MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017 mrt★com *235,000 readers in print and online monthly*

Downturn cuts deep in Midland labor market

Karr Ingham: Pace of job creation signals job loss is at an end

By Mella McEwen
mmcewen@mrt.com

Just how deeply the low oil price-fueled decline cut into Midland's economy became apparent Friday when the Texas Workforce Commission issued its January employment report.

The commission said the Midland metropolitan statistical area had an unemployment rate of 4.1 percent, up from 4 percent in December and from January 2016.

Odessa reported an unemployment rate of 5.8 percent, up from 5.6 percent in January and from January 2016.

Looking at the revisions, Amarillo economist Karr Ingham said the numbers showed an average of 3,400 additional jobs were lost monthly than previously thought.

To be clear, "the numbers we're talking about today are not actual jobs lost, but it does give a clearer picture of how deep the contraction was," Ingham said.

Reviewing the numbers, which the Workforce Commission revises each February, Ingham said Midland employment went from a peak 97,800 jobs in November 2014 to a low point of 86,300 in June 2016.

"That's a loss of 11,500 jobs," he said. "In the space of 19 or 20 months, Midland had a 12 percent job loss."

Odessa suffered similar losses, he said.

"Imagine, in a broader economy, say the state of Texas, a 12 percent job loss. They'd think the world had come to an end," Ingham said.

The good news is that job loss in Midland has bottomed out and begun moving in the right direction, he said, estimating 1,200 jobs have been added since the low point last June.

Please see **LABOR**/4A

LITTLE LIGHTS, BIG FAITH

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland religious leaders joined members of the community for a interfaith vigil to show support for immigrants on Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

'Baby Jessica,' now 30, says most of 1987 trust fund lost in 2008 market crash

By Craig Hlavaty
Houston Chronicle

According to reports, Jessica McClure Morales has lost most of the trust fund that was set up for her in the days after being rescued from an abandoned well in a Midland backyard.

For a few days in October 1987, the story of Baby Jessica, cold and alone at the bottom of the backyard well, was international news.

Crews worked tirelessly to get Jessica out of the well as she lay injured, hungry and thirsty. The world was captivated by the ordeal and rejoiced when she was finally rescued.

Money was donated to her family — her parents were poor teenagers — and a trust fund was created. She even met Vice President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara — former Midland residents — who visited her in the hospital. President Ronald Reagan called her, too.

There was even a TV movie made about those few days, starring Beau Bridges and Pat Hingle.

Please see **JESSICA**/4A

Oil industry leaves the downturn behind

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

HOUSTON — The old swagger isn't back — yet — but oil and gas industry leaders are expressing guarded optimism and relief as they exit a two lousy years.

Around 3,000 energy professionals and world leaders are gathered last week at IHS CERAWeek in Houston, the world's energy capital and a doorstep to the explosion in U.S. shale drilling.

The mood couldn't be more different from last year's conference, when oil prices scraped $26 per barrel a few weeks before, hitting a 13- year low last February down from a peak of $107 per barrel in June 2014.

"It feels like more than a year," said Marcel van Poecke, a managing director at Carlyle International Energy Partners.

Oil closed at $53.20 Monday, and much of the talk at CERAWeek this past Monday centered on the new Republican administration in Washington and the expectation that it would be a friend to the oil and gas industry.

Sen. Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska, said at the conference that by the end of March he would offer up the Rebuild American Now Act to update the federal regulatory permitting system. He was vague on specifics, but spoke about the controversial, long delayed Keystone XL pipeline and said that federal permits for infrastructure projects from pipelines to bridges should be predictable, timely and not require, "a mountain of documents that cost millions of dollars."

Sullivan said the American energy renaissance has become a diplomatic tool that benefits the U.S. and allies such as Japan which must import energy. "It's an enormous win-win for deepening our security relationships," Sullivan said.

Please see **DOWNTURN**/4A

Weather Mostly cloudy 58/47 Get your complete forecast on 7B

Did you know? Organizers of Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade have reversed course and said they would allow a group of gay veterans to march in this year's parade. Page 6A

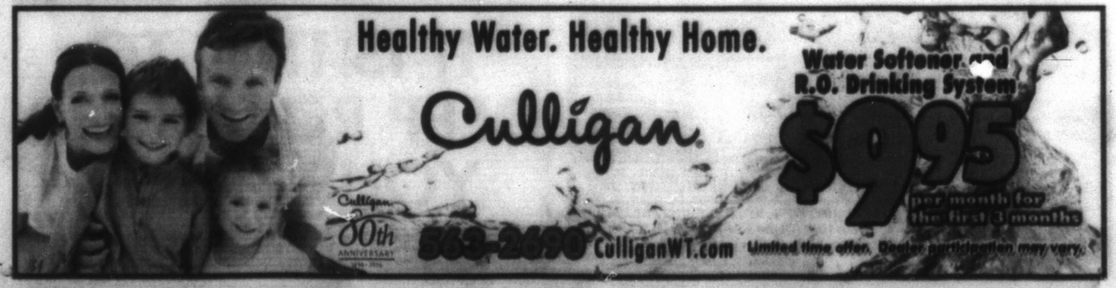
The big number On paper, President Trump's first 50 days have resembled those of other presidents. More on Page 7A.

Word of the Day: abatjour Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

Brought to you daily by Jumburrito

Vol. 89, No. 1
Daily $2, Sunday $3

Index Business 2A | Culture 1E | Dear Abby 6E | Lottery 4A | Obituaries 2B | Oil 1F | Puzzles 14A | Sports 1C | TV 7E



WORD OF THE DAY
brought to you daily by
Jim Burrito
Abatjour
[ah-bah-zhoo r; French a-ba-zhoor]
noun
1. a device, as a skylight or reflector, for diverting light into a building.
2. a sloping screen for cutting off the view between an interior or porch and a lower area in front of a building.

Midland Reporter-Telegram
AT YOUR SERVICE
ISSN 0890-5932
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
mdearen@mrt.com
■ ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR — BUSINESS & OIL
Trevor Hawes 687-8854
thawes@mrt.com
■ NEWS EDITOR
Brenna Norrell 687-8847
bnorrell@mrt.com
■ SPORTS EDITOR
Oscar LeRoy 687-8809
oleroy@mrt.com
■ OIL EDITOR
Mella McEwen 687-8860
mmcewen@mrt.com
■ PHOTO EDITOR
Tim Fischer 687-8833
tfischer@mrt.com
■ FEATURES EDITOR
Rich Lopez 687-8859
jrlopez@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
■ SALES MANAGER
Chad Anderson 687-8813
cranderson@mrt.com

RETAIL ADS
682-5311, ext. 4

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

PRODUCTION
■ DIRECTOR
John Maddox 687-8844
jmaddox@mrt.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
■ How do I submit an announcement for a wedding or engagement?
weddings@mrt.com
■ How can I submit an obituary? obits@mrt.com
■ How can I handle a billing problem?
Circulation: 688-2700
Advertising: 687-8806

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 6 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & holidays: 7 a.m.-10 a.m.
Call us at 432-688-2700 if your newspaper has not arrived by delivery time (6 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. on weekends and holidays). For Midland city area requests received before 10 a.m., we can offer same or next day redelivery. Outside the city delivery area, we will apply a credit to your account or redeliver the next day.
Please note: The publisher reserves the right to modify the cost of individual editions and/or subscriptions at any time.

HOME DELIVERY
All subscriptions payable in advance
7 day replica edition only ... $1.47 per week
Daily/Sunday inc eEdition ... $5.62 per week
Wed/Thur/Sun inc eEdition ... $5.07 per week
Sunday only inc eEdition ... $4.78 per week

Mail rates — Texas
Daily/Sunday ... $8.00 per week
Sunday only ... $4.60 per week

Mail rates — Other U.S.A.
Daily/Sunday ... $9.23 per week
Sunday only ... $4.60 per week
Overseas mail and other subscription rates furnished upon request.

NOTICE: All subscriptions include delivery of 11 Premium issues delivered throughout the year, including Christmas and Thanksgiving. They will be charged at an additional fee of up to $2.50. For each Premium issue, your account balance will be charged in the billing period when the Premium issue is delivered. This will result in shortening the length of your billing period.

Prices are subject to change: The Midland Reporter-Telegram continues to make a concerted effort to keep the cost of subscriptions at a minimum for our readers. When a price change or frequency change occurs, each subscriber's expiration date will be adjusted based on the credit balance on their account.

Economic data is too important to be politically manipulated

THE ECONOMIST
By M. Ray Perryman

Information is essential to decision making, whether for an individual, a family, a business, or a government. Without accurate input data, it is virtually impossible to draw meaningful conclusions and make effective decisions. When it comes to the data that we use to assess the economy, the watchwords are "Just the facts, ma'am!!" That is why I and my colleagues in the economics profession became more than a little agitated when reports recently surfaced that the Trump Administration had instructed the Council of Economic Advisors to make the data support an unrealistically high growth rate that would allow deficits to fall to fund new programs.

A bit of history is instructive here. There is a longstanding tradition of Presidents issuing forecasts that are a little higher than the consensus of external projections. After all, every President thinks that his policies will make things better (at least we hope they do). But an optimistic forecast based on historical data and assumptions about future policy is not the same thing as a forecast in which the answer is decided in advance and then the data manipulated to get there.

The types of data which are compiled by various agencies of the U.S. government are many and varied. The U.S. Census Bureau not only collects a wealth of information every 10 years, but also uses sophisticated models to form estimates in between. Demographic information ranging from numbers of residents by micropolitan area, city, or county (or even census tract, which is very small indeed), incomes, housing characteristics, educational attainment, and much more are available for anyone with an internet connection.

Other agencies such as the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics track detailed information (again by small geographic area) related to employment by industry, compensation, worker characteristics, and then some. Other agencies monitor U.S. exports and imports, energy use and markets, health and wellbeing, education, and just about anything else you could think of. (Believe me, this description only scratches the surface of what's available.)

Obviously, it's not mere curiosity that is driving this enormously thorough (and expensive) data collecting effort. This information helps us see how things are going and answers important questions such as how the population is growing and changing and moving, where the economy is expanding/contracting and shifting, and what the situation is with necessary items such as fuels.

Another crucial benefit of the wealth of data is that it helps us determine whether we're making progress toward important social goals. If you take a close look at the monthly releases from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, you can see how many people were hired and in what industries, how many remain unemployed (and how long they've been unemployed), how many wish they were working full time but can only find part-time work, and more. We can gain insight into social changes because many series are collected by race/ethnicity, age, and gender. It's also possible to check the success or failure of various policies.

Yet another piece of the data puzzle is the wide variety of forecasts which are produced. Various branches of government and agencies are projecting everything from population to the economy to the price of oil to interest rates. These forecasts are critical to decisions across both the public and private sector. I have been providing forecasts for the economies of Texas and its metropolitan areas for about 30 years, and I know firsthand how many rely on those expectations in making plans for their businesses, schools, and lives. I also know that they are meaningless without the proper underlying data.

Given the huge importance on so many levels, any plan to make changes in the way the data is collected or defined should be approached with extreme caution. Yes, sometimes there is a need for tweaking the process such as to improve accuracy, better reflect reality, or take advantage of new capabilities or technologies. However, it is essential that politics play absolutely no role.

One change which has been suggested involves the way goods that are imported and then exported are counted. The net effect would be to raise the U.S. trade deficit, which could be used as ammunition to support protectionist policies. This is a very bad idea. Another deals with the way unemployed people are counted. Currently, anyone who has not looked for work in the past four weeks is no longer counted in certain measures of unemployment. There could be some merit to looking at better ways to track the status of the labor market, but political maneuvering is no basis. Moreover, the potential negative ramifications and fallout from these changes is so widespread that the benefits would have to be massive.

I have been involved in efforts to refine and improve what we measure and how we measure it for closer to 40 years than I want to admit. I can tell you that the dedicated public servants who compile and report this information, many of whom work in the agencies for decades, are meticulous and methodical in their approach to this important activity. They follow rigid protocols and are not the least bit impacted by the people or parties in power at any given moment.

As someone who has lived and breathed economic data and statistics for decades, I am well aware that there is always room for improvement. What there is not room for, however, are changes driven by politics or situations where the numbers are altered to fit the conclusion.

Economist Perryman warns against restrictive trade policy with Mexico

The biggest threat to Lubbock's economy is a trade policy that's too restrictive, according to one Texas economist. Still, the city's diverse economic influencers keep it thriving.

Ray Perryman, president of Waco-based economic research and analysis firm The Perryman Group, said there are numerous building components that come to the U.S. from Mexico, even though the goods are ultimately made in Texas.

"Mexico is Texas' most important trading partner by a large margin," Perryman said. "Free trade is good for the economy. Import tariffs make imported goods more expensive for consumers and businesses, and often lead to retaliation from other nations which makes U.S. goods less competitive globally."

Perryman, who spoke about the current local and global economy, was the featured speaker at this year's 9th annual Economic Outlook Conference, hosted by PlainsCapital Bank on Wednesday at Texas Tech's McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center.

Barry Ballinger, PlainsCapital's Lubbock market president, said Perryman did a great job presenting the economic outlook.

"There's no question we're in interesting economic times, particularly with the new (President Donald Trump) administration," Ballinger said. "I felt like he did a great job assessing that for us."

In 2014, Texas' largest exports were to Mexico, followed by Canada, Brazil, China and South Korea, Perryman said. And, in 2013, an estimated 1.1 million Texas jobs were related to exports.

He said countries have historically benefited from open trade policies.

"On the import side, Mexico is also Texas' most important trading partner with more than $90.1 billion in exports (in 2014)," he said.

Since Texas — the United States' top exporting state in 2014 — is part of the global economy, "working with other nations to lower trade barriers can enhance prosperity for all," Perryman said.

In Lubbock, Perryman said, the local economy benefits from strong cornerstone industries, such as higher education and healthcare.

"With the increased emphasis on research and new facilities at Texas Tech University, the area will be able to better capitalize on certain emerging sectors," he said. "I am expecting all major industry groups to add jobs over the next five years."

Ballinger said Lubbock's economy has been fairly strong recently.

"We continue to be blessed by the diversity that we have," he said. "Healthcare obviously is a big part, Texas Tech and the other universities locally, and then with the other influencers, agriculture and also oil; when any of those are up, we're going to benefit from that and when one or more of those is down, we seem to always have other influencers that can provide a stabilizing affect to keep us from having the lowest of lows that some of our neighbors have, particularly to the south in the oil patch."

Statewide, Perryman said, he expects Texas will outpace the nation over the next five years when it comes to expansion.

Population-wise, he expects Texas to grow by 2.3 million people in the next five years, with a total of about 29.9 million in 2021. Regarding gross product, he said it's expected to grow from $1.5 trillion in 2016 to about 1.8 trillion in 2021.

"An estimated 1.4 million net new jobs are projected for the Texas economy by 2021," he said. "Services industries will drive job gains, with wholesale and retail trade businesses also likely to see notable hiring."

By Sarah Rafique
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal
Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Use National Credit Education Month to take control of finances

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

When was the last time you checked your credit report? An annual review of your credit report is important to verify all outstanding debts and helpful in maintaining a strong defense against identity theft.

In recognition of National Credit Education Month, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin encourages you to be in control of your finances, and a big part of that is checking your credit report regularly.

Your credit report has information about your finances, bill payments and bankruptcy history. Employers, insurers and other businesses use your credit report to evaluate your applications for a credit card, loan, insurance or renting. In Texas, employers have the right to do credit checks using government-maintained databases; however, the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) requires that employers give written notice that a credit check will be done.

The FCRA requires each of the nationwide consumer reporting companies-Equifax, Experian and TransUnion-to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months. To pull your free and government-authorized credit report, visit annualcreditreport.com.

The importance of pulling your credit report is to ensure the information being reported is accurate, complete and up-to-date. According to the Federal Trade Commission, having a copy of your credit report helps guard against identity theft. When looking at your credit report, look for these red flags of identity theft:

- Any inquiries not initiated by you;
- Any debts reported that are not yours; or
- Contact information such as your address, that is changed without your approval

When pulling your annual credit report, BBB offers the following advice:

- **Be wary of unsolicited emails and pop-ups.**

Beware of "imposter" websites that claim to offer free credit reports or free credit scores. Only annualcreditreport.com is authorized to give you the free annual credit reports you're entitled to by law. Also, annualcreditreport.com does not approach consumers via email, telemarketing or direct mail solicitations.

- **Don't give out your credit card number.**

Many websites like mint.com and creditkarma.com offer access to your free credit score for free and you don't have to enter your credit card number at any time. However, if a site does require your credit card information before sharing your credit score, it could be a sign that it plans to charge you or enroll you in a monthly service, so you might want to consider going elsewhere.

- **Pull your children's credit report.**

As child identity theft remains a national problem, it can be just as imperative to pull your child's report as it is to pull your own. Although the credit reporting agencies do not knowingly maintain credit files on minor children, you can contact the credit reporting agencies directly to see what information, if any, they have about your child to avoid a financial mess for them in the future.

- **Dispute inaccuracies.**

If you find inaccurate information on your credit report, immediately contact the reporting agency you pulled the report from and file a dispute. Inaccurate, derogatory information can lower your credit score, and in some cases, may indicate fraudulent activity.

Heather Massey is the Regional Director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin. She is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: (432) 741-2592 or email: hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org.

For more consumer information, BBB Business Reviews or to file a complaint, visit your local Better Business Bureau online at bbb.org/central-texas.

BUILDING PERMITS

FEB. 27 - MARCH 3

2100 W. Wadley Ave.	Commercial Alteration
4706 N. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration
5302 Anetta Drive	Fence
1401 Sioux Court	Manufactured Home
5613 Carmel Court	Swimming Pool
1313 E. Spruce Ave.	New Residence
1317 E. Spruce Ave.	New Residence
804 Cheyenne St.	New Residence
6600 Hall of Fame Blvd.	New Residence
6720 Commonwealth Road	New Residence
6701 Valor Lane	New Residence
4400 Guadelupe St.	New Residence
1309 E. Spruce Ave.	New Residence
807 Valor Court	New Residence
6703 Valor Lane	New Residence
1310 N. Fairgrounds Road	Residence-Detached
5706 Fenway Drive	Residential Alteration
806 Valor Court	New Residence
1221 Porterfield Road	New Residence
1223 Porterfield Road	New Residence
3713 Anetta Drive	Residence-Detached
507 O'Rourke St.	Residence-Detached
503 W. California Ave.	Residential Addition
6609 Mosswood Drive	New Residence
2103 Seabord Ave.	Residential Alteration
4706 Frost Place	Residence-Detached
1517 Brand Lane	New Residence
1606 Brand Lane	New Residence
1510 Brand Lane	New Residence
6903 Cotton Tail Court	New Residence
6603 Hall of Fame Blvd.	New Residence
6615 Commonwealth Road	New Residence
806 Pentagon Road	New Residence
6710 Commonwealth Road	New Residence
802 Pentagon Road	New Residence
6716 Commonwealth Road	New Residence
6714 Commonwealth Road	New Residence
6712 Commonwealth Road	New Residence
6400 Potomac Parkway	New Residence
6713 Valor Lane	New Residence
6506 Potomac Parkway	New Residence
6707 Valor Lane	New Residence
6718 Commonwealth Road	New Residence
808 Pentagon Road	New Residence
814 Pentagon Road	New Residence
6500 Potomac Parkway	New Residence
6705 Valor Lane	New Residence
6711 Valor Lane	New Residence
6404 Potomac Parkway	New Residence
1607 Brand Lane	New Residence
2602 Bluebird Lane	Residence-Detached
3102 Elma Drive	Residential Addition
3902 Baybrook Court	Residence-Detached
1501 Pueblo	Residence-Detached
1401 Chestnut Ave.	Residence-Detached
2202 Lindora Way	Residence-Detached
1910 N. Big Spring St.	Sign
1101 W. Illinois	Sign
2106 Rankin Highway	Sign

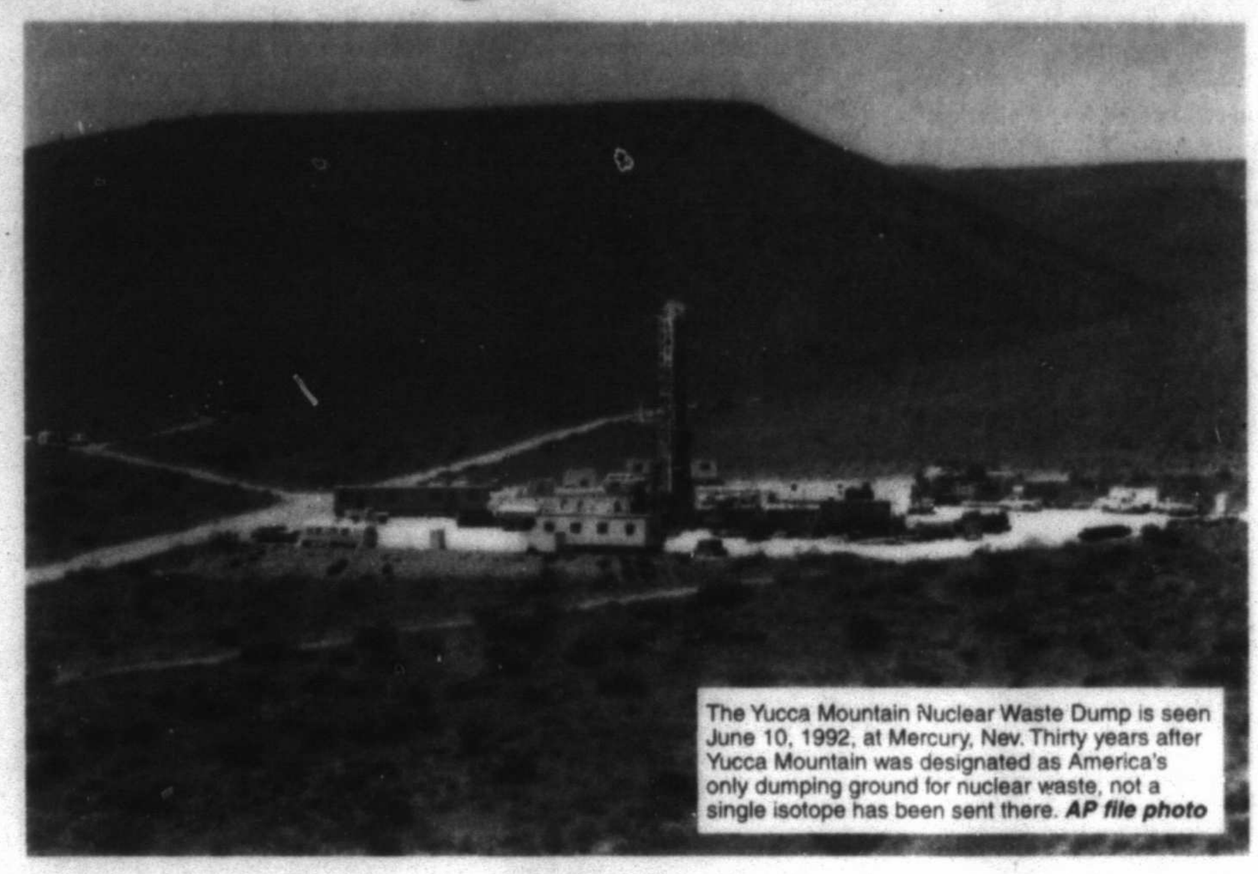
Source: City of Midland

Spring clean your kitchen with new countertops from...
Accent Granite & Marble
Showroom & Indoor Slab Gallery
Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM • Saturday 9AM-12PM
4309 SCR 1290 (Coors Road) • Odessa, TX 79765
(432) 563-8004 • accentgraniteMidland.com
Locally Owned & Operated

alldredge
IT IS TIME TO DEEP ROOT FEED YOUR TREES!
3300 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD — (432) 682-4500

Is Yucca Mountain once again America's nuclear waste dump?

By Matthew Schofield
McClatchy Washington Bureau



The Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Dump is seen June 10, 1992, at Mercury, Nev. Thirty years after Yucca Mountain was designated as America's only dumping ground for nuclear waste, not a single isotope has been sent there. ***AP file photo***

WASHINGTON — Thirty years after Nevada's Yucca Mountain was designated as America's only dumping ground for nuclear waste, not a single isotope has been sent there.

The state's political clout in Washington made sure of that, effectively hitting pause on a process of scientific studies and planning that began in 1987.

But times changed dramatically this year. Suddenly, Yucca Mountain is being discussed again.

Thank goodness, say officials in South Carolina and 28 other states with nuclear reactors.

The notion of protecting Yucca Mountain enjoyed powerful Washington allies for years, notably Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the Senate's Democratic leader from 2005 until January, and President Barack Obama.

But Obama is no longer the president, Reid is no longer a senator, and Democrats don't run Congress or the White House.

The future of Yucca Mountain now rests on an unanswerable question: What is President Donald Trump's vision?

The president hasn't proposed anything specific at this point, but the White House says it agrees with Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, who has implied he will consider reopening the process to use Yucca Mountain as a solution to a decades-old problem.

"Hopefully, this is the beginning of seeing real movement, real management of an issue that I think no longer can sit and be used as a political football, one that must be addressed," he said. "And I think we can find a solution, both in the interim and the long term, of our nuclear waste."

Opponents of reopening the discussion point to Trump's interest in a Las Vegas hotel near the rail line that would haul the highly radioactive spent fuel from America's nuclear power plants to the cavern under the mountain. They hope that will sway him from the site.

"This is a big year for us," said Robert J. Halstead, executive director of Nevada's Agency for Nuclear Projects, which oversees potential nuclear efforts in the state from the governor's office.

Obama's plan had been to look for new nuclear-waste disposal options. Opponents of his efforts say the United States was essentially back to the beginning in its attempt to develop a permanent solution to a problem that physicists say could last for a million years.

Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., was one of those critics, and he saw the opening presented when Obama left office. He has introduced legislation to restart the Yucca Mountain licensing process.

U.S. taxpayers have already paid $3.7 billion to develop the site. South Carolina electricity customers have paid another $1.3 billion in fees intended to pay for operating a disposal site, and customers in other states with nuclear power production have paid billions more.

"The Department of Energy should at least complete the licensing process for Yucca Mountain to avoid South Carolina becoming a dumping ground for nuclear waste before pursuing an alternative that will cost billions of dollars and will take decades to complete," Wilson said in an email response to a question.

Without a disposal site, more and more irradiated waste will pile up around reactors across the nation. There are an estimated 4,500 tons of spent nuclear fuel in temporary storage in South Carolina from commercial reactors.

Beyond that, there are more than 10,000 tons of military and research nuclear waste at the Savannah River Site, near the Georgia border. Much of that waste is encased in glass tubes, 10 feet high, 2 feet across and weighing about 5,000 pounds each. Today there are 4,100 of them. By the time the site has finished creating the tubes, there will be an estimated 8,000.

The Savannah River Site also is home to another 33,000 tons of spent fuel from its own research reactors, which are no longer operating. A decade ago, the site had been planning to begin shipments to Yucca Mountain sometime soon. Today, the site is scheduled to finally be clear of its nuclear waste by 2065, though that's based on the notion that a new disposal site will take about 50 years to locate, plan, license and build.

For perspective on the dangers of this waste, consider that spent fuel fresh from a reactor, if handled without the proper shielding, delivers a lethal dose of radiation in a couple of seconds. The stuff that's 10 years old can take more than a minute to kill.

In another 100 years, the "spent fuel" being cooled down today will need a full 12 minutes to prove fatal.

Yet the materials, as they are being stored today, are quite safe.

Michael Driscoll, who helped develop the "deep boreholes" high-level nuclear-disposal option while a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said nuclear storage "is not a true crisis. Right now, you only need a parking lot and some cement containers and you can safely store nuclear waste today and for some time to come."

The problem comes after that "some time," though that is thought to be more than 100 years. Still, with the lack of a clock that is close to winding down, "the problem is entirely political," he said. "The technology we understand."

Experts generally agree that disposal sites must be geologic formations that haven't changed much in a million years, indicating they won't change much in the next million years. They can't interact with aquifers. They should not be subject to flooding or earthquakes. Such sites can be found. The U.S. Department of Energy reports on Yucca Mountain say it is one such place.

The politics are another matter. Nobody wants nuclear waste in their backyard.

The licensing process for other sites will take 10 years or more, and construction can take another 10 years or more.

In the 1970s, the salt deposits under Lyons, Kansas, were seen as a likely disposal site. But at the time, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., was becoming a political force, and the Kansas option was abandoned.

It was replaced by the Yucca Mountain option at a time when Nevada's House of Representatives and Senate members didn't have significant clout. In 2006, Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., issued a report titled "Yucca Mountain: The Most Studied Real Estate on the Planet."

Halstead, in Nevada, said Yucca Mountain as a nuclear disposal site never was, and never would be, a good idea.

"Even the plan for transporting the waste to the site is impossible," he said.

Halstead understands South Carolina's concern, saying: "They have a lot of waste on site. They've put a lot of money into the fund for a disposal site."

Halstead said the safest course was to continue storing the materials on site. He said it was safe in storage now and would be for another 100 years. Some experts say on site storage is safe for up to 300 years.

Strontium-90 and cesium-137 are the deadliest materials in nuclear waste. Halstead described their effects as "very deadly." A year after they leave the reactor, seven seconds of exposure is a lethal dose. One hundred years later, 12 minutes of exposure is a lethal dose.

Of course, before committing to storing something on site for 300 years, it is worth remembering that is a long time for any society to commit to anything. Three hundred years ago, the United States didn't exist as a nation and Blackbeard the pirate was still pirating.

Other radioactive isotopes have much longer half-lives, which is why the international standard for nuclear waste disposal is a million years.

This is why, explained Paul Standring, a nuclear engineer for the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, responsibility comes with producing nuclear power.

"Countries should have a disposal strategy in place to avoid burdening future generations," he said.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

City of San Antonio considering opposing nuclear waste transport

By Brendan Gibbons
San Antonio Express-News

San Antonio City Council members are considering whether to get involved legally in an application to begin accepting highly radioactive nuclear waste at a privately operated site in West Texas.

A request filed by District 8 councilman and mayoral candidate Ron Nirenberg expresses opposition to having thousands of tons of spent nuclear fuel pass through San Antonio via freight rail. Bexar County commissioners passed a similar resolution in February.

"It would be nonsensical to put the waste inventory ... through one of the largest metro communities in the country," Nirenberg said.

Unlike the county's resolution, Nirenberg's request asks city staff to "explore the opportunity to intervene" in an application by Waste Control Specialists to store spent nuclear fuel. An intervenor is an outside entity that joins a proceeding with the permission of a judge.

WCS officials have said they eventually hope to accept up to 40,000 tons over 40 years, which would require shipping 3,000 canisters of waste.

The spent nuclear fuel left over from the process of generating electricity is now being stored at 62 active or closed nuclear power plants across the U.S. The independent Nuclear Regulatory Commission is reviewing the WCS application to store a portion of this waste at a site near Andrews.

In a February interview, NRC spokesman Dave McIntyre said intervenors need to prove legal standing and provide at least one "admissible contention," a legitimate argument that WCS' application would not adequately protect public health and safety.

The resolution seems to have the support of most council members. Several said they want to at least have a public discussion over the proposal and whether it makes sense for the city to intervene.

In a statement Thursday, Mayor Ivy Taylor said she supports the resolution going before the council's Governance Committee.

"I also believe that city staff should at least have a seat at the table during the NRC licensing process to ensure their decisions do not negatively impact our community's health and safety," she said.

The intervention deadline before the NRC is March 31.

State police drill inspection process for nuclear repository

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, N.M. — New Mexico State Police are gearing up for when nuclear waste shipments return to the nation's only underground nuclear waste repository.

The Current-Argus reported Tuesday that patrolmen practiced inspection procedures at Carlsbad's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in preparation for shipments to resume next month.

State police will have to examine motor vehicles to check for radiation leaks, undergo hazardous waste training and learn how to inspect radioactive loads.

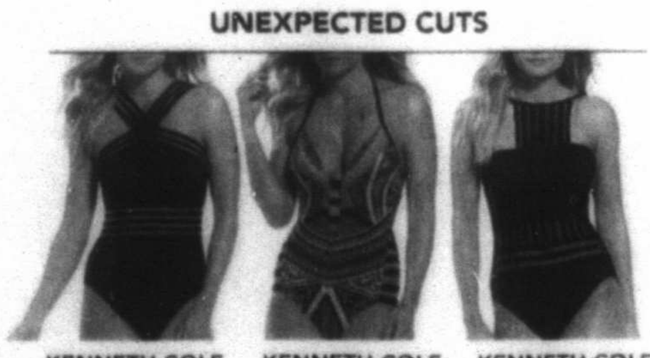
Trucks transporting waste to the facility must be deemed completely defect-free in inspections. Minor issues like broken taillights or non-functioning turn signals will result in an inspection failure.

Waste shipments are set to resume in April. The exact date for shipments has not been finalized.

THE SWIM COLLECTION

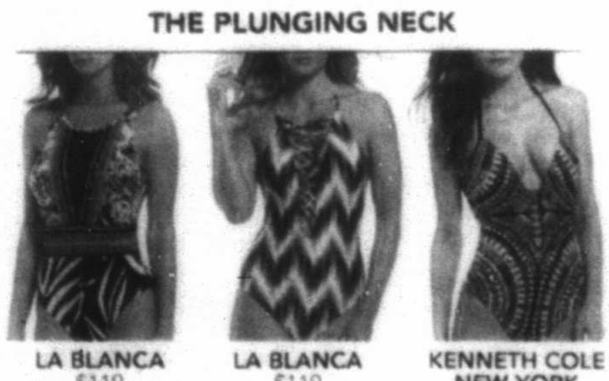
BECCA BY REBECCA VIRTUE, $118

UNEXPECTED CUTS



KENNETH COLE NEW YORK $107
KENNETH COLE NEW YORK $107
KENNETH COLE NEW YORK $123

THE PLUNGING NECK



LA BLANCA $119
LA BLANCA $119
KENNETH COLE NEW YORK $109

WE DO *swim* like no one else.

OVER 60 BRANDS | YOUR PERFECT FIT
Certified fit specialists. Bra sizes C - DDD.
For superior swimwear, try us on.

Dillard's

Selection varies by size and store. Call 1-800-345-5273 to find a Dillard's store near you.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today

■ Toddler Time Painting: "St. Patty's Day" for ages 2-5. 2-3:30 p.m., Cabin Creek Coffee and Tea, 2900 W. Loop 250 N. $20. Kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

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

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

■ Sweetwater Rifle and Pistol Club's 57th Annual Gun, Knife and Coin Show, 2 p.m., Pioneer Museum, 610 E. Third St. $5. Pioneermuseumtx.org.

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

Wednesday

■ "In My Life - A Musical Theatre Tribute to the Beatles," 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $30-$55. The show is a retelling of the Beatles' story through manager Brian Epstein. wagnernoel.com.

Thursday

■ Third Thursday Reading, 4:30 p.m., George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Will have a featured book with copies given to each child. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Friday and Saturday

■ Permian Basin Spring Stampede Rodeo at Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail. $15 plus fees. Etix.com.

Friday through March 19

■ Permian Basin Comic Con X at Midland Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail. Confirmed guests include Ryan Hurst from "Sons of Anarchy," Steve Cardinas from "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers," WWE wrestler Big Van Vader and Johnny Yong Bosch from "TriGun." pbccomicconx.com.

Saturday

■ Newsboys, Emily Faith, 6 p.m., Andrews County Expo, 1441 E. Hwy 176, Andrews.

Meeting this week

Commissioners' Court

■ 9 a.m. Monday

■ Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.

■ 500 N. Loraine Ave.

Scottish-Irish Faire

Midland Scottish-Irish Faire and Highland Games 2017 hosted by the Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. chspb.org. The event will feature music by Cleghorn, Red McWilliams, Jed Marum and Abby Green. Added to the faire is OSW's Kilted Wrestling event. Other activities include vendors, workshops, bagpipes, the Bonniest Knees contest, whiskey tasting and dog events.

Spring break camps

■ Spring Break Kite Making Workshop. Registration is required and limited to 20 spots and ages 8-15. Supplies will be included. A flying session will follow. Call 432-742-7445 for information. Noon. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Spring Break Camp at COM will offer half- and full-day options with swimming, lessons, gymnastics, trampolines, crafts and games for ages 3-12. Lunch provided for full-day participants. 8 a.m. Monday-Friday at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. "A" St. $35 half day, $80 full day, $325 all week. To register call 432-684-7755.

■ Under the Big Top Spring Break Theater Camp, 8 a.m., Monday-Friday at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $150 per student. $125 per additional sibling. Permianplayhouse.com.

■ Spring Break Fine Arts Camp: Jumping for Joyce for grades K-6. Register online. Space is limited. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $115. Price is discounted for MCT members. mct.midland.org/theatre-school.

■ Spring Break Junior Naturalist Camp will teach students how to use survival tools, explore habitats and discuss America's wild places. Camp is for fourth- through sixth-grades. Space is limited. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $125 members, $150 nonmembers. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ Spring Break at the Museum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ Spring Break Art Camp will feature daily art projects for ages 5-12. This is a drop-in program. No registration required. Noon-3 p.m. Monday-Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Spring Break Art Camp will feature daily art projects for ages 13-19. This is a drop-in program. No registration required. 4-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-8-7
Pick 3 day: 0-4-0
Pick 3 evening: 5-1-0
Pick 3 night: 3-4-2
Daily 4 morning: 6-7-4-3
Daily 4 day: 8-5-9-0
Daily 4 evening: 0-3-5-8
Daily 4 night: 9-1-7-4
Cash Five: 20-21-22-30-32
Lotto Texas: 5-6-24-28-29-37
Texas Triple Chance: 19-21-30-31-37-38-39-44-49-55
Powerball: 1-26-41-50-57 PB: 11 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-5-7-8-9-10-12-14-15-16-17-19
All or Nothing day: 1-5-8-11-12-15-16-17-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-4-5-6-10-12-14-15-19-21-22
All or Nothing night: 1-4-6-8-12-14-15-16-19-20-23-24

Race to bottom on costs may cause oil to choke on supplies

By Javier Blas
Bloomberg

Houston hosted two events last week: the nation's largest energy conference and the town's famous rodeo. They have more in common than you'd think.

In both cases, the key for top performers is how efficiently they perform. For cowboys, it means tightly controlling every muscle to stick on a bucking bronco. For energy executives, it means controlling every cost to lower the break-even price and survive what's been a wild ride on the oil market.

When companies can lower the price at which they break even, it means they can approve more projects and produce more oil, keeping dividends safe and investors happy. The risk: By drilling up their share price, they can also end up drilling down the price of oil.

Welcome to 2017, the year after a two-year market rout made companies more efficient. At the CERAWeek by IHS Market conference last week, fears of too much supply were palpable.

"Everyone is driving break-even prices down," Deborah Byers, head of U.S. oil and gas at consultants Ernst & Young in Houston, said in an interview at the meeting, the largest annual gathering of industry executives in the world. "It isn't just shale companies; it's everyone, from deep-water to conventional."

As the conference was ongoing, those fears took physical form as West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. crude benchmark, plunged almost 8 percent over five days, dropping below the key $50 a barrel level for the first time this year.

The slump came as Scott Sheffield, chairman of Pioneer Natural Resources Co., said prices could fall to $40 if OPEC doesn't extend its existing agreement to cut production. Shale billionaire Harold Hamm, the CEO of Continental Resources Inc., warned undisciplined growth could "kill" the oil market.

The buzzword was efficiency. In panel discussions and keynote speeches, executive after executive tried to outdo rivals in announcing their low break-even prices. Eldar Saetre, head of the Norwegian oil giant Statoil, told delegates that break even for his company's next generation of projects had fallen from $70-plus to "well below" $30 a barrel.

"The downturn has been long and painful, but has presented the industry with a unique opportunity to strengthen ourselves," Saetre said.

He wasn't alone in noting the new efficiencies. From Patrick Pouyanne of Total to Darren Woods of ExxonMobil, almost every executive commented on the lower break-evens. For some new projects tying back to existing facilities, executives said they could avoid losses even at $12 a barrel.

According to Rystad Energy, a Norway-based industry consultant, the well-head break-even costs for U.S. shale plays declined 46 percent between 2014 and 2016.

Although some of the drop is due to lower costs, including for drilling rigs, steel pipes and other kit, company executives and analysts at the Houston meeting said most is due to efficiency and re-engineering. Wael Sawan, the head of Shell's deep-water business, said the company had been able to reduce the cost of its wells by 50 percent over two years. The biggest reason: Shell now uses just four standard well designs worldwide, compared with dozens previously, according to Sawan.

"We are going to see more material cost saving in the next couple of years," he said in an interview.

With costs down from shale to mega-projects, companies big and small are starting to greenlight more investment. Shell for example just approved the Kaikas deepwater oil field in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, the first to get a go-head from the company in more than two years. The project will make money at less than $40 a barrel after Shell reduced its projected costs by a50 percent.

The Total CEO Pouyanne told delegates that his company is planning to approve as many as 10 big projects in the next year and a half. All in all, after two years in a row of lower spending, 2017 is looking like the year that marks the recovery in investment.

"What we are seeing is a really tough retrenching of the cost structure," Bob Dudley, the head of BP, said in his comments at the meeting. "We will bring on more projects this year than we have in the history of the company."

U.S. shale companies including EOG Resources Inc. and RSP Permian Inc. went even further, telling delegates they plan to boost annual output by 20-30 percent over several years.

The International Energy Agency forecasts daily oil production outside the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will grow by 400,000 barrels in 2017, a turnaround from the contraction of 100,000 barrels it forecast just a year ago. For 2018, the Paris-based IEA anticipates non-OPEC supply to grow by 1.2 million barrels, double last year's forecast.

Although several reasons may explain why oil prices plunged last week, including another build-up in U.S. crude stockpiles, some traders and hedge funds attributed at least part of the drop to the ongoing CERAWeek discussions on break-even prices.

"Investors remain concerned with supply growth in 2018 potentially putting a damper on commodity upside," said Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co., the Houston-based oil boutique investment bank, in a note to clients.

A robust February jobs report points to resilient US economy

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Pres

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers added a robust 235,000 jobs in February and raised pay at a brisk pace — signs that a resilient economy has given many companies the confidence to hire in anticipation of solid growth ahead.

With the unemployment rate dipping to a low 4.7 percent from 4.8 percent, the job market appears to be fundamentally healthy or nearly so.

Friday's employment report from the government showed that more people began looking for jobs last month, an encouraging sign that they've grown confident about their prospects. Hiring was strong enough to absorb those new job seekers as well as some of the previously unemployed.

The picture of an economy on solid footing nearly eight years after the Great Recession ended has made it all but certain that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates next week and signal the likelihood of additional rate hikes ahead.

February's jobs report was the first to cover a full month under President Donald Trump. During the presidential campaign, Trump had cast doubt on the validity of the government's jobs data, calling the unemployment rate a "hoax."

But just minutes after the report was released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time, Trump retweeted a news report touting the job growth.

Later in the day, his spokesman, Sean Spicer, quoted Trump as saying of the jobs reports: "They may have been phony in the past, but they are very real now," a comment that incited laughter, including from Spicer himself, during a press briefing.

Economists were mainly encouraged by the employment data.

"It's hard to find much to dislike in the February jobs report," said Michael Feroli, an economist at JPMorgan Chase, said.

About a quarter of the job gains occurred in construction, which added 58,000 jobs, the most in a decade. Unseasonably warm weather likely inflated that figure, economists said. Last month was the second-warmest February since 1895, according to the Commerce Department.

Some economists cautioned that last month's outsized job gains might be hard to sustain. If warm weather did help elevate construction hiring in February, for example, it might also have the effect of subtracting from job growth that would normally occur in early spring.

"There will probably be some weather payback in March," Ted Wieseman, an economist at Morgan Stanley, said in an email.

Mining, which includes oil and gas drilling, added 7,700 jobs last month, the most in nearly three years. Energy companies have increased drilling in response to higher oil prices, reversing nearly two years of job losses. Oil prices have dropped this week, though.

And as unemployment declines, hiring typically slows as the pool of available workers shrinks. Many small businesses are complaining that they cannot find workers with the qualifications they need. This trend could weigh on hiring in coming months.

Stock prices fluctuated throughout the day Friday, and the Dow Jones industrial average closed up a modest 44 points.

The February jobs data likely provided the final piece of evidence the Fed needed to raise rates after its next policy meeting Wednesday. It would be the Fed's third rate hike in 15 months. The Fed's inclination to tighten borrowing rates reflects how far the economy has come since the central bank cut its benchmark short-term rate to zero in 2008 and kept it there for seven years to support a fragile economy.

LABOR

From 1A

"Job creation has not been robust; it's mostly signaled the end of job loss is here," he said. "As sluggish as it is, we are in a period of job growth instead of job loss and have been for the last four to six months."

Willie Taylor, chief executive officer of Texas Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, said he sees "things beginning to trend upward."

He said Midland's wages seem to be trending upward slightly, while the civilian labor force has held steady and the number of people filing for unemployment benefits has been declining. He said this an indication job seekers are finding work.

"The folks that are struggling are those with limited job skills, and it takes more time to get them employed," he said.

As Ingham pointed out, job loss has continued when compared to year-ago figures. For the 12 months from January 2016 to January 2017, Midland lost 2,200 jobs, led by 1,200 jobs in the trade, transportation and utilities sector and 600 jobs in the professional and business services sector.

From December to January, Midland lost 400 jobs. The loss of 700 jobs in the trade, transportation and utilities sector was offset by 100-job gains each in the mining, logging and construction, the other services and the government sectors.

Taylor predicted that as the mining, logging and construction sector — Midland's dominant industrial sector at 28 percent — begins to add jobs, other sectors also will begin to add jobs.

"I just hope our infrastructure and education systems can keep up," he said.

Ingham said he hopes "we will be picking up some momentum in 2017. (Though) oil prices have become worrisome over the last two days."

Statewide, the unemployment rate held at a seasonally adjusted 4.8 percent as 51,300 jobs were added in January.

While Amarillo and Lubbock each had the lowest unemployment at 3.4 percent, McAllen-Edinburg-Mission had the highest rate at 9 percent.

By the numbers: Midland unemployment

January 2017	4.1 percent
January 2016	4.0 percent

Preliminary numbers for January with December numbers in parentheses:

Amarillo	3.4 (3.1)
Lubbock	3.4 (3.2)
Austin-Round Rock	3.5 (3.2)
College Station-Bryan	3.7 (3.4)
San Antonio-New Braunfels	3.9 (3.6)
Dallas-Plano-Irving	4.0 (3.7)
Sherman-Denison	4.0 (3.6)
Midland	**4.1 (4.0)**
Abilene	4.2 (3.[illegible])
Fort Worth-Arlington	4.2 (3.8)
Waco	4.2 (3.8)
Wichita Falls	4.5 (4.2)
San Angelo	4.6 (4.2)
Killeen-Temple	4.7 (4.3)
Tyler	4.7 (4.3)
Laredo	5.0 (4.6)
Texarkana	5.1 (4.6)
El Paso	5.2 (4.8)
Victoria	5.8 (5.27)
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	5.8 (5.3)
Odessa	5.8 (5.6)
Longview	6.6 (5.9)
Corpus Christi	6.8 (6.2)
Brownsville-Harlingen	8.1 (7.4)
Beaumont-Port Arthur	8.2 (7.5)
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	9.0 (8.2)

DOWNTURN

From 1A

But speakers at CERAWeek pushed back in subtle ways at President Donald Trump's tough trade talk as they emphasized the importance of free trade to the global industry.

Trump has promised to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement and House Republicans have pushed for a so-called border adjustment tax. A proposed corporate tax code overhaul would replace the current 35 percent corporate income tax with a 20 percent rate on imported goods sold domestically, rewarding companies that produce their goods in the U.S. and punishing those that rely on international suppliers.

The energy industry hasn't been as vocal as retailers — who are adamant in opposition to a border adjustment tax — but they don't like the idea either. The latest report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, whose territory includes Texas, eastern New Mexico and northern Louisiana, noted that its energy industry contacts "were unanimously negative in their expectations about the impact of the proposed border adjustment tax on their firms."

Al Monaco, CEO of Calgary-based Enbridge, used the words "North American competitive advantage" over and over during his talk, and noted there are 80 pipelines and 30 transmission lines between the U.S. and Canada.

"We have the largest most integrated energy market in the world," Monaco said.

At CERAWeek, no one talked tax policy, but instead focused on the global nature of the industry.

ExxonMobil Chairman and CEO Darren Woods, said "it's hard to be in our industry" and not support free trade. "It's true in our business, but it's also true in most businesses," Woods said.

Woods, who gave a keynote address at the conference, announced the company plans to spend $20 billion over the next decade on 11 chemical manufacturing, plastics and refining projects on the Texas and Louisiana coasts.

"These projects are export machines," Woods says of it plans for Gulf Coast, noting that they're being powered by U.S. shale — hydrocarbons coming from shale fields will both power the plants and feed into them to create products for export, much of it headed to Asia.

(ExxonMobil earlier this year said it would invest more than $6 billion to double its acreage in the Permian Basin, the biggest U.S. shale field).

One of Exxon's Gulf Coast projects is across the bay from Corpus Christi near Portland, where the company is looking to build the world's largest ethane steam cracker plant.

Exxon is buying up about 1,400 acres of farmland just outside Portland city limits to build a petrochemical plant in a joint venture with Saudi Arabia Basic Industries Corp., a public company 70 percent owned by the government of Saudi Arabia.

The proposed plant site also is just 2 miles from Gregory-Portland Independent School District's high school and junior high, a point that has caused an uproar in nearby Portland, where the City Council voted unanimously to urge Exxon and SABIC to find another location.

Though more energy projects are being announced as the industry emerges from the downturn, the International Energy Agency warned Monday that the dramatic pullback in investment during the downturn could come full circle in a few years.

It said that investment in U.S. shale projects was strong, the international picture wasn't encouraging. By 2020, global supply could struggle to keep up with demand.

Van Poecke, a managing director at Carlyle International Energy Partners, said that financing is widely available for U.S. projects, but it's a different story for international oil and gas investment. "The world is not short of capital," van Poecké said. "You can find capital, but it can get very expensive depending on the part of the world and the nature of the project."

IEA said that the U.S. shale producers were responding faster than anyone else in the world to price signals.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

JESSICA

From 1A

Last week People magazine checked in with Morales, 30, who is now a mother of two school-age children. She and her husband, Danny, live a quiet life in Midland. Jessica works as a teacher's aide, and Danny is a foreman at a piping supply outfit.

Morales told People that she lost a great deal of her trust fund dollars in the 2008 stock market crash. The $1.2 million might have been a lot of money in 1987 but, 30 years later, not so much. Danny and Jessica used some of the funds to buy the family's home.

According to People, residents in Midland still refer to her as Baby Jessica. By all appearances, she is a normal Texas mom like any other, with puppies and kids in her backyard.

Mary Evins via AP

This photo provided by Middle Tennessee State University professor Mary Evins shows students take part in a role-playing game about the 1676 Bacon's Rebellion in a class Feb. 2 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The university has staged re-enactments of historical events to help shed light on conflicting perspectives that led to great compromises. Americans alarmed and disheartened by a coarsened culture and incivility in politics — especially following a brutal presidential campaign season that bared new lows in both — are fighting back with a range of initiatives around the U.S. to restore some semblance of decorum.

As incivility hits new depths, many are working to combat it

By Matt Sedensky
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In state capitals, lawmakers attend workshops on how to avoid demonizing their opponents. On a college campus, students re-enact hard-fought debates that led to great compromises at the country's founding. Even a summer camp is aiming to give children the tools to show respect in the face of disagreement.

Americans alarmed and disheartened by a coarsened culture and incivility in politics — especially following a brutal presidential campaign season that bared new lows in both — are fighting back with a range of initiatives around the U.S. to restore some semblance of decorum.

"It's incumbent on us to be the adults who push back against what we're getting in the popular culture and the political rhetoric," said Mary Evins, who directs the American Democracy Project for Civil Learning at Middle Tennessee State University. That's where students have staged classroom role-plays of compromises from the 1787 Constitutional Convention, assuming the parts of the Founding Fathers to act out the give-and-take required to reach agreement on crucial but difficult decisions, such as how large and small states would share power.

"There's so many people with a difference of opinion," said Brendon Holloway, who participated in various Democracy Project initiatives at Middle Tennessee State, including voter registration drives. "It's really important to bridge the gap."

The school is training faculty to incorporate civic learning across disciplines, holding a lecture series on rhetoric, and hosting former members of Congress to talk about respectful dialogue. Evins says it's all part of addressing not just college and career, but citizenship.

"If we do not address that third C, then we have shamed ourselves," she said, "we have walked away."

Even as polls find Americans say a civil tone in candidates is an important factor in how they vote, surveys have also shown people more accepting of personal attacks in politics. A poll by Zogby commissioned by Allegheny College in October found in the six years since its previous survey, significantly more people viewed it as acceptable to interrupt, shout over, belittle, insult, personally attack, or question the patriotism of those with differing opinions. Respondents also have grown more accepting of commenting on another's sexual orientation, race or ethnicity.

Fewer people even believe elected officials should pursue friendships with members of other parties: 56 percent in the more recent survey compared with 85 percent in 2010.

"If this incivility continues, we're going to lose a generation to politics," said Jim Mullen, president of Allegheny, in Meadville, Pennsylvania. "And that's a very dangerous thing for our democracy."

Allegheny created the Prize for Civility in Public Life in 2011 to highlight public figures who demonstrate respectful behavior and inspire students to consider elected service. Last year, it went to Sen. John McCain and Vice President Joe Biden, who hugged onstage as they received the honor.

Organized attempts to stir civil discourse have sprouted for at least a decade in response to the continuing degeneration of public debate and increased animosity between Democrats and Republicans. But they've gained new steam following the 2016 campaign and the ascension to the presidency of Donald Trump, with his unrestrained, often caustic commentary.

Interest has surged in programs offered by the National Institute for Civil Discourse, which was founded at the University of Arizona after the 2011 shooting that left six dead and then-Rep. Gabby Giffords and others badly injured. Its civility-boosting efforts around the country include sessions in state legislatures that bring lawmakers from opposing parties together in hopes they see one another as people and try to understand what has shaped their opinions.

"I don't think there's any question that this is a national crisis at this point," said Carolyn Lukensmeyer, the institute's executive director. "This is kind of a dangerous moment."

At Unity College in Maine, one of several civility initiatives aims to improve discourse at the person-to-person level. President Melik Khoury, who established a campus commission to ensure inclusivity and free expression, also made students a special offer: He'd pay for them to dine with someone they don't know in an effort to foster dialogue between people of different points of view, such as avid hunters and devoted environmentalists. A handful of students so far have taken up the offer.

"We cannot stop talking," Khoury said. "We cannot be disunited."

Civility efforts have even stretched outside of academia and government into less likely arenas. In Greencastle, Indiana, organizers are preparing for a new summer camp where children will be exposed to elementary philosophy, taught to talk about their values and to listen to competing outlooks.

Andrew Cullison, who is leading camp planning as director of the Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University, said the goal is to get the first- to fifth-grade participants talking respectfully about their opinions on a range of issues. If they can learn to be composed in, say, a discussion over whether vanilla or chocolate is better, they may be able to translate that skill when they later face disagreement on a weightier topic, like politics.

"They sort of realize, the way I was talking about ice cream is the way I can talk about Trump," Cullison said.

As these efforts spread, Evins at Middle Tennessee State acknowledges some frustration that despite so many attempts to improve discourse over the past decade, it has only worsened.

"We've been working at this for a long time. Are we making no progress whatsoever? Are we beating our heads against the wall?" she asked. "There is a sense that there must be renewed dedication to this."

Start the New Year With Healthy Water!

TAX REFUND?

What better way to invest your tax refund than having healthy and clean water for your family?

Good Technologies
Healthy Water Systems
Call for Free Estimate: 432-699-2312
www.GoodTechnologies.Biz

"Buy A Filter Or Be A Filter"

YOUR PRODUCT COULD BE ON OUR SHELVES AND

$25,000

IN YOUR POCKET!

Now accepting applications

In 3 years, we've had nearly 1500 entries with almost 200 products making an appearance on our shelves.

THIS YEAR YOU COULD BE NEXT!

FEBRUARY 22ND - APRIL 5TH

MEET SOME OF OUR PAST CONTESTANTS:

2014 FINALIST

HUERTA'S TEXAS KITCHEN
TEXAS GUMBO
HOUSTON, TX

2014 THIRD PLACE

VELA FARMS
TEXAS SWEET TEA JELLY
VICTORIA, TX

2015 FINALIST

THE JANK
BBQ SAUCE
WESLACO, TX

2016 GRAND PRIZE

TX PIE COMPANY
PIE DOUGH PUCK
KYLE, TX

H-E-B
PRIMO PICKS
QUEST FOR
TEXAS
BEST
FEB 22 - APRIL 5

GO TO HEB.COM/QUEST TO ENTER

No purchase necessary. Eligibility limited. See official rules at heb.com/quest for details including winner selection, eligibility requirements, and prize information.

St. Patrick's parade organizers will allow gay vets to march

By Mark Pratt
Associated Press

BOSTON — Organizers of the city's St. Patrick's Day parade reversed course on Friday and said they would allow a group of gay veterans to march in this year's parade.

The South Boston Allied War Veterans Council announced on the parade's Twitter account that it had signed an "acceptance letter" that would clear the way for OutVets to participate.

A lawyer for OutVets said late Friday that the group looked forward to "marching proudly" and representing LGBTQ veterans.

"We are honored and humbled by all the outpouring of support that has been displayed for our LGBTQ veterans — who are one of the most unrepresented demographics in our veterans community," said lawyer said Dee Dee Edmondson.

An earlier vote by the council to bar OutVets from marching drew immediate condemnation from high-profile politicians, some of whom said they would not march if the gay veterans were excluded. It caused some sponsors to back out and stirred up a furor on social media.

South Boston Allied War Veterans Council member Edward Flynn said Friday night he was proud the group invited OutVets to be part of the parade. "South Boston is an inclusive community, and with this development, we are one step closer to a parade that reflects that spirit," he said.

It was unclear if the reversal of the decision was a result of a second vote by the council.

"I decided this is a wrong that has to be corrected," the parade's lead organizer, Tim Duross, told WHDH-TV.

Earlier Friday, OutVets executive director Bryan Bishop said the vets had been told the original decision to bar them was because of their rainbow symbols.

Bishop said the council offered to allow the group to march if its members did not display the rainbow flag, a symbol of gay pride, which is on their banner and their jackets.

The group said no.

"I almost fell out of the chair at that point, said, 'You gotta be kidding me,'" Bishop said.

He said OutVets has displayed the rainbow at the parade the last two years.

"It infuriates me to look at the veterans that I know, gay and straight, who have served this country with valor and honor and distinction, and just because you're a veteran who happens to be gay your service is somehow less than someone who is not of the LGBT community or someone who's not gay," he said.

Edmondson, the OutVets lawyer, earlier Friday described the acceptance letter as "generic" and said it did not make fully clear whether the gay group would be allowed to display its banner.

Another veterans group, Veterans for Peace, said it also had been denied permission to participate. That group has been trying unsuccessfully for several years to march.

OutVets was first allowed to participate in the parade in 2015, in what was seen as a groundbreaking decision after parade organizers had, for decades, resisted the inclusion of gay groups. The case went to the U.S. Supreme Court, which in 1995 upheld the council's right to bar gay groups on free speech grounds.

The council said in a statement Thursday its decision had been misinterpreted.

"The council is accepting of all people and organizations, but it will not permit messages that conflict with the overall theme of the parade," the statement said.

That decision resulted in backlash from other veterans' organizations.

