more than \$1 billion of royalties to the state school endowments in the year through August, the most since 2014 when oil prices topped \$100 a barrel.

"The oil has always been there," said Mark Houser, chief executive officer of University Lands, the state system's arm that leases and oversees the companies drilling on the properties. "Really it's the

Please see ENDOWMENTS/2A

MEAL WITH A MESSAGE



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Nancy Ivy, whose parents founded the Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry, hands out tickets Monday for families to receive gifts after the annual Christmas meal. **More photos on 2A**

NY man holds solitary vigil in Tornillo

By Jeff Dingler
Special To Washington Post

Joshua Rubin, a lifelong New Yorker, was outraged about children being separated from their parents at the Mexican border. The final straw was the massive tent city of detained migrant teenagers in

a tiny Texas town straddling the desert and the Rio Grande.

So he climbed into his camper, kissed his wife and adult son, and made the 2,200-mile drive from New York to Tornillo.

"I was sure there'd be lots of people protesting," said Rubin, a 67-year-old software engineer who lives in Brooklyn.

Once he arrived in mid-October, however, Rubin found there weren't as many people protesting as he'd hoped. In fact, on many days, he's the only one.

It's been more than two months, and Rubin has become a fixture outside the vast detention site, a one-man vigil.

Please see VIGIL/2A

Crude spirals to 17-month low amid economic concerns

By Jessica Summers
Bloomberg

Crude dropped to the lowest since July 2017 as concerns over a weaker global economy and turbulence in Washington overshadowed signals from OPEC that it may deepen output cuts.

Futures declined as much as 3.3 percent in New York as U.S. stocks tumbled to the lowest in more than a year, with investors assessing the threat to the economy from a government shutdown. In the oil market, traders are skeptical that OPEC's output cuts will be enough to balance supply and demand. The U.S. benchmark is down about 16 percent since the producer group announced the agreement.

"As stocks get taken down and there is nervousness across financial markets, it's just undercutting prices here," said John Kilduff, a partner at New York-based hedge fund Again Capital. "The demand outlook continues to be called into question."

The U.S. benchmark crude is on track for a 13 percent decline this month. OPEC agreed to cut output along with allies at a meeting earlier this month, and the UAE's energy minister signaled additional curbs could be discussed. Yet, crude's descent has deepened as investors doubt the reductions will be sufficient to dent supply levels, with U.S. crude output still above 11 million barrels a day on a weekly basis.

At the same time, an ongoing trade war between the U.S. and China and the Federal Reserve's rate policy are causing concerns over global economic growth. The S&P 500 index sank 1.8 percent, with its energy index shedding 3.2 percent.

Please see CRUDE/2A



Did you know?

Amid the tragedies of 2018 were moments of compassion and duty. **Page 4A**

The big number

With "Aquaman's" opening weekend of \$68 million, those who think Netflix is hurting theaters may need to think again. **Page 5A**

Word of the Day:

hibernal
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on **Page 3A**

Brought to you daily by



Vol. 90, No. 290
Daily \$2, Sunday \$3



63647 00001 6

Classified 1D | Comics 6C | Dear Abby 5C | Lottery 3A | Obituaries 2B | Puzzles 7C | Sports 1C | TV 5C | Weather 3A

God bless you during this wonderful season when we remember the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. As the word says, "He is Lord."

Cathy Eastman



Photo courtesy of Joshua Rubin

Joshua Rubin demonstrates in front of the detention center for juvenile migrants in Tornillo.

VIGIL

From 1A

holding signs that read "Free them" and "Estamos de tu lado" ("We're on your side"). He wants to show the migrant children that they are not forgotten, that people like him care.

His often solitary vigil in the desert is a measure of one man's commitment to a cause.

Rubin documents what he sees, and from his command center in his camper he posts to social media and attempts to bring other protesters to Tornillo. He also tries to be a friendly face — albeit from afar for the teens.

"I wave as they go in, and I wave as they go out," Rubin said.

When he sees them enter for the first time, he said, he finds it emotional because they have no idea what lies ahead.

"It's hard on the heart," he said.

The Tornillo migrant detention camp houses teens between ages 13 and 17, most of whom crossed the border unaccompanied and are waiting to be reunited with parents, relatives or other sponsors as their immigration cases are processed. The amount of time it takes to vet potential sponsors for unaccompanied minors continues to grow. As of November, the average time a child spends in federal custody is 90 days, but many have been in Tornillo much longer. The Trump administration recently eased screening of potential sponsors, a change aimed at speeding the release of minors.

When Rubin started his protest, there were about 1,000 teens there. Last week the estimate was closer to 3,000.

At Tornillo, Rubin has been documenting the transformation of the tent city into a semi-permanent site with its own soccer field and commissary.

"Tents have been added. Hard shelters have been added. They bring in generators constantly," he said.

The detention camp in Tornillo has been under increasing criticism after a report that the camp's more than 2,000 employees had not been given FBI background checks, a violation of the guidelines of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Some of what Rubin posts to his Facebook page — Witness: Tornillo — are his interactions with children inside the camp.

"When I've actually exchanged a few words with the kids, they indicated that they weren't particularly happy, and they also indicated that they'd spent a lot of time there," Rubin said.

"I asked how long they've stayed, and a few kids called out: three months, four months, five months. Some have been there since the camp was first set up back in June."

Talking to the kids has become more difficult since about two weeks into his protest, when the chain-link and barbed-wire fence that surrounds the site was covered over with tarps of black plastic to prevent him and others from looking in.

The teens inside the Tornillo detention camp are heavily supervised by camp workers and guards. The children walk single file throughout the camp

and aren't allowed to go anywhere independently. Outside of soccer, the only form of physical contact allowed between the children is a fist bump; they aren't allowed to hug each other.

The Tornillo detention site is one of the largest of all the facilities housing migrants and was established by the Trump administration in June to deal with an overflow of migrant detainees. That decision came during the peak of the president's "zero tolerance" immigration crackdown, which separated around 2,500 migrant children from their parents and caused a national uproar.

Trump changed course and halted family separations on June 20, but the number of migrants crossing the border has risen in recent months. There are about 14,600 children in the custody of HHS, the highest number in the agency's history.

Rubin has a front-row seat to this from his RV, which is parked in the unused Tornillo-Guadalupe Toll Plaza in front of the gate into the tent city. It lies in El Paso County, so the authorities at Tornillo Port of Entry cannot ask Rubin to leave.

Rubin says that camping in front of a detention center for two months is a new level of activism for him. The son of two teachers, Rubin came of age during the height of the Vietnam War in the late 1960s, witnessing friends either fleeing or resisting the draft.

Though he was never drafted, Rubin joined some of his high school friends in antiwar demonstrations and has remained politically active since. Over the summer, he made several trips to the border and demonstrated in Brownsville and McAllen, where he was arrested along with another protester for blocking the entrance to a detention center. Spending time in jail was a first for him.

It was only after attending a conference in El Paso called Grito de las Fronteras (Cry From the Border) that Rubin began to think about a longer stay at one of these detention centers.

"At the conference, somebody said that she was tired of people coming down for a day and thinking that they did 'something,'" Rubin said. "I started trying to imagine what it would be like if I came down for more than a day and what I would do."

That's when Rubin created Witness: Tornillo and, with the blessing of his wife and son, prepared for a longer stay.

He has emotional support from his wife, Melissa, and son, Greg, though he didn't come home for Thanksgiving or for his wife's birthday, and he plans to stay in Tornillo through the holidays and his son's 30th birthday.

He says he's making progress. People have been reaching out to him, and some have even come down to stay a night or two in their own vehicles, something Rubin says wasn't happening when he arrived.

In mid-November, Rubin got a temporary boost when about 70 protesters came from across the country, many of them Jewish congregants led by their rabbis. This month, actress and activist Alyssa Milano interviewed Rubin while she was visiting the detention site.

Since October, the Witness: Tornillo Facebook page has gone from 67 members to more than 3,000.

"It's also becoming an effective organizing tool," said Rubin, who used the page to assemble a quick rally on Dec. 15 at the same time a Democratic congressional delegation that included Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, was visiting the detention site.

"It's no accident that this is in Tornillo," O'Rourke said to reporters after he toured the site. "It's in a remote location on purpose so the American people don't know what's happening here."

O'Rourke returned to the site Sunday and talked with a group of protesters who were singing Christmas carols for the detainees. O'Rourke said he's heard progress is being made toward shutting down the detention center. He thanked "Josh" and the others who have spent time protesting at the site.

Rubin used social media to help bring volunteers to the Christmas in Tornillo event, which started Sunday and is scheduled to last until New Year's Day. Volunteers are making an art installation of thousands of colorful paper flowers — one for each minor detained inside — that will be placed in front of the camp.

The flowers are being created and mailed by people all around the country, from churches to Girl Scout troops.

Rubin said social media will be the key to continuing the demonstrations long after his stay there is over. "I can't do this forever," he said.

There is an online Tornillo Witnessing Sign-up sheet for people to volunteer three to four days in front of the tent city and record what they see. Rubin said volunteers are starting to line up.

"Three months is basically what I signed up for," he said, adding he plans to leave Jan. 6. "And because of (the other volunteers), it looks like I'm going to be able to leave by then."

Dingler is a senior writer for *Saratoga Living*, a magazine based in Upstate New York. He's also a professional musician.

ENDOWMENTS

From 1A

technology that's enabled us to open up more wells."

Royalties flow into a fund that is controlled by University of Texas Investment Management Co., which invests in stocks, bonds and alternative assets. About 5 percent a year is paid out to support the state schools.

While Yale University now trails Texas with an endowment of \$29.4 billion, it's still by one measure richer because it has about a third of the student body to support.

Other schools that have benefited include Texas Christian University. The school in Fort Worth has 10 percent of its \$1.6 billion endowment allocated to energy, with more than two-thirds in mineral rights it received from donors, said James Hille, the investing chief.

Abilene Christian University committed a quarter of its \$450 million endowment to energy, including a big bet on the Permian region. The fund gained 15.8 percent in fiscal 2018, better than most wealthy U.S. colleges and eking past Bowdoin College's 15.7 percent return.

Abilene Christian had a mix of energy investments when it decided in 2013 to ramp up its exposure with shares in Texas Pacific Land Trust, which controls vast

tracts of land in the Delaware Basin in the western region of the Permian. The move proved prescient as Texas Pacific became the hottest oil stock from the U.S. shale boom, climbing more than 2,200 percent from 2010 before prices corrected in October.

The university had so much conviction in the investment it lifted its limit on how much the endowment may own in one company, said Jack Rich, the chief investment officer. A 3 percent commitment was increased to 11 percent this year and generated a 130 percent gain, he said.

"That's off the rails," said Rich, who's worked for the university's administration for 28 years, creating an investment office about a decade ago. "We took some risk there."

It's rare for school funds to hold more than single-digit allocations to energy, said Fund Evaluation's Busken. Many endowments and foundations have cut oil and gas under pressure to divest from fossil fuels.

Rich said Abilene Christian is diversifying into wind, solar and other sustainable energy producers. It's also holding a position in Texas Pacific, even as the share price has tumbled with oil prices.

"Our edge is our willingness to buy into what we know, and that's the energy market," Rich said.

KITCHEN CHRISTMAS

PHOTOS BY TIM FISCHER | REPORTER-TELEGRAM



TOP: Meals are prepared to serve more than 800 people Monday during the annual Christmas meal at Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry. **TOP LEFT:** More than 500 gifts for children were donated, wrapped and ready to be given out. **BOTTOM LEFT:** More than 100 volunteers, many with Matthews Martial Arts, deliver plates.

CRUDE

From 1A

The declines were led by Hess Corp., which lost 8.4 percent, the most in almost three years, after Venezuelan forces temporarily halted ships working at a formation Hess and ExxonMobil are developing offshore Guyana.

"The main input over the weekend has been the continued intervention by OPEC members," said Olivier Jakob, managing director at Petromatrix.

"For now, those statements are ignored by the market because we are in this bearish cycle."

West Texas Intermediate for February delivery fell \$1.27 to \$44.32 a barrel at 12:07 p.m. on the New York Mercantile Exchange after earlier falling to as low as \$44.10 a barrel. Total volume traded Monday was about 42 percent below the 100-day average ahead of the Christmas holiday Tuesday. WTI futures are down about 42 percent from an early-October high near \$77 a

barrel.

Brent for February settlement dipped \$1.36 to \$52.46 a barrel on London's ICE Futures Europe exchange. The global benchmark crude traded at an \$8.12 premium to WTI.

Suhail Al Mazrouei, the UAE's energy minister, said that OPEC has the option to hold an extraordinary meeting to decide on more output cuts if the

current one isn't enough. At a press briefing in Kuwait, ministers from Iraq, the U.A.E. and Algeria took turns repeating the message that OPEC will deliver its production curbs and continue to work with its allies.

As for OPEC's cuts, "they have to follow through on their rhetoric in a significant way" in order for the price decline to stop, Kilduff said.

**DAILY PROMISE
BROUGHT TO YOU BY**



Psalm 35:1-3

Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me;
Fight against those who fight against me.
Take hold of buckler and shield
And rise up for my help.
Draw also the spear and the battle-axe to meet
those who pursue me; Say to my soul,
"I am your salvation."

Fun Facts Sponsored by
FRANKLIN FOLIAGE
LANDSCAPING

"Serving West Texas Since 1981"

685-3521

franklinfoliage.com

Call us today to create the garden of your dreams!

Women have twice as many pain receptors on their body than men.

Some worms will eat themselves if they can't find any food.

WORD OF THE DAY
brought to you daily by



hibernal
[hahy-bur-nl]
adjective

1. of or relating to winter.
wintery.



Midland Reporter-Telegram
AT YOUR SERVICE

ISSN 0890-8932
A Hearst Newspaper
Published each morning by the
Hearst Midland Reporter-Telegram
Division, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland,
TX 79701. Periodicals postage paid at
Midland, TX 79711. POSTMASTER:
Send address changes to the
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E.
Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

MAIN SWITCHBOARD
432-682-5311

PUBLISHER
Jeffrey Shabram 687-8880
jshabram@mrt.com

NEWSROOM
EDITOR
Stewart Doreen 687-8856
sdoreen@mrt.com

MANAGING EDITOR
Mary Dearen 687-8852
mdcare@mrt.com

SPORTS EDITOR
Oscar LeRoy 687-8809
oleroy@mrt.com

OIL EDITOR
Mella McEwen 687-8860
mmcwen@mrt.com

PHOTO EDITOR
Tim Fischer 687-8833
tfischer@mrt.com

FEATURES EDITOR
Rick Lopez 687-8859
rlopez@mrt.com

ONLINE EDITOR
Mercedes Cordero 687-8850
mcordero@mrt.com

CIRCULATION
CUSTOMER SERVICE
688-2700

DIRECTOR
Sharon Heckler 687-8829
sheckler@mrt.com

ADVERTISING
VP OF ADVERTISING
David Robbins 687-8808
david.robbs@hearstmp.com

SALES MANAGER
Chad Anderson 687-8813
canderson@mrt.com

RETAIL ADS
682-5311, ext. 4

CLASSIFIED ADS
682-6222 / 682-6999 (fax)
mrtclassified@mrt.com

PRODUCTION
MANAGER
John Maddox 687-8844
jmaddox@mrt.com

COMPUTER SERVICES
MANAGER
Brett Hrebick 687-8842
bhrebick@hearstmp.com

ACCOUNTING
MANAGER
Shenee Clary 687-8873
sclary@hearstmp.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I submit an announcement for a wedding or engagement?
weddings@mrt.com

How can I submit an obituary?
Email: obits@mrt.com
Phone: 687-8815

How can I handle a billing problem?
Circulation: 688-2700
Advertising: 687-8806

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & holidays:
7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Call us at 682-6999 if your newspaper has not arrived by delivery time 10 a.m. Monday through Friday. If you are outside our delivery area, please call us at 682-6999. For additional information, please contact our circulation department. Outside the city delivery area, we will apply a credit to your account or refund the next day.

Please note: The publisher reserves the right to modify the cost of individual orders and/or subscriptions at any time.

HOME DELIVERY
All subscriptions payable in advance.
7 day minimum delivery only: \$1.25 per week.
Monthly delivery fee: \$1.00 per week.
Sunday only fee: \$1.75 per week.

Mail rates - Texas
Daily/weekly: \$4.00 per week
Monthly: \$12.00 per month
Sunday only: \$1.75 per week

Mail rates - Other U.S.A.
Daily/weekly: \$5.25 per week
Monthly: \$15.00 per month
Sunday only: \$2.00 per week

Outside mail and other subscription rates furnished upon request.

NOTICE: All subscriptions include delivery of 11 Houston Chronicle editions throughout the week. They will be changed at an additional fee of \$1.00 per week. For additional information, please contact our circulation department. Outside the city delivery area, we will apply a credit to your account or refund the next day.

Please be subject to change. The circulation department will make every effort to make a correction if it is a mistake for our readers. When a price change or frequency change occurs, each subscriber will be notified by mail or email based on the credit balance on their account.

Holiday trash

From now until Jan. 7, the city of Midland trash pickup will be once a week.
Adjust the way you use dumpsters the next couple of weeks. It's a good idea to use dumpsters for trash consisting of food scraps and anything biodegradable. That means items that will decay and smell bad. So, produce, meat and bones, dairy, those types of items should be thrown like usual. But please hang on to wrapping paper and boxes from Christmas presents. They can wait till trash pickups increases again on Jan. 7.

Also, boxes from Christmas presents, packaging and No. 1 and 2 plastics can be recycled, reduced or reused. Please be certain to tie your trash bags so no trash escapes. And if your dumpster gets full, please hold all trash till it's emptied. Over stuffing dumpsters leads to litter.
Source: Keep Midland Beautiful

Things to do

- Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. Barnesandnoble.com.
- Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.
- Pool tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway.
- Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway, Free.
- Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com.

Gas prices

Gasoline prices in Midland-Odessa have fallen 6.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.49 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 156 stations in Midland-Odessa.
Average gas prices on Dec. 24 in Midland-Odessa since 2013 are: \$3.01 in 2013, \$2.27 in 2014, \$1.82 in 2015, \$2.12 in 2016, \$2.45 in 2017 and \$2.49 this year.
Other averages include: \$1.84 in Lubbock and Amarillo and \$1.99 in Texas.
"Gas prices broadly continue to move lower across much of the country as oil prices continue to melt away," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "31 states now are seeing at least

TODAY IN MIDLAND
FBC'S LIVE NATIVITY



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

First Baptist Church staged a live Nativity on Dec. 8.

one price under \$2 per gallon while the most common price seen across the land has dropped to \$1.99 per gallon, with over a quarter of stations in the U.S. under that psychologically important level. Americans are spending \$225 million less every day on gasoline than they did some 75 days ago."

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 2018. There are five days left in the year. The seven-day African-American holiday Kwanzaa begins today. This is Boxing Day.
Today's highlight:
On Dec. 26, 2004, more than 230,000 people, mostly in southern

Asia, were killed by a 100-foot-high tsunami triggered by a 9.1-magnitude earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean.

On this date:
In 1799, former President George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."
In 1975, the Soviet Union inaugurated the world's first supersonic transport service with a flight of its Tupolev-144 airliner from Moscow to Almaty.

In 1980, Iranian television footage was broadcast in the United States, showing a dozen of the American hostages sending messages to their families.

In 1996, 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colorado. (To date, the slaying remains unsolved.)
In 2003, an earthquake struck the historic Iranian city of Bam, killing at least 26,000 people.

Today's birthdays: Actor Carroll Spinney, (formerly Big Bird on TV's "Sesame Street"), is 85. Rhythm-and-blues singer Abdul "Duke" Fakir (The Four Tops) is 83. Record producer (and convicted murderer) Phil Spector is 79. "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh is 73. Baseball Hall of Fame catcher Carlton Fisk is 71. Retired MLB All-Star Chris Chambliss is 70. Baseball Hall of Famer Ozzie

Smith is 64. Former Sen. Even Bayh, D-Ind., is 63. Humorist David Sedaris is 62. Rock musician Lars Ulrich (Metallica) is 55. Actor-singer Jared Leto is 47. Rock singer Chris Daughtry is 39.

Kwanzaa begins

Kwanzaa is a weeklong holiday honoring African culture and traditions. It falls between Dec. 26 and Jan. 1 each year. Maulana Karenga, an African-American leader, proposed this observance, and it was first celebrated between December 1966 and January 1967. Kwanzaa is a holiday honoring the culture and traditions of people of African origin.

Lottery

- All or Nothing morning: 2-3-9-11-12-14-15-16-20-22-23-24
- All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-5-6-8-10-11-17-18-19-21
- All or Nothing evening: 1-02-4-6-9-11-12-17-19-21-22-24
- Daily 4 morning: 0-3-0-1
- Daily 4 day: 5-1-3-4
- Daily 4 evening: 5-4-5-6
- Pick 3 morning: 1-7-8
- Pick 3 day: 5-7-7
- Pick 3 evening: 5-9-8

Because of an earlier deadline, the night drawings were unavailable.

Stay connected

- facebook.com/TheReporter-Telegram
- http://bit.ly/2oWMrCy
- @midlandreportertelegram
- mrt.com
- http://bit.ly/2oWMrCy
- @mrtnews

Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High.....65
Low.....33
Normal high.....57
Normal low.....30

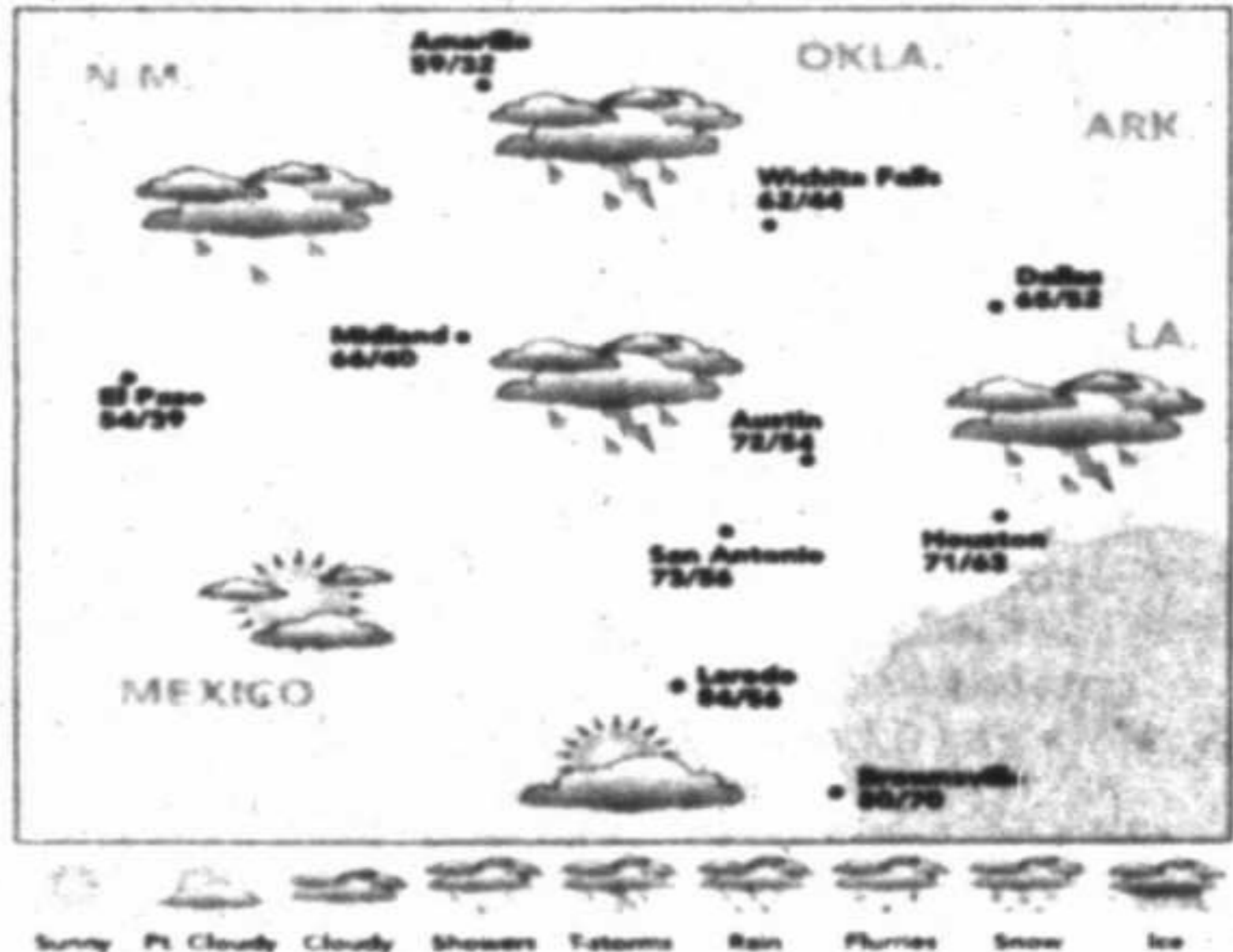
Dec. 25 records
High.....78, set in 1955
Low.....7, set in 1983

Precipitation
Monday.....0.00
Tuesday.....0.00
Month total.....0.88 inch
Year total.....17.55 inches
Normal total (year to date).....14.49 inches

Winds
Average speed.....9.2 mph
Highest sustained.....22 mph
Highest gust.....26 mph

Today's forecast
High: 66

Forecast for Wednesday, December 26, 2018



Low: 39
Conditions: Cloudy and patchy fog turning to mostly sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 20-25 mph (gusts up to 40 mph) during the day/15-20 mph (gusts up to 25 mph) at night
Chance of rain: 40 percent during the day
Sunrise: 7:47 a.m.
Sunset: 5:51 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 Capricorn and a Moon in Leo. If born before 11:50 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018:
This year, you will feel extremely invested in a partnership and/or relationship. Many of your decisions will stem from this bond. Your finances will increase in importance. If you are single, you could meet someone very different who intrigues you and exposes you to a completely new way of thinking. Your acceptance of this person will include accepting his or her lifestyle. If you are attached, your sweetie's family could play a substantial role in your year. As a couple, you might be planning your dream trip. VIRGO's fussiness could turn you off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are full of surprises, which delights many people. Important conversations need to occur early in the day. A more jovial, flexible attitude makes the dialogue. Clear out a must-do project in the afternoon. Accept someone's help. Tonight: Wind down from recent events.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be firmer than usual. Relax with a changing situation, and try not to make a judgment call yet. You might be exhausted by a demanding loved one who suddenly seems to need more of your time. Focus your creativity elsewhere. Tonight: Out late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll wake up willing to do whatever you must to share a long-term wish with a friend or family member could be awkward or difficult. Try to keep an open mind. Your sense of organization kicks in. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might choose not to reveal the whole story regarding an important tie, as you could feel awkward discussing your feelings. You have a lot to share but you are not ready to be embarrassed or judged when it comes to your feelings. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want, but don't slow yourself down by providing too many explanations. Curb careless spending. You will have to deal with the reality of your budget sooner or later. Tonight: A loved one does everything she or he can to make you happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be exhausted by someone's confrontational style, even though you generally are resilient. Perhaps this person triggers a bad memory without you realizing it. Let your imagination emerge and find a more soothing path. Tonight: Go for something naughty.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might be less lighthearted than you have been in a while. Ask yourself what needs to happen to make a situation work better. Express more of your thought process with those involved with the matter at hand. Wherever you are, people surround

you. Tonight: Catch some zzz's.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. You have a tendency to be too serious at times. Ask questions, and put yourself in someone else's shoes. This process also will help you better understand a loved one. Tonight: Give up being so serious if you want to have some fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ An early morning offer makes you smile and helps you let go of the recent frantic pace. One-on-one relating to a close loved one could punctuate your day. What you

do might not be as important as being together. Indulge each other a little. Tonight: Favorite food at a favorite place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have done more than your share to make the holidays work. Why not indulge in a day for you and a very special person in your life? The activity or your plans have very little to do with the quality of your day. Just spending time together is enough. Tonight: Where people are.

BORN TODAY
Author Henry Miller (1891), actor Kit Harington (1986), actress Eden Sher (1991)

COOL SEASON PRUNING & SHAPING

IT'S TIME TO PRUNE AND SHAPE YOUR TREES

olor edge

Contact One Of Our Certified Arborists



AP file photo

Volunteers search for human remains at a mobile home park Nov. 23 in Paradise, Calif. Task force leader Craig Covey, center left, says his team is doing a second search because there are outstanding reports of missing people whose last known address was at the mobile home park.

Amid 2018's tragedies were moments of compassion, duty

Associated Press

Deadliest shooting at an American high school: Parkland, Florida.

Deadliest U.S. wildfire in a century: Paradise, California.

Deadliest attack on Jews in American history: Pittsburgh.

The cities of Parkland, Paradise and Pittsburgh became synonymous with tragedy in 2018, a year when the nation seemed to careen from one deadly horror to another. Yet in every calamity, there were people who showed their humanity, their selfless strength and their sense of duty amid the suffering.

As the year draws to a close, Associated Press reporters on the front lines of some of the year's heartbreaking stories offer up accounts of compassion and decency.

'I CHOSE TO ACT'

Rabbi Jeffrey Myers said no class in any seminary could have prepared anyone for the role he was thrust into.

Myers was leading Shabbat services when gunfire erupted inside his Pittsburgh synagogue Oct. 27. After helping others to safety, Myers turned back and raced up the stairs to a choir loft, where he called 911. Seven members of his Tree of Life congregation and four others in the building were killed.

As the Jewish community grieved, Myers took a leading role during public memorials and presided over seven funerals in the space of less than a week.

"I really had two choices when it came down to how to respond," Myers said. "One of them was ... curl up with a bottle of scotch. The second choice was to act upon it. I chose to act upon it."

His response inspired Tree of Life congregants, including retired psychiatrist Joe Charny, 90.

"There's no question that he's been super, and it's hard to imagine that anybody could have done a better job," Charny said. "He has the right touch. He has maintained through all this a sense of humor. I don't know how he's done that."

Myers has vowed to no longer use the word "hate." "To me, that's the mission that has come out of this, that for 11 beautiful people to have not died in vain," the rabbi said. "The conversation about hate speech in America must be elevated and it must gain attention, because that type of speech leads to action such as what happened at my synagogue."

By AP writer Mark Scalfaro in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

A MORBID BUT CRITICAL TASK

It was the week before Thanksgiving when Craig Covey got the call for what would be his most difficult mission as a search-and-rescue team leader: picking through the ashes of Paradise for human remains.

It was a morbid but critical task.

A wildfire that swept

through Nov. 8 all but obliterated Paradise, once home to 27,000 people. To find and identify the 86 dead, authorities had to call on searchers like Covey to gather up what amounted in some cases to little more than teeth, bone fragments or artificial hips. Then they had to rely on the expertise of rapid-testing DNA labs, forensic anthropologists and other specialists.

"It was apocalyptic up there," Covey said several weeks after returning home to Costa Mesa, California.

Covey's team is deployed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to disasters across the country and beyond. Earlier this year, his team helped rescue an exhausted 82-year-old man who had been flushed out of his car by floodwaters and pinned in some trees amid Hurricane Florence in North Carolina.

Paradise was different, but brought rewards of its own.

"We weren't shaking hands with people," Covey said. "But we were making a difference for folks, for closure, who are missing their families."

By AP writer Kathleen Ronayne in Sacramento, California

DOGS IN TUNE WITH HUMANS

When classes resumed in late February following the massacre of 17 students and staff at Parkland's Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School, a therapy dog by the name of Fergie was brought in.

Fergie, an 8-year-old cross between a golden retriever and a poodle, zeroed in on one young man and sat on his feet the entire class, barely moving, said Aneysi Fernandez, volunteer coordinator of the nonprofit group Canine Assisted Therapy.

"It turned out that was one of the students who lost most of his friends in the shooting," said Fernandez. "Some of our dogs like Fergie are very in tune with human emotions."

Several therapy animal groups helped out in those dark days after the Feb. 14 mass shooting. The dogs — and in some cases, donkeys and horses — went into the cafeteria and classrooms. They were also at vigils and marches.

Fernandez's organization sent 35 therapy dogs and their handlers into the school. All of the animals were trained and selected for their calm, happy demeanor.

Some Parkland students specifically asked for a dog to shadow them during

classes, saying that the animals' presence eased the stress of returning to a place where such a horrible thing happened.

"It's nice not to be asked any questions, to not have to relive the event," Fernandez said. "Every one grieves differently. Students who didn't want to talk could pet a dog."

Ten months after the tragedy, a dozen dogs still show up at the school every day, mostly to sit by the side of those teens who need a calming presence.

By AP writer Tamara Lush in St. Petersburg, Florida

'IT'S IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD'

It was known as the Wall of Forgotten Natives, a sprawling homeless encampment that sprouted along a Minneapolis freeway sound barrier over the summer.

Most of those living there were American Indians, who make up an outsized portion of the homeless population in the city, and the tents stood on what was once Dakota land.

University of Minnesota medical and law student Kristina Tester grew up nearby and began helping at the camp as part of an elective rotation for her degree. She began doing clean-needle exchanges and continued on as a volunteer for months after her assignment ended.

"There's really not much of a difference between myself and any of the residents who are here at the homeless camp, other than sort of luck of the draw and geographic-political lottery," she said.

The 26-year-old Tester said she organized groups of university students to do laundry for camp residents. She also served meals about once a week with neighbors. Recently she delivered cookies and blankets made by high school students.

Tester, who is non-Indian, said she did it because "it's in my neighborhood."

At its peak, the encampment had 300 people, but they began moving into a temporary shelter across the highway as winter approached.

Maggie Thunder Hawk, 56, an Oglala Lakota from Wamblee, South Dakota, picked up two blankets that Tester delivered.

"If it wasn't for her, we'd be cold, because she brings us warm blankets," Thunder Hawk said. "I love her."

By AP writer Jeff Boenen in Minneapolis

Ta-ta 2018, keep your chicken coops and, yes, the Floss

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Keep your backyard chicken coops, dear 2018, and your vampire facials, too. And the stiff-arm Floss dance? Stomp it out in the new year.

Among other things we're over as we slide into 2019: Bell sleeves that need constant policing, the cash-cow otherwise known as subscription box services and Alec Baldwin's "Saturday Night Live" Donald Trump, because isn't the real one enough?

Here's what we'd like to leave behind come Jan. 1. You're welcome.

FLOSS NO MORE

The arm-flailing, hip-swaying, rapid-fire dance craze is the new Dab and we owe it to 16-year-old social media dude Russell Horning, aka The Backpack Kid. Horning grew a sizable Instagram following through his dance moves as far back as 2014, and Rihanna reposted a photo of him well before Katy Perry invited him to do his thing with her on "Saturday Night Live" in 2017, launching him to social media superstardom.

Other celebs, moms, dads, athletes and pretty much all of YouTube are flossing their lives away. So are all the little kids in your households, once they outgrow "Baby Shark," that is.

"Fortnite" added a Floss Battle Royale victory emote. The fisted, stiff-armed dance that involves rotating arms from the front to back over and over again isn't as easy as it looks for some, so it has sprouted instructional videos. It also won Horning a 2018 Shorty Award.

Aren't all you Flossers exhausted? Have a seat. Take a load off. Go cheek-to-cheek with someone. Anything but another year of your back-and-forthness.

GENDER REVEAL PARTIES

Firstly, gender is not solely boy or girl. Gender can be fluid. Gender is a spectrum. A child may have a non-binary gender identity, meaning they don't identify strictly as boy or girl. They may identify as both, neither or another gender entirely.

Secondly, have we not outgrown blue for boys and pink for girls? Thirdly, how about a surprise? How about keeping all of this to yourselves?

Gender reveal events, such as the one recently that sparked a massive fire in Arizona, have grown into an industry, with party supplies on sale and DIY tips all over the place.

Celebrate the birth of a human being instead. Oh, wait, that's what baby showers are for, and birthdays.

BIG OL' SLEEVES

Runways are full of bell sleeves, and stores, too. But what about the marinara sauce? Nobody needs to police their sleeves quite this much, especially when they're eating or doing something equally bottom-of-the-sleeve skimming.

Bell sleeves were once oh-so-boho but have popped up on all manner of tops and dresses. How hard do you want to work to stuff those things into a jacket or coat? How big the bells have become. How utterly same-same we all look in our flared sleeves.

And tiered bell sleeves? And those flares that fall at the elbow or way high off the wrist? Prairie-wear and swingy sleeves, take a breather.

YOUR CHICKEN FRIENDS

Organic eggs, pest control, fertilizer! Those are some of the apparent joys of keeping backyard chickens. The idea is they roam around your Brooklyn patio, patch of grass or suburban wood, finding their way home at night. Or something. Some are confined to enclosed runs. And what hap-

pens when hipsters can't cope? According to news reports, the feathered puffs with legs get dumped at animal shelters, sanctuaries or worse, gobbled by some predator.

Just go to a store and do your tick checks, sweet faux farmers. It's been years now. How many eggs is too many eggs?

KETO DESSERTS

Ketogenics, and ketosis, and the ketogenic diet have been around forever. But the masses got all whipped up in 2018.

Here's how it goes. A high-fat, adequate-protein, low-carb approach to eating may be good for difficult-to-control epilepsy in children, and for weight loss and general health in all. The idea is for you to get more calories from protein and fat and fewer from carbs, in part by cutting back on carbs that are easy to digest.

And that, my friends, includes sugar. And THAT means so many desserts. Of course, eat what you want. Celebrate your health, but do the rest of us need to go without when we, say, come over for dinner?

"My sister's cheesecake was basically a fatberg," notes one unsatisfied eater.

BOX UP YOUR BOXES

In beauty and fitness, food prep, apparel and toys, all your dreams can come true in a box for a fee.

Subscription boxes have been around for a while but in 2018 there were so many they needed to be curated and heavily reviewed by media and consumers alike.

So many copycats. Such a big grab for the cash.

While it's truly nice and way convenient sometimes to receive a curated box of stuff in the mail, especially at dinnertime, do remember that you're the one who's paying, unless you got lucky and your boxes are gifts that keep on giving.

VAMPIRE FACIALS

Using your own blood with little skin pricks and sometimes radio frequencies thrown in to make you, what, the best skin-deep version of yourself, somebody else entirely, is on the gross side of the beauty equation.

But then again, so are the gods commonly known as dermal fillers.

Let's shed some light on the bloody facials. First, you need your blood drawn. Then you need your blood to be run through a centrifuge to isolate the platelets. This is all about PRPs, or platelet-rich plasma. Then microdermabrasion or microneedling is done to really get those platelets in there. Optional are the aforementioned radio frequencies to further run over your face and assist rejuvenation.

Vampire facials can hydrate and offer boosts of collagen and elastin, fans say. And cure the common cold?

Kim Kardashian West famously partook and shared her bloody face on social media. She wasn't alone. Bloody faces are all over Instagram. Vampire facials have been around years now (KKW "gramed in 2013") but practitioners have continued to ka-ching their way through time.

We never thought we would wax sentimental about bird poop facials, caviar facials or cow amniotic fluid. On the face.

BEYOND, BEYOND AND BEYOND

When we're not "obsessed" with everything, we're "beyond blessed," "beyond grateful," "beyond honored," "beyond exhausted" and "beyond excited."

No. We're all right here in this dimension. Is the meaning of the word not enough without the qualifier? Why not allow yourselves to be, simply, blessed, grateful and honored? The same with "truly" happy, sad or angry.

Be thrilled beyond words, but do trust that language has your back. Hopefully, so does the new year.

The Joy Cottage

Christmas Eve, December 24th
10:00am - 12:00am

AFTER CHRISTMAS
SALE

Jumburrito
BEST BURRITO

2014 2015 2016 2017
GOLD GOLD GOLD GOLD

HOURS & LOCATIONS ONLINE • WWW.JUMBURRITO.COM
INFO @ JUMBURRITO.COM • JUMBURRITO

Is Netflix killing the movie theater? Not so fast

By Steven Zeitchik
Washington Post

This Christmas, Hollywood's major film releases are competing for Americans' entertainment time with a slew of new shows on Netflix — and all those television series that slipped through the cracks during the year.

Yet many of those films — "Aquaman," "Bumblebee," "Mary Poppins Returns" — are projected to do big business in theaters, with "Aquaman" already winning the weekend with a strong \$68 million opening through Sunday. Their success will cap a record-breaking year at the box office, upending the conventional wisdom that movie theaters' relevance is fading.

Movie-ticket revenue in the United States has risen 8 percent in 2018. That puts the industry on track for the largest year-to-year increase of the domestic box office in nearly a decade — and suggests that, surprisingly, theaters can more than hold their own in the age of widespread at-home entertainment.

But the news also comes with significant dark clouds. Industry experts say that a future for the movie theater — a venue that Americans have for the past century proudly counted as both an economic engine and cultural gathering spot — may be far from assured.

Those clouds include the fact that fewer movies are powering the box-office returns: Well over a third of revenue for 2018 comes from just 10 films, out of the more than 700 released during the year. And it's primarily just two categories — superhero adventures and animated films — keeping the numbers afloat.

Some industry insiders even suspect some of the gains were driven by MoviePass, the beleaguered subscription service that essentially provided heavy subsidies to millions of filmgoers in the first half of 2018, when box office particularly overperformed.

"We've certainly had a strong year at the box office," said Bruce Nash, a longtime expert on box-office returns who runs an industry site called the Numbers. "But there are a lot of signs this can't continue. I think we're going to regress to the mean very soon."

The box office is an unusual economic indicator. It only partly reveals the financial health of film studios, as it fails to take into account production and marketing costs, both of which have been rising in recent years.

But it offers a window onto something perhaps more important: whether those studios understand the entertainment that Americans wish to consume. And, lately, whether Americans still value the country's 41,000 movie theater screens, period.

In 2017, the numbers were stark. Box-office dollars went down, by 1 percent, a historically troubling sign given that ticket prices and the U.S. population grow every year. Admissions — the industry term for the number of tickets sold — dropped 6 percent to 1.24 billion, the lowest in 23 years.

This all coincided with an 11 percent spike in the number of Netflix subscribers in the United States, a gain that put the streaming service's tally of U.S. consumers above the 50 million mark for the first time. And Netflix, of course, is opposed to playing movies in a large amount of theaters.

The die seemed cast: Theaters were losing ground to streaming services, and fast.

But in February, the Marvel movie "Black Panther" opened. And suddenly, the tide seemed to turn.

The politically minded superhero release would gross \$700 million in the United States, the third most of all time.

It was followed two months later by another Marvel Studios production, "Avengers: Infinity War." That film would gross \$679 million — the fourth most of all time in the United States.

The domestic box office has just set a new record.

On Sunday revenue for the year hit \$11.38 billion, topping 2016's total of \$11.37 billion, which previously was the highest ever not adjusting for inflation. And the eight percent rise over 2017, if it holds, will be the largest since 2009, when revenue climbed ten percent over the previous year.

"People looked at the grosses at the beginning of 2018, and there was a lot of pessimism. They thought there was a deep structural change happening," said John Fithian, head of the National Association of Theatre Owners, or NATO, the trade and lobbying group for the country's movie theater business. "But look at where we are now at the end of 2018: We have a significant record-breaking year in terms of box-office grosses."

There is no way to know exactly what led to the rebound this year. It could be a fluke, related more to the quality of and anticipation around a few Marvel films more than any broad adaptation. MoviePass's aggressive marketing — it saw subscriber totals double to 3 million in the first six months of the year — also probably played a role, experts say. And that won't continue: The service has since retrenched and is no longer as willing to pay the cost of a ticket for any subscriber who wants to see a film.

Whether the gains are in fact the result of one-off factors or a more fundamental shift will tell a lot about

where the movie theater is headed in the streaming age.

Theater owners say it is decidedly the latter and that competition between streaming and theaters may not be as zero-sum as it seems.

Far from Netflix cannibalizing sales, its popularity is positively associated with theatrical moviegoing, according to Fithian. A study commissioned by his group released this week said that people who watch a lot of streaming also see a lot of movies, while limited streaming viewing is correlated with lower theater attendance. (It found, for instance, that 57 percent of respondents who watched at least 15 hours of streaming each week also went to the movie theater at least six times every year.)

The theory is that people who are fans of film are either inspired by the variety of choice at home to come out to theaters or at least are unaffected by it. Although past entertainment innovations, such as television in the 1950s, decidedly ate into box office, the theater industry says streaming is a neutral or even favorable development.

"Movie theater attendance and streaming consumption are positively related — those who attend movies in theaters more frequently also tend to consume streaming content more frequently," the study said.

Not everyone is convinced. Some in the industry argue that Netflix and its ilk may still represent a

substantial threat to theaters for all but the most epically scaled films, which require top-of-the-line sound and very large screens.

"I don't think anyone who looks at the challenges movies face in a crowded landscape could argue Netflix is helping theatrical box office," a film executive said, noting the historic lows for admissions last year. The reason, the executive said, speaking on the condition of anonymity so as not to upset theater owners, is the vast amount of choice streaming services offer, as well as the convenience. For most screen content, they noted, the experience at home isn't that different from the one in a theater.

Even more troubling to some in traditional Hollywood is where the box-office growth is coming from.

The upper tier of the chart, they say, is carrying a growing amount of the load. Although overall box office is up 8 percent compared with last year, the revenue for the top five grossing movies is up double that, which means that all the other movies on average are well down.