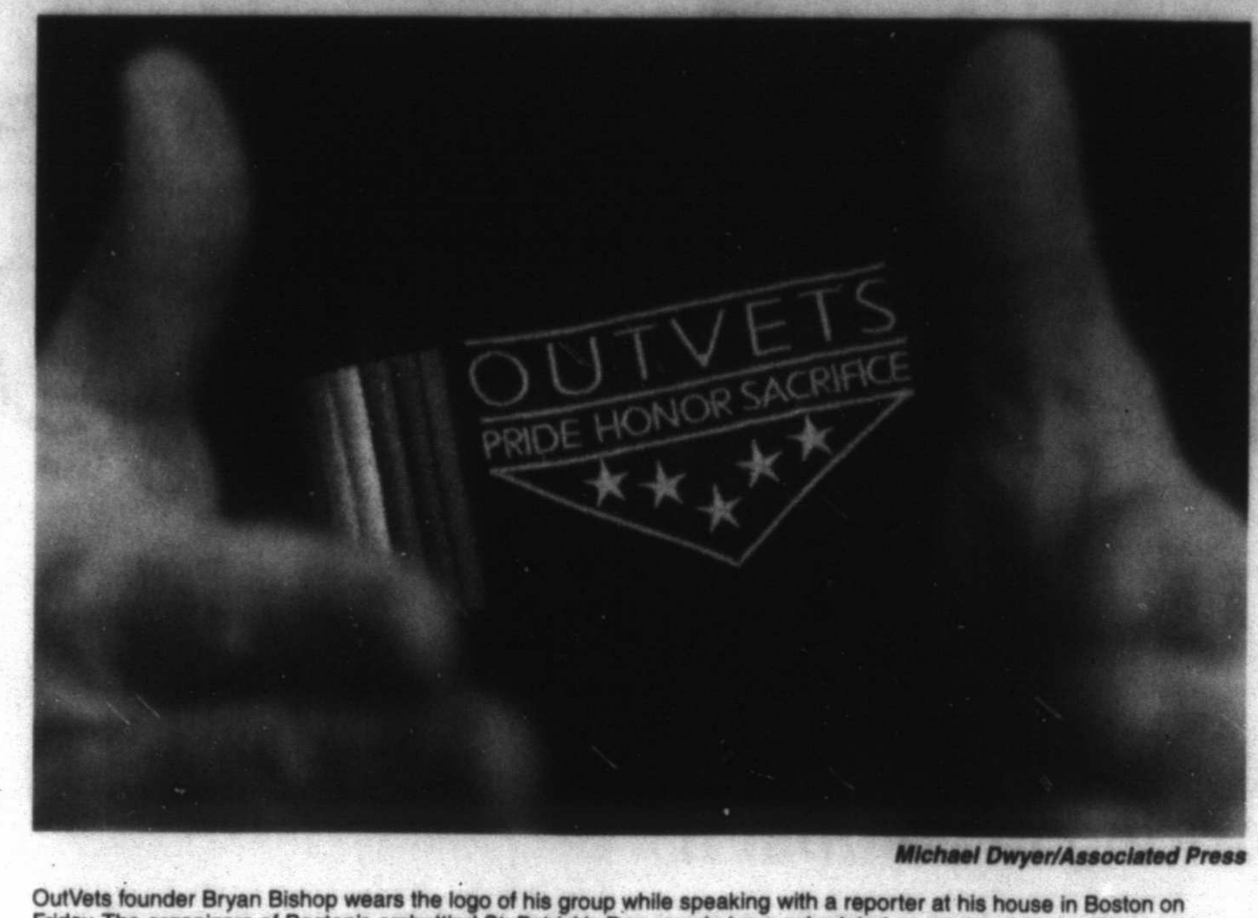
The council is made up of representatives from several South Boston American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

The Michael J. Perkins American Legion Post said it had withdrawn from the council.

The Perkins post in a statement on its Facebook page didn't mention the OutVets decision but said it decided to withdraw because "recent efforts by several non-veteran parade volunteers to guide decision making has resulted in the subversion of the council as an organization being led by veterans."

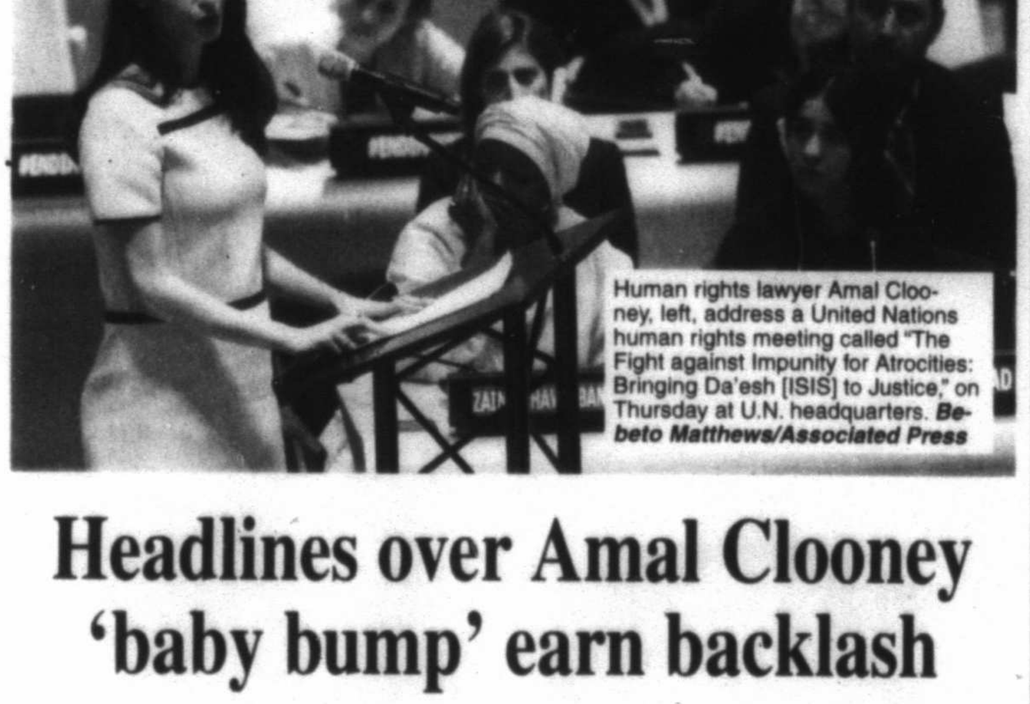
Another former member of the council, the Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post, assailed the council's decision to bar OutVets.

The Fitzgerald post withdrew from the council last year over the decision to bar Veterans for Peace.



Michael Dwyer/Associated Press

OutVets founder Bryan Bishop wears the logo of his group while speaking with a reporter at his house in Boston on Friday. The organizers of Boston's embattled St. Patrick's Day parade have scheduled an emergency meeting to reconsider their vote to shut out the gay veterans group. This week's decision to bar OutVets from marching drew immediate condemnation from high-profile politicians and stirred up a furor on social media.



Human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, left, address a United Nations human rights meeting called "The Fight against Impunity for Atrocities: Bringing Da'esh [ISIS] to Justice," on Thursday at U.N. headquarters. *Bebeto Matthews/Associated Press*

Headlines over Amal Clooney 'baby bump' earn backlash

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, who represents victims of rape and kidnappings by members of the Islamic State group, urged a United Nations meeting to step up the pressure on the extremists, so why did her yellow dress and her "baby bump" also make headlines?

Criticism was swift Thursday for some news and entertainment outlets from outraged social media users, including some on Twitter who responded to the Time Inc. tweet: "Amal Clooney shows off her baby bump at the United Nations."

The tweet linked to a story that ran on Time's Motto website, which is focused on younger women. The story's headline also referenced a "baby bump" but was changed, a spokeswoman for Time confirmed Friday. She declined further comment.

The Mirror in London went with: "Amal Clooney is a vision in yellow as she shows off hint of baby bump in chic dress," while E! News ran: "Amal Clooney Shows Baby Bump in What Could Be the Ultimate International Women's Day Poster," all according to a story in the Washington Post questioning the approach in context to her speech.

Among the critics was Scotland's first minister, Nicola Sturgeon, who has slammed media in the past for focusing on her "childless" status. In response to the Clooney bump tweet, Sturgeon wrote: "I'm pretty certain that this wasn't the purpose of this impressive human rights lawyer's appearance at the UN."

Clooney became an international celebrity after her union with Oscar-winner George Clooney. They married in 2014 and are now expecting twins.

At the U.N., she urged Iraq and the world not to let the Islamic State "get away with genocide." She expressed frustration that nothing has happened since she came to the U.N. six months ago seeking accountability for IS victims.

Amal Clooney represents Nadia Murad, a Yazidi woman captured by IS in Iraq in 2014. Murad has spoken out since her release about being raped and sold as a sex slave and is now a U.N. goodwill ambassador. Murad accompanied her to the U.N. and told the meeting that victims have been waiting more than a year for an investigation of IS to start.

Trump praises arrest of 'troubled person' at White House

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

POTOMAC FALLS, Va. — President Donald Trump on Saturday praised the U.S. Secret Service for doing a "fantastic job" apprehending a "troubled person" who climbed a fence and was approaching a south entrance to the White House while Trump was inside the executive mansion.

It was the first known security breach at the White House since Trump took office nearly two months ago.

Washington, D.C., police identified the intruder as Jonathan Tran, 26, of Milpitas, California.

When approached by a Secret Service officer on the south grounds about 11:38 p.m. Friday and asked whether he had a pass authorizing him to be in the restricted area, Tran replied, "No, I am a friend of the president. I have an appointment," the police report said.

Asked how he got there, he said he "jumped the fence."

The Secret Service said in a statement that the intruder, whom it did not identify, had climbed an outer perimeter fence near the Treasury Department and East Executive Avenue. He was arrested without further incident and no hazardous materials were found in his backpack, the agency said.

Authorities found two cans of Mace on Tran, including one inside his jacket pocket, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court. Tran was also carrying a U.S. passport, an Apple laptop computer, a book written by Trump and a letter he had written to the president, the complaint said.

"Secret Service did a fantastic job last night," Trump said Saturday from his golf club in Northern Virginia. He described the intruder as a "troubled person" and the situation as "very sad." Trump was briefed on the matter Friday night, said his spokesman, Sean Spicer.

Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly was also briefed on the incident, the Secret Service said. Kelly was among several Cabinet secretaries and senior White House staff members who attended a working lunch with the president at the Trump National Golf Club.

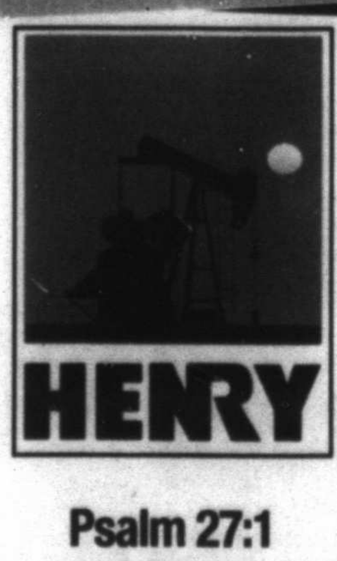
In the letter found on Tran, he mentioned "Russian hackers" and said he had information of relevance, according to the criminal complaint. He alleged that he had been followed, that his phone and email communications had been read by third parties, and that he has been called schizophrenic.

Fun Facts Sponsored by
FRANKLIN FOLIAGE
LANDSCAPING
"Serving West Texas Since 1981"
It's Tree Trimming Time!
Call us today to create the garden of your dreams!
685-3521
www.franklinfoliage.com

Alaska has the highest percentage of people who walk to work.

Ireland is the only country in the world where windmills turn clockwise.

DAILY PROMISE BROUGHT TO YOU BY



HENRY

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

Wall Décor PRICED $11.99 & UP 50% OFF
Crosses PRICED $11.99 & UP 50% OFF
Select Jewelry 50% OFF
COUPONS AND SAVINGS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS Download the Mardel Mobile App Today
NOTW* 40% OFF Includes Clothing & Accessories
Melissa & Doug 30% OFF
Coloring Books for Adults 30% OFF
Crafts by Plaid Crafts ALWAYS 30% OFF
BEST SELLING BOOKS 40% OR 50% OFF SOME EXCEPTIONS ALL OTHERS 20% OFF SOME EXCEPTIONS
Select Best Selling Bibles $9.99-$12.49
Easter Excludes Candy 40% OFF
Summer Toys & Items Labeled The Spring Shop 40% OFF

Between Heaven & the Real World $13.79 REG. $22.99
Love Lives Here $10.79 REG. $17.99
The Illustrated Words of Jesus for Women $7.79 REG. $12.99
The Little Things $10.79 REG. $17.99
The Case for Christ $10.19 REG. $16.99
Battlefield of the Mind $7.49 REG. $14.99
The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children $7.99 REG. $15.99

MARDEL CHRISTIAN & EDUCATION
STORE HOURS: Mon. - Sat. 9am-8pm
Shop Anytime at mardel.com
Midland
5214 W. Wadley Ave.
M 30% OFF One Regular Priced Item
MARDEL Use Code: 7000
Valid thru 3/18/17. Offer valid for one item at regular price only. Limit one per customer per day. Must present coupon at the time of purchase. Offer is not valid with any other coupon, discount or previous purchases. Excludes: Willow Tree®, Lifeway® Resources, Gift Cards, Lamination, Imprinting, VBS Curriculum, Candy, Snack Products, Gum & Mints.
Prices good in stores Monday, March 13 - Saturday, March 18, 2017. Prices good online Sunday, March 12 - Saturday, March 18, 2017. Some advertised items not available online. Sale subject to existing in stock. Selection and quantities may vary by store and do not apply to pre-reduced items. Discounts provided every day; marked prices reflect general U.S. market value for similar products.

With Trump on board, Texas puts high-speed rail on the fast track

By Lindsay Wise and Curtis Tate
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Texas is closer than ever to building the first high-speed train in the United States, thanks to President Donald Trump's fascination with these transportation projects and a well-timed pitch to his administration.

Now developers nationwide are looking to the privately owned Texas Central Railway as a test case of what can get done with Trump in the White House.

Former Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr., a member of the company's board of directors, met recently with Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao in Washington. He wasn't seeking any of the taxpayer-funded grants sought by high-speed rail projects in California and the Northeast.

What the $10 billion Texas Central Railway really needs is a green light from the agency Chao oversees.

"It was an opportunity to make a first impression," said Tim Keith, president of Texas Central Railway.

The meeting clearly stuck. Soon after, Chao mentioned the Texas Central Railway at the National Governors Association winter conference as an example of the kind of "very impressive" project the administration is interested in.

The question now is whether private investment— coupled with regulatory relief — is a model the Trump administration could use to finance and expedite his promised $1 trillion infrastructure push, and not just in Texas.

The president has said his plan will include private and public funding. But there appears to be little appetite in Congress to spend big on infrastructure, especially as Republicans are preparing to cut taxes.

Texas Central's entrepreneurial approach, which neatly sidesteps the politically charged appropriations process on Capitol Hill, could be a faster way.

"Texas does big things. This is a big idea," said Keith. "We're working hard to transform transportation in America and change the way public infrastructure is conceived, sponsored and financed."

Texas Central's plan is to build a private 205-mph bullet train that covers the 240-mile trip between Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth using Japanese technology.

Rodger Mallison/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/TNS

Donald Trump shakes hands with supporters after he speaks at a rally at Gilley's Dallas on June 16, 2016.

Trains would depart every 30 minutes, 18 hours a day. A one-way trip would take 90 minutes, compared with five hours to drive or about three and a half hours by air, if you include all the transit and security, Keith said.

Keith isn't ready to announce pricing, but he said tickets would be sold on a demand-based model similar to that used by airlines and hotels, varying by date and time.

He expects tickets will cost less than the $500 price of a business class round-trip airfare but more than the estimated $270 cost of driving the same route, which he calculates at 55 cents a mile for gas and wear and tear.

The project must overcome several regulatory hurdles at the federal level before it can proceed to the construction phase. A series of environmental reviews already are underway, with the process expected to wrap up by early next year. The company also is seeking a new safety rule that will allow its trains to operate at up to 205 mph.

"There's no rules set yet for driving a train 200 miles an hour in the United States," Keith said. "We're having those rules written for our system."

The primary regulator in charge of the environmental reviews and the new safety rule is the Federal Railroad Administration, an agency within Chao's Department of Transportation.

Keith said McLane's meeting with Chao went well and that other representatives of the Texas Central Railway had met with her several other times.

The Texas Central Railway project also appeared on a draft list of 50 priority infrastructure projects compiled for the Trump transition team and obtained by McClatchy.

Even though the Texas project will not seek grants, Keith said the company might pursue federal loan programs or tax credits if Trump offered them.

"We're very interested to see what opportunities the Trump administration creates," he said.

Trump has expressed particular interest in bullet trains.

At a private meeting reported by The Wall Street Journal last week, Trump mentioned building new high-speed railroads as part of his infrastructure push. He also spoke to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe last month about that country's bullet train technology and bemoaned the lack of high-speed rail in the U.S. at a meeting with airline executives.

"You go to China, you go to Japan, they have fast trains all over the place. We don't have one. I don't want to compete with your business," Trump said to laughter at the meeting with the executives on Feb. 9, "but we don't have one fast train."

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

On paper, Trump's first 50 days resemble previous presidents'

By John T. Bennett
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — On one hand, the first 50 days of Donald Trump's presidency, in some ways, closely resemble those of his recent predecessors. But on the other, those similarities largely have been overshadowed by missteps and inflammatory tweets.

A botched executive order banning many Muslims from entering the United States, allegations that former President Barack Obama tapped his phones, and an otherwise chaotic seven weeks have defined Trump's first 50 days. But data reviewed by CQ Roll Call spanning the current presidency back to the opening days of the Reagan administration shows the former businessman and reality television star is off to a start much like several other recent commanders in chief.

A major theme of Trump's still-young presidency has been his executive orders, which have twice restricted entry into the country by individuals from some Muslim-majority countries, fast-tracked two oil pipeline projects, altered federal regulation practices, frozen federal hiring, expedited the environmental permitting process, targeted the Obama administration's 2010 health law, and others.

Some of the orders, like the travel ban, have had muscle. Others, like those ordering federal entities to review things, have not. And in their total, Trump is on a pace similar to Obama.

After his first 50 days, the 44th president had issued 33 executive orders. Trump has signed 28 so far. In this category, Trump and Obama are linked because their use of executive orders and memoranda far outpaced their immediate predecessors.

Yet, Trump's orders seem to carry more weight. That's largely because of coast-to-coast protests after he signed the initial travel ban order in late January.

"I think what you see is Trump and his people are doing things that are too rushed, and I think he's very impatient and basically go off without thinking or preparing a lot," said Brad Bannon, a Democratic political strategist. "The travel ban is probably the best example of that. I think there was just no real thought about how federal judges would react. Some of these orders have been thrown together in a kind of slapdash fashion."

But some Republicans, like Sens. David Perdue of Georgia and Tom Cotton of Arkansas, see a different image. The duo met privately Tuesday with Trump, with Perdue telling reporters after the session that the first half of Trump's first 100 days have kick-started "the early makings of some growing confidence at the consumer level, and also at the corporate level, in terms of investing."

"We think what is happening right now is the president's conversation about pulling back on regulations, the impending tax work that we're going to do later this year, and also the health care work that we're doing right now to replace and repeal Obamacare is getting traction in the real world," Perdue said.

Cotton said the new president "already has made good on his early campaign promises," including "not letting anyone in this country that intend to do America harm, and also (increasing) the pace of enforcement of our immigration laws."

The 45th president has enacted a comparable number of laws as two recent chief executives. His eight are one more than Obama and two more than Bill Clinton; both Bushes enacted just one during his first 50 days, with Ronald Reagan enacting four.

The average size of those laws under Trump has been two pages, putting him on par with the younger Bush, Clinton, the elder Bush, and Reagan. One of the biggest differences the reviewed data reveals is how Trump's two-page average stacks up against Obama's 74-page average.

To be fair, Obama inherited a global economic crisis, and signed a 407-page stimulus bill during his first 50 days. There was no comparable crisis that Trump was forced to address via legislation.

But the 104-page expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program that Obama signed into law shows the difference between the two White Houses, Bannon said.

"If you look at the people working in Obama White House, many had already done the White House thing for Clinton," Bannon said. "They knew where all the bathrooms were. Rahm Emanuel was Obama's first chief of staff, but (senior Trump aides) Steve Bannon and Reince Priebus had no previous White House experience. The health insurance bill shows Obama's people knew more of the ropes, whereas the Trump people, not so much."

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Democrats' 2018 plan: More bluster, same policy

By Alex Roarty
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Democrat Jason Kander delivered a well-received message to a room full of party faithful: He almost won a Senate race in Republican Missouri because he didn't shy away from being a liberal.

"In a red state that President Trump carried by 19 points, I came within 3 points of turning the Senate seat blue," Kander said at a recent meeting of the Democratic National Committee in Atlanta. "And by the way, I didn't do it by pretending to be a moderate Republican or hugging the middle."

After losing the 2016 presidential election in dramatic fashion, notching only meager gains in Congress and failing to relax the GOP's viselike grip on statehouses across the country, Democrats are promising changes to the way they conduct campaigns. Special elections in 2017 and midterm congressional contests in 2018 will see new messages, and, leaders say, better turnout operations and campaign organization.

Not coming are changes to the party's policy platform, despite calls from Democrats' centrist wing.

"The Democratic values are the right values, and they command a majority among the American people when you ask them about the issues," Pete Buttigieg, a rising star in the Democratic Party, told reporters last month at the DNC meeting. "So the problem clearly has to do with our organizing. Obviously, there are some things we can do with the way we talk about our values."

But this unwillingness to reassess what the party stands for is driving some more moderate Democrats mad. The centrist think tank Third Way warns that the party's liberal wing is misinterpreting President Donald Trump's 2016 success as a sign that voters care less about policy than they do about message.

"The lesson that many Democrats have learned from this election is policy doesn't matter, because Donald Trump doesn't have policies," said Lanae Erickson Hatalsky, vice president for social policy and politics at Third Way. "From that, they've assumed what Democrats need is more bluster, not more policy, and the policy is pretty much irrelevant."

Last month, Third Way published a report — coauthored by Erickson Hatalsky — warning Democrats that they need to increase their popularity among white voters, who still make up overwhelming majorities of the electorate in may key states.

To do so, the report suggested, the party needs to recalibrate its policies in a way that appeals to more than just liberals.

But progressive leaders counter that backing down reduces enthusiasm among the party's core voters while doing little to win over moderates.

It's a theory advocated by Jon Ossoff, the leading Democratic candidate in a suburban Atlanta special election for Congress. Ossoff, who has become a star among liberal activists across the country, says he will reach out to every voter, no matter how conservative.

But he also says he won't modify his positions on sensitive subjects, including abortion rights, even if they're out of step with the rest of the district. Ossoff is running in a Georgia congressional district that hasn't voted for a Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives in more than 30 years.

"There are some people who might ... back away from tough stands like that," Ossoff said at a recent campaign rally. "But if there's one thing that we've learned over the last few years it's that Democrats running for office in tough districts are going to face the same attacks whether we stand on our principles or not."

In Ossoff's telling, Hillary Clinton's failure to talk to every voter and her campaign's message — or lack thereof — explains why she lost to a deeply unpopular opponent like Trump.

That sentiment is a common one among Democrats.

"I think most Democrats would agree we're right and they're wrong on the economy," said Steve Murphy, a veteran Democratic strategist. "We just didn't say it in the last election."

Even Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., blamed Clinton's defeat on her message. It's a mistake he promised the party won't repeat.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Pelosi: 'If Hillary had won, I was ready to go home'

WASHINGTON — House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said Friday that had Hillary Clinton won the presidency, the California Democrat would have left her longtime position in Congress because a Democratic White House would have ensured the 2010 health care law stayed in place.

"If Hillary had won, I was ready to go home," Pelosi said. "If she were there, then I would not worry about that."

Pelosi said her decision to keep her position in leadership, in which she was challenged in November after rank-and-file members agitated for change following stunning loses, was to keep fighting for the landmark legislation she helped pass.

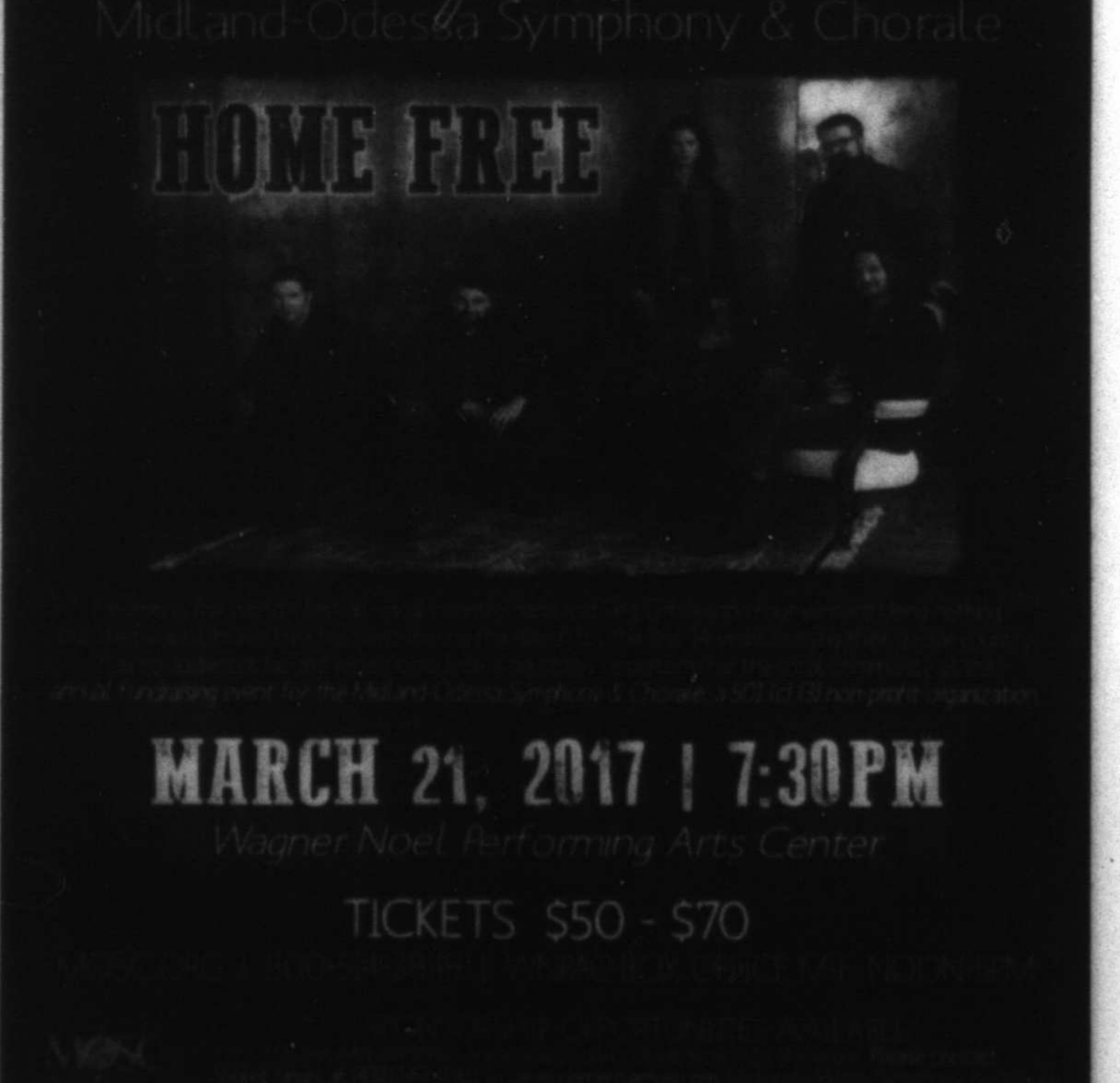
"None of us thought Hillary would win; we all knew she would win," Pelosi said. "This was, oh my gosh, it was really shocking that somebody like Donald Trump becomes president of the United States, oh my gosh. We yearn for the day (for) a Mitt Romney or a George Bush. But anyway, that motivated me to stay."

Pelosi is notoriously mum about her future in Congress.

"I'll make a decision one time at a time," she said about her staying in her position as minority leader. "I would have been gone by now if she had won."

By Rema Rahman
CQ-Roll Call
Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

YOUR CLASSIFIED HEADQUARTERS
SELLITTEXAS.com



A look at legal issues with Trump's revised travel ban

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Some of the states that helped derail President Trump's first travel ban are mounting efforts to block his second one, saying that while the new order applies to fewer people, it's infected with the same legal problems.

Hawaii on Wednesday launched the first lawsuit over the revised order after amending an earlier complaint filed against the old ban. Washington, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon and Minnesota plan do the same Monday in federal court in Seattle, where a judge issued an order last month halting the first travel ban.

In the meantime, Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson asked the judge to find that his order applies to the second ban as well. If the judge agrees, the government would not be able to put the new ban into effect next Thursday as scheduled, without further action from the court.

With more legal challenges still to come, here's a look at the hurdles Trump's new travel ban faces.

Same as the old ban?

Washington and Hawaii have made similar claims, arguing that Trump's travel ban is an effort to carry out the Muslim ban he promised during his campaign and a violation of the First Amendment, which bars the government from officially favoring or disfavoring any religion. In this regard, they say, the new ban is no better than the old.

They point to statements by Trump's advisers, including former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who said Trump asked him how to implement a Muslim ban legally, and more recently Stephen Miller, who said the revised order was designed to have "the same basic policy outcome" as the first.

The new ban applies to refugees who are not already on their way to the United States and to people seeking new visas. Under the original ban, even people with valid visas and legal U.S. residents from the listed countries were barred from entering the country.

"The revised executive order does narrow the scope of who's impacted," Ferguson told a news conference Thursday. "That does not change the underlying constitutional problems: If you're acting in an unconstitutional way — this is effectively a Muslim ban — the fact that it's a smaller group of individuals who are harmed does not change the analysis."

When the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld U.S. District Judge James Robart's order blocking the first travel ban, it did not resolve the states' First Amendment claim. But the judges referred to the states' argument as serious and significant.

Some legal scholars have questioned the strength of the government's case on this point, noting that the order does not apply to all Muslims or even all predominantly Muslim nations — a point 9th Circuit Judge Richard Clifton made during oral arguments in Washington's case.

Isn't it the president's job to protect the country?

It is, and the administration has argued that the travel ban is not about discrimination but national security. The revised order specifies that people coming from the listed countries — Somalia, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya and Yemen — "warrant additional scrutiny in connection with our immigration policies because the conditions in these countries present heightened threats."

But as Hawaii pointed out in its lawsuit, intelligence analysts at the Department of Homeland Security have questioned that rationale, concluding that citizenship is an "unlikely indicator" of terrorist ties. Their report noted that since 2011, 82 people were inspired by a foreign terrorist group to try to carry out attacks in the United States. Half were native-born U.S. citizens. The rest came from 26 countries, with the most coming from Pakistan, which is not on the travel ban list.

That would seem to undermine the rationale for the travel ban, critics say.

In addition, the states and civil liberties groups have alleged another flaw: U.S. immigration law generally prohibits the government from discriminating based on nationality when issuing immigrant visas. The president cannot rewrite that law by executive order, the states argue.

Matt Adams, legal director of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, said his organization plans to file an amended class-action complaint in Seattle federal court on Friday to challenge the new ban. He said the administration must consider who people are — not where they come from — in deciding whether to issue visas.

Aloha, tourism

Some legal scholars have questioned whether states have standing to bring their cases, citing limits the Supreme Court has placed on when states can sue the federal government.

Michael McConnell, a constitutional law professor at Stanford Law School, said in an email Thursday that he remains "highly skeptical" that states can file lawsuits over this issue.

The 9th Circuit panel, however, found that Washington and Minnesota did have standing, at least at that early stage of the litigation. The judges noted that some people would not enter state universities or join the faculty at those universities, causing real harm for the states.

Hawaii focuses on an additional aspect of harm: the loss of tourism, and thus tax dollars, in the heavily travel-dependent state.

"I don't think standing's a serious problem," said Rory Little, a former Supreme Court clerk who teaches at the University of California Hastings College of the Law. "There's clearly harm to state budgets, harm to state universities."

Analysis: US troop increase risks tangling in Syria's war

By Zeina Karam
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Rolling around 200 Marines backed with howitzers into northern Syria, the United States is shifting from working quietly behind the scenes in Syria's conflict, turning instead toward overt displays of U.S. force in an attempt to shape the fight.

The latest deployment widens America's footprint in a highly toxic battlefield, with U.S. credibility and prestige on the line. It also risks drawing troops into a long and costly war with unpredictable outcomes.

The Marines' deployment, intended to back local forces in the campaign against the Islamic State group, came just days after another intervention. Dozens of Army troops, riding Stryker armored vehicles waving American flags, drove outside the Syrian town of Manbij in a mission aimed at keeping U.S. allies Turkey and Syrian Kurds from fighting each other and focused instead on the fight against IS.

The latest dispatch brings the number of U.S. boots on the ground in Syria close to more than 700.

The previous troops were quietly sent by the Obama administration to work with local allies against IS; most of them were special forces and advisers, and none brought heavy weapons like artillery with them.

But as the fight against IS gears up, so is the U.S. profile. After months of preparations, U.S.-backed Syrian forces are getting closer to launching an all-out assault on the Islamic State group's de facto capital, Raqqa, in northern Syria. The more robust presence could also reflect a freer hand given to the military by President Donald Trump, whose administration is drawing up plans for a Syria policy he has vowed will "obliterate" IS.

But the Americans are stepping into a crowded space in northern Syria, where U.S.-backed Kurdish groups, Turkish and Russian troops, Syrian government forces and Islamic State militants are all within firing range of one another.

U.S. officials say the battle for Raqqa will look much like the fight in neighboring Iraq, where the United States has waged a heavy air campaign and deployed special forces at the front lines to back the Iraqi military, now in a fierce battle to retake the northern city of Mosul from IS. Over the past two years, the U.S.-backed international coalition has spent billions training and arming the Iraqi military

But Syria is not Iraq.

In Syria, U.S. forces do not have a national military to partner with — unless Washington made a dramatic reversal and overtly partnered with Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Though no decision has been formally announced, the U.S. is likely to partner with the Syrian Democratic Forces, which is dominated by Kurds, though it includes some Arab fighters and other ethnicities. The U.S.-backed group has proved to be the most effective fighting force against IS in Syria, moving in past months to isolate Raqqa and cut off supply lines.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL EVENT.
Hear from an MS expert and learn about an oral reatment option for relapsing MS.

Date and Time:
03/17/2017
at 6:00 PM

Location:
The Garlic Press
2200 West Wadley
#6 Oak Ridge Square
Midland, TX 79705

Speaker:
Annette Howard, MD
MS Insititute of Texas

Event Code: TR401342
(1366769)

Please RSVP*
• RelapsingMultipleSclerosisEvents.com
• 1-866-703-8293
• MSRSVP@ahmdirect.com

*Registration is limited to two people per RSVP.
Photo ID may be requested at event entrance.
Complimentary parking or valet available.
A light meal or snack may be provided.

Copyright ©2015
GZUS.MS.15.05.1423[2]

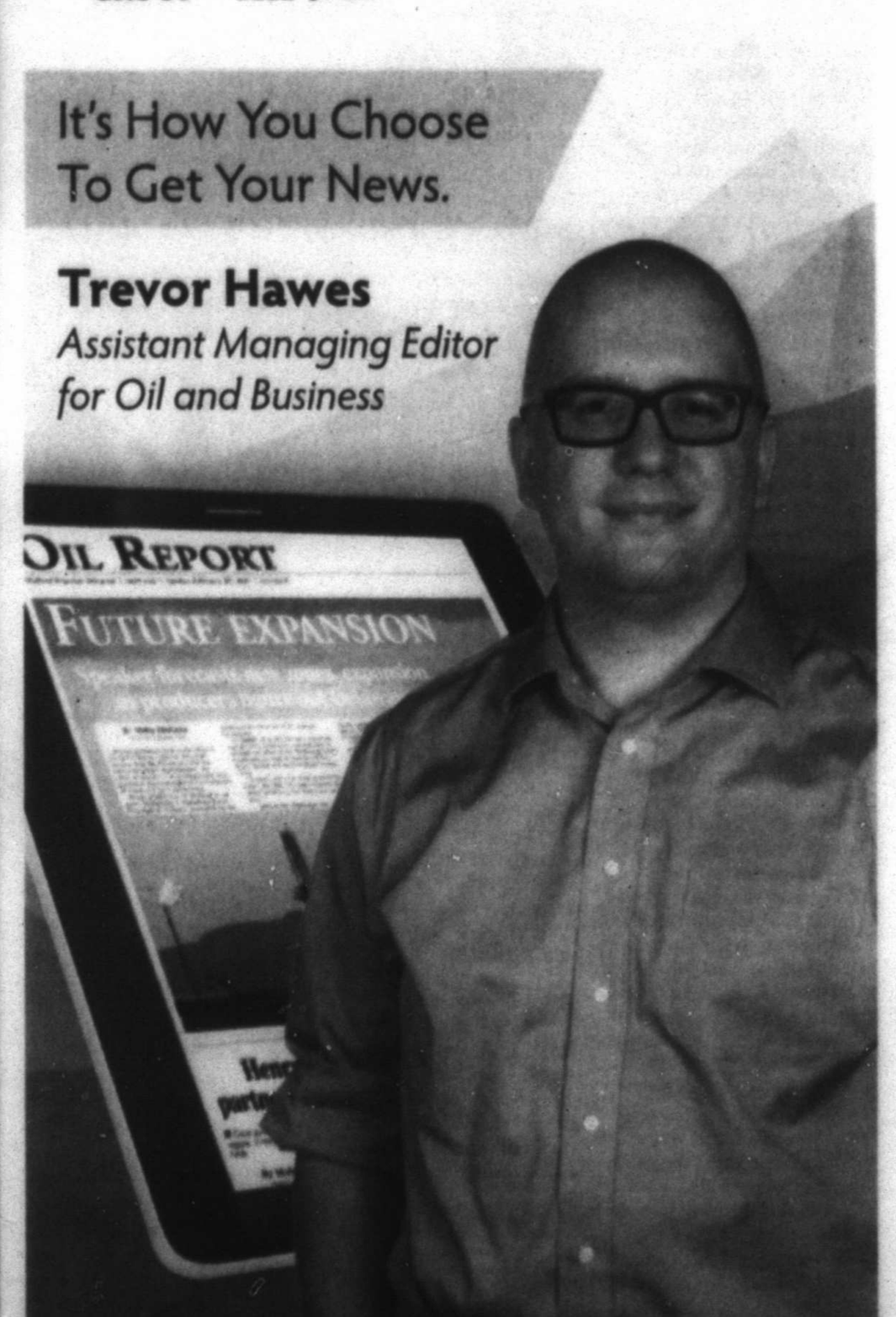
The Studio
Fine Furnishings & Interiors
More Than Just A Furniture Store.

COMFORT, QUALITY & STYLE
Visit with our talented design staff for help in selecting the perfect pieces for your home.
Over 11 brands to choose from for any look, any style, any budget.
325 Dodson Street, Midland, TX 79701
T-F 10-5:30, Sat 11-4
432.682.0029

MRT MEDIA GROUP
Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com

It's How You Choose To Get Your News.

Trevor Hawes
Assistant Managing Editor for Oil and Business



LOCAL NEWS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.
SUBSCRIBE TODAY
432-687-8865

Cruz pushes Obamacare repeal gambit that could roil US Senate

By Steven T. Dennis and Sahil Kapur
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Ted Cruz is pushing a novel strategy to blow up Obamacare, but it just might blow up the Senate too.

The Texas senator is unhappy with what many conservatives consider a half-baked repeal-and-replace effort racing through the House, a plan that GOP House leaders say was narrowed to meet Senate rules. Cruz's answer: lean on Vice President Mike Pence's gavel to dodge those procedural limits and broaden the legislation's scope.

It's not at all clear whether Cruz's colleagues will go along. The move relies on a radical interpretation of the vice president's constitutional role as presiding officer of the Senate, where he could step in and effectively overrule the chamber's parliamentarian. It would resemble the so-called nuclear option of ending filibusters and risk fundamentally altering the way Congress works.

The idea puts Cruz — the rabble-rousing firebrand who came in second to Donald Trump in the Republican primaries — back in his familiar territory of setting ablaze norms in pursuit of moving policy to the right. In 2013, he helped rally House Republicans to shut down the government in a failed bid to defund Obamacare, over the objections of GOP leaders.

This time, Cruz has again found ready allies among conservatives in the House, who have panned House Speaker Paul Ryan's plan.

Rep. Dave Brat of Virginia, the conservative who unseated then-House Majority Leader Eric Cantor in a 2014 primary, told reporters he doesn't buy leadership's excuse that they can't pursue a far bolder plan.

He said Ryan is overstating the case that existing rules can't allow an insurance overhaul. "He wants to be respectful of Senate rules, I do not," Brat said.

"From what I understand," Brat said, "whoever's sitting in the chair has authority over the parliamentarian. So they can rewrite the rules."

To speed passage of an Obamacare replacement — and circumvent Democratic opposition, Republicans opted for a budgetary procedure called reconciliation that requires only a simple majority in the Senate, but only if the legislation has minimal effect on the deficit.

GOP leaders, including Ryan, have said this is limiting their ability to include provisions popular with conservatives like selling insurance across state lines.

The Texas senator, who had dinner with Trump last week, said Ryan and Senate GOP leaders are wrong.

"You don't need to override the parliamentarian or get a new parliamentarian. It is the vice president who rules," he told reporters Thursday.

Having Pence rule against established norms for what is allowed in a reconciliation bill would undo decades of Senate tradition of deferring to the parliamentarian's rulings. It could also potentially allow both parties far wider latitude in the future to avoid a 60-vote threshold for all sorts of provisions that don't directly impact spending or taxes.

Rep. Trent Franks of Arizona, another conservative, said trying to craft an Obamacare repeal bill to meet the Senate's current interpretation of its rules is "untenable."

"It's essentially like trying to force a giraffe through a keyhole. If you get the job done, he looks a little differently on the other side," he said.

Cruz is advocating his strategy to anyone who will listen — House and Senate leaders and officials throughout the administration. Cruz wouldn't say whether he raised the issue in his dinner with Trump.

"The House bill as currently drafted I don't believe can pass the Senate, but I believe we can fix it," he said.

Cruz said he wants to repeal all of the insurance regulations in Obamacare that have increased premiums, and add back Republican ideas aimed at increasing competition, like association health plans and loosening regulations on insurers.

"I think selling across state lines is an important piece of it," he said.

"Under the Budget Act of 1974, which is what governs reconciliation, it is the presiding officer, the vice president of the United States, who rules what is permissible on reconciliation and what is not," Cruz said. "And that is a conversation I have been having with a number of my colleagues."

Cruz said each of the insurance provisions would impact the budget by billions of dollars and in some cases hundreds of billions of dollars — justifying their inclusion under reconciliation rules.

Cruz's position, however, doesn't yet have leadership backing and it's not clear gutting insurance protections in Obamacare would even win majority support, particularly in the Senate.

Two critical provisions of the current House bill could face procedural jeopardy in the Senate when it goes through the Senate reconciliation procedure, where provisions seen as extraneous to budget issues are excised from the bill.

One provision would impose a 30 percent penalty premium on people who go without insurance — the GOP's replacement for the individual mandate tax now paid to the U.S. government. Another would allow insurers to vary premiums by a ratio of 5-to-1 rather than the 3-to-1 ratio in Obamacare based on the consumer's age.

Both are seen as essential to enticing young, healthy people to get insured and thus help stabilize markets. The two provisions in question are regulatory and not budgetary, which means they could both be disqualified under reconciliation, senators in both parties say.

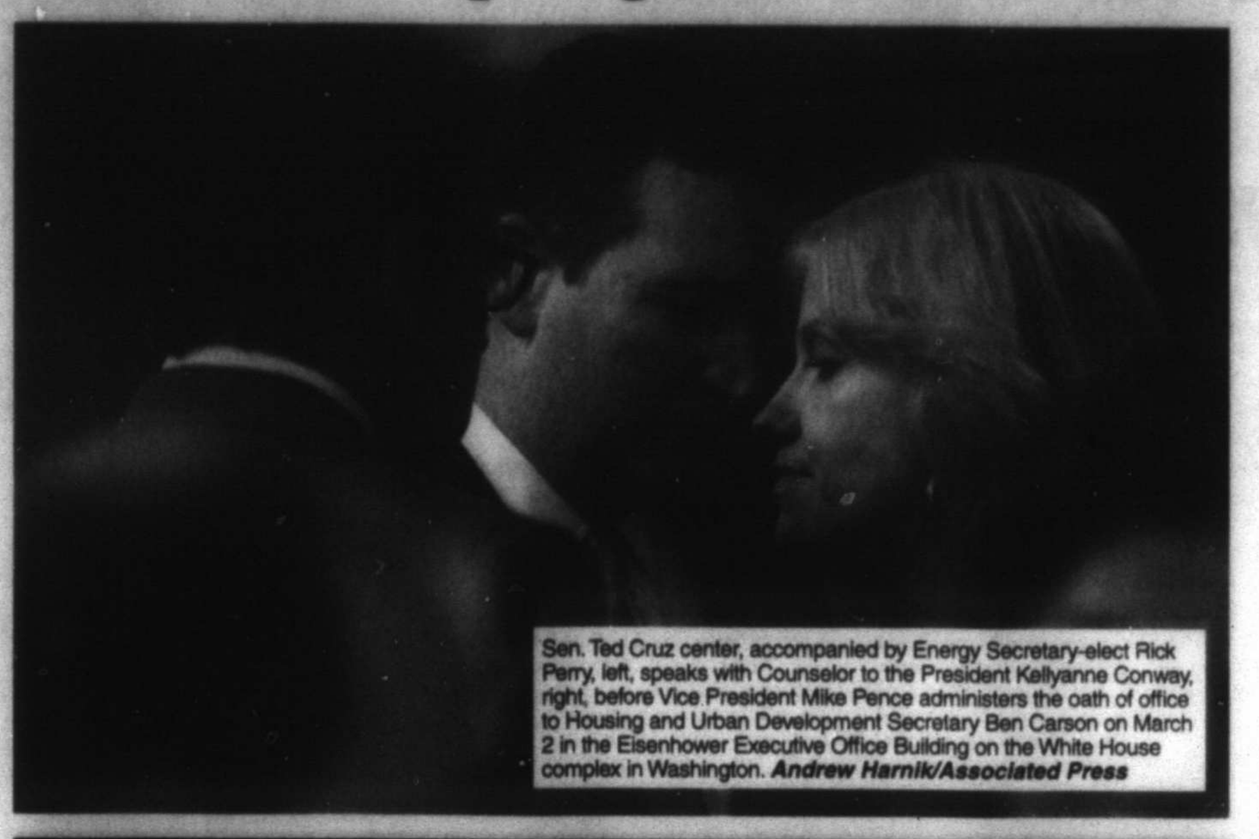
Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut said any fair reading of the current rule, named the Byrd Rule after the late West Virginia Sen. Robert Byrd, would knock out the penalty premium paid to insurers.

"There's no budget impact to that provision. It's a payment from an individual to an insurance company," he said. "That has no meaningful impact on the federal budget. If that survives the Byrd Rule, then the Byrd Rule is meaningless."

And "if the penalty is gone, then the bill literally falls completely apart," he said. "Then no insurance company would ever offer a plan in the exchange if there's zero penalty for a healthy person to go off of insurance. So it's basically an unworkable concept today that becomes laughably unworkable if the penalty doesn't remain."

"We've been working closely with the parliamentarian, trying to make sure we address those issues. We're still working," said John Cornyn, the No. 2 Senate Republican. "I don't know about those specific items. I'd say we've been doing a Byrd bath for the entire bill."

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency



Sen. Ted Cruz center, accompanied by Energy Secretary-elect Rick Perry, left, speaks with Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway, right, before Vice President Mike Pence administers the oath of office to Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson on March 2 in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House complex in Washington. *Andrew Harnik/Associated Press*

Paul Ryan returns to 'binary choice' rhetoric

WASHINGTON — Speaker Paul D. Ryan is selling the GOP's health care bill the same way he did the presidential candidacy of Donald Trump, but on the health front, his pitch is falling flat with conservatives.

"Binary choice" is the phrase the Wisconsin Republican used during the presidential election to describe his reason for supporting Trump over Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. Ryan acknowledged throughout the campaign that both candidates were flawed but Trump was the better of two options, the only one who would help Republicans advance their legislative agenda.

"It really comes down to a binary choice," the speaker said during his weekly press conference Thursday about moving forward with the GOP's health care plan or leaving in place the 2010 law.

"This is the closest we will ever get to repealing and replacing Obamacare," Ryan said. "The time is here. The time is now. This is the moment. And this is the closest this will ever happen."

Several members with serious concerns about the bill rejected Ryan's characterization of the choice in front of them.

"If he thinks that's how Congress works, he's wrong; that's not correct," House Freedom Caucus member Justin Amash said.

Asked whether Ryan's "binary choice" comment and other expressions of confidence that the bill will pass were undermining members, Amash said, "I think it's fairly typical of leadership — and it likely was true of Democratic leadership when they controlled the House — but saying there's a binary choice is not true."

"The reason we have such bad policy in this country and bad politics is because people frame everything as a binary choice," the Michigan Republican added.

House Freedom Caucus Chairman Mark Meadows also rejected the premise of a binary choice.

"Nothing in Congress is ever binary," the North Carolina Republican said. "It always is multifaceted, just like a diamond. You know the more you cut it, the more you see that there's different brilliance that comes out. And so hopefully that's what this particular replacement bill will be like."

Still, Meadows said he doesn't believe Ryan is trying to undermine members' concerns.

"He's got a tough job, a real tough job, and he's trying to get to 218," he said. "And yet at the same time we all represent very different districts. And so expressing those concerns and hopefully working toward a solution is critically important. And so I don't think he's undermining the process. This is the way it goes whenever debates get to the final hour. You know, they can get a little contentious."

Other conservatives who are trying to push changes to the bill were also sympathetic to the position Ryan is in trying to balance competing interests among Republicans.

"It's the second law of thermodynamics," Republican Study Committee Chairman Mark Walker said. "Every time that there's a move toward a conservative position, some of the more moderate members, there's an equal reaction on that particular side. Trying to find that (balance) it's certainly a difficult position for Speaker Ryan."

While Ryan still has work to do to secure 218 votes, his rationale has registered with some of the rank and file.

"It's a binary choice," former Republican Study Committee chair Bill Flores of Texas said Thursday, repeating Ryan's phrasing. "Do we keep what we've got, or do we start advancing toward a 21st century (health care system)? It's just that simple. And so by voting no, I'm voting to keep Obamacare and my people, my constituents will not approve that. And so (is) this perfect? It's 80 or 90 percent toward perfect."

New Jersey Republican Tom MacArthur, co-chairman of the moderate Tuesday Group, said there's some truth to Ryan's statement.

"No bill is perfect, and certainly this one is not in my mind," he said. "I think the key is where it goes and how it develops over the next week or so. That's going to determine whether people vote a yea or nay on it. But let's not kid ourselves, you have to vote on the bill that's in front of you, not on the bill you wish was in front of you."

During a press conference Friday, House Energy and Commerce Chairman Greg Walden suggested that the bill is Republicans' "best effort" to accommodate all viewpoints.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy echoed that sentiment.

"Yes, there's going to be questions on both sides of the aisle," the California Republican said. "But sometimes when you have pushback on one side and the other side from a political spectrum, you might have found the sweet spot."

By Lindsey McPherson
CQ-Roll Call
Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

If you are going to reform healthcare, there will be damage

By Megan McArdle
Bloomberg

■ COMMENTARY

Last week, everyone was talking about health care, as you can imagine. I want to talk first about concrete.

Concrete is a marvelous substance. There's a reason it is the backbone of modern cities, and some much-loved ancient treasures, like Rome's Pantheon, as well as much-hated eyesores, like Boston's appalling City Hall and North Korea's notorious "Hotel of Doom": It's cheap. It's strong. It's versatile — until it sets. Then you're basically stuck with it.

That very inflexibility is probably one reason that buildings like the Pantheon survived for us to admire them. Other ancient treasures were torn apart by the locals looking for building materials, but concrete buildings could not be repurposed stone by stone.

Faithful readers may see what I'm getting at: Some forms of government policy are built of political concrete. Once done, they cannot be renovated, added to or even destroyed without immense cost; for that reason, they tend to go on much as they always have, for good or for ill.

This was the problem that Democrats faced with Obamacare. Other countries, it was often observed, had a national guarantee of health insurance; surely, we could build a system very much like those. But the other countries had built their systems earlier, when there weren't so many concrete towers already in the way. By the time Obamacare came on the scene, America already had government programs that were propping up health care for almost everyone in the country: tax-subsidized employer-sponsored health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, the VA. No one was willing to shoulder the cost of knocking those things down and designing a rational, well-built structure to take their place, so instead the administration threw up an annex next to the Medicaid edifice, and tore down the little remaining patch of ground that wasn't government-subsidized, and put up a new tower to hold its residents.

The planning was haphazard, the work shoddily done, and the result kept threatening to collapse.

And yet it was locked in. That whole "political concrete" thing. For the enthusiasts, the very difficulty of alteration was not a bug but a feature, because it meant that it would be hard for Republicans to undo. So we were all left with a subpar system that is difficult to either repair or replace.

That is unfortunate, but it is now a fact, and Republicans, like so many opponents of Brutalist architecture, are going to have to contend with that reality. We cannot simply get rid of what Democrats built, and then perhaps, at some more convenient date, start over with a sounder design. The old structures are gone and will not spring back up of their own accord if we knock down what's there now. All you get from a hasty demolition is a big pile of rubble.

Very expensive rubble, for Republicans, who will have to face angry voters who now have neither their old home nor the new. The base may rejoice when they hear that Obamacare has been "repealed" (sort of). But their cries of glee will be drowned out by their wailing when they find that they cannot buy individual insurance at all.

That's why I don't understand what Republicans are trying to do with this bill. What do they think will happen after they proudly proclaim that they've repealed Obamacare — followed in short order by the complete implosion of the individual market? Do they really imagine that they will be allowed to leave the rubble-filled lot there and proclaim that they've undone President Obama's mistake? Or that, having watched them destroy the individual market, voters will be eager to let Republicans touch any of the other structures cluttering up America's health-care policy landscape?

Even if they think they have the political capital to get past voter angst, they're not going to have much time to spend it. The idea, as I understand it, is that after they pass this, they will come up with the currently mythical Phase II and Phase III bills, which are somehow supposed to garner Democratic senators' votes (the same votes they can't get now, incidentally, which is why they're pushing forward with a partial bill that can pass with fewer votes through a streamlined budgeting process, instead of doing something more sensible and comprehensive). But insurers will start to submit their proposed rates for 2018 in a few months. That is likely to become the effective deadline for any further tweaks, because if insurers think the collapse of the individual market is imminent, they will decline to sell into that market, and then the collapse will no longer be a forecast, but a historical fact. And Republicans will be under immense pressure to fix it immediately — meaning, with a legislative process even hastier, and less-well-thought-out, than either the process of composing this bill, or the year-long saga of drafting Obamacare.

You do not fix a concrete eyesore in stages.

You either knock it down, or you leave it where it is and learn to live with its flaws. If Republicans want to actually do a radical renovation of our nation's health policy architecture, then they should get a reasonable estimate of the costs, grit their teeth, and go ahead and actually build something sound, and enduring, while demolishing substantial portions of the ugly and unsustainable mess we currently have.

If Republicans cannot get up the will to bear those costs, then they should do nothing, and start preparing their rebuilding strategy while they wait for the flaws in Obamacare's structure to bring down the individual market on its own. Neither strategy is painless, because the ossified mistakes of earlier policy making have taken all the cheap and attractive options off the table.

AP Explains: How to transform GOP health care plan into law

By Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans' long-awaited plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act has cleared a couple hurdles in the House. The GOP still must navigate a complicated path to turn its 123-page proposal from legislation to law.

A look at the process and the politics:

What happens next?

Republicans have set an aggressive timetable for moving the bill.

Two House committees — Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce — moved ahead on the legislation Thursday. On Wednesday, the Budget Committee will combine the legislation from the two panels, and the full House is expected to vote the week of March 20.

What about the Senate?

The legislation will then move to the Senate, where a tighter Republican majority makes the outlook even more uncertain.

Normally, legislation requires 60 votes to overcome any filibuster threat and pass the Senate. But because Republicans hold just 52 seats, they plan to use a budget maneuver known as reconciliation to pass the bill on a simple majority.

Even that may be difficult. Senate rules require that any bill passed by reconciliation cannot increase the deficit over the long term.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., says he wants to pass the bill before the April recess, sending it to President Donald Trump for his signature. President Barack Obama signed his health care bill 14 months after entering office.

A tight margin?

How the congressional process unfolds will depend on how Republicans maneuver through some complicated intra-party politics.

Conservative Republicans are worried about the cost of the overhaul, fearing the GOP would essentially be replacing one mandatory federal program with another.

Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky, Mike Lee of Utah and Ted Cruz of Texas dubbed an early draft "Obamacare Lite." Influential conservative groups — Heritage Action, FreedomWorks, the Club for Growth, Americans for Prosperity, and Freedom Partners — came out against the proposal.

Moderate lawmakers, meanwhile, fear their constituents could lose access to health care while major groups, such as the American Medical Association and AARP, oppose the bill.

And the Democrats?

Democrats, under pressure from their base to resist every part of Trump's agenda, are expected to lend little help.

The Trump presidency, we have seen it before

■ Beware the perils of Jacksonian governance

RICH LOWRY

King Features Syndicate

Upon taking office, President Donald Trump dusted off a portrait of Andrew Jackson and hung it above his desk in the Oval Office. He chose better than he knew.

The most jaw-dropping furor of the early Trump administration — the Obama wiretapping allegation — was presaged in broad outline almost 200 years ago during Jackson's presidency. Trump is Jacksonian not just in political sensibility but also in temperament, and that ultimately could determine the fate of his presidency.

Trump's tweets created a sense of crisis in his own government, sent his aides scrambling to find some justification and could yet have momentous consequences if, say, FBI Director James Comey quits in the fallout.

This is a lot of work for a Saturday morning tweetstorm arising, as far as we can tell, from a fit of pique.

Still, it doesn't have anything on the Peggy Eaton affair. On the surface, the affair involved the picayune question of how a wife of one Cabinet member was treated by the wives of other Cabinet members. Yet it blighted the beginning of Jackson's presidency, remade his Cabinet and affected subsequent presidential politics.

Peggy Eaton was married to Jackson's secretary of war, John Eaton. She was beautiful, impetuous and not popular with the other women in Washington society, who considered her of low character.

The attacks on Peggy reminded Jackson of abuse directed at his late wife, Rachel, and he devoted himself entirely to her cause. In the ensuing contention, invitations to parties, gossip and petty snubs took on the highest political significance.

Imagine "The Real Housewives of D.C." — except with the president of the United States intimately involved in every brawl. Secretary of State Martin Van Buren deftly worked the politics of the affair to become a favorite of Jackson and set himself up to get elected as his successor, while Vice President John Calhoun — whose wife, Floride, was a Peggy antagonist — fell from favor.

Jackson and Trump share qualities that invited their respective blowups.

There's the moodiness. Jackson biographer Jon Meacham describes him at one point as "grumpy and wounded, sensitive and wary of conspiracy." Surely, that captures Trump's mood when tweeting last Saturday morning, furious at the latest eruption of the Russian controversy.

There's the oppositional mindset. "Jackson believed," Meacham writes, "the country was being controlled by a kind of congressional-financial-bureaucratic complex in which the needs and concerns of the unconnected were secondary to those who were on the inside." This is a fair approximation of the "deep state" that Trump and his supporters believe is out to sabotage him.

There's the combativeness. Jackson viewed all conflict in military terms, and Trump is ever the "counterpuncher."

There's the emphasis on loyalty. In the Eaton affair, Jackson couldn't abide contradiction. Trump aides must defend the indefensible when the president goes off half-cocked, knowing every controversy is a loyalty test.

There's the backdrop of hostile polite opinion. Jackson's critics considered him "unbalanced and dictatorial," as Meacham puts it. Sound familiar?

Finally, both Jackson and Trump viewed the controversies as a test of their legitimacy. Jackson saw the attacks on Peggy Eaton as a way to undermine his authority to pick whomever he pleased for his Cabinet. Trump considers the Russia story an attempt to undermine his November victory.

Jackson eventually found his way out of the Eaton affair, not through continued internal warfare but by deftly negotiating a turnover of his Cabinet. Similarly, Trump won't punch his way out of the Russia story with wild allegations of his own, but by focusing on matters of greater public import.

Jackson won two terms, and for all his faults demonstrated a deep love of country. The test for Trump is whether he can rein in his Jacksonian temperament enough to get out of his own way.

In the meantime, just like the first time around, political observers will be agog. As John Quincy Adams noted when Jackson's Cabinet turned over, "people stare — and laugh — and say, what next?"

OUR VIEW

After busy start to 2017, Put the 'break' back into spring break

It's spring break week. Hope it is a good one for all of our readers. When we say a good one, we are not talking about keggers at South Padre Island. Be responsible out there, especially the young people in our community.

Spring break this year will be needed, because it has been a busy (and hopefully productive) start of 2017.

The school district has had the pedal to the floor. Lone Star Governance Reports, theories of action, constraints and goals, superintendent searches and cultural change — our community has had its fair share of education matters to think about. School officials need a week to decompress. Our community needs a week to disconnect. Teachers and students need a week to recharge their batteries for the stretch run to graduation season. Spring break couldn't be coming at a better time.