Similarly, in 2009, the top 10 films constituted 30 percent of overall box office. In 2018, that number has risen to 36 percent. This indicates a kind of wealth gap, in which only a very small number of movies generate significant revenue.

What's more, that top tier is made up of very few genres. In 2009, the top 10 movies were distrib-

uted among science fiction, vampire, fantasy, action-adventure, animated adventure, football drama and raunchy comedies. "The Blind Side" was on the list. So were "Avatar," "Sherlock Holmes" and "Twilight." And "The Hangover." Disney had one movie.

But seven of the 10 highest-grossing movies in 2018 are either films with Marvel or animated characters, the industry's seemingly only reliable pillars. An eighth is a Star Wars film. The remaining two are a Mission: Impossible and a Jurassic Park sequel. Half of the films come from Disney.

The fear, close watchers of the industry say, is what happens if — or when — the bottom falls out of the superhero boom. Without diversification, it could bring disaster.

"I'm not convinced that these franchises like Star Wars and Marvel can sustain for a long time. How many times can you save the world from a really bad person?" said Russell Roberts, a professor of economics at George Mason University. "And if it does, there's no guarantee anything takes its place."

"I don't think it's a stretch to say that the movie theater business could one day contract or even disappear," he added. Roberts offered the analogy of bookselling, which saw a great contraction with the arrival of on-line sales and, though it still exists, has realigned itself as a far more niche business.

Even the holiday release window, despite not seeing

a Star Wars movie for the first time since 2014, does not exactly scream multiple genres with its three most promise-laden releases. "Mary Poppins Returns" is Disney family entertainment. "Bumblebee" is major intergalactic spectacle that is a superhero movie in all but name. "Aquaman" is — of course — a superhero movie. One other recently released film, "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" — which as an animated superhero movie combines both trends — is also flourishing.

Two studio executives, who asked not to be identified because they were not authorized to speak to the press, say these movies are made because the public wants them and that the studios would shift course if the market dried up. (Roberts noted that superhero films are "the symptom, not the cause — what people are willing to pay \$20 in a theater for is much narrower than it used to be.")

Besides, the executives point out, there's room for smaller films to break through, noting the success of the transpacific romantic comedy "Crazy Rich Asians" and the high-concept science-fiction-horror "A Quiet Place" earlier this year.

But others say those are more exception than rule. "You have occasional more-niche hits, but there doesn't seem to be much room for them," said Nash, the box-office expert. "The money," he added, "all comes from the top."

SHOP TODAY 9 AM - 9 PM

Dillard's

IN-STORE SAVINGS

50% OFF ENTIRE STOCK

TRIM-A-HOME & CHRISTMAS MOTIF

- PRE-LIGHTED CHRISTMAS TREES
- ORNAMENTS
- TREE TRIMMINGS
- HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
- CHRISTMAS DINNERWARE
- HOLIDAY CRYSTAL
- SEASONAL FOOD & CANDY
- CHRISTMAS HOME FRAGRANCES
- CHRISTMAS JEWELRY
- CHRISTMAS APPAREL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 ONLY

TAKE AN ADDITIONAL **40% OFF**

PERMANENTLY REDUCED:

- HANDBAGS
- WATCHES
- SUNGLASSES
- LADIES JEWELRY
- LADIES INTIMATE APPAREL & SLEEPWEAR
- HOME
- LUGGAGE

12/26 ONLY 50% OFF REGULAR PRICE MEN'S SELECT COATS & SWEATERS	12/26 ONLY 50% OFF ENTIRE STOCK ORIGINAL PRICE LADIES & MEN'S COLD WEATHER ACCESSORIES	12/26 ONLY 40% OFF REGULAR PRICE SELECT HANDBAGS*
12/26 ONLY 40% OFF REGULAR PRICE SELECT WATCHES	12/26 ONLY 40% OFF REGULAR PRICE SELECT SUNGLASSES	12/26 ONLY 40% OFF REGULAR PRICE LADIES SELECT JEWELRY
40% OFF ORIGINAL PRICE LADIES SELECT BOOTS & BOOTIES	40% OFF REGULAR PRICE LADIES SELECT SLEEPWEAR & ROBES	50% OFF ORIGINAL PRICE MEN'S GIFTS

BUY ONE, RECEIVE ONE 50% OFF

*Excludes: Vintage Designer Handbags, Michael Kors, Coach 1941 and Brahmin
Selection varies by size and store. Previous markdowns may have been taken. Call 1-800-345-6273 to find a Dillard's store near you.

OPINION

Midland Reporter-Telegram | mrt.com | Wednesday, December 26, 2018 | Page 6A

Anti-Trump conservatives aren't ready for a fight

Nearly every day, President Donald Trump displays some of the traits that made most voters in 2016, including a substantial chunk of the people who voted for him, doubt he was qualified and temperamentally fit for his office. (According to the exit polls, around a tenth of the electorate thought he was unqualified and temperamentally unfit but voted for him anyway.)

A case in point is his recent jagged zigzag of irresponsibility about a border wall. First he said he would shut down the government over it, then his aides said he wouldn't and he said the border is secure without the wall, and then he told congressional leaders he won't sign a bill to keep the government fully operational unless he gets money for the wall. Trump's own defense secretary, meanwhile, has strongly implied that the president's foreign policy is undermining our "security, prosperity and values."

In search of something more edifying than the spectacle at the White House, I tuned in to a conference of some of the president's leading critics on the right. The Niskanen Center gathered them together in mid-December under the label of "Starting Over: The Center Right After Trump."

Much of what the participants had to say made sense. Pete Peterson, the dean of the Pepperdine School of Public Policy, made the case that Trump's opponents should reclaim rather than reject nationalism. Commentator David Frum pointed out how an outdated Republican economic

RAMESH PONNURU

Bloomberg



agenda had left the party vulnerable to a demagogue. Syndicated columnist Mona Charen suggested that the decline of religion and marriage contributed to the bitterness of our politics.

Still, I could not help feeling that there was a Trump-shaped hole in the group's analysis — that a lot of Trump's opponents still don't have a solid grasp of how he so quickly climbed to the top of the Republican Party.

Peter Wehner, a veteran of the George W. Bush White House, put Trump's rise in the context of the tea party's attack on the party establishment during the administration of President Barack Obama. Republicans, he said, came to dislike Republican leaders such as former Speaker John Boehner at least as much as they detested Obama. In the grip of this fever, and egged on by right-wing talk-radio hosts, the base of the party went for Trump over all of his rivals in the primary field.

It's a widely shared assessment. Around the time of the conference, George Packer wrote in the Atlantic that Trump was the culmination of the conservative movement's ideological takeover of the Repub-

lican Party and purging of its moderates.

But this story does not fit the exit polling we got during the 2016 primaries. That polling consistently showed that Trump had substantial support from Republicans who considered themselves "moderate." In Indiana, where Trump clinched the nomination, he had significantly stronger support from them than he did from voters who considered themselves "very conservative." In New Hampshire, site of the first primary that Trump won, he did equally well among the half of Republican voters who felt betrayed by their party's leaders as among the half that did not.

Washington Post columnist Jennifer Rubin, also at the conference, suggested that Trump's success had proven that she, like other Republicans, had underestimated the "Dixiecrat" or "bigoted" segment of the party. It turned out, she said, to be about 35 to 40 percent of the party's voters — which is roughly Trump's total share of the primary vote during much of the 2016 nomination contest.

It's certainly true that a lot of Republican voters either liked, or were not seriously bothered by, Trump's birth-certificate nonsense, his attack on a federal judge for having Mexican ancestry, and so on. It's entirely reasonable for Rubin to reconsider her past assessments of Republican voters as a result.

But it's a mistake to ignore the other bases of support for Trump, including voters' perception that he was a successful businessman and that he had more

concern for blue-collar workers than other Republicans did. Legitimate concerns about the impact of immigration on the country, which Rubin tends to view purely in terms of racial animosity, also played a role.

Bill Kristol, the conservative pundit, alluded to that point by saying that while he himself largely favors high rates of immigration, it creates some strains for the receiving country. He made a virtue of disagreement among Trump's center-right critics. It would be "crazy," he said, if they all agreed on everything at a time of such political flux, and judged it "very healthy" that they don't.

But Kristol has also been arguing that Trump should be challenged in the Republican primaries and denied renomination in 2020, and disagreements among anti-Trump conservatives are likely to be a serious obstacle to that already-uphill effort. If a challenger runs to Trump's left on guns, will conservatives who dislike Trump but support gun rights back him? If that challenger takes a restrictionist line on immigration, as Frum does, how much grief will he get from commentators such as Rubin who strongly disagree?

It's to the great credit of Trump's conservative critics that they have been willing to call out his bad ideas and his character flaws when so many of their old allies are ignoring or excusing them. They have moral clarity. What they lack, at the moment, is supporters, a sense of how they got here, or an idea of how to move forward.

OPINION EXTRA

There's a better way for Mexico to fight corruption

Public outrage over corruption helped put Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador into office, but his campaign to clean up the country's government hasn't started well. If he means to keep his promise to voters, he needs to change his approach.

To be sure, López Obrador inherited a rotten system. His predecessor Enrique Peña Nieto was an energetic economic reformer, but did little to combat official corruption. Peña Nieto's wife and top officials were implicated in dodgy real estate deals, and the outgoing president stood aside as other Latin American governments went after participants in the notorious Odebrecht bribery scandal. During his term, the country's ranking in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index dropped some 30 places, to 135th. The World Bank now ranks Mexico as one of the world's most corrupt countries.

López Obrador ran for office pledging "zero tolerance." To prove he's serious, he took a 60 percent pay cut, put the presidential jet up for sale, turned the presidential residence into a museum, and asked to be driven to work in a Volkswagen Jetta.

That's all very well, but setting a frugal example gets you only so far. Other measures have been less well-judged. For instance, he announced across-the-board pay cuts for government employees, causing an exodus of skilled managers — and doing little, one imagines, to reduce bribe-taking. Complaining of corruption, he also canceled Mexico City's new and already partially built \$13 billion airport, leaving investors dismayed and the government on the hook for restitution.

The new president hasn't been above wooing politicians of dubious reputation over to his party, recruiting controversial figures to his newly created business advisory board, and pledging not to pursue investigations for past misdeeds.

The best way to fight corruption would be to fully implement the National Anti-Corruption System, a package of reforms passed in 2016 creating a committee to coordinate all federal and state anti-corruption efforts while providing greater citizen oversight. It still lacks an independent special anti-corruption prosecutor, and other senior appointments stand vacant.

López Obrador's party wants to control who gets nominated, angering the civil-society groups that pushed for the system's establishment. Those groups also demand a more independent attorney general. And López Obrador needs to flesh out plans to centralize review of government contracts, especially since he favors higher public spending and more state intervention in the economy, which offer new opportunities for abuse.

López Obrador has made no secret of his disdain for civil society, Mexico's most potent anti-corruption force in recent years. He should embrace them as allies. Failing that, the recently signed trade agreement replacing Nafta might help. It has strong anti-corruption provisions (copied from the Trans-Pacific Partnership that the U.S. unwisely abandoned), which could give civil-society organizations legal standing to pursue complaints that the government might prefer to ignore.

The new president was right to declare war on corruption. All that remains is to start fighting.

— Bloomberg

EDITORIAL BOARD

Jeff Shabram, Publisher
Stewart Doreen, Editor
Mary Dearn, Managing Editor

TO OUR READERS

Opinions, columns, letters and cartoons reflect the author's or artist's views and not necessarily the view of the Reporter-Telegram.



Americans are starved for sleep

Americans associate sleep with laziness, but sleep experts say it's impossible for healthy people to overindulge in sleep. Some people may crave more food than they need, but only people who are physically or mentally ill crave more sleep than necessary. And we humans need a lot.

Some people like to say they'll sleep when they die, but study after study shows that sleeping too little will make you half dead when you're awake — less able to learn, perform, remember, react quickly or make good decisions.

That's how we're teaching young people to live. One of the most counterproductive American habits is forcing teenagers to get up at the crack of dawn for school. Tearing themselves out of bed with the jangle of an alarm may help them learn deprivation and sacrifice, but they won't learn as much math, science, literature or history that way.

University of Washington neurobiologist Horacio de la Iglesia says that teens develop a different circadian rhythm from children or adults. Teens actually need about nine hours of sleep, though few get the chance. And once they go through puberty, their bodies want stay up until midnight, and want to get up after 8. To a teen, he says, getting up at 6:30 feels like getting up at 4:30 for a typical adult.

But this is America, where people are deeply suspicious of personal comfort. Let teens get the amount of sleep they want? What will that do to their productivity? De la Iglesia and colleagues had a chance to find out a couple of years ago when schools in the Seattle district changed their start times from 7:50 a.m. to the much more civilized hour of 8:45 a.m.

Following a cohort of students from two schools before and after the change, the researchers equipped their subjects with wrist motion sensors, considered a more accurate way to measure sleep than self-reporting. There's an assumption, he said, "that teenagers are lazy and therefore if you let them sleep in they will go to bed later at night." But that's not what the study found.

The students with the later start times went to bed around the same time they used to, fell asleep around the same time, and on average got 35 minutes more sleep a night. Grades improved in both schools, and in the poorer of the two schools,

FAYE FLAM

Bloomberg

students were more likely to arrive on time. De la Iglesia says this might have something to do with the parents being more likely to have early-starting jobs, leaving the responsibility for getting to school on time to the kids. The results were published last Wednesday in the journal *Science Advances*.

One clue to Americans' counterproductive attitude about sleep comes from a recent interview in *Boston Magazine* with sleep biologist Charles Czeisler of Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital. He said the military used to deprive soldiers of sleep, thinking this would "train" them to handle sleep deprivation in combat — sort of the way exercise can train you to handle physical exertion. But this is crazy, Czeisler compared the practice to starving people to prepare them for a situation where they had inadequate food.

As for schools, Czeisler said in the interview that before 1910, American schools started at 9 a.m., and that education experts vowed that the U.S. should avoid the mistake of the Germans and British, who were starting school at 7 or 7:30. But school start times in the U.S. crept earlier. Which, in Czeisler's opinion, prevents students from achieving what they might be capable of if they got enough sleep.

Imagine the frenzy if someone invented a drug that enhanced performance as much as adequate sleep does. There's no need for this drug though; that's one advantage that can be had free, no prescription required.

Educating people about proper sleep would be one of the most cost-effective ways to improve public health, said de la Iglesia. Unfortunately many people don't recognize that their performance is degraded. Poor self-assessment is another side effect of losing sleep, he said. "People think they are doing fine."

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



US: 2nd Guatemalan child dies in CDP custody

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

HOUSTON — An 8-year-old boy from Guatemala died in government custody in New Mexico early Tuesday, U.S. immigration authorities said, marking the second death of an immigrant child in detention this month.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a news release that the boy died shortly after midnight.

The death came during an ongoing dispute over border security and with a partial government shutdown underway over President Donald Trump's request for border wall funding. The White House referred questions to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, CBP's parent agency. CBP officers and the Border Patrol remain on the job despite the shutdown.

The agency said the boy showed "signs of potential illness" on Monday and was taken with his father to a hospital in Alamogordo, New Mexico, where he was diagnosed with a cold and a fever. The boy was prescribed amoxicillin and ibuprofen and released Monday afternoon after being held 90 minutes for observation, the agency said.

The boy was returned to the hospital Monday evening with nausea and vomiting and died there just hours later, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said.

The agency said the cause of the boy's death has not been determined and that it has notified the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general and the Guatemalan government.

The hospital — the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center — declined to comment, citing privacy regulations.

CBP promised "an independent and thorough review of the circumstances."

The agency has not yet said when or where the father and son entered the United States or how long they were detained, saying only in its statement that the boy had been "previously apprehended" by its agents. CBP typically detains immigrants when they cross the border for short periods of time before releasing them or turning them over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Alamogordo is about 90 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border at El Paso. Ruben Garcia, director of El Paso's Annunciation House, said Tuesday that he had no reason to believe his shelter had served the family, but was waiting for further details about what happened.

A CBP spokesman declined to elaborate Tuesday, but said more details would be released shortly.

A 7-year-old Guatemalan girl died earlier this month after being apprehended by border agents, also in New Mexico. The body of the girl, Jakelin Caal, was returned to her family's remote village Monday for burial Tuesday.

Large numbers of Guatemalan families have been arriving in recent weeks in New Mexico, often in remote and dangerous parts of the desert. Jakelin and her father were with 161 other people when they were apprehended in Antelope Wells, about 230 miles southwest of Alamogordo.

CBP announced new notification procedures in response to Jakelin's death, which was not revealed until several days later.

Democratic members of Congress and immigration advocates sharply criticized CBP's handling of the death and questioned whether border agents could have prevented it by spotting symptoms of distress or calling for an evacuation by air ambulance sooner. CBP has said that it took several hours to transport Jakelin and her father from a remote Border Patrol facility to a larger station and then a hospital in El Paso.

Fact check: Trump confuses with claims of new border wall

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

HOUSTON — President Donald Trump's claims over Christmas that he had awarded 115 miles of new border wall construction in Texas appear to confuse work that's already funded and underway.

Trump tweeted on Monday, "I am in the Oval Office & just gave out a 115 mile long contract for another large section of the Wall in Texas."

He reiterated on Tuesday that he's moving forward on construction, even as the government remains partially shutdown over his insistence that Congress approve more money for a border wall.

Neither the White House nor the Department of Homeland Security responded to follow-up questions on Monday or Tuesday, but here's what's known about contracts and construction of the wall.

TRUMP, asked Tuesday morning about the wall and his Christmas Eve tweet: "Yesterday, I gave out 115 miles' worth of wall, 115 miles in Texas. It's going to be built, hopefully rapidly. I'm going there at the end of January for the start of construction."

THE FACTS: Trump can't award construction contracts. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awards contracts for border wall construction after Congress approves funding and months have gone into planning.

In March, Congress approved funding for 33 miles of construction in South Texas' Rio Grande Valley, the busiest corridor for illegal border crossings.

CBP announced in November that construction in the Rio Grande Valley would begin in February, including at the nonprofit National Butterfly Center, a state park and

privately owned ranches and farmland.

Trump's statement that he plans to visit the site at the end of January suggests he may be referring to this previously announced construction.

TRUMP, speaking Tuesday: "We gave out 115 yesterday, and we gave it out at a great price."

THE FACTS: It's unclear where the figure of 115 miles is coming from.

According to DHS, the March funding from Congress will pay for 84 miles along the southern border, including the 33 miles for Texas. And if the Trump administration gets the \$5 billion it's requested, DHS says it would build 215 miles that it considers the "highest priority," include 159 miles in Texas.

Whether DHS got a "great price" on the 33 miles is up for debate. Two contracts announced by CBP to build 14 of those miles total \$313 million, or roughly \$22 million per mile.

There's already 653 miles of border fence in place, built under the Secure Fence Act passed in 2006. CBP estimated in 2015 that the total cost to build that mileage was \$2.3 billion, or roughly \$3.5 million a mile. Many of those miles were built with less complicated design or on easier terrain than where CBP wants to build now.

TRUMP, asked Tuesday who received the contracts: "Different people. Highly bid."

THE FACTS: CBP announced in November that Galveston, Texas-based company SLSCO won the two contracts with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for projects in the Rio Grande Valley. Contract notices posted online say that three bids were solicited online and received for each contract. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working with CBP to plan and build the wall.

Trump: 'Nothing new on the shutdown'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump met Monday with his Homeland Security secretary and other officials to discuss border security issues as a partial government shutdown over his U.S.-Mexico border wall entered Christmas without a clear resolution in sight.

Though both sides have moved on the money, they aren't budging on the wall. The White House insisted Trump will reject any deal that does not include

money for a wall or fence. Democrats held firm in their opposition to a wall or other physical barrier.

"Nothing new. Nothing new on the shutdown. Nothing new. Except we need border security," Trump told reporters at the White House as he answered telephone calls from children who want to know when Santa will get to their homes.

In a joint statement, the Democratic leaders of Congress, Sen. Chuck Schumer and Rep. Nancy Pelosi,

said that as long as Trump keeps listening to the House Freedom Caucus and others on the right flank, there is no easy resolution to the impasse.

"It's Christmas Eve and President Trump is plunging the country into chaos," they said, pointing to problems beyond the shutdown, including the plunging stock market and the president's firing of his defense secretary. "The president wanted the shutdown, but he seems not to know how to get himself out of it."



once a year
Sale

Everything Storewide

20% TO 50% SAVINGS

Vintage Christmas Ornaments
30%-40% OFF

All Porcelain & Glass
Save 50% OFF

Vintage Jewelry Estate & Costume
30%-50% OFF

Kitchen Collectibles
Save 50%

All Furniture
30% TO 50% OFF

Vintage Clothing
50%

Dolls & Toys
Save 50%

Linens & Textiles
50% OFF

Furs
30% OFF

SALE HOURS:
Dec. 26th - Jan. 5th
10 am - 6 pm
Closed Sunday

Happy Holidays

THE CAT'S



408 Andrews Hwy.
Midland, TX
687-2004

Dec 26 - Jan 6 • 10am-6pm
Closed Sunday

alldredge

ANNUAL
AFTER
CHRISTMAS
SALE

50%
TO
75%
OFF

EVERYTHING
CHRISTMAS!

ORNAMENTS
WREATHS
GARLANDS
COLLECTIBLES
RIBBON

CHRISTMAS
DECOR
AND MORE!

IF IT'S
CHRISTMAS....

IT IS ON

SALE!!!!

Monday-Saturday, 9 AM-6 PM
Sunday, 12-5 PM
OPEN DECEMBER 26TH - 9:00 AM
www.alldredgegardens.com

3300 Fairgrounds Rd., Midland • 432-692-4500



Jacquelyn Martin/AP

President Donald Trump greets members of the five branches of the military via video conference on Christmas Day in the Oval Office of the White House. The military members were stationed in Guam, Qatar, Alaska and two in Bahrain.

Trump offers holiday greetings to US troops

By Darlene Superville

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday wished U.S. troops stationed around the country and the globe a merry Christmas.

"I know it's a great sacrifice for you to be away from your families, but I want you to know that every American family is eternally grateful to you, and we're holding you close in our hearts, thoughts and prayers," Trump said. "We love what you do and love your work. Amazing people."

Trump spoke by video conference to members of all five branches of the U.S. military.

The president was spending a rare Christmas in Washington because of a stalemate with Congress over government funding that left several departments and agencies shuttered since the weekend,

affecting the livelihoods of some 800,000 federal employees.

Trump usually spends Christmas at his Florida estate. He scrapped plans to travel to Palm Beach because of the shutdown.

"I thought it would be wrong for me to be with my family," he told reporters in the Oval Office after the give and take with members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard from their stations in Guam, Bahrain, Qatar and Alaska.

"My family is in Florida, Palm Beach, and I just didn't want to go down and be there when other people are hurting," Trump said. He didn't say which family members were at the Mar-a-Lago estate.

Trump and his wife, first lady Melania Trump, had an active Christmas Eve.

They answered telephone calls from children who were wanted to know where Santa was on his gift-giving journey, with

the president at one point asking a 7-year-old named Coleman, "Are you still a believer in Santa?" Trump listened for a moment before adding, "Because at 7, it's marginal, right?"

Reporters in the room could only hear Trump's end of the conversation during the NORAD Tracks Santa program. The program became a Christmas Eve tradition after a child called the forerunner to the North American Aerospace Defense Command in 1955 and asked to speak to Santa.

It was not affected by the shutdown because it's staffed by volunteers at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado using pre-approved funding.

The Trumps later attended religious services at Washington National Cathedral. He and the first lady usually attend Christmas Eve services at the Episcopal church in Palm Beach where they were married in 2005.



Alessandra Tarantino/AP

Swiss Guards march in front of Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Tuesday. Monday's late night Mass was the first major event of the Christmas season, followed by Francis' noon Urbi et Orbi (to the city and the world) blessing on Christmas Day.

Pope's Christmas wish: World fraternity despite differences

By Frances D'emilio

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis offered a Christmas wish for fraternity among people of different nations, cultures, faiths, races or ideas, describing the world's differences as a richness, not a danger, and championing the rights of religious minorities.

His plea Tuesday for stronger bonds among peoples came as nationalism and a suspicion of migrants are gaining traction across much of the globe.

The long war in Syria, famine amid warfare in Yemen, social strife in Venezuela and Nicaragua, conflicts in Ukraine and tensions on the Korean Peninsula were among the pope's concerns in his Christmas Day message, which he read from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

Addressing some 50,000 tourists, pilgrims and Romans who flocked to St. Peter's Square on a mild, sunny day, Francis said the universal message of Christmas is that "God is a good Father and we are all brothers and sisters."

"This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of hu-

manity," Francis said in the traditional papal "Urbi et Orbi" ("to the city and the world") message. Without fraternity, he said, "even our best plans and projects risk being soulless and empty." He called for that spirit among individuals of "every nation and culture" as well as among people "with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another."

"Our differences, then, are not a detriment or a danger; they are a source of richness," Francis said.

Francis prayed that all minorities have their right to religious freedom respected, noting that some Christians were celebrating Christmas "in difficult, if not hostile, situations."

Communist China is witnessing a systematic suppression of religion, including some restrictions on Christmas celebrations this year. The government's suppression campaign includes re-education camps for Uighur Muslims and a crackdown on Christian churches.

Without specifying religions or countries, Francis prayed for "all those people who experience ideological, cultural and economic forms of colonization and see their freedom and identity com-

promised." Francis urged the international community to find a political solution that "can put aside divisions and partisan interests" and end the war in Syria. He said he hoped that an internationally-brokered truce for Yemen would bring relief to that country's people, especially children, "exhausted by war and famine."

He encouraged dialogue among Israelis and Palestinians to end conflict "that for over 70 years has rent the land chosen by the Lord to show his face of love."

In Africa, Francis recalled the millions fleeing warfare or in need of food, and prayed for "a new dawn of fraternity to arise over the entire continent."

Francis urged Venezuelans to "work fraternally for the country's development and to aid the most vulnerable." Millions of Venezuelans are fleeing their country's economic and humanitarian crisis in what has become the largest exodus in modern Latin American history, according to the United Nations.

On Monday night, the 82-year-old pope celebrated Christmas Eve Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11



We thank God for all things, and we thank you, our loyal customers, for your trust, confidence, and support through the years. Remember we are here to help you when you need us for our services. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Covenant James

Eternal



689-8186

HEALTH+ WELLNESS

midland memorial hospital

Midland Reporter-Telegram | mrt.com | Wednesday, December 26, 2018 | Section B

Nine ways to avoid holiday weight gain while eating and drinking merrily

How many pounds do you think the average person gains between Thanksgiving and New Year's? Five? Ten? Truth is, the average weight gain during the holidays is about one pound, maybe a teeny bit more.

The big problem is that the pesky pound doesn't tend to go away. Thus, along with other pesky pounds throughout the year and from previous years, that adds up.

To stop this caloric snowball from gathering steam now and into the new year, we've collected some tips from experts in the food world. So put down that glass of eggnog, wipe your hands on that cute holiday apron and get ready. You've got this.

STRATEGIZE

Dallas registered dietitian Robin Plotkin

LESLIE BARKER
The Dallas Morning News



(robinplotkin.com), recommends sizing up the buffet table before tackling it. That way, you don't load up with cheese cubes at the onset and have no room for the cubed cantaloupe at the end.

By seeing everything that's there, you can figure out how to load your plate — singular plate, not plural — with mostly healthy goodies.

Along those lines, here's a favorite tip of

ours: Nosh and mingle with your back to the buffet table.

You don't want to be gazing over the shoulder of the person you're talking to at all the gravy-laden, sugar-smacked offerings.

SLEEP

Late-night FOMO (fear of missing out) can "create havoc on your sleep habits," Plotkin says. "Lack of sleep has been linked to weight gain and higher stress levels, so give yourself the gift of sleep."

BE MINDFUL

As Meridan Zemer, registered dietitian at the Cooper Clinic/Cooper Fitness Center stresses, "mindfulness, mindfulness, mind-

fulness." Which, she says, is "the awareness of what you need and how you feel."

For instance: Will your life really and truly be better if you eat every single baked good that appears on office counter tops or in break rooms? Or could you maybe, just maybe, limit yourself to one spoonful of Chex Mix from the tins that seem to appear out of nowhere?

MAKE CHOICES

Ask yourself, Zemer says, what you really and truly want: "the frosted sugar cookie or the champagne cocktail? The bread and melted butter or the appetizer?" You don't need to have them all.

Please see BARKER/2B

OUT AND ABOUT



Midlanders play with their hoverboards Tuesday.

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Snack drawers and other ways to teach kids to eat in moderation

COMMENTARY

By Casey Seidenberg

Special To The Washington Post

Just as children need support when they learn to read, write or ride a bike, they need support learning to eat in moderation, especially during snack time. Snacks are usually the most challenging to moderate because children often prefer snack foods to what is served for dinner. Most kids can control the amount of broccoli they consume much more easily than they can control the number of cookies, so if you want to teach your children to snack and eat sweets in moderation, follow these six steps.

1. Teach them to recognize hunger cues. Children won't be able to recognize how much they should eat at snack time if they don't understand how hungry they are. Explain what hunger feels like and how to tell when feeling full, then ask how hungry they feel before every snack. This will help children connect hunger levels to the amount they choose to eat.

2. Allow your child to listen to hunger and satiety cues without any input from you. Have you ever noticed that some days your child can finish an entire bowl of ice cream and other times won't want more than a bite? How sometimes they are ravenous in the morning and other times too tired to even think about breakfast? Our children must learn to trust their own constantly changing hunger and satiety cues, otherwise they may learn to habitually overeat. As Dina Rose says in her book "It's Not About the Broccoli," "even if it turned out, by some stroke of magic, that you do know how much your kids ought to eat, you still shouldn't interfere. Teaching kids to trust your instincts rather than their own instincts prevents your children from learning how to self-regulate."

3. Give them practice. Just as children need practice reading before they reach chapter books, and practice driving before they hit the roads alone, they need practice figuring out how much they should eat at any one time. To teach them this, follow author Eilyn Satter's division of responsibility in which parents are responsible for what food is put on the table, when meals and snacks are served, and where children eat. Children are responsible for how much they eat - and whether they eat at all. By giving kids control over how much they eat every meal and snack, you are giving them the moderation practice they need.

4. Set a specific snack time. The kitchen or snack cabinet should not be open all day. Snack times should be

Please see SEIDENBERG/2B

Spotted shirt is sign of parenting success

It seems like when you become a parent, especially a mother, people come out of the woodworks to give their opinion on what you should be doing. Let's be honest, none of us actually know what we are doing. Parenting is a whole lot of trial and error and praying that most of the time we get it right and we raise good little people.

Being a mom isn't the picture-perfect life we see on social media or to portray to the outside world that you have your life completely put together. Being a mom is cleaning snot off your kid's face and then showing up to work with it on your own shirt, and it is being late to work because your kid had a poop explosion so big that you are still questioning where, why and how; and it is the big-belly giggles and the wrap-around-your-neck hugs. The most important thing I have learned since becoming a parent is

CHRISTINE HALL
Centers



to support other parents and not criticize or judge them. Each parent will have a different style of doing things, but the reality is, we are all just trying to do the best we can, whatever that may look like. It is important to laugh at the unexplainable and the things that may not go perfect because that is the truth, that is reality and those are the memories that you will laugh at years from now. Being a mother has been one of the most difficult and rewarding experiences of my life. I

am forever grateful for the child I have and the day-to-day shenanigans he gets himself into because there is always an immense amount of love with it.

It is important that people take a step back and support others and learn to accept things even if it is not the way they would do them. Being a parent is amazing and rewarding, but it can also be exhausting and frustrating. Remember to find the blessings in the chaos. Try and look at the whole picture in order to stay sane and keep laughing even when the little ones have lost their minds.

So, as I look down at the questionable spot on my shirt, I smile and remember the joy my son brings to my life and the fact that the spot on my shirt probably occurred when he decided to share his blueberries with me and the puppies this morning. My spotted shirt is my parenting success.

THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR LIGHT

Midland Health employees served with their departments and families in the community.

MIDLAND HEALTH
LIGHTING THE WAY FOR HEALTH



Obituaries

**Cecilio M. Flores**

Cecilio M. Flores, 70 of Midland, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at his residence.

He was born June 27, 1948 in Pecos, Texas to the late Satamino and Inocencia Flores. He had worked for Midland Memorial Hospital for over 20 years.

Cecilio is survived by his wife, Maria Flores of Midland, TX; daughters, Kathryn Pacheco of San Antonio, TX and Julianna Flores of Midland, TX; step-daughter Alejandra Soto of Midland, TX; Step-sons, Jonathan Moreno of Midland, TX, Fernando Ortiz of Odessa, TX, and Greg Ortiz of Midland, TX; one brother Lorenzo Flores of San Angelo, TX and one sister Margarita Lopez of San Antonio, TX. 21 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Viewing will be Wednesday, December 27th from 9:00am - 9:00pm with a rosary starting at 7:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral mass will be Thursday, December 27th at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Family would like to express sincere gratitude to Hospice of Midland for their care.

Funeral Service is under the direction of Lewallen-

Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit the website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
208 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX (409) 483-3700

**Don Manley**

Don Manley, 72, of Midland, TX, passed away on December 18, 2018 from brain cancer. He was a graduate of Sam Houston High School in Arlington and attended Tyler College. He was the owner of Manley Metal Buildings and Manley Crane of Midland. Many knew him as the "Crane Man." He spent many years volunteering with CIU and with the Midland County Sheriff's office. Don spent his free time riding his motorcycle and fishing. He was known by many and loved by more. He had the upmost respect for local law enforcement and called many of them his friends and several he considered family.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Theophilus and Agnes, his brothers Thomas and Charles, beloved sister in law Charlotte. His late wife of 30 years Sissy, and her parents C.D. and Ruby Offield.

Don is survived by his children Robert and his wife Katelin and their children Tanner, Jayden, and

Addison Codi and her husband Erick and their children Kelsay, Kayla, and Kensi. Michael and his wife Roni Jo and their children Kylar and Colton. His two sisters, several nieces and nephews, wife of 10 years Judy and many longtime friends.

Memorial Service hosted by the immediate family on December 28 at 2pm at Second Baptist Church, 3125 Travis Ave, where Don Manley was a member for many years. All family and friends are welcomed to attend and celebrate his life.

**Eric Anthony Uresti**

Eric Anthony Uresti went home to be with our Heavenly Father December 19, 2018.

Eric was born April 21, 1982 in Lamesa, Texas to Sylvia Uresti. Eric moved to Midland in 1996. He had a great love for the theater and acting at an early age and was a Pickwick Player at Midland Community Theatre. He forged friendships through his very special talent that lasted throughout his entire life. He graduated from Lee High School in 2000. After college he moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where he continued to pursue his love for acting. One of the most successful roles was that of The Cowardly Lion in the national touring production of The Wiz.

Eric moved back to Midland and started to work

for Kaplan College in 2006 where he found a real passion working with students. He made life-long friends in students and staff. Eric transferred to Houston with Kaplan where he continued working to improve the lives of students. There, he also began working for Barbizon where he was a runway coach for aspiring models. This endeavor relocated him to Tampa, Florida and he traveled the country helping young students pursue their dreams. Eric had a knack for guiding students and helping to develop their talents. Eric moved back home to Midland in 2013 to be closer to family.

Eric always wanted to help improve the lives of others and found a natural fit working in the non-profit arena. He worked at The Crisis Center in Odessa and more recently Senior Link Midland as coordinator for the Senior Companion program. Eric had a deep love and respect for his volunteers and clients and found such reward in working with seniors. Eric was a member of the Dementia Friendly initiative and was on the Alzheimer's Congressional team to advocate for a cure.

Throughout Eric's life he loved entertaining people, acting, singing, dancing. Eric also enjoyed directing and brought several amazing productions to life like The Odd Couple, A Raisin in the Sun and Dream Girls. Eric was part of Midland Community Theatre family and Maverick Players and appeared in countless shows including Evita, Hello Dolly, West Side Story, The Little Mermaid, Ladies of the Lounge and A Christmas Story. He also was involved in Summer Mummies throughout the years and his last time on stage was in the 2018 season. Eric was recently planning a new project which was set to go to production in Summer 2019. He received funding grants and positive feedback and was so excited to bring a new, diverse source of

entertainment to our community. Eric Uresti was a bright light and a shining star and was always the life of the party. Eric was a local celebrity of sorts- he knew everybody and those he didn't know knew him from local shows he appeared in and the work he did in the community. Eric never met a stranger and most everyone he met became a fast friend. He was larger than life. He had a huge smile and an infectious laugh. Eric not only enjoyed making people laugh but he also loved to build people up and make them feel good about themselves. He handed out compliments and always gave the best fashion advice. Eric had an amazing sense of style and was always the best dressed man in the room. He was known for his dazzling shoe collection and colorful bow ties. Eric was a fierce friend, who was supportive and encouraging and loved with his whole heart. Eric was a unique personality, loved planning and attending events and parties and was just so much fun. He was very clever and could be hilariously funny.

The only two things Eric loved more than entertaining was his family and Jesus. He checked up on his Mom daily and he lived for teasing his brothers. Eric was the fun uncle. He spent special time with his niece and nephew-summer afternoons at the pool and Sunday mornings with the kids at Tita's house. Eric was orchestrating a reunion for summer 2019 for all the family to come together and celebrate. He succeeded just bringing them together a little earlier than planned. Eric was a Christian, was so strong in his faith and readily proclaimed his love for the Lord. It wasn't unusual to hear him playing his gospel music and joyously belting out the lyrics for all to hear. He attended 7 Cities Church and particularly loved the praise and worship. We know our Eric Anthony is helping to direct heaven's choir now with his first glorious

performance in the stars this Christmas.

Eric is survived by his mother Sylvia Uresti, brothers Steven and Isaac and his wife Emily and their children Joshua and Julee and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Eric is survived by a multitude of friends and his chosen sisters/best friends and their families: Kasha Hailey, Kat Wright, Martha Oropesa and Kathleen Kirwan-Haynie. Eric was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Benita and Venustiano Uresti.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and a celebration of Eric's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 28, 2018 at 7 Cities Church, 5110 W. Illinois Ave Midland, Texas. Eric Anthony Uresti made his mark in this world with his effervescent personality, loving heart, amazing talent and colorful flair and he will not soon be forgotten.

Memorial donations in Eric's memory may be made to Senior Link Midland (Senior Companion Program).

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

Death Notices

Forrest Edward Taylor

Forrest Edward Taylor, 53, of Midland passed away Sunday, December 23, 2018 in Midland. Celebration of life will be 11:00am Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Reception to follow at the Branch at npw at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

SEIDENBERG

From 1B

designated between breakfast and lunch, between lunch and dinner and should be kept brief. After sitting down and enjoying a snack, your child should move to another activity and given plenty of time to rebuild an appetite before the next meal.

5. Create snack drawers. Create a refrigerator snack drawer full of foods such as hard-boiled eggs, blueberries, carrots and yogurt, and always have a bowl of fresh fruit on the counter. Also, create a snack drawer outside the refrigerator. Fill it with mostly healthy snacks such as applesauce, raisins and nutritious bars, but add a few less healthy items, such as leftover candy. Explain that at snack time, they may eat from either of these locations.

6. Set a family rule for sugary foods. Let's say you allow one sugary food a day (as this makes for a clean example). Tell your children it is entirely up to them when to have that food

each day. It could be during snack time, in a lunchbox or after dinner. Then place the sugary snacks next to the healthy snacks. Do this because a child who truly listens to their body might reach for the candy but then see the applesauce and decide that is what they really desire. The power of junk food dissipates when it becomes appropriately accessible.

Creating a snack drawer and giving your children some control over it could possibly ease your eating worries. When you take the leftover candy and dole it out in a snack drawer, it doesn't hold as much power. As Rose explains, "When you break up the contents, the candy collection no longer seems like a set. As a result, your kids won't feel entitled to eat it all at once."

Potty training your children didn't happen overnight. Neither did teaching them to ride a bike. Moderation won't be any different; it is best taught one snack at a time.

BARKER

From 1B

COUNTERACT OVERINDULGENCE

If on one day, you down a bunch of sweet treats or fatty ones, ease up the next day.

"I counter more indulgent days with soup days — broth-based soups," Zerner says. "They're filling, but with fewer calories."

ALTERNATE BUBBLES WITH BUBBLY

For every glass of champagne or other alcoholic beverage you imbibe, have a glass of fizzy water, Zerner says. Regular water is fine, of course, but fizzy just seems a bit more festive.

SEEK LIGHTER VERSIONS

Your favorite holiday recipe can probably be lightened a bit, Zerner says. "There are some pretty good low-fat fudge and pumpkin bread recipes out there." We

found this one for Crunchy Peanut Butter Fudge on the Cooper website, and this one for Ginger Pumpkin Bread on webmd.com.

KEEP MOVING

"Commit to your exercise or activity routine," Plotkin says, "but don't beat yourself up if you miss a workout or don't hit 10,000 steps."

Make a special point these busy days to take the stairs, walk around the block at lunch or do squats while your coffee reheats.

Stop weight gain in its tracks
If you find yourself a couple of pounds heavier than usual, read these tips again and buckle down just a bit. Two pounds are a lot easier to lose than five ... or 10.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

Do's and don'ts of helping loved ones pay medical bills

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

Relief from medical debt doesn't top the typical holiday wish list. But help with unexpected medical bills could be a welcome gift for millions of Americans.

Four in 10 U.S. adults received a surprisingly high medical invoice within the last year, according to a September survey from the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation. And medical bills topped the list of financial commitments that Americans are afraid they won't be able to afford, ahead of prescription drugs, rent or gas, according to the results.

Here are some tips for helping a loved one with their medical expenses — and potentially lowering your own tax bill along the way.

Who gets the money?

When helping someone shoulder medical bills, financial experts say the most important step is to make sure you pay the money directly to the hospital, physician or medical provider. Those payments are exempt from federal reporting and

COMMENTARY

tax requirements, but only if they go to the business or person that provided the service.

"You can't give the money to your neighbor and then have them pay their own expenses," explained Melissa Labant, an executive with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Payments to friends or family members exceeding \$15,000 per year must be reported as a gift to federal tax officials, who track them as part of lifetime gift limits. The vast majority of Americans will never have to worry about reaching the threshold: You can give up to \$11.4 million to an heir or loved one before having to pay any federal taxes, under 2019 tax rules.

Can you deduct the payments from your own taxes?

Only for certain medical expenses and only for dependents. They must be a family member or part of your household, which can include grandparents, cousins, in-laws and adopted children. You must also show

that you provide at least 50 percent of their financial support, which can include the value of housing.

If the person meets those requirements, you can deduct medical expenses exceeding 10 percent of your annual gross income from your tax return. So an individual earning \$100,000 in 2019 could deduct medical expenses over \$10,000.

Those sky-high expenses usually only occur in the last year or two of life, according to Labant.

"That's when the numbers get big enough and make enough of a difference that the accountants hear about it," she said.

What expenses qualify?

When it comes to medical expenses, tax law is very broad, encompassing just about anything used to treat, diagnose or prevent a medical condition: surgery, rehabilitation, prescription drugs, eye glasses, weight loss programs and even quit-smoking aids are included. Cosmetic procedures and over-the-counter medications generally do not qualify.

Spending and savings accounts

Employer-sponsored accounts can be another way to pay for medical expenses, though there are important limitations.

Many companies offer health savings accounts or flexible spending accounts, both of which allow employees to set aside tax-free money for medical expenses.

Health savings accounts are considered superior, allowing a family to contribute up to \$7,000 in 2019, collect interest and roll over any leftover money to the following year.

Flexible spending accounts are similar but cap contributions at \$2,700 next year. Generally, the money is "use it or lose it," with any leftover funds forfeited at the end of the year. However employers can permit workers to carry over up to \$500 to the next year.

Health savings accounts are "much better, hands down, because you get the same pretax contribution, but it rolls over every year," says Chris Schiffer, an accountant and financial planner with AEPG Wealth Strategies.

Plans vary, but generally money from either type of account can only be used for yourself, your spouse or a dependent.

How to deal with grief when you're missing someone

Despite the hoopla and tinsel many people associate with the holidays, this season can be tough on those who are grieving.

"Everyone's perspective is unique, and their emotional pain depends on the sense of depth of loss," said Melanie Hoffman, social worker for Faith Presbyterian Hospice. She offers the following tips to help navigate the next month and beyond, including listen to your heart and do what feels right to you.

Think about traditions. If those you've done forever and ever just wouldn't seem right without your loved one, start a new one. Maybe have dinner at a different household or plan a different menu. Small or large? You decide.



"Sometimes people are hurting too much to celebrate the holidays at all," Hoffman says. "The best solution in this case may be to avoid large celebrations and focus on small, casual gatherings with those who are closest to you."

Gauge your emotional energy. Maybe a few holiday decorations are all you feel up to doing. That's

perfectly fine. Don't feel obligated to buy gifts or to send cards if those activities sound just too draining.

Let yourself say no. Well-meaning people might pressure you into doing something that might intensify your feelings of loss. It's fine to politely say, "I appreciate your idea, but I'm just not ready and I am grateful that you understand that I am not ready."