What about city business? The 4B campaign has started to keep a quarter-cent of sales tax on the books. The mayor has been busy promoting the most ambitious parks plan in our city's history, but whether the average Midlander has seen the plans or is aware of them remains to be seen. Our expectation is that people will become focused on the tax election when they return from spring break. They will connect with the potential of spending $178 million over 15 years, and they will want to have their say. We will kick off our coverage leading up to that May 6 election with a presentation on March 19. At that point, we will be 48 days away from decision day.

We feel our community can use a break from the shenanigans taking place in Austin and Washington. Maybe use spring break for that. Sure, if you want to write your representative concerning the latest and greatest issue, do your thing; we will even provide you the contact information. However, for the rest of you, maybe spring break would be a good time to disconnect from Trump, the Russians, wiretapping, Wikileaks, transgender bathroom issues, cable news and talk radio. Clear your head. We expect the issues will still be getting attention when you return, and talk radio and cable news won't have advanced the argument that much. Want something to listen to, try K-LOVE. Want something to watch, try Netflix.

In the end, spring break is only a break if that is how you use it. We know around the Permian Basin that making money doesn't sleep and pulling oil out of the ground is a 365-day grind. For those finishing off billion-dollar transactions and facing more long days in the field, we hope your break is not far away.

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

SENATORS

John Cornyn (R)
Address: 517 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC, 20510
Phone: 202-224-2934; West Texas office: 806-472-7533
Fax 202-228-2856
Web site: cornyn.senate.gov
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Sen.JohnCornyn/
Twitter: twitter.com/JohnCornyn

Ted Cruz (R)
Address: Russell Senate Office Bldg 404, Washington, DC, 20510
Phone: 202-224-5922
Web site: www.cruz.senate.gov
Facebook: www.facebook.com/tedcruzpage
Twitter: twitter.com/tedcruz

REPRESENTATIVE

K. Michael Conaway (R)
Address: 2430 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC, 20515
Phone: 202-225-3605
Fax: 202-225-1783
Local office address: 6 Desta Drive, Suite 2000, Midland, 79705
Phone: 687-2390
Fax: 687-0277
Web site: www.conaway.house.gov
Facebook: www.facebook.com/mike.conaway

Midland Reporter-Telegram

A Hearst newspaper

VISIT US ONLINE

You can find current and past editorials, letters to the editor and more at www.mrt.com/opinion.

Liberals' standards for Trump seem high

■ The president's non-justifiable tweet aside, there are plenty of examples of them looking the other way

JAY AMBROSE

Tribune News Service

He jumped off the cliff again, or, to be literal about it, he tweeted again. President Donald Trump came up with this thing about President Barack Obama spying on him seemingly based on nothing at all, as headlines reminded us. Newspapers used the phrase "no evidence" repeatedly, as did talking heads on TV.

The question is why the exact same phrase is not used as emphatically when The New York Times, Washington Post and other news outlets report about Trump minions possibly colluding with Russians to affect the outcome of the 2016 presidential election. There is no evidence. The speculation has no backing at all, no factual foundation whatsoever. There is nothing to sustain it beyond the wishful imaginings of desperate, partisan connivers.

And yet the conjecture has been ballyhooed as if it were a great revelation instead of a scatterbrained concoction amounting to the most extraordinary, all-out effort to delegitimize the election of a president in modern American history.

Amazingly enough, many of the same Democrats now raising the worry once joined a number of solemnly disturbed news commentators on a lesser-if-similar matter. They said it was oh, so crippling for our democracy that Trump would not say before the election that he would embrace its outcome. What would this do to our democracy, they asked in outrageous anger that's all too often utterly undetectable when something solid and real comes roaring down the tracks.

To be sure, Russians do appear to have messed with the election, and no one can like that, but as messing goes, this was not much. What they reportedly did was get hold of emails showing low-life skullduggery by Hillary Clinton's campaign operations. There is no reason to think the ensuing leaks to the press affected the election a whit, and keep in mind that the chief weapon was truth. The Russians were not making this stuff up, and the American press was key to distributing it as the kind of information it clearly thought the public had the right to know.

What should be far more disturbing to anyone worried about our democracy are governmental leaks of classified information apparently obtained by probing the Trump team. This is blatantly criminal stuff that causes major news operations no more than a shrug of the shoulders even though the Obama administration had an interesting way of dealing with such shrugs.

To help stick the leakers of governmental secrets behind bars, it set records threatening reporters with jail time if they did not divulge their anonymous sources. Can you imagine the end-of-the-world outcry if Trump should resort to these tactics?

It is worth mentioning in connection with all this Russian business that the Clintons made a provable deal that hurt the United States and helped Russia and the Clintons' financial status. The couple's foundation got millions of dollars in donations for steps helping uranium interests to sell their product and mines to the Russians, enabling it to become the foremost uranium power in the world. Some 20 percent of American uranium was part of this deal that also got Bill Clinton a $500,000 check from a Kremlin bank for a speech.

Also worth mentioning is that the Russians, along with the Chinese, committed worse cyber crimes against Americans during the Obama administration than the one concerning the 2016 election and with less outcry. The obvious reason is that there was less of a political dividend.

None of this is by way of saying that Trump's tweet about pre-election Trump Tower phone tapping was in any way justifiable — he was throwing serious accusations Obama's way apparently on the basis of nothing much and once more putting juvenility over temperance as president.

The question is why others sinking even lower in a far more fundamental way is seen as justifiable by so many.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

GOVERNOR

Greg Abbott (R)
Address: P.O. Box 12428, Austin, 78711
Phone: 512-463-2000
Web site: www.gov.texas.gov/
Facebook: facebook.com/TexansForAbbott/
Twitter: twitter.com/GovAbbott

STATE SENATOR

Kel Seliger (R)
Phone: 512-463-0131, 432-620-0436
Web site: www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/senate/members/dist31/dist31.htm
Facebook: facebook.com/SenatorKelSeliger
Twitter: twitter.com/kseliger

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Tom Craddick (R)
Phone: 512-463-0500; 32-682-3000
Midland office address: 500 West Texas, Suite 880, Midland, TX 79701
Web site: www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist82/craddick.htm

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: LAURA BUSH

Laura Bush encourages to always help others

I recently had the great pleasure of hearing former first lady Laura Bush speak at the Bynum Blooms fundraising luncheon. As a guest of the Midland County Public Library, I would like to personally thank Vicky and Javaid Anwar and Rosalind Redfern Grover for providing me with this fantastic opportunity.

Laura Bush is an inspiring and important figure for me. From her roots in Midland to her time teaching in poverty-stricken schools, she is an ethical role model, whom we would all benefit from emulating. One particular takeaway I took to heart is her belief that *all we know we have is now*. She encouraged me to live every day to the fullest, always help others and constantly better myself.

Most significantly, Mrs. Bush stressed the importance of literacy when she said that literacy is a founding principle of our democracy. In these politically charged times, we cannot lose sight of the importance of education to the future success of our country.

Thank you again to these donors, who provide our community with such inspiring opportunities.

Claire Nelson

MRT file photo

Laura Bush greets people as she signs copies of her book, Our Great Big Backyard on March 2 at the Midland County Library Centennial branch.

Laura Bush's passion for reading is inspiring

Last week, we had the privilege of attending a luncheon on behalf of Bynum School, which featured Laura Bush as the guest speaker. Midland County Public Library invited the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's First 5 Permian Basin to attend because of our support and leadership in the area of early literacy.

It is always inspiring to hear Mrs. Bush talk about her passion and commitment for reading. We specifically want to thank Vicky and Javaid Anwar and Rosalind Redfern Grover, who made it possible for us to attend due to their gracious donations.

Beth Meyerson,
First 5 Permian Basin director

Laura Bush is committed to children, community

As a guest of the Midland County Public Library, I had the honor of attending the Bynum School celebration luncheon with speaker Laura Bush. It was such a pleasure to see that Bynum School had met its goals for the new Bynum School facility.

It is exciting that many more special-needs students will be provided outstanding learning opportunities, and I look forward to the day when the Bynum School students will enter the doors of their new school building.

Seeing our community dedicated to Bynum School students is inspiring. It is always very special when Laura Bush visits because of her commitment to children and community. I am grateful to Midland County Public Library, Vicky and Javaid Anwar and Rosalind Redfern Grover for allowing me to attend this luncheon and be a part of this inspiring occasion.

Tonya Eckert

Need to Read proud to be part of Bush event

Every now and then I am reminded how special Midland is. Over the years, local nonprofits have welcomed some very special people into our community — celebrities from all walks of life who are typically featured at exclusive fundraising events. It was wonderful to see the Midland County Public Library and Bynum School partner to bring Laura Bush to Midland for a private fundraiser.

Following the event, a public book signing was held at the Centennial branch. Thanks to the support of Rosalind Redfern Grover and Vicky and Javaid Anwar, our entire community had the opportunity to meet Laura Bush and take home a copy of her new book. Midland Need to Read was proud to be a part of the day's events.

Patci A. Lewis
executive director, Midland Need to Read

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LWV urges NRC to deny WCS' permit

On April 28, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission received a license application for Waste Control Specialists LLC. By this application, WCS requested authorization to construct and operate a consolidated interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel at its facility in Andrews County. The NRC is preparing an environmental impact statement to document the potential environmental result from the proposed action. As part of the EIS development process, the NRC is seeking comments on the scope of its environmental review.

If approved and licensed, the CISF would store up to 5,000 metric tons of uranium for a 40 years. The WCS has expressed intent to store up to eight times that amount in the CISF. The WCS site is located on Texas Highway 176 West, approximately 32 miles west of Andrews and only 5 miles east of Eunice, New Mexico.

The League of Women Voters urges the NRC to deny the permit to have high-level radioactive waste, the most dangerous of all radioactive materials, transported and stored in Texas. Our position on nuclear waste promotes the maximum protection of public health and safety and the environment. LWV does not support high-level radioactive waste transported and stored in Texas, and we urge the NRC to deny the permit to have high-level radioactive waste transported and stored in our state.

The League of Women Voters urges you to make your voice heard. Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2016-0231 when providing scoping comments or contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. To submit scoping comments, go to www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC-2016-0231. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, 301-415-3463 or Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

Karmen Bryant,
LWV Midland president

'Brand is affirmation, not information'

The Reporter-Telegram editorial of Feb. 28 was self-serving, yet revealing. The text states that the opinion page is "put together to make (the reader) think about issues of the day, local and otherwise," yet the heading states that "our duty is to provide an opinion page representative of our community." So which of these statements is correct? The latter, of course.

It has been said that the duty of a free press is to "comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable." Instead, the Reporter-Telegram apparently subscribes to a finger-in-the-wind brand of journalism, which takes its bold and principled stand on important issues — based on whatever "7 out of 10" Midland County voters believe. Clearly, you are not really interested in making your readers think. Your brand is affirmation — not information.

Woody Leverett

Transgender individuals should be treated with compassion

I am deeply concerned about the paternalistic and discriminatory so-called "bathroom bill" proposed by Dan Patrick. The proponents of the bill suggest that its purpose is to protect women from men who might take advantage of our current lack of bathroom legislation by dressing as women in order to slyly insinuate themselves into women's restrooms.

Of course, these lawmakers provide no evidence that this is modus operandi has ever been employed in an actual sexual assault. While there appears no data (or even anecdotes) about women being harassed or assaulted by predatory men dressed as women in women's bathrooms, there is evidence that trans men and women are harassed in bathrooms (see: http://www.ustranssurvey.org/) on a regular basis. This kind of legislation emboldens those who would harass trans or non-gender-conforming folk attempting to use public services.

Proponents of the "bathroom bill" also say they fear for children in public school locker rooms. This is absurd. Private areas exist for girls and boys in locker rooms. Further, the people who are anxious and fearful in school locker rooms are not majority members — confident in their gender identity — but minority members. We should allow young people autonomy to make decisions about their gender identity and which bathroom they want to use.

More importantly, people who are transgender do not choose to be a different gender. If one considers the costs associated with being transgender, one would realize that no one would voluntary choose to risk rejection from their peers and family, one would not choose to be stigmatized by their culture, and no one would choose to undergo an expensive and time-intensive process to change one's sex. No one would choose stress, anxiety and risk ostracism. But we, as citizens, can choose how to treat people. And I think we should choose to treat others, and especially people who are transgender, with compassion.

Jamie Hughes

Tweets indicate truth is not sacred to Trump

I was a Trump supporter. I cringed at the antics, tactics and strategies of the campaign, but I appreciated the agenda Trump promised and his willingness to loosen the hold the establishment had on government. I heaved a great sigh as Trump took the oath. I sympathized with the magnitude and ferocity of the opposition. I wondered why Flynn felt the need to mislead Pence and the incidents that caused Trump to lose confidence in Flynn. I was puzzled at the conception, roll out, implementation, and judicial objection to the travel pause. I felt allegations of campaign collusion with Russia and Sessions' involvement unfounded. In short, I have been well-invested and informed in the Trump Movement.

However, things changed with Trump's tweets on March 4. Trump alleged the Obama administration wire-tapped Trump Tower during the campaign. In my view, this is a very serious allegation, and Trump should not be making this allegation unless he is willing to produce the evidence for the American people to review. Trump's credibility at times has been damaged by the truth, and for him — out of pride and arrogance — to feel people should accept this based just on his word is totally unacceptable.

These tweets also point to poor judgment, poor management and poor leadership. No one in the Trump administration knew Trump was tweeting the allegations. Thus, everyone was put in the position of defending the indefensible. Another black cloud was placed over the intelligence communities where leaks have been rampant. Trump did not take responsibility for his tweets, but instead pushed the issue into congressional investigations.

Trump crucifies the media for not doing their homework to assure they are reporting the truth. Yet, the tweets are another example that Trump does not hold the truth sacred, either. Failure to be credible leads to a lack of trust. I feel I should be able to have a high degree of confidence in what the president says. But Trump feels he is obliged to distort and violate the truth to his advantage. I feel about Trump the way he must have felt about Flynn.

Carlton Sanderson

Earned income tax credit should be expanded

As a volunteer tax preparer in the collaborative effort among United Way, Casa de Amigos and Midland College, I have helped prepare many tax returns and connected many lower-income families to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) — one of our nation's strongest tools to help working families become financially stable and self-sufficient.

But the EITC is largely unavailable to workers who aren't raising children, even though they are working hard and struggling to get by on low wages. The EITC shouldn't exclude these workers, and our new president should work with Congress to fix this problem.

When I help working men and women file their taxes, I hear that the extra tax credit could mean fixing the car so they can get to work, paying the heating bill in winter or taking a class at Midland College so they are better positioned for a promotion and a raise.

I hope you'll join me in encouraging Sen. Ted Cruz and Rep. Michael Conaway to expand the EITC to include workers who are not raising children so that we can help workers in Midland succeed.

Gabrielle Paulo

Letters policy

- There is a 350-word limit; candidate or election letters have a 200-word limit.
- Letters must be submitted to letters@mrt.com.
- Deadline is noon Thursdays for the following Sunday.
- Reporter-Telegram policy limits individuals to one letter in a 30-day period.
- Letter-writers should include phone number and address. Failure to do so could delay letter's publication.

COMMUNITY EDITORIAL BOARD

More nonprofits could benefit from sharing spaces

Every time you bring people together, something good will come out of it.

That might as well be the motto of the shared spaces concept that has revolutionized our community's nonprofit sector.

For those who don't know, shared spaces is a concept where multiple nonprofits are located under the same roof. They benefit from sharing first class facilities — meeting rooms, IT, break rooms, etc. — and from lower rents. Our community's foundations and larger companies came together to make Midland Shared Spaces possible, and nonprofits have benefited.

Midland Shared Spaces CEO Vicki Jay said 13 agencies currently are located in the building located off "A" Street, north of Wadley Avenue. Four or five more are represented through art on the wall or other exhibits in the building. Efficiency is an obvious advantage for nonprofits such as Keep Midland Beautiful, Camp Fire West Texas, Agape Counseling Services of West Texas, Permian Basin Opera, Nonprofit Management Center of the Permian Basin, Midland Soccer Association, the Recording Library of West Texas and SHARE. Collaboration is another.

We tend to agree that awareness of what others are doing is a benefit to everyone. Gone are the days of organizations in silos, worried about their own existence over the cause they were created to help or overcome. How often have you seen people in the same arena not knowing what each other does. We need navigation tools such as "West Texans Serving Individuals with Disabilities and their Families" (WTSID) to help interagency communications.

Another is Midland Volunteer Connections, which offers an online list of opportunities at midlandvolunteerconnections.com for area nonprofits' current needs.

MSS proved to be a treasure for agencies. Rent is half or even a third of what an agency might pay elsewhere. After 2015-16, organizations need every penny they can get. While we look forward to better times around our community and inside the Permian Basin, organizations lacking significant reserves had their share of struggles. There was less money inside Midland for donations, and while foundations came through as much as they could, there was plenty of belt-tightening for nonprofits, no matter their home.

And in Midland, which has as many nonprofits per capita as any place in Texas, that has an impact. Good times and bad, there always appears to be a need for people in the community. Thanks to Midland Shared Spaces, more resources can go toward the need.

We appreciate that. You should, too.

Midland Shared Spaces online: https://midlandss.org

Community Editorial Board

Miguel Bustilloz, attorney
Alison King, Warren Charitable Foundation director of operations
Mark Nicholas, president of Nicholas Consulting Group
Becky Page, Midland Council of PTAs
Jessica Rule, founder of SHK — The Advertising Firm

Editor's Note: Members of the Community Editorial Board meet monthly to discuss issues impacting Midland and West Texas. The editorials are meant to reflect a consensus of the board and not necessarily the opinions of each board member.

PEGGY VANCE VENABLE & GINN

Texas Public Policy Foundation

Texans should rethink accountability of Texas Schools

■ The state deserves a simpler school finance system that allows market-based accountability measures

On Feb. 28, Midland ISD held its last community forum on the Lone Star Governance Report. Board member Robert Marquez summed up these meetings, "the thinking is to get people to be involved with the education of their children. There are multiple ways they can be engaged and ask how they can partner with the school district."

MISD should be commended for these efforts as more parental involvement is necessary as 18 of the 35 campuses in the district are on the Public Education Grant (PEG) list of failing schools. Statewide there are 1,379 failing school campuses with 816,222 students assigned to those schools.

Schools run by government should be held accountable to the public, but there's little support for the current accountability system. The STAAR test is under attack. The Texas Association of School Boards has encouraged school boards to pass resolutions to reject the A-F school rating system. Assessments diagnose problems; they do not fix them.

The public deserves transparency and accountability in government institutions. In an education choice marketplace, accountability rests with the consumer. When parents are the consumer, and they have real choices, they can best assess how their children are doing. That is the ultimate in accountability.

Fortunately, the 85th Texas Legislature is considering reforms to the school finance system. These reforms should end past tweaks to complex funding formulas and simply increasing the basic funding allotment that have failed to keep the system out of court.

By resolving the fundamental problem of simply equitably funding schools, we can end the vicious court cycle and improve student outcomes. This can be achieved by revamping the school finance system to fund the child's education with a student-centered funding approach.

"SHOULD THE U.S. CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE GOALS OF THE PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD?"

Yes: The world needs America's climate leadership

By Michael E. Kraft
Tribune News Service

■ COMMENTARY

The Paris agreement on climate change, signed by 194 nations in December 2015, reflects nearly universal support for ambitious actions to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change in the coming decades.

U.S. leadership was integral to securing this historic agreement. America is the largest per capita emitter of greenhouse gases in the world and is second only to China in total emissions. The Paris agreement, which took effect in November, would be seriously weakened without continued U.S. backing.

Under the accord, all nations are to develop plans to reduce emissions and to regularly report on their achievements. They also are committed to revisiting and strengthening those plans over time because the currently pledged actions will only get us halfway to what are viewed as the truly necessary emissions-reduction targets.

The goal is to limit average temperature increases to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit above pre-industrial levels. To do this, most climate scientists think it imperative that global emissions peak as soon as possible and that we then move rapidly to non-carbon sources of energy such as wind, solar and nuclear power.

While national efforts remain voluntary, the progress made under this agreement should be much greater than what's happened under previous accords. To ensure such progress, the United States and other leading emitters need to follow through on their commitments while assisting other nations in achieving their goals.

Under terms of the agreement, the U.S. is to reduce its carbon pollution by 26-28 percent of 2005 levels by 2025.

Today, the administration of President Donald Trump and many Republicans say the U.S. should pull back from these commitments because they doubt the validity of climate science and think the nation is ill-served by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Indeed, the president wants to end the Clean Power Plan, which is directed at reducing coal-fired power plant emissions, and retreat from vehicle fuel economy standards.

These actions are ill-advised and, with the prices of sustainable energy sources falling, would likely to hurt the U.S. economy, not help it.

The Paris agreement is a modest plan to begin with. The U.S. backtracking from its commitments would weaken the accord and discourage other nations from holding up their ends of the bargain. That, in turn, would expose both the U.S. and the world to unacceptable risks of climate change, including severe warming, rising sea levels, increases in extreme flooding and droughts, and food and water scarcity.

Members of Congress would be wise to review polls conducted after the election by George Mason and Yale universities. They show a public increasingly alarmed by climate change and highly supportive of action.

Some 69 percent of the poll-takers said the nation should participate in the Paris agreement, compared to only 13 percent who said we should not. Even Trump voters favored the agreement by 47 percent to 28 percent. Moreover, nearly 80 percent of the public favor taxing or regulating carbon pollution.

News reports suggest that the Trump administration is divided on the agreement and on climate change itself, with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and some foreign policy advisers and career diplomats in favor of sticking with it. They recognize that the fallout from walking away from the agreement could be massive, inflicting damage on U.S. credibility on other foreign policy goals and harming relations with allies.

The best course is to create a path forward toward broadly acceptable energy goals. These include keeping existing nuclear plants operating, continuing incentives for wind and solar power, advancing energy conservation and efficiency, and funding research on carbon capture and storage.

We also should build on the many promising clean energy initiatives at state and local levels and in the business community. And we should think seriously about a revenue-neutral carbon tax that can replace regulatory actions, a step endorsed by prominent Republicans such as James Baker.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

No: The junk science-based treaty should be junked

By H. Sterling Burnett
Tribune News Service

■ COMMENTARY

Shortly before the Paris climate conference of December 2015, a leading U.S. government scientist published a paper purporting to show that the Earth had not experienced an 18-year pause in rising temperatures.

The claim was contrary to every temperature dataset in existence at the time, but Tom Karl, then director of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Environmental Information, argued that previous findings were wrong and temperatures actually were rising at an alarming rate.

Extraordinary claims should require extraordinary proof. But world leaders, including President Barack Obama, chose to immediately get behind Karl's startling "discovery," seeing it as the ironclad evidence they needed to produce a strong climate agreement requiring sharp reductions in carbon-dioxide emissions.

Last month, however, in a much-discussed article on a prominent climate change blog, John Bates, an award-winning scientist responsible for establishing and maintaining the NOAA's data-testing and archiving process, disclosed Karl and his team violated the agency's rules for ensuring the quality of their research.

Prior to the publication of Karl's paper, the NOAA had adopted a process for reviewing climate datasets to ensure they would be archived for sharing, replication and testing — key components of the scientific process.

Defying agency rules, Karl did not run his team's dataset through the agency's software and did not archive key datasets, Bates wrote. Because Karl failed to archive and store his datasets properly, some of the original datasets were lost when the computer used to process the data failed.

How convenient for climate alarmists.

The data purportedly showing an alarming and continuous global temperature rise gets lost, but Karl and his team say, in effect, "The computer ate our homework, but trust us anyway. We're right and everyone else is wrong."

Bates, in his article, castigated Karl's research for consistently exaggerating measured warming in an effort to produce the results his team wanted.

"So, in every aspect of the preparation and release of the datasets leading into (Karl's paper), we find Tom Karl ... pushing for, and often insisting on, decisions that maximize warming and minimize documentation," Bates wrote.

"Gradually, in the months after (Karl's paper) came out, the evidence kept mounting that Tom Karl constantly had his 'thumb on the scale' — in the documentation, scientific choices, and release of datasets — in an effort to discredit the notion of a global warming hiatus and rush to time the publication of the paper to influence national and international deliberations on climate policy."

Prior to the publication of Bates' article, much of the climate-science community had already become suspicious of Karl's claims when it was discovered, as David Rose wrote in a report for the Daily Mail, Karl took seawater-level readings from buoys but then adjusted them upwards. Karl used readings from seawater intakes on ships that act as weather stations even though readings from the ships have long been known to be too hot, Rose explained.

As a result, the ocean temperature dataset used by Karl exaggerated the warming.

Even if the science motivating the Paris climate agreement weren't suspicious, the treaty itself is a costly farce.

While the United States is expected to restrict its people's fossil-fuel use, China, India and other major carbon-dioxide emitters get to keep growing their coal, natural gas and oil use.

Their economies get to thrive while ours is expected to stagnate — all without any hope of a real climate benefit.

United Nations officials have admitted that even if all the parties to the agreement were to cut emissions as promised, temperature rise would still exceed the upper limit — by a substantial margin — in 2100.

If disaster is in the offing, the Paris climate agreement won't stop it. The U.S. should withdraw.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Trusted **Professionals**
Sound **Advice**
All About Hearing proudly offers these services from infants to adults!
- Hearing Evaluations
- Hearing Aid Fitting
- Balance Testing
- Tinnitus Evaluation and Management
- Cerumen (Ear Wax) Management
- Noise Reduction Ear Plugs - swim and hunter's plugs
- Cochlear Implant Programming for Advanced Bionics

Call for Your Hearing Consultation **Today**
NO GIMMICKS COMPETITIVE PRICES SOUND ADVICE

All About Hearing, Inc.
2703 W. Cuthbert
Midland, TX 79701
432-689-2220·432-683-2521

Hours
Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9AM - 5PM
Tuesday 9AM - 6PM
Friday 8:30AM - 3:30PM

Visit us online at: AllAboutHearing4U.com

Big Brothers Big Sisters thanks all the Superheroes who supported our Bowl For Kids' Sake

Platinum Sponsor:
Concho Resources

Strike Out Sponsors:
AES Drilling Fluids, Apache, Community National Bank, Double Eagle, Midland Root Beer, SM Energy

King Pin Sponsors:
Atmos Energy, Consolidated Wealth Management, Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson, Dover Artificial Lift, InWest Retirement Solutions, Midland Family Care, RSP Permian

300 Club Sponsors:
Brimer Benefits Consulting, Kennedy Minerals Ltd.

Also, thanks to:
The Candle Cafe, Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Midland RockHounds, Rosa's Cafe & Tortilla Factory, Taco Villa, Texas Burger

AVIS LUBE FAST OIL CHANGE CENTERS · KENT KWIK Convenience Stores · baskin BR robbins

60 years THE KENT COMPANIES

THE KENT COMPANIES

Making your life easy

KWIK eats · KWIK eats Café · Mr. Payroll CHECK CASHING · KENT FUELS · KENT TIRE

HUGE HIRING EVENT

THE KENT COMPANIES

Making your life easy

Thank you Midland for your love and support over the years

Gold: Best Oil Change/ Lube Shop

Gold: Best Ice Cream and Best Milkshake
Silver: Best Frozen Yogurt

Gold: Best Gas Station and Best Convenience Store

READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2016 MRT GOLD

Gold: Best Employer with more than 100 Employees

Thank You Midland

Thursday, March 16th

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MCM Grande FunDome

6201 I-20BL, Odessa, TX 79762

Hiring all retail and food service positions, including management and entry level.
Also hiring for IT, Accounting, Maintenance, Security, and Fuel Techs.

Great Benefits. Great Company.

www.thekentcompanies.com

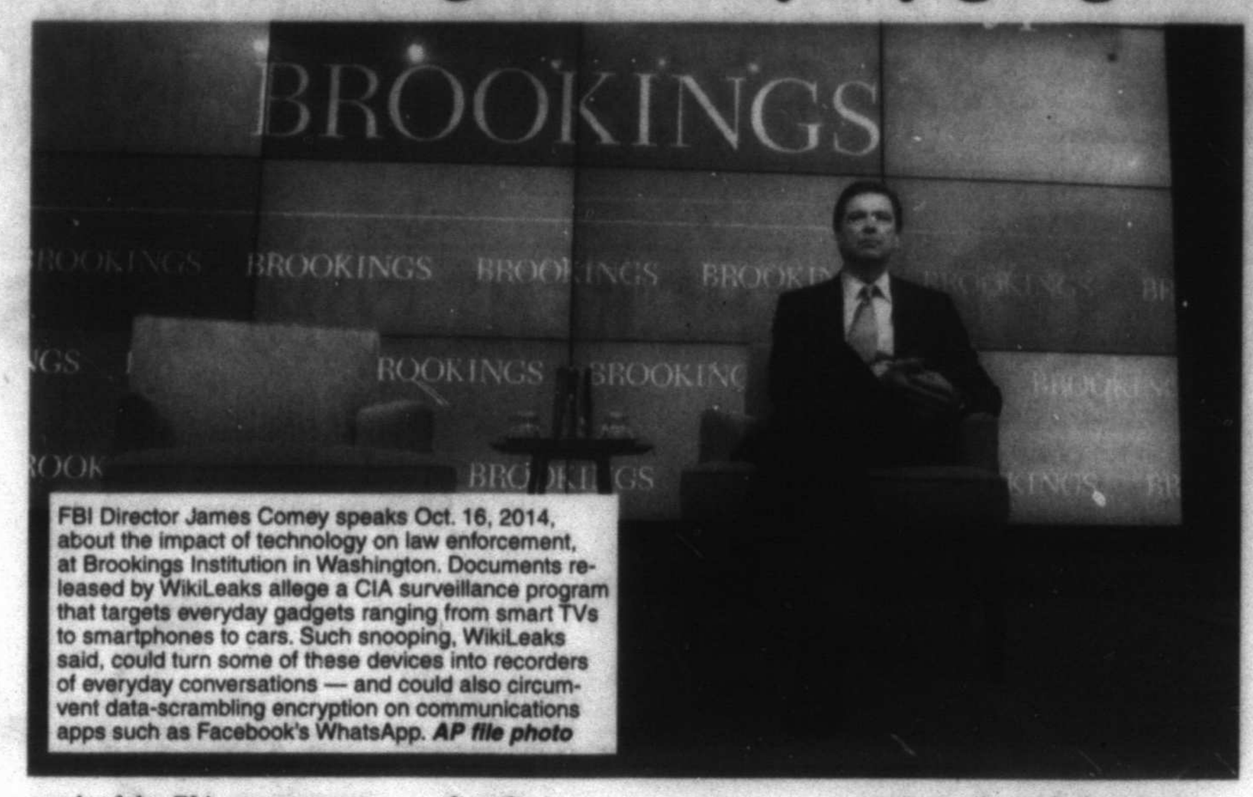
WikiLeaks: CIA has targeted everyday gadgets for snooping

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maybe the CIA is spying on you through your television set after all.

Documents released by WikiLeaks allege a CIA surveillance program that targets everyday gadgets ranging from smart TVs to smartphones to cars. Such snooping, WikiLeaks said, could turn some of these devices into recorders of everyday conversations — and could also circumvent data-scrambling encryption on communications apps such as Facebook's WhatsApp.

WikiLeaks is, for now, withholding details on the specific hacks used "until a consensus emerges" on the nature of the CIA's program and how the methods should be "analyzed, disarmed and published." But WikiLeaks — a nonprofit that routinely publishes confidential documents, frequently from government sources — claims that the data and documents it obtained reveal a broad program to bypass security measures on everyday products.



FBI Director James Comey speaks Oct. 16, 2014, about the impact of technology on law enforcement, at Brookings Institution in Washington. Documents released by WikiLeaks allege a CIA surveillance program that targets everyday gadgets ranging from smart TVs to smartphones to cars. Such snooping, WikiLeaks said, could turn some of these devices into recorders of everyday conversations — and could also circumvent data-scrambling encryption on communications apps such as Facebook's WhatsApp. *AP file photo*

More privacy clashes

If true, the disclosure could spark new privacy tensions between the government and the technology industry. Relations have been fraught since 2013, when former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden disclosed secret NSA surveillance of phone and digital communications.

Just last year, the two sides feuded over the FBI's calls for Apple to rewrite its operating system so that agents could break into the locked iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino attackers. The FBI ultimately broke into the phone with the help of an outside party; the agency has neither disclosed the party nor the nature of the vulnerability, preventing Apple from fixing it.

According to WikiLeaks, much of the CIA program centered on dozens of vulnerabilities it discovered but didn't disclose to the gadget makers. Common practice calls for government agencies to disclose such flaws to companies privately, so that they could fix them.

Instead, WikiLeaks claims, the CIA held on to the knowledge in order to conduct a variety of attacks. As a result, tech companies such as Apple, Google and Microsoft haven't been able to make the necessary fixes.

"Serious vulnerabilities not disclosed to the manufacturers places huge swathes of the population and critical infrastructure at risk to foreign intelligence or cyber criminals who independently discover or hear rumors of the vulnerability," WikiLeaks wrote in a press release. "If the CIA can discover such vulnerabilities, so can others."

A big yawn to some

Not everyone is worried, though.

Alan Paller, director of research for the cybersecurity training outfit SANS Institute, said the case boils down to "spies who use their tools to do what they are paid to do." He said criminals already have similar tools — and he's more worried about that.

Rich Mogull, CEO of the security research firm Securosis, said that agencies gathering intelligence on other organizations and governments need, by definition, technical exploits that aren't public.

If they're authentic, the leaked CIA documents frame a stark reality: It may be that no digital conversation, photo or other slice of life can be shielded from spies and other intruders prying into smartphones, personal computers, tablets or just about device connected to the internet.

"It's getting to the point where anything you say, write or electronically transmit on a phone, you have to assume that it is going to be compromised in some way," said Robert Cattanach, a former U.S. Department of Justice attorney who now specializes in cybersecurity and privacy for the law firm Dorsey & Whitney.

Sidestepping encryption

WikiLeaks claims the hacks allowed the CIA to collect audio and other messages from data-scrambling communication apps such as WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram and Confide by intercepting data before it is encrypted or after it's decoded. The CIA didn't appear to compromise the apps themselves, but rather the phone's underlying operating system.

WikiLeaks says the CIA had separate teams looking for vulnerabilities in iPhones and Android phones and also targeted tablets such as iPads. According to WikiLeaks, the vulnerabilities were discovered by the CIA itself or obtained from other government agencies and cyberweapon contractors.

Cars, trucks and TVs

WikiLeaks also claims that the CIA worked with U.K. intelligence officials to turn microphones in Samsung smart TVs into listening devices. The microphones are normally there for viewers to make voice commands, such as requests for movie recommendations. If the TV is off, there's no listening being done.

But WikiLeaks claims that a CIA hack makes the target TV appear to be off when it's actually on — and listening. WikiLeaks says the audio goes to a covert CIA server rather than a party authorized by Samsung. In such cases, audio isn't limited to TV commands but could include everyday conversations.

Other tools in the CIA's arsenal target PCs running Microsoft's Windows system, according to WikiLeaks, which says many of the attacks are in the form of viruses designed to spread through CDs and USB drives.

WikiLeaks also says the CIA was also targeting control systems used by cars and trucks. Although WikiLeaks didn't have details on how that might be used, it said the capability might allow the CIA to "engage in nearly undetectable assassinations."

Microsoft said it was aware of the reports and was looking into them.

Apple said an initial analysis showed many of the security gaps brought up in the leaked documents were already patched in the latest iOS.

"We will continue work to rapidly address any identified vulnerabilities," it said.

Google and Samsung didn't immediately respond to requests for comment. In a statement, General Motors said it would be premature to comment on the documents, including its authenticity. But GM added that it knew of no injuries or death resulting from the hacking of a vehicle.

Panicked about the WikiLeaks smart TV disclosure? Here's what you should know

By Hayley Tsukayama
The Washington Post

Samsung on Wednesday said that it is looking into reports based on WikiLeaks documents that the Central Intelligence Agency may have developed a way to access Samsung SmartTVs to control some features of the device and to record conversations within range of the television.

According to the documents, which have not been confirmed by the CIA, the agency was able to use a "Fake Off" mode to make the television appear inactive and record conversations. Only Samsung smart TVs from 2012 and 2013 that run the older 1111, 1112 and 1116 versions of the company's firmware are affected, the documents said.

"Protecting consumers' privacy and the security of our devices is a top priority at Samsung," the company said. "We are aware of the report in question and are urgently looking into the matter."

Before the panic sets in, though, let's take a step back.

First, The Washington Post has not been able to independently verify what's described in the WikiLeaks information dump, and the CIA has declined to comment.

Second, the WikiLeaks document describes the hacking of individual, targeted devices. Judging by the information posted on WikiLeaks, the CIA needed to plug a USB drive into a television to get the hack to work. While some say it's likely that the CIA was also developing the ability to get into televisions remotely, as Forbes reported, there isn't proof that they've succeeded.

"For the vast majority of us, this does not apply to us at all," said Jan Dawson, an industry analyst at Jackdaw Research. "There's no need to worry for any normal law-abiding citizen, based on what I've seen."

But if you still have concerns, there are some steps to take if you want to turn off the voice recording capabilities on your Samsung television. You can head to your settings menu, then select "Smart Features." From there, you can choose "Voice Recognition" and turn it off.

The WikiLeaks report adds to concerns that recently have been raised about smart televisions and spying. The report focuses on government surveillance, but the electronics companies themselves have been accused of using their televisions to invade customers' privacy. Last month, the Federal Trade Commission settled with television maker Vizio, which was accused of collecting and sharing its customers' data without permission. Samsung in 2015 drew criticism

Please see TVS/15A

Fox News' Roberts to media: 'Stop whining'

By Erik Wemple
The Washington Post

Fox News Chief White House correspondent John Roberts appeared at a journalism symposium Thursday at the National Press Club with a stern message: "We've got to stop whining," said Roberts in a multi-person panel of journalists discussing coverage of the Trump White House.

"We've got to just do our jobs and it's ... almost like working in a war zone. The hours are long, it's difficult to get information, you've got to beat people over the head, you've got to work your sources to the best of your abilities to get information," said Roberts, who emphasized that President Donald Trump was a "non-traditional" politician.

Just work hard, stressed Roberts. "People will say, 'Oh, Fox News you've got an in,'" said Roberts. Not the case: "Our programming department has had a relationship with the president but the news division of Fox News — we still have to struggle as hard as anybody else to dig up information."

It was unclear just what Roberts was referencing with his "whining" remark, though the panel — convened by the Missouri-Hurley Symposium under the banner "Fact-Checking, Fake News and the Future of Political Reporting" — had been discussing the move by White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer on Feb. 24 to block several outlets, including CNN and the New York Times, from a briefing. Jeff Mason, a Reuters reporter and president of the White House Correspondents' Association (WHCA), blasted the move by the White House press operation. "Not an appropriate use of the pool," said Mason.

April D. Ryan, White House correspondent and Washington bureau chief for American Urban Radio Networks, felt compelled to take issue with Roberts's formulation. "I'm not going to look at this as whining ... and I do not consider it war, even though we are considered the 'opposition party' by some in the administration, the president has called us the 'enemy' of the American people." Citing former press secretary Michael McCurry, Ryan said that the White House press corps and the administration should carry on a "friendly adversarial relationship."

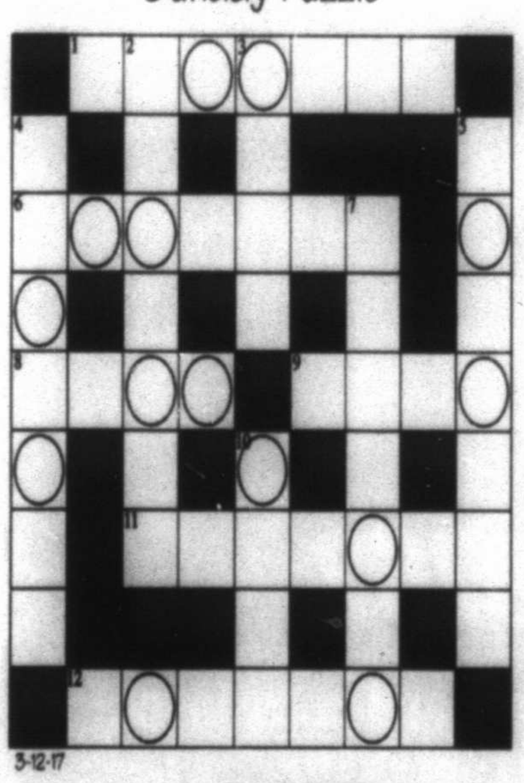
Roberts responded, "I was not suggesting that going to the administration to ask questions was whining. ... We've got to stop whining about, 'We're being excluded from this, or we're not getting that or whatever.'" When he spoke of whining, said Roberts, "It's just a sense that, 'Oh, we should be treated better than this because we're the

Please see WHINING/15A

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

Sunday Puzzle



3-12-17

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Handheld kitchen utensil	LATAPSU
6. Collection of records	VICRHAE
8. Listen, pick up	EHRA
9. Skilled, effective	AELB
11. Raise	EEETALV
12. Promised	DEGELPD

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
2. Care ___	ECAPGAK
3. Slender	HITN
4. Slot ___	HEAMNIC
5. Indications of a cold	SEZESEN
7. Hug	MECARBE
10. Combine	LEMD

BONUS

CLUE: This takes up about 200,000 square miles and is home to about 40 million people.

How to play

Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Spatula 6A-Archive 8A-Ahe 9A-Deft 11A-Elevate 12A-Pledged 2D-Laugh 3D-Thin 4D-Opening 5D-Symptoms 7D-Embrace 10D-Mix BONUS-Colorado Territory

©2017 Tribune Content Agency, LLC & Hoyt Designs. All Rights Reserved.

Send comments to TMS - 435 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1400, Chicago, Ill. 60911 or DLHoyt@aol.com.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

RUTOPO

SOOPEP

PURTET

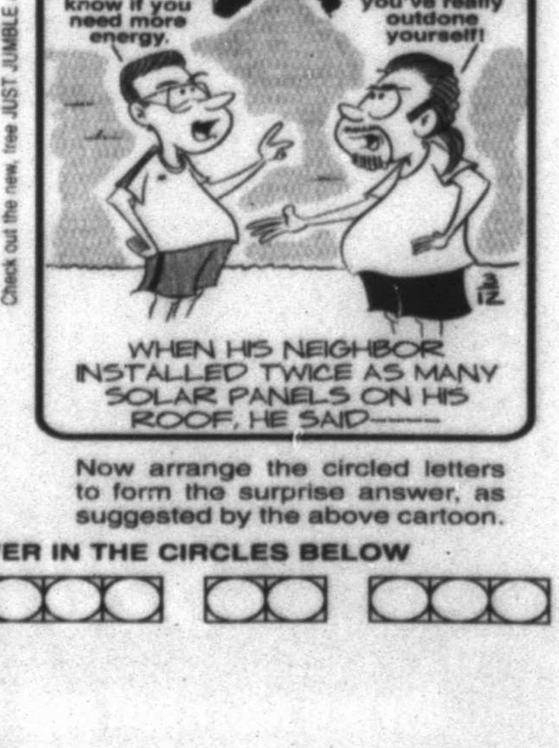
RALMEV

YONCOV

HAILEW

©2017 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved.

Check out the new free JUST JUMBLE app



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

JUMBLE Answer :

UPROOT PUTTER CONVOY
OPPOSE MARVEL AWHILE

When his neighbor installed twice as many solar panels on his roof, he said —

MORE POWER TO YOU

MARCH 12, 2017

Media the enemy? Trump sure is an insatiable consumer

By Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Before most people are out of bed, Donald Trump is watching cable news.

With Twitter app at the ready, the man who condemns the media as "the enemy of the people" may be the most voracious consumer of news in modern presidential history.

Trump usually rises before 6 a.m. and first watches TV in the residence before later moving to a small dining room in the West Wing. A short time later, he's given a stack of newspapers — including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Financial Times, The Washington Post and, long his favorite, The New York Post — as well as pile of printed articles from other sources including conservative online outlets like Breitbart News.

The TVs stay on all day. The president often checks in at lunch and again in the evening, when he retires to the residence, cellphone in hand.

It is a central paradox of the Trump presidency. Despite his fervent media criticism, Trump is a faithful newspaper reader who enjoys jousting with reporters, an avid cable TV news viewer who frequently live-tweets what he's watching, and a reader of websites that have been illuminated by his presidential spotlight, showcasing the at-times conspiratorial corners of the internet.

No recent president has been so public about his interest in his media coverage, nor seemed so willing to mobilize the powers of the federal government based on a media report that he has just read, heard or watched.

In fact, the power of Trump's media diet is so potent that White House staffers have, to varying degrees of success, tried to limit his television watching and control some of what he reads.

The president's cable TV menu fluctuates. Fox News is a constant, and he also frequently watches CNN despite deriding it as "fake news." Though he used to watch "Morning Joe," a Trump aide said the president has grown frustrated with his coverage on the MSNBC program and has largely stopped.

For Trump, watching cable is often an interactive experience. More than dozen times since his election, he has tweeted about what he saw on TV just minutes before.

On Nov. 29, he posted about instituting potentially unconstitutional penalties for burning the American flag 30 minutes after Fox ran a segment on the subject. On Jan. 24, he threatened to "send in the Feds!" to Chicago a short time after watching a CNN segment on violence in the city. On Feb. 6, after CNN reported about a "Saturday Night Live" skit on the increasing power of the president's advisers, Trump just 11 minutes later tweeted, "I call my own shots, largely based on an accumulation of data, and everyone knows it!"

On Tuesday, Trump tweeted five different times about the news of the day being discussed on his preferred morning show, "Fox & Friends."

MSNBC's Rachel Maddow, a frequent Trump critic, told The Associated Press that she finds it "unsettling" that Trump "may be getting most of his understanding of the world based on whatever he stumbles upon on cable."

While pleased that Trump is following the media, Maddow noted that "the White House is designed as an instrument to feed the president of the United States expertly curated and highly selective, well-vetted information from every corner of the world."

Others note the president is there may be some smart politics behind Trump's media diet.

He "advertised getting his news the same way his supporters do, which helps make a connection," said Tobe Berkovitz, a communications professor at Boston University.

The president's advisers try to curb his cable consumption during the workday. But there are no limits when he returns to the residence.

He also avidly watches his own staff's TV performances, including White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer's daily briefing. Aides have been known to shape their public comments to please the president or try to influence him.

Trump's consumption of cable news differs considerably from previous commanders in chief, who have at least claimed to be disconnected from the cable clatter. Jay Carney, White House press secretary under Barack Obama, has claimed that Obama "doesn't watch cable news," though that did not keep the former president from criticizing the medium.

Where Trump differs most from his presidential predecessors is his reliance on getting news online — even though he rarely uses a computer and prefers aides to print out articles for him to read.

What he was seeing on Twitter and conservative websites like the Drudge Report and the conspiracy-laden Infowars helped forge his political persona — and his public misinformation campaign questioning whether Obama was born in the United States.

And social media has become a way for some news sources to gain an audience with the president.

Last Thursday, as questions swirled around contacts between Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the Russian ambassador, a Reddit user posted a picture of Russian President Vladimir Putin and New York Sen. Charles Schumer from a 2003 photo op. Two hours later, the blog The Gateway Pundit reprinted the photo with the headline "Where's the Outrage?"

The image careened across the internet from an Infowars editor's post to the Drudge Report to Trump's own Twitter account as he delivered that outrage, demanding an investigation into Schumer's alleged ties to Putin.

That wasn't the only time when Trump put the White House stamp on a theory that originated on the edges of the conservative movement. Radio host Mark Levin voiced without evidence the idea that Obama had wiretapped Trump Tower. That accusation was picked up the next day by Breitbart News, the site formerly run by Trump's current chief strategist Steve Bannon.

An aide placed that piece in Trump's daily reading pile, said a White House official, who like other aides would not be named discussing the president's private routine. Fueled by that report on Saturday, Trump unleashed a series of jaw-dropping tweets that accused his predecessor of spying on him.

"It's not the normal Beltway echo chamber. This is a very different echo chamber: Something will bounce from cable to the internet to Trump," said Berkovitz, the communications professor.

TVs

From 14A

when its privacy policy included a warning telling people not to have private conversations too near their smart televisions in their own living rooms.

Given consumer preferences, it's going to get more difficult to find a television that isn't smart. According to a report from the Consumer Technology Association, 28.7 million smart TVs are expected to sold in the United States in 2017, out of 40 million units of total digital displays expected to sell. That means roughly 72 percent of TVs sold in 2017 will be smart in some way, though the report doesn't break down how many of those might have audio and video recording capabilities.

Of course, the news that its televisions could be used as surveillance tools, isn't great for Samsung. The company has already taken several public hits in the past few months, because of recalls of its Note7 smartphone and some washing machines, as well as bribery charges being leveled at one of its top executives in South Korea.

"In isolation, this would come and go without problems, but now it's another reason for Samsung to be in the headlines," said Dawson. Taken together, he said, it fits into a greater negative narrative about Samsung, which sells at least one-third of the world's smart televisions.

WHINING

From 14A

White House press corps. ... The people who supported Donald Trump don't give a damn what the White House press corps thinks. They really don't. So we need to get past that."

Panelist Margaret Sullivan, media columnist at The Washington Post, denounced whining on general principle but noted that the practices opposed by the WHCA are a big deal. She cited remarks by renowned media attorney Floyd Abrams, who said that excluding media organizations based on their coverage posed a First Amendment problem.

"I'm with you that we don't want to whine about it," said Sullivan. "I'm trying to draw a distinction between not whining — that's good — and not ignoring the fact that there are some important First Amendment issues here."

"Just in terms of what I say is whining, it's just a general kind of noise that maybe has diminished somewhat in the last couple of weeks," said Roberts. "But it's sort of this idea that we're not being treated fairly, woe is us, we're the White House press corps, we have a right to be doing what we're doing, which we certainly do," said Roberts.

He then talked about his days covering Israel in 2006 for CNN. "You want to feel like you're not liked? (Try) covering a war in Israel" when your organization has correspondents in Lebanon covering the other side. "The Israeli government wasn't particularly happy about that." His response was to report, report, report — to the point that "our journalism was something that they needed to pay attention to."

Asked how much time he spends explaining the difference between his job at Fox News and Sean Hannity's job at Fox News, Roberts joked "Every waking moment of every day," before noting that he does the same stuff now as he did when he worked at CNN and CBS News. "My goal as a journalist is to get the facts, get them right and to be fair in my coverage. Fair doesn't necessarily mean that every story is balanced because it may tilt one way or another in terms of participation of an individual or an organization in that story," said Roberts.

Other moments from the discussion:

■ On the topic of whether news organizations should use the term "lie" in covering Trump's frequent falsehoods, CNN Washington Bureau Chief Sam Feist said his organization had perhaps used the word once. "The word 'lie' is a very powerful word and should be used almost never," said Feist.

■ Elisabeth Bumiller, the New York Times' Washington bureau chief, said the decision to charge Trump with a "lie" in a headline regarding his claims about voter fraud was "above my pay grade." The New York Times came to that decision simply because Trump's counterfactual claims in this regard were "so sustained" over a long period of time.

■ Mason said that if the Trump White House again tried perpetrating another gaggle shutout, more media organizations would walk away in protest.

STUBBEMAN, McRAE, SEALY, LAUGHLIN & BROWDER, INC.

Attorneys at Law

Announces the Retirement of

Mary Lou Cassidy

From the Firm
Effective
March 1, 2017

Auction • Auction • Auction • Auction • Auction •

RUSTY SPUR GUN SHOPPE III AUCTION

LAST CHANCE TO BUY A RUSTY SPUR FIREARM

PRESENTED BY AUCTIONS AND SERVICES UNLIMITED
SATURDAY MARCH 18TH 10AM
1009 W INDUSTRIAL MIDLAND TEXAS
PREVIEW FRIDAY 10 AM

This is the last of the three Rusty Spur Gun Shoppe Auctions, we will sell the remaining firearms, display cabinets, Canon 80 Gun Safe and the shelving from the store. .

This sale will feature:

Over 170 New Firearms including: Colt Kahr, Walther, Kel-Tec, Chiappa, Remington, Smith & Wesson, Taurus, HiPoint, Cobra, HK, Sig Seuer, Charter Arms, Glock, Springfield, Umarex, Taylor/ Umberti, FMK, Beretta, Kimber, Para, Savage, Marlin, Ruger, Winchester, CZ, FNH, Mossberg, Rossi, Tristar, Browning, Henry, Windham, Daniel Defense, Century and Just Right

75,000 rounds of Ammo including Popular brands such as: Winchester, Weatherby, Magtech, Buffalo Bore, Fiocchi, Barnes, Remington, PMC, American Eagle, Federal, Sellier & Bellot, HPR, Wod, Aguila, Tul Ammo, Zombie, Hornady, Nosler, CCI, & Speer. Reloading Sets to include Dies, Powder, Primer & Bullets, RCBS Supreme Master Reloading Kit, Shotgun Primers & Powder, Powder & Primer Sets, Gun Cleaning Sets, AR Parts Sets including Lower Receiver Optics including Scopes and Binoculars, Knives including Case Knives, Silver Stag, large selection of accessories

We will be selling some estate coins that are not part of the Rusty Spur including Gold and Silver Coins Incl 2 rolls of Franklin Proof half dollars (57 & 59) and Proof Washington Quarter rolls (57 &61-64)

Note Internet Bidding will be available via Auctionzip and Invaluable (15% Buyers Premium online) and our own app that can be downloaded from the app store or from our website
www.auctionsandservices.com
432-683-2282 or 432-349-6774
Tim Watkins Tx Lic 13861
10% Buyers Premium, Cash, Check, 12% for Credit cards
www.auctionzipllve.com- auctioneer id (upper right) 1114

AUCTIONS and Services Unlimited

Auction • Auction • Auction • Auction • Auction •

Life is *Intentionally Delightful* at
Helen Greathouse Manor

Should your journey lead to a need for daily assistance, consider the lifestyle of **Helen Greathouse Manor**.

We offer lovely private apartments and our compassionate staff is trained to provide just the right amount of care to allow you to enjoy and explore this new phase in your life.

Our **Vogel Center** is specifically for those with early to moderate memory loss.

Call us today and we can make arrangements to visit your home for a free and private assessment of your needs.

The Village at Manor Park
Helen Greathouse Manor

The finest Assisted Living and Memory Assisted Living in the Permian Basin with compassionate 24 hour care

Contact Steven or Rodney at 432.694.1691 for more information. www.manorparkinc.org

NexGen.
The Next Generation of Cotton™

ALL WE DO IS COTTON. ALL THE TIME.

You can trust us to help you find the **best** variety suited for **your** farm.

NG 3406 B2XF
BOLLGARD II XTENDFLEX COTTON

- Early - Medium Maturity
- Excellent Fiber Quality
- Very Good Storm Tolerance

NG 5007 B2XF
BOLLGARD II XTENDFLEX COTTON

- Medium - Full Maturity
- Excellent Fiber Quality
- High Turnout

NG 4545 B2XF
BOLLGARD II XTENDFLEX COTTON

- Medium Maturity
- Excellent Yield Potential
- Excellent Fiber Package
- **Verticillium Wilt Tolerance**

WHAT **GROWERS** ARE SAYING ABOUT THESE **TOP PERFORMING** VARIETIES...

"**NG 3406 B2XF** is an all around tough variety. It comes up quick and doesn't give up under adverse conditions."

Blake McWhirter
Plains, Texas

"When the cotton was loaded it started to get dry, but caught a rain and held on – **NG 5007 B2XF** never gave up!"

Clifton Smith
Willacy County, Texas

"**NG 4545 B2XF** made the highest yields and the best grades I have ever produced on this farm with limited water."

Champion Creek Farms
Colorado City, Texas

Contact your local seed dealer or AMERICOT REP for details on
AMERICOT'S FINANCE, REPLANT, CROP LOSS & DROUGHT PROGRAMS!

www.americot.com | 888.678.SEED | facebook.com/AmericotNexGen

BOLLGARD II XTENDFLEX COTTON | LIBERTY LINK | Americot | NexGen

Monsanto Company is a member of Excellence Through Stewardship® (ETS). Monsanto products are commercialized in accordance with ETS Product Launch Stewardship Guidance, and in compliance with Monsanto's Policy for Commercialization of Biotechnology-Derived Plant Products in Commodity Crops. This product has been approved for import into key export markets with functioning regulatory systems. Any crop or material produced from this product can only be exported to, or used, processed or sold in countries where all necessary regulatory approvals have been granted. It is a violation of national and international law to move material containing biotech traits across boundaries into nations where import is not permitted. Growers should talk to their grain handler or product purchaser to confirm their buying position for this product. Excellence Through Stewardship® is a registered trademark of Excellence Through Stewardship.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW PESTICIDE LABEL DIRECTIONS. Bollgard II® XtendFlex® cotton contains genes that confer tolerance to glyphosate, dicamba, and glufosinate, the active ingredient in Liberty® brand herbicides. Glyphosate will kill crops that are not tolerant to glyphosate. Dicamba will kill crops that are not tolerant to dicamba. Glufosinate will kill crops that are not tolerant to glufosinate. Contact your Monsanto dealer or refer to Monsanto's Technology Use Guide for recommended Roundup Ready® Weed Control System weed control programs. Acceleron®, Bollgard II®, Bollgard II and Design®, Respect the Refuge and Cotton Design®, Roundup®, Roundup Ready® and Bollgard II® XtendFlex® are registered trademarks of Monsanto Technology LLC. ©2014-2016 MONSANTO COMPANY

Liberty® and LibertyLink® and the Water Droplet Design® are registered trademarks of Bayer. Americot® and NexGen® are registered trademarks of Americot Inc.

Party in power in Texas acts more like 2 parties at war

■ The leadership battles in the Texas Legislature are often attributed to personalities — or to traditional House-Senate rivalries. But there's another factor: The Republicans in power are from different factions of their party.

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ ANALYSIS

The facile answer might be the right one: Maybe House Speaker Joe Straus and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick really do not like each other. Theirs is hardly the first troubled political partnership in the Texas Capitol.

But that personal relationship probably doesn't matter as much as the fact that they represent, in effect, two different political parties.

For years, the state's most important political divide was the chasm between the liberal and conservative Democrats. Since the Republicans took over the store in the mid-1990s, the significant friction in state government and politics has been in the GOP.

You can see evidence in the 140-day legislative session, where the normal acceleration that marks the end of the first two months is coming right on schedule. This is when bill-filing slows to a mere drip and when lawmakers begin considering non-emergency legislation.

This is when the real debates begin.

Some differences might come down to personality, but state officeholders all want to make things happen, and they generally figure out how to overcome their personal feelings.

Some are institutional. The House and the Senate were designed to block and resist each other, and they do. Keep in mind that we have this representative government meeting inside those fancy buildings to settle the types of differences our ancestors settled with violence. It's set up to only pass legislation that gets through the whole obstacle course.

And some are ideological. The traditional Republicans v. Democrats doesn't really apply much of the time because the GOP has nearly a two-to-one advantage. The differences among Republicans are more important in the day-to-day workings of the Texas Legislature, though the Democrats are numerous enough to decide which Republicans win which arguments.