Surround yourself with people who support your wishes.

Be kind to yourself. "Do things for yourself instead of pleasing others," she says.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

There's a little bit of everything in
VIEWPOINTS
Look for it every Sunday

5 ways nixing the ACA could upend the entire health system

By Julie Rovner
Kaiser Health News

If the recent district court ruling that the Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional were to be upheld, far more than the law's most high-profile provisions would be at stake.

In fact, canceling the law in full — as Judge Reed O'Connor in Fort Worth, Texas, ordered in his 55-page decision — could thrust the entire health care system into chaos.

"To erase a law that is so interwoven into the health care system blows up every part of it," said Sara Rosenbaum, a health law professor at the George Washington University School of Public Health. "In law they have names for these — they are called super statutes," she said. "And (the ACA) is a super statute. It has changed everything about how we get health care."

The decision is a long way from implementation. O'Connor still must rule on several other aspects of the suit brought by 18 Republican attorneys general and two GOP governors. And a group of state Democratic attorneys general has promised to appeal O'Connor's decision, which would send it to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and, possibly, the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court has rejected two previous efforts, in 2012 and 2015, to find the law unconstitutional.

Meanwhile, here are five ways that eliminating the ACA could upend health care for many, if not most, Americans:

1. MILLIONS COULD LOSE COVERAGE DIRECTLY

More than 20 million Americans who previously were uninsured gained coverage from 2010 to 2017. Some of that was due to an improving economy, but many also gained the ability to buy their own coverage through the law's federal subsidies to defray the cost of insurance. Other provisions of the Affordable Care Act played a significant role, including its ban on restrictions for people with preexisting medical conditions, expansion of the Medicaid program to more low-income adults and allowing adult children to stay on their parents' health plans until reaching age 26.

If the law were reversed, federal funding for Medicaid and individual insurance subsidies would stop, and insurers could once again refuse coverage to people with health problems or charge them more.

2. FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES TO THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM COULD BE STYMIED

The impact of eliminating the ACA could be felt well beyond those people who are the direct beneficiaries of the law.

Gail Wilensky, who ran the Medicare and Medicaid programs under President

George H.W. Bush, said such a change "would be very disruptive because so much (of the ACA) has affected the way health care is organized and delivered and the way insurance is provided."

For example, said Rosenbaum, the increase in coverage meant that "suddenly it became possible for health care systems to care for, by and large, an insured population."

Previously many hospitals, doctors and other health providers spent considerable time and effort figuring out how to treat those without insurance and not go broke.

After the ACA kicked in, these providers began to worry less about whether they would get paid, and the federal government started pushing them to create new efforts aimed at improving the quality of care.

Those include measures basing some federal payments on patient outcomes rather than each individual procedure performed and strategies to improve health across the population through initiatives like improving the availability of healthful food, bicycle paths and preventive care.

If millions of people lost insurance, she said, those health providers "would have to go back to wondering how they will be able to pay their bills."

3. MEDICARE AND MEDICAID WOULD BE DRAMATICALLY ALTERED

The popular Medicare program — which covers an estimated 60 million seniors and people with disabilities — was a major focus of the ACA.

Elimination of the law would take away some popular benefits the law conferred — everything from free preventive care to the closing of the "doughnut hole" in Medicare's prescription drug coverage. The doughnut hole refers to a coverage gap that had previously

exposed large numbers of beneficiaries to thousands of dollars in drug costs.

The law also changed the way Medicare paid for hospital, home health and outpatient care. Many current payment policies are based on authority provided by the ACA, and if it went away, Medicare would have to rewrite those payment regulations. Millions of beneficiaries belong to accountable care organizations that were created under the health law, and it is unclear how their care would be affected. The biggest change in the Medicaid program would be the elimination of the expansion of coverage. Loss of the ACA would also roll back a 23-percentage-point boost in Medicaid prescription drug rebates, which has saved states billions of dollars, according to Cindy Mann. She ran Medicaid under President Barack Obama and is now a partner at the health consulting firm Manatt Health.

The ACA required states to calculate Medicaid eligibility differently — changing what counts as income — so all the work states did to alter their information systems would have to be recalculated, she said.

4. WIDE ARRAY OF HEALTH PROGRAMS AT RISK

Shorthand descriptions of the health law often stop at its provisions providing consumer protections and expanding Medicaid. But the ACA included sweeping changes to other parts of the health system that rarely get mentioned.

For example, it created the first pathway for Food and Drug Administration approval of generic copies of expensive biologic drugs, by incorporating the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009. Biologic drugs are more difficult to reproduce than other types of medications.

Also hitching a ride

on the ACA was a long-delayed bill providing permanent spending authority for programs provided by the Indian Health Service, which serves Native Americans.

And the law included a series of grant programs to help train more health professionals who would be needed to treat the millions of newly insured Americans.

All those programs would be thrust into doubt by invalidating the law. Loss of the ACA also would impact a popular program that predates Obamacare: the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, or HIPAA.

The ACA's protections for preexisting conditions — banning insurers from charging people with health problems higher premiums or refusing to sell to them altogether —

built on similar protections for people with employer insurance. Congress included those protections in HIPAA, which was enacted in 1996. And far more people are touched by HIPAA than by the ACA, because far more people get health insurance through their employer than the individual market.

However, when Congress wrote the ACA, it incorporated HIPAA safeguards into the preexisting condition provision. That means if the ACA is struck down, the HIPAA protections might disappear as well.

5. EVEN THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTH AGENDA COULD BE COMPROMISED

President Donald Trump has railed against the health law, but his Department of Health and Human

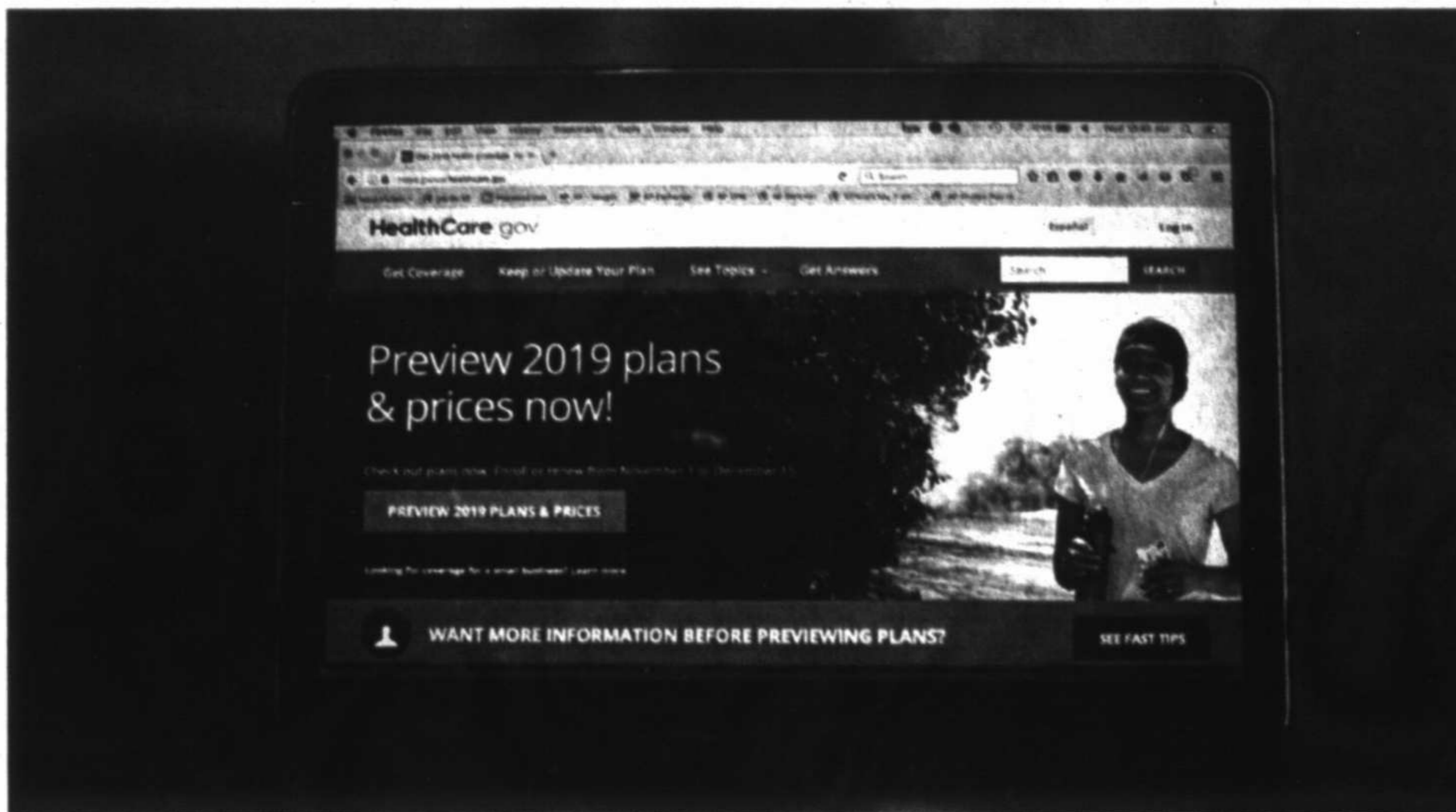
Services has a priority list that relies in some significant ways on the continued existence of the ACA.

For example, efforts to address the opioid epidemic — one of the administration's top health challenges — could be seriously set back if the Medicaid expansion were to end. Medicaid is the largest single payer for mental health and substance abuse problems.

Much of the president's efforts to limit drug prices flows through the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), which was created by the ACA and would lose its legal authority if the law became invalid.

Similarly, the administration is using this center to pursue "bundling" payments for certain surgical procedures to try to get more value for dollars spent.

The HealthCare.gov website is photographed Oct. 31 in Washington D.C.



Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP



1020 E. ANDREWS HIGHWAY
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

432-522-5080
1-800-201-5904
432-522-5094 Fax

mccorcle@nursesunlimited.com

WENDIE MCCORCLE, RN
ADMINISTRATOR
PRIVATE DIVISION

Eye LASIK
Midland

4109 N. Midland Dr.
Midland, TX 79707
432-694-5259
eyelasikmidland.com

Freedom from Glasses and Contacts

Break away from corrective lenses with a
free consultation, interest free financing,
and the best in technology!



Why Not Start the Year With Healthy Water!!!



- Removes Chlorine & Chloramines!
- Eco-Friendly Alternative To A Salt Type Water Softener

- Whole House Filter Uses No Salt and Does Not Waste Water

- Removes bad taste and odors.

- Clean, filtered water emerges from every water source in your home.

- Helps prevent scaling without the use of salt or chemicals.

- System Tested and Certified by Underwriters Laboratories.
- Healthy great tasting drinking water. No more buying bottled water.
- This system will pay for itself many times over.

Good Technologies, LLC

Healthy Water Systems "As Seen On Dr. Oz"

Call For A FREE Estimate: 432-699-2312

www.GoodTechnologies.biz

Buy A Filter or Be A Filter

Music therapy may help anxiety of mothers-to-be

By Juli Fraga
Special To The Washington Post

Before she became a mother, Elizabeth Larsen, 42, of Huntley, Illinois, endured four miscarriages. The losses were devastating and complicated her feelings about her future pregnancies.

"I was always worried, waiting for the other shoe to drop. I felt broken and depressed," Larsen says.

Looking for ways to soothe her anxiety, her yoga teacher recommended music therapy. Larsen tried it and loved it. "I wanted to find wellness tools to ensure that my baby and I would have a safe and wonderful birth. Music therapy opened up my bodily senses and helped me to relax," Larsen says. It might sound unconventional, but recent research suggests that music therapy may lessen symptoms of prenatal anxiety for some women, which in turn may benefit the health of her child.

Unlike traditional psychotherapy where people talk about their problems, music and other expressive arts therapies seem to help people dealing with mental health issues, including depression, eating disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder, several studies suggest.

Music's role in healing has been promoted for quite some time: In 1948, a study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* recommended that physicians incorporate music therapy as a part of routine patient care. By the 1950s, music was being used as a complementary therapy to treat mental-health concerns.

More recently, music therapy has been used to help veterans recover from PTSD. New studies suggest that singing and listening to music triggers the brain to release oxytocin and dopamine, neurotransmitters and hormones tied to such emotions as joy and love.

A recent study looked specifically at music and mental-health concerns during pregnancy, focusing on 409 pregnant women in the third trimester of their pregnancy. None of the women had a history of anxiety. Half of the women received music therapy, which meant listening to a CD of relaxing, instrumental, melodic music three times a week; the other half did not. After completing therapy, the women who participated in music therapy reported being less anxious than those who did not receive the intervention.

"During pregnancy, fears and anxieties about the health of the baby are very common. Many of the women in our study were anxious about the stress test, an ultrasound that examines the health of the baby," said Jessica Garcia-Gonzalez, the study's lead researcher. The study suggests that "anxiety during pregnancy can increase a woman's

COMMENTARY

risk of postnatal anxiety and depression, but music therapy can help reduce stress."

While women know pregnancy can bring physical discomfort such as fatigue, swollen ankles and sleep concerns, many aren't aware that maternal mental-health concerns such as depression and anxiety are also common complications of pregnancy.

Postpartum Support International, a nonprofit group focused on raising awareness about prenatal and postpartum mood concerns, says that 6 percent of pregnant women and 10 percent of new mothers suffer from anxiety right after birth, while 15 percent of women struggle with more significant depression after childbirth.

Left unchecked, this anxiety can lead to numerous pregnancy-related health complications.

"Anxiety is associated with prenatal health concerns like preeclampsia, preterm delivery, and low-birth weight, which is why it's important for women to learn coping strategies to minimize their worries during pregnancy," says Karen Kleiman, a psychotherapist specializing in maternal mental health. Some pregnant women or new mothers may need a more intensive intervention such as psychotherapy. But for many, music provides the right antidote to anxiety, especially in the first few harried and sleepless months after giving birth.

Kate Taylor, a board-certified music therapist and birth doula, provides music therapy for pregnant and postpartum women.

"I use music as a teaching tool. We might analyze song lyrics or listen to instruments or music that can aid in relaxation," Taylor says. "Songs can bring up intense emotions for women, which can help them connect with the baby, and openly share their worries and feelings about motherhood."

Music therapy with Taylor helped Larsen cope with the emotional stress of pregnancy. "During our sessions, we listened to the acoustic guitar. At home, I listened to relaxing music on my headphones. The music calmed my anxiety, which helped me stay positive," Larsen says.

Crystal Duffy, 33, a mother of three living in Houston, found music therapy helped her cope with the anxiety she felt after being hospitalized because of pregnancy complications during her second trimester carrying twins.

"I worried whether or not my babies would be born premature," Duffy says. "In the hospital, it was also difficult to be away from my oldest daughter. I didn't want the stress to impact the babies. Creative outlets were a healing way for me to release and express my fears."

Some are betting on health insurance on demand

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

COMMENTARY

People with health insurance often pay for coverage they never use. A startup wants to shake that up.

It's a radical idea: On-demand insurance that lets customers buy some of their coverage only if and when they need it, similar to how TV viewers might rent a new release from Amazon instead of paying every month for a pricey cable package they rarely use.

This approach from Bind Benefits is one of the latest wrinkles in a yearslong push by companies and insurers to control costs and make patients smarter health care shoppers. And it's drawing attention from the nation's largest health insurer, UnitedHealthcare, and some sizeable employers.

"It's the sort of thing we need entrepreneurs to be doing," said Robert Laszewski, a health care consultant and former insurance executive. "We haven't had a new idea in managed care in I don't know how long."

Bind's plan draws concern from researchers worried about how this may hurt some pocketbooks, but it also has attracted employers hungry for a fresh way to tame expenses.

School superintendent Barry Rose picked Bind as the only coverage option earlier this year for the Cumberland, Wisconsin, school district after cycling through numerous health plans in the last six years.

Rose said about two-thirds of his workers use \$500 or less in health care every year, and he didn't want to charge them premiums for care they weren't using.

"We have quality health care. If people need it, great. If they don't, at least we're not soaking them for it," he said.

Minneapolis-based Bind is not an insurer, but it

designs health plans for big employers that pay their own bills.

Here's how it works. Under Bind's plan, customers pay a base monthly premium that can be as much as 40 percent cheaper than other options their employer offers, the company says.

That covers most care, like doctor visits, hospital stays, maternity care, cancer treatment and prescriptions.

A patient can then buy additional coverage for some procedures that aren't urgent like a knee surgery or hip replacement. In these cases, the patient has time to plan for the care and look at different options for who performs it. The additional coverage comes with an extra premium and possibly a copayment, depending on the care provider and what is being purchased. In these cases, patients might get stuck paying more than \$1,000 in additional costs.

Users log onto Bind's website or app to see what is covered, what it will cost them. That can vary based on Bind's quality rating for a provider and how efficiently it provides care. Someone with an ear infection might pay nothing for a telemedicine visit. But a trip to an expensive emergency room for such a minor illness might cost a few hundred dollars.

"If we get everyone buying better, we actually make the product more affordable for all of us," said Bind CEO Tony Miller.

If patients stick to the plan's provider network in that core coverage, they will have one bill — a copayment. Miller said Bind avoids high deductibles or co-insurance payments that make it hard for some to understand how much care really costs.

That simplicity helped Nancy Buchholz when

she was trying to track her husband's expenses for cancer treatment last spring. She said he died six weeks after being diagnosed, and she became overwhelmed by billing notices from the hospital showing that care costs were approaching \$300,000.

But the only bill she had to pay for his hospital stay was the \$1,900 copayment laid out in the insurance plan.

"When you go through something that's emotionally devastating, the last thing you want to worry about is having to make sure something is paid for," said the Cadott, Wisconsin, resident, who got Bind coverage through her employer, Dove Healthcare.

The potential for unexpected additional costs under Bind's system concerns Sabrina Corlette, a research professor at Georgetown's Center on Health Insurance Reforms. She noted that older customers are more likely to wind up with these big bills because they tend to have more expensive procedures.

"This gets close to the line if not a little bit over the line of being discriminatory because it would only be people who have certain health conditions that would face higher premiums," she said.

Miller said his plans comply with federal anti-discrimination laws, and they provide all covered members the same benefit at the same cost.

Bind started selling coverage this year and only has a few thousand people enrolled. But it is expanding nationally, with help from UnitedHealthcare, which covers more than 40 million people. UnitedHealthcare is offering Bind coverage to some employer customers for 2019.

The company will need to offer big discounts to attract more business, said Laszewski, the health care consultant.



During November and December, Midland Health employees served with their departments and family members in the community. Employees served at local non-profits and community events including HEB Feast of Sharing, West Texas Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Meals On Wheels, several soup kitchens and more. A hospital wide food drive collected over 3,000 pounds of food and a toy drive gifted 105 local children.

SPORTS

To submit information to the sports department, email sports@mrt.com

Midland Reporter-Telegram | mrt.com | Wednesday, December 26, 2018 | Section C

Harden's 41 helps Rockets over Thunder 113-109

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 41 points and the Houston Rockets beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 113-109 on Tuesday for their seventh win in the last eight games.

Harden has scored 30 points or more in a career-high seven games in a row, marking the first time a player has done that since Russell Westbrook had eight consecutive 30-point games in November 2016.

A 3-pointer by Paul George with less than two minutes left got Oklahoma City within 4 before Harden missed a 3. Westbrook missed a shot for the Thunder, but George stole the ball from Harden and was fouled by him.

George made both free throws to get the Thunder within 2 with 43.6 seconds left. Harden then drove past George and into the lane for a layup to make it 112-108

with 20.4 seconds left.

Westbrook made 1 of 2 free throws to cut it to 3 with 15 seconds left, and Austin Rivers made a free throw with 7.4 seconds left to secure the win.

George had 28 points and 14 rebounds for the Thunder, and Westbrook added 21 points with nine rebounds and nine assists.

Harden became the first player to score 40 or more points on Christmas since Kevin Durant had 44 for the Thunder in 2010. Harden's latest big game came as the Rockets played without Chris Paul, who missed his second straight game with a strained left hamstring. The 9-time All-Star is out for at least the next two weeks with the injury suffered Thursday night.

Clint Capela had 16 points and tied a season high with 23 rebounds.

The Rockets were up by 6 with about four minutes left when Rivers, whom they signed on Monday, made a 3-pointer to make it 107-98.

Please see **ROCKETS/2C**



Houston Rockets guard James Harden, right, drives to the basket as Oklahoma City Thunder center Steven Adams, left, watches during the first half Tuesday in Houston.

Eric Christian Smith/AP

Scramble to the desert



Tom Fox/The Dallas Morning News via AP

TCU head coach Gary Patterson yells at one of his players Nov. 24 during the second quarter against Oklahoma State in Fort Worth, California. TCU looking to close out 2018 season on a high note at Cheez-It Bowl today after struggling to gain bowl eligibility.

Points at a premium between Cal and TCU at Cheez-It Bowl

By John Marshall
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The newly named Cheez-It Bowl has a history of points coming in bunches, with six of the past seven games producing at least one team scoring 30 points or more.

This year's Cheez-It Bowl might be lucky to have 30 combined points.

California and TCU have two of the nation's best defenses and are among the worst offenses, so points will likely be at a premium Tuesday night at Chase

Field, home of baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks.

"Both play good defense, both offenses are trying to prove at the end of the season that they can do the things we need to do to win ball games," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "I think that's what makes football a lot of fun. I'll be honest with you, it is a great matchup. Both teams kind of come at you."

Both teams also had to scramble just to get to the desert.

Patterson's Horned Frogs (6-6) had a stretch of five losses in six games,

watched one quarterback after another go down with injury and lost by 37 to No. 9 West Virginia.

TCU closed the season with a tight win at Baylor and beat Oklahoma State 31-24 in the regular-season finale to become bowl eligible for the 16th time in 18 seasons under Patterson.

The Horned Frogs are 27th nationally on defense, allowing 344.4 yards per game, but are 91st on offense with 374.6 yards per game.

Please see **POINTS/3C**

AP top sports story of '18: Nassar abuse, gymnastics turmoil

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

The depths of Larry Nassar's depravity began to emerge some 15 months before the calendar flipped to 2018 — when reports of his sexual abuse first appeared in newspaper stories that would eventually lead to a trial and, ultimately, to the doctor's imprisonment.

But it was January 2018, the month when more than 150 female athletes testified at Nassar's sentencing hearing for convictions on child-porn and sex-abuse charges, that marked a turning point in a crisis that has inflicted untold damage.

The testimony brought the true nature and number of Nassar's crimes to the fore, triggering spasms of anger, soul-searching and attempts at reform, while also giving women in sports — and society in general — a more powerful voice when it comes to exposing abuse that had been swept out of the public's conscience for decades.

Nassar's crimes and the chaos they provoked — the massive turnover at Michigan State, the U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics, to say nothing of the trauma wrought on the victims themselves — was the Story of the Year in balloting by AP members and editors. The Nassar saga earned more than double the number of votes as the second- and third-place finishers — the Eagles first Super Bowl championship and the Supreme Court's decision to strike down a law that prohibited sports gambling outside of Nevada.

The year 2018 was also notable for a string of stirring comebacks and surprises: Maryland-Baltimore County pulled the first 16 vs. 1 upset in an NCAA Tournament that was also highlighted by Loyola-Chicago's run to the Final Four, spurred on by a 98-year-old superfan, Sister Jean Dolores-Schmidt. Tiger Woods returned to form, nearly winning the PGA before capturing the season-ending Tour Championship. The expansion Las Vegas Knights made it all the way to the Stanley Cup Final before falling to the Washington Capitals.

There was a steady trickle of news about the still-emerging evidence and response to the doping scandal in Russia that has sullied the last three Olympics, with potential for more.

Please see **TOP/4C**

Top to bottom, 1st-round QBs impacted NFL along with others

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

From Baker Mayfield at the top of the first round to Lamar Jackson at the bottom, rookie quarterbacks had an impact, one way or another, in their NFL debuts.

And don't forget some of the players, at some of the other positions, in between.

The betting favorite for NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year is New York Giants running back Saquon Barkley, taken No. 2 behind Cleveland's Mayfield in the draft this past spring.

The first-year player with the biggest impact on the standings has been Los Angeles Chargers safety Derwin James, the No. 17 pick and a strong contender for top defensive rookie honors for a team assured of making the playoffs for the first time since 2013 — and still in the running

for the best record in the AFC going into the final weekend.

Even though Mayfield and the Browns were eliminated from playoff contention with two games left, the impact of the 2017 Heisman Trophy winner from Oklahoma was profound. Think of what it says that the Browns stayed in the postseason chase coming off an 0-16 season, and despite a midseason coaching change.

Not to mention, Mayfield was backing up Tyrod Taylor when the season began, before his knack for winning games gave the Browns little choice but to promote him.

"The amount of work that he puts in does not shock us that he also takes it to the ballgame because he works extremely hard to have an overall understanding of

Please see **IMPACTED/3C**



Dallas Cowboys linebacker Leighton Vander Esch (55) gives chase as Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Jacquizz Rodgers (32) carries the ball in the first half Sunday in Arlington.

Michael Ainsworth/AP

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV College Football First Responders Bowl: Boston College vs. Boise State, 12:30 p.m., ESPN... Quick Lane Bowl: Minnesota vs. Georgia Tech, 4:15 p.m., ESPN... Cactus Bowl: Cal vs. TCU, 8 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP... IHF World Junior Championships... Czech Republic vs. Switzerland, 3 p.m., NHL... USA vs. Slovakia, 5:30 p.m., NHL... Canada vs. Denmark, 8 p.m., NHL... Finland vs. Sweden, 9:30 p.m., NHL... Men's Soccer... PL: Fulham FC vs. Wolverhampton Wanderers, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN... PL: Liverpool FC vs. Newcastle United FC, 9 a.m., NBCSN

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS - Placed DL Kory Cunningham on injured reserve

NBA GLANCE

Table with columns for Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Southeast, Central, Western) and Western Conference (Southwest, Northwest) divisions, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

NHL GLANCE

Table with columns for Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Metropolitan, Central, Western) and Western Conference (Pacific, Central) divisions, listing teams, games played, wins, losses, and percentages.

NFL GLANCE

Table with columns for American Conference (East, South, West) and National Conference (East, South, West) divisions, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Table showing men's and women's college basketball scores for various teams like Duke, North Carolina, and others.

Times sports made you smile in 2018

By Jim Litke Associated Press

Sports contributed plenty of the same old agita this year — bad bets, empty boasts, taunts, tiffs and scuffles, plus the occasional rant — but its fair share of wry smiles, too. There were courageous losers, randomness acts of kindness and a handful of wins handled with such grace it made you want to get up and dance. Whoever called March mad never dreamed a 98-year-old nun would steal the show at the Final Four. In Mississippi, a homecoming queen swapped her tiara for a helmet and wound up kicking the game-winner for her high school team. In Akron, Ohio, LeBron James went back to the future and unveiled a state-of-the-art school for at-risk kids, promising the kind of support he yearned for in the same town as a youngster himself.

And as feel-good moments go, this might have been the most hopeful development of all: teddy-bear throwing became "a thing," stretching from the west side of Canada to the heart of Europe.

Here are six of the most heart-warming moments of 2018:

Loyola's not-secret-for-long secret weapon

Never mind that Sister Jean Delores Schmidt arrived at the Final Four a few months shy of 99. Or that her last minute of playing time — for her girls' high school team — was chalked up in the late 1930s. Or that she's listed in the team media guide (way too generously) at 5-foot, wearing custom-made maroon and gold-trimmed Nikes that would make any baller proud.

Because every little Loyola of Chicago sprung another upset on its improbable run to the Final Four, Coach Porter Moser and his Ramblers' postgame interviews were just the opening act. If you really wanted to know how a small Jesuit university kept knocking over rivals twice its size — the tactics AND the theology behind it — you stuck a microphone in front of Sister Jean.

The team's chaplain, unofficial scout and eternal optimist was a natural on TV. Rarely at a loss for words, she wasn't shy about crediting faith for Loyola's surprising basketball bounty, either. She had a wicked sense of humor to boot.

As the season of Lent — 46 days when Christians swear off worldly pleasures ahead of Easter — was nearing its end with the Ramblers still playing, a CBS reporter leaned in.

"What did you give up for Lent?" she asked.

Sister Jean smiled impishly. "Losing," she said.

A bobblehead was commissioned. The "Today" show came calling. After the Ramblers lost the semifinal, she spent the next few months recuperating from hip surgery, celebrat-

ing a birthday and collecting awards. But she was back in her office by the start of the new basketball season, updating scouting reports and tailoring pregame prayers.

"When we came off the court after the Michigan loss, the players said to me, 'Don't worry Sister Jean, we'll do it again next year,'" she recalled during a recent interview, then bowed her head, smiled and sighed.

'I didn't think, I just ran over there'

Ty Koehn and Jack Kocoon were buddies dating back to Little League. In early June, in the ninth inning of a Minnesota high school baseball sectional final, they stood 60 feet, 6 inches apart.

Koehn, on the mound, was putting the finishing touches on a 4-0 win for Mounds View High. Kocoon, at the plate for Totino-Grace High, was the last out in his way.

Three strikes later, Koehn's teammates raced out of the dugout and began celebrating on the mound. But their star pitcher was somewhere else, standing at home plate with his arms around Kocoon.

"I told him I loved him," Koehn said afterward, "and he's my brother and our friendship will always last longer than this silly game and its silly outcome."

A video capturing that moment went viral, but no one who knew the young men was surprised. "He's a tremendous competitor," Mounds View coach Mark Downey said about Koehn, "but he understands there is a bigger picture."

Koehn's teammates understood, too, even if it didn't stop them from playfully stealing hugs in practice for the rest of Mounds View's tournament run.

What to get the girl who has everything

Winning either contest would have provided Kaylee Foster with the memory of a lifetime. She had a good feeling about one, but not the other.

"I was pretty sure I wasn't going to be homecoming queen," the Ocean Springs senior recalled, "but I was pretty sure I was going to make that kick."

Foster notched both — thanks to years of preparation and one of the more unusual costume changes in sports. Moments after being crowned in a pregame ceremony, she handed off her tiara and flower bouquet, swapped her gown and heels for a jersey and cleats and wondered if her night could get any better.

Then, with game in overtime and the score tied 12-12 — thanks to a pair of Foster field goals earlier in the game — she split the uprights with the decisive extra point. Afterward, she donned her tiara again and posed for photos with No. 15.

Foster's confidence on the field came as no surprise. She played soccer at Ocean Springs and had kicked

for the varsity football team since her sophomore year.

But her win in the pageant wasn't such a long shot, either. Foster was a member of the homecoming court all four years.

Back to school

LeBron James struggled just to get to school as a kid. He missed 82 days in fourth grade because his single mother, Gloria, didn't have a car or another way to get him there.

So even though he makes his living in Los Angeles these days, James made sure to be on hand and on time when the "I Promise School" opened this year. And not just because he was footing the bill.

"I know the ups and downs," James told the first class of third- and fourth-graders during the opening ceremony. "I know everything they dream about. I know all the nightmares they have because I've been there."

The school, a partnership between James' family foundation and Akron City Schools, offers year-round programming, family development skills and days that begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. It also provides parents of I Promise students with help to earn their GEDs or high school diplomas.

A planned expansion will include grades 1-8 by 2020, but James is already seeing dividends from his efforts. He launched the "I Promise Program" in Akron in 2011 with a handful of community-based events. Young men and women who took part in those programs routinely approach him now to boast about where they're going to college.

"Half the battle," James said, "is the kids just having someone that they are like. 'Oh, this guy believes in us.'"

It ain't over 'til it's over

Lineo Chaka of Lesotho was an afterthought as runners took the line for the women's 10,000-meter final at the Commonwealth Games last April in Australia.

The 25-year-old had little experience at the distance, and it soon became apparent she was struggling just to complete the race. For her last three laps, Chaka had the oval to herself. So the real surprise was not that she crossed the finish line five minutes behind the winner, Uganda's Stella Chesang, or three minutes behind the 18th and next-to-last competitor, Scotland's Beth Potter.

It was the welcoming party waiting for her there.

In a touching display of sportsmanship, Australian runners Celia Sullohern (who finished sixth), Madeline Hills (eighth) and Eloise Wellings (16th) lingered there, clapping and cheering Chaka on, then embraced her after she took her final strides.

"I'd like to think," Hills said, "that if I had that day, there would be someone standing on the track for me."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table showing USA Today Top 25 Poll for men's and women's college basketball, listing teams, records, and poll positions.

ROCKETS

From IC

Grant scored five straight points for the Thunder, highlighted by a 3-pointer, to get Oklahoma City to within 107-103, but Rivers made another 3 to push the lead to 7 with two minutes left. Houston had a 1-point lead in the fourth when Harden re-entered the game and found Capela on consecutive possessions for dunks to make it 100-95.

Eric Gordon had a layup second later to push the lead to 7. Harden continued the run after the timeout with a driving jump shot before the Thunder scored their first basket in more than three minutes on a layup by Grant to cut the lead to 104-97. The Thunder were up by 8 at halftime, but Houston scored the first eight points of the second half to tie it at 60 with about nine minutes remaining in the third quarter. Daniel House and P.J. Tucker made 3s in that stretch to lead the Rockets. Oklahoma City was up by 2 later in the third when the Rockets scored five quick points with a 3 from Harden to take a 73-70 lead. But George hit a 3 for the Thunder soon after that to tie it up again. That basket started a 10-2 run for Oklahoma City, which included another 3 from George that

made it 80-75 with about three minutes left in the third. Houston trailed by 4 after two free throws by George late in the third, but the Rockets scored the next six points, capped by a 3 from Harden, to take an 86-84 lead with less than a minute left in the quarter. The Thunder led 88-86 entering the fourth.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

Advertisement for Midland Humane Coalition featuring a photo of a dog named Sox, adoption information, and contact details for the organization.

UMBC's win over Virginia was biggest surprise of 2018

By John Marshall
Associated Press

The University of Maryland-Baltimore County had no chance. Not against mighty Virginia, certainly not against history.

No. 16 seed had ever beaten a No. 1 in NCAA Tournament history, the lopsided ledger climbing to 135-0 through the opening weekend of 2018.

The Retrievers also had the daunting task of facing the bracket's No. 1 overall seed, the Final Four-favorite Cavaliers who romped through the nation's toughest conference with just one loss.

History was made in Charlotte, North Carolina, that March night.

Playing with poise while dismantling the nation's best defense, the commuter school known more for its chess prowess than hoops made all the right moves and busted brackets across the country by pulling off one of the most stunning upsets in sports history: No. 16 UMBC 74, No. 1 Virginia 54.

By joining the likes of underdogs Buster Douglas, Joe Namath and the Miracle on Ice hockey team, the Retrievers were easily the biggest surprise of the 2018 sports year.

"These are the moments that you dream of," UMBC's Jarius Lyles said.

UMBC went on to lose in the second round to Kansas State, but set the bar for all future No. 16 NCAA Tournament seeds.

No longer is beating a No. 1 in the first round an impossible dream. The Retrievers paved the way.

A few more of the biggest sports surprises in 2018:

Tiger's title

Tiger Woods had been showing signs of returning to form from a series of back surgeries, coming oh-so-close to winning on the PGA Tour.

A long-awaited victory was all that was missing in his comeback. It came at an unlikely place: the Tour Championship, one of the biggest tournaments outside the majors.

Playing like the Tiger of old, not old Tiger, Woods shot his way into a first-round lead at East Lake and stayed in contention all weekend. By the time the approach was hit from the 18th fairway, Woods strode up toward the green like a conquering hero, a mass of fans following him step for step.

His career seemingly derailed by debilitating injuries and a series of personal pitfalls, Woods had become a winner again, 1,876 days since he last hoisted a trophy. A huge boon to Woods and maybe an even bigger one for golf.

Golden in Vegas

TOP

From IC

But the steadiest flow of cringe-inducing headlines came out of the Nassar scandal — not only detailing his depravity, but also the slow, often-ham-handed way in which some of the most powerful people in sports dealt with the aftermath.

Those who failed paid dearly, and it's no exaggeration to say the entire Olympic movement inside the United States could be reconfigured because of it. USOC chairman Larry Probst, CEO Scott Blackmun and sport performance director Alan Ashley all left or were forced out under a cloud. In his going-away speech, Probst said despite the USOC's success under his watch, "it is our collective failure to keep you safe that that will forever cause me deep and profound regret." Brought on to repair USA Gymnastics, president Kerry Perry got forced out after a series of embarrassing and out-of-touch missteps. Her predecessor, Steve Penny, was arrested on charges he ordered files pertaining to Nassar removed from the team's training center at the Karolyi Ranch in Texas.

Blackmun's successor, Sarah Hirshland, eventually



Gerry Broome/AP

UMBC players celebrate a teammate's basket March 16 against Virginia in a first-round game in the NCAA men's basketball tournament in Charlotte, N.C.

Most expansion teams need a year or two — at least — to find their footing in the NHL.

Not the Golden Knights of Las Vegas. Vegas started quickly, winning eight of its first nine and kept rolling — all the way into the Stanley Cup Final in the most successful expansion season in modern sports history.

The Golden Knights also helped heal a city scarred by a mass shooting before the season started and invigorated a fan base that had been waiting for a professional team of its own.

Sister Jean and the ramblers

UMBC's takedown of Virginia was not the only shocking development of the NCAA Tournament. Possibly inspired by the Retrievers, Loyola-Chicago pulled off a bit of bracket magic of its own.

With 98-year-old Sister Jean at their side as the team's chaplain, the Ramblers rambled through the bracket, stunning Miami in the opening round, then taking down Tennessee to reach the Sweet 16.

They didn't stop there, finishing off Nevada and Kansas State to become the fourth No. 11 seed to reach the Final Four. Loyola-Chicago lost to Michigan, but its run — and its run — were an inspiration to millions.

Miracle in Miami

The New England Patriots are known as one of the most disciplined teams in the NFL. It's led them to five Super Bowl titles under coach Bill Belichick, so it's obviously working.

That's what made their meltdown against the Miami Dolphins so surprising. Leading 33-28, the Patriots' 10th straight AFC East title seemed to be a foregone conclusion with 16 seconds left and Miami at its 31.

Instead of wrapping up the game, the Patriots failed to wrap up the play as the Dolphins double-lateraled their way to a stunning 34-33 victory.

As NFL stunners go, the one in Miami is right

called for decertification of USA Gymnastics — an unwieldy process that could be hastened by Congress, which held a number of hearings and called for changes in the law that governs the entire, dysfunctional U.S. Olympic charter.

Ironically, one of the biggest drivers of change turned out to be the world's best gymnast. A Nassar victim herself, Olympic and world champion Simone Biles was unabashed in calling it like she saw it when change wasn't coming quickly enough — or didn't make any sense. Though hers may have been the best-known voice, it wasn't the only one.

Survivors are cautiously optimistic. "There is a broader cultural impact in terms of survivors speaking up," said Rachel Denhollander, whose story of abuse at the hands of Nassar triggered the entire meltdown. "Prosecutors are saying they're seeing a significant increase. A lot of them are tying them back to the sentencing hearing with Larry."

Though he worked with high-profile gymnasts in a volunteer capacity, Nassar did most of his damage at his full-time job at Michigan State.

The school has settled

up there with the miracles of the Meadowlands and Music City.

Germany takes down Canada

Canada was among the favorites to win hockey gold at the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics, even without NHL players for the first time since 1994. The Canadians were the two-time reigning Olympic champions and still had a plethora of talent on their roster.

Canada reached the semifinals and faced Germany, a heavy underdog even after beating Sweden in the quarterfinals.

The Germans jumped to leads of 3-0 and 4-1, then held off a big Canadian push to earn an unexpected spot in the finals against Russia. Canada was out and Germany was on its way to a silver medal.

World cup upsets

France won its second World Cup by beating Croatia 4-2. Not much of a surprise, but the tournament had a few shocking moments before it reached the final.

In the group stage, star Lionel Messi missed a penalty kick and plucky Iceland held two-time champion Argentina to a 1-1 draw at World Cup.

Defending champion Germany needed a big rally to beat Sweden to avoid getting knocked out of the World Cup, only to lose 2-0 to South Korea and exit in the opening round.

Russia also pulled off a stunner by knocking out Spain in a shootout 4-3.

The string of upsets made the 2018 World Cup one of the best.

Eagles win Super Bowl

When MVP candidate Carson Wentz went down, so seemingly did the Philadelphia Eagles' Super Bowl chances.

In stepped Nick Foles. A quarterback who once considered quitting the game, Foles led the Eagles on one of the most improbable runs to the Super Bowl after Wentz injured his knee in December.

lawsuits totaling \$500 million. Its university president, athletic director, gymnastics coach, vice president of legal affairs, a dean and a school doctor have all left under the cloud of how the university failed, time and again, when presented with evidence that Nassar was a serial abuser. Some of those who have left are awaiting trials for enabling Nassar in some way.

Hundreds of gymnasts' lawsuits against the USOC and USA Gymnastics are still pending. More Congressional hearings will be scheduled. More failures are certain to be detailed, and possibly some positive solutions — few and far between as the recriminations have piled up — can be found, as well.

The one sure thing is that even though 2018 is coming to an end, the pain, lessons and impact felt from the Nassar saga will resonate in 2019 and beyond.

"I think we have opened this door and revealed a lot of bad truths about our sport and sports in general," said one of Nassar's many victims, Olympic champion Jordyn Wieber. "Not only in sports in general, but a big child-abuse problem. People are opening their eyes a little bit more."

Tales from the PGA Tour

Thousands of fans surrounded the first tee at Carnoustie on the final day of the British Open. No mistaking what they came to see, even if most of them could hardly see Tiger Woods at all.

One young girl proved resourceful. From 30 yards beyond the rows of fans, she stood atop a large trash bin and pulled out her phone to capture the moment.

It was like that all year. The gallery stood 15 rows deep behind the 16th tee at Innisbrook when Woods played the Valspar Championship for the first time, missing a playoff by one shot. They turned Bellevue into a rock concert when Woods tried to chase down Brooks Koepka in the PGA Championship. And they broke through the ropes and marched behind him to the 18th green at East Lake when he finally won again at the Tour Championship.

He was must-see golf, just like always. Behind the scenes were plenty of other moments that went beyond the birdies, bogeys and trophies:

The rocket scientist

Math has never been a strength for Austin Johnson, the brother and caddy for Dustin Johnson. Sometimes, it really doesn't matter.

Johnson's most memorable shot this year was on the 12th hole at Kapalua, where his drive on the 433-yard hole stopped 6 inches short of the cup in the final round. The day before was a shot even more exquisite. From light rough to the left, he hit a pitch that trundled down the slope, back up toward the green and into the cup for an eagle.

How long was the pitch? Austin Johnson looked at the book. He first mentioned 65 yards. He looked at the book again and said it was 79 yards. And then he gave up.

"Hey, we're feel players," he said with a wink. "We're not all rocket scientists out here."

Roll the dice

The conversation with Jordan Spieth outside the fitness center at the Sony Open ended because Tom Hoge was going into the interview room. Hoge, who has never won on the PGA Tour, was tied for the lead.

"Let me tell you about Tom Hoge," Spieth said. "When he gets in contention, he will not back down."

And that's how it played out. Hoge stayed in or around the lead the entire final round until one shot that he missed by a fraction on the wrong side of the hole led to double bogey. He missed out on a playoff by one shot.

Told a month later about Spieth's prediction, Hoge was perplexed. He said they hardly spend any time together. They've never played together. They live on opposite ends of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. "My only connection with Jordan is I taught him how to play craps," Hoge said.



Two weeks later in Mexico, Spieth was reminded of the conversation in Hawaii. How would he know what to expect from Hoge if he had never played golf with him? "Because that's how he plays craps," Spieth said.

Raise a glass

Maybe it was the return of Woods, but PGA Tour crowds got louder, rowdier and a little over the top. Rory McIlroy heard one fan at Bay Hill who kept yelling his wife's name, and McIlroy was close to confronting him.

"I think it's gotten a little much, to be honest," he said. "I think that they need to limit the alcohol sales on the course."

Beer was one thing. He was more concerned seeing the number of people with cocktails.

The greater concern was winning. McIlroy had gone 18 months since his last victory, and he got the job done that Sunday with five birdies on the last six holes for a 64 to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational. In honor of the King and his favorite drink, glasses of Ketel One vodka were passed out after his interview. McIlroy raised his glass for a toast, pausing to smile.

"And I'm the guy calling for a ban on alcohol," he said.

Man of few words

No golfer in the last 20 years has spoken to the media more than Tiger Woods, and it's rare to hear anything new. The questions are just as old.

Hideki Matsuyama also speaks after each round and doesn't have much to say. By nature he is shy and humble. As one Japanese reporter said a few years ago, "He doesn't speak much English. He doesn't speak much Japanese, either."

But he knows enough. Woods had just finished his pre-tournament news conference at the British Open when Matsuyama noticed the commotion outside the media center while he walked to his car. He saw a familiar face and stopped to ask through his interpreter what Woods had said to the media.

"What does he ever say?" came the reply. Matsuyama smiled. Then, Matsuyama was asked what he had said to the Japanese media.

He responded in English with another big smile. "Same," he said.