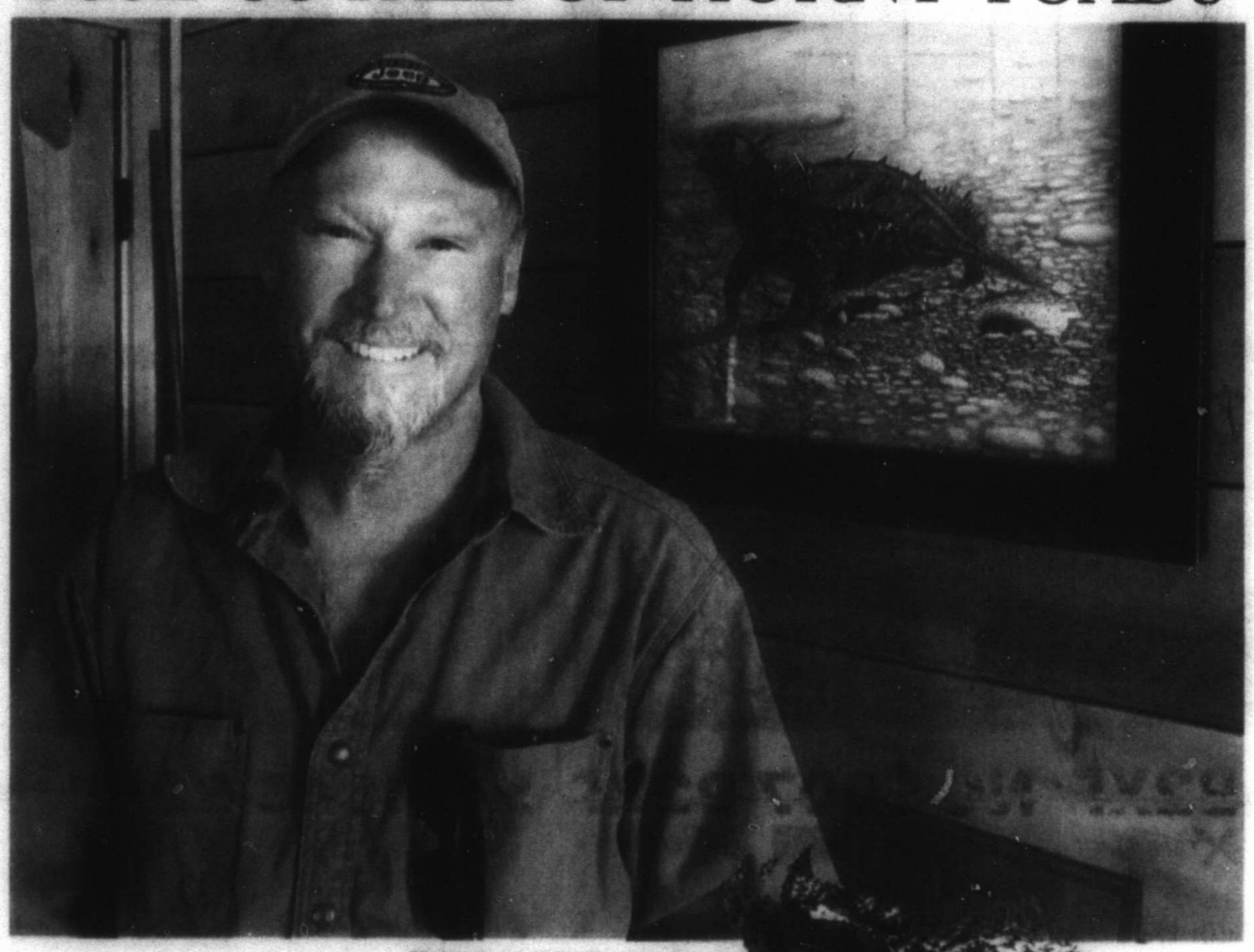
The seeds of the GOP divisions predate the party's Texas success. The country-club conservatives and the religious right and the chamber of commerce Republicans and the Tea Party and the fiscal and social and movement wings — all of the labels and factions in the conservative stew — have matured into major blocs.

Political parties are like that. But when one party is as dominant as Republicans are in Texas, those internal rifts grow in importance. They start to define the machinations of the state government.

Straus is a pretty fair exemplar of the business Republicans who once dominated the party. Patrick is a pretty

Please see **WAR**/3B

RISE & FALL OF HORNY TOADS



Photos by Joe Holley/Houston Chronicle

Horned toads have fascinated Rob Ferran since he was a youngster.

Scarce toad needs plenty of TLC

JOE HOLLEY
Houston Chronicle

ALPINE — So, maybe you've heard of Ol' Rip, the Eastland County horny toad who allegedly hibernated inside the courthouse cornerstone for 31 long years. Originally named Blinky, the little creature had been captured by the 4-year-old son of County Clerk Ernest Wood, who sealed him up in Eastland's new courthouse in 1897. Wood wanted to test an ancient belief that horned toads can live up to a hundred years in hibernation. When the courthouse came down in 1928 and the cornerstone was opened before a curious crowd of folks, there was Blinky, dusty and flattened but still batting his eyes. He was immediately re-christened Ol' Rip, after Rip Van Winkle.

That's the story, anyway, although when I told horned-toad whisperer Rob "Triscuit" Ferran about 'Ol' Rip earlier this week, he was skeptical. "Horned-toad whisperer" is what I call Ferran, although he doesn't call himself that. Proprietor of the Horney Toad Ranch on a mountaintop south of this picturesque Big Bend town, he describes himself as an ant farmer, among a number of other vocations and avocations.

"I've had old ranchers tell me that horny toads live 80 years or so, but I think about 20 years is more likely," he said. "Ol' Rip would have been dehydrated long before that."

A POLITICAL INTRODUCTION

Ferran, 55, is a cordial, unassuming fellow. He's quick to tell you he's no scientist — his degree from the University of Florida is in anthropology, with a focus on African studies — but I'd be inclined to take his word on Ol' Rip. His knowledge of *Phrynosoma cornutum* (Texas horned lizard) must surely measure up to the best-trained wildlife biologist. In addition to reading, conferring and researching, he spends hours lying on his stomach on the scrubby, ant bed-pocked patch of earth near the Ferran home, watching the spike-backed little reptiles and recording their habits.

"We don't have TV," he said.

Friends, neighbors, landscapers and bulldozer operators bring him specimens. Not

Please see **HOLLEY**/3B

Denials of record requests soar

By Terri Langford
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — When Texans ask state and local officials for public records detailing their operations, more and more the answer is no.

The reason why is in dispute, partly because of the lack of some public records.

Among the materials that are, in theory, publicly available: checks cut by a school board, tapes of 911 emergency calls, text messages between city council members.

A quirk of the Texas records law, adopted almost 45 years ago, says that when officials deny the public the right to see something, they usually have to run that decision by the state attorney general's office.

The number of those denials has been soaring. In the fiscal year that ended in August 2001, governments forwarded about 5,000 denied record requests to the attorney general's office for review. That number had jumped to more than 27,000 in 2016. Much of the increase has occurred in the last decade.

The overall number of denials is actually larger than the data indicate. More than 80 agencies and local governments have gotten permission from the attorney general to automatically deny certain kinds of requests, such as those that reveal a person's birth date.

Some experts say the prevailing attitude among governments in Texas has turned from a presumption that records should almost always be available to a belief that officials should release as little as possible.

"I think more governments have become more desirous of withholding information, many of them out there have a knee-jerk reaction," said Kelley Shannon, executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, which is largely supported by journalism organizations.

But lawyers and government spokespeople say they are being flooded with demands for documents, many of which don't exist or that legally they aren't allowed to make public.

Please see **DENIALS**/3B

On the bathroom bill, good points on both sides

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

It's a simple choice, sometimes creatively expressed in signs on bathroom doors: Cowboys or Cowgirls? Pointer or Setter? The Johns: Olivia Newton- or Elton?

Make your choice and do your business. Simple, right? Or so many of us thought, perhaps ignorantly, for many years.

The enlightened thought among some today is that gender doesn't always align with biology at birth. Of course not everyone believes this.

"We have not been confused about this in 6,000 years of human history," Pastor Charles Flowers of San Antonio told state senators Tuesday.

"A bathroom is not a room for a choice," Pastor Hernan Castano of Houston testified. "God made a difference between male and female, and God made no mistakes."

The clergy's not unanimous on that. And neither was the Legislature on Tuesday as the Senate State Affairs Committee considered Senate Bill 6, the so-called bathroom bill. The Senate seems primed to approve it. Its fate is less certain in the House, where Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, on Tuesday said he's "not a fan" of SB 6, which would require, in government and school buildings, that people use facilities of the gender listed on their birth certificate.

SB 6 supporter John Kelly, Pearland's school superintendent, reminded the committee that SB 6 is more than a bathroom bill. It also involves locker rooms where students undress in view of others. That is, Kelly noted, "the much more serious problem."

That's a good point, as were many points made by witnesses on both sides of the issue. I'm telling you this was the unusual legislative hearing at which you very easily could have been sympathetic to folks on

Please see **HERMAN**/2B

New plans for your future.

All the benefits of a full-service retirement community AND a brand new house to call home. Priority deposits now being accepted for Village South – our newest enclave of homes designed to fit your lifestyle. Call 699-3414 today to schedule a visit and learn more!

Village South at Manor Park

Manor Park's newest enclave to the south of campus! manorparkinc.org

Obituaries

Arquence R. Joiner

Arquence Rucker-Joiner, 98, passed away on Tuesday March 7, 2017.

She was born to James Rucker and Eliza Floyd-Rucker on June 11, 1918 in Lee County, Texas. She was the fifth child born to this union of 11 children.

She married Benny Bonner in February of 1935. To this union, three children were born - two daughters and one son: Emma L. Bonner-Sneed, Bennie L. Bonner-Hawkins, and Charles Bonner, who preceded her in death.

She had a very long residency in Giddings, Texas before moving with her daughter Bennie Bonner-Hawkins to Midland, Texas in 2003.

Visitation will be on Monday, March 13, 2017 at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Home Going Celebration will be on Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, 200 N. Lincoln St. Presiding will be Sfg. Bishop Barak Stanford.

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
2500 N. Big Spring - Midland, TX - (432) 682-3700

Charles Horne Priddy, Jr.

Charles Horne Priddy, Jr., 59, of Midland, Texas, passed away on March 8, 2017, in Dallas, Texas.

Charles was born in Midland on August 29, 1957 to Charles Horne Priddy, Sr., and Mary Nell Russell Priddy. Charles attended Midland High School and studied Petroleum Land Management at Texas A & M in Bryan, Texas, and at The University of Texas in Austin. Charles' first career was as a land man in Midland, Texas and Midland, Michigan.

When Charles was in his forties, he decided to turn a love of cooking into a career. He began a new life as a chef after attending the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Dallas.

He had many interests and was licensed as both a multi-engine airplane pilot and a master boat Captain. Charles loved sailing and spent much of his time in Kemah, Texas, where he spent many happy hours on his 38-foot sailboat.

He is survived by his two daughters, Kristen Priddy and Joslyn Priddy, both of California.

Charles is also survived by his sister, Barbara Priddy Clark and her husband, John, of Dallas; twin brother, Walter Priddy and his wife Kim, of Dallas; stepsister, Susan Henderson Askins of Midland; and by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, for whom he had great affection.

Charles is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Nell Priddy; father, Charles Horne Priddy, Sr.; stepmother, Beth Priddy; brother, Bob Priddy; and stepbrother, Rick Henderson.

The family is especially grateful to Yvonne Scarbrough for her help and support of Charles during his extended illness.

A private ceremony will be held at a later date.

The family requests memorials be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas.

James Russell Stimmel

Jimmy was born in Los Angeles, California on March 26, 1925 and went to be with the Lord on March 1, 2017.

He was the son of Howard Russell Stimmel and Mildred Wheat Stimmel. He attended the Brentwood Town and Country Day School in Santa Monica, California and graduated from UCLA. He grew up at the Uplifter's Polo Club in West Santa Monica where his lifetime interest and involvement in Polo began. He groomed for the late Jim O'Donnell and would ride the horses to the Will Rogers Polo Club for games with Will and his friends.

In June of 1943, he joined the United States Navy and served until May 1946 seeing action in the South Pacific and on Iwo Jima.

After returning home, he attended UCLA, belonged to the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, and majored in Foreign Trade. Upon graduation, he worked at the Beverly Hills Polo Club, eventually becoming the manager. When the Polo Club sold for development, he went to work as a secretary for Carlton Beal, a Polo player and independent oil man in Los Angeles.

In 1953, he married Marcie McElhinney and they lived their first year in Chatsworth, California. A year later when BTA Oil Company moved to Midland, Texas, Jimmy and Marcie followed. In the oil fields of West Texas, Jimmy built a successful career working for BTA, eventually becoming Production Superintendant.

Jimmy had many interests and responsibilities in the Midland community. He served as president of the Board at Trinity School, and as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church. He was also an active member of the YMCA where he enjoyed playing handball and racquetball and running with his friends during the lunch hour. Polo, however, was his true love and he remained active in and around the sport his entire life. He reached a handicap of six goals and played in many tournaments around the United States. In 1951, Jimmy, along with Cecil Smith, Robert Skene, and Frank Fletcher, won the Pacific Coast Open played in Santa Barbara, California. He was among the founding members of the Midland Polo Club and served as manager for many years. Most days he could be found at the club stick n' balling or tending to the BTA horses.

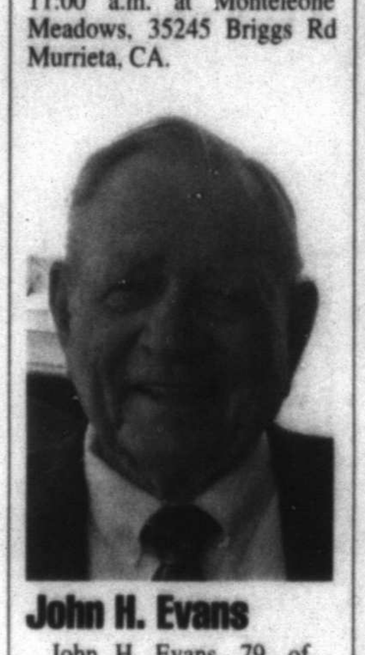
Another passion was fly-fishing with his buddies at Vermejo Park Ranch, New Mexico.

After more than 40 years in the oil business, Jimmy retired from BTA and he and Marcie moved to the Pinto Ranch in Menifee, California.

Jimmy is survived by Marcie, his wife of 64 years, and his three children and nine grandchildren. They are as follows: Harley (Carolyn) Stimmel and their four boys, Steven, Jake, Russell and Joe Mac; Martina (Jody) Dyer and their three children, Joel, Reagan and Marigrace; and Hillary (Jake) Shanklin and their two boys Tucker and Tap.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to US Polo Association (Polo Training Foundation), 9011 Lake Worth Rd. Lake Worth, Fl. 33467 or Rancho Community Church (Missions program), 3103 Rancho Community Way Temecula, CA 92592.

A memorial service will be held, March 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Monteleone Meadows, 35245 Briggs Rd Murrieta, CA.



John H. Evans

John H. Evans, 79, of Rochester, passed away Thursday, March 9, 2017 in Haskell.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at Haskell Funeral Home Chapel, 2 Avenue D, Haskell, Texas. Burial will follow in Rule Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Wednesday at Haskell Funeral Home.

Viewing will be from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the funeral home. Condolences may be made at *www.haskellfuneralhometx.com*.

John was born January 20, 1938 in Jonesboro, Texas, the son of the late Wendell Evans and Jewel Charlie Evans. For most of his life, he was a loan officer in Midland, Texas before retirement. In 2004, he moved to Rochester.

John enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives, Harvey Jean Gamble Evans and Ellen Burrow Evans; daughter, Karen Denise Dyke; and by two brothers.

John is survived by two sons, John Steven Evans and wife Bobbie of Andrews and Zane M. Evans and wife Jennifer; son-in-law, David Dyke of Midland; and by seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Marvin Lee Longabaugh

Marvin Lee Longabaugh, 56, of Navasota, Texas, left this world unexpectedly at home to be with God on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Marvin was the first born to W. T. "Tommy" Longabaugh and Margilee Coffee on July 9, 1960 in Gainesville, Texas.

Marvin graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Information Systems in 1982. Marvin's well rounded career includes owning a polling company, Magellan Research, in Las Vegas, Nevada for 11 years. The polling business was started while attending William S. Boyd School of Law in Las Vegas. Marvin received his Juris Doctorate in 2001 and was issued the license of Attorney and Counselor at Law in the State of Nevada in 2002.

Marvin completed the Program of Instruction for Lawyers Basic and Advanced Negotiation Workshop at Harvard in 2002, served as a Judicial Clerk for the Justices of the Supreme Court for the State of Nevada in 2003, earned a Master of Law in Trial Advocacy from Temple University in May 2008, and received his license to practice law in the State of Texas in 2012. Marvin independently owned Longabaugh Law Offices and practiced law in Las Vegas and Navasota for over 16 years.

Most recently, Marvin founded the Navasota Star in 2016 acting as owner, publisher, writer, editor, and even newspaper deliveryman.

Marvin is survived by his wife, TJ Longabaugh of Navasota; brother, Keith Longabaugh (wife Debbie) of Pilot Point; sister, Leslie Neely (husband Rick) of Midland, Texas; and sister-in-law, Ginger White-Salama of North Carolina.

Also surviving are nephews, Christopher Neely (wife Stevie) of Midland, Tyler White of North Carolina, Erik Longabaugh (wife Kim) of Whitesboro, Matthew Longabaugh of Pilot Point, and Craig Johnson (wife Rachel) of Odessa; nieces, Rachel Longabaugh of Pilot Point, Savanah Neely of Austin, Kelsey Longabaugh of Austin, Haskell Faw of North Carolina, Hallie Faw of North Carolina, Holly Neely of Midland, and Hillari Gould (husband Zach) of Midland; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by both parents and sisters Denise Johnson McAlpine and Gaytha Jean Longabaugh.

In lieu of flowers, please make your charitable contributions to the Navasota Kiwanis Club, Friends of Grimes County, Friends of the Navasota Animal Shelter, or Navasota VFW Post # 4006.

The Celebration of Marvin's Life will be held at the Navasota Center, 101 Stadium Dr., Navasota, TX 77868 on Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Robert "Lee" Robertson

Robert "Lee" Robertson, 68, of Midland, Texas, left this life on March 9, 2017.

Lee was born in Hamilton, Texas on July 12, 1948 to Roth and Edna (Witzsche) Robertson. He graduated from Goldthwaite High School in 1966. He obtained a degree from the University of Texas at Austin in Petroleum Engineering and from UTPB with a Master's in BA.

Lee married Nancy Temple on September 13, 1969. They were married for 47 years until his death.

He worked 35 years as an oilfield production engineer in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Lee served with the Army Reserves for 12 years. He enjoyed ranching, woodworking, and metalworking.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents.

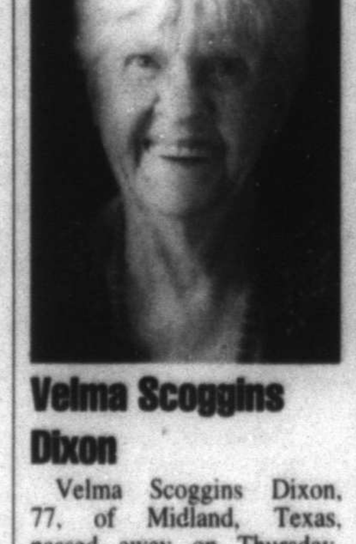
He is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughter, Diane Hess of Houston; daughter, Karen Robertson of Midland; grandchildren, Katelyn Lee Hess and AJ Hess; and by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland and from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 .p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2017 at Stacy Wilkins Funeral Home in Goldthwaite.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Stacy Wilkins Chapel. Burial will follow at the Rock Springs Cemetery.

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

Ellis Funeral Home
Funerals & Cremations
Dignity 801 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-5355



Velma Scoggins Dixon

Velma Scoggins Dixon, 77, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Thursday, March 9, 2017 in Midland.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Second Baptist Church in Midland.

Velma was born on June 28, 1939 to Ben and Ineeta Scoggins in Midland. She was a devoted daughter, a loving wife, a terrific mother, and an amazing granny. She loved people of all ages. Her hobbies included reading, going to BINGO, Friday night cards, Sunday afternoon lunches, and her greatest joy was playing with her grandkids. She faithfully attended Second Baptist Church for over 30 years and enjoyed working in the nursery both as the Director and a volunteer worker.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura Hall and husband Bill; her son, Michael Dixon and his wife Kodi; and three grandsons, Conner, Tucker, and Eric.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Dixon; her mother, Ineeta Scoggins; and her father, Ben Scoggins.

Although she will be missed, Velma has made a joyful reunion with her beloved husband of over 40 years.

Pallbearers will be Sydney Beal, James Cooper, Charles Morris, Ed Shrum, Roger Willis, and Chuck Wood.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to Second Baptist Church Missions Fund.

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

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

Death Notices

Antonio (Tony) Lara

Antonio (Tony) Lara, 57, passed away on Friday March 10, 2017.

Funeral mass is set for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

He is survived by his parents, Manuel Lara and Bertha Lara, and by two brothers and four sisters.

Joe Montez, Jr.

Joe Montez, Jr. 48, of Stanton, Texas, passed away on March 10, 2017.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 14, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton. Burial will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery immediately following the services.

Joe is survived by his mother; Ramona Montez, and by one brother and two sisters.

Patrick Van Love

Patrick Van Love, 66 of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2017.

Private services are being held with the family.

Patrick is survived by his wife, Deborah Ann Love; children, Sheila Butler and Shayne Butler; and by two siblings.

Flowers may be sent to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

HERMAN

From 1B

both sides — that includes Shiloh Satterfield, 10, a Dripping Springs student who said she's uncomfortable with boys in the girls bathroom, and Marilyn Morrison, a born-male, Dallas-area third-grader who said she wouldn't be comfortable using the boys bathroom.

It was an often emotional hearing at which bill supporters used phrases like "Differentiation isn't discrimination" and "Biology isn't bigotry." There also was discussion — to no consensus — about how many genders there are. Also at the hearing, Pastor Seth Wynn testified he was born female is now male but doesn't have the money to hire a lawyer to change the gender on his birth certificate.

"I guarantee there is going to be a problem if I showed up in the women's bathroom," said the bearded Wynn, who, if SB 6 passes, would have to do just that.

Gender, it seems, has become a self-declared trait, though I understand that trans folks believe they always were what they transitioned to. To many folks, when it comes to gender, there are biological facts involved.

Trivial though it might seem to some, this battle is far from over. And there are places where gender designation matters more than in bathrooms — athletics, scholarships, single-gender schools, awarding of government contracts, etc.

At some point lawmakers (and probably courts) will have to deal with this. And that makes gender a political issue that divides politicians and families. State Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. of Brownsville last week became the first Democratic senator to support SB 6, citing his Catholic faith. His comments sparked calls of protest, some misdirected to his son, state Rep. Eddie Lucio III, D-Brownsville, who differs with dad on this issue.

SB 6, the younger Lucio posted on Facebook, "targets the transgender community" and is "nothing more than a political ploy to appease certain narrow-minded constituencies at the expense of some of the most vulnerable and marginalized people in society."

"The people that this bill targets are just trying to live their lives and have a safe place to use the restroom," the younger Lucio wrote.

How is a state supposed to reach consensus if a family can't?

At the hearing, the elder Lucio asked a Christian transgender psychologist: "You believe in God and you believe in his creation. Do you also believe in altering his creation, changing his creation?" On Monday, he said, "Some see this bill as a bulwark against society's moral decline or society's moral evolution."

It's a subject on which we're clearly evolving, much as President Barack Obama did on same-sex marriage during his tenure in the White House and much as America has on interracial marriage during my tenure on Earth.

The point is there indeed are places where gender matters. Far be it from me to sort this out for you, beyond believing the bathroom/locker room question is best left to local control and that it's the leading edge of more important questions to come.

Maybe much of this is generational. The elder Lucio is 71. His son is 38.

"My father preached love and service in my house growing up," the younger Lucio wrote, "and although I sincerely believe that his position is not rooted in hate, it is still wrong and will create adversity for many."

"We hugged and agreed to disagree," he recounted. "I hope that, regardless of your position on this or any issue, you would approach your views and discussions with the same love and respect that my father and I displayed this morning."

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

DENIALS

From 1B

"Requestors are submitting more requests," said Justin Gordon, the open records chief for the Texas attorney general's office.

Reporters say one reason might be that officials have started demanding that they file open-records requests for information the government used to release without question.

Getting to the truth is tough, in part because no statewide data exists on the total number of requests, so there is no way to know if the overall number is rising as fast as the attorney general reviews.

It's also unclear if certain kinds of requestors — such as reporters, private citizens, public-interest groups or businesses — account for an outsized portion of the denials.

The attorney general's office told The Dallas Morning News it could not release the names of those asking for records without weeks of review to ensure that every original requestor is not covered by privacy exemptions. For example, if the original requestor was a victim of a crime, his or her name could not be released.

The office says it does not keep tabs on how many requests involve certain kinds of information, and does not analyze the outcome of its reviews. It does post its rulings online, but in a format that is difficult to search and does not include the names of requestors.

In at least some cases, the office makes government officials release some of the information they want to withhold, according to a review by The News of requests for the month of July going back more than a decade. But how often that happens is unclear.

The two most populous cities in Texas, Dallas and Houston, actually referred fewer cases to the attorney general in 2016 than they did in 2005. But some smaller cities and large suburbs, especially in North Texas, submitted far more, The News found.

Plano, the fast-growing suburban city 20 miles northeast of Dallas, asked for 85 reviews in 2015, up from none in 2005, according to state records.

City attorney Paige Mims said officials are simply following state law and that many denied requests involve police records.

Curtis Howard, legal adviser for the Plano Police Department, said the percentage of referrals had been holding steady at about 11 percent a year, but the sheer number of requests has jumped in the last few years.

In 2015, Howard and his staff fielded 5,670 requests for records from the police agency, he said. In 2016, that number rose to 7,055 requests, a 24 percent jump.

For the most part, police arrest records can be released, as long as someone has been charged, he noted. But arrests that do not result in a conviction or acquittal are not required to be made public.

Police record requests are made by the media for newsgathering, but also by private citizens for use in divorces, vetting of potential employees and litigation.

In Killeen, 60 miles southwest of Waco near Fort Hood, the number of information requests and the number of initial denials are rising fast.

The city received 1,811 requests in 2010 and initially denied 173, or 9.5 percent, and forwarded those to the attorney general for review. Six years later, the number of requests had grown to 2,910. Of those 603, almost 21 percent, were sent to the attorney general.

Traci Briggs, Killeen's deputy city attorney, said many of the records people request are complaints that can't be released under privacy rules, describing them as "who turned in my dog, who reported the water dripping behind my house" records.

Others pertain to one of the broadest exceptions to the public-records act, which allows law enforcement to keep information sealed if they think making the material public would interfere with a criminal investigation. They do not have to prove that there is, in fact, an investigation underway.

Killeen recently got permission to automatically reject requests that fall under the open-investigation exemption, though it must continue to release basic information.

Last year, The News and other media organizations filed dozens of open records to the Dallas Police Department for information involving the July 7 ambush that left five police officers and suspect Micah Johnson dead.

Little has been released other than the 911 calls and initial warrant information. The police are citing the open-investigation exemption. Last October, the attorney general's office sided with the police.

A pair of Texas Supreme Court rulings in 2015 have further undermined the public's access to government records by placing information about many private business deals with governmental entities off-limits.

In Boeing vs. Paxton and the Greater Houston Partnership v. Paxton, the Texas attorney general concluded that information about Boeing held by the Port Authority of San Antonio should be publicly released. But the aviation manufacturer sued, and the Texas high court sided with Boeing's argument that making public the information at issue would give its competitors an advantage.

That ruling has had a chilling effect. The city of McAllen used this ruling to keep secret how much it paid singer Julio Iglesias to perform at a Christmas parade. Houston used it to keep secret the number of permits issued to ride-sharing service Uber.

State Sen. Kirk Wilson, D-Austin, told a recent legislative hearing that governments used the Boeing decision to deny about 600 requests for public information in Texas in 2016.

"It's impossible for me to imagine how a final contract with the government shouldn't be made public," Watson said.

In the case involving the Greater Houston Partnership, the nonprofit that handles economic development for the city convinced the court that because it does not rely solely on public money, it is not subject to the state public records law.

Legislators have introduced bills they say will help to restore access that the court rulings removed. Some would force government agencies to release all final contracts. Others would require a private entity to comply with open-records law if it provides services once provided by a public agency.

Gordon, the head of the attorney general's open-records division, said the two rulings have decreased transparency but have done little to impact the workload for the 59 staffers in his office.

Has the staff of the office increased to handle the surge in denials? Unclear. The agency instructed The News to file an open-records request to get an answer.

WAR

From 1B

good exemplar of the populist movement conservatives who have long been the party's most energetic camp.

The House and Senate budgets have big differences, both in where they spend money and in what money to spend — which might prove harder to resolve. The state expects lower revenue from taxes and fees over the next two years, but it also has a record-size savings account in the Rainy Day Fund, which already has a balance of about $10 billion.

They differ loudly on the Senate's "bathroom bill," which would override local discrimination laws and require transgender people to use restrooms that match their "biological sex." The full Senate will probably vote on that legislation — a priority of Patrick's — this week; prospects in the House — where Straus has said he's "not a fan of the bill" — are bleak.

The two houses are likely to face off on a perennial issue of whether to use public school money for private and parochial school education — a long-running debate that splits Republican members on both sides, but especially in the House.

Sometimes the differences seem small; the House is showing signs that it shares the Senate's urge to slow down increases in the property taxes that fuel local schools and governments.

The differences don't always matter. The same Texas Republican voters put both John Cornyn and Ted Cruz in the U.S. Senate, opting for a powerful establishment insider in Cornyn and a rising disruptive outsider in Cruz. It goes like that up and down the ballot.

In Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott is the man in the middle, with support across the party. He has managed to stay out of some of the sectarian arguments that animate the legislative leaders he sees at breakfast every Wednesday morning.

The session could test that. He's taken Patrick's side in the school voucher debate, saying he'll sign that legislation if it gets to his desk. He has juked on bathrooms, loudly telling the NFL to butt out when they signaled their displeasure with the bill but not taking a position on the legislation himself. He, like Republican legislators, is stuck between the social conservatives who like the bill and the business conservatives who don't.

Texas legislators have an on-again, off-again reputation for staying out of partisan fights, for their ability — often contrasted with their Washington counterparts — for working across enemy lines.

From outside, it appears one party has control of the Texas government. From inside the Capitol, that one party acts more like two parties at war.

Online
www.texastribune.org

HOLLEY

From 1B

long ago, he was on aisle No. 4 at Mc-Coy's Building Supply, and there was a horned toad at his feet.

"It was like a lightning bolt, like he had dropped down from heaven," Ferran said.

He sees his ranch as a preserve, for both the horned toads and the ants. The miniature, armored lizards hang around the stony, brush-covered rangeland on the lookout for ants, and, over time, he gets to know them as individuals (the lizards, not the ants.) They hibernate underground for months at a time, but come back to the same area every year.

"If they make it to a certain size, they seem to be successful," he said. "I'm trying to figure out how long it takes for them to get to that size."

Ferran, who grew up in Florida, was introduced to the horned toad as a youngster by Barry Goldwater. (Yes, that Barry Goldwater.) His father had gotten to know Goldwater's daughter in Florida, and on a family vacation out west when Ferran was in the seventh grade, the family stopped by to see the Arizona senator and former presidential candidate at his home in Scottsdale.

"I stayed in his house and just roamed the property," he recalled. "He was an exemplary person. He heavily influenced me, not politically but in the nature sense."

Goldwater showed the youngster his ham-radio operation, taught him to shoot a .22, took him to the Grand Canyon, introduced him to a rattlesnake and a horned toad.

"That horny toad stayed in my mind," he said. "I was just fascinated with them."

Ferran has gotten fascinated with a lot of things over the years and seems to have succeeded at most. He's a safari guide and professional hunter who takes groups to southern Africa every year for hunting, fishing, shark encounters and wine and brandy tours. He's a wildlife photographer and a design consultant who confers with zoos and wildlife refuges. He's also a builder of off-the-grid solar homes, including the comfortable, double-structure compound where he and his wife Mechele live. After an extended tour of the American West some years back, the Ferrans and their two daughters, now grown, settled near Alpine, because the terrain reminds them of one of Rob's favorite places in the world; Namibia.

GROWING UP WITH THE CRITTER

And, of course, horned toads still inhabit far West Texas. Texans of a certain age grew up with the spiky, little guys, whether we lived in the Piney Woods, the South Texas brush country or the Panhandle plains. We played with them and hoped to see them spurt blood from their eyes (actually their eyelids). We hitched them to wheeled matchboxes and rubbed their tummies until they settled into horned-toad somnolence.

No more. My early-30s son Pete grew up in Austin and told me he's never seen a live horned toad. He's typical, unfortunately.

The reason they're scarce across much of the state has to do indirectly with imported fire ants, introduced accidentally into the southern United States in the mid-20th century. The ferocious creatures displaced the native harvester ants we usually call red ants, which make up as much as 70 percent to 90 percent of a mature horned toad's diet — as many as 200 ants a day, Ferran said. No more harvester ants, no more horny toads, particularly after anti-fire ant insecticides, broadcast indiscriminately, also killed harvester ants, as well as grubs, termites and other small insects that juvenile horned toads consume until they begin to specialize.

We also paved over and developed the patchy, open areas that horned toads need for nesting, hunting, hiding from snakes and other predators and, because they're reptiles, thermo-regulation. Field, rangeland and pasture became ever-spreading Georgetown, Pearland, Plano. The only horned frogs left in much of Texas were on TCU football-helmet decals.

A THREATENED SPECIES

You can blame Boy's Life Magazine, as well. The commercial pet trade took untold numbers from the wild, and in the 1950s and '60s, you could order horned toads from Boys Life and other publications. No one knew how to care for the too-cute-for-their-own-good creatures. For example, you don't set out a bowl of water. As Ferran explained, a horned toad relies on the morning dew that collects on its spiny back and runs along tiny channels into its mouth. They're docile, but they don't like being handled, either. As a family pet, they'd hang on for a few weeks, probably in some kid's sand-filled aquarium, and then they'd die.

Although they're the official state lizard, the horned toad encompasses only half its original range. They're listed as a threatened species, so it's illegal to take, possess, transport or sell them without a special permit. Unless they're sharing the wild with snakes and roadrunnerrs, their main threats are cats, dogs and pesticides, plus vehicles.

"I want to expand awareness that people should not harass them or the ants," Ferran said on a windy morning earlier this week. "I want to help people understand: No ants, no horny toads."

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help in identifying a suspect involved in debit card abuse.

The victim left his vehicle in the 600 block of West Florida Avenue on Feb. 6 to have it repaired and had left his debit card in the middle console of the vehicle. He later discovered that someone had taken his debit card and used it on a shopping spree.

The suspect is described as a heavy-set Hispanic male, about 5 foot, 6 with facial hair. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a Texas Ranger baseball cap and was seen driving an older-model four-door white Cadillac Deville.

If you are the first person to provide information on this suspect and it leads to an arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and NO caller I.D. is ever used. Call 694-TIPS (8477) or mobile app P3 TIPS.

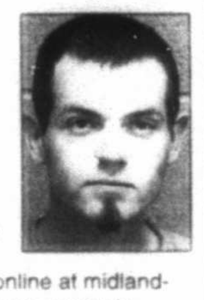
Visit our Facebook page to see surveillance photos: https://www.facebook.com/midland.crime.stoppers/ or visit our website at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com

How to submit a secure tip

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

Crime Stoppers fugitive

BRANDON KING



DOB: 2-3-1987
Height and weight: 5 foot, 11; 150 pounds
Charge: Count I-IV abandon/endanger child criminal negligence - grand jury indictment

- Wanted as of March 9.
- $500 reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP. online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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

Feb. 20-24

Andrew James Beach, 24, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, three years deferred adjudication, fine, 200 hours community service.

Marion Paul-Thomas Carney, 33, criminal mischief more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, restitution, 200 hours community service, anger management classes, CBT; burglary of a building, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, restitution, 200 hours community service, anger management classes.

Anthony Christian Diaz, 32, burglary of a habitation, extend supervision three years.

Jennifer Dale Edwards, 39, possession of a controlled substance, continue supervision, CRTC; tampering with physical evidence, continue supervision, CRTC; possession of a controlled substance, continue supervision, CRTC.

Carley Denise Elvena, 40, abandoning or endangering a child, extend supervision one year, TAIP.

Rafael Rene Garza Jr., 37, possession of a controlled substance, continue supervision, TAIP; possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, continue supervision, TAIP; forgery of a financial instrument, continue supervision, TAIP.

Michelle Crystal Gonzales, 31, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, two years state jail suspended for five years community supervision, fine, 100 hours community service, CRTC.

Terrance Duane Guess, 37, possession of a controlled substance, revoke, 10 months state jail; possession of a controlled substance, revoke, 10 months state jail.

Austin Haynes, 19, burglary of a habitation, 10 years TDCJ probated for five years, fine, court cost, ISP for a year, 200 hours community service.

Ronnie Lee Hightower Jr., 31, driving while intoxicated with a child under 15, seven months state jail.

Clinton M. Joshlin, 35, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, revoke, six months state jail; credit card or debit card abuse, evoke, six months state jail.

Lazaro Salgado Loya, 41, sex offender duty to register-life/annually, extend supervision one year, two AA meetings a week for six months, TAIP.

Federico Maldonado Jr., 33, possession of a controlled substance, five years TDCJ.

Jimmy Don McRae, 48, possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail suspended for three years probation, fine, 100 hours community service.

Misty D. Moore, 41, possession of a controlled substance, three years deferred adjudication, fine, restitution, 150 hours community service.

Gilbert Hernandez Perez, 31, possession of a controlled substance, two years TDCJ.

Lee Jonathan Perez, 19, possession of marijuana, two years state jail suspended for four years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service, CBT, TAIP; theft of a firearm, two years state jail suspended for four years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service, CBT TAIP; theft of a firearm, two years state jail suspended for four years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service, CBT, TAIP.

Timothy Glenn Prince, 33, burglary of a habitation, 10 years deferred adjudication, restitution, 350 hours community service.

Ken Quezada, 35, theft of property more than $30,000 but less than $150,000.

Please see PLEAS/4B

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Walking with you . . .

An on-going support group for those dealing with the death of a loved one. Join us once a month, or join us when you need some support...

There is no pre-registration required and there is no charge for attending the group.

Time: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Home Hospice, 200 W. Illinois, Ste. 190, Midland, TX

Parking & building entrance in back of the building

Please call Home Hospice at 570-0700 if you have any questions about the "Walking with You" support group.

Home Hospice
It's about living...

Message in bottle from Cayman Islands reaches Galveston

Jennifer Reynolds/Galveston County Daily News

Tommy Barcelona holds the note he and his wife, Felicia, recovered from a small Tabasco bottle he found wedged among the rocks at the 10th Street rock groin in Galveston. The note was from a North Carolina man who threw the bottle into the sea from a beach in the Cayman Islands.

By Samantha Ketterer
Galveston County Daily News

GALVESTON — Johnny Garza didn't send an SOS to the world, but he did send a message in a bottle.

The message wasn't anything substantial — it just contained Garza's name and contact information — but he stuffed it in a Tabasco bottle and tossed it off the coast of the Cayman Islands.

More than a year later, two Galveston residents recently recovered that same hot-sauce container, poking out between the rocks of the 10th Street Jetty.

"The water was lapping up on it," Tommy Barcelona, 46, said. "The waves went down and I looked down again and was like, 'Wait a second, there's a message in that bottle.'"

Barcelona climbed down into the rocks, where the bottle was lodged in tight.

"It was wedged in pretty good," he said. "It had probably been there a little bit."

He and his wife, Felicia Barcelona, 44, cleaned out the container, which Felicia described as "ordinary." They then discovered the bottle's neck was too small to allow for fingers or tweezers to pull out the message.

The Barcelonas decided to get the message out the only way they could think of — they smashed the bottle.

There, they found two rolled up sheets of paper — one too wet to read, and another with Johnny Garza's phone number and address.

Tommy Barcelona texted Garza, who responded in disbelief. He'd been throwing messages in bottles into the ocean for years, and had never received a response, he told Tommy Barcelona.

Garza also told the Barcelonas that he was amazed to hear where the bottle ended up — in Galveston, his birthplace.

"It's just crazy," Tommy Barcelona said. "Of all the bottles he gets a response from, it's from where he was born."

Felicia Barcelona said she has always believed in the "magic of the island."

"A lot of crazy, magical things have happened to us on the island," she said. "It was a gift."

There's no way of knowing when the bottle arrived on the island, but it traveled a ways to get there. By the time it landed, it traveled at least 1,090 miles.

"People find things all the time on the island," Tommy Barcelona said. "I've found all kinds of things, but this one right here, it wins."

Distributed by Associated Press

Pleas

From 3B

deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, 100 hours community service; two counts of theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, 100 hours community service; accident involving injury, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, 100 hours community service.

Rogelio Ramirez Jr., 23, failure to appear, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, 100 hours community service, CBT.

Sean Michael Ramirez, 27, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, three years TDCJ.

Fernando Pacheco Ramos, 26, deadly conduct as a lesser included offense of deadly conduct discharge firearm, fine, court cost.

Juan Sanchez, 18, aggravated assault of a child, adjudicate, six years TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance, adjudicate, 12 months state jail.

Valerie Perez Sanchez, 17, tampering with physical evidence, five years deferred adjudication, fine, 350 hours community service.

Tosha Leshee Sorrel, 34, possession of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years community supervision, fine, 250 hours community service, TAIP.

Jett Sours, 28, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, 100 hours community service, TAIP, AA or NA meetings.

Calistro Vela, 52, failure to comply with sex offender registration, two years TDCJ.

Kyle Scott York, 25, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, three years TDCJ.

Casilie Christine Valdez, 28, securing execution of a document by deception, four years deferred adjudication, fine, restitution, 250 hours community service.

Feb. 27-March 3

Brooke Sierra Adams, 23, injury to a child, extend supervision two years, Project Adam.

Rodrigo Aleman, 24, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, Project Adam, AA meetings, no contact with the victim, 150 hours community service.

Tiffany Ann Arredondo, 25, tampering with physical evidence, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 50 hours community service; prohibited substance in a correctional facility, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 50 hours community service.

Karen Beaird, 35, debit card abuse, revoke, six months state jail; two counts of fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, revoke, six months state jail; theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, revoke, six months state jail.

Dustin Chase Bidlack, 23, assault family violence by strangulation, revoke, three years TDCJ.

Marcus Antonio Duarte, 19, two counts of aggravated assault against a public servant, adjudicated, 10 years TDCJ; evading arrest with a motor vehicle, revoked, two years TDCJ.

James Earl Griffin, 58, failure to appear, three years TDCJ.

Matthew Lee Hale, 40, burglary of a habitation, revoked, two years TDCJ.

Austin Tevis Herd, 22, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, continue supervision, 45 days jail, ISP, report to probation one time a quarter.

Hennessey Hunt, 57, burglary of a building, 15 months state jail; theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, 15 months state jail.

Deoje Ultravean Johnson, 21, assault family violence by strangulation, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, Project Adam, ISP for first 90 days, no contact with victim, 100 hours community service.

Robert Jones, 20, possession of a controlled substance, four years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost TAIP, outpatient treatment, 50 hours community service.

Yvonne Denice Marion, 33, abandoning/endangering a child, revoke, nine months state jail; abandoning/endangering a child, revoke, nine months state jail; abandoning/endangering a child, revoke, nine months state jail.

Ismael Varela Monarrez Jr., 20, burglary of a building, nine months state jail; robbery, six years TDCJ; robbery, six years TDCJ.

Jacqueline Montes, 23, criminal trespass as a lesser included offense of burglary of a habitation, one year county jail probated for two years, fine, court cost, anger management, 50 hours community service.

Rita Moreno, 35, two counts of forgery, extend supervision one year, CRTC.

Jesus Angel Navarette, 23, possession of a controlled substance, 180 days state jail.

Cecilia Reyes, 37, theft of property more than $1,500 with two or more previous convictions, two years state jail probated for four years, fine, court cost, restitution, ISP, 100 hours community service.

John Eric Saenz, 26, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit a felony, extend supervision, SAFTF; unlawful possession of a firearm, extend supervision, SAFTF.

Melissa Ann Sanderson, 45, criminal trespass as a lesser included offense of burglary of a habitation, two years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, no contact with victim, 200 hours community service.

Heriberto Sauceda, 23, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, deferred adjudication, four years community supervision, fine, TAIP, parenting classes, 250 hours community service.

Franklin Deon Wilson, 54, sex offender's duty to register, five years TDCJ probated for five years, court cost, 50 hours community service.

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

El Paso couple's 1957 disappearance still unsolved mystery

By Victor R. Martinez
El Paso Times

EL PASO — Sixty years ago, a neighbor of William and Margaret Patterson took boxes of Girl Scout cookies to their home and, feeling unwelcome, soon left.

The El Paso Times reported that was the last time anyone saw the Kern Place couple — and the last lead detectives had in solving the mystery behind the couple's disappearance.

"I took some cookies to Mrs. Patterson, and she seemed very upset," Jeri Cash told the El Paso Times in a March 18, 2013, article. "It was the only time I had talked to her. The couple tended to keep to themselves. The husband seemed unhappy that I was in the house, and I left soon after leaving the cookies with her. She was a tiny (petite) woman, and he always came across as mean and unfriendly."

The Pattersons, who lived in the 3000 block of Piedmont Drive, were last seen between March 5 and 6, 1957, according to El Paso police records.

The Pattersons' disappearance remains one of El Paso's great unsolved mysteries. It's still an open case.

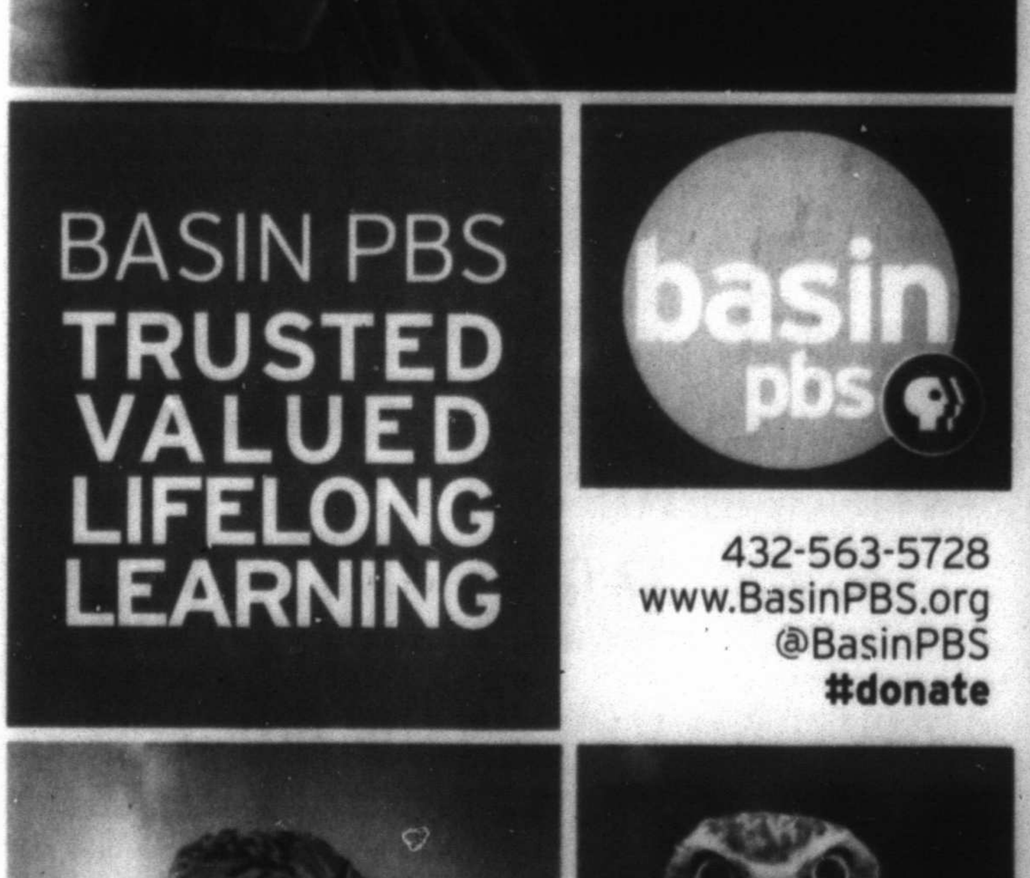
"Any unsolved case for us is very frustrating," said Sgt. Jim Belknap, supervisor of the El Paso County Sheriff's Crimes Against Persons unit who has worked the case on and off for more than 10 years.

"Over the years, people have come up with their own personal theories and ideas of what happened to with Mr. and Mrs. Patterson. Those theories create mystery — and everybody loves a mystery."

The disappearance of the Pattersons has inspired stories of espionage and even tales of UFO abductions.

Accounts of what happened to them have ranged from kidnapping to murder, with some believing they were killed and buried on the home's premises.

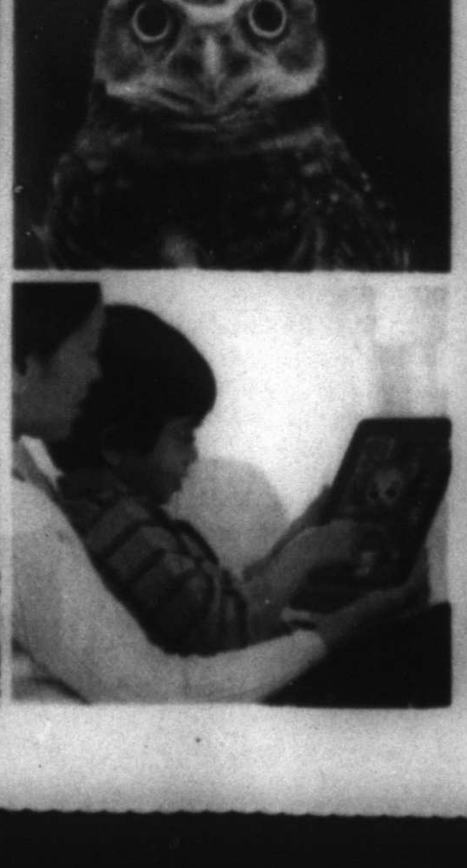
Please see **DISAPPEARANCE/5B**

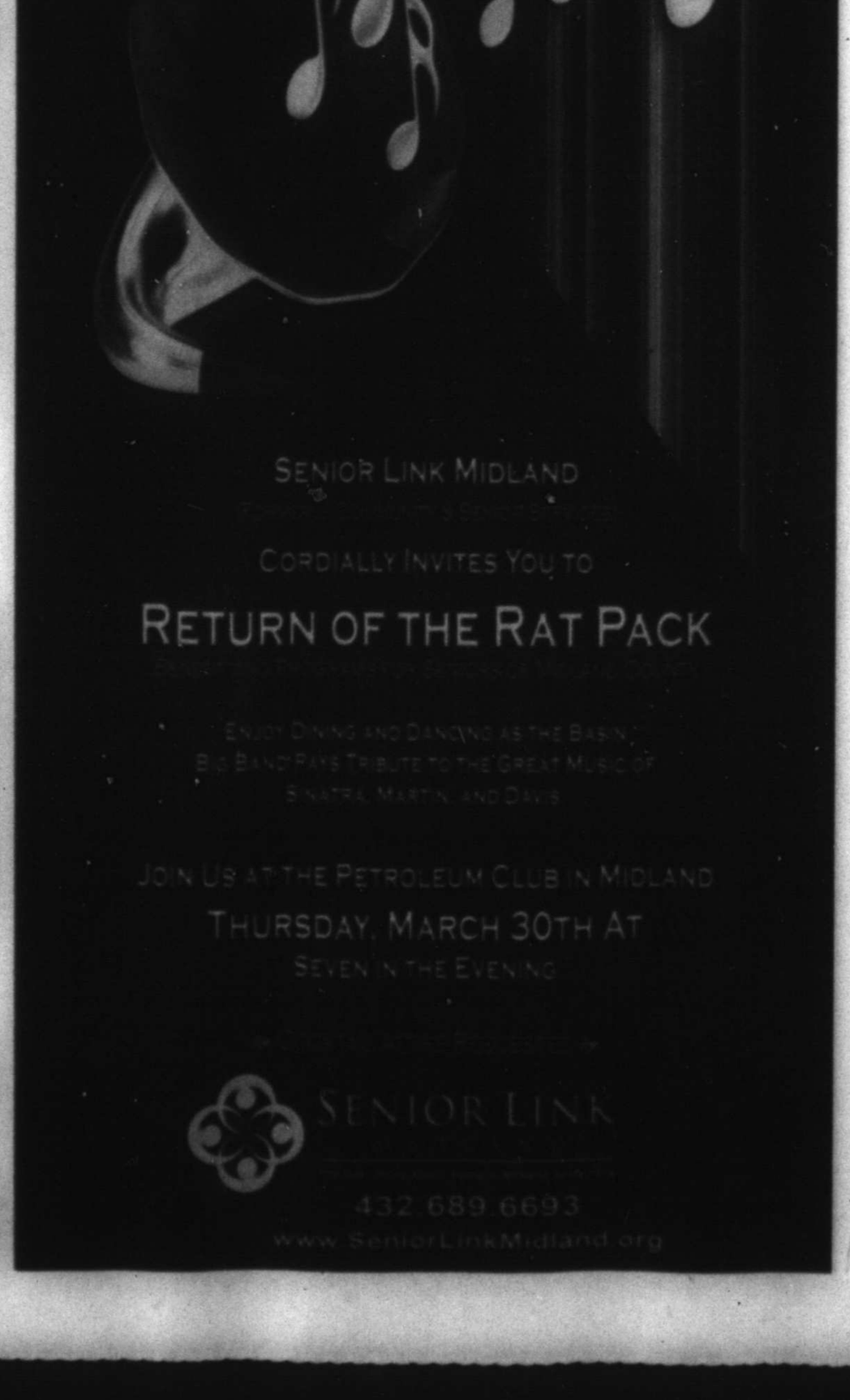


BASIN PBS
TRUSTED
VALUED
LIFELONG
LEARNING

basin pbs

432-563-5728
www.BasinPBS.org
@BasinPBS
#donate





El Paso Times via AP

Sheriff Leo Samaniego talks with Sgt. Jim Belknap as they discuss the 1957 disappearance case of William and Margaret Patterson. Detectives saved everything from the case, including all the newspaper clippings, foreground.

DISAPPEARANCE

From 4B

Legend has it that their spirits haunt the old house on Piedmont.

Former El Paso County Sheriff Leo Samaniego once theorized the Pattersons were spies who dropped everything and left.

William and Margaret Patterson, 52 and 42 years old, respectively, when they were last seen, owned Patterson Photo Supply.

Associates told police the couple went on an extended Florida vacation and later sent instructions to distribute his properties to his friends, employees and colleagues.

The leads and theories went nowhere, and new tips occasionally surface.

"We continue to revisit the case and go back over the case from time to time," said Belknap, who began working on the case around 2005. "Anytime we get new information from people who call in, we follow up on those leads."

"At that time, it was a matter of putting together as a complete a case as we could, which is sometimes difficult with older cases," he said. "Once we got the case together, we broke it down and re-interviewed some people and came up with additional information and leads."

"Unfortunately, those leads did not pan out," Belknap continued. "We continued going over the case and looking at different aspects of it and that's pretty much where we are now."

Detective Irene Anchondo of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office was also part of the investigative unit assigned to the Patterson case for several years.

She said the team followed up on the tip from their neighbor Cash three years ago.

"We did look into it, but there wasn't really much," Anchondo said. "It didn't take us any further into finding something else that we didn't already know. It really wasn't anything we could use to develop other leads."

Anchondo, who is no longer with the Crimes Against Persons unit, said that was the team's last lead.

"For me, it's one of those cases where all you want is to be able to get a lead," she said. "You're always hoping for something that will open up the case and move forward and actually solve it and bring some closure to family members, so it is very frustrating. A case like this stays with you forever."

Distributed by Associated Press

SXSW could be beginning of the end for an Uber-less Austin

By Joshua Brustein
Bloomberg

Austin has spent the last 10 months engaged in a big experiment in urban transportation.

Uber and Lyft suddenly stopped operating there last May in protest of a law requiring drivers to be fingerprinted. Since then, a wave of startups emerged to fill the gap left by the U.S. ride-hailing giants. Success would be proof that alternative visions of ride-sharing can flourish in a major American city.

But the model will face its biggest test yet when crowds in the several hundreds of thousands will start descending upon Austin for the annual South by Southwest festival, a nine-day event that could be accurately described as a tech conference, a music and film festival, and a huge mess.

In tech circles, SXSW is renowned for propelling Twitter and other apps to prominence, at least temporarily. This year's speakers include Mark Cuban, Gawker's Nick Denton and Reddit Inc. cofounder Alexis Ohanian.

There are currently seven ride-hailing apps operating in Austin, all of which were in compliance with fingerprinting rules as of Feb. 15, the city said. None of their names will sound familiar to most SXSW attendees. Two apps are leading the pack: RideAustin and Fasten. Both claim to be the city's leading ride-hailing provider.

Michael Ferguson, a professional realtor and recreational beer consumer, prefers RideAustin to get him home after a night of drinking. "RideAustin is pretty normal, man; the app works pretty good, and they have a lot of drivers," Ferguson said. "I don't think that, for the customer, getting around this town is an issue anymore."

The data suggest otherwise. Both Uber and Lyft have said they had about 10,000 drivers in Austin at their peak. According to the city's transportation department, 7,077 people had completed the required background checks as of Feb. 1. Licensed ride-hailing providers completed about 108,000 trips a week in January, the last month for which city data is available. Many full-time drivers appear to have stuck around because volume is only down about 13 percent since Uber and Lyft left, according to estimates from RideAustin.

But SXSW will put a significant strain on the capacity of these young startups. Fasten sees it as an opportunity to capture the national spotlight and reach venture capitalists. It plunked down cash to be an official SXSW sponsor. The company, which is based in Boston, raised $10 million in funding last year, and Kirill Evdakov, its chief executive officer, said he's seeking an additional $20 million to expand in more cities. "Not many people know about what we do," Evdakov said.

RideAustin has slightly less riding on SXSW because it's a local nonprofit with no plans to expand geographically. Still, it's been working feverishly to mobilize drivers for the nine-day festival. The organization has placed Craigslist ads in nearby San Antonio and Houston, encouraging Uber drivers to come to town temporarily.

Joe Deshotel, director of community engagement at RideAustin, boasted that drivers from those cities periodically travel to Austin for days-long work trips-a national trend that has raised social and economic concerns elsewhere. "They're not making enough in Houston, so they're coming here," Deshotel said. "I talked to some other drivers from San Antonio who stay at friends' houses, or they just drive back."

While Uber and Lyft will skip SXSW this year, they're not giving up on Austin. They continue to fight fingerprint proposals nationwide, saying the programs would keep many people from driving for their platforms. They also argue that prints aren't an effective way to conduct background checks. The companies are working with Texas state lawmakers on a proposal that would override city ride-hailing regulations. In 2016, Uber had 21 lobbyists registered in the state; Lyft had 13. Lyft is planning a lobbying day at the state capitol on March 16.

There are four different bills now pending, all vying to take effect in September. They have widespread support and, for now anyway, no organized opposition. Having consistent regulations statewide could encourage Uber and Lyft to move into smaller cities, said Chris Paddie, a Texas House Republican who's the primary sponsor of one of the bills. He represents Marshall, a town of about 25,000 that currently has neither ride-hailing nor taxis. Hearings are expected to begin this month.

Uber and Lyft said they'll come back to Austin if the city's rules are defeated. The return of two multibillion dollar companies from San Francisco would inevitably change the business landscape. Cracks are already starting to form for the new startups. RideAustin is funded through donations from the local business community, and it said the flow of money has slowed substantially as state legislation looms large.

Fasten and RideAustin both put on a brave face. They say they've gained enough traction to fend off larger competitors that have poisoned their relationships with Austinites. The newer apps claim they've improved life for drivers by letting them keep a larger proportion of the fares; they're sharing more data with the city; and, of course, they're giving city voters what they asked for by fingerprinting drivers. In their view, the reduction in transportation activity over the last year was only minor growing pains.

Trevor Theunissen, a local spokesman for Uber, paints a different picture. He pointed to a recent report from a local television station that highlighted a thriving illegal cab industry in downtown Austin, where drivers trawl the bar district offering rides for cash. He also argued that the city's ride-hailing regulations are toothless because they rely on groups to self-report data with unclear consequences for disobeying the rules. "The city's not doing much to ensure compliance," Theunissen said.

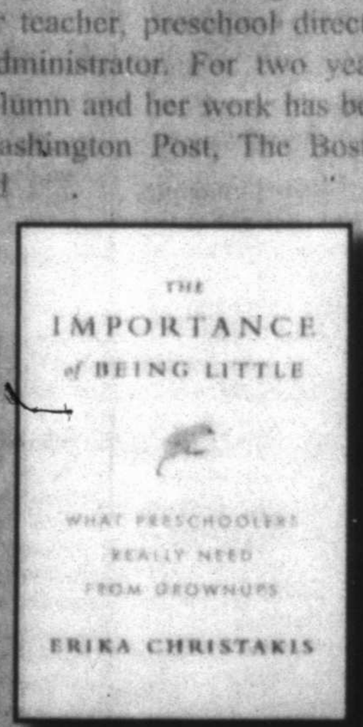
Steve Adler, Austin's mayor, didn't dispute this. But he said Austin's homegrown ride-hailing industry has proven successful enough that the state should leave the city to its own devices. To him, the bills are the latest volley in a long-running game in which the state tries to impose its will on its weirdest city. "Austin, the rest of the state says, is weird," Adler mused. "I hear that, and we're proud of that."