From bunkers and behind trees, memorable shots from 2018

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Tiger Woods hit a shot he thought would lead to his 15th major. Keegan Bradley made a putt he thought would be worth a trip to the Tour Championship.

Just about every player has one shot that stands out above the rest in 2018.

"For how I viewed it at the time — this is in the moment — the shot I hit down 10 at The Open Championship out of that bunker," Woods said.

He was talking about the final round at Carnoustie, his ball in a fairway bunker with a burn between him and the green. Woods considered his pitching wedge one of those all-or-nothing moments. If it hits the lip of the bunker, he loses. If he pulls it off, he's going to win.

He pulled it off — and tied for sixth.

No matter. "There are moments in a tournament where you know this is the shot that's going to win or lose the event," he said. "Unfortunately, I didn't win it, but at the time to know it and pull it off, that gave me a lot of confidence going forward, to be honest with you."

Justin Thomas considered a pair of wedges before settling on a lob wedge on the 72nd hole at the Honda Classic that he hit to a foot for birdie that got him into a playoff. He holed a gap wedge for eagle on the 72nd hole in Mexico City that ultimately got him into a playoff, but Thomas wasn't in the last group. And he wound up losing in the playoff, anyway, so the nod goes to the Honda Classic.

Tony Finau says his was a 5-iron on the 17th hole in the final round at the Masters for his sixth consecutive birdie. This wasn't an ordinary birdie.

"I missed it in the right trees and it kicked back about 40 yards," he said.

"I had a 190-yard shot and I had like a 60- to 70-yard slice, and I hit it to about 3 feet. I missed about a 12-footer on 18 to make seven birdies in a row (the Masters record). To be able to finish that way at Augusta was really cool, and that shot is the one that stuck out of all the birdies that I made."

As for Bradley?

He made a 7-foot par putt on the final hole Saturday in the BMW Championship, and that meant everything. With so much rain in the forecast, it looked as though the tournament could be cut short to 54 holes. The par putt meant Bradley was alone in sixth place, and with no more golf, that would give him enough points to finish in the top 30 in the FedEx Cup and get to East Lake. Miss it, and he would fall into a five-way tie for sixth.

"I knew in my head this was the last putt, and I had to make it to get into the Tour Championship," he said. "That was a good feeling when it went in."

Alas, the fourth round was played Monday. Bradley wound up winning for the first time in six years. He'll be in Maui next week for the Tournament of Champions.

Sabbe the Slovakian

Don't be surprised to hear these words at the Sony Open: "Now on the tee, from Slovakia, Rory Sabbatini."

The South African-born Sabbatini last week became an official citizen of Slovakia, according to Slovak newspapers SME and Novy Cas. Sabbatini's wife, Martina Stofanikova, is from Slovakia.

The Slovak Golf Association says it is sending proof of citizenship to the International Golf Federation, which would allow the 42-year-old Sabbatini to play under the Slovak flag. It also would make him eli-

gible to play for the Eastern European country in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

Sabbatini is No. 203 in the world ranking. The Olympics takes no more than two players from each country — four if they are among the top 15 — until the field size is at 60 players. Currently, the No. 60 player in the Olympic ranking is Daan Huizinga, who is No. 340 in the world ranking.

"I believe that I will be successful for Slovak golf and will be a source of inspiration for Slovak youth," Sabbatini said Wednesday at the Consulate General of the Slovak Republic in New York.

Rastislav Antal, vice president of the Slovak Golf Association, said he was proud that Slovakia will have its first PGA Tour player. Sabbatini is fully exempt from finishing 79th in the FedEx Cup last year.

"We believe that Rory will be able to achieve successful results for Slovak golf and can raise the interest of our public and our children to become actively interested in golfing," Antal said.

The gap widens

The European Tour was at its strongest in the weeks leading to the only major championship not on American soil. Otherwise, the gap widened again in world ranking points distributed to the winners on the PGA Tour and European Tour.

PGA Tour events in 2018 offered an average of just under 57 points to the winner, compared with 41.3 points to European Tour events. That's an average difference of 15.7 points, up from 15.1 points a year ago.

Throw out the four majors and the four World Golf Championships that are part of both tours' official schedule, and the gap gets wider.

Be sure to check out Sunday's edition to read weekly LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRUSTED VALUED ESSENTIAL
Lifelong. Learning.

basin pbs

432-563-5728
www.BasinPBS.org

Centers
for children & families

Providing counseling for those in need, for children and adults, regardless of level of income. Counseling emphasizes support and healing of individuals and families.

3701 Andrews Highway
Midland, Texas 79703
432.570.1084
www.centerstx.org

CASA
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
CASA OF WEST TEXAS

1611 W Texas Ave.
Midland, TX 79701
(432) 683-1114

BUILDING POWERFUL WOMEN

- Professionally
- Personally
- Positively

JOIN US!

BPW
MidlandBPW.com

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME DECEMBER 26, 2018

Channel	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMDZ ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune
KOSA CBS	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News	CBS 7 News
KWWT CW	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
KPEJ FOX	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
KMLM IND	Housecall	Housecall	Housecall	Housecall	Housecall	Housecall	Housecall	Housecall	Housecall	Housecall	Housecall	Housecall
KWES NBC	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9	NewsWest 9
KPBT PBS	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour	PBS NewsHour
KUPB UNI	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe
KOSA MNT	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing
FLIX	340 525 185	340 525 185	340 525 185	340 525 185	340 525 185	340 525 185	340 525 185	340 525 185	340 525 185	340 525 185	340 525 185	340 525 185
HBO	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14	300 200 14 14
HBO2	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23	302 201 15 101 23
HBO3	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102	304 202 16 102
MAX	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24	300 207 17 120 24
PLEX	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122	300 208 18 122
SHOW	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25	320 500 19 140 25
TMC	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26	336 522 22 156 26
A&E	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47	27 58 28 35 47
AMC	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51	40 74 23 42 51
BET	58 - - 40	58 - - 40	58 - - 40	58 - - 40	58 - - 40	58 - - 40	58 - - 40	58 - - 40	58 - - 40	58 - - 40	58 - - 40	58 - - 40
BRAVO	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41	65 76 - 41
CHBC	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72	46 52 - 39 72
CHN	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56	43 50 51 30 56
DISC	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42	50 60 31 24 42
DISNEY	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36	56 64 36 25 36
ESPN	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30	32 35 48 31 30
ESPN2	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31	34 36 49 32 31
FNC	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55	45 48 53 23 55
FOOD	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54	64 70 27 68 54
FREEFORM	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33	53 63 34 42 33
FSW	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29	37 38 50 45 29
HALLMARK	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34	54 71 58 34 34
HGTV	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44	63 69 26 48 44
HISTORY	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43	71 59 29 50 43
LIFETIME	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48	28 30 25 28 48
MSNBC	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73	47 53 - 49 73
NBCSN	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -	38 43 - - - -
NICK	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37	55 - - 39 34 37
SPICE	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58	30 - - 55 53 58
SYFY	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67	66 82 41 57 67
TBS	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41	25 33 44 66 41
TCM	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66	41 75 24 63 66
TELE	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20	20 - - 10 20
TLC	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52	51 61 32 38 52
TNT	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50	24 34 40 26 50
TVLAND	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35	49 - - 35 54 35
USA	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49	26 55 42 27 49
WGN	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -	19 85 - - - -

THE SALVATION ARMY
DOING THE MOST GOOD

The Salvation Army
300 S Baird St.
Midland, TX 79701
432-683-3614
www.salvationarmymidland.org

Casa de Arrogos
HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

1101 E. Garden Ln., Midland, TX 79701
432-682-9701
casadearrogosmidland.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Mentoring children for a better Midland

714 W. Louisiana Ave.
Midland, Texas 79701
432-687-0195

MIDLAND NEED TO READ
ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

Enhancing the lives of Midland County adults through literacy

info@midlandneedtoread.org
432-682-9693
1709 W. Wall St.
Midland, Texas 79701

MARC
Empowering Lives

Offering opportunities for children and adults with disabilities

2701 North A Street
Midland, TX
432.695.9901

SENIOR LINK

Older Adults & Baby Boomers Volunteer here to meet your needs

Call Today
432-689-6693
Seniorlinkmidland.org

Habitat for Humanity
RESTORE

Call for donation pick-up.

Come shop our store.

Open to the public.

Tues.-Sat

TODAY'S COMICS SPONSORED BY

HARTMAN ROOFING INC.
 432-522-1117
 QUALITY, INTEGRITY, EXPERIENCE
 SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!!!

The wiseman built his house on a rock
Then he hired Hartman to roof it!!!

All Types of Roof and Roof repair • Free Estimates

Commercial • Residential
www.HartmanRoofing.com

HARTMAN ROOFING INC.
 Mention this ad. and receive \$300.00
 off a full roofing job or \$50.00 off any
 repair of \$200.00 or more

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



FUNKY WINKERBEAN



LUANN



BLONDIE



MARY WORTH



BETLE BAILEY



ZITS



CLASSIC PEANUTS



BABY BLUES



SHOE



MUTTS



GARFIELD



CLOSE TO HOME



DENNIS THE MENACE



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WIZARD OF ID



DILBERT



LOCKHORNS



FAMILY CIRCUS



LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

mrt.com
Midland Reporter-Telegram

BECOME A FEATURED BUSINESS

432-687-8894

ANTIQUES

RUSTIC WINDMILL

A VINTAGE INSPIRED MARKETPLACE

2032 W Dumbert
Midland, TX 79701
(432) 262-0985



MORTGAGE

COME HOME TO HOSE YOU TRUST



 mrt.com

REAL ESTATE

The Real Estate Company

 432-618-0286 

ENTERTAINMENT



Childhood Home

7412 W. Ohio, Midland, TX 79701

Paul St. Hilaire, Executive Director 432-685-1112

PIPE

PRECISION PIPE RENTALS

2114 FM 1208, Stanton, TX 79782 • (432) 458-9306

Midland Location: Range 8 Inspection Services • Hours 4-12 • 13-48

Available Services will include: Full Inspection, 2FA Special First Area Inspection, RLD Full Length Drive, VTI Visual Thermal Inspection!

The inspection will be performed to API standards and specifications unless you call API SC1 9011 API N 11 1001 or to customer specifications. Pipe available per request.

DRILL PIPE, PIPE RACKS, HANDLING TOOLS, BLOWOUT PREVENTERS

HYT, YT, MYT, LYT Elevators, TW Safety Valves, Pup Joints, Pump-In Subs, Crossover Subs, Bowl & Slips, Stabbing Guides & Drifts

CLEANING & INSPECTION

REAL ESTATE




MIDLAND 1ST CHOICE REAL ESTATE

THE DOSS TEAM

432-699-7000

HEALTH CARE



NURSES UNLIMITED
Keeping Your Loved One at Home

1020 E. ANDREWS HIGHWAY
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
432-522-5080
1-800-201-5904
432-522-5094 Fax
mccorcle@nursesunlimited.com

WENDIE McCORCLE, RN
ADMINISTRATOR
PRIVATE DIVISION

REAL ESTATE

Real Estate one

Midland 

432-682-1111
www.re1midland.com

WATER PURIFICATION

Healthy Water Systems
by Good Technologies, LLC 

Whole House Filtration
Uses No Salt & Removes Chlorine

www.GoodTechnologies.Biz
Find us on Facebook 

Call 432-699-2312
As Seen on Dr. Oz

Find Local Business Listings in the
Midland, Texas Area

Midland Reporter-Telegram

mrt.com

TEXAS *back to* WORK.COM



Employment ads by:

432.682.6999

432.682.6222

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Textures & Fabric LTD is now Hiring!
Looking for a Customer Services Rep
Job Includes:
* Answering incoming calls from customers needing assistance in variety of areas
* Fulfill customer service functions
* Answer questions, give explanation, and solve problems for customers
* Complete special projects as assigned Send resume to pljob001@aol.com

HEALTHCARE

Experienced Medical Assistant
Experienced Medical Assistant Needed
Must be bilingual. Available M-F.
Please call 432-520-4305 or fax resume to 432-699-0773

Home & Office Cleaners

Home & Office Cleaners wanted \$600/week. Cleaning position available, working days Mon.-Fri. 11am-2pm. Minimum requirement. Email: patriciatracy184@gmail.com

OTHER JOBS

\$500 SIGN ON BONUS
For the first 10 people who sign on for a route.

Be In Business for Yourself
With No Money Down
Home Delivery Routes Available

The Midland Reporter Telegram's Circulation Department is looking for independent contractors to deliver newspapers to home delivery subscribers in **Midland city & county areas**.

Applicants must be dependable, service oriented to provide excellent service to our readers. You must also be available early morning hours 7-days a week [Our Distribution Centers open as early as 1:30 am with route delivery deadlines of 6 am during the week and 7 am on Sunday]. Compensation is dependent on route size and the number of copies delivered with the approximate gross profit potential between \$250-\$630 every 2 weeks for 2 1/2 - 3 hours per day. The successful applicant must be able to work independently of direct supervision.

Applicants must have a dependable vehicle, valid driver's license and proof of insurance.

For more information and to be considered for a route please contact the Midland Reporter Telegram representative listed below.

Adam Kahle
432-238-4998

Oscar Ronquillo
432-687-9001

OTHER JOBS



CIRCULATION CLERK

The purpose of this position is to assist Circulation department in reaching goals for start pressure, volumes, retention, single copy, and customer service. The primary function of the Circulation Clerk is to handle administrative functions of the department including tracking and analysis.

Maintain reports for Circulation including tracking of start pressure, volumes, service and collection statistics, and retention for all properties in West Texas primarily the Plainview Herald and Midland Reporter Telegram. Report return information to the Accounting department on a timely basis for Plainview Herald and the MRT.

Process customer and DSM written and email correspondence, and respond to their phone inquiries. Work with the call center to resolve customer complaints as well as helping walk in customer's in reference to their account.

Work with customers and delivery staff to resolve delivery questions and service issues for our West Texas properties.

Special projects and administrative support tasks assigned by Circulation Managers as needed.

Designated back-up for other Circulation & Finance support staff members as needed.

Able to react to change productively and handle other essential tasks as assigned.

In order to communicate with company personnel and customers English is vital.

College degree or equivalent years of experience in office management or related areas required.

Proficient computer skills including Microsoft Office package (Excel, Word, PowerPoint and Access), experience in data entry and typing speed minimum 35wpm required.

Customer Service Skills, computer skills, analytical skills. Must be goal oriented, energetic, and have good time management and organizational skills. Must be able to react to change productively.

This position is instrumental in analyzing data, interacting with all department personnel and resolving customer problems.

Sign-On Bonus

Send resumes to heckler@hearstmp.com

Wash & Lube Positions

Mighty Wash NOW Hiring Full/Part-Time Positions
Wash & Lube 3314 N Loop 250
or email daniel@mighty-wash.com or online mighty-wash.com



Fax Your Ad
682-6999



NOW HIRING 100 DELIVERY DRIVERS

- Great attitude and desire to be part of the Domino's team a must!
- Must be 18 years of age or older with a good driving record
- Valid Driver's License
- Your own vehicle with insurance
- Earn hourly wage plus tips and mileage. Great drivers can earn \$16.525 per hour with a great attitude and hustle
- Full time & Part-time positions available with flexible hours

CASHIERS, PREP COOKS, LINE COOKS AND DISHWASHERS

- Great first job for student over 16 years old
- Earn a \$12 hourly wage with quick raise opportunities
- Full time & Part-time positions available

APPLY ONLINE at JOBS.DOMINOS.COM

or any of the 18 Midland & Odessa locations

- 1307 N Loop 250 - Midland
- 3300 W Illinois - Midland
- 4519 N Garfield - Midland
- 604 N Big Spring St - Midland
- 503 I-20 - Midland
- 3111 Faudone Rd - Odessa
- 960 E 87th St - Odessa
- 1106 E 42nd St - Odessa
- 2251 Linda Ave - Odessa
- 9001 W University Blvd - Odessa

SALES JOBS

Manager & Cashiers

Smoker's Outlet has SIGNING BONUS for **MANAGER TRAINEE & CASHIERS** Full-time & Part-time position must have own transportation. Apply in person Mon-Fri 8-5 at either store
5000 E University, Ste 11, Odessa, Tx & 312 N Midland Dr, Midland, TX

SKILLED LABOR

Diesel Mechanics

Job Opportunity: Presto Oilfield Services are seeking to hire Diesel Mechanics with CDL to work on heavy equipment. Must have 2 years experience in a similar position. Interested candidates may send their resume to operations@prestoilfieldservices.com

Owl Energy Services

General Labor/Field Hand
Poly Line Installation
Requirements:
Valid DL
Drug Testing

Monday- Friday w/occasional weekend work.
Benefits Include 401K & Medical

\$\$\$ Paid Holidays \$\$\$

Apply @ Owl Energy Services, 2052 Commerce St, Midland, Texas 79703. Between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
NO PER DIAM
NO TELEPHONE CALLS ACCEPTED. MUST COME TO IN AND FILL OUT APPLICATION. BRING ID's with You.

Technical Service & Field Sales

J&W Services and Equipment Co. is seeking a Technical Service and Field Sales rep for our Raider Electric Feed Thru division (a BIW Distributor). 2+ yrs experience preferred but willing to train. Benefits include health, dental & life ins. Vacation & Sick pay. Opportunities to earn commissions and quality bonuses. Participation in 401k after one year. Stop at 3510 E Hwy 158 in Midland/ online www.jandwservices.com for app & submit to jobs@jwellheads.com

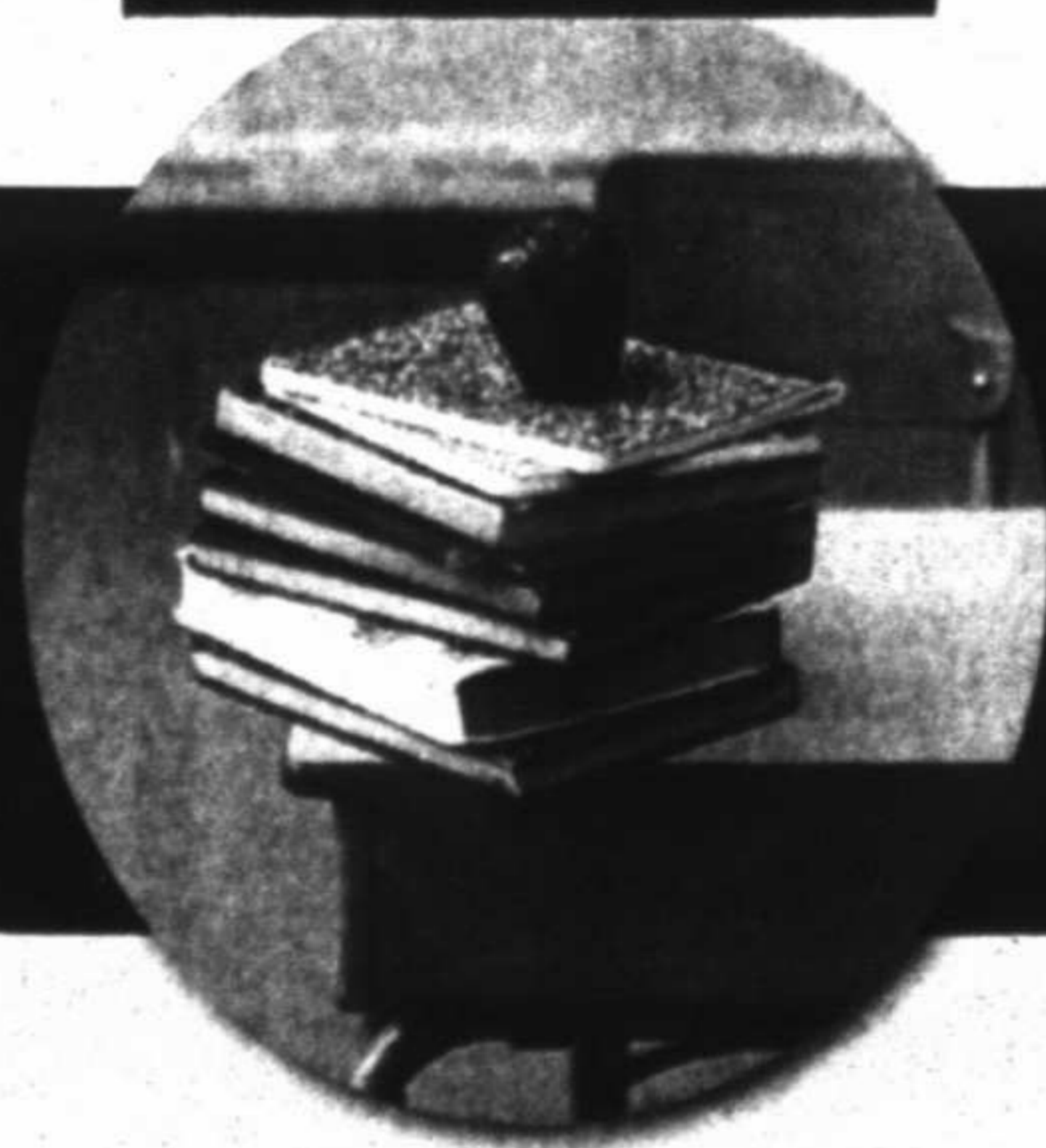
Answer Your Calling

Browse Dozens of Rewarding Career Opportunities for

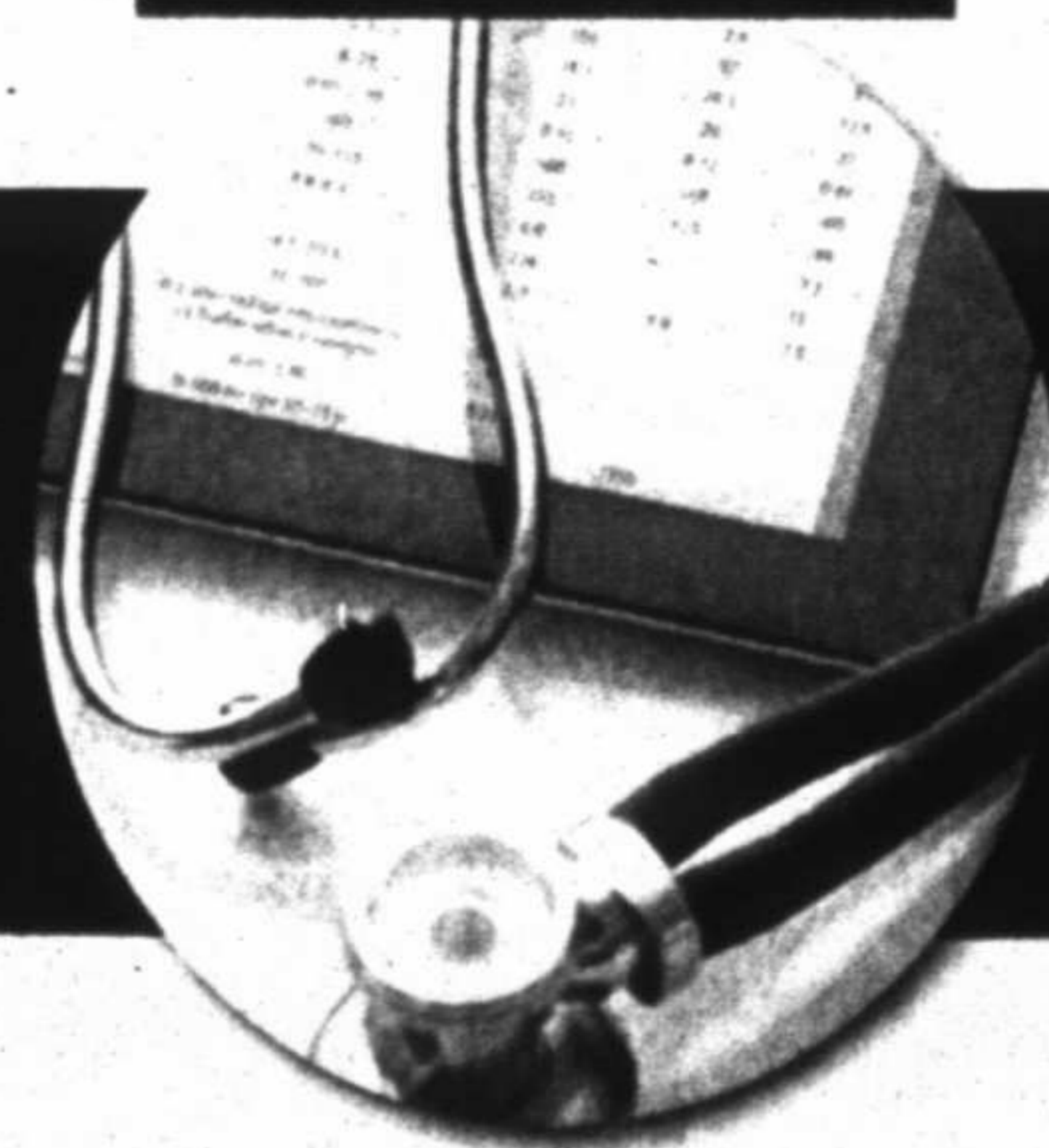
Animal Lovers



Educators



Caretakers



Online Today at

TEXAS *back to* WORK.COM

In Print & Online **432.682.6222**

mrt classifieds



432.682.6999



432.682.6222



mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936 has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. The following P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases in (New Lease ID) Goldsmith, C. A. ETAL Lease, TXL (Wolfcamp) Field, (Lease ID 02186) Goldsmith, C. A. ETAL Lease, Goldsmith (Devonian) Field (Lease ID 02100) Goldsmith, C. A. ETAL Lease, Goldsmith (Clear Fork) Field, Ector County. This application is for common separation and common storage into a common facility. Production will be measured by W-10 well tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to Darlene Williams, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

The Bottom Line

76 percent of adults have read a daily newspaper in the past five days.