TRINITY SCHOOL
Σπεύδε καὶ βράδυνε

An Evening with
Erika Christakis

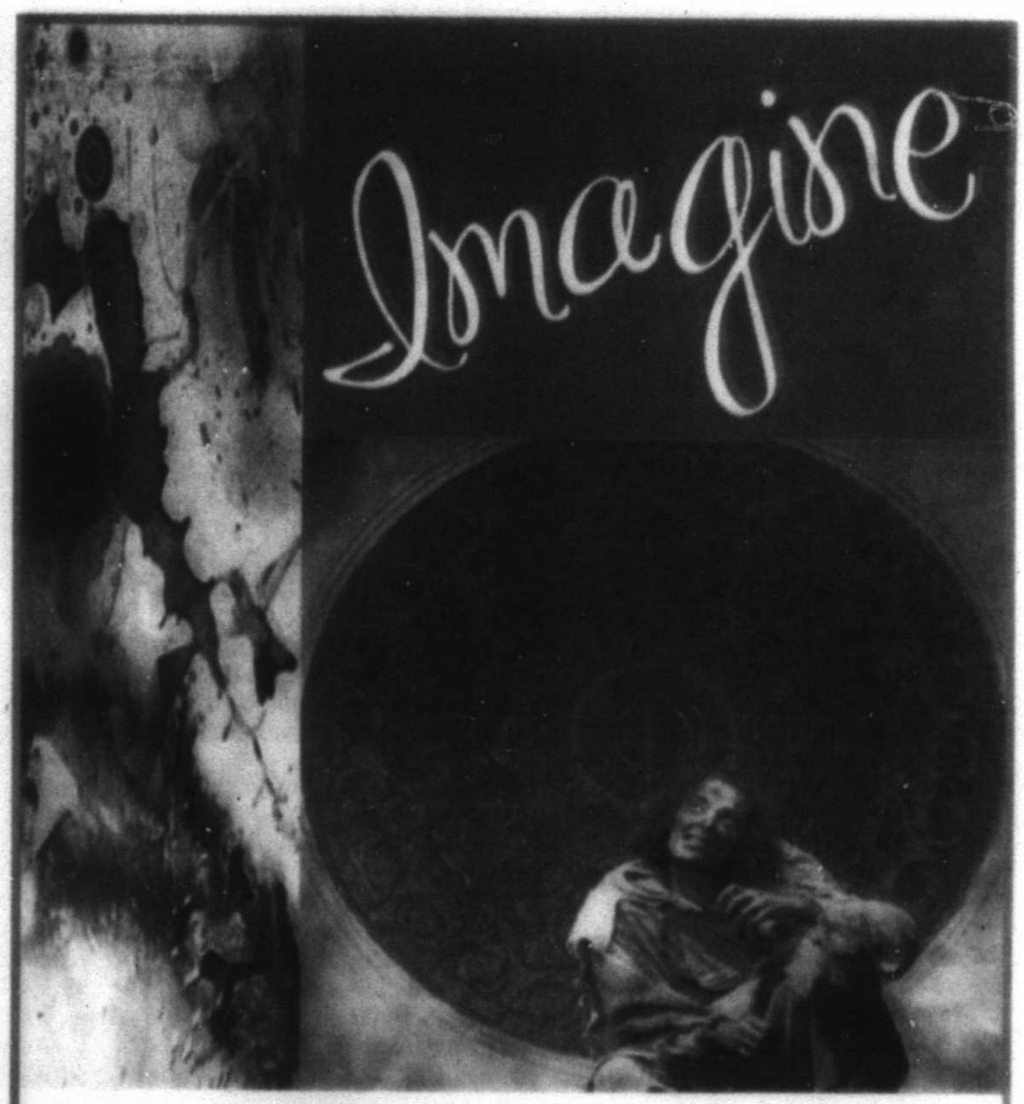
On Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m., the Trinity Alumnae Moms will host "An Evening with Erika Christakis." Free tickets are required and available at the front office of Trinity School. For more information, contact Kobi Lincoln (432) 697-3281.

Educator, journalist, and New York Times best-selling author of The Importance of Being Little, Erika Christakis has spent her career as an advocate for children and families. With extensive experience from years as a lecturer at Yale's esteemed Child Study Center, she has written widely about child development from preschool through the college years, drawing on her hands-on experiences as a former teacher, preschool director, school consultant, and college administrator. For two years, Erika wrote a TIME.com Ideas column and her work has been featured in The Atlantic, The Washington Post, The Boston Globe, CNN.com, Nightline, and the Financial Times. An honors graduate of Harvard College, she holds advanced degrees in public health, communication, and early childhood education and is a Massachusetts-certified early childhood teacher.



Her book, *The Importance of Being Little*, will be available for purchase at the event.

3500 W. Wadley Ave. • Midland, TX 79707
432-697-3281 • www.trinitymidland.org



Where **Midland** Community **Theatre** can take you!

Solve a Murder on the Nile or witness a Miracle on 34th Street. The possibilities are limitless.

Become a 2017 MCT member and enjoy premier shows, discounts, and advanced reservations.

Join today at mctmidland.org.

Kim Brent/Beaumont Enterprise

Debranique Tims, right, joins the congregation in praise and worship during Sunday morning services at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Orange. Part of Rev. C.W. Crawford's message to the congregation was on the role the church has played within the community as the first established black church in Orange, and the part it continues to play in bettering the lives of those within the community.

Orange's 'Mother Church' is place for support, love

■ Mount Zion Baptist provides a home to members of black community

By David Thompson and Kim Brent
Beaumont Enterprise

ORANGE — The nervous hands of 9-year-old Amorren Coleman reached out for the microphone as he stood alone on the stage at Mount Zion Baptist Church, staring wide-eyed at a buzzing congregation waiting for him to perform.

Amorren's voice trembled, overpowered by the band's opening notes of "Break Every Chain." He looked fearfully to the Rev. C.W. Crawford as the microphone dropped slowly from his mouth.

Crawford cried out, "If we don't support him now, when he wants to sing for God, who will?"

Cheers rang out from the congregation.

Linda Williams, a longtime church member, yelled "You can do it, baby," from a center aisle pew.

Amorren lifted the microphone back to his lips, smiled sheepishly and sang out with new confidence.

"That is why we are here," said Crawford, as Amorren returned to his seat. "To be the support for our children. To be the support the community needs."

Mount Zion, built in 1871, is widely known as Orange's "Mother Church," a place that nurtures spiritual and educational growth, and in its past, offered the black community sanctuary during a time of unchecked racism and segregation.

"This was where blacks could come and worship, but also where you could go to get an education, an identity," said Essie Bellfield, Orange's first black mayor. "That's why we call it the Mother Church, not only because it was one of the first, but because it gave black people a home. It still does."

Crawford's downstairs office is lined with old desktop computers and self-help books on carpentry. The walls are stained with water damage from Hurricane Ike, whose 2008 devastation washed away historical documents and photos.

His voice grows from a low rumble to an excited squeal as he describes the importance of education in the black community — starting at its origins.

"What I find that can make us great as a people is education," said Crawford, 70, who has been the head pastor at Mount Zion for 21 years. "The absence of knowledge is dangerous, and the echo in your brain created from ignorance brings upon violence when you are lost."

Mount Zion first sponsored a school for blacks in the church's basement in 1873, led by teachers L.M. and S.M. Sublett, according to Orange historian Howard Williams' book "Orange in Pictures."

Mount Zion's success prompted the construction of St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church in 1884 on N. 14th St. as a church for Mount Zion's members who lived farther away. Mt. Olive Baptist Church was built in 1910 and Mt. Sinai Baptist opened 10 years later. Today, Orange has 22 Baptist churches.

"These churches set the standard for what the black community strives to be," said Henry Lazby, 84, a former chairman of the deacon board at El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, which formed in 1949. "They've tried to instill the right ideas of community and fellowship."

Mount Zion went through several renovations and moved twice, according to church documents. Classes continued despite pressure from the white community to move to make room for a dance hall, as well as a late 19th-century storm that "blew the church of its blocks".

Mount Zion's current location was completed in 1926.

In 1901, the Orange Colored School opened and at different times was housed at Mount Zion and Salem Methodist Church.

One of the school's four teachers was Emma Henderson Wallace, who went on to work at Orange's first black high school, Moton, in 1916. She became principal in 1933, according to the Texas Historical Commission, and the school was renamed after her in 1946.

Mount Zion "gave us a historical foundation of spirituality and education that allowed us to rise up as a people," said Carol Luper, whose grandfather, the Rev. Luke Dunlap Jr., helped save the church during the Great Depression. "It was the first organized black institution that made a true mark on the community."

Luper, 67, is a third-generation college-educated black woman. Her mother, Mary Luper-Dunlap, was an elementary teacher at E.H. Wallace, and her grandmother, Izetta Dunlap, opened the first preschool for blacks in 1952.

Luper was one of the first black students to attend Orange's white Lutcher Stark High School, graduating in 1968. She attended and graduated from Lamar University.

"The reality is that I'm only four generations from slavery," Luper said. "That was something that always motivated me. Education is the way to alter your economic status and your opportunity for mobility in this life."

Luper said growing up in the church helped her cope with the some of the white community's anger at integration.

"We were taught coping mechanisms and life lessons in the church," Luper said. "We were taught, and we teach our children today, that although the First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech, what you say, as a black person, has consequences."

Although some of the church's responsibility for basic education has passed to public schools, Mount Zion's spiritual and social influence endured.

Henry Lowe attended E.H. Wallace high school from 1952-54. He was baptized at Mount Zion after being drafted in 1961 so that "his soul would be saved in case he died at war."

Lowe said, when he was a kid, "if you weren't in church, you better be dead."

"That was what you did, you went to church because that's where everyone was and those were the people — the pastors and deacons — you respected most," Lowe said.

The pastors were spokesmen for the black community, Lowe said.

"They were the only ones who felt like they could speak up to whites in power because they were educated," Lowe said. "Let's say someone like Mr. (H.J. Lutcher) Stark would come down and ask the pastors what the community needed. If it was feasible, they would get it."

Churches, particular Mount Zion, acted as community centers where blacks could safely air their grievances, Lowe said.

"Churches were a place of refuge for blacks, a place where someone could defend you if you were in trouble," Crawford said. "The pastor was there to speak on your morals. I would say the church acted as an umbrella for the community. It offered shelter of many kinds."

That included a resting place for its congregation's members.

The Hollywood Community Cemetery, two blocks from Mount Zion, is the oldest known black cemetery in the area. According to the Texas Historical Commission, the 2?-acre tract was given to Mount Zion trustee William King in 1875. It's the resting place of Emma Wallace and Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, the Grammy Award-winning blues guitarist.

The name of the cemetery — once the Colored Cemetery — was given by Alfred Sparrow Jr., whose father opened Sparrow Funeral Home in 1920.

"He called it that because he said everyone who is buried there is a movie star to their family," said his son, Wayne Sparrow, who with his wife Francine, still runs the funeral home.

Today, Mount Zion — through Sparrow Funeral Home — offers to bury its poorer members for $100. Most times, Crawford waives the fee.

"When people are hurting, it is our time to reach out," he said. "Everyone deserves to have a proper resting place, and everyone has loved ones there."

Sparrow, who was in charge of restoring graves after Hurricane Ike, said like the church, the cemetery offers value to the black community.

"When you have a physical landmark that you can claim and share with your children or grandchildren, those things are priceless," Sparrow said. "It gives you something to hold on to and it lets you know where you came from."

Crawford is focused on the future.

He said it is his life's work to continue Mount Zion's reputation as a place of refuge and education for Orange's black community.

The "Fresh Start" educational program, run in the church's basement and has allowed 60 people, including 62-year-old Olivia Wilson, to earn their high school diplomas since 2011.

"Progress starts with you," Crawford said. "The question you have to ask yourself is are you doing your best?"

During the week, Crawford ministers to the community's poor.

"I take off my suit and I roll up my sleeves to show people who are struggling how to move on, that there is another way," Crawford said.

More than a decade ago, Crawford found Suzie Hill in a local drug house, her clothes tattered, not a penny to her name.

Hill had lost all five of her children to the state because of her drug addiction.

Crawford brought her to the church and gave her a place to stay. She got sober and regained custody of her children. She became an usher at Mount Zion and became known as the "dancing usher" for her energy during services.

On a recent Sunday, Hill said good-bye to the church. She plans to move to Dallas and live with her oldest daughter.

During the service, younger members talked about Hill's influence on them.

"You told me I was going to be someone," Lorie Jackson said.

Hill stood alone next to the wall at the end of the church, dabbing her eyes with a handkerchief as others spoke of her in kind words.

"This church saved my life," Hill said. "I may be leaving, but my memories of this place will always remain. There is no me without this church."

State's oldest hardware store has a future

By Ronald W. Erdruch
Abilene Reporter-News

BROWNWOOD — After 140 years, the oldest hardware store in Texas continues to have a bright future.

The family-owned Weakley-Watson Hardware recently announced it would be closing its doors at the end of February.

"It's been 140 years; it's been five generations in the same family. That's a pretty good run," said Mike Blagg, co-owner and president of the company, which was founded by his great-great grandfather J.C. Weakley in 1876.

"You hear of businesses that go three generations, sometimes; four generations or five is pretty rare."

Blagg owns the store with his brothers Bill and John Lee Blagg.

"We're all right around retirement age, and sadly, it's just time to put an end to the business," he said. "When we announced that we were going to close the store, we had so many people come in that were so unhappy."

One of them was Tim Jacobs.

It's since been announced that Jacobs, owner of Jacobs Family Pharmacy in Brownwood, had agreed to purchase the business.

"We were on a trip and heard the news via social media that the store was going to close," Jacobs recently said by phone. "I thought, 'Oh no, what am I going to do Saturday afternoon when I need something for my home or my business?' You know, I always go to Weakley-Watson."

He immediately began calling people back in Brownwood to find out the circumstances surrounding the store's closing.

"I found out that it was possible that it could still continue on, so we got together with the owners to see what it would take to purchase the business," Jacobs said.

Weakley-Watson True Value, as it's formally known, has been at 1414 Austin Ave. since 2004. Its best-known location has been the building at 102 Fisk St., built shortly before 1910. On its website, the retailer refers to itself as the oldest hardware store in the state.

The Fisk Street building will stay with the Blagg family, it is their company headquarters and also is home to a small museum chronicling the store's life for nearly a century and a half. The room provides a glimpse into the history of not only family members and their store, but of early Texas.

Blagg pointed out an adding machine — he recalled as a child walking by the ladies in the office as they used the devices and the clatter they made. When the company bought one of the women an electronic calculator, he noted how weird it felt to walk past her as she worked.

"At every other desk, it was so loud with that 'clackety-clack'; you'd go by her desk, and it was so quiet," he said.

A 6-foot wooden slide rule was propped against the wall. Blagg said his grandfather made it for a class he had been teaching.

"We used them in high school, but of course they're totally obsolete now," he recalled.

"If you talk to anybody under the age of 40 now (and) say 'slide rule,' they think you're talking about a new rule in baseball."

Blagg showed several pictures of Weakley, one being a formal full-length portrait with a broom by his side.

"He was from Indianapolis, he started in the Union Army in the Civil War as a private," he said. "After the war, he had a friend from Indianapolis named Lew Wallace, who was actually a general in the Northern Army."

The men decided to head West and rode the train as far as it went at the time, to St. Joseph, Missouri.

"When the train ran out of track, they were waiting

Please see **HARDWARE**/7B

Helping Hands of Midland
An All-Volunteer Organization Reaching Out To Others
1301 BRINSON LANE
(BEHIND ROGERS FORD)
520-8900
www.helpinghandsmidland.com

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

Electric	4 families	$ 1,194.44
Water	3 families	$ 1,133.57
Rent	30 families	$ 25,028.31
TOTAL		$ 27,356.32

While we have run a column such as this in the past more times than you would care to read, we feel that it is necessary to educate the public (and especially those who call us for help) just what the criteria is for getting assistance from Helping Hands. More and more agencies are cutting back on help, especially with rental assistance. While we would love to be able to help every single person who calls us with a legitimate need, the fact is that there is just not enough money to accommodate everyone. We are continually being asked why we aren't able to help all of the people who call us.

This is what we tell them: we receive between 40-80 calls each day from people in need of assistance. We have the resources to help perhaps 30 families each week. We reach out to those families in most need. Foremost on our list are people who are homeless. We do our best to help families in need of shelter, provided we can find shelter for them. Of importance are those in the process of eviction – however, before we help them we need to know that they are working or have a very legitimate reason (such as illness or devastating financial circumstances that can be documented) for not being able to pay rent. We need also to know that the situation is something they will be able to rectify with proper counseling. We will also help move new residents to Midland into apartments, but again, only if they are working and can afford to pay part of the move-in costs and the cost of rent once they are moved in. Then we deal with people whose utilities have been disconnected – again, we need to know why they could not afford to pay the bill and we need to be assured that they have the resources to pay their bills in the future. We offer counseling to help these people to better manage their money.

Priority is always given to the elderly, the handicapped, the disabled, and children, especially those who are sick. We look to those who have never asked for help before, but who have been affected by devastating financial situations they had not anticipated nor could handle (mainly necessary medicines or other medical expenses).

Beyond that, when someone calls us for help, we look up their history on Agency Crosscheck (a website shared by most benevolence agencies in Midland), and determine how often they have asked for help in the past. For example, if a person is relatively young, in good health, and cannot find a job in Midland right now (and yes, despite the decline in the oil industry there is still an abundance of jobs here), it is evident to us that he or she has not made sufficient effort to find a job. We will put them at the very bottom of our list of people to call (and we never reach the bottom of the list!). Similarly, if they have asked multiple agencies for assistance, and there is not evident reason for needing that much help, we will decline assistance. We do not want to help those who will not help themselves. The beauty of our system for tracking benevolence help in Midland is that all of the agencies help each other to see that assistance is given to those most in need.

While we love to say YES whenever possible, we will not compromise the money that you give us to help the poor by spending it unwisely. We will try at all times to be responsible stewards of the money with which you grace us. Again, we thank you for your generous support!

TODAY: Mostly cloudy High: 58 Low: 47

MONDAY: Sunny High: 69 Low: 48

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 80 Low: 52

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 74 Low: 54

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 81 Low: 50

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 80 Low: 50

Local forecast

Expect cooler conditions today with a high nearly 25 degrees below than Saturday's high and more than 10 degrees less than normal for this time of year.

On Monday, the warmer temperatures return and winds could reach 30 mph.

The record high for March 11 is 91, set in 1989. The record low is 10, set in 1948. On March 11 of last year, the high was 70 and the low was 43.

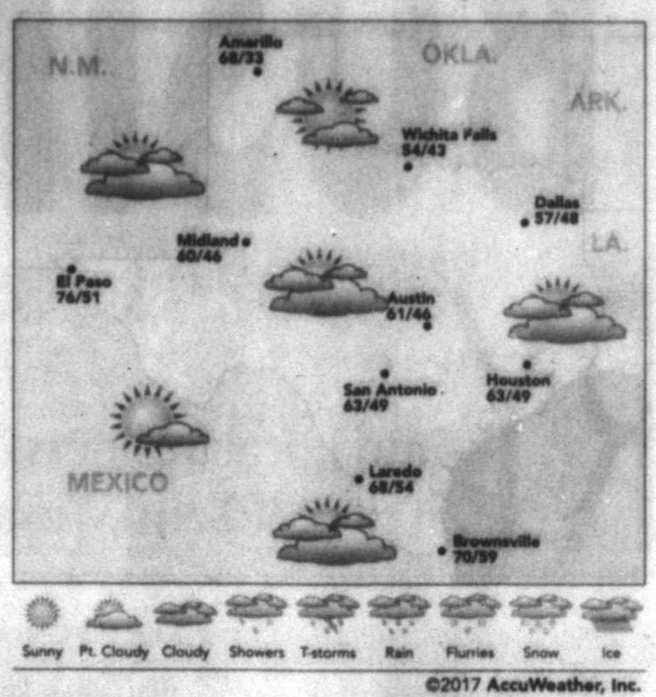
Weather brief

Madagascar cyclone death toll reaches 38, authorities say

JOHANNESBURG — Madagascar's government says the death toll from Cyclone Enawo has risen to at least 38.

The island nation's disaster management agency on Saturday said the cyclone that made landfall in the northeast on Tuesday also has driven 50,000 people from their homes. At least 180 people were injured.

Enawo brought heavy rains and winds in excess of 140 miles per hour — the equivalent of a Category 4 hurricane.



Precipitation

Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	1.84 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.48 in.

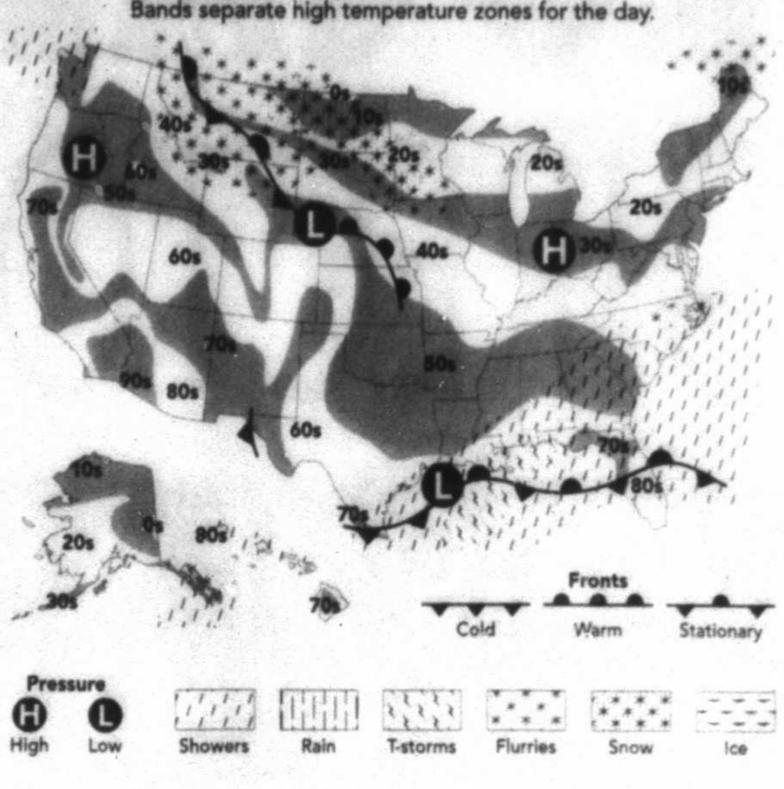
Saturday's temperatures

High	82
Low	52
Normal high	69
Normal low	40
Sunrise	8:02 a.m.
Sunset	7:55 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Sunday, March 12, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Ex-bull rider finds joy in training cutting horses

By Lydia DePillis
Houston Chronicle

Jon Shapley/Houston Chronicle via AP

This video frame grab shows Roy Carter petting his son's horse at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on March 7 in Houston. Professional cutting horses have never actually worked on a ranch running cattle, but they've trained to act like it. Carter teaches that instinct, how to separate a cow from the herd.

HOUSTON — Professional cutting horses have never actually worked on a ranch running cattle, but they've trained all their lives to act like it.

Roy Carter teaches that instinct — how to separate a cow from the herd.

"When it starts following the cow with his ears," says Carter, a cutting horse trainer with deep crags in his face and a turkey feather in his flat-brimmed hat, "then you know you're getting somewhere."

Carter, 65, has been coming to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo since he was a kid — his father worked on a farm on Westheimer Road, back when it wasn't full of strip malls. By age 13, he'd gotten into bull riding, and had his face bashed in during one competition, requiring reconstructive surgery. A few years later, he broke his neck and his back.

"I went out and sat in my car for two hours and cried, thinking of what I was going to do for a living," he recalled, after a visit to the doctor. "And then I went out and rode bulls for another 13 years."

He hadn't gone to college, so bull riding was among his only options. He loved it more than anything, and it paid the bills. "I didn't save any money," he said, "but I always had money in my pocket."

Carter finally quit bull riding in 1985. It wasn't the injuries, he says, just time, and a weariness with constant travel. The next best thing was training cutting horses, so he trained under the best in the business, Keith Barnett — everybody seems to know each other in this industry, since you've either taught or been taught by or trained horses for most everybody else.

"He's a legend," said at least three people who pass by Carter as he leans on a stall door in the recesses of NRG Arena where horses wait their turn to show.

The money's a little steadier in the training business than it is riding bulls, but it's by no means assured. Cutting horses are a luxury good: Most are owned by folks with expendable income who just like to compete on the weekends, and a good one can go for upward of $100,000. One of Carter's clients flies in from Idaho a few times a year to ride the horse he trains for her.

Around Houston, the business sank a little during the oil downturn, as energy executives cut back on those little extravagances. It's coming back, said Johnny Causey, chair of the rodeo's cutting horse committee. But then there's always the risk of having a few bad shows, not bringing in the prize money you're counting on — if that goes on long enough, you start losing your reputation, and your horses won't sell for as much.

That hasn't happened for Carter, who now trains 22 horses at his ranch in Perrin, a tiny town in North Texas. Still, he stays diversified by breeding bucking bulls as well, about 30 of them, which he leases out to rodeos around the state. They're friendly when they're not trying to kill you, he said.

On Tuesday, Carter was showing one of his clients' horses, a dark brown 5-year-old mare with a small star on her forehead named Freckles Powder River. She's small and skittish — Carter had to treat her gently for a long time, before she learned to trust. "She didn't like herself when I got her," he said.

After walking her in circles to keep her calm while other horses took their turn, Joenell, Carter's wife, handed the mare off to him. Hunched in the saddle, Carter rode her forward into the milling herd, and went straight for a brown cow with a big white stripe on its face.

Cutting horse judging is a subjective process. There are a few rules: You've got to single out a cow and keep it away from the rest of the herd until it comes to a standstill. After that, it's mostly style — how the horse moves, low to the ground, pivoting on its massive haunches, springing forward with explosive speed to counter every desperate end run.

By those metrics, Freckles Powder River did well. But she didn't get a chance to show off as much as Carter would've liked, and by the end, he knew he wouldn't be winning any money in this division. "These cattle are faking everybody out," he said, after handing the mare back to Joenell.

If he goes home without ending up in the winnings this year, Carter won't panic. "Unless it happens consistently!" he said, with a big laugh.

But after this long, he doesn't have as much to prove. "I'll be honest. I've done very, very well. And I'm about at the end," Carter said. "Youth always takes over."

Distributed by Associated Press

HARDWARE

From 6B

around for a stage coach or something to go further West," Blagg said. "Well, Weakley got impatient and decided he wanted to go down to Texas, so they parted company.

"But Mr. Wallace gave him a pistol and said, 'Here, you're going to need this down in Texas.'"

Blagg chuckled.

"Some things never change."

The two men remained friends. Wallace ended up in New Mexico as the territorial governor. He also went on to fame as the author of "Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ." An original signed copy of the novel resides in the Brown County Museum of History.

"Weakley rode a boat down the Mississippi to New Orleans," Blagg continued. "He was a tin smith by trade and worked in a shop in Galveston."

After that, he traveled to Waco and then to Comanche, where he was hired to install a tin roof in nearby Brownwood.

"He liked the town, so he stayed, opened a tin shop, and that quickly turned into a hardware store," Blagg said. "Some years later, his son-in-law joined the business and it's been in the family ever since. His name was Lee Watson, and he was my great-grandfather."

During World War II, a need for building materials at nearby Camp Bowie allowed the store to expand into the wholesale supply business. That business continued until 1980, when it was sold off.

The family also had a sporting goods store until three years ago, when it too was sold it to a new owner, who kept the name but moved the operation to Early.

Customer needs have changed since 1876.

"They sold a lot of wagon and buggy parts, that was a big deal," Blagg said.

But there are some things you'll always need.

"Hammers, nails and whatnot; they also sold a lot of heaters, back then," Blagg said. "We still sell heaters today."

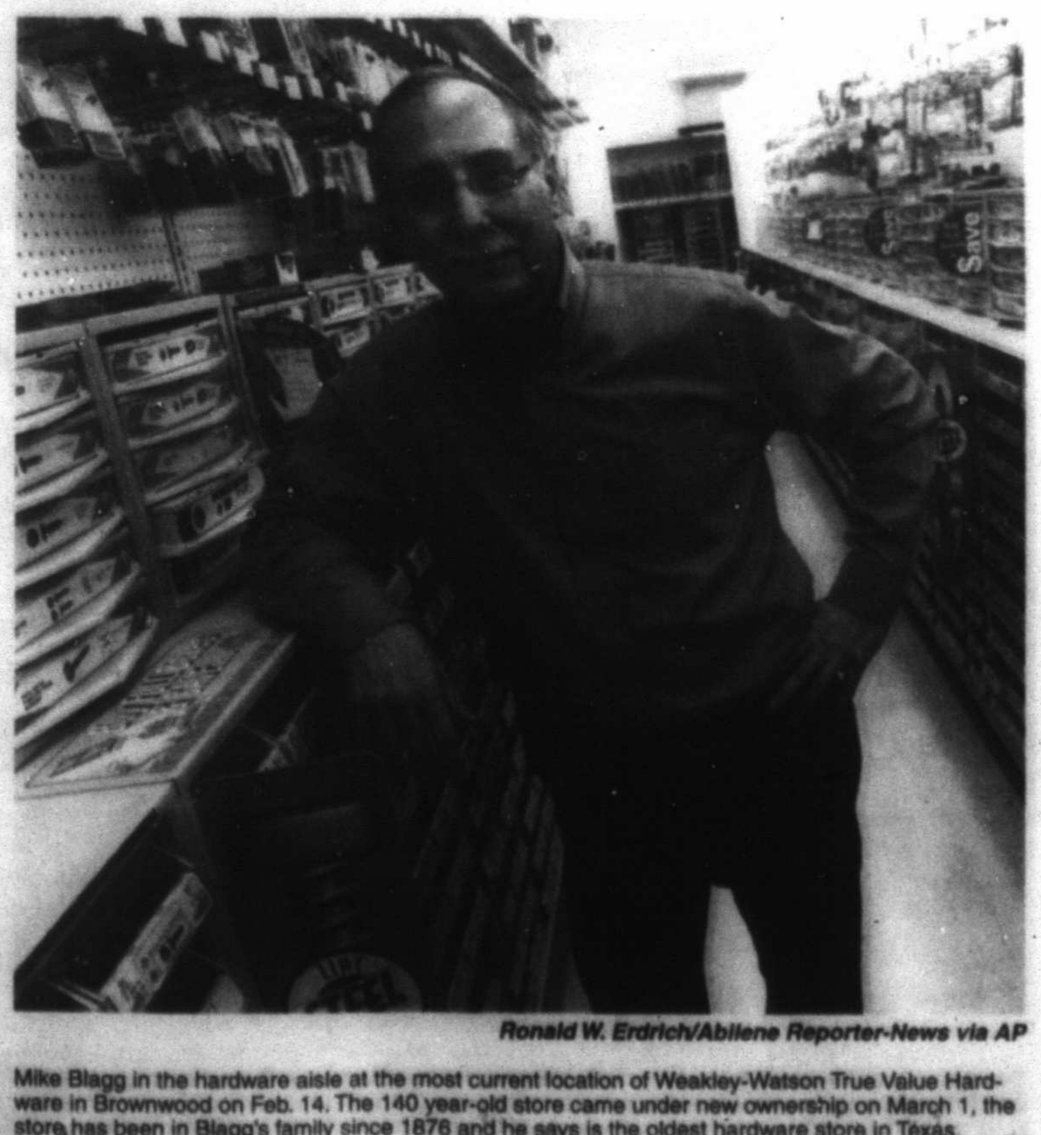
The oldest picture of the business, taken in 1878, declares, "Hardware, Guns & 'Amunition'." Misspellings didn't keep the customers away, however.

"Even though we sold off the sporting goods store, to this day Weakley-Watson still sells hardware, guns and ammunition," Blagg said.

Hardware stores are sort of like coffee shops or barbershops, it's a social experience. When customers come in with a question or a problem, one of the sales associates usually has an answer.

I enjoy being able to have what people want when they need it," Blagg said. "They've been supporting us for 140 years. We appreciate that, this town's been good to us."

Distributed by Associated Press



Ronald W. Erdrich/Abilene Reporter-News via AP

Mike Blagg in the hardware aisle at the most current location of Weakley-Watson True Value Hardware in Brownwood on Feb. 14. The 140 year-old store came under new ownership on March 1, the store has been in Blagg's family since 1876 and he says is the oldest hardware store in Texas.

LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Find Local Business Listings in the Midland, Texas Area

mrt.com Midland Reporter-Telegram

BECOME A FEATURED BUSINESS
432-687-8894

ANTIQUES

RUSTIC WINDMILL
A VINTAGE INSPIRED MARKETPLACE
7095 W Cuthbert
Midland, Tx 79701
(432) 262-0383

FLORIST

Flowerland
The Ultimate In Artistry and Design
413 Andrews Hwy.
Midland, TX 79701
432.682.1634
fax 432.682.8949
toll free 1.800.451.2496
www.flowerlandmidland.com

REAL ESTATE

Sandy J. Hanson
ABR, GRI, CRS, ASR
432-638-3819 cell
432-687-6500 office
sandy@sandyjhanson.com
LEGACY
The "KEY" to your Real Estate Needs!

CAR SERVICES

972 333-5909
RRR
Midland Texas
RED RAIDER RIDES
Your Personal Driver
find us @www.RedRaiderRides.com
schedule Hotel & Airport pick ups
with airline and flight # we can be waiting
pay with cash or credit card

HEALTH CARE

NURSES UNLIMITED
Keeping Your Loved Ones 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

MIDLAND
1ST CHOICE
REAL ESTATE
699-7000

CLEAN UP SERVICE

West Texas Dumpsters
432-614-5241
dumpsters@westtexasdumpsters.com

LANDSCAPING

AGAVE GARDEN
Drought Tolerant Plants!
1402 N. Loop 250 – Midland, TX
(432) 694-3500

REAL ESTATE

UP MARKET
DOWN MARKET
I'M HERE THROUGH THEM ALL.
CHRIS BECKETT, BROKER/OWNER
432-349-7000 c
432-686-7000 o
Pine & Beckett Realtors

ENTERTAINMENT

George H. W. Bush Childhood Home
1412 W. Ohio, Midland, TX 79701
Paul St. Hilaire, Executive Director 432-685-1112

MORTGAGE LENDING

PROSPERITY BANK
LISA HAGEE
4200 W. Wadley
Midland, TX 79707
www.hlc.prosperitybankusa.com
NMLS# 265297
Phone: (432) 682-1367
Mobile: (432) 967-1232
FAX: (432) 520-2472
lisa.hagee@prosperitybankusa.com

REAL ESTATE

Real Estate one
Midland
432-682-1111
www.re1midland.com

ENTERTAINMENT

Daytime Bingo
432-520-6450
3303 W. Illinois Ave., Ste. 15, Midland, TX
OPEN 10:30AM - 4:00PM, Monday - Saturday

REAL ESTATE

The Real Estate Company
432-618-0286

WATER PURIFICATION

Healthy Water Systems
by Good Technologies
Whole House Filter!
Uses No Salt & Does Not Waste Water!
www.GoodTechnologies.Biz
Call 432-699-2312
For A FREE Local Estimate

DINING

Jax
4400 N. Big Spring St.
Midland, TX
432.683.6303
3952 E. 42nd St.
Odessa, TX
432.550.7101

Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com

MHS falls in PKs to short-handed Tascosa

By Will Korn
wkorn@mrt.com

Facing Midland High, things couldn't have been much more difficult for the Amarillo Tascosa boys soccer team on Saturday.

A long morning bus ride, missing two top players due to SAT testing, being forced to start the team-leading scorer in goal and even losing a man to a red card in the 66th minute, made a win against the Bulldogs seem nearly impossible for Tascosa.

Cottle

But after a hard-fought 80 minutes of regulation resulted in a 0-0 tie, the Rebels pulled off an improbable 5-4 penalty kick District 2-6A victory at Grande Communications Stadium that inched them closer to the district's final playoff spot with one match to play.

The Bulldogs (9-7-1, 4-3-1-1, 19 points), who failed to capitalize on numerous opportunities, gained a point but remained one point back of first-place Lee (10-7-1, 5-2-1-1, 20 points) entering Tuesday's match against third-place Odessa High (9-7-3, 4-2-2-1, 18 points).

Tascosa (12-5-2, 2-2-0-5, 10 points) can clinch the final playoff spot by earning at least one point against Wolfforth Frenship Tuesday.

Tascosa head coach Brandt Martin said his

Please see **BOYS/4C**

MHS erupts in 2nd half, routs Tascosa

By Will Korn
wkorn@mrt.com

There might have been a growing sense of frustration in the hearts and minds of the Midland High girls soccer players during Saturday's first half against Amarillo Tascosa.

VonHolle

Despite a thoroughly one-sided first 40 minutes, the Lady Bulldogs led just 2-1 heading into the break after Tascosa tallied in the 40th minute.

But once MHS began to open up, share the ball and play selflessly, it found its gear. The Lady Bulldogs broke the match wide open with four second-half goals to coast to a 6-1 District 2-6A regulation win over Tascosa at Grande Communications Stadium.

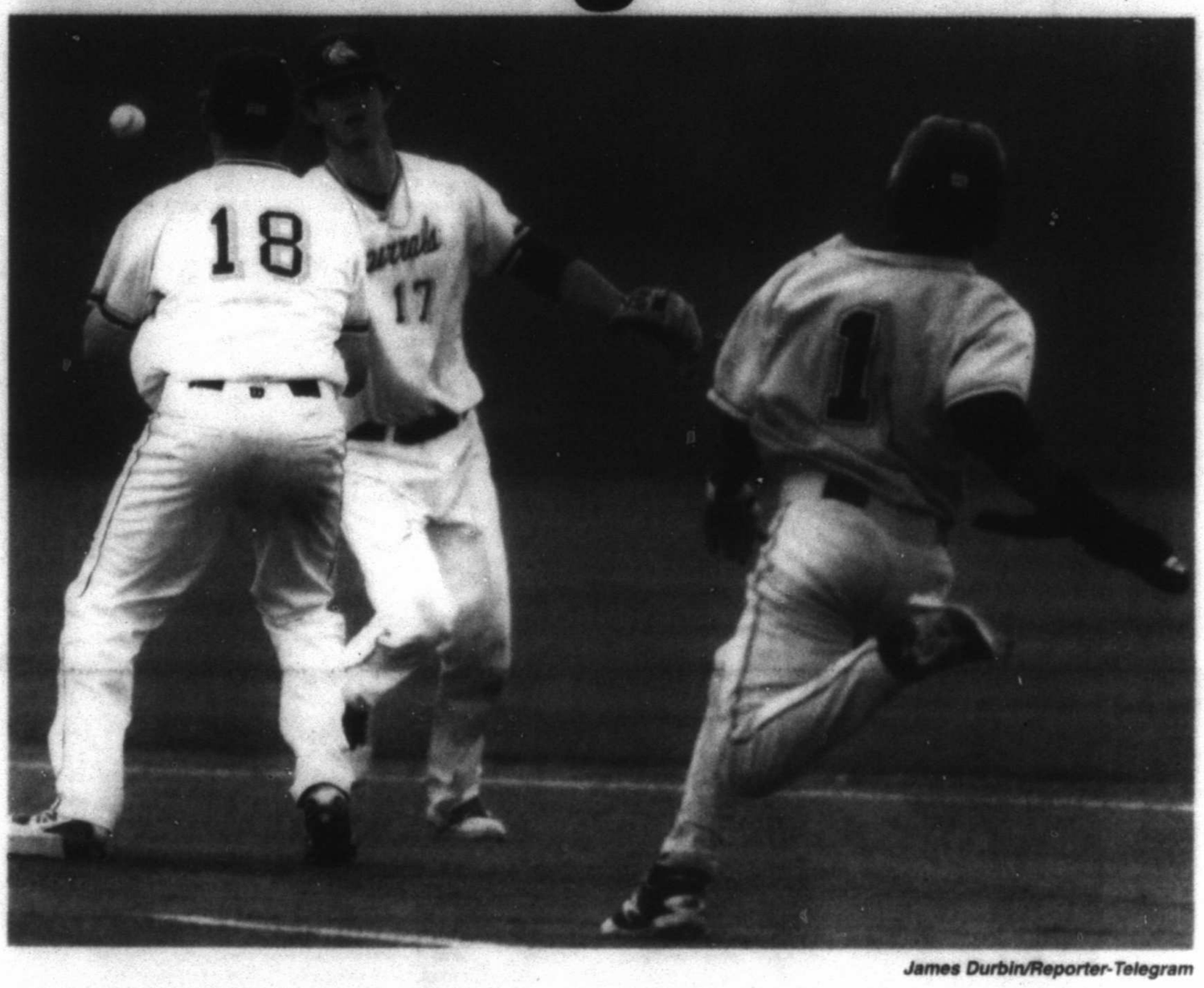
Kylie VonHolle scored four goals for MHS (14-3, 6-0-0-3, 18 points), which is now tied for second place with Odessa High. The two teams will meet at 5:30 pm Tuesday to decide the district's second playoff seed.

Fricker

Alee Moylett and Regan Rivas added the other two goals, while Claudia Fricker recorded three assists for the Lady Bulldogs.

Please see **GIRLS/4C**

A defining moment



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Nolan Rattai (18) gets the toss from teammate Kyle Mitchell (17) for an out against Howard College's Robert Bullard (1) on Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

Chaps brave elements, win series vs. Howard

By Oscar LeRoy
oleroy@mrt.com

The Midland College baseball team might have had a season-defining series against Howard College this weekend.

The Chaparrals not only battled an always-tough opponent in the Hawks, but on Saturday they had to endure a long day and go against the elements, which made for some tough playing conditions.

But the Chaps found a way to overcome all that and took three out of four games from the Hawks in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opening series.

After dropping a 15-7 decision in the conclusion of a suspended game from Friday afternoon, the Chaps held off the Hawks in the regular-scheduled doubleheader on Saturday, winning 5-4 and then coming from behind to win 12-10 in the series finale.

"I just told (the Chaps) that this has a chance to be a defining moment," MC coach David Coleman said. "Every year has two or three of those where you have a moment that will change you and it changes you forever. I hope we will be able to look back later in the year, and say, 'Oh yeah, remember that miserable Saturday when we were down and just kept fighting?' I think this will help us grow and mature, and possibly get around a little bit of a corner."

The final game was not pretty as it was apparent that each team's pitching staff was running out of gas with walks and hit batters, the teams combined for 10 errors, and, oh yeah, there were strong wind gusts and blowing dust from an incoming cold front that arrived midway through the game.

"We just kept playing," Coleman said. "When the elements turned against us, we just kept grinding stuff out. Even when we had the ugliness, we just kept playing. As long and as ugly and as miserable as the day was, I thought we grew from it."

MC(12-6, 3-1 in WJCAC) got off to a rough start as Howard (10-9, 1-3) jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top off the first after MC starter Jose Castro struggled with his command.

But the Chaps fought back, eventually took the lead and then traded leads with

Please see **CHAPS/4C**

No. 23 Iowa State beats No. 11 W Virginia for title

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Monte Morris scored 17 points, Deonte Burton and Matt Thomas helped him deal with West Virginia's attacking defense, and No. 23 Iowa State beat the No. 11 Mountaineers 80-74 on Saturday night for the Cyclones' third Big 12 Tournament title in four years.

Burton had 16 points and Thomas finished with 12 for the fourth-seeded Cyclones (23-10), who will enter the NCAA Tournament as one of the nation's hottest teams. They've won nine of their last 10 games, with their only loss during that stretch coming a week ago in Morgantown.

They avenged that defeat in a big way at the Sprint Center.

Iowa State has never lost in four appearances in the Big 12 title game, while the Mountaineers (26-8) remain without a conference tournament title of any kind since winning the Big East in 2010.

Jevon Carter had 18 points for West Virginia, which will no doubt rue its 8-for-17 shooting from the foul line. Esa Ahmad, Daxter Miles Jr. and Elijah Macon finished with 10 points apiece.

The No. 2-seeded Mountaineers had been a scourge for the Cyclones the past two years, winning the last four meetings in relatively easy fashion. But the hallmark of those games had been their ability to get easy baskets against an Iowa State team that doesn't always play defense.

There were no easy buckets Saturday night.

Iowa State threw down its own half-court press against Press Virginia, and caused 10 first-half turnovers that gave the sea of red inside Sprint Center reason to stand from its seats.

The biggest roars from the Cyclones faithful came late in the half, when Bowie came off the bench to score 10 points in quick succession. He checked

Please see **BIG 12/3C**

Orlin Wagner/Associated Press

Iowa State forward Solomon Young (33) gets tangled in the net while defending against West Virginia forward Elijah Macon, back, during the final of the Big 12 tournament Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

UTPB loses on last-second buzzer beater

From staff reports

GOLDEN, Colo. — Marcus Frazier hit a 3 with one second remaining to push No. 7-seeded Texas A&M-Kingsville to a 74-71 victory over No. 2 UT Permian Basin in Saturday's first round NCAA Division II men's basketball tournament game at Lockridge Arena.

Texas A&M-Kingsville's buzzer beater ended a memorable season for the Falcons (26-6), who were making their first NCAA tournament appearance in school history after winning both the Lone Star Conference regular season and tournament titles.

In a hotly contested affair between conference foes, both UTPB and the Javelinas (19-11) played the final seven minutes and 51 seconds without either side leading by more than one possession.

Trailing 43-34 at halftime, the Falcons were able to fight their way back and take a 69-68 advantage with 2:56 to play following a dunk by Josh Norris. UTPB's first lead since the 8:21 mark of the first

Please see **UTPB/4C**

MHS takes girls, boys titles at West Texas Relays

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Midland High girls track and field team has yet to lose a meet this season.

The Lady Bulldogs won their fourth meet of the season in four appearances by capturing the Division I team title with 160 points at Saturday's West Texas Relays at Ratliff Stadium.

Boys team standings were not available at press time, but the Midland High boys track team also won the West Texas Relays Division I team title according to coach Jeff Streun.

It's the second straight week and the third time in four meets that both the MHS boys and girls swept team titles at meets.

The MHS girls were spearheaded by junior Sametria Smith, who won four individual events with golds in the 200 meters (26.04 seconds), 100 hurdles (14.54) triple jump (35 feet, 6.5 inches) and long jump (17-6 1/2).

The MHS boys were led by senior McLane Mannix, as he won both the 100-meter dash (11.09 seconds) and 200 meters (22.11), and ran the last leg of the Bulldogs' first-place 400 relay team (42.19).

Senior Jorrdyn Dunn shined for the Lee boys team, winning the 300 hurdles (41.00) and running the fourth leg of the Rebels' victorious 800 relay team that ran a time of 1:29.08.

The Lee girls team was highlighted by a gold-medal performance from senior Trisha Nag in the pole vault (8-6).

Other Midland High winners included

Please see **MHS/4C**

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
UCLA at Texas, 1 p.m., LHN
Houston at Baylor, 1 p.m., FSSW, FCSC
Long Beach State at Arizona State, 4 p.m., P12 AZ

College Gymnastics
North Carolina at UCLA, 3 p.m., P12, P12 LA
Oklahoma at Cal, 5 p.m., P12, P12 BAY

College Softball
South Carolina at Tennessee, Noon, SEC
UIC at Oklahoma, 1:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP
Mississippi State at Texas A&M, 2 p.m., SEC
LSU at Auburn, 4 p.m., SEC
Missouri at Florida, 5 p.m., ESPNU
Texas at UCLA, 6 p.m., P12, P12 LA

Golf
PGA: Valspar Championship, Final Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: Valspar Championship, Final Round, 2 p.m., NBC

Hockey
QMJHL: Quebec at Gatineau, 3 p.m., NHL
AHL: Cleveland at San Antonio, 3 p.m., FSSW+

Men's College Basketball
Ivy League Championship, 11 a.m., ESPN2
A10 Championship, 11:30 a.m., CBS
SEC Championship, Noon, ESPN
Sun Belt Championship, 1 p.m., ESPN2
Big Ten Championship, 2 p.m., CBS
American Championship, 2:15 p.m., ESPN
NCAA Tournament Selection Show, 4:30 p.m., CBS
NIT Tournament Selection Show, 7:30 p.m., ESPNU

Men's Soccer
Scottish Premier: Celtic FC vs. Rangers FC, 6:50 a.m., FS1
FA Cup: Tottenham Hotspur FC vs. Millwall FC, 9 a.m., FS1, FXDEP
Bundesliga: FC Schalke 04 vs. FC Augsburg, 9:30 a.m., FS2, GolTV
La Liga: Deportivo La Coruna vs. FC Barcelona, 10:10 a.m., beIN, beIN2
PL: Liverpool vs. Burnley, 11 a.m., NBCSN, TELE
Bundesliga: Hamburger SV vs. Hertha BSC Berlin, 11:30 a.m., FS2, FXDEP
La Liga: Celta de Vigo vs. Villarreal, 12:20 p.m., beIN2
Liga MX: Deportivo Toluca FC vs. Cruz Azul FC, 1 p.m., UNIV, UDN
Brazil: Ponte Preta vs. Corinthians, 2 p.m., GolTV
La Liga: Real Madrid vs. Real Betis, 2:40 p.m., beIN, beIN2
MLS: Minnesota United FC vs. Atlanta United FC, 4 p.m., ESPN2
Venezuela: Caracas vs. Mineros, 4 p.m., GolTV
MLS: LA Galaxy vs. Portland Timbers, 6 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
Uruguay: Nacional vs. Racing, 6 p.m., GolTV

Motorsports
IndyCar: Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, 11 a.m., ABC
Monster Energy Cup Series: Kobalt 400, 2:30 p.m., FOX, FXDEP

National Basketball Association
Chicago at Boston, 2:30 p.m., ABC
Miami at Indiana, 5 p.m., NBAtv
Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m., ESPN
National Hockey League
Minnesota at Chicago, 11:30 a.m., NBC
NY Rangers at Detroit, 6 p.m., NBCSN
Washington at Anaheim, 8:30 p.m., NHL
Dallas at San Jose, 9 p.m., FSSW

Tennis
ATP/WTA: BNP Paribas Open, 1 p.m., TENNIS
Women's College Basketball
Patriot League Championship: Navy at Bucknell, 10 a.m., CBSSN
SLC Championship, Noon, CBSSN
NEC Championship, 1 p.m., ESPNU
Ivy League Championship, 3 p.m., ESPNU

World Baseball Classic
Dominican Republic vs. Colombia, 11:30 a.m., MLB, ESPNDEP
Italy vs. Puerto Rico, 2:30 p.m., MLB, ESPNDEP
Canada vs. USA, 6 p.m., MLB, ESPNDEP
Venezuela vs. Mexico, 9 p.m., MLB, ESPNDEP
Netherlands vs. Israel, 5 a.m., MLB, ESPNDEP

WHAT'S ON DECK

Junior College

Softball
Midland College at NFCA Lead-Off Classic, Columbus, Ga.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Victor Alcantara to Toledo (IL). Optioned LHP Jairo Labourt to Erie (NYP). Re-assigned RHPs Jeff Ferrell and Adam Ravenelle to their minor league camp.

National League

NEW YORK METS — Re-assigned LHPs P.J. Conlon and David Roseboom, INFs Phillip Evans, Dominic Smith and Luis Guillorme, RHPs Kevin McGowen, Corey Taylor and Logan Taylor and OF Champ Stuart to their minor league camp.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed INF Jung Ho Kang on the restricted list.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with RHPs Paul Clemens, Jarred Cosart, Miguel Diaz, Tyrell Jenkins, Zach Lee, Walker Lockett, Luis Perdomo, Kevin Quackenbush, Colin Rea, Jose Ruiz and Cesar Vargas; LHPs Buddy Baumann, Ryan Buchter, Robbie Erlin, Keith Hessler and Jose Torres; INFs Carlos Asuaje, Allen Cordoba, Javier Guerra, Jose Rondon, Luis Sardinas, Ryan Schimpf and Cory Spangenberg; OFs Franchy Cordero, Alex Dickerson, Travis Jankowski, Manuel Margot and Hunter Renfroe; and Cs Christian Bethancourt, Austin Hedges and Luis Torrens on one-year contracts.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Agreed to terms with LB Lorenzo Alexander on a two-year contract and T Jorday Mills.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DB Prince Amukamara to a one-year contract. Re-signed LB Christian Jones and KB Johnthan Banks to one-year contracts.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed TE Darren Fells, WR Keshawn Martin and CB DJ Hayden.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed TE Lance Kendricks.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed DT Stefan Charles, LB Audie Cole and OL Earl Watford.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed OL Luke Joeckel.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned G Ken Appleby to Albany (AHL). Recalled F Blake Pietila from Albany.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled G Magnus Hellberg from Hartford (AHL) on an emergency basis.

WINNIPEG JETS — Recalled D Julian Melchiori from Manitoba (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Tucson D Jarred Tinordi for one game for receiving a a match penalty for an illegal check to the head of an opponent in a game on March 10.

HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Recalled G Jeff Malcolm from Greenville (ECHL).

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Released F Nathan Moon. Released F Steve Lebel from his amateur tryout agreement.

SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Signed F Tyler Vankleef to an amateur try out contract.

SOCCER

National Women's Soccer League

SKY BLUE FC — Waived G Caroline Stanley.

COLLEGE

ILLINOIS — Fired John Groce, men's basketball coach. Named Jamall Walker interim men's basketball coach.

NHL GLANCE

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	67	39	22	6	84	182	173
Montreal	68	38	22	8	84	185	171
Boston	68	36	26	6	78	190	176
Toronto	67	31	22	14	76	204	199
Tampa Bay	67	32	26	9	73	186	184
Florida	67	29	27	11	69	168	193
Buffalo	69	28	29	12	68	177	203
Detroit	66	26	29	11	63	165	198

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	66	44	15	7	95	214	143
Pittsburgh	66	42	16	8	92	233	186
Columbus	67	43	18	6	92	214	157
N.Y. Rangers	68	43	23	2	88	219	179
N.Y. Islanders	67	32	24	11	75	199	201
Philadelphia	67	31	28	8	70	173	199
Carolina	65	27	27	11	65	162	189
New Jersey	68	25	31	12	62	153	197

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	66	43	17	6	92	221	159
Chicago	67	42	20	5	89	200	169
Nashville	68	33	24	11	77	200	192
St. Louis	67	35	27	5	75	186	189
Winnipeg	69	30	33	6	66	204	219
Dallas	67	27	30	10	64	188	216
Colorado	67	19	45	3	41	131	221

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	67	40	20	7	87	185	157
Calgary	68	38	26	4	80	187	182
Anaheim	68	35	23	10	80	176	172
Edmonton	67	35	23	9	79	190	177
Los Angeles	66	32	28	6	70	164	166
Vancouver	67	28	30	9	65	156	192
Arizona	67	24	35	8	56	164	217

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores
Boston 2, Philadelphia 1
Nashville 3, San Jose 1
Toronto 3, Carolina 2, OT
Tampa Bay 3, Florida 2
Calgary 3, Winnipeg 0
Buffalo 5, Columbus 3
Ottawa 4, Colorado 2
St. Louis 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Arizona 5, New Jersey 4
Pittsburgh at Vancouver, late
Washington at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Minnesota at Chicago, 11:30 a.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Washington at Anaheim, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 9 p.m.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	13	3	0.813
Oakland	9	4	0.692
Seattle	10	5	0.667
Minnesota	8	4	0.667
Los Angeles	9	5	0.643
Chicago	8	6	0.571
Baltimore	6	6	0.571
Cleveland	7	7	0.500
Kansas City	7	7	0.500
Boston	7	8	0.467
Tampa Bay	6	7	0.462
Houston	5	7	0.417
Toronto	4	9	0.308
Texas	3	11	0.214
Detroit	3	12	0.200

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	11	4	0.733
St. Louis	10	4	0.714
Colorado	8	6	0.571
Milwaukee	9	7	0.563
Arizona	8	7	0.533
Los Angeles	8	7	0.533
New York	8	8	0.500
Philadelphia	7	7	0.500
Washington	6	7	0.462
San Diego	6	8	0.429
Chicago	5	7	0.417
San Francisco	6	10	0.375
Miami	4	8	0.333
Cincinnati	5	11	0.313
Atlanta	4	10	0.286

Saturday's Scores
Atlanta 2, St. Louis 2, 10 innings
Minnesota 13, Boston (ss) 0
N.Y. Yankees 7, Detroit 1
Miami 4, Houston 2
Baltimore 7, Pittsburgh 6
Boston (ss) 2, Tampa Bay 1
Philadelphia 8, Toronto 2
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 0
Texas (ss) 5, Chicago White Sox 1
San Francisco 9, Cincinnati (ss) 7
Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 3
Cleveland 7, Kansas City 6
L.A. Dodgers 8, L.A. Angels 2
Milwaukee 5, San Diego 3
Oakland 8, Texas (ss) 7
Seattle 7, Cincinnati (ss) 6
Arizona 5, San Francisco (ss) 1

Sunday's Games
Atlanta vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Minnesota (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:07 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Cleveland vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Seattle vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

Romo had a good run, but it's time to move on

OSCAR LEROY
Oleroy@mrt.com

In what seems to be day 100 of the Tony Romo saga, there has been no word yet on what will happen to the former Dallas Cowboys quarterback.

And we have to assume former Cowboy, even though there has been nothing officially done by our good friend Jerry Jones.

Romo could be traded or released in the next few hours or coming days. Either way this saga will end soon.

I hate to see Romo go as unlike many others, I appreciated what Romo did with the Cowboys as he wasn't always surrounded by great talent, especially on defense. Dak Prescott is finding that out.

But there comes a time to move on and this is that time.

Personally, I would love to see him retire as he seems to have become injury prone. When he's healthy, it's easy to see what Bill Parcells saw in him all those years ago as an undrafted free agent out of Eastern Illinois. And he's a veteran NFL quarterback who knows what to do when things get tough.

The problem lately is that he hasn't been healthy much, so buyer beware for any team that takes on Romo.

Wherever he lands, as a Cowboys fan I wish him nothing but the best.

As long as he doesn't go to the Texans (wink, wink).

■ Sticking with the NFL, Lee grad Eric Winston looks to be heading back to the Cincinnati Bengals on a one-year deal, according to multiple reports.

Winston is heading into his 12th NFL season and has played a key role on the Bengals' offensive line.

Not many players last three years in the NFL and a decade seems like an eternity. But a big salute to Winston, who has stood the test of time and continues to be a productive player.

■ I didn't get a chance last week because we were knee-deep in stuff going on, but a big shout out to the high school teams in our immediate coverage area who made a great run this year — the MCA Lady Knights, the Garden City Lady Kats and the Grady Wildcats.

You never know what each high school basketball will bring but the fact that these programs made a deep run is never really a surprise. Their history, tradition and strive for excellence is why you can never count these programs out.

■ High school and college baseball is underway and pro baseball (both majors and minors) is close to getting underway. So I and my MRT sports department colleagues are getting that itch.

I just can't excited about the World Baseball Classic.

That's just exhibition nonsense.

I'm sure it means a lot to the Cubans, who want to see how they stack up to the rest of the world and show off a little bit of their talents. And I'm sure it means a lot to the smaller countries, like Israel, who also want to showcase its talent to the world.

And I'm sure there are major leaguers who take pride playing for their respective countries, but here is my problem with the WBC. If I was a general manager or an owner of a MLB team, I would not want any of my players risking an injury right before the start of the season or laying it all out on the line for what amounts to as meaningless exhibition baseball.

I love baseball but bring me some meaningful MLB games so I can start pulling my hair out rooting for my Red Sox.

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

NBA ROUNDUP

SPURS 107, WARRIORS 85

SAN ANTONIO — Patty Mills had 21 points and the San Antonio Spurs rolled to a 107-85 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Saturday night in a game short on star power to pull within a half-game of the NBA's top record.

The big showdown between the league's top two teams turned into a huge letdown with both teams missing their star players.

Already without Kevin Durant due to a knee injury, Golden State opted to rest Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson, Draymond Green and Andre Iguodala.

The Spurs were expecting to be without Kawhi Leonard, Tony Parker and Dejounte Murray due to injuries, but received a jolt when they were informed that LaMarcus Aldridge will be out indefinitely with a minor heart arrhythmia. Aldridge underwent tests Saturday and will have more Monday.

HEAT 104, RAPTORS 89

MIAMI — Dion Waiters scored 20 points, Tyler Johnson added 16 and the Miami Heat beat the Toronto Raptors 104-89 on Saturday night, improving to 21-4 over their last 25 games.

Goran Dragic scored 15 and Hassan Whiteside added 12 points and 14 rebounds for Miami.

PELICANS 125, HORNETS 122

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Anthony Davis had 46 points and 21 rebounds, and the New Orleans Pelicans defeated the Charlotte Hornets 125-122 in overtime Saturday night with DeMarcus Cousins sitting on the bench during crunch time.

Davis had 15 points in the fourth quarter and nine more in overtime, including a three-point play on an offensive rebound to put the Pelicans ahead for good with 1:11 left. Davis finished 18 of 31 from the field and was 4 of 5 from 3-point range.

CAVALIERS 116, MAGIC 104

ORLANDO, Fla. — LeBron James had 24 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds, and the Cleveland Cavaliers stopped a three-game losing streak with a 116-104 victory over the Orlando Magic on Saturday night.

Kyrie Irving scored 22 points and Tristan Thompson added 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Eastern Conference-leading Cavaliers, who had dropped four of five. The Magic played them close for much of the game, but couldn't match shots with James and the defending NBA champions down the stretch.

BUCKS 102, TIMBERWOLVES 95

MILWAUKEE — Tony Snell scored 19 points, Giannis Antetokounmpo had 18 and the balanced Milwaukee Bucks beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 102-95 on Saturday night for their season-high sixth consecutive victory.

Milwaukee had seven players score in double figures. Matthew Dellavedova had 16 points and Greg Monroe finished with 12.

THUNDER 112, JAZZ 104

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook had 33 points, 14 assists and 11 rebounds for his 32nd triple-double of the season, leading the Oklahoma City Thunder to a 112-104 victory over the Utah Jazz on Saturday.

Westbrook broke a tie with Wilt Chamberlain (1967-68) for the second-most triple-doubles in a season. Oscar Robertson set the record of 41 in 1961-62.

CLIPPERS 112, 76ERS 100

LOS ANGELES — Chris Paul scored 30 points and DeAndre Jordan had 19 points and 20 rebounds, helping the Clippers to their fourth win in five games.

Paul also had seven assists, and Blake Griffin added 15 points and 10 rebounds.

The Clippers trailed 79-75 after three quarters but opened the final period with a 10-0 run.

PISTONS 112, KNICKS 92

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Tobias Harris scored 23 of his 28 points in the first half, leading Detroit to the victory.

The Pistons have had some issues with slow starts lately, but they raced out to an 18-point lead in the first quarter against New York. Harris finished the period with 11 points in what was an encouraging effort by Detroit, which was coming off an emotional win over Cleveland on Thursday night.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	25	.621	—
Toronto	38	28	.576	3
New York	26	40	.394	15
Philadelphia	23	42	.354	17½
Brooklyn	11	53	.172	29

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	40	24	.625	—
Atlanta	36	29	.554	4½
Miami	32	34	.485	9
Charlotte	29	37	.439	12
Orlando	24	43	.358	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	43	21	.672	—
Indiana	33	32	.508	10½
Detroit	33	33	.500	11
Milwaukee	32	33	.492	11½
Chicago	31	34	.477	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	51	14	.785	—
Houston	45	21	.682	6½
Memphis	36	29	.554	15
Dallas	28	36	.438	22½
New Orleans	26	40	.394	25½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	41	25	.621	—
Oklahoma City	37	29	.561	4
Denver	30	35	.462	10½
Portland	28	35	.444	11½
Minnesota	27	38	.415	13½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Golden State	52	14	.788	—
L.A. Clippers	40	26	.606	12
Sacramento	25	40	.385	26½
Phoenix	21	44	.323	30½
L.A. Lakers	20	45	.308	31½

Saturday's Scores
Oklahoma City 112, Utah 104
L.A. Clippers 112, Philadelphia 100
Detroit 112, New York 92
Cleveland 116, Orlando 104
New Orleans 125, Charlotte 122, OT
Miami 104, Toronto 89
Milwaukee 102, Minnesota 95
San Antonio 107, Golden State 85
Atlanta at Memphis, late
Phoenix at Dallas, late
Washington at Portland, late
Denver at Sacramento, late

Today's Games
Chicago at Boston, 2:30 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 5 p.m.
New York at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge out with heart arrhythmia

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge will be out indefinitely due to a minor heart arrhythmia, the latest occurrence of heart issues for the five-time All-Star.

Coach Gregg Popovich said Aldridge informed the team "he felt a little odd" during San Antonio's 112-102 loss at Oklahoma City on Thursday, leading to the diagnosis.

The Spurs are dealing with injuries to starters Kawhi Leonard and Tony Parker, but Aldridge's ailment shocked the team and Popovich.

"Somebody says a heart, you start thinking a little more possible long-term kind of stuff, that's a little scary," Popovich said. "But you don't go there yet. They're doing tests. They did some tests today and they're going to continue it on Monday. He's going to see some people on Monday, and based on what they do and see, we'll figure then what we're really looking at. We really don't know right now."

Aldridge has had heart issues in the past and was diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome — an abnormality that can cause a rapid heartbeat — as a rookie in 2007.

"All parties have concluded that at the current time it is best for Aldridge to refrain from play until further tests and examinations are completed," the Spurs said in a statement.

Aldridge missed the final seven games of his rookie season after doctors used an ablation — a procedure designed to treat tissue in the heart to make the heartbeat regular again — to treat him and get him back on the court. He also needed an ablation during training camp in 2011, but was able to return to the court in time to play in the preseason and made the All-Star team for Portland that season.

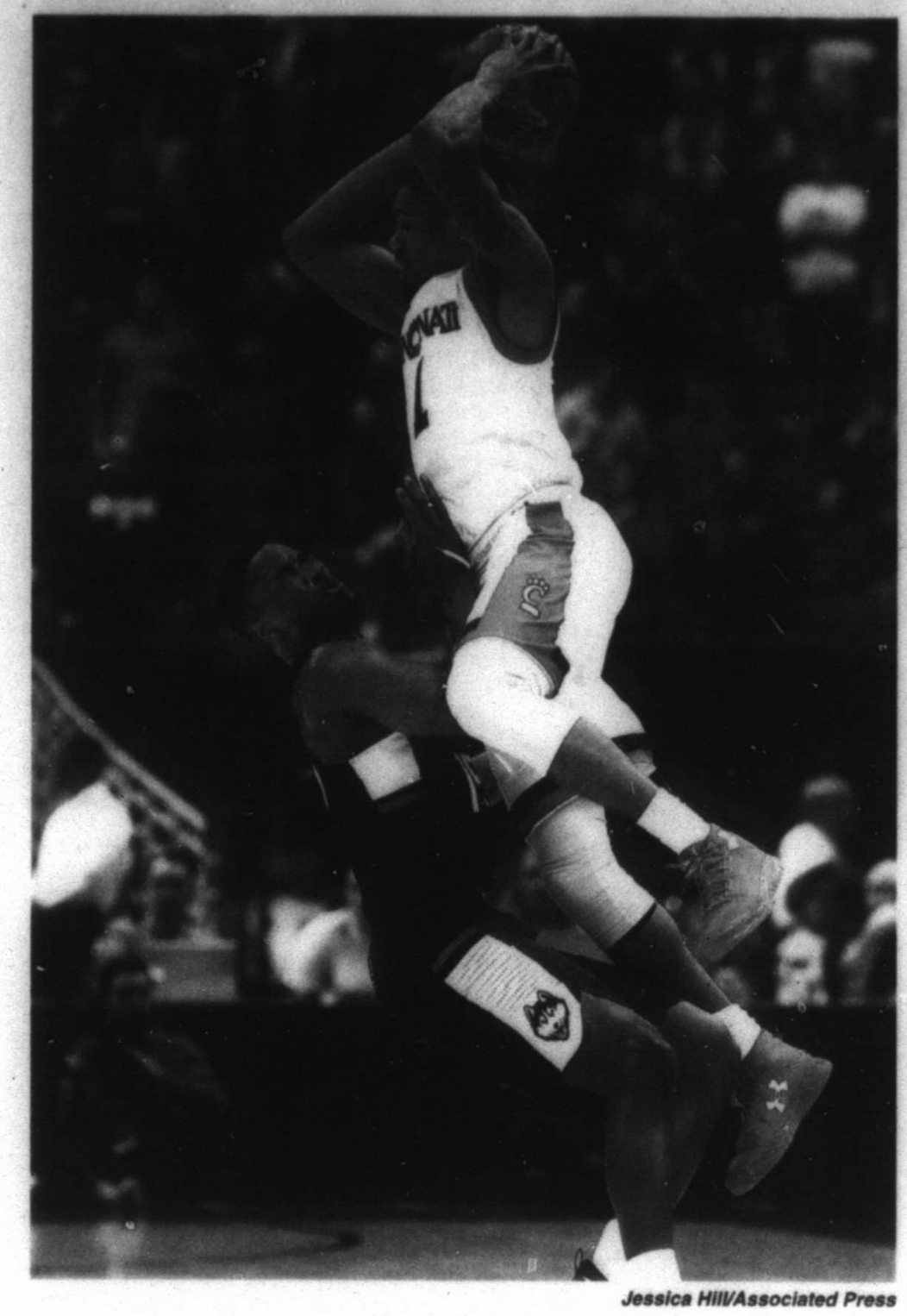
The Spurs were well aware of Aldridge's heart issue when they signed him to a max contract as a free agent in 2015. It has always been considered a minor situation and he has been able to return to playing relatively quickly after each episode, but they still weren't taking any chances.

"Unexpected, but it's a sensitive issue, so we want to make sure that he's fine," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili told reporters at the team's shootaround on Saturday morning. "The most important thing is to have him healthy. We'll wait as long as is necessary for him to feel secure and sure, and the team, too."

The news for Aldridge comes on the heels of Leonard being placed in the league's concussion protocol. It means the Spurs will play Golden State on Saturday night without their two best players.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS
3/11 9:00-12:00 Shot & Chip Clinic Dennis the Menace Park
3/13 6:00-8:00 Volunteer Orientation at MHC's Adoption Center
4/6 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
6/24 3rd Annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1K
PLEASE VISIT THE EVENTS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE
WWW.MIDLANDHUMANE.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION
ENHANCED ADOPTION CENTER
Is located within Midland's PetSmart Store
ADOPTION HOURS
Monday thru Saturday 12-7 & Sunday 12-6
432.520.3134 ext. 7
AD SPONSORED BY
BROWN'S PERMIAN ELECTRIC CO.
MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
P.O. Box 53213
Midland, TX 79710
midlandhumane.org

Ranger is a 15 lb 2 yo male Chiweenie that does well with other dogs his size. He would do best in a home with school aged children due to his size and has a short coat that will be easy to care for.



Jessica Hill/Associated Press

Connecticut's Rodney Purvis, left fouls Cincinnati's Jacob Evans during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in the American Athletic Conference tournament semifinals Saturday in Hartford, Conn.

TEXAS ROUNDUP

NO. 12 SMU 70, UCF 59

HARTFORD, Conn. — Sterling Brown scored 22 points and No. 12 SMU beat UCF 70-59 on Saturday in the semifinals of the American Athletic Conference Tournament.

Semi Ojeleye added 17 points, and Shake Milton had 14 of his 16 points in the second half for the Mustangs (29-4). They are back in the championship game after missing last year's tournament because of NCAA sanctions. The Mustangs won the title in 2015.

SMU has won 15 straight games and 25 of its last 26 after a 4-3 start to their season.

B.J. Taylor had 20 points, and Nick Banyard 16 for the Knights (21-11). They had won six in a row.

TEXAS STATE 83, UT ARLINGTON 62

NEW ORLEANS — Bobby Conley scored 16 points and Immanuel King scored 11 of his 13 in the first half when Texas State built a nine-point lead and went on to upset top-seeded UT Arlington 83-62 on Saturday.

Nijal Pearson added 14 points, Kavin Tilbury-Gilder 12 and Nedeljko Prijovic 11 for the fourth-seeded Bobcats (20-12), who will play the winner of No. 2 seed Georgia State and No. 6 seed Troy for the conference championship on Sunday. Texas State shot 53 percent.

The Bobcats reached 20 victories for the first time since 1993-94 when they had 25 wins and went to the NCAA Tournament. They will be playing in their first Sun Belt final.

The Bobcats trailed by four when they went on a 19-6 run to end the first half, including seven points each from King and Prijovic, to lead 41-32. Texas State went up by double figures for good with 7½ minutes left in the game and would lead by as many as 23.

Erick Neal scored 21 points and Kevin Hervey had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Mavericks (25-8).

MEN'S & WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 76, Vanderbilt 62
SMU 70, UCF 59
Texas Southern 53, Alcorn St. 50
Texas State 83, Texas-Arlington 62
SOUTH
Kentucky 79, Alabama 74
NC Central 67, Norfolk St. 59
Troy 74, Georgia St. 63
VCU 87, Richmond 77, OT
MIDWEST
Cincinnati 81, UConn 71
Kent St. 70, Akron 65
Michigan 84, Minnesota 77
Wisconsin 76, Northwestern 48
EAST
Iowa St. 80, West Virginia 74
Princeton 72, Penn 64, OT
Rhode Island 84, Davidson 60
Vermont 58, Albany (NY) 53
Villanova 74, Creighton 60
Yale 73, Harvard 71
FAR WEST
Colorado St. 71, San Diego St. 63
Nevada 79, Colorado St. 71
UC Davis 66, Cal St.-Fullerton 64, OT

Top 25 fared

x-must win today's game to advance
1. Kansas (28-4) did not play. Next: TBA
2. Villanova (31-3) beat Creighton 74-60. Next: TBA
3. UCLA (29-4) did not play. Next: TBA
4. Gonzaga (32-1) did not play. Next: NCAA tournament
5. Oregon (29-4) vs. No. 7 Arizona. Next: TBA
6. North Carolina (27-7) did not play. Next: TBA
7. Arizona (29-4) vs. No. 5 Oregon. Next: TBA
8. Kentucky (28-5) beat Alabama 79-74. Next: vs. Arkansas, Sunday.
9. Baylor (25-7) did not play. Next: TBA
10. Louisville (24-8) did not play. Next: TBA
11. West Virginia (25-8) lost to No 23 Iowa State 80-71. Next: TBA
12. SMU (29-4) beat UCF 70-59. Next: vs. No 15 Cincinnati, Sunday.
13. Purdue (25-7) did not play. Next: TBA
14. Duke (26-8) vs. No. 22 Notre Dame. Next: TBA.
15. Cincinnati (29-4) beat UConn 81-71. Next: vs. No 12 SMU, Sunday.
16. Florida State (25-8) did not play. Next: TBA
17. Florida (24-8) did not play. Next: TBA
18. Butler (25-8) did not play. Next: TBA
19. Saint Mary's (28-4) did not play. Next: TBA
20. Wichita State (30-4) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament
21. Virginia (22-10) did not play. Next: TBA
22. Notre Dame (25-8) vs. No. 14 Duke. Next: TBA
23. Iowa State (23-10) beat No. 11 West Virginia 80-71. Next: NCAA Tournament.
24. Wisconsin (25-8) beat Northwestern 76-48. Next: vs. Michigan, Sunday.
25. Maryland (24-8) did not play. Next: TBA

Women

SOUTHWEST
Cent. Arkansas 62, Texas A&M-CC 44
Louisiana-Lafayette 79, ULM 71
Stephen F. Austin 82, Lamar 48
SOUTH
Elon 78, James Madison 60
Hampton 52, Bethune-Cookman 49
Radford 53, Charleston Southern 50
Texas Southern 70, Grambling St. 66
UNC-Asheville 56, Presbyterian 55
W. Kentucky 67, Southern Miss. 58
MIDWEST
Drake 86, Wichita St. 68
N. Iowa 82, Evansville 58
Toledo 82, N. Illinois 71
EAST
Penn 71, Brown 60
Princeton 68, Harvard 47
FAR WEST
Long Beach St. 58, UC Santa Barbara 55
Montana St. 62, Idaho St. 56
New Mexico St. 63, Seattle 48

Top 25 fared

1. UConn (32-0) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament
2. Baylor (30-3) did not play. Next: TBA
3. Notre Dame (30-3) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament
4. South Carolina (27-4) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament
5. Maryland (30-2) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament
6. Stanford (28-5) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament
7. Mississippi State (29-4) did not play. Next: TBA
8. Oregon State (29-4) did not play. Next: TBA
9. Duke (27-5) did not play. Next: TBA
10. Florida State (25-6) did not play. Next: TBA
11. Ohio State (28-6) did not play. Next: TBA
12. Washington (27-5) did not play. Next: TBA
13. Louisville (27-7) did not play. Next: TBA
14. Texas (23-8) did not play. Next: TBA
15. UCLA (23-8) did not play. Next: TBA
16. Miami (23-8) did not play. Next: TBA
17. DePaul (26-7) did not play. Next: TBA
18. N.C. State (22-6) did not play. Next: TBA
19. Kentucky (21-10) did not play. Next: TBA
20. Drake (27-4) beat Wichita State 86-68. Next: vs. Northern Iowa or Evansville, Sunday.
21. Syracuse (21-10) did not play. Next: TBA
22. Oklahoma (22-9) did not play. Next: TBA
23. Creighton (23-7) did not play. Next: TBA
24. Kansas State (22-10) did not play. Next: TBA
25. Missouri (21-10) did not play. Next: TBA

REGION V TOURNAMENT BRACKET

NJCAA REGION V TOURNAMENT BRACKET
at The Tiger Pit, Wolfforth
Women
Wednesday's scores
Game 1: (N1) Collin County (20-10) 77, (W4) Western Texas College 66
Game 2: (W2) South Plains College (27-4) 61, (N3) Ranger College (17-14) 46
Game 3: (N2) McLennan CC (18-12) 81, (W3) Midland College (17-10) 44
Game 4: (W1) Odessa College (26-1) 75, (N4) Hill College (19-12) 65
Semifinals
Game 9: (N1) Collin County (20-10) 77, (W2) South Plains College 70
Game 10: (W1) Odessa College (26-1) 76, (N2) McLennan CC 64
Saturday
Championship
(W1) Odessa College (28-1) 62, (N1) Collin County 75, OT
Men
Thursday
Game 5: (W4) Howard College (20-11) 62, (N1) McLennan CC 59
Game 6: (W2) Odessa College (24-5) 85, (N3) Collin County 76
Game 7: (W3) Western Texas Cole (21-9) 104, (N2) Temple College 95
Game 8: (W1) South Plains College (29-0) 100, (N4) Hill College 78
Friday
Semifinals
Game 11: (W2) Odessa College (26-5) 75, (W4) Howard College 58
Game 12: (W3) Western Texas College (21-9) 82, (W1) South Plains College 74
Saturday
Championship
(W2) Odessa College (27-5) 94, (W3) Western Texas College 74

MEN'S TOP 25 ROUNDUP

NO. 2 VILLANOVA 74, CREIGHTON 60

NEW YORK — Josh Hart scored 29 points and No. 2 Villanova beat Creighton 74-60 on Saturday to win the Big East Tournament and probably lock up the overall No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Hart, the conference player of the year, became just the third player to win the tournament MVP award twice, joining Patrick Ewing of Georgetown and Peyton Siva of Louisville.

Villanova (31-3) played Villanova basketball, just as the Wildcats did last season in winning the national championship.

Good defense, sharing the ball and making 3-pointers is the formula that has led them to four consecutive Big East regular-season titles.

This was their third Big East Tournament title, the others coming in 1995 and 2015.

NO. 8 KENTUCKY 79, ALABAMA 74

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — De'Aaron Fox scored a career-high 28 points, including seven straight down the stretch, and Malik Monk added 20 to lift No. 8 Kentucky past Alabama 79-74 in the Southeastern Conference Tournament semifinal on Saturday.

The Wildcats shot 52 percent from the floor and 69 percent from the line after missing numerous chances that left openings for the pesky Crimson Tide to stay close. But Kentucky converted chances when needed, hitting 13 of 17 free throws in the final six minutes with Fox making 5 of 7 in particular and 11 of 15 overall.

Bam Adebayo had 10 points and nine rebounds to send top-seeded Kentucky (28-5) to Sunday's championship game against the winner of the other semifinal between Vanderbilt and Arkansas.

Dazon Ingram had 17 points for No. 5 seed Alabama (19-14), which outrebounded Kentucky 33-28, but couldn't get the basket when needed to overcome the Wildcats.

WISCONSIN 76, NO. 24 NORTHWESTERN 48

WASHINGTON — Wisconsin revved up the defense against weary Northwestern and got the desired result, a 76-48 victory Saturday that earned the No. 24 Badgers a berth in the Big Ten Tournament championship game for the third time in five years.

Nigel Hayes scored 18 points and Ethan Happ added 16 for the second-seeded Badgers. They never trailed in their third straight victory — second in the tournament — following a run of five losses in six games.

Wisconsin (25-8) will vie for its fourth Big Ten title Sunday against No. 8 seed Michigan, which will be playing its fourth game in four days. It will be the seventh championship game appearance for the Badgers, trailing only the eight by Ohio State.

Northwestern (23-11) was playing for the second time in less than 24 hours and third game in three days, and it showed. Coming off wins over Rutgers and No. 3 seed Maryland, the Wildcats missed 20 of 27 shots in the first half, had only one assist and trailed 38-21.

Scottie Lindsey scored 16 points for Northwestern.

NO. 15 CINCINNATI 81, UCONN 71

HARTFORD, Conn. — Gary Clark scored 24 points to lead No. 15 Cincinnati to an 81-71 win over UConn in the semifinals of the American Athletic Conference Tournament on Saturday night.

Jacob Evans added 21 points and Troy Caupain had 19 for the Bearcats, who will be seeking their first AAC title on Sunday against No. 12 SMU.

Jalen Adams scored 20 points and Christian Vital had 19 for UConn. The Huskies finish their season 16-17, their first losing campaign in 30 years.

It was a typically chippy game between the teams, whose rivalry dates to the old Big East. They combined for 56 fouls, 32 committed by UConn.

Cincinnati was 38 of 46 from the foul line. UConn made 20 of its 25 free throw attempts.

BOYS STATE HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Class 1A

LIPAN 46, HAPPY 43

SAN ANTONIO — Ty Bryant scored 17 points and garnered seven rebounds to lead Lipan to its third state championship by beating Happy 46-43.

Bryant, named championship game MVP, scored the first nine Lipan (36-3) points of the second half then sank a pair of free throws in the final minute to preserve the victory Saturday in San Antonio.

Lipan claimed its first state title since 2005.

Top ranked Lipan's defense proved the difference in the game as the Indians scored 24 points off Happy (25-6) turnovers.

Tate Phillips and Layton Sharp added nine points each for the Indians, while Santana Martinez collected eight points.

Martinez swished his final two free throws with 15.1 seconds left in the game to give Lipan the final three-point lead.

Sterling White scored 18 points with 12 rebounds and Dalton Gray added six points and seven boards as Happy out-rebounded the taller Lipan 28-26. Colton McCauley had 15 points for the Cowboys.

CLASS 3A

DALLAS MADISON 42, BROCK 36

SAN ANTONIO — Dallas Madison slowed its pace but not the roll as the Trojans defeated Brock 42-36 for the Class 3A boys state championship.

Madison (28-8) had scored at least 67 points in their previous 17 games, but the Brock (30-9) deliberate offense and strong defense on Saturday limited the Madison up-tempo offense to two fast break points.

Brock has not allowed more than 59 points in 27 straight games.

Championship game MVP Patrick Terry led Madison with 18 points and 10 rebounds in the matchup in San Antonio. JeMichael Bowens added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Terry and Bowens combined for the final seven Madison points of the game.

Madison has made 10 appearances at the state tournament and have advance to the championship game five times in the past eight years, including the championship in 2009.

Amery Hughes scored 14 points with six rebounds for Brock; while Taylor Perry chipped in nine points and Hayden Waller grabbed 12 rebounds.

Class 2A

MUENSTER 73, CLARENDON 45

SAN ANTONIO — Top-ranked Muenster beat Clarendon 73-45 for its first Class 2A boys championship in three trips.

Muenster (33-6), which finished second in 2014 and 2016, won the title Saturday in San Antonio.

Championship game MVP Blake Hoepfner scored 21 points with six rebounds. Muenster post Logan Cook had 15 points with 14 rebounds.

Muenster led 33-22 at the half. The Hornets scored 14 points off turnovers, including 11 in the second half.

John Weger added 19 points and Cal York had 10 points for Muenster.

Colt Wood led Clarendon (30-3) with 18 points.

Wood connected on five of six three-point shots in the first half. Marshal Johnson added 11 points and six rebounds for Clarendon.

Class 5A

MANSFIELD TIMBERVIEW 37, FORT BEND MARSHALL 27

SAN ANTONIO — Mansfield Timberview staged a 22-6 third quarter rally to overcome a 37-27 halftime deficit and defeat Fort Bend Marshall 74-66 in Class 5A state championship.

Junior guard Chris Mullins scored 24 of his game high 36 points in the second half run as the Timberwolves (32-7) raced off a 19-2 scoring run to open the third quarter.

Mullins, selected as championship game MVP, connected on 13 of 20 shots from the field.

Timberview's Isaac Likekele scored nine points with 12 rebounds while Tim Johnson added 15 points and William Owens chipped in ten points.

Timberview scored 24 fast break points in the contest.

Marshall (32-8) led 37-27 at the half by out-rebounding the Wolves 24-14 but the Timberview had a 21-8 second half advantage.

Jabari Rice led Marshall with 20 points while Tajzmel Sherman added 17 points and nine rebounds with John Walker III finishing with 12 points and seven rebounds.

Class 4A

SILSBEE 89, FREEPORT BRAZOSPORT 83

SAN ANTONIO — Sophomore Jordyn Adams scored 26 points to lead Silsbee to their first UIL basketball state title with 89-83 win over Freeport Brazosport.

Adams scored ten points in the third quarter as Silsbee (33-6) rallied from a 39-36 halftime deficit with a 33-19 third quarter scoring run that staked the Tigers to a 69-58 lead after three quarters. Adams was named championship game MVP and added nine rebounds.

Braelon Bush and Willie Jones scored 7 points each with Jones 13 rebounds. Trajan Harris added 14 points for the Tigers.

Silsbee opened the second half on a 9-1 run to go up 45-40 and Brazosport was unable to get closer than three points again.

Freeport Brazosport (33-4) got 35 points from point guard Chris Rossow. Hunter Quick scored 19 points with 12 rebounds while Jayson Cooper had 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Exporters.

MEN'S DIVISION II GLANCE

First Round
Friday, March 10
West Region
At La Jolla, Calif.
Chico State 98, Western Washington 83
Hawaii Pacific 73, Sonoma State 61
California Baptist 71, San Francisco State 50
UC San Diego 94, Dixie State 68
Saturday, March 11
Atlantic Region
At Fairmont, W.Va.
Wheeling Jesuit 96, West Liberty 95, OT
Shippensburg 79, Virginia Union 59
Fairmont State 83, Bowie State 67
Indiana (Pa.) (27-3) vs. Kutztown (26-3), late
Central Region
At Maryville, Mo.
East Central 115, Minnesota-Moorhead 106, OT
Southwest Minnesota State 93, Arkansas Tech 82
Northwest Missouri State 79, Upper Iowa 74, OT
Arkansas-Monticello (23-6) vs. Augustana (S.D.) (22-10), late
East Region
At Syracuse, N.Y.
Southern Connecticut State 109, Southern New Hampshire 98
Merrimack 72, Le Moyne 68, OT
St. Thomas Aquinas 91, Saint Anselm 72
Midwest Region
At Louisville, Ky.
Findlay 70, Southern Indiana 68
Ferris State 85, Truman 78
Bellarmine 72, Wisconsin-Parkside 61
Kentucky Wesleyan (28-2) vs. Quincy (24-6), late
South Region
Huntsville, Ala.
Delta State 80, Christian Brothers 67
Rollins 89, Valdosta State 68, OT
Alabama-Huntsville 96, Clark Atlanta 81
Barry (22-6) vs. Eckerd (21-6), late
Southeast Region
At Charlotte, N.C.
Limestone 100, UNC Pembroke 95
Lincoln Memorial 118, Pfeiffer 86
Queens (N.C.) 96, Wingate 80
Columbus State (20-9) vs. Augusta (23-7), 7 p.m.
South Central
At Golden, Colo.
West Texas A&M 97, Texas A&M-Commerce 86
Texas A&M-Kingsville 74, Texas Permian Basin 71
Colorado Mines 90, Arkansas-Fort Smith 75
Tarleton State (22-7) vs. Fort Lewis (25-6), late
Second Round
Sunday, March 12
Atlantic Region
Shippensburg (26-3) vs. Wheeling Jesuit (24-7), 4 p.m.
Fairmont State (30-2) vs. Indiana (Pa.)-Kutztown winner, 6:30 p.m.
Central Region
At Maryville, Mo.
Southwest Minnesota State (27-5) vs. East Central (25-7), 5 p.m.
Northwest Missouri State (30-1) vs. Arkansas-Monticello-Augustana (S.D.) winner, 7:15 p.m.
East Region
At Syracuse, N.Y.
Southern Connecticut State (18-12) vs. Saint Rose (25-7), 4 p.m.
Merrimack (19-11) vs. St. Thomas Aquinas (26-5), 6:30 p.m.
Midwest Region
At Louisville, Ky.
Ferris State (28-4) vs. Findlay (24-6), 4 p.m.
Bellarmine (29-3) vs. Kentucky Wesleyan-Quincy winner, 6:30 p.m.
South Region
Huntsville, Ala.
Rollins (22-10) vs. Delta State (23-6), 5 p.m.
Alabama-Huntsville (25-7) vs. Barry-Eckerd winner, 7:30 p.m.
Southeast Region
At Charlotte, N.C.
Lincoln Memorial (27-5) vs. Limestone (27-5), 4 p.m.
Queens (N.C.) (29-3) vs. Columbus State-Augusta winner, 6:30 p.m.
South Central
At Golden, Colo.
Colorado School of Mines-Tarleton State-Fort Lewis winner vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville-West Texas A&M winner, 8 p.m.
West Region
At La Jolla, Calif.
Hawaii Pacific (29-2) vs. Chico State (24-7), 7 p.m.
UC San Diego (26-5) vs. California Baptist (26-4), 9:30 p.m.
Regional Finals
Tuesday, March 14
Atlantic Region
Fairmont State-Indiana (Pa.)-Kutztown winner vs. Shippensburg-Wheeling Jesuit winner, 6 p.m.
Central Region
At Maryville, Mo.
Northwest Missouri State-Arkansas-Monticello-Augustana (S.D.) winner vs. Southwest Minnesota State-East Central winner, 7 p.m.
East Region
At Syracuse, N.Y.
Merrimack-St. Thomas Aquinas winner vs. Southern Connecticut State-Saint Rose winner, 6 p.m.
Midwest Region
At Louisville, Ky.
Bellarmine-Kentucky Wesleyan-Quincy winner vs. Ferris State-Findlay winner, 6 p.m.
South Region
Huntsville, Ala.
Alabama-Huntsville-Barry-Eckerd winner vs. Rollins-Delta State winner, 7 p.m.
Southeast Region
At Charlotte, N.C.
Queens (N.C.)-Columbus State-Augusta winner vs. Lincoln Memorial-Limestone winner, 6 p.m.
South Central
At Golden, Colo.
Colorado School of Mines-Tarleton State-Fort Lewis winner vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville-West Texas A&M winner, 8 p.m.
West Region
At La Jolla, Calif.
UC San Diego-California Baptist winner vs. Hawaii Pacific-Chico State winner, 10 p.m.
At Sioux Falls, S.D.
Quarterfinals
Wednesday, March 22
TBD
Semifinals
Thursday, March 23
TBD
Championship
Saturday, March 25
TBD, 3 p.m.

BIG 12

From 1C

out to a standing ovation, and Morris took over from there, hitting Iowa State's final three baskets of the half for a 35-29 lead.

After drilling a long 3 as time expired, Morris rode an imaginary horse off to the locker room.

The whooping and hollering continued in the second half, when Burton hit a pair of 3s and Thomas hit another, pushing Iowa State's lead to 10. And that caused tempers to boil over on the West Virginia bench, where coach Bob Huggins was given a technical foul with 15:46 to play.

Thomas hit both of the foul shots as the lead stretched to 50-38.

The Mountaineers eventually turned to the 1-3-1 zone that caused Kansas State all kinds of trouble in the semifinals. But the ball-handling of Morris, Burton and Co. allowed the Cyclones to deal with the frequent trapping attempts, and that created enough open looks to keep West Virginia at bay.

As chants of "I-S-U!" rattled the building, Iowa State coach Steve Prohm allowed Thomas and Naz Mitrou-Long to check out with seconds left, the pair of seniors relishing in the moment.

Fellow seniors Morris and Burton joined the jubilant celebration as the clock hit zero.

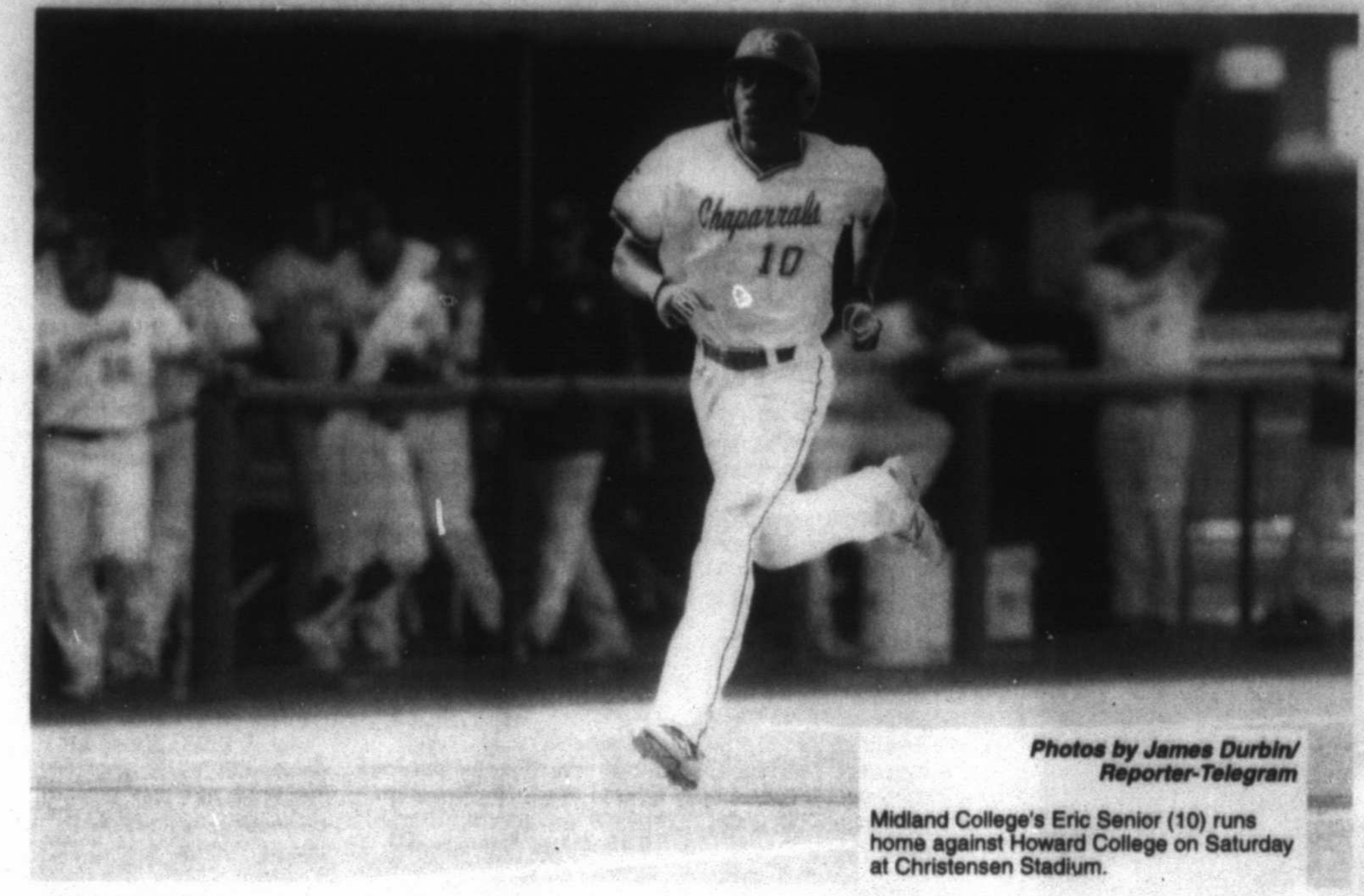
Big picture

Iowa State gave Prohm his first Big 12 Tournament title after he took over for Fred Hoiberg, the popular former player and coach who guided the Cyclones to championships in 2014 and '15.

West Virginia lost despite hitting eight 3-pointers and shooting 51.8 percent from the field in part because its defense let it down. Iowa State is 16-0 when scoring at least 80 this season.

Up next

Both teams settle in to learn their NCAA Tournament seeds on Sunday.



Photos by James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Eric Senior (10) runs home against Howard College on Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

Lady Chaps go 1-1 at Georgia classic

From staff reports

COLUMBUS, Ga. — The No. 9-ranked Midland College softball team went 1-1 during an up and down Saturday at the NFCA Leadoff Classic.

In their first game, the Lady Chaparrals defeated No. 2 Chipola Junior College, 5-4, when Kassie Maddox singled home Melina Martinez with a game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Later in the day, Northwest Florida State College blasted MC, 10-1, in a five-inning game.

Against Chipola, the Lady Chaps led 4-2 after four innings before the Indians tied the contest at 4 with one run in the fifth and seventh.

Martinez led off the bottom of the seventh with a single and advanced to third base following two sacrifice bunts by Shaye Simms and Shaycelynn Hoohuli, before Maddox won it with a base hit to center field.

Hoohuli was 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Lady Chaps, while Martinez went 2-for-3 with one RBI.

MC's Crystine Kistner was victorious in the circle after allowing three hits, two walks and one run in 2 1/3 innings of relief.

Lady Chaps coach Tommy Ramos said his hitters hit the ball right at Northwest Florida State College's fielders in the second game.

Kistner struck out the side during one inning of relief against Northwest Florida State.

MC, which has gone 1-3 thus far in the tournament, plays Gulf Coast Community College at 9 a.m. today.

NO. 9 MIDLAND COLLEGE 5, NO. 2 CHIPOLA JC 4

Chipola .... 002 010 1 —4 5 0
Midland .... 000 400 1 —5 8 3

Krystal Goodman, Devlyn Terry (3) and Marta Gasparotto. Julia Clark, Crystine Kistner (5) and Kayla Shaw. W — Kistner. L — Terry. 2B — MC: Bianca Cerda. 3B — Chipola: Ashley Morris.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE 10, MIDLAND COLLEGE 1, 5 INNINGS

Midland .... 010 00 —1 3 1
NW Florida .... 208 0x —10 10 0

Haleigh Leusch, Sanae Nakoa (3), Julia Clark (3), Crystine Kistner (4) and Kayla Shaw. Dharma Rosbrugh and Danielle Gomez. W — Rosbrugh. L — Leusch.

Record: Midland College 15-6

Next: Midland College vs. Gulf Coast Community College, 9 a.m. today in NFCA Lead-off Classic

Chaps

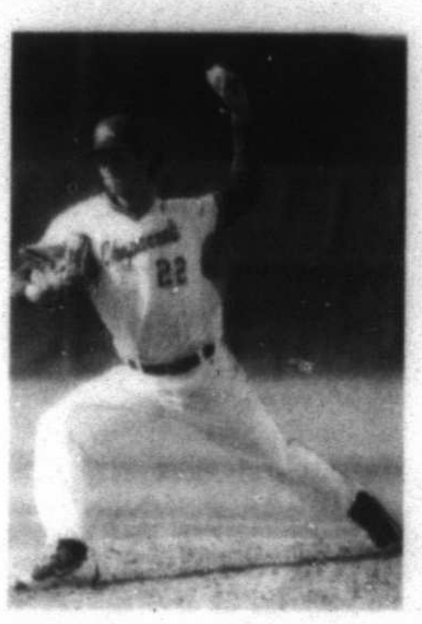
From 1C

the Hawks until the bottom of the eighth when Eric Senior (2-for-4) — who also had a solo home run in the second inning — punched a two-run single to left to give MC a 12-10 advantage.

"I thought we had some pressure at-bats that we came through in," Coleman said. "We got runners on second and third in the eighth, and Eric Senior was down to two strikes and you could see that he refused to lose. He stuck his head in there and just forced contact and great things happened for us."

Senior finished with four RBI in the game. Ethan Barker, Hill Alexander also added two hits and Alex Salcido drove in two runs.

The day, which lasted almost eight hours, started



Midland College's Brandon Hatley (22) pitches to Howard College on Saturday.

with MC getting run-ruled by the Hawks in the completion of Friday's suspended game.

But then MC bounced back thanks in part to the start of sophomore righthander and Texas Tech transfer Jonathan Nicholson, who pitched into the seventh inning and allowed four runs on six hits, with two walks and 12 strikeouts.

MC scored all of its runs in the first two innings and Senior and Kyle Mitchell led the Chaps with two hits each.

Howard rallied late but Mitchell closed out the game on the mound and Nolan Rattai made a great play at shortstop to secure the win.

"Right before (batting practice) I told (the Chaps) that today is about toughness, it's just about persevering, it's just about being able to battle for eight or nine hours," Coleman said. "I thought we did that. I thought we were tough enough."

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

Completion of Friday's second game
HOWARD COLLEGE 15, MIDLAND COLLEGE 7, 8 INNINGS

Midland .... 021 003 10 —7 10 7
Howard .... 400 002 54—15 14 3

Brock Barger, Logan McCrummen (6), Levin Hon (7) and Alex Salcido. Andrew McInvale, Tristani Tom (6), Cameron Ellis (7), Jon Shreier (7), Shayne Nance (8) and Doug Facendo. W - Nance. L - Hon. 2B - MC: Nolan Rattai, Jordan Dray; HC: Robert Bullard, Robert Mendendall 2. HR - HC: Caleb Kyle, Facendo, Mason Peterson.

Saturday's first game
MIDLAND COLLEGE 5, HOWARD COLLEGE 4

Howard .... 000 210 1 —4 6 1
Midland .... 410 000 0 —5 8 2

Denny Bentley, Parker Towns (2) and Facendo. Jonathan Nicholson, Brandon Hatley (7), Kyle Mitchell (7) and Cameron Melcher. W - Nicholson. L - Bentley. 2B - HC: Trey Ochoa. HR - HC: Facendo, Bullard.

Saturday's second game
MIDLAND COLLEGE 12, HOWARD COLLEGE 10

Howard .... 400 212 100—10 14 4
Midland .... 011 500 32x—12 10 6

Riley Richert, Shayne Nance (4), Ryan Williams (7), Chris Fearon (7) and Reese O'Farrell, Jose Castro, Hatley (1), McCrummen (2), Noel Solis (6), Connor Flannagan (8) and Cameron Melcher and Jon Schwalbach (8). W — Flannagan. L — Fearon. 2B - MC: Ethan Barker; HC: Nick Colacecchi 2, Facendo. HR — MC: Senior.

Records: Midland College 12-6, 3-1 in WJCAC; Howard 10-9, 1-3

Next: Howard College at Midland College, 4 p.m. Wednesday

UTPB

From 1C

half.

The Falcons lost despite shooting a blistering 55.0 percent from the field in the second half.

Lone Star Conference MVP and former Midland College player Daeshon Francis led UTPB with 16 points.

UTPB's Johnnie Lacy added 15 points, shooting a perfect 13 of 13 from the free-throw line, while teammate Zeldric King chipped in with 13 points.

The Javelinas picked up their first postseason win in program history. Texas A&M-Kingsville advances to today's NCAA North Central Regional semifinal against West Texas A&M (25-8).

Javelinas' Duan Wright led all scorers with 19 points. Marcus Frazier scored 15 and Trey Sumpter pitched in with 14 to give Texas A&M-Kingsville three players in double figures.

MCS finishes 8th in San Angelo

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — Midland Christian's Bryce Waters and Trinity's Austin Escamilla tied for ninth with a three-round total of 225 in the medalist standings following the two-day San Angelo Boys Classic, Saturday at Bentwood Country Club.

Waters carded a 67-77-81—225, while Escamilla recorded a score of 73-72-80—225.

San Angelo Central's Jansen Smith shot a 67-69-71—207 to win the individual tournament.

Midland Christian finished eighth in the team standings with a score of 318-324-335—977, which was won by Lake Travis (286-193-305—884).

MCS' Robby Massy carded an 86-81-81—248; Joe Smith posted an 83-81-88—252; Zant Holoman shot an 82-85-87—254 and Trennon Parish recorded a 91-87-86—264.

Trinity's Chris Palacios shot an 87-91-94—272; Ciro Baeza recorded a scorecard of 94-82-83—259 and Adin Watson posted a 129-118-135—382.

Boys

From 1C

team indeed might have been facing some intimidating odds Saturday. But his players simply banded together and willed themselves to a victory.

"We were missing two starters taking the SAT and then to go down with our center back at the end (with the red card) and they kept fighting," Martin said. "Our freshman stood up in goal and hadn't played there all year. We were having goalie tryouts during the week trying to decide who to play because we tried to keep him on the field and he's one of our better scorers. We fought all the way man, I'm proud. They played together the whole time."

Rebels' Argentinean freshman Andres Dicun, a forward who is leading the team in scoring during district play, said the character of his teammates headlined the win.

Dicun was asked to start in goal for Tascosa for the first time this season. He said he hadn't played the position at all in nearly five years, as he's been playing mostly in a forward role since age 10.

"It was a crazy game, I've got to tell you," Dicun said. "I think it was all about the character of the team and the kind of team we have. We knew we had to step it up (Saturday) against one of the best teams in the district. So I think that's what brought it all together, the hunger that we wanted to make the playoffs and win."

Throughout the match, the Rebels adopted a purely defensive strategy, as they packed in their defense and attempted to fend off Bulldog attacks one at a time. In the 66th minute, Tascosa went down to 10 players after another starter was sent off with a red card.

But for 14 more minutes and 12 intense penalty shots, the Rebels found a way and celebrated after the final penalty shot met the back of the net.

"We knew it was going to be a hard game because we lost two starting players," Lian said. "We believe in each other and we gave 100 percent effort and here we are."

In the PKs, the two sides dueled to 4-4 before Donte Ferguson missed his shot over the crossbar, opening the door to a Tascosa win. But on the next shot, the Rebels' game-winning attempt was blocked with a tremendous save by Bulldogs' keeper Alan Rodriguez.

The PK phase then moved to sudden death and saw another MHS shot sail over the crossbar before Tascosa finished off the win on its next shot.

MHS head coach Warren Cottle said it was a disappointing result for his team, but added that the Bulldogs will learn from the experience and move on to Tuesday's all-important road match with OHS.

"We've just got to go," Cottle said. "We can't sit around and mope. It was well-played by Tascosa, very smart to tuck in and defend like crazy, play for the points and get the shootout (win). That was smart and I can't take anything away from those guys.

"There's times when these things happen and you jump back on the boat and get after it. Everybody is playing for something now."

Follow Will on Twitter: @Will_MRT

HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

BASEBALL

CULP, MHS BLANK BELTON

HIGHLAND PARK — Behind a five-hit shutout from senior righthander Ryan Culp and a three-run first inning, the Midland High baseball team picked up a 5-0 win against Belton on Saturday at the Highland Park Tournament.

Culp struck out five, walked one and needed 94 pitches to go the distance. At the plate, Jaxon Hallmark went 1-for-2 with a home run, a walk and two runs scored. Chris Sims was 2-for-3 with a run scored, while Sam Bertelson finished 1-for-3 with a pair of RBI for MHS.

The Bulldogs added a run in the third and sixth innings.

MHS will next host Odessa Permian in the District 2-6A opener at noon, Thursday at Zachery Field.

MIDLAND HIGH 5, BELTON 0

Belton .... 000 000 0 —0 5 0
MHS .... 301 001 x —5 8 1

Earl, Potvin (4) and Enciso. Ryan Culp and Sam Matchus. W — Culp. L — Earl. 2B — Belton: Taggart. MHS — Tyler Klattenhoff, Sam Bertelson. HR — MHS: Jaxon Hallmark.

Record: MHS 6-10

Next: Odessa Permian at MHS, Noon Thursday

LEE GAMES CANCELED

Lee's games during the final day of the Brenham Tournament on Satuday were canceled because of rain.

The Rebels return to District 2-6A play at 4:30 p.m. Thursday when they travel to Amarillo Tascosa.

ALEDO EDGES MUSTANGS

ABILENE — A two-run rally in the fourth inning was enough for Aledo to hold off Midland Christian for a 6-5 win on Saturday in the Abilene Invitational.

Aledo scored four in the top of the second before the Mustangs (6-11-1) answered with three runs in the bottom half. MCS plated one more run in the fifth but it wasn't enough.

Joseph Bermea led MCS by going 3-for-4 with a triple, an RBI and two runs scored, while Carter Eckles went 1-for-1 with a pair of RBI. Nolen Hester, who started and pitched four innings, went 1-for-4 with a run for the Mustangs.

ALEDO 6, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 5

Aledo .... 040 200 0 —6 3 1
MCS .... 031 010 0 —5 6 4

Nolen Hester, Hunter Robertson (5) and Zac Tilton. W — Jarvis. L — Hester. 2B — Aledo: Berkley; MCS: Carter Eckles. 3B — MCS: Joseph Bermea.

Record: MCS 6-11-1

Next: Lubbock Christian at MCS, 6 p.m. Tuesday at Christensen Stadium

WEST TEXAS CLASSIC SCORES
2017 West Texas March Classic
Thursday-Saturday
Saturday's scores
Greenwood High School Field

Greenwood 11, OHS JV 10
Pecos 12, Alpine 8

Big Spring High School Field

MHS JV 4, Presidio 4
Big Spring 7, Slaton 6

SOFTBALL
FRIDAY'S LATE LINESCORE
STANTON 11, PRESIDIO 10

Presidio .... 010 311 4 —10 8 2
Stanton .... 500 042 x —11 11 3

W — Victoria Carby L — Alejandro Proano 2B — Presidio: Amber Armendariz, Alissa Solis; Stanton: Jamie Saenz, Mariah Holguin, Tyone Prado 2, Victoria Alvizo. 3B — Presidio: Solis; Stanton: Saenz.

Girls

From 1C

Tascosa (6-12-1, 0-0-1-8, 2 points) remained in last place.

MHS head coach Cooper Barham said things felt a bit tense throughout the first half, as the Lady Bulldogs fired chance after chance at the Lady Rebels' net but had little to show for it on the scoreboard.

"It can be frustrating, especially when you have a lot of (scoring) chances like that," Barham said. "I give credit to (Tascosa's) goalie. She had a bunch of really good saves and really kept them in the game."

VonHolle scored in the eighth and 35th minutes to give MHS a 2-0 lead, but Barham added that he thought his team wasn't playing within itself early on.

"We kind of started shifting away from our style of play," Barham said. "We were being a little bit more selfish and I always tell them 'The more unselfish you are, the more you look up and look at our options, the better chance you'll have of scoring."

Perhaps energized by its goal 49 seconds before halftime, Tascosa played with more purpose and passion to open the second half.

But once the MHS players began to look for one another upfield, the floodgates opened. After Tascosa's keeper punched a ball out of the box, Alee Moylett hustled to the rebound and fired a strike into the net from 20 yards out for a 3-1 MHS lead in the 55th minute. Three minutes later, VonHolle notched the hat trick, making it 4-1 on a penalty kick.

Just seconds later, VonHolle collected her fourth goal before Rivas capped the match's scoring with a tally in the 72nd minute.

In the heat of a playoff race with OHS, Fricker said she and her teammates wanted to play for each other in the second half.

"We just decided to come out and play our game," Fricker said. "All season we've been battling with this team thing we have, call it selfishness. But we decided to play for each other and that's how we got five goals in the second half.

"We decided to play with heart, play for each other and put the ball in the back of the net."

Follow Will on Twitter: @Will_MRT

MHS

From 1C

senior Cade Michael in the boys 800 meters (1:57.49), senior Greyson Brockington in the boys 110 hurdles (15.81), senior Ryan Giddens in the boys pole vault (14-0) and junior Bailey Crouse in the girls 300 hurdles (47.26).

West Texas Relays
At Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Division I
Saturday

Note: Boys team standings were not available. 1,600 relay results for boys and girls were also not available.

Boys

100 meters — 1. McLane Mannix, Midland High, 11.09; 2. Rodrick Thomas, Arlington Houston, 11.09; 3. Juleion Bowers, Midland High, 11.21; 4. Toddrick Robinson, Permian, 11.22; 5. Adaryll Burnett, Lee, 11.26; 6. Isaiah Harvey, Lee, 11.32

200 — 1. McLane Mannix, Midland High, 22.11; 2. Juleion Bowers, Midland High, 22.40; 3. Jaime Garza, Permian, 22.55; 4. Michael Comer, Permian, 22.73; 5. Trevor Gonzalez, Lee, 22.75; 6. Avery Akbar, Lee, 22.93

400 — 1. Gregory Nelson, Permian, 51.73; 2. Roberto Macias, Odessa High, 51.78; 3. Adriel Nabarette, Odessa High, 51.79; 4. Erick Luna, Eastlake, 52.29; 5. Darius Manning, Midland High, 52.55; 6. Ruben Luna, Lee, 52.98

800 — 1. Cade Michael, Midland High, 1:57.49; 2. Chance Fair, Lubbock Coronado, 1:58.27; 3. Gregory Nelson, Permian, 1:58.69; 4. Edgar Gonzalez, Eastlake, 2:00.06; 5. Chance Ziemann, Lee, 2:02.50; 6. Jordan Luna-Howell, Midland High, 2:04.32

1,600 — 1. Andrew Bosquez, Hobbs, 4:25.90; 2. Victor Saldana, Hobbs, 4:30.76; 3. Cade Michael, Midland High, 4:33.68; 4. Jesse Madrid, Hobbs, 4:35.04; 5. Chance Ziemann, Lee, 4:49.92; 6. Lorenzo Mendez, Midland High, 4:51.09

3,200 — 1. Andrew Bosquez, Hobbs, 9:33.60; 2. Victor Saldana, Hobbs, 9:40.16; 3. Jesse Madrid, Hobbs, 9:44.50; 4. Lorenzo Mendez, Midland High, 10:25.32; 5. Josh Garcia, Permian, 10:38.97; 6. Drew Taylor, Odessa High, 10:43.75

110 hurdles — 1. Greyson Brockington, Midland High, 15.81; 2. Bransen Smith, Lubbock Coronado, 15.87; 3. Charles McClure, Odessa High, 15.89; 4. Jacob McCracken, Midland High, 15.94; 5. Bryce Jones, Lee, 16.20; 6. Sema'J Davis, Lee, 16.35

300 hurdles — 1. Jorrdyn Dunn, Lee, 41.00; 2. Bransen Smith, Lubbock Coronado, 41.43; 3. Charles McClure, Odessa High, 42.10; 4. Bryce Jones, Lee, 42.14; 5. Cody Wood, Permian, 43.20; 6. Dustin Hunt, Lee, 43.32

400 relay — 1. Midland High (Kobie McCalister, Noah Marquez, Juleion Bowers, McLane Mannix) 42.19; 2. Lee 42.72; 3. Permian 42.88; 4. Arlington Houston 43.12; 5. Odessa High 43.81

800 relay — 1. Lee (Trevor Gonzalez, Isaiah Harvey, Adaryll Burnett, Jorrdyn Dunn) 1:29.08; 2. Arlington Houston 1:30.69; 3. Midland High 1:30.98; 4. Permian 1:31.28; 5. Lubbock Coronado 1:34.20

High jump — 1. Milo Rios, El Paso Eastlake, 6 feet, 6 inches; 2. Courtney McMaryion, Midland High, 6-4; 3. Darius Manning, Midland High, 5-10; 4. (tie) Adrian Davila, Permian, 5-8; Octavion McCaskill, Lubbock Coronado, 5-8; 6. Marion Thomas, Lubbock Coronado, 5-8

Pole vault — 1. Ryan Giddens, Midland High, 14-0; 2. Albert Gardea, Midland High, 12-0; 3. Keith Rodriguez, Eastlake, 11-6; 4. Jamel Kent, Hobbs, 11-0; 5. Dawson Hays, Odessa High, 10-6

Long jump — 1. Des Gardner, Lubbock Coronado, 21-6 3/4; 2. Courtney McMaryion, Midland High, 21-4 1/4; 3. Jorrdyn Dunn, Lee, 20-8 3/4; 4. Michael Comer, Permian, 20-8 1/2; 5. Trevor Gonzalez, Lee, 20-8; 6. Tyrone Caufield, Odessa High, 19-7

Triple jump — 1. Ethan Thomas, Lubbock Coronado, 45-6 1/4; 2. Jarrod Compton, Lubbock Coronado, 43-0 3/4; 3. Patrick Okimi, Lee, 42-7; 4. Trey Jacobo, Lee, 40-9 3/4; 5. Oscar Valadez, Lee, 40-1 3/4; 6. Courtney McMaryion, Midland High, 39-6

Discus — 1. Dallic Moody, Hobbs, 141-8; 2. Jauqai Polk, Lee, 132-9; 3. Dillon Springer, Midland High, 131-9; 4. Jake Parchman, Permian, 129-9; 5. Isaiah Nunez, Lee, 129-3; 6. Nacho Rubio, Lee, 129-0

Shot put — 1. Jake Parchman, Permian, 46-9 1/4; 2. Gabriel Garcia, El Paso Eastlake, 43-4 1/2; 3. Jauqai Polk, Lee, 42-3; 4. Dominque Nelson, Permian, 41-0 1/4; 5. Dillon Springer, Midland High, 39-3 1/2; 6. Jovan Mendoza, Hobbs, 38-3 1/2

Girls

Team standings — 1. Midland High 160; 2. Odessa High 110; 3. Odessa Permian 106; 4. Lee 102; 5. Amarillo Palo Duro, 38; 6. El Paso Eastlake 20; 7. Arlington Houston 11; 8. Hobbs, N.M. 4

100 meters — 1. Relaya Hernandez, Odessa High, 12.82 seconds; 2. Paris Villarreal, Odessa High, 12.88; 3. Stormi Lee, Midland High, 13.04; 4. Jabreana Savage, Permian, 13.09; 5. Arrie Ryan, Lee, 13.19; 6. Kasia Wilson, Lee, 13.26

200 — 1. Sametria Smith, Midland High, 26.04; 2. Jasmine McCalister, Midland High, 26.22; 3. Hillary Johnson, Lee, 26.77; 4. Stormi Lee, Midland High, 26.84; 5. Heavyn Burnett, Lee, 27.37; 6. Breann Anderson, Odessa High, 27.39

400 — 1. Relaya Herandez, Odessa High, 58.81; 2. Elizabeth Boss, Lee, 1:00.63; 3. Jai La Wilkins, Arlington Houston, 1:02.66; 4. Lexi Luna, Odessa High, 1:04.14; 5. D'Oshane Fitts, Midland High, 1:04.37; 6. Emani Bostic, Arlington Houston, 1:04.63

800 — 1. Maylie Brito, Odessa High, 2:28.84; 2. Shannon Smith, Midland High, 2:29.15; 3. Grayson Price, Midland High, 2:32.45; 4. Arlene Saenz, Odessa High, 2:35.58; 5. Lagaya Barnes, Lee, 2:37.16; 6. Rachel Clanton, Midland High, 2:38.00

1,600 — 1. Maylie Brito, Odessa High, 5:45.94; 2. Mareyi Luna, Odessa High, 5:49.47; 3. Kandus Box, Midland High, 5:53.91; 4. Shelby Schmidt, Midland High, 5:57.07; 5. Rachel Clanton, Midland High, 5:58.86; 6. Lagaya Barnes, Lee, 6:02.23

3,200 — 1. Amaris Chavez, Eastlake, 12:29.44; 2. Kandus Box, Midland High, 12:37.16; 3. Stephanie Martinez, Eastlake, 12:50.57; 4. Natasia Corrales, Permian, 12:55.54; 5. Mareyi Luna, Odessa High, 12:58.96; 6. Shelby Schmidt, Midland High, 12:59.10

100 hurdles — 1. Sametria Smith, Midland High, 14.54; 2. Lauryn Truesdale, Midland High, 15.91; 3. Elizabeth Boss, Lee, 17.05; 4. Cheyenne Rinehart, Lee, 17.85; 5. Amberly Longoria, Odessa High, 17.90; 6. Katrina Garcia, Odessa High, 18.21

300 hurdles — 1. Bailey Crouse, Midland High, 47.26; 2. Lily Porras, Lee, 47.91; 3. Lauryn Truesdale, Midland High, 49.05; 4. Tory Stewart, Lee, 49.68; 5. Jayci Streun, Midland High, 49.99; 6. Arwin Weaks, Permian, 52.72

400 relay — 1. Permian (Akor Maywin, Anysia Fletcher, Tyranique Harris, Keiausha Williams) 48.17; 2. Palo Duro 49.19; 3. Lee 49.52; 4. Odessa High 51.42; 5. Arlington Houston 52.13; 6. Hobbs 53.19

800 relay — 1. Permian (Akor Maywin, Keiausha Williams, Anysia Fletcher, Tyranique Harris) 1:41.46; 2. Lee 1:43.82; 3. Midland High 1:44.39; 4. Palo Duro 1:44.80; 5. Eastlake 1:46.40; 6. Odessa High 1:49.02

High jump — 1. Akor Maywin, Permian, 5 feet, 2 inches; 2. Cheyenne Rinehart, Lee, 4-10; 3. Jayci Streun, Midland High, 4-10; 4. Gaby Jaquez, Odessa High, 4-8; 5. Forester Lexia, Permian, 4-8; 6. Keiausha Williams, Permian, 4-7

Pole vault — 1. Trisha Nag, Lee, 8-6; 2. Taci Taylor, Midland High, 8-0; 3. Ashley Wyatt, Odessa High, 7-6

Long jump — 1. Sametria Smith, Midland High, 8-6; 2. Ireland Atwood, Lee, 15-7; 3. Lauryn Truesdale, Midland High, 15-2 3/4; 4. Anysia Fletcher, Permian, 14-9; 5. Lily Porras, Lee, 14-8 1/2; 6. Jasmine McCalister, Midland High, 14-2 1/2

Triple jump — 1. Sametria Smith, Midland High, 35-6 1/2; 2. Anysia Fletcher, Permian, 34-0 1/2; 3. Katrina Garcia, Odessa High, 32-8 3/4; 4. Keaton Fricker, Midland High, 32-7 3/4; 5. Ireland Atwood, Lee, 32-6 1/4; 6. Kainaja Walton, Odessa High, 31-9 1/4

Discus — 1. Ryles Bolton, Odessa High, 128-3; 2. Vulevas Taylor, Permian, 123-5; 3. Calyha Brown, Permian, 122-7; 4. Jaleisa Shaffer, Palo Duro, 119-5; 5. Halli Wilson, Hobbs, 104-1; 6. Mia Rivera, Midland High, 99-9

Shot put — 1. Jaleisa Shaffer, Palo Duro, 40-3; 2. Mia Black, Permian, 37-8; 3. Calyha Brown, Permian, 36-5; 4. Vuvvlas Taylor, Permian, 32-7; 5. Hattie Green, Odessa High, 32-5 1/4; 6. Rylea Bolton, Odessa High, 32-2 3/4

Adam Hadwin shoots 67 to open 4-shot lead in Valspar

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Adam Hadwin only wants a chance to win when he tees it up on the PGA Tour, and he's never had a chance like this one.