Midland Reporter-Telegram



Source: Scarborough Research 2015

201 EAST ILLINOIS AVENUE • MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701 • 432-682-5311

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin Counties, and portions of Borden and Midland Counties, are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 7, 2019. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the St. Lawrence Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Glasscock, Reagan, Upton, and portions of Midland County are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 7, 2019. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C Rule 37 Case No. 0315232
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 10, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844913
 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 14, 2019
 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
 ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
 P. O. Box 12967
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967
 Fax: (512) 463-6780
 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, (RRC Operator No. 642652) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 17, Bk. 39 TSS, T&P RR CO Survey, A-431: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) and SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Fields, UPTON County, being 9.7 miles SW direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below

FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	ELLIE 20-29-D
Lease/Unit Well No	4307H
Lease/Unit Acres	972.01
Nearest Lease Line (R)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (R)	1.0
Lease Lines	390.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L
Survey Lines	390.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral TH1

Penetration Point Location
 Lease Lines 390.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Terminus Location

BH County UPTON
 Section 29 Block 39 TSS TSS Abstract 437
 Survey T&P RR CO
 Lease Lines 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L
 Survey Lines 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L

FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	ELLIE 20-29-D
Lease/Unit Well No	4307H
Lease/Unit Acres	972.01
Nearest Lease Line (R)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (R)	1.0
Lease Lines	390.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L
Survey Lines	390.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral TH1

Penetration Point Location
 Lease Lines 390.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Terminus Location

BH County UPTON
 Section 29 Block 39 TSS Abstract 437
 Survey T&P RR CO
 Lease Lines 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L
 Survey Lines 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows.

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9959 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Johnathan Washington, at (512)6008855.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C Rule 37 Case No. 0315231
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 10, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844913
 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 14, 2019
 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
 ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
 P. O. Box 12967
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967
 Fax: (512) 463-6780
 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, (RRC Operator No. 642652) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 17, Bk. 39 TSS, T&P RR CO Survey, A-431: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) and SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Fields, UPTON County, being 9.7 miles SW direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below

FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	ELLIE 20-29-D
Lease/Unit Well No	4407H
Lease/Unit Acres	972.01
Nearest Lease Line (R)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (R)	178.0
Lease Lines	420.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L
Survey Lines	420.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral TH1

Penetration Point Location
 Lease Lines 420.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Terminus Location

BH County UPTON
 Section 29 Block 39 TSS TSS Abstract 437
 Survey T&P RR CO
 Lease Lines 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L
 Survey Lines 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L

FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	ELLIE 20-29-D
Lease/Unit Well No	4407H
Lease/Unit Acres	972.01
Nearest Lease Line (R)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (R)	178.0
Lease Lines	420.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L
Survey Lines	420.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral TH1

Penetration Point Location
 Lease Lines 420.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Terminus Location

BH County UPTON
 Section 29 Block 39 TSS Abstract 437
 Survey T&P RR CO
 Lease Lines 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L
 Survey Lines 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows.

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

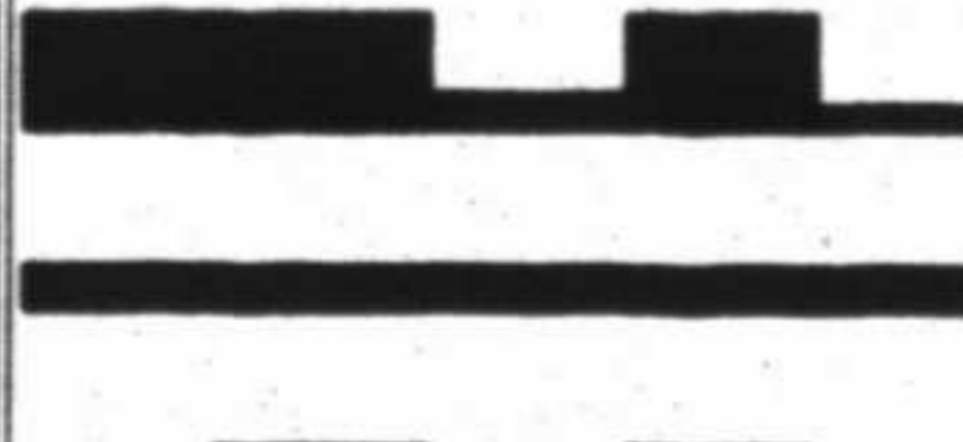
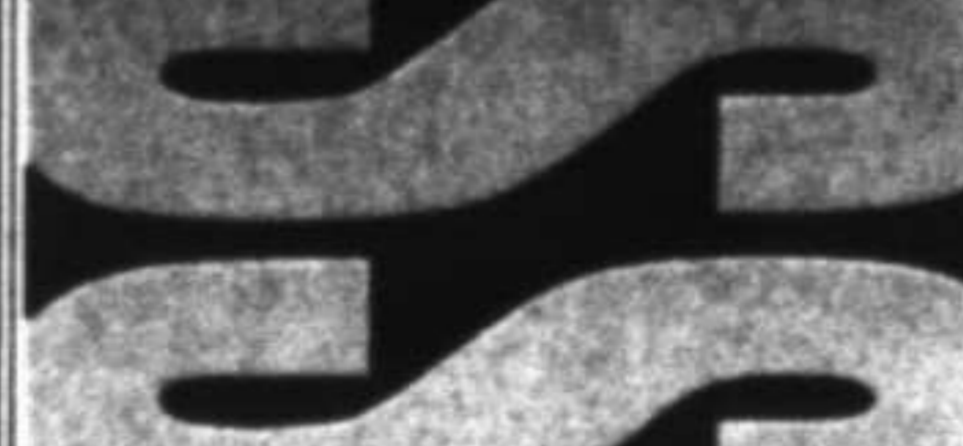
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10184 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Johnathan Washington, at (512)6008855.



Find it fast in the Midland Reporter-Telegram



You Can Email your Classified Ad to: mrtclassified@mrt.com

Fax Your Ad 24-7 682-6999

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

On November 30, 2018, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor"), Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. ("SDTS"), Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland"), and Sempra Energy ("Sempra") (collectively, "Joint Applicants") filed a Joint Report and Application for Regulatory Approvals ("Joint Application") with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC" or "Commission"), copies of which are kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Suite 6000, Dallas, TX 75202. The Joint Application requests Commission approval of three transactions (the "Proposed Transactions"), as described below, that will result in SDTS becoming an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Oncor that will own transmission and distribution assets held today by Sharyland and SDTS in central, north, and west Texas, and Sharyland will remain a utility in south Texas, with Sempra owning a 50 percent indirect interest in Sharyland. First, Sharyland will transfer its assets in north Texas, along with associated assets, liabilities, and working capital, to SDTS. In return, Sharyland will receive all of SDTS's assets located in south Texas. In connection with this asset exchange, Sharyland's equity interest in SDTS will be cancelled, and the certificates of convenience and necessity of Sharyland and SDTS will be amended to authorize the "North Texas Utility" (referring to the post-closing assets to be owned by SDTS) and the "South Texas Utility" (referring to the post-closing assets to be owned by Sharyland) to own, operate, and maintain their respective post-exchange assets. Second, Oncor will acquire InfraREIT, Inc. ("InfraREIT") and InfraREIT Partners, LP and, as a result, will own and operate all of SDTS's post-transaction assets. Finally, Sempra will purchase a 50-percent indirect limited partnership interest in a newly formed Delaware limited partnership expected to be named Sharyland Holdings, LP, which will own a 100-percent interest in Sharyland. The Joint Applicants also request Commission approval of certain regulatory terms listed in Exhibit A to the Joint Application, some of which are regulatory conditions to closing.

The Joint Application does not seek Commission approval of a modification to Oncor's rates. Oncor is requesting a Commission finding, however, that Oncor may consolidate the North Texas Utility's wholesale transmission rates with Oncor's rates as part of Oncor's next base-rate case. Oncor also requests Commission approval to establish a regulatory asset to track any make-whole payments or other expenses that may be required to extinguish, transfer, or restructure the debt of InfraREIT and its subsidiaries under the Proposed Transactions, so that Oncor may seek recovery of that regulatory asset in its next base-rate case. The Joint Applicants also seek Commission approval to split the current Sharyland wholesale transmission service tariff into two separate tariffs—one for the North Texas Utility and one for the South Texas Utility—which rates, when taken together, would be equal to Sharyland's rate in effect at the time the Proposed Transactions close.

Any person wishing to intervene in this proceeding must file a written request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326, no later than January 4, 2019. This case has been assigned PUCT Docket No. 48929. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7136 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, SHARYLAND DISTRIBUTION & TRANSMISSION SERVICES, L.L.C., SHARYLAND UTILITIES, L.P., AND SEMPRA ENERGY

Lost and Found

REWARD Lost Schwazer Wrigley is small, black and brown and has a collar and is chipped. Lost near Midland Dr and Lehigh. Please help us find him. 432-634-7821



Autos For Sale/Lease

Passenger Cars
2011 LINCOLN Towncar Limo, 47 K original miles, looks good run good. Asking \$24,900. 830-777-0120
TOYOTA Scion XB, 2010, 7K miles, good condition everything works. For more information 432-934-1499



Recreation Vehicles
07 TRAVEL Supreme, 34.4 slides & 50 amp. Cherrywood, leather, new G tires, 15 A/C, fireplace, awnings, excellent condition. \$16,500. Delivery available. 641-425-5176

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2003, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Deed of Trust ("Reverse Mortgage") was executed by GEORGE TISDALE, as mortgagor in favor of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. as mortgagee and ROBERT K. FOWLER, as trustee, and was recorded on April 4, 2003 under Clerk's Instrument Number 7517, Book 2144, Page 721 in the real property records of Midland County, Texas. Re-filed on May 28, 2003 under Clerk's Instrument Number 12301, Book 2174, Page 286 in the real property records of Midland County, Texas.

WHEREAS, the Reverse Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Reverse Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated February 5, 2009, and recorded on February 17, 2009, under Clerk's Instrument Number 2009-2796 in the real property records of Midland County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Reverse Mortgage in that the Mortgagors are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of January 2, 2019 is \$74,933.94; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Reverse Mortgage to be immediately due and payable.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on October 15, 2007 in Dallas County under Clerk's File Number 20070369306, notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2019, at 10:00 AM local time or no later than three hours thereafter, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

BEING LOTS TWELVE (12) AND THIRTEEN (13), BLOCK FIFTY SIX (56), PARK AVENUE HEIGHTS ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, PAGE 115, PLAT RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.

Commonly known as 800 S TYLER STREET, MIDLAND, TX 79701

The sale will be held at the Midland County Courthouse, Texas at the following location: THE FOYER AND SOUTH ENTRANCE AT THE FRONT OF THE COURTHOUSE OR AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE or as designated by the County Commissioners Court.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$74,933.94

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorate share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$7,493.39 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$7,493.39 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extension of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid in full prior to the scheduled sale is \$74,933.94, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: December 5, 2018

L. Keller Mackie
Foreclosure Commissioner
Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C.
Parkway Office Center, Suite 900
14160 North Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75254
(214) 635-2860
(214) 635-2866 Fax

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2003, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Deed of Trust ("Reverse Mortgage") was executed by A.C. CHEAIRS AND ALGA CHEAIRS, as mortgagor in favor of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. as mortgagee and ROBERT K. FOWLER, as trustee, and was recorded on December 3, 2003 under Clerk's Instrument Number 19232 in the real property records of Ector County, Texas.

WHEREAS, the Reverse Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Reverse Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated February 13, 2015, and recorded on March 18, 2015, under Clerk's Instrument Number 2015-00003848 in the real property records of Ector County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Reverse Mortgage in that the Mortgagors are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of January 2, 2019 is \$75,219.03; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Reverse Mortgage to be immediately due and payable.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on October 15, 2007 in Dallas County under Clerk's File Number 20070369306, notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2019, at 10:00 AM local time or no later than three hours thereafter, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

LOT 1, BLOCK 55, SHERWOOD ADDITION, 6TH FILING, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN VOLUME 5, PAGE 9, PLAT RECORDS, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS.

Commonly known as 5201 NORTH EVERGLADE AVENUE, ODESSA, TX 79762

The sale will be held at the Ector County Courthouse, Texas at the following location: THE FRONT DOOR OF THE ECTOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE (WEST ENTRANCE) OR AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE or as designated by the County Commissioners Court.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$75,219.03

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorate share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$7,521.90 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$7,521.90 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extension of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid in full prior to the scheduled sale is \$75,219.03, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: December 5, 2018

L. Keller Mackie
Foreclosure Commissioner
Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C.
Parkway Office Center, Suite 900
14160 North Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75254
(214) 635-2860
(214) 635-2866 Fax

Business

Computers

Employment

Merchandise

Personals

Automobiles

Lodge Notices

Electronics

Financial

Health & Fitness

Miscellaneous

Real Estate

RV's

Legal Notices

Lost & Found

Who's Who

Personals

Automobiles

Marty's Market

Trailers

Notices

Rentals

CLICK

Everything
You Need Is Just A
Click Away
In The
Midland Reporter-Telegram
Classified

Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com

Call: 432-682-6222
Email: mrtclassified@mrt.com

2007 KEYSTONE Laredo 5th wheel, 30' tires with 2k miles, new refrigerator, everything works. Asking \$13,500. Located in Midland. 817-694-8780 or 432-889-6921

Pets-Animals

Dogs

GOLDENDOODLE PUPPIES ready for new homes. Tuxedo chocolate & black. Happy & healthy. Text or call 432-894-0331

Dogs

LABRADOR RETRIEVER PUPPIES Grand Champion bloodlines. Xmas day delivery in Midland! \$1,200 English Labs OFA Cart. Hips & elbows. Brooke 432-978-5300

FOR SALE

Real Estate Rental-Sale

Merchandise

FIREWOOD for sale mix \$125 a truck load or \$80 a truck load of stumps Call Norman 432-296-1424

Firewood For Sale

Oak, Pecan, Hickory, Mesquite, Pinon. 325-762-4262

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

HELP PLEASE rescue us from our evil step-mother. She never takes time to play with us, she just keeps us in the back yard. We want to be with a family who has lots of room for us to run and play outside. I love my sister but we can be separated. If you can help us please call 432-230-8118

Residential Rentals

Condo Thome Rent Furn

FOR LEASE-CONDO 2/2 FULLY FURNISHED WITH COVERED PARKING AND WASHER AND DRYER. \$2500 MONTHLY. 432-425-1297 OR 432-212-7408

House Rent Unfurn

1011 DENTON St Midland, Tx 79703 3bed 2bath \$2,500 Neg. Monthly includes W/D 432-557-4768

Classified CAN 682-6222

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Lots and Land

Acresage

700 SCENIC acres in SW Runnels County Upland elevations to Large Creek Bottom Large Ponds (Stocked) & Rural Water Meter on Property. Electric close to Property. Whitetail Deer, Quail, Turkey, Dove Provides Excellent Hunting. All Minerals & Water Rights will Convey. \$1800.00 Per Acre Contact: Rick 580-920-8881

Lots and Land

84 +/- ac. Voca TX. 8 miles from Brady Beautiful property covered with oaks. This property has a large tank, pad for house, good fencing, electricity, and a well. Perfect for hunting and building. Surrounded by large ranches. \$380,000. Call Becky with James Long Real estate for more information at 214-662-9561

READY-RANCH R/R

WWW.READY-RANCH.COM

East County

- 11156 ac +/- of Snyder 4 houses, penning area, 800 ft. creek, lakes. Whitetail deer, mule deer and more. \$179500
- 4212 ac. Maverick Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail. \$82500
- 11771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great well and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail. \$850
- Wade County**
- 548 ac. over 1 mile **SOLD** creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak. \$3,50000
- 565 ac. Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop. 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill. \$4,42500
- Marble County**
- 242 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some alfalfa trails. \$75000
- 150 ac. big canyon, 6 **SOLD** miles, cedar/mesquite, great deer, turkey, jav. \$89500
- Marble County**
- 135 ac. Sulphur Springs **SOLD** deer and whitetail, hogs, varmints, metal store. \$1,15000

(432) 664-7764 or (432) 934-7777
Big Realtors - Buy Direct!!!
Deal with Landowners that know the Country!!!
Owner Financing Available

Residential Sales

Single Family Homes

HOUSE NEEDING a home 3 bedroom 2 bath, location! move your choice of areas. \$19,500. Like to discuss details. 469-363-2480

LOT FOR SALE 204 S. Minerva is fenced in with driveway. Owner finance \$59,000K, down \$5,000, payments \$500 per month. 432-631-2905

Lots and Land

Acresage

LAND FOR SALE Lots 2 acres plus. SE Midland County. \$8K down, \$895/mo. Call 432-631-3650

Commercial

BEER STORE FOR RENT, 10' x 18' cook top, 5 doors and 1 walk door. \$2,000 month, \$1,000 deposit. 432-528-1809

CORNER LOT FOR SALE 412 BAIRD, water tap, sewer tap, paved. Walk to Court house. \$189,000K. 432-631-2905

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Who's Who For Service

You can advertise your business for as little as \$47.00 monthly. Call 682-6222 for details.

Accounting-Financial

APPLIANCE REPAIR

REPAIR SERVICES and Parts for Refrigerators, Freezers, Stoves, Washers & Dryers. Free Service Call with Repair. Free Removal. Full Warranty, Very Affordable Prices. M&M Appliances 1007 N Midkiff, Midland Call 432-570-8278

Painting-Wallpaper

PAINT PUNCHER

Interior & Exterior. Custom Cabinets and Finishes Call for your FREE ESTIMATE 432-827-2358

Hauling

WE HAUL IT - We haul junk, trash, treasures. We clean garages, yards & storage buildings. Flexible, competitive rates. Call Earl @ 432-288-0040

Home Services & Home Improvement

ALPHA WELDING

Carports, iron works & fencing. Small jobs welcome. Call Kevin @ 432-813-8552

Home Services & Home Improvement

Heat-Air Condition

ELLIS & Sons Plumbing & Air Conditioning Sales & Service. Service all brands. 683-2679. TALEC005482

Home Services & Home Improvement

Firewood

FIREWOOD BY 2 Midland Fireman. Oak, Pinon, Mesquite firewood. Full, half and quarter cords. Free delivery. Also, Tree Trimming services and firewood racks for sale. Call 432-557-2897, 209-1131.

What's Read!

Classifieds are.

Studies show that more readers turn to Classifieds everyday than almost any other section of the newspaper.

Call Classifieds Today!
432-682-6222

Personal Services

Reliable private duty care giver, meal prep, light house cleaning, bath, doctor visits, assistant basic medical procedure, and etc. Call (432-880-4989) if no answer leave message we will give call back ASAP!!!

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C Rule 37 Case No. 0315233
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 19, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844918
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 23, 2019
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 17, 34, 39 T5S, T4P RRR CO Survey, A-431, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) and SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Fields, UPTON County, being 9.7 miles SW direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: ELLIE 20-29-D
Lease/Unit Well No.: 4207H
Lease/Unit Acres: 972.01
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 1.0

Lease Lines: 380.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 380.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 380.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 29
Survey: T&P RRR CO
Block: 39 T5S Abstract: 437

Lease Lines: 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: ELLIE 20-29-D
Lease/Unit Well No.: 4207H
Lease/Unit Acres: 972.01
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 1.0

Lease Lines: 380.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 380.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal


Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 380.0 F S L, 2310.0 F W L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 29
Survey: T&P RRR CO
Block: 39 T5S Abstract: 437

Lease Lines: 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 60.0 F SOUTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9718 feet.
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, John Nathan Washington, at (512)6008865.

Snap Up a Deal in the Classifieds



Call or go online to **browse, buy or sell!**

Midland Reporter-Telegram
CLASSIFIEDS
sellittexas.com • 432-682-6222