Birdie putts from 35 feet and 55 feet on the back nine Saturday at the Valspar Championship stretched his lead to four shots. Equally important to him was the slick, bending 6-foot par putt on the final hole.

"Three shots is much easier to come back from than four shots is," Hadwin said after a clean card of 4-under 67. "That extra shot could be everything tomorrow. That was a big putt for me, I think, mentally going into tomorrow."

The 29-year-old Canadian overcame a brief bout of nerves on the practice range with a flawless day in a strong, warm breeze on the Copperhead Course at Innisbrook. That 6-foot par putt made it 31 straight holes without a bogey, put him at 14-under 199 and gave him the four-shot lead over Patrick Cantlay.

It was the third time in the last four PGA Tour events the 54-hole leader was up by at least four shots, and all of them won comfortably — Jordan Spieth at Pebble Beach, Dustin Johnson at Riviera and Rickie Fowler at PGA National.

More than a big lead, there is not a lot of experience chasing the Canadian. Of the three players within six shots of him, only Jim Herman has experienced winning on the PGA Tour. Herman won the Shell Houston Open last year for his first victory. He had a 71 playing in the final group and fell five shots behind.

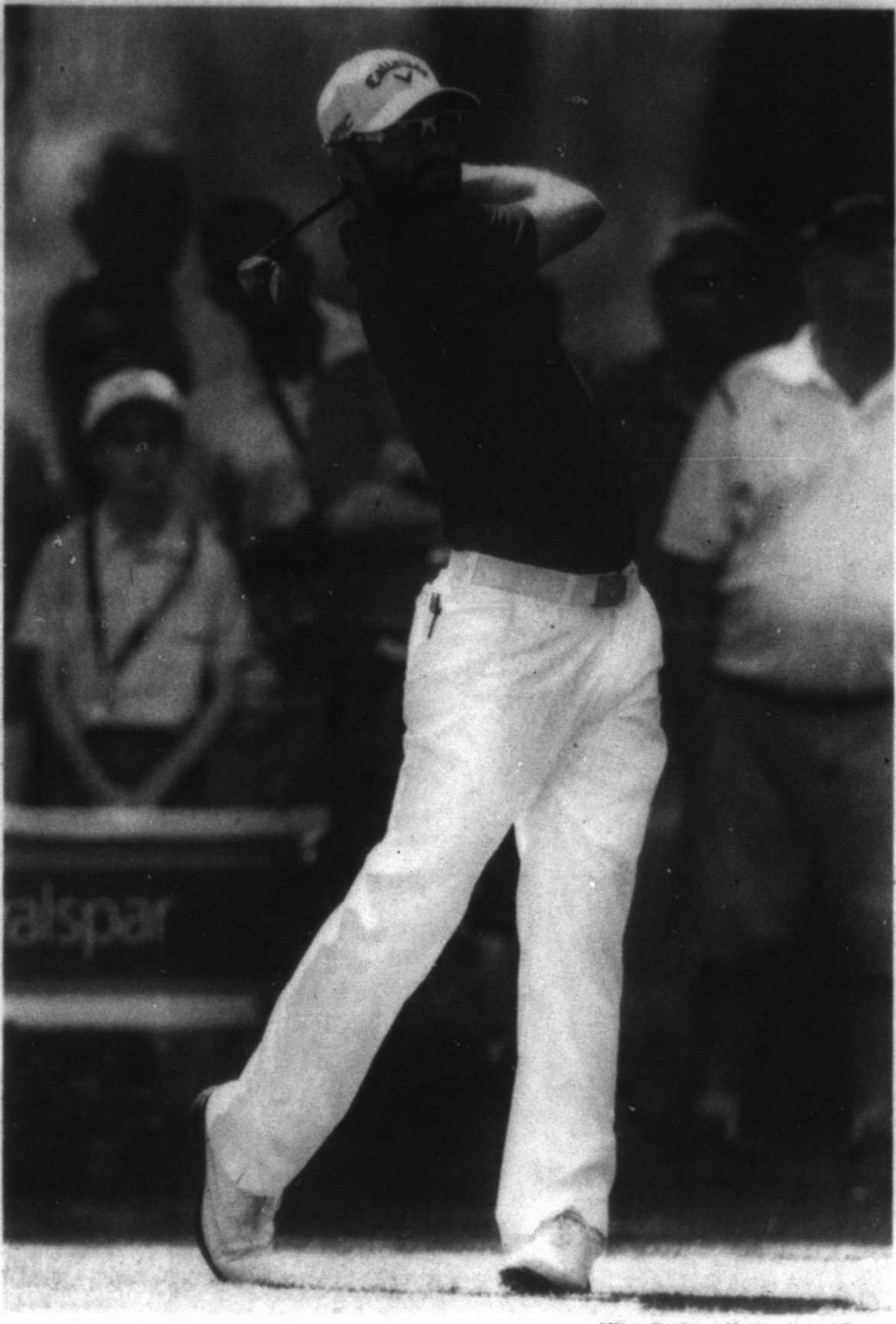
PGA Tour rookie Dominic Bozzelli had a 70 and was at 8-under 205.

Hadwin also had a 54-hole lead in the CareerBuilder Challenge when he shot 59 in the third round. He closed with a 70 and was runner-up to Hudson Swafford. He started that final round with a one-shot lead over Bozzelli.

Four shots is a lot bigger than one, though Hadwin said it could work both ways. He knows enough about Innisbrook to realize it can disappear quickly.

"But the other side of things is that guys are going to have to shot a good score to catch you," he said. "To go bogey-free today, I mean, I'd love to do that again tomorrow. I think somebody would have to play an extremely good round of golf to catch me. Make some pars and make guys come and get you."

British Open champion Henrik Stenson never made a move and struggled again getting his distance right in the wind, allowing for only a few reasonable birdie chances. He had another 71 and was seven shots behind, along with J.J. Henry (67).



Mike Carlson/Associated Press

Adam Hedwin, of Canada, tees off on the 2nd hole during the third round of the Valspar Championship golf tournament Saturday at Innisbrook in Palm Harbor, Fla.

For Hadwin, life has never been better.

It was at Innisbrook a year ago that he broke his 7-iron against a tree in anger, a starting point to learn how to smile more and worry less about golf, which he believes has led to better scores.

Plus, he's getting married in two weeks.

A victory, perhaps even second place alone, might be enough to get Hadwin into the Dell Match Play. He won't be going either way because his wedding is Friday (March 26) of that week.

A victory would get him into the Masters. In that case, the honeymoon might be postponed.

For now, he's only thinking about playing good golf on Sunday and forcing everyone to catch him on the toughest track in Florida (that doesn't convert par 5s into par 4s).

Equally compelling is the guy Hadwin will see on the first tee Sunday.

Cantlay was the No. 1 amateur at UCLA who swept all the big awards as a sophomore, and then shot 60 in the Travelers Championship the week after he was low amateur in the U.S. Open at Congressional. He played four PGA Tour events in summer of 2011 and never finished out of the top 25.

But at Colonial in 2013 as a rookie, he felt back pain. Doctors eventually diagnosed it as a stress fracture, and it took two years for him to feel healthy again. Turns out that wasn't his biggest setback. He was walking to dinner with Chris Roth, his best friend and his caddie, a year ago February when Roth was struck and killed by a car.

From such a dark period, Cantlay managed to get his head, his back and his game in shape.

He says he is the same person who had such big expectations as an amateur.

"A few more low, highs and lows," Cantlay said. "Gave me a little different perspective. At the time things were rolling so good all the time, I guess I didn't think they could go any other way. But life hit me in the face pretty quick. So it's really nice to be here playing, feeling good, and playing well."

Valspar Championship
Saturday
At Innisbrook Golf Resort (Copperhead Course)
Palm Harbor, Fla.
Purse: $6.3 million
Yardage: 7,340; Par: 71
Third Round

Adam Hadwin	68-64-67—199
Patrick Cantlay	71-66-66—203
Jim Herman	62-71-71—204
Dominic Bozzelli	67-68-70—205
J.J. Henry	72-67-67—206
Henrik Stenson	64-71-71—206
Charl Schwartzel	70-70-67—207
Lucas Glover	68-70-69—207
John Huh	69-70-69—208
J.T. Poston	69-70-69—208
Wesley Bryan	68-68-72—208
Ryan Moore	69-72-68—209
Chad Campbell	71-69-69—209
Tony Finau	67-72-70—209
Nick Watney	70-69-70—209
Bryson DeChambeau	67-70-72—209
Tyrone Van Aswegen	69-65-75—209
David Hearn	68-74-68—210
Ben Martin	75-67-68—210
Keith Mitchell	69-70-71—210
Kevin Streelman	71-68-71—210
Alex Cejka	68-70-72—210
Hudson Swafford	68-69-73—210
Russell Henley	64-71-75—210
Morgan Hoffmann	69-72-70—211
Harris English	77-65-69—211
Danny Lee	72-69-70—211
Kyle Stanley	69-71-71—211
Stewart Cink	69-71-71—211
Jason Dufner	68-71-72—211
Soren Kjeldsen	68-70-73—211
Matt Kuchar	69-69-73—211
Charles Howell III	67-71-73—211
Blayne Barber	70-67-74—211
Jim Furyk	69-73-70—212
Brian Stuard	70-72-70—212
Graeme McDowell	75-67-70—212
Webb Simpson	67-75-70—212
Byeong Hun An	69-72-71—212
Seamus Power	68-74-72—212
Jonas Blixt	69-71-72—212
Hunter Mahan	71-68-73—212
Jamie Lovemark	69-69-74—212
Luke List	68-69-75—212
Tim Wilkinson	70-72-71—213
Cameron Smith	74-67-72—213
Chez Reavie	72-68-73—213
Jason Kokrak	68-71-74—213
David Lingmerth	70-72-72—214
Patrick Reed	70-72-72—214
Graham DeLaet	71-71-72—214
Lee McCoy	72-68-74—214
James Hahn	65-72-77—214
Charlie Danielson	71-71-73—215
Bill Haas	70-72-73—215
Nick Taylor	72-70-73—215
Ryo Ishikawa	69-73-73—215
Keegan Bradley	67-73-75—215
Rod Pampling	70-69-76—215
Ian Poulter	72-67-76—215
Kelly Kraft	72-70-74—216
Robert Garrigus	71-70-75—216
Kyle Reifers	69-72-75—216
Ryan Blaum	68-73-75—216
Michael Kim	70-71-75—216
Ben Crane	74-66-76—216
Gary Woodland	71-70-76—217
Bud Cauley	70-72-76—218
Scott Stallings	72-70-78—220
Sean O'Hair	72-70—WD

Erik Jones navigates NASCAR Cup rookie season without father

By Mike Cranston
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — When Erik Jones climbs into his NASCAR Cup Series car Sunday, an important watch will be stowed away in his nearby motorhome.

Jones reached the pinnacle of stock-car racing this year amid a void. His father Dave, the watch's owner, died of cancer last year. Since then Jones hasn't gone anywhere without the silver Shinola.

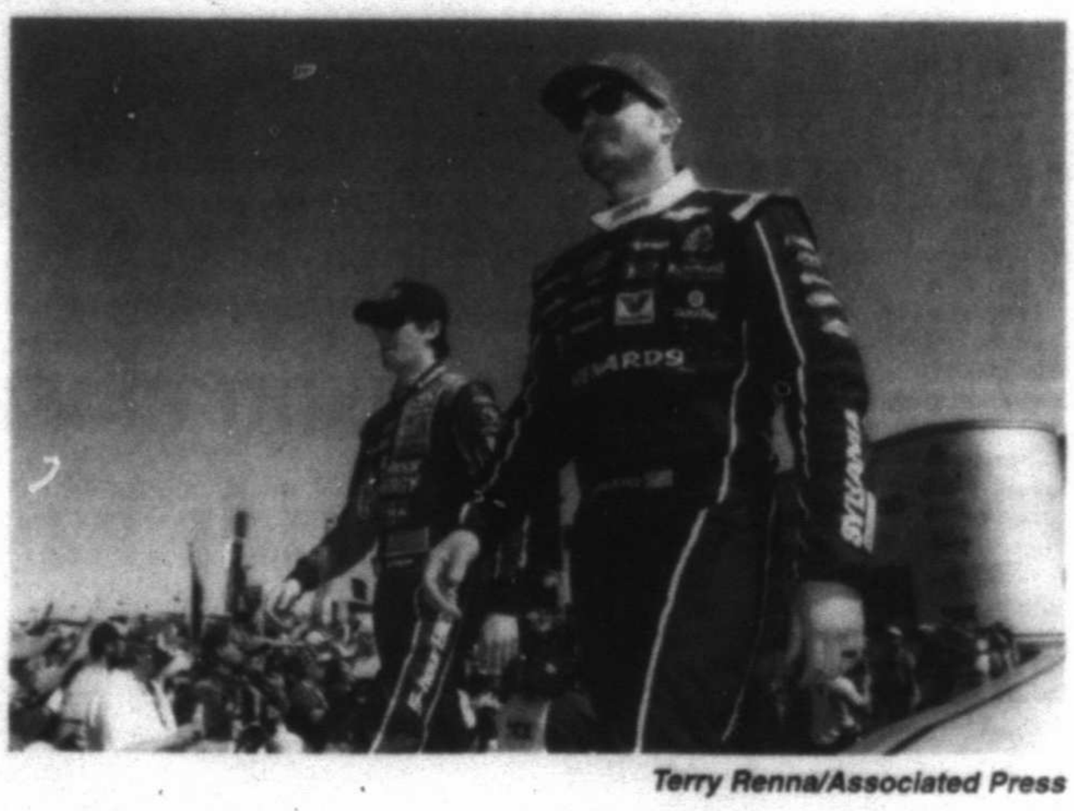
"It's kind of the one thing that I have that connects me back to him," he said.

The 20-year-old Cup rookie spoke about his father's passing for the first time at Las Vegas Motor Speedway ahead of Sunday's Kobalt 400. Jones is one of NASCAR's hottest young drivers, going from Truck Series champion in 2015 to the Xfinity Series rookie of the year in 2016 to a job with Furniture Row Racing when it added a second Cup car this season.

"There were definitely times over the last few weeks I would have loved to call him and just talk to him about racing and general life," Jones said about his dad.

Dave Jones was as proud of his Michigan roots as his son. The Shinola watch was made in Detroit. The elder Jones also sold another Michigan-made product, a 1965 Corvette, to help fund his son's racing career.

"I never had to worry about the money I was making or bills I was paying or anything else," Jones said. "I would call my Dad and say, 'Hey, man, I've got this problem or that problem and what do you think?' And he would have an opinion or a solution. He always had the answer, I felt like. And all of a sudden you lose that so quickly."



Terry Renna/Associated Press

Erik Jones, left, and Paul Menard are introduced before the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway on Feb. 26 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Jones was at his North Carolina home last March when his mother called. His father had lost feeling in his arm and went to the doctor thinking he had a pinched nerve. The diagnosis was devastating: lung cancer that had spread to his brain.

"It was just tough to see someone kind of fade away over a few months," Jones said.

As his father got weaker, a surprise guest showed up to his Michigan home: car owner Joe Gibbs. He wanted Dave Jones to know the news before he even informed his son. Gibbs had brokered a deal for Jones to race in NASCAR's top series in 2017.

Jones fondly recalls the ensuing conversation with his dad.

"It was cool for that moment to sit down with him and say, 'We did it. We're here and next year we're going to be at the peak, man,'" Jones said.

Dave Jones passed away at 53 in June, the week of his son's return to Michigan to race at his home track. Erik Jones insisted on driving, and he acknowledged it took him a while to adjust to life without what he called his "best friend."

"It's too bad. I definitely thought about it at Daytona, standing out on pit road, wishing he could have been there to take it all in," Jones said.

He had mechanical issues in the No. 77 Toyota at the season-opening Daytona 500. Jones started 34, crashed, and ended 39th. He showed improvement with a 14th-place finish at Atlanta last week and qualified eighth for Sunday's race.

And with Jones' career on the rise, he's earned the financial security to make a sentimental purchase: his father's old '65 Corvette.

"I had finally gotten to the point about a year ago when I said, 'Man, I can finally start thinking about buying this car back for him.' And he got sick," Jones said. "But I found the guy and got the car back.

"Now it's just hanging out."

Here are some other things to watch as NASCAR begins its three-race Western swing at the 1.5-mile oval Sunday:

Harvick's mind: How will Kevin Harvick respond after leading 292 laps at Atlanta, only to finish ninth because of a pit-road speeding penalty?

"It doesn't sting any more than anything else," Harvick said. "It's not the first time I've blown a race or lost a race or had something happen. And I've been on the other side of that, too, and capitalized on other people making mistakes."

Watch your speed: There's apprehension about NASCAR's new pit road timing lines. Jimmie Johnson was also penalized twice at Atlanta.

"This weekend will be brutal because we've never had these timing lines at Vegas and Vegas is notoriously difficult on speeders," Daytona 500 champ Kurt Busch said.

Front row intrigue: Brad Keselowski, who won at Atlanta last week and at Las Vegas last year, will start from the pole. Martin Truex starts second, but had to sit out 15 minutes of Saturday's final practice session after his car failed its first two trips through the template station before Friday's qualifying.

Truex had to start from the rear in the Daytona 500 for having a car that was too low in the qualifying race.

Andrews wins Seminole Invitational

From staff reports

SEMINOLE — The Andrews II girls golf team shot a 334-326—990 over two rounds to win the Seminole Invitational, Saturday at Gaines County Golf Course.

Skyler Strube, of Andrews II, was the runner-up in the medalist standings after carding an 80-81—161.

Andrews II also claimed the third-place medalist spot as Sam Flores posted an 83-82—165 and the fourth-place position as Macy Schulze shot an 87-79—166.

Sarah Harris, of Andrews II, finished in a tie for sixth place with a card of 84-86—170.

Levelland's Tailar Anthony was the individual tournament champion after recording an 83-74—157.

Seminole Girls Golf Invitational
Final results through two rounds
Saturday

Team standings — 1. Andrews II 334-326—660; 2. Seminole I 355-351—706; 3. Lubbock Cooper 360-355—715; 4. Monahans I 365-355—720; 5. Levelland I 376-352—728; 6. Andrews III 366-364—730; 7. Lubbock High 371-362—733; 8. Seminole II 379-367—746; 9. Odessa Permian 401-393—794; 10. Monahans II 434-426—860

Medalist standings — 1. Tailar Anthony, Levelland I, 83-74—157; 2. Skyler Strube, Andrews II, 80-81—161; 3. Sam Flores, Andrews II, 83-82—165; 4. Macy Schulze, Andrews II, 87-79—166; 5. Ozlyan Juarez, Monahans I, 87-82—169; 6. (tie) Marissa Martin, Lubbock Cooper, 87-83—170; Sarah Harris, Andrews II, 84-86—170; 8. Alyssa Garcia, Seminole I, 171; 9. Rylee Taylor Perez, Lubbock Cooper, 85-87—172; 10. Alex Wall, Seminole II, 87-86—173

Area team results

Andrews II (334-326—660) — Skyler Strube 80-81—161, Sam Flores 83-82—165, Macy Schulze 87-79—166, Sarah Harris 84-86—170, Paige Jennings 93-84—177

Andrews III (366-364—730) — Raegan Riley 89-87—176, Alyssa Gerhardt 85-95—180, Brook Jonnaman 93-93—186, Taylor Carey 99-89—188

NASCAR-MONSTER ENERGY CUP LINEUP

After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Las Vegas, Nev.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 193.68 mph.
2. (78) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 193.458.
3. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 193.41.
4. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 193.389.
5. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 193.161.
6. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 193.029.
7. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 193.133.
8. (77) Erik Jones, Toyota, 192.369.
9. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 192.362.
10. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 192.362.
11. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 191.966.
12. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 191.042.
13. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 192.623.
14. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 192.431.
15. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 192.356.
16. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 192.267.
17. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 192.089.
18. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr, Chevrolet, 192.068.
19. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 191.7.
20. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 191.544.
21. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 191.523.
22. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 191.029.
23. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 190.638.
24. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 188.864.
25. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 190.57.
26. (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 190.402.
27. (34) Landon Cassill, Ford, 190.208.
28. (10) Danica Patrick, Ford, 189.954.
29. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, 189.553.
30. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 189.401.
31. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 187.813.
32. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 186.716.
33. (72) Cole Whitt, Ford, 185.752.
34. (83) Corey Lajoie, Toyota, 185.554.
35. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 185.008.
36. (33) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 182.624.
37. (15) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 180.301.
38. (55) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, 177.488.
39. (51) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, 174.876.

NASCAR XFINITY-BOYD GAMING 300 RESULTS

Saturday
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Las Vegas, Nev.
Lap length: 1.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (4) Joey Logano, Ford, 200 laps, 0 rating, 0 points.
2. (7) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 0.
3. (3) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 200, 0, 0.
4. (13) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 47.
5. (5) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 0.
6. (16) Darrell Wallace Jr, Ford, 200, 0, 35.
7. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200, 0, 0.
8. (14) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 29.
9. (10) Ryan Reed, Ford, 200, 0, 29.
10. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 200, 0, 0.
11. (20) Cole Custer, Ford, 200, 0, 26.
12. (19) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 25.
13. (8) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 30.
14. (18) William Byron, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 23.
15. (12) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 22.
16. (11) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 21.
17. (15) Aric Almirola, Ford, 200, 0, 0.
18. (27) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 19.
19. (22) Drew Herring, Toyota, 200, 0, 18.
20. (21) Dakoda Armstrong, Toyota, 200, 0, 17.
21. (28) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 16.
22. (23) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 200, 0, 15.
23. (24) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, 200, 0, 14.
24. (9) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 199, 0, 0.
25. (26) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 199, 0, 12.
26. (25) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 198, 0, 11.
27. (31) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 198, 0, 10.
28. (37) David Starr, Chevrolet, 197, 0, 9.
29. (34) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 197, 0, 8.
30. (36) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 196, 0, 7.
31. (29) Ray Black Jr, Chevrolet, 196, 0, 6.
32. (35) Martin Roy, Chevrolet, 196, 0, 5.
33. (32) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 195, 0, 4.
34. (6) Matt Tifft, Toyota, accident, 191, 0, 10.
35. (17) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 189, 0, 2.
36. (33) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, accident, 177, 0, 1.
37. (39) B J McLeod, Chevrolet, brakes, 159, 0, 1.
38. (38) Brandon Hightower, Toyota, vibration, 18, 0, 1.
39. (40) Stephen Leicht, Chevrolet, accident, 4, 0, 1.
40. (30) Jordan Anderson, Chevrolet, electrical, 1, 0, 0.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 118.526 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 31 minutes, 52 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.602 seconds.
Caution Flags: 9 for 44 laps.
Lead Changes: 8 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K.Busch 1-48; K.Larson 49-74; J.Logano 75; K.Larson 76-80; B.Keselowski 81-92; J.Logano 93-142; K.Larson 143-144; J.Yeley 145; J.Logano 146-200
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): J.Logano, 3 times for 103 laps; K.Busch, 1 time for 47 laps; K.Larson, 3 times for 30 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 11 laps; J.Yeley, 1 time for 0 laps.
Wins: K.Busch, 1; J.Logano, 1; R.Reed, 1.
Top 10 in Points: 1. E.Sadler, 99; 2. R.Reed, 95; 3. W.Byron, 90; 4. D.Hemric, 72; 5. D.Wallace, 70; 6. B.Poole, 68; 7. M.Tifft, 66; 8. D.Armstrong, 64; 9. B.Gaughan, 64; 10. C.Custer, 62.

PRO GOLF

Indian Open Scores
Saturday
At DLF Golf and Country Club
New Delhi
Purse: $1.75 million
Yardage: 7,004; Par: 72
Partial Third Round
Play suspended, 42 golfers did not finish

Peter Uihlen, United States	72-75-68—215
George Coetzee, South Africa	73-74-69—216
Jens Fahrbring, Sweden	73-74-69—216
Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain	73-73-70—216
Prom Meesawat, Thailand	72-74-70—216
Chris Hanson, England	76-72-69—217
Marcel Siem, Germany	70-76-71—217

Also

Daniel Im, United States	74-72-79—225

Third Round Leaderboard

	SCORE	THRU
Carlos Pigem, Spain	-6	11
SSP Chawrasia, India	-6	11
Eddie Pepperell, England	-6	11
Gavin Green, Malaysia	-5	17
Michael Hoey, England	-4	12
David Horsey, England	-4	11
Scott Jamieson, Scotland	-3	14
Gregory Havret, France	-3	14
Peter Uihlen, United States	-1	F
Paul Peterson, United States	-1	12
Matteo Manassero, Italy	-1	11

Sources: Quick resolution to Tony Romo's future with Cowboys now unlikely

AP file photo

Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo smiles on the bench during the second half of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Jan. 1 in Philadelphia. A person with knowledge of the decision tells The Associated Press that the Dallas Cowboys will release quarterback Tony Romo when the NFL year opens on Thursday. The person spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't announced a decision on Romo, who will get a chance to pursue a starting job elsewhere.

By David Moore
The Dallas Morning News

A quick resolution to Tony Romo's future now appears unlikely.

Barring unforeseen movement on the trade front, sources said nothing is expected to happen with the veteran quarterback this weekend. One source went as far as to say "it's optimistic" to suggest Romo's status with the Cowboys will be determined in the next week.

This doesn't mean the club has altered its position. The Cowboys intend to release Romo if a trade partner isn't found. Owner Jerry Jones informed Romo of this stance in a meeting on Wednesday, according to sources.

What the Cowboys do by extending this timeline deep into the month is acknowledge a changing NFL landscape.

Denver and Houston are considered the leading candidates to land Romo. A few hours before the start of free agency on Thursday afternoon a report surfaced that the Broncos had an interest in trading quarterback Trevor Siemian. A short time later, the Texans did trade quarterback Brock Osweiler to Cleveland.

Both clubs have conceded an interest in Romo if he hits the open market but have indicated they have no intention of trading for him. The Cowboys appear determined to test that resolve. Club officials are willing to let this play out after Thursday's developments.

Owner Jerry Jones has made it clear no trade will occur without Romo's consent.

The Cowboys also retained starting wide receiver Terrance Williams and signed three defensive players late Friday afternoon. Dallas did this with Romo counting $24.7 million on the salary cap, shooting down any notion that the club needs to make a move with him immediately to free up $5.1 million to maneuver in free agency.

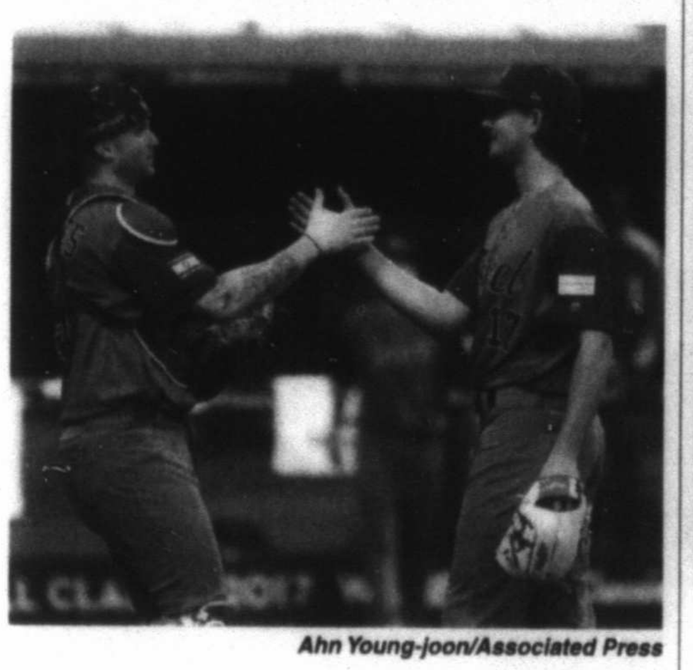
Put all this together and the Cowboys and Romo find themselves in a holding pattern.

It looks like it could stay that way for awhile.

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Israel soars at World Baseball Classic

By Aron Heller
Associated Press



Ahn Young-joon/Associated Press

Israel's pitcher Dean Kremer, right, celebrates his team's victory with catcher Nick Rickles against Taiwan after the first round game of the World Baseball Classic at Gocheok Sky Dome on March 7 in Seoul, South Korea.

JERUSALEM — Israel is the big surprise of the World Baseball Classic, upsetting three teams, generating buzz and offering a mascot like no other — "The Mensch on the Bench."

Back home, no one seems to notice.

Baseball has long been overlooked in Israel, seen as an arcane and boring game. This team consists almost entirely of American pros of Jewish descent. It has been derided as a group of mercenaries with little connection to the country.

Israel entered this showcase tournament ranked 41st in the world, the lowest ranked and last team to qualify. In quick succession, however, the Israelis beat third-ranked South Korea 2-1 in extra innings in the opening game before topping fourth-ranked Taiwan 15-7 and ninth-ranked the Netherlands 4-2 to finish first in Pool A with a 3-0 record.

Next up in the second round is Cuba on Sunday in Tokyo, with a chance to advance to the semifinals.

For the small Israeli baseball community this has been nothing short of astounding, creating a wave of pride in their disparaged sport. The country has only one baseball-specific field and only about 1,000 active players who are well accustomed to fielding incredulous questions from native-born Israelis about their funny gear and the difference between a home run and a strikeout.

Israel's WBC games haven't been broadcast on the national sports channel and have been mentioned only briefly in the media. Most Israelis likely aren't even aware they have a national team or understand it is competing against the world's best in the sport's most prestigious global event.

That includes the country's sport minister. Asked in a radio interview whether she was planning to travel to South Korea, Miri Regev had no idea what was happening there. When pressed, she said she knew a baseball team existed but not much more.

"I may be the sports minister but I don't pretend to know every player and every team in detail," she said on Army Radio. "My job is to promote them. ... Obviously it is not one of the preferred fields that we invest in."

In Israel, soccer and basketball reign. Baseball has been one of the most popular sports among American Jews, but in Israel it has mostly been the domain of a loyal group of American immigrants.

It failed to catch on with the rough-and-tumble native-born Israelis. When it came to imported American sports, they took more of a liking to the strategy and hard hitting of football. In 2007, a group of American supporters launched the Israel Baseball League, a professional league comprised almost entirely of foreign players. It folded after one season.

Team manager Jerry Weinstein acknowledged that generating more interest in Israel was one of the team's primary goals.

"That's what we're trying to do, help grow the game in Israel," he told reporters Saturday. "And I think that by playing in this (tournament) and doing well that we enlighten people's awareness."

Support has also suffered because the team is, well, not very Israeli. Thanks to the WBC's "heritage rule," its players are almost all Americans with major or minor league experiences and varying degrees of ties to Judaism and Israel. The roster includes only two Israeli citizens, both little-used pitchers, and eight of the Americans visited Israel for the first time only two months ago to learn about the country.

"Let's stop pretending like they really represent Israel because it is doubtful that someone who doesn't live in a country and has never visited it can truly develop affection toward it," Guy Leiba wrote in the popular YNet website. "There is no difference between these players and African sprinters who choose to represent Arab countries for a few dollars."

Even so, a select few have jumped on the bandwagon.

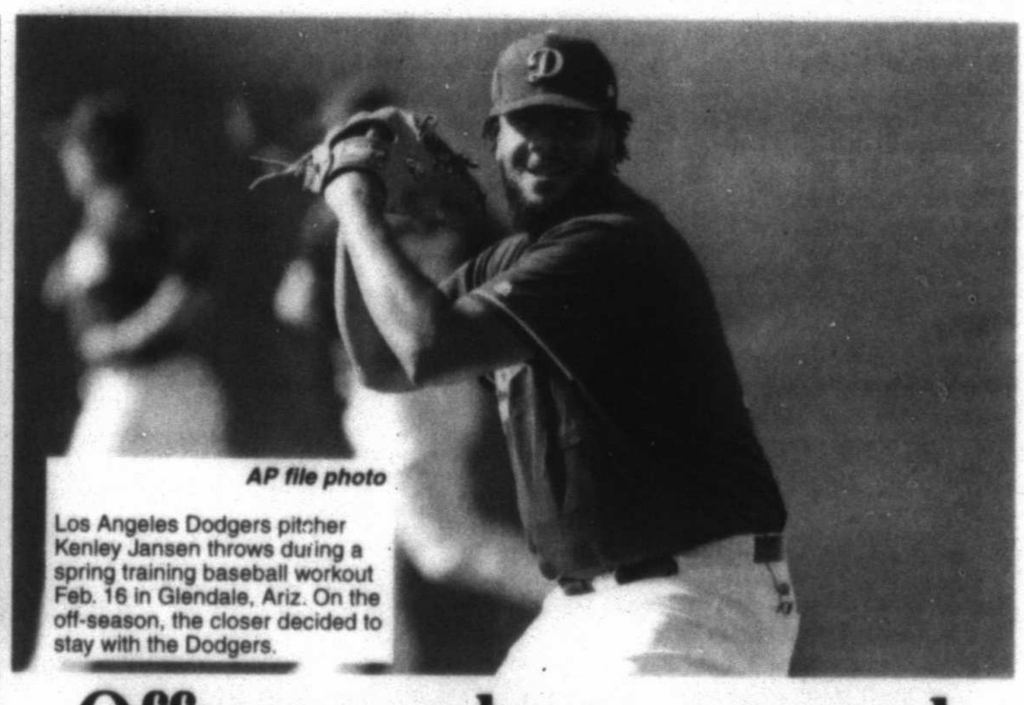
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has a number of American-born aides who have played baseball and softball locally, tweeted a greeting to the team as it mowed through the competition in South Korea.

"We are all with you!" he wrote, with a link to a video showing the players wearing Jewish skullcaps during the playing of the national anthem in Seoul.

The ritual, plus fans sporting "Jew Crew" T-shirts and the mascot with a Yiddish name — "mensch" meaning a responsible person of integrity — has given the team a far more Jewish flavor than Israeli. And that, says sportscaster Gil Barak of Sports 5 TV Channel, makes it even tougher for locals to connect.

Even though he covers sports for a living, Barak said he couldn't name a single player on the team, and Israelis just couldn't identify with such a group.

"No one knows anything about the game and this is entirely alien," he said. "It's a sport that has no past here, has no future and has no present."



AP file photo

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Kenley Jansen throws during a spring training baseball workout Feb. 16 in Glendale, Ariz. On the off-season, the closer decided to stay with the Dodgers.

Offseason closer carousel could decide baseball season

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Mark Melancon got a big free-agent contract from the San Francisco Giants. Aroldis Chapman returned to the New York Yankees for a record-breaking deal. Kenley Jansen stayed with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Wade Davis was traded to the Chicago Cubs, and the Washington Nationals looked outside before looking internally for an answer.

Five of baseball's marquee teams. A series of high-stakes decisions. A closer look at the value of closers.

"There's no magic formula. Filling that role is not different than any other role," Cubs president of baseball operations Theo Epstein said. "But I think you recognize that the relief pitching in general, guys kind of come out of nowhere and surprise you and then, with some notable exceptions, it's not always the longest, most consistent run for these guys.

"So (we) try to be creative in how we fill those roles rather than just go out and give a free agent a huge long-term deal."

Epstein and the Cubs parted with a pricey package of prospects to get Chapman from the Yankees last summer, and the hard-throwing left-hander helped Chicago to its first World Series title since 1908. But the Cubs got Davis from Kansas City a couple of weeks before Chapman finalized an $86 million, five-year contract with New York — the richest deal ever for a relief pitcher.

Davis will make $10 million this season in the final year of his contract. Asked if there was a disparity around the game in how teams look at the role, Epstein demurred.

"I think everyone would rather look in-house first, but if you don't have the candidates ready and you're a team that expects to win the World Series, then you look outside," he said.

San Francisco and Los Angeles lost to Chicago in the NL playoffs, and what happened in each series followed the teams into the offseason.

Five San Francisco relievers combined to throw away a 5-2 lead in the ninth inning of its season-ending loss to the Cubs in Game 4 of the division series. The Giants blew 32 saves last season, including nine in September.

Enter Melancon, who finalized a $62 million, four-year contract with San Francisco in December.

"It seems when you have a guy that is a lockdown guy it just shortens the game so much," Giants catcher Buster Posey said. "You're able to do some things a little bit differently and also, of course, the other team knows if they go into that last inning without the lead, they're kind of up against it. Other than what he can just do on the mound, it just gives us a little bit of an edge overall."

Jansen was practically unhittable in the NL Championship Series against Chicago, striking out 10 while throwing 6 1/3 scoreless innings. The Dodgers, who were eliminated by the Cubs in six games, then gave Jansen a blockbuster $80 million, five-year contract to remain in Los Angeles.

When the dust settled for the marquee closers, Washington was left with a giant question mark at the back end of its bullpen. The NL East champions made a play for Melancon, who finished last season with the Nationals, but were outbid by the Giants, according to Washington general manager Mike Rizzo. The Nationals also tried for Jansen before he re-signed with the Dodgers.

Washington could try a closer-by-committee setup — a concept that seemed to be gaining steam in the sport for a while before dying down a bit — but it is hoping someone seizes the job. Shawn Kelley, Blake Treinen, Koda Glover and Joe Nathan are in the mix for the spot this spring.

"There's a very small handful of established, ninth-inning closers that are in the elite category," Rizzo said. "We don't have any of them. But I like the fact that we have pitchers with the ability, the skill set, the makeup and the aptitude to be a back-end-of-the-bullpen type of guy.

"From Mariano Rivera, all the way down, they were all 'first-year closers' at some point in their career."

The Nationals still could trade for a closer, with David Robertson from the rebuilding White Sox making a lot of sense for each side. For his part, White Sox general manager Rick Hahn doesn't see a lot of variance in how teams value closers, but he is anticipating a change in how they are employed after the Indians went to Andrew Miller at various different points during playoff games last year, one of a couple teams to try that strategy in the 2016 postseason.

Shiffrin clinches slalom title, wins World Cup race

Associated Press

OLYMPIC VALLEY, Calif. — Mikaela Shiffrin shook her head after a final run that featured plenty of mistakes followed by some remarkable recoveries.

She left the door open, she feared. Turns out, not so much. Not the way she's racing.

The American standout clinched her fourth slalom title in five seasons before she took her first run and then capped off an electric day with the win at a World Cup race in Squaw Valley on a warm Saturday.

"I'm not proud of my skiing, I think it was very scrappy and I'm proud of the fight," Shiffrin said. "But it's not my best skiing. To fight my way to the finish, and come away with another win today, sometimes it's better to do that than to feel like I skied unbelievable."

Trailing going into the final run, Shiffrin overcame some early slip-ups to turn in a combined time of 1 minute, 39.48 seconds. Then, she anxiously waited to see if it was good enough.

First-run leader Wendy Holdener of Switzerland was the last racer of the day and took some chances before crashing out near the finish line to give Shiffrin her 31st career World Cup victory. Sarka Strachova of the Czech Republic was second, 1.03 seconds back, and Bernadette Schild of Austria finished third.

Shiffrin, who turns 22 on Monday, completed the Squaw Valley sweep, winning the giant slalom Friday as the World Cup returned to hill for the first time since 1969.

Exhausted, she fed off the crowd's energy.

"It was amazing to hear them screaming," said Shiffrin, who's from Eagle-Vail, Colorado. "An incredible crowd, so happy to be competing in front of them."

Scott Sady/Associated Press

Mikaela Shiffrin competes during the second run in the women's World Cup slalom competition Saturday in Olympic Valley, Calif.

She now leads the race for the overall title by a commanding 378 points over Ilka Stuhec of Slovenia heading into the final four competitions at the World Cup Finals in Aspen.

That doesn't give Shiffrin any sense of added comfort, though, in her bid to join Phil Mahre, Tamara McKinney, Bode Miller and Lindsey Vonn as the only Americans to win the overall crown.

"It's something I feel like I haven't quite earned yet, even if I have it almost on paper," Shiffrin said. "It adds a little bit of pressure almost."

Shiffrin wrapped up the season-long slalom title when her closest competitor, Veronika Velez Zuzulova of Slovakia, wiped out right before Shiffrin took her first turn through the challenging course. Shiffrin wound up the morning session in second place, 0.02 seconds behind Holdener.

"This is what I want and now I have to go for it," Holdener said about her strategy going into run No. 2.

Holdener went for it all right, but skied out with just a few slalom gates remaining.

"I didn't necessarily take the win from her," Shiffrin said. "Sometimes, that happens. Sometimes, you fall. She was going for it. It's really amazing to compete with someone like her on the World Cup. ... She has so much aggression. It's really cool to have someone push me like that."

Her celebration plans are modest — a well-earned nap.

"The only thing want to do after winning a race is sleep," Shiffrin joked. "It's the only thing I ever want to do at all."

Shiffrin rose to prominence in the slalom, capturing gold at the 2014 Sochi Olympics and three straight titles at the world championships.

Her fourth crystal globe in the discipline ties her with Austrian skier Marlies Schild. Vreni Schneider of Switzerland has the most slalom titles among women with six.

How about this for a coincidence: Shiffrin's first World Cup podium was a third-place finish during a slalom race in Austria on Dec. 29, 2011. The winner that day was Marlies Schild, the older sister of Bernadette, who was fifth after the first run and moved up for her first podium in three years.

"After such a long time without a podium, you actually start to, well, not believe in it somehow," Bernadette Schild said. "I did it ... The belief is back. I can do it again."

Madison Keys wins 1st match of 2017 after left wrist surgery

Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif — Top-10 player Madison Keys played — and won — her first match of 2017 after time off because of a wrist operation, beating Mariana Duque-Marino 6-1, 7-5 at the BNP Paribas Open on Saturday.

Keys, a 22-year-old American ranked No. 9, had arthroscopic surgery on her left wrist shortly after the season-ending WTA Finals in October. She missed the start of this season, including the Australian Open.

Other women joining Keys, who had a first-round bye, in the third round at Indian Wells: No. 2-ranked Angelique Kerber, Caroline Wozniacki and Kristina Mladenovic. Keys now plays the woman she beat in the third round of last year's U.S. Open, Naomi Osaka.

In men's action Saturday, No. 7 seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga lost to Fabio Fognini 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4 in 2 1/2 hours, while 38-year-old, 6-foot-11 Ivo Karlovic, who was seeded 19th, bowed out to 21-year-old, 5-foot-7 Yoshihito Nishioka 6-4, 6-3.

John Isner hit 23 aces, had zero double-faults and never faced a break point while edging Mikhail Kukushkin 7-6 (0), 7-6 (6).

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

You can email it to sports@mrt.com.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5365

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and graffe school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Elite Training Soccer Camp
When/where: June 12-16, Hobbs, N.M.
Fee: $150 before April 1, $200 after
For more info: elitetrainingcoach@yahoo.com

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Golf

2017 Jackalopes Golf Tournament
When/where: Tuesday, March 28, Andrews County Golf Course, 1 p.m. shotgun start
Cost: $500 for 3-man team o $175 for an individual. Sponsorships also available
For more info: Call the Odessa Jackalopes at 432-552-7825 or stop by the Jacks office at 4201 Andrews Highway in Odessa.

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse Spring 2017 Learn 2 Play Clinics & Games
What: Learn the lacrosse basics, rules and play scrimmage games.
For: Boys 3rd through 8th grades
When: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays, March 19-April 23 (except April 16)
Where: Scharbauer Sports Complex-Auxiliary Turf Fields
For more info: Go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stand and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times; Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-6); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Tennis Club Men's/Women's Singles Tournament
When: Saturday, March 25
Where: Midland College
How to register: Sign up by Thursday afternoon at the Armstrong Racquet Shop
For more info: Call 686-4266 or e-mail midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0622 or email malcolmtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

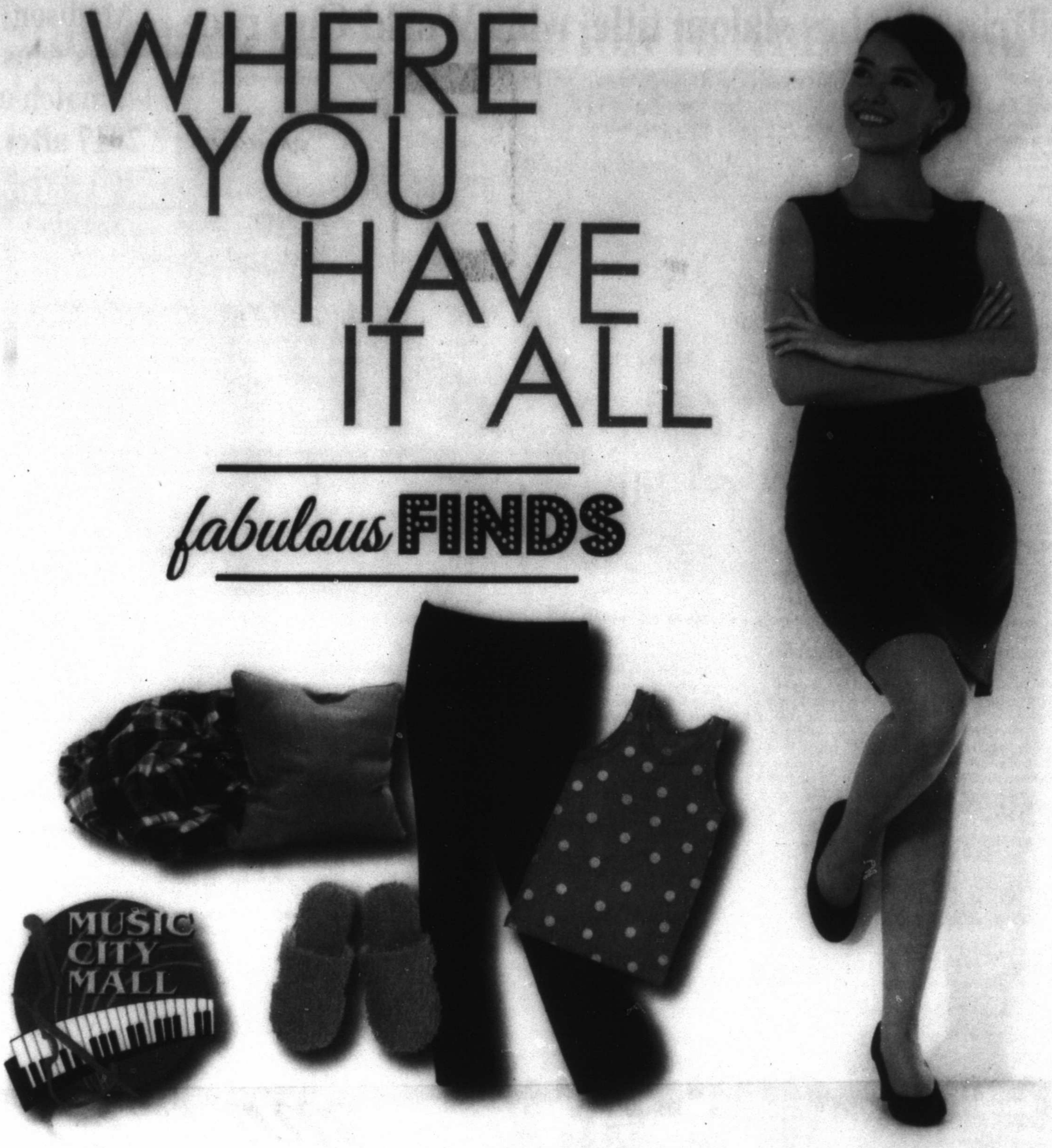
Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email gary.petersen@mygrande.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.comvv

Midland Softball Association
Adult Slowpitch Softball
Register NOW
Spring League Games begin April 3
Entry Fee - $350, Deadline March 15
Register on-line at
www.midlandsoftball.com
Or at the Bill Williams Softball Complex
on March 7, 8, 14, 15 from 5:30-7 PM
Player Fees: $15 due at 1st game
Late Entry: March 16-18
Team Entry Fee: $375

WHERE YOU HAVE IT ALL

fabulous FINDS



MOM Elegante HOTEL

ASK US ABOUT OUR CATERING!
432-368-5885

sunday brunch

at the Shrimp Boat
Every Sunday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Carving Station — Prime Rib • Virginia Baked Ham • Herb Crusted Pork Loin

Entrees — Almond Cod, Fried Catfish, Grilled Pork Chops, Chicken Monterrey, Grilled Chicken Breast, Beef Tips w/Mushroom Gravy

Mexican Food Spread — Red and Green Enchiladas, Beans, Rice, Chile Verde, Asado, Caldo de Res, and Menudo

Sides — Primavera Mixed Vegetables, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, French Cut Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Corn on the Cob, Steamed White Rice

Dessert Table — Our Famous Bread Pudding with Jack Daniels Sauce • Peach Cobbler • Cakes and Cupcakes • Assorted Gelatin Cups

Omelet & Waffle Station • Fresh Soup & Salad Bar • Fresh Fruit Platter

Adults $19.99 • Seniors (65+) $14.99
Children $9.99 • Children 5 & Under FREE

Shrimp Boat Seafood — Elegante

East Loop 338 & University • mcmelegante.com

Call Ahead for Reservations 432-368-5885

Cooked to Order Pasta Bar

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Lunch 11am-2pm
Wednesday Dinner 5pm-10pm

Veggies
Yellow & Green Squash
Red, Yellow & Green Pepper
Fresh & Sundried Tomato
Red & White Onion
Black Olives
Mushrooms
Artichoke Hearts
Broccoli
Baby Spinach

Pastas
Bowtie
Angel Hair
Fettucini
Penne

Meats
Italian Sausage
Salomi
Shrimp
Grilled Chicken
Meatballs
Bacon

Sauces
Alfredo
Marinara
Scampi
Pink Sauce
Pesto

Cheeses
Parmesan
Asiago

All for Only $9.99 (Includes Salad Bar)

Shrimp Boat Seafood — Elegante
East Loop 338 & University
mcmelegante.com • 432-368-5885

Spices
Sweet Basil, Parsley, Sea Salt, Lemon Pepper, Cajun, Rosemary, Chef's Secret Spice, Pink Salt, Coarse Black Pepper, Minced Garlic, Crushed Red Pepper

D
SUNDAY
March 12, 2017

homes & classified

2004 W. Indiana

Open House Sunday 2:00-3:00

Charming home located in Old Midland near the museum. Constructed in 1948, there have been major updates to bathrooms and the kitchen while keeping many of the quaint features found in older homes. With 2,837 square feet (per Appraiser) there are four bedrooms, three full baths, two living areas, two dining areas and a two car garage. Children living here may attend Sam Houston Elementary, San Jacinto Jr. High and Midland High.

Mature trees grace the front of this lovely brick home. Step inside to the formal living area where wood flooring sets the stage for your furniture. From here, you can continue to the informal dining area near the kitchen. Move away from here to a cozy study where built-ins are the perfect home for your book collection. Behind wooden panels are more bookshelves and an area to hide the television.

Indoor laundry room is spacious and has a fold down ironing board. A butler's pantry is one of the "older" amenities that is wonderful to have. Walls of cabinets, an extra sink and bonus storage create areas for overflow entertaining dishes and supplies.

The newly remodeled kitchen features stainless appliances, tile countertops and backsplash, skylight and beautiful wooden cabinets. A "pass-through" window opens to the enclosed spacious back porch. Brick floors add to the ambiance. Stay warm by the fireplace and enjoy the view out the windows of the landscaped back yard. Outdoor paved patio creates great entertaining areas and access to the separate two-car garage. Off the kitchen is a sequestered bedroom with a full bath and built-in dresser and bookshelves.

From the formal living room, a hallway leads to three more bedrooms. On the hallway, there is a full bathroom that has been remodeled. It features a Jacuzzi tub and new tile updates. A hall closet adds to the storage available. One bedroom has built in bookshelves and faces the front of the house. Another bedroom has built-ins all across one wall creating a window seat with bookshelves on each end.

The master has a newly remodeled bath with skylight. You will love the master sitting area and the wall of closet space. The creative built-ins add bonus storage within the closets. This room has a door that leads to the enclosed porch across the back of the house. One step away from your bedroom is the fireplace and relaxing space for you to enjoy.

Additional amenities include: automatic garage door opener, reverse osmosis system, automatic sprinkler, new Thermopane windows, all new exterior doors, new insulation in attic, refinished hardwoods, new exterior paint!

This is a must see! Listed at $359,500 you will want more information. Stop by the open house or contact Sandy Scott, ABR, CRS, GRI with Real Estate One, at (432) 683-1377 or (432) 638-3250. MLS#50006549.

Sandy Scott
Realtor® Associate
432-638-3250
sandy@midlandtexashomes.com

Real Estate one
Midland
682-1111
Bill Scott, Broker

Brandee Noll
Realtor® Associate
432-230-4488
brandee@midlandtexashomes.com

mrt★com/jobs

Employment ads by:

432.682.6999

432.682.6222

mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

MRC Global is the largest global distributor of pipe, valve and fitting products and services to the energy industry is now hiring dynamic individuals to join our Odessa, TX team:

Warehouse Associate
CDL A Driver
Inside Sales Representative
Business Development Managers

MRC Global offers a competitive salary and generous benefits including:

Low cost health insurance (medical, dental, vision & prescriptions), matching 401K contributions, professional development & training opportunities.

Apply online to mrcglobal.com/careers search TEXAS

Or call 1-844-536-4297 for more information

Employment contingent on a negative drug screen, successful background check and MVR. EOE

MRC Global™

www.mrcglobal.com/careers

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Fountain Quail Energy Services - Now Recruiting!

Hiring for OPERATORS & SUPERVISORS for a Oilfield Waste Water Treatment Plant in Midland. These are outdoor, labor positions. They will train the right candidate with the right attitude! No experience required BUT it's a plus to have knowledge or experience working in: Plants, Oilfield, Operating heavy equipment or CDL with Hazmat. This is a long term project. Average yearly income is between 55Ok to 570k DOE! They offer fantastic benefits including health insurance. This company truly believes in work and family balance with an average of 60hrs per work week. Various work schedules and days off are offered. EOE.

APPLY IN PERSON AT THEIR JOB FAIR!

HIRING NOW!

Thur., March 16th, 9am-2pm

Midland Best Western Plus on I-20

601 E. Interstate 20 (by Walmart)

Send resume to kim@jobfairsnow.com

Brought To You By Eventures Promotions!

Drivers, Service Techs, CT Tech, DOT/Safty/HSE

Help Wanted CDL Driver(Experience Required) Service Technician, Chemical Toilet Technician, DOT/ Safety/ HSE Coordinator (Experience Required), drug free, EEO, call 432-626-2594 or 432-894-2007

Frac Hands

Peroxychem, LLC is NOW Hiring Frac Hands. Non CDL Frac hand with experience pumping chemicals and operating equipment on a frac location. Midland/Odessa residents ONLY. $18/hour. If interested, please email your resume to heath.meyers@peroxychem.com

HEALTHCARE

Big Spring State Hospital

Registered Nurses, Job Posting # 333400
Earn up to $5312.11 per month (DOE)
Licensed Vocational Nurses, Job Posting # 333391
Earn up to $3678.00 per month (DOE)
Psychiatric Nursing Assistants, Job Posting # 334901
Varied Shifts, Starting salary $1962.85 per month

Contact our Job Center for Job Descriptions or to Arrange a Campus Tour 432-268-7341 or 432-268-7298 or Complete an application online at: https://jobshrportal.hhsc.state.tx.us/ENG/default.cfm

Big Spring State Hospital 1901 North Highway 87 Big Spring, TX 79720

Medical Receptionist

Busy Medical Clinic looking for full time Receptionist. Experienced required. Must have knowledge of insurance verification, and be able to travel to Odessa. Attractive salary and benefits. Email to: midcard2014@hotmail.com

AUTOMOTIVE

Truck Accessory Installer

Goosenecks, Toolboxes, Grill Guards, Steps. Experienced only apply. Must have own tools. 45-48 Hours weekly. Paid weekly. No crybabies or whiners. Apply in person at: Fender Truck Accessories, 901 Goode St.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Reservoir Engineering Tech

Highly successful private equity backed exploration and production company seeks to add a core team member. The successful candidate will be self sufficient in generating analytics for all aspects of exploitation. The candidate should be proficient in utilizing DI, Spotfire, Petra, Phdwin or Aires and sourcing any and all data requirements from commercial data vendors. All disciplines are welcome to apply. Salary based on skill level,100% Paid Family Health Insurance, Annual HSA Funding, 401K and equity participation. Please send resume and references to Human Resource Department, P.O. Box 1960, Midland, TX. 79702.

Let Classifieds Work for You! Call

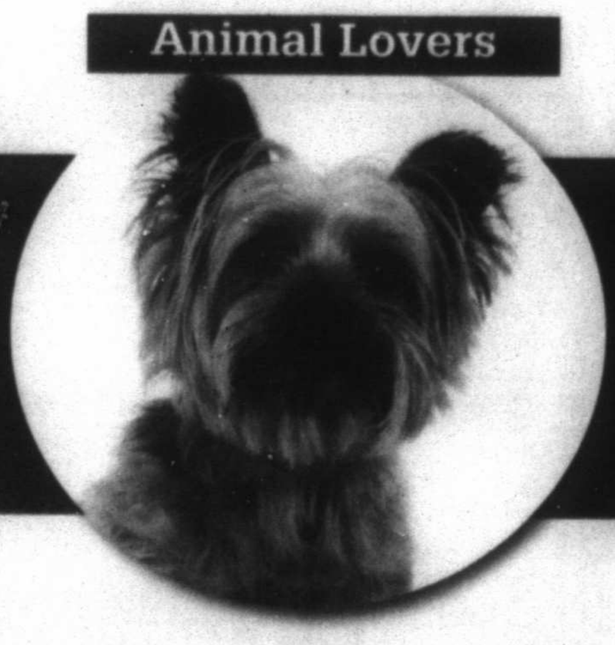
432-682-6222

Fax Your Ad 24-7 682-6999

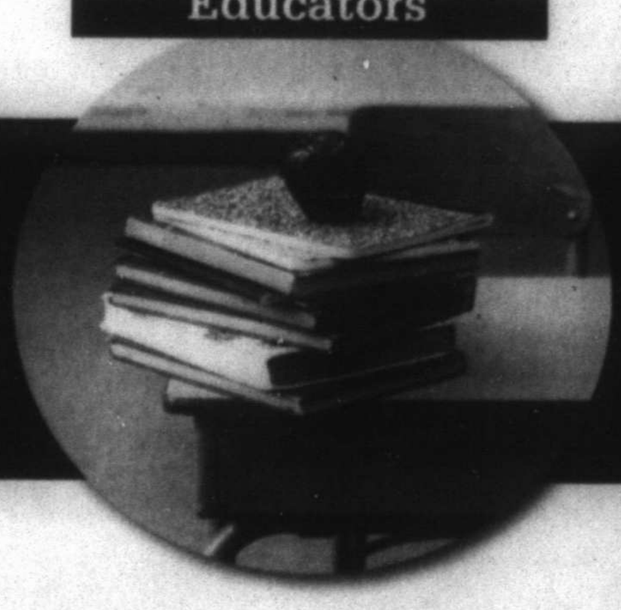
Answer Your Calling

Browse Dozens of **Rewarding Career Opportunities** for

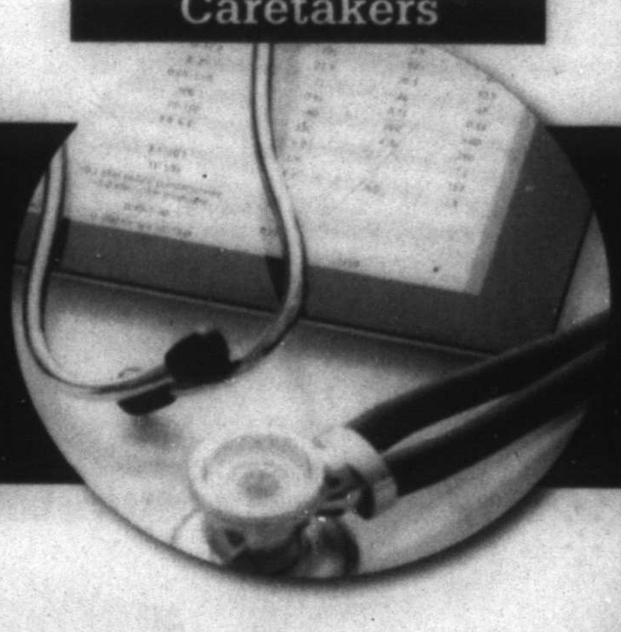
Animal Lovers



Educators



Caretakers



Online Today at mrt★com

Midland Reporter-Telegram **JOBS SECTION**

In Print & Online

432.682.6222

mrt★com/jobs

Employment ads by:

432.682.6999

432.682.6222

mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

PropStream

HI-CRUSH PARTNERS LP (HCLP)

Learn more about HI-Crush at www.hicrush.com where you can apply online. Or, send your resume to careers@hicrush.com with Permian in subject line.

Hi-Crush Partners LP has immediate openings for candidates to join our next crew! We operate a purpose built delivery solution, PropStream, that allows for the efficient, safe and cost-efficient delivery of frac sand directly to our customers at the wellsite. The process involves unloading frac sand from specially designed containers into blender hoppers via an automated convey or system, allowing for faster loading and a significant reduction in supply chain rolated congestion at well sites. Hi-Crush is a leading domestic producer, supplier, and distributor of premium Northern White frac sand used to enhance recovery rates of oil and natural gas in hydraulic fracturing wells.

We are seeking crew members for multiple shifts who can travel to sites in the Permian Basin, typically one to two hours from the Midland/ Odessa area. Openings are available for candidates with prior experience operating forklifts, conveyors and other equipment in the oilfield and drilling services sectors:

Site Supervisor - Responsible for day-to-day frac site operations and site supervision of employees and vendors. Requires 7+ years' experience, specifically in E&P frac site operations, inventory management and logistics.

Sand Coordinator - Responsible for the on-time ordering and accurate delivery of proppant to the frac site according to customer specifications and contract requirements.

Forklift Operator - Unloads containers from trucks. Loads containers onto conveyor system and unloads to designated area.

Conveyor Belt Operator - Assists site crew with mobilization of conveyor systems. Monitors and controls automated conveyor belt system that conveys containers of sand to the well head for frac process. Regulates speed of conveyor system. Monitors flow and operation of system.

Equipment Technician - Monitors orders and schedules and reviews aily work plan with supervisor. Assists with inventory control at the frac site and observes operations to ensure quality control is maintained Ensures the safe and efficient movement of trucks and forklifts at the frac site at all times. In compliance with established safety policies, ensures daily, weekly, and/or monthly safety protocols are performed and logged.

Hourly positions require 2 years of conveyor system operation or comparable experience along with prior experience operating small equipment including 36,000 lb. capacity forklifts (certification preferred.) Experience with oilfield uni-belt/dual-belt frac conveyors desirable. Must be able to work 12-14 hour rotating shifts (two weeks on/one week off).

Hi-Crush is an equal opportunity employer offering competitive compensation with a comprehensive benefit package including medical, dental, vision, disability, life insurance, and 401(k) and incentive opportunities.

OFFICE 1519 SOUTH COUNTY ROAD, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79707

PDC ENERGY

PDC Energy is a highly successful independent energy company engaged in the development, production, and marketing of natural gas and oil while upholding a company culture grounded in integrity. Founded in 1969, PDC Energy's business focus is in the Wattenberg Field of Colorado, the Utica Shale in Ohio as well as the Delaware Basin in Texas. If you are interested in joining our team in Midland, TX PDC Energy has open full-time positions:

MIDLAND, TX

WATER RESOURCES SPECIALIST

Position Duties: Ensures adequate water supply is available to meet drilling, completion and production operations. In this capacity, the Specialist works closely with the Completions Supervisor on short term needs as well as long term supply. Coordinates contractors and provides necessary supplies to enable new drill project execution.

Qualifications: The Successful candidate will have a BS in Science or Engineering with 5+ years of experience . or High School diploma 8-10 years of applicable field operations, Valid drivers license with drivers record acceptable by PDC insurance carrier, and the ability to pass a pre-employment drug screening and background check.

HOW TO APPLY:
Please visit the Careers section on our webpage at www.pdce.com

All applicants are subject to a background check
PDC Energy is an Equal Opportunity Employer

The internet is the best thing to happen to newspapers since the paperboy.

DURING A TYPICAL WEEK, NEWSPAPER MEDIA REACH 77% OF ALL ADULTS.

newspapermedia.com

mrt★com/jobs

HEALTHCARE

Quality Service for Quality Life

The Contract Specialist assists in the systematical and efficient contract creation, execution, and analysis for the purpose of maximizing financial and operational performance. The position provides technical assistance to agency staff and contractors regarding contract procedures and monitoring contract deliverables. This position also supports the contract management functions by preparing, reviewing and processing contract documents for approval and signature. The Contract Specialist' role requires close collaboration with various departments, including executive management, clinical operations, project management, account management, business operations and finance. Position requires being able to plan, organize, and prioritize multiple assignments in a fast paced work environment, without compromising accuracy. Position has the ability to work independently and performs proficiently with limited direct supervision. Bachelor's degree in Economics, Business Administration, Accounting or Public Administration or related field. Prior work experience in procurement or contract processes, such as purchasing or contracting. Strong verbal and written skills and ability to convey complex information in a way that others can readily follow. Proficient skills in the use of Microsoft Office products. Experience may be substituted for the degree on a year for year basis Monday-Friday $40,000-$50,000 annually DOE

Applications available at www.wtcmhmr.org EOE

HOSPITALITY-TRAVEL

Part-Time Maintenance
Experience needed. Apply in person at:
Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 5309 W Loop 250 N, Midland, TX. 79707.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Manager
Century Graphics has an immediate opening for a Human Resources Manager. Responsibilities will include but are not limited to: screening and interviewing candidates for employment, answering incoming calls to the HR department, preparing reports, new hire orientation, complying with HR laws and managing benefits program. The ideal candidate is able to multi-task and remain calm and professional in a fast paced role. HR experience is a must, please apply in person at 501 W Industrial Ave, Midland, TX or submit resume to jobs@centurygs.com.

MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

Parts Manager
Looking for experienced Parts Manager. Experienced in Drilling rig and Gas compressor parts. Competitive wages. Call Clint or Brian @ K&K Repair. Clint's Cell (361)894-5785, Brian's Cell (361)237-6961 Office (432)614-5131

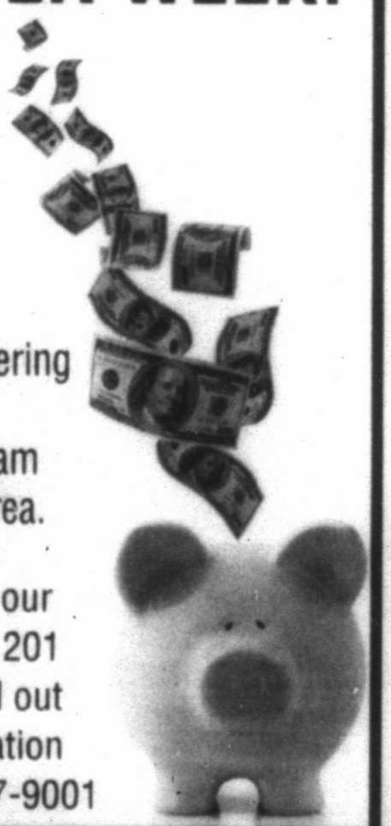
OTHER JOBS

Assistant Cook
Assistant Cook: Prep and serve nutritional meals; cleans kitchen facilities, equipment and appliances; maintains inventory of kitchen supplies and food. Part -time. Apply in person at The Salvation Army of Midland located at 300 S. Baird, or call 432-683-3614 and ask for Patty Eshom.

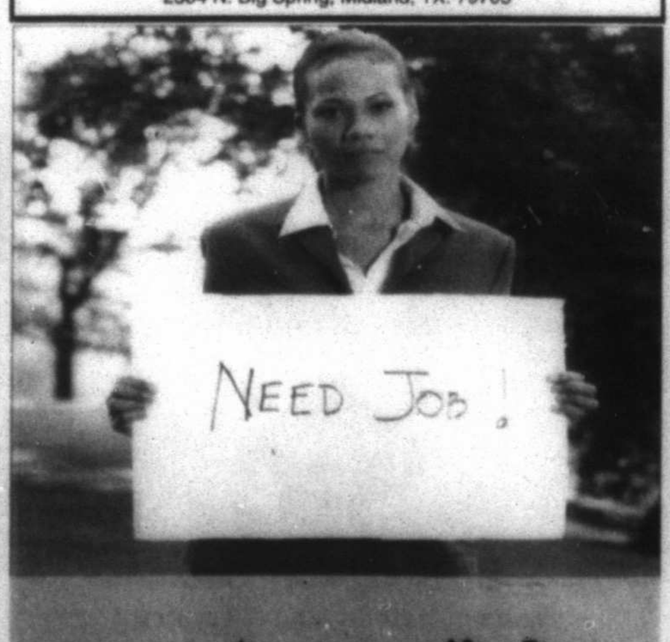
EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone?? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram in the Odessa area.

Please come by our office located at 201 E. Illinois and fill out a carrier information sheet. Oscar 687-9001



Collection Manager
Credit World now hiring Collection Manager. Must have a good driving record. We have excellent benefits including: paid vacation, 401K and health insurance. Opportunity for advancement. Working at least 40 to 43 hours per week. Apply in person. 2304 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX. 79705



mrt★com/jobs

Beats standing on the street corner!

OTHER JOBS

Crew Members
Needed for oil field corrosion control company. Class A CDL required, construction equipment experience beneficial. Overtime and benefits. Drug test required. Call (432) 563-5045

Landscape Laborer
9 temp, full-time positions. 4/1/17-1/1/18. Extreme Exteriors Garden Centar, LLC DBA Extreme Exteriors located in Midland, TX. Fax: 325-691-5862. Workers typically perform a variety of tasks, which may include any combination of the following: sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking, sprinkler installation, and installation of mortarless segmental concrete masonry wall units 7:30am-5pm, M-F, 40 hours per week. No min edu or exp reqd. Must lift up to 50lbs and be able to work outside for extended periods of time. Employer provided transportation to worksites in Midland, Ector, and Andrews counties. $13.75/hr, OT may be available at $20.67/hr. OT hours vary. Workers paid weekly. Optional employee board/lodging available at a cost of $45 per week. Single workweek used to compute wages due. Employer will make all deductions from the worker's paycheck required by law. If the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period, the employer will reimburse the worker for transportation and subsistence from the place of recruitment to the place of work. Upon completion of the work contract or where the worker is dismissed earlier, the employer will provide or pay for worker's reasonable costs of return transportation and subsistence back home or to the place the worker originally departed to work, except where the worker will not return due to subsequent employment with another employer or where the employer has appropriately reported a worker's voluntary abandonment of employment. The amount of transportation payment or reimbursement will be equal to the most economical and reasonable common carrier for the distances involved. Daily subsistence provided at a rate of at least $12.09p/day during travel to a maximum of $51.00 p/day with receipts. H2B Workers will be reimbursed in the first workweek for all visa, visa processing, border crossing and other related fees, including those mandated by the government (except passport fees) by check separate from payroll. Employer will provide workers at no charge all tools, supplies, and equipment required to perform the job, and guarantees to offer work for hours equal to at least 3/4 of the workdays in each 12 wk period of total employment period.
Please inquire about the job opportunity or send resumes directly to the nearest State Workforce agency located at 3600 N GARFIELD,MIDLAND, TX 79705. Ph:(432) 686-4879 or the job service office nearest you.

LAND TECH - PART TIME
SMALL OIL COMPANY SEEKING EXPERIENCED LAND PERSON TO HELP WITH OFFICE LAND FILE ORGANIZATION
SEND RESUME TO: KARLAHJERS@YAHOO.COM
OR LAND TECH PO BOX 196 MIDLAND, TX 79702

Lawn Care Service
Lawn Care service for all Kermit ISD campuses and its properties. Services include, but not limited to: • Lawn care maintenance • Landscape install and design • Landscape maintenance • Tree care • Tree trimming and removal • Irrigation install and repairs • Fertilizing and weed control • Industrial weed control • Artificial turf • General contracting • Property management • Facility services. BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 PM., Monday March 20, 2017. DIRECT QUESTIONS TO Gabe Espino, 601 SOUTH POPLAR STREET, KERMIT, TX 79745 (432) 586-1003 KERMIT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS

Lead Shelter Monitor & Assistant Cook
Lead Shelter Monitor: Accepts and processes residents staying in lodge overnight; receives and receipts fees; monitors activity of residents; maintain accurate and complete records and logs; ensures that the lodge is maintained in a neat and proper order. **Part time Assistant Cook:** Prep and serve nutritional meals, cleans kitchen facilities, equipment & appliances, maintain inventory of kitchen supplies and food. Apply in person at The Salvation Army of Midland located at 300 S. Baird, or call 432-683-3614 and ask for Patty Eshom.

Mechanics & Mix Drivers
Troy Vines Inc. Hiring experienced mechanics and experienced ready mix drivers. Drivers must have a Class B CDL. Competitive pay, benefits, & home most evenings and weekends to enjoy family.
Apply at the Midland location :2817 Rankin Hwy (432-682-7031.

MIDLAND COLLEGE IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

FULL TIME
Financial Aid Advisor
Chemistry Lab Instructor/Coordinator
Economics Faculty
Executive Director-Institutional Advancement & MC Foundation
Groundskeeper
Instructional Designer
Police Officer
Program Chair Health Info Management
Psychology Faculty

MIDLAND COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
For additional information on these positions and part-time positions, please visit our website at www.midland.edu/jobs, or go directly to the Human Resources office located at 3600 N. Garfield, or call (432) 685-4532.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Director of Family & Missions
First United Methodist Church, Stanton is searching for a full-time Director of Family and Missions. The position includes leading our youth ministry, facilitating our children's ministry, helping us reach young adults and families, and helping us craft a unified vision for our mission's ministries. Pay will be commensurate with experience and we offer help with housing and insurance. If interested, please submit resume with cover letter to fumcstanton@gmail.com or call 432-756-2303 for more information.

REAL ESTATE

LICENSED REAL ESTATE AGENT/ FRONT OFFICE COORDINATOR

Boswell & Associates — **30 + hours per week**
4610 N. Garfield St., Ste. B1-A — **Salary: DOE**
Please email all resumes to: boswellpropertymanagement@gmail.com

RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICES

Cook
Needed at Main Street Diner a clean, fast cook, must speak & read English, cook eggs on a grill & cook the main entrees. Come in person or can call 432-682-5970 or apply at 611 S. Main Street, Midland, Tx.

Wait Staff
Petroleum Club of Midland is seeking individuals for immediate placement for wait staff. Great pay, benefits, and 401K.
Apply in person at 501 W. Wall between the hours of 9 am -10 am only or you can email your resume to brad@pcmidland.com

RETAIL JOBS

SALES ASSOCIATE
Wood's Boots is currently hiring part time sales associates. No phone calls! If you are interested in wearing boots and jeans to work, and working with great customers, come see us at 4803 Andrews Highway.

SCIENCE-RESEARCH

Environmental Technician
Full-time opening for a qualified applicant with 1 to 2 years experience in collecting soil and groundwater samples, operation and maintenance of remediation systems and oversee environmental remediation contractors. Degree preferred. Good communication and computer skills required. Position requires valid diver license and mandatory drug and alcohol testing. Benefits including health insurance, 401K, competitive salary. EOE.

Send resume to:
Environmental Technician Position
Larson & Associates, Inc.
P.O. Box 50685
Midland, TX 79710-0685
ATT: Human Resources Manager

mrt★com/jobs

Employment ads by:

432.682.6999

432.682.6222

mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

HEALTHCARE

Big City Experience – *Small hospital feel*

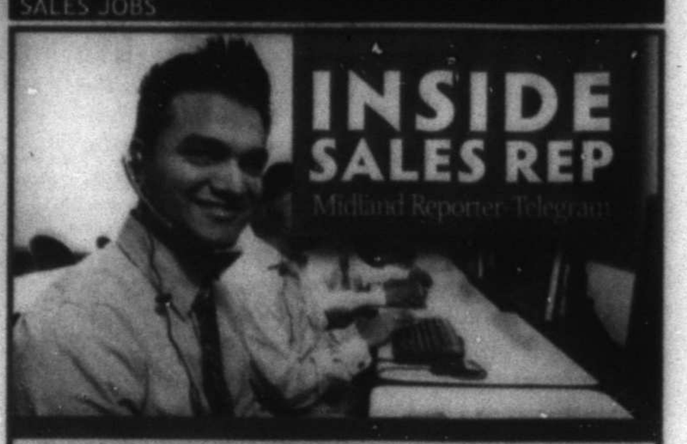
Lubbock Heart & Surgical Hospital is a 73 bed facility in Lubbock, Texas that is much more than a Heart Hospital. LHSH performs over 1200 invasive procedures every month including Orthopedics, Urology, Day Surgery, Physician's Offices, and of course, Cardiology.

We pride ourselves on providing excellent patient care with a small hospital feel and big city experience. We just added significant pay increases to our nurses and are looking for talented, smart people to join our team. If you want to provide nursing care in an organization which values, the patient experience then LHSH is the place for you. For consideration, please visit **lubbockheart.com**

LubbockHeart & Surgical HOSPITAL

4810 N. Loop 289 • Lubbock, TX 79416

SALES JOBS



The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Classified Advertising customers. Responsibilities include answering incoming Classified calls, assisting walk-ins, making outbound sales calls for recruitment and special projects, tracking sales activity, meeting/ exceeding established monthly sales goals, and develop multi-media advertising campaigns.

Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/ punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you want to join a GREAT TEAM and are ready to SUCCEED, please send a resume to:

Chad Anderson, Advertising Sales Manager
201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701
or cranderson@mrt.com.
No phone calls please.

HEARST *media services*

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.

$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

NOPHONECALLS PLEASE

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

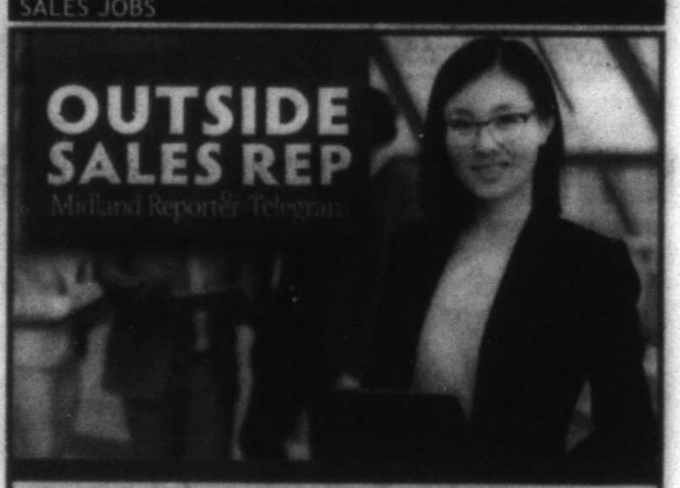
$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

NOPHONECALLS PLEASE

SALES JOBS



The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Retail Advertising customers. Responsibilities include prospecting new clients, working closely with new and existing clients to develop multi-media advertising campaigns that provide outstanding results, tracking sales activity, and meeting/ exceeding established monthly sales goals.

Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/ punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you want to join a GREAT TEAM and are ready to SUCCEED, please send a resume to:

Chad Anderson, Advertising Sales Manager
201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701
or cranderson@mrt.com.
No phone calls please.

HEARST *media services*

SCIENCE-RESEARCH

HYDROGEOLOGIST

Full-time opening for a qualified applicant with bachelor or master degree in geology, hydrogeology, hydrology or related discipline and 3 to 5 years experience to join our office Midland, Texas. Position requires strong communication, computer and writing skills with goal of obtaining professional (P.G.) license. Position requires valid diver license and mandatory drug and alcohol testing. Benefits including health insurance, 401K, competitive salary. EOE

Send resume to:
Hydrogeologist Position
Larson & Associates, Inc.
P.O. Box 50685
Midland, TX 79710-0685
ATT: Human Resources Manager

SKILLED LABOR

Warehouse Associate

Ferguson is currently seeking to fill an immediate need for a Warehouse Associate in our Midland, TX location. If you have familiarity and experience with warehousing, shipping and receiving, coupled with a commitment to great customer service, this is the position for you! Please send resume to: Katie.spurlock@ferguson.com. EOE/M/F/Vet/Disability

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers & Owner Operators

Local trucking company Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers & Owner Operators, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79706

CLASS A & B CDL DRIVERS NEEDED

WTG Fuels, Inc. is currently seeking class A & B CDL drivers with hazmat endorsement. Positions available include a boom truck operator, lubricants delivery driver, and fuel delivery driver. Must pass pre-employment drug screen and have a clean driving record. We offer excellent pay and benefits. Applications may be completed on site @ 11501 County Rd 125 W, Odessa, TX 79765 or email resumes to bheath@gascard.net.

Dispatcher/Salesman

Dispatcher/Salesman for a local trucking company. Must have xperience, good references and ability to follow D.O.T. regulations. Please send resume' to P. O. Box 53; Midland, Texas. 79702.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

DRIVERS

Local Positions - Class A CDL/ Hazmat, 1 year experience, good MVR. Full Benefits Package. Griffin Transportation. Call 806-744-2067 Ask for the Transportation Department.

Drivers - CDL-A

CRUDE OIL DRIVERS

Up to $85,000 per year + Sign-On Bonus & Benefits

5-day week - Housing available

Qualified candidate should have:
Class A CDL w/ X end., TWIC and 2 yrs. T/T exp. req'd.
3 months crude oil gathering and/or 2+ yrs. of vacuum and/or tanker oilfield experience.

DUPRE

877-246-1856
www.DupreLogistics.com

Helpers Needed Immediately

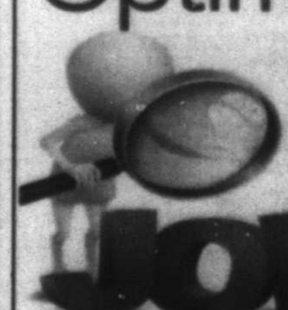
Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking Helpers for Route Delivery for the Midland, TX Area. Able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. Hourly wage $11.00 an hour. APPLY AT www.arcticglacier.com

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Vacuum Truck Driver

Vacuum Truck Drivers needed. Midkiff Transports, Class A CDL and drug test required. Benefits include paid uniforms, health, life and dental insurance. Apply in person at 6601 FM 715, Midland, Texas.

Optimize Your Job Search



Let our print and online job resources help you zoom in on more of the area's best career opportunities!

Midland Reporter-Telegram Jobs Section

432-682-6222 In Print & Online mrt★com

The ONE Team to Call on for All your Real Estate Needs

Real Estate One Midland

682-1111

516 Veterans Airpark Ln., Bldg. A, Midland, TX 79705

Where you get local personalized service, the kind of first class service Midlander's expect.

FEATURED HOMES

2308 Haynes Dr. - $210,000

5409 Ridgemont Ct. - $329,000

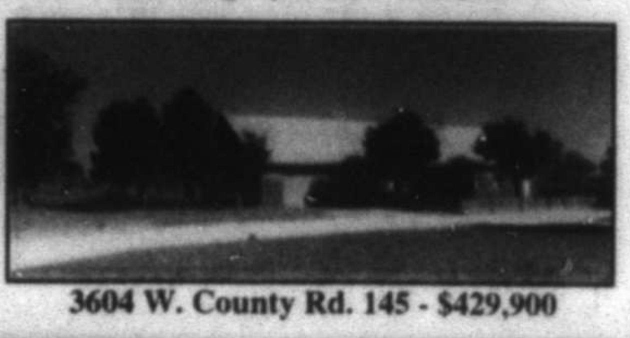
4907 Polo Parkway - $310,000

2509 Legacy Oaks - $725,000

904 Cuthbert Ave. - $375,000

1207 W. Kansas - $487,500

1106 McDonald St. - $232,500


3604 W. County Rd. 145 - $429,900

WWW.RE1MIDLAND.COM TO VIEW ALL MLS LISTINGS

NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS

904 Cuthbert Ave -Great home is private area of Cuthbert! 3/2 w/2 Living & dining areas. Beautiful hardwoods and tile throughout ... $375,000
5409 Ridgemont Ct - Lovely 3BR/2.5BA on quiet cul-de-sac in Grasslands. Spacious w/great plan and pretty yard ... $329,000
2816 Shandon Ave -Charming house in Fannin neighborhood! So much updated & replaced-move-in ready! ... $254,000
4521 Gleneagles- Great 3/2 home w/bonus room off kitchen plus great Improvements; HVAC, fence,security system,roof, crown moulding. New dishwasher,water heater ... $227,500
2308 Haynes Dr -Really nice 3BR/2BA Townhome in move in condition. Beautiful floors and updated kitchen ... $210,000

TWO BEDROOMS

410 W Pine -Wonderful Duplex! Each side has 2BR/1BA.Each has storage room off patio & nice fenced yard ... U/C $170,000
713 Melton Alley-Stunning updated contemporary style 2BR/2BA w/open living/dining area ... U/C $150,000

THREE BEDROOMS

1500 Bedford Dr -Wonderful 3/2 in the heart of Old Midland!! Beautiful master suite and garage addition! ... U/C $730,000
11 Saddle Club Dr.-Spacious 3 bedroom/2.5 bath in Saddle Club Estates ... $620,000
5310 Quicksand Cove - Beautiful custom Glenn Miller home on cul-de-sac in Greathouse ... $479,500
11507 W County Rd 52 -Lots of space here! 3/2 on 5 acres with a barn, stable w/tack/man cave and roping arena! ... $445,000
4700 Green Tree Blvd-Beautifully updated home located next door to the club w/ a gorgeous view of the golf course from almost every room! ... U/C $399,900
5503 San Clemente Dr -3br, 3 bath, 3 car garage w/granite throughout plus custom features in every room, in Los Patios ... SOLD $398,900
5700 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.-Mockingbird Oaks beauty! 3/2.5 spacious home w/high ceilings ... U/C $377,500
904 Cuthbert Ave -Great home is private area of Cuthbert! 3/2 w/2 Living & dining areas. Beautiful hardwoods and tile throughout ... $375,000
5409 Ridgemont Ct - Lovely 3BR/2.5BA on quiet cul-de-sac in Grasslands. Spacious w/great plan and pretty yard ... $329,000
3504- A Shell - Lovely 3 Bedroom/2 Bath townhome ... $315,000
4907 Polo Parkway - COOL & SOPHISTICATED 3/2 contemporary w/amazing amenities ... $310,000
4602 Meadowwood Ct.-One of the nicest patio homes we've seen! 3/2 in great condition. Good plan, neutral colors ... $294,000
1000 N I St.-Nice neighborhood, convenient location, good plan pretty yard, move in and make it your own! ... $259,500
2816 Shandon Ave -Charming house in Fannin neighborhood! So much updated & replaced-move-in ready! ... $254,000
4906 Purple Sage Cove -WOW!!!!!!! what a transformation!! This home is like new! With so many updates ... SOLD $250,000
1106 McDonald St.-Great drive up appeal! Updated kitchen. Spacious play room/den. Large yard and workshop ... $232,500
4521 Gleneagles- Great 3/2 home w/bonus room off kitchen plus great Improvements; HVAC, fence,security system,roof, crown moulding. New dishwasher,water heater ... $227,500
3508 A Shell- Beautiful Glen Miller built town home in pristine condition. Open floor plan, great storage, well maintained ... U/C $219,900
2308 Haynes Dr -Really nice 3BR/2BA Townhome in move in condition. Beautiful floors and updated kitchen ... $210,000
2313 Haynes Dr - Low maintenance3/2 patio home. Some recent updates include HVAC, roof, water heater ... SOLD $199,000
3507 Ohio Ave.-Wonderful 3/2 home w/fabulous kitchen. Large master, nice backyard w/covered patio. Great updates, great price! ... U/C $165,000
410 Bentwood Dr - Great investment property!!! Fabulous floor plan with tons of space just needs work!! ... U/C $85,000

FOUR BEDROOMS

3215 Palo Verde Glen-Amazing property on 2 acres in town!! Open kitchen, wet bar! Huge patio for entertaining w/outdoor grill. Pool and spa! ... $1,799,000
11 Hialeah Dr.-Exquisite 4/4.5 home w/much updating in exclusive gated Saddle Club Estates ... U/C $824,000
2509 Legacy Oaks - Beautiful 4/3.5 MR Lary home w/ so many extras! Painted cabinets throughout ... $725,000
1906 Centerview-Beautifully updated & well maintained 4/3.5 home w/beautiful pool + 2 parking pads. So many extras ... U/C $459,900
5516 Casa Grande Trail-Beautiful custom Almand resale w/4BR/3BA. Two yards-side & back w/ x-lg. covered back patio ... $450,000
3604 W County Rd 145 - Beautiful custom home w/incredible woodwork throughout! Huge 35" x 70' insulated wkshp! So much more! On 3 acres ... $429,900
713 Doral Ct -Desirable custom built home in sought after Saddle Club East neighborhood. This spacious, 4/3 w/well laid out floor plan ... $390,000
1211 Shirley - Really nice townhome w/real mother in law house. Brand new roof! All new floors ... $375,000
2004 W Indiana Ave- Beautiful Remodeled home in Old Midland! Quiet neighborhood/museum district w/a very unique, mature yard ... $359,500
5404 San Saba Ct -Beautiful custom home built by & for the builder in 2013. Located in a cul-de-sac w/wonderful upgrades ... U/C $344,900
2302 Stutz Pl.-Four spacious bedrooms and three and half baths plus an enormous living/dining area, great price! ... U/C $324,900
3516 Pinemont Dr -Gorgeous 4 bedroom 3 bath with a beautiful salt water pool featuring a waterfall ... U/C $295,000
2502 W Cuthbert Ave - Large 4BR/3BA in AWESOME location! Updated master, it is gorgeous!! Plus Bonus rooms and office space ... $285,000
2904 Purple Sage Trl.-Lovely 4BR/3BA on cul-de-sac w/walls of windows and beautiful yard ... SOLD $265,000
3212 Ranchland Dr -Gorgeous 4/2 home on a large lot. Open floor plan w/large bedrooms, closets and high vaulted ceilings! ... $240,000
3300 S. County Rd. 1069-Great opportunity to have an acre of land in Greenwood. 4br/3 bath w/lots of space ... $169,000
3101 S County Rd 1218 - 4 Bedroom plus office mobile home on .774 acre ... $110,000

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

3101 Palo Verde Glen - Wonderful family home on 1.9 acres. Pristine condition, great floorplan ... $1,295,000
911 Citation - Beautiful 5Bdrm/4.5Bth home with Pool! Excellent drive up appeal on large lot, just beautiful ... $995,000
15 Lakes Dr - Wow! This custom built home in Saddle Club Lakes will truly "wow" you! ... $864,500
4607 Island Dr. - Gorgeous 5/4 on the course in Green Tree w/beautiful travertine tile and wood floors ... U/C $839,000
6802 Island Circle - Outstanding home on the water in Green Tree! Well maintained dream home ... $819,000
904 Silverton Dr - Custom home by Tom Woodruff at his best. Great open plan! Top of the line everything ... U/C $599,999
1207 W Kansas -Open and spacious 5Bdrm/4Bth W/plenty of room to spread out and tons of updating ... $487,500
3101 S. County Rd 1218 - Lots of space here in this 5 bedroom/5 bath home on 1 acre ... $200,000

FOR LEASE

4521 Mockingbird Ln - Spread out in this3/2 w/open floor plan, situated in desirable area on close to an acre ... monthly $2,400
1702 E. New Jersey Ave.-3,200 sq ft office/warehouse, recently remodeled with water well ... monthly $1,725
2415 W Storey- Charming 3 BR/ 2 Bath home for lease. Hardwood floors, traditional brick exterior, 2 car garage, oversized yard ... monthly $1,600
1409 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE

S. Co. Rd. 1120-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood ... $2,080,000
I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1116.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ... $2,000,000
S. Co. Rd. 1040-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood ... $1,303,200
4110 B E. Co. Rd. 130-Land 32.3 acres. No Restrictions ... $707,370
1106 E. Co. Rd. 150-56.39 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ... $451,120
5703 E. Co. Rd. 60-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan ... $399,900
4110 E. County Rd. 130-Land 15.70 Acres. No Restrictions ... $343,800
2306 Sinclair Ave.-Wonderful, old Midland corner lot. Cleared and ready for construction ... $165,000
2701 S. County Rd. 1118-Prime location 1.336 acres, to build a home that could face either South County Road 1118 or East County Road 95 ... $87,000
2513 Regency Oaks Ct.-Wonderful cul-de-sac lot- Building Restrictions ... U/C $84,000
2507 Legacy Ocks-Residential lot in Mockingbird Oaks. Building Restrictions ... U/C $84,000
E. Co. Rd. 120-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Moadows ... U/C $65,000

COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY

2150 Oregon St., Odessa, Tx. 79764-Approx. 64,005 sq. ft. on 9.5377 acres, combination of warehouse/shop/office property ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
3909 S. Co. Rd. 1290, Midland, Tx.-Includes 5 buildings on 9.852 acres Total of 50,035 sq. ft. ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
301 S. Lark Hwy., Odessa, Tx.-Includes 3 tracts with 3 buildings. Total square footage of 74,582 with both office buildings, warehouses, and a truck maintenance shop ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
1409 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
Centennial Tower-Downtown Sublease, approx. 3,729 sq. ft. Class A Bldg. with covered parking ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
2800 W Louisiana Ave -Location...Location...Location this 45 room facility originally built in 1954 w/new additions since ... $4,000,000
Craddick Hwy. & 158-205.4 Acres available for immediate industrial development. Call Bill or Brandee ... $3,000,900
Interstate 20-44.38 acres in Leeco Addition w/city utilities next to GE Oil & Gas. Call Bill or Brandee ... $2,884.7000
2211 N. County Rd. 1129-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres ... $795,000
2900 N. County Rd. 1150-Approx. 11,800 sq. ft.shop or industrial space: a 7,000 sq. ft. shop & 4,250 sq. ft. leasable spaces. Great man cave. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll @ 682-1111 ... $725,000
#17 E. Industrial Loop-Midland, TX 11,470 sq. ft. warehouse or distribution center ... $625,000
5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott ... $575,000
Faudree Rd.-4.02 acres with city utilities in the Leeco Industrial Addition. Call Bill or Brandee ... $296,475
1730 FM 1936-Odessa, TX Two warehouse/shop buildings, fenced yard, city water, 480 sq. ft. office space ... $239,900
1419 N. Big Spring-Midland, TX Approximately 3,354 sq. ft. retail building ... $139,900
0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park ... $100,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

51 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Henry get-away. 3 bdrm/2bth home located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates ... $240,000

COLDWELL BANKER

COVENANT REALTORS

432-570-8200

cbcovenant.com

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES & FEATURED HOMES

OPEN TODAY 2:00-3:30
5329 BELLA PLACE
$395,000

Beautifully kept 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home in Green Tree North! Stunning granite throughout this beautiful home. Sequestered master bedroom with magnificent master bath. Don't miss this home!!

Shown by Rachel Berger, 432-640-9797

OPEN TODAY 2:00-4:00
2109 BRADFORD COURT
$299,999

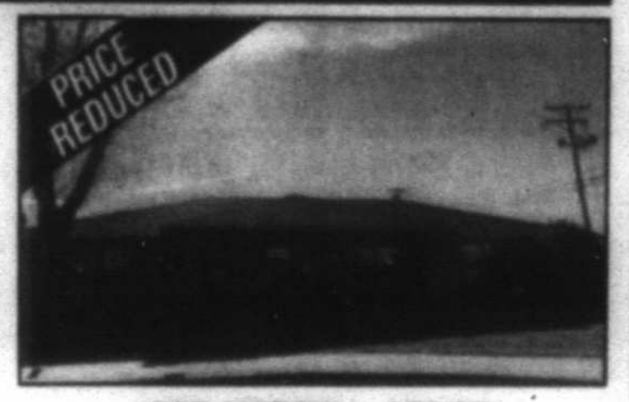
Well maintained, lovely 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on quiet, tree-lined cul-de-sac street. Home has 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, high ceilings, plantation shutters, tons of natural light, beautiful wood flooring & sequestered master. Master bedroom has dual sinks, separate closets, tub & shower. Roomy bedrooms. Nice size kitchen that opens to the cozy den with beautiful brick fireplace.

Shown by Sharon Horton, 432-853-7875

1300 CONNELL STREET
$189,000

Lovely newer construction 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a ton of upgrades. Open floor plan boasts beautiful tile flooring, plantation shutters, nice size kitchen with granite, gas cook top, breakfast bar and dining area. Bedrooms are spacious with nice size closets. Master suite has dual closets and a nice size bathroom. Landscaped yard with back covered patio. Come see this well maintained home!

Call Sharon Horton, 432-853-7875



4309 MERRILL COURT
$225,000

North location & great schools! Don't miss this wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 living area and many updates on a cul-de-sac. Large living room boasts high ceilings, wood beams & beautiful wood burning fireplace. Sequestered master bedroom with large walk in closet. Large bedrooms and added sq. footage (236) sun room that has heat & air. Nice size landscaped yard with rear parking.

Call Sharon Horton, 432-853-7875

4+ BEDROOM

4702 TATTENHAM COURT	FACT ID #1018		$620,000
6106 BARTON SPRINGS CT		PRICE REDUCED	$480,500
4005 DYER CIRCLE			$415,000
4559 SHADY OAK COURT	FACT ID #1005	PRICE REDUCED	$399,125
1901 N. COUNTY RD 1110	FACT ID #1041		U/C
1406 W. INDIANA AVE	FACT ID #1061		U/C
5714 SABINE DR	FACT ID #1083		$335,000
5600 E. CO. RD. 60	FACT ID #1068	PRICE REDUCED	$300,000
4529 GLENEAGLES DR	FACT ID #1042		U/C
5903 MILE HIGH			SOLD
3301 CORD DR	FACT ID #1059		SOLD
1507 MCDONALD		PRICE REDUCED	$210,000
3506 STANOLIND AVE	FACT ID #1032		U/C
1306 UPLAND ST	FACT ID #1005		$140,000
1320 FAIRGROUNDS RD	FACT ID #1048	PRICE REDUCED	$95,000

3 BEDROOM

2215 S. COUNTY RD. 1110	FACT ID #1060		$569,500
2215 COUNTY RD. 1122			$546,900
4601 N. CO. RD. 1130	FACT ID #1130	PRICE REDUCED	$419,900
5329 BELLA PLACE	FACT ID #1089		$395,000
504 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085		$314,900
3610 COUNTY RD. 1185	FACT ID #1088		U/C
2109 BRADFORD COURT	FACT ID #1011		$299,999
4205 NELSON	FACT ID #1006		$259,900
5400 SAN SABA COURT			SOLD
2604 HODGES ST	FACT ID #1089		SOLD
1722 E. SCHARBAUER DR	FACT ID #1006		$235,000
4309 MERRILL COURT		PRICE REDUCED	$225,000
3315 FANNIN AVE	FACT ID #1072		$225,000
706 BOYD ST	FACT ID #1005		$220,000
1300 CONNELL STREET		PRICE REDUCED	$189,000
1401 PACIFIC AVE			SOLD
200 N. GLENWOOD DR	FACT ID #1082	PRICE REDUCED	$185,000
3349 CR C-2400	FACT ID #1080		$165,000
4709 THOMASON		PRICE REDUCED	$152,000
300 WILLOWOOD DR	FACT ID #1076	PRICE REDUCED	$145,000
1404 W. KENTUCKY AVE		PRICE REDUCED	$140,000
4815 STOREY AVE			U/C
4703 B HARVARD AVE	FACT ID #1085		U/C
1303 E. CUTHBERT AVE			$85,000
409 SHANDON AVE	FACT ID #1083		U/C

2 BEDROOM

1501 E. 17TH			$135,000
4804 W. CUTHBERT-DUPLEX	FACT ID #1038		U/C
1902 E. CALIFORNIA AVE			$68,500
1209 PRATT	FACT ID #1037		U/C

ODESSA

4000 FIRENZE	FACT ID #1033	PRICE REDUCED	$317,000
3109 SAN MARINO DR	FACT #1033		SOLD
1708 E 53RD ST. ODESSA	FACT ID #1068		$230,000
8813 RAINBOW DR	FACT ID #1026		$210,000
15 WILLOW DRIVE			$210,000
1803 DORAN DRIVE			$185,000
9919 HOLIDAY DR	FACT ID #1056		U/C
2719 REDWOOD			$85,000
122 N. PALAMINO DR			$58,000
917 E. 12TH ST			U/C

MCCAMEY

207 S. BURLESON, MCCAMEY, TX - BUSINESS			$125,000

LAND

2305 COUNTY RD	FACT ID #1077		$220,000

FOR LEASE

5103 GRACELAND DR			$1700 MO

HOME FACTS **CALL OR TEXT 570-8000** then enter the four digit number found with each listing **24 HOUR AUTOMATED PROPERTY DETAILS**

Have You Considered a Career in Real Estate?
Cbcovenant.agenttype.com

mrt classifieds

432.682.6999 432.682.6222 mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

Legal and Public Notices

CAUSE NO. FM 60,925

IN THE INTEREST OF	§	**IN COUNTY COURT**
§		
ANGEL LEE SESSIONS	§	**AT LAW**
§		
A CHILD	§	**MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS**

STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO: RACHAEL SESSIONS, RESPONDENT:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do (does) not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you. The First Amended Petition of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Petitioner, was filed in the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas, on December 6, 2016, against **RACHAEL SESSIONS**, Respondent, numbered FM 60,925 and entitled "In the Interest of **ANGEL LEE SESSIONS** A Child." The suit requests Order for Protection of a Child, for Conservatorship and for Termination of the Parent-Child Relationship. The Court has authority in this suit to render an Order in the child's interest that will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Texas this the 18th day of January, 2017.

Ross Bush
Clerk of the District Court of
Midland County, Texas

By: Sarah Briggs, Deputy

Legal and Public Notices

AD33160

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

To Elida Garza Velasquez, Respondent:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Angel James Bermea and Rebecca Garza Bermea, Petitioners, was filed in the County Court-at-Law of Midland County, Texas, on November 4, 2016, against Elida Garza Velasquez, Respondent, numbered AD33160, and entitled "In the Interest of M.E.V., AND A.V., Children." The suit requests the termination of the parental rights and granting of the adoption of children. The date and place of birth of the children who are the subject of the suit:

M.E.V. 15 years old
May 4, 2001 Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

A.V. 14 years old
March 11, 2002 Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the children's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, and/or the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption, as well as the adoption of the children.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Midland County, Texas on March 2nd, 2017.

Ross Bush
Clerk of the District Court of
Midland County, Texas

By: Gilda Morales, Deputy

Legal and Public Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS	**238TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
COUNTY OF MIDLAND	**MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS**

TO: William R. Dancy, his unknown heirs or any other parties that have or may have an interest in the property located at 2202 West Washington, Midland, Texas 79701.

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiffs Petition on or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 20th day of March, 2017 at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. before the Honorable 238th District Court, Midland County, Texas, at the Courthouse in Midland County, Texas.

Plaintiffs Petition was filed in this court, on **December 28, 2016 in the 238th Judicial District of Midland County**, and styled:

NO. CV52976

IN RE	§	**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**
§		
ELIZABETH ANN HENSON	§	**238TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
Petitioner,	§	
§		
An Adult	§	**MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS**

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:

Elizabeth Ann Henson is the Plaintiff and **William R. Dancy, his unknown heirs or any other parties that have or may have an interest in the property located at 2202 West Washington, Midland, Texas 79701** is/are the Defendant(s).

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

An unknown person has title to the home and land located at 2202 West Washington, Midland, Texas, 79701, but Plaintiff has been inhabiting and paying all taxes and expenses on the property since 2005, exceeding the statutory minimum of 10 years for a successful transfer of title by adverse possession as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this process shall promptly execute this same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Midland, Texas February 7, 2107

Ross Bush, District Court
Midland County, Texas

By: Abeny Chavez, Deputy

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., March 22, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17001395

For: Mastic Frictional Asphaltic Surface Treatment Project

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

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., March 22, 2017 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the Purchasing Agent City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17000003

For: Fire Extinguisher Services

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

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., 4-6-17 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17001388

For: Electronic Medical Record System RFP for the Health Department

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

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is Requesting Proposals for:

RFP # 1210-030617
Radiopharmaceutical Pricing
for
Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital located at 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland TX 79701 on or after **March 6, 2017.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 Noon, Tuesday, March 21, 2017.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1210-030617."**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until **March 6, 2018.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Offerors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy and procedures of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

To advertise in Classified

Contact our Classified Department at 432-682-6222

email mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

fax 432-682-3793

Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt★com

The Bottom Line

As household income, education levels and job responsibility increases, so does readership.

Source: Scarborough Research 2005

Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com
201 EAST ILLINOIS AVENUE
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
432-682-5311

Legal and Public Notices

Public Notice
Request for Proposals
#2017-008

Midland College is accepting competitive sealed proposals for roofing and repairs for areas on Physical Education Building, located at 3600 North Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705. A Walk-Through Conference will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the Midland College Maintenance Facility and Warehouse. The proposal forms and specifications may be obtained at the walk-through conference. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2017,** at which time they will be opened and read aloud in the Administrative Board Room. For proposal packet information, contact the College's consultant, Gregg Carroll, at (806)789-3267. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

Legal and Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the City of Midland Special Election held on May 6, 2017 will be tested on March 14, 2017 at 9:00 AM at 2110 North A Street, Suite 103 to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Deborah Land
Elections Administrator

AVISO PÚBLICO DE PROBAR
EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Ciudad de Midland Elección Especial que se llevará a cabo el 6 de mayo de 2017 se probará el 14 de marzo de 2017 a las 9:00 AM en 2110 North A Street, Suite 103 para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Deborah Land
Oficial de Elección

Legal and Public Notices

NO. CV53032

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
v.	§	MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
FURY CORPORATION, ITS UNKNOWN HEIRS AND UNKNOWN STOCKHOLDERS	§	441ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

CLERK OF THE COURT:
Ross Bush
Midland County District Clerk

500 N. Loraine, Ste. 300
Midland, Texas 79701

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY:
Patricia Long-Weaver
Long-Weaver, Manning, Antus & Antus, LLP
310 W. Wall Street, Ste. 705
Midland, Texas 79701
Email: plweaver@wmafirm.com
Tel.: 432-242-0470

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: FURY CORPORATION, ITS UNKNOWN HEIRS AND UNKNOWN STOCKHOLDERS, Defendants in the cause herein described.

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 441st Judicial Court in the Midland County Courthouse in Midland, Midland County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration forty-two (42days) from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 20th day of March, 2017, then and there to answer the petition of PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC., in Cause No. CV53032 styled "PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC. vs. FURY CORPORATION, ITS UNKNOWN HEIRS AND UNKNOWN STOCKHOLDERS," wherein the said PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC. is Plaintiff, and said FURY CORPORATION, ITS UNKNOWN HEIRS AND UNKNOWN STOCKHOLDERS, as Defendants. The said petition, filed on the 23rd day of January, 2017, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows:

This suit is brought to have a receiver appointed under the provisions of Texas Business Organization Code Sec. 11.400 *et seq.* for undivided mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following described lands in Midland County, Texas, to-wit:

Defendant, FURY CORPORATION, ITS UNKNOWN HEIRS AND STOCKHOLDERS, whose last known address is unknown, and whose interest is believed to be 12.5 of 7/8 working interest mineral interest in the South 160 acres, more or less, of J. Lacy Survey 9, Block 37, T-2- S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, as to all depths from the surface of Midland County, Texas down to 9,250 feet subsurface.; and

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 3rd day of February, 2017, at Midland, Midland County, Texas.

ROSS BUSH
Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas

By: Angela L. Gardea, Deputy

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 **3** 4

1		6			2		9	
9								2
			8		7	5		
			6			4	3	
3			4		8			1
	7	4			3			
		8			4			
4								3
			2			9		8

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

4	3	1	6	5	2	8	9	7
5	2	8	9	1	7	4	3	6
9	7	6	8	4	3	2	1	5
3	4	2	5	6	8	1	7	9
6	8	9	7	2	1	3	5	4
7	1	5	4	3	9	6	2	8
8	5	3	2	9	6	7	4	1
2	6	4	1	7	5	9	8	3
1	9	7	3	8	4	5	6	2

3/12/17

© 2017 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.

General Announcement

Mark Berryhill.com
Ministering for Christ
Teach the Lord's
Word 1-4

Lost and Found

LOST BIG Siberian Husky, brown eyes, Friendly. Off Mark lane. Call 432-631-2234 or 432-238-2451

LOST DOG on 3/6/17 From 3702 W. Shell. Very small. Black/gray with long hair. Chipped. 432-269-1035.

Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

1968 CHEVELLE Sport coupe body. Motor, transmission and other parts. $5,000 for all. 432-238-6423.

BUICK 1984 Riviera, needs to be restored, all original, interior fair, asking $1,500 OBO. 432-682-0369 or 432-664-5005 leave message.

FORD 2004 Thunder Bird, silver with black interior, very nice. 45k miles. $16,500. Call Jerry 432-557-7674

VOLVO 2011 XC 70, navy exterior, light gray leather interior, 29,700 miles. $22,000. Call 432-218-8484

4WD and SUV

2012 GMC Acadia SLT 3.6L V6 32000 Mi. Burgundy with Grey leather interior. Nice SUV seats 7 $18,900 664-3199

RV Vehicles

RV SPACES for rent- Utilities and cable furnished. Call 432-894-8234.

Classified CAN 682-6222

Recreation Vehicles

2006 AMERICAN Ironhorse Chopper new tires, 111 cubic inch CI, S & S motor, black & lots of chrome. $12,900. 972-955-7419

2007 V-STAR Yamaha 1100. Only 420 miles. $4,000. One owner. 432-238-6423.

2010 HARLEY Davidson Street Glide, Brand new 2016 motor, 96 CI, clean, race tuner stereo, cruise, new back tire. $11,500. 972-955-7419

2015 WINNEBAGO Micro Mini, model 1760FD, never been used. $15,000. Contact Bob @ 432-559-

2016 40' Monte Carlo 5th wheel. 3 electric slide outs, duel AC units, washer & dryer, electric row out awning with LED lighting, fully self contained, Fireplace, spare tire, microwave oven, rubber roof, 30 gallon hot water heater, leather recliners, pull out leather sofa. Tri axle, non smokers no pets. Like new. $36,000 OBO. 432-250-3747

JAYCO 2010 Eagle, pull behind, 2 slide outs, lots of room, excellent condition asking $15,000. For serious inquires call 432-413-1076

MINI WINNEBAGO, 2004. Like new. 15,208 Miles. 29' 4" Long, Ford, Gas Onan generator, two slide outs. 432-694-9791.

REDUCED
HARLEY DAVIDSON 2005 Road King. 13K miles. $7,000 OBO. MUST SEE! 432-697-9787 leave message

SPECTACULAR 2013 CVO Ultra Classic Mint Condition. 1 Owner. 7600 Miles. $21,750. Trade in value. 432-664-4729.

Merchandise

Furniture

NICE, MATCHING couch and loveseat. Two chairs with matching ottoman. Additional loveseat. Swivel rocker with ottoman. Best offer call 432-218-6493.

Miscellaneous 4-Sale

BUICK 1995 ROAD Master, $3,000. 2 twin electric beds makes King, $50. Call 432-570-8828 or 432-853-3190

TWO CEMETERY plots in The Garden of Love, lots 287 A & B in American Hertiage Cemetery. $700 discount. Call 432-288-3036

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Sporting Goods

CLUB CART 4 person golf cart. Nob tires, 1 year old batteries. $3000. 432-664-7373

Classified CAN 682-6222

Real Estate Rental-Sale

Residential Rentals

Apartment Rent Unfurn

4407 CROCKETT Apt D, 2bed/1bath. $775 mo, $775 dep. 432-978-2074.

LOWEST RENT!
Spacious 1 - 2
Bedroom Apartments.
432-687-4514.

House Rent Unfurn

FOR RENT
-House 4 bedroom 2 bath. Heatin and AC.
-Mobile Home 3 bedroom 2 bath. Heating and AC.
-Mobile home 2 bedroom 1 bath.
-RV heating and AC.
Please call (432) 935-0657.

Residential Rentals

House Rent Unfurn

NO PETS 3 bedroom 2 bath, double car garage. $2,250 month $2,000 deposit. Excellent neighborhood. 432-699-4420 or 432-553-8397

Residential Sales

Single Family Homes

3201 ECR 139
4/2.5 house & 3 acres & old 3/2 BR mobile $115,500. Up Group. 432-296-1470

5009 HEATHER
Saddle Club South
Fabulous redo!!
4/4.5/3/2 $399,500
UP Group 889-2934

Classified CAN 682-6222

Vacation-Resort

MOUNTAIN HORSE PROPERTY 15 min from Ruidoso, NM. 28.9 +/- ac. 3/2 Santa Fe style home w/guest house. 8.4 ac water rights, workshop, wine cellar + much more, $595k. Call Melodi Salas, Ranchline/Taylor & Taylor Realtors, 575-626-7663.

Lots and Land

HUNTING, RETIREMENT, INVESTMENT PROPERTY. 20 - 60 ACRES IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: EDWARDS, KINNEY, CONCHO, COKE AND MENARD. SCENIC VIEWS, NATIVE GAME WITH FREE RANGING EXOTICS IN SOME COUNTIES. STARING AT $2,916 DOWN, $485/MO.
CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO.
800-876-9720 ranchenterprisesltd.com

Residential Rentals

1011 TARLETON. 3 BD 2 BR. Secure fenced back yard. All appliances included. Pets allowed. Water and twice mo. yard maintenance included. Non-smokers. $1900/mo. $1000 dep. w/ 1 yr. rental agreement. Jann (432)-889-3056.

CondoThomeRentUnfurn

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

ALL real estate advertising herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations of discrimination.

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate, which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on equal opportunity basis.

To file a complaint, contact www.hud.gov or 1800-669-9777

Estate Sales

LIVING ESTATE SALE
5508 Golden Gate Dr. (off of Briarwood past Bush Tennis Courts.)
Thursday, Friday 8-4, Saturday 9-1 Sunday 2-4.
Huge sale of household and construction items: saddles- and associated equipment, Construction material- sinks, shower stall etc., Harley Davidson accessories, fine rugs-small to large, bedroom furniture- Sleep Number bed, numerous dressers and night stands, Marge Carson chair and Drexel Heirloom pieces, Dept 56 collectibles and much much more....

Miscellaneous 4-Sale

Classified Ads - For Sale
Auction #2017-002

Midland College is seeking bids for the sale of an Avaya phone system. The phone system will be sold "as is" and the buyer will be responsible for uninstalling and moving it. The system is located on the main campus, 3600 North Garfield, PAD Phone Room, Midland, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2017.
For additional information, contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432 686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all auction bids.

Legal and Public Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Greenwood ISD will accept sealed proposals for the selection of a depository for the period September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2019, until 2:00 pm Friday, April 7, 2017. Proposals will be considered by the Board of Trustees at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, April 10, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Distance Learning Center at 2700 FM 1379, Midland, Texas. Information may be obtained by contacting the Business office at 2700 FM 1379, Midland, TX 79706 or calling 432-683-6461. The district reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., March 22, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17001688

For: Mill / Inlay Project

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

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Residential Sales

Single Family Homes

Lake LBJ waterfront in Highland Haven, near Marble Falls, Texas. 3/2/2. Priced reduced, $459,000 fireplace oversized 2 car garage, boat & boat house included. automatic sprinkler system. Approximately 2,156 sq. ft. All offers will be considered. 830-220-8981.

SMALL 2 bdrm/1 bth home, completely remodeled inside and out, w/ new appliances. On large corner lot. Owner will finance, $129,000, 10% interest, $7k-$10k down. Around $1100 monthly. Price negotiable. Contact Bill @ 432 682 5157.

Lots and Land

Acreage

GREAT INVESTMENT! Mitchell county 160 acres irrigated farm. Valley Center Pivot with 600 gallon per minute water well. Included in current USGS wolf camp study, released Nov. 15, 2016. 325-242-0771 or 214-335-9015.

Two Resthaven cemetery burial plots in Midland for sale. $4,000 for both plots. Call 432-563-0818.

Hunting Leases

DEER LEASE available in San Angelo, Texas 5,000 Acres. Year round lease & long term lease. Randy 830-570-7323.

Mobile Homes Rent

Lots and Land

Hunting Leases

DEER LEASE White Tail Mule deer at Best, Texas. Need 7 hunters. Contact 940-284-1518 or 940-665-3212

Ranches

RANCH FOR SALE
4,212 Acres
near Snyder, Tx.
Water, 3 houses,
great hunting.
Owner Financing
$795/ Acre
(432) 664-7764

SAN SABA County 158 Acres $849,500 Horse & Cattle Ranch 4 Bed 3 B brick home 6 tanks,barns & pens Great hunting, fishing. Call Stan (broker) (325)998-0732.

Commercial

4,500 sq. ft. Dock High Warehouse. Midland Industrial Warehouse. $1,125/mo. 830-388-0216.

COMMERCIAL YARD/ BUILD TO SUIT FOR LEASE
5 ACRES, FENCED
2 AC CALICHED
$2350/MONTH
JUST EAST OF MIDLAND
432-664-7764

FOR LEASE 30' x 60' shop building. (4) 10' x 10' overhead doors. Office, store room, & bathroom on 1/2 acre land. 5 minutes from downtown. Located on SCR 1195. $1,800 month plus $500 deposit. Contact Johnny at 432-312-8649.

STORE FOR rent. 3,200+ sqft. 3402 Thomason Drive, Midland. $2,200 month. 201-841-9853.

Mobile Homes Rent

2014 3BD, 2BA GREENWOOD School. Rent to own with $5,000 down and $1,075 per mo. for 7 yrs. Includes lot rent, Ins., taxes Ect. 432-528-1609.

Lots and Land

WEST TEXAS TRANS PECOS AREA, NEAR LAKE AMISTAD. 40 - 65 ACRES. MESQUITE, CEDAR, BRUSH COVER, WHITETAIL, JAVELINA, BLUE QUAIL, TURKEY, DOVE. STARING AT $2,084 DOWN, $339/MO.
CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO.
866-286-0199 ranchenterprisesltd.com

Commercial

READY-RANCH
RR
WWW.READY-RANCH.COM
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.READY-RANCH.COM

- **Kent County**
  - *11,155 ac. n. of Snyder. 4 houses, pens/roping arena, 800 ft. mtn., creek, lakes. Whitetail deer, mule deer and quail ... $795/ac
  - *4,212 ac. Maveric Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail ... $825/ac
  - *1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great w-tail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail ... $850
- **Nolan County**
  - *646 ac. over 1 mile **SOLD** creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak ... $3,550/ac
  - *585 ac. Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill ... $4,425/ac
- **Howard County**
  - *842 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some oilfield traffic ... $750/ac
  - *150 ac. big canyon, **SOLD** anks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav ... $895/ac
- **Martin County**
  - *135 ac. Sulphur Springs **SOLD** deer and whitetail, hogs, varmints, metal stor ... $1,150/ac

(432) 664-7764 or (432) 934-7777
No Realtors - Buy Direct!!!
Deal with Landowners that know the Country!!!
Owner Financing Available

Commercial

COMMERCIAL CORNER
3 acres. Corner of Fairgrounds Road and Wadley.
Perfect for convenience store, office park, strip center.
You name it!! Water well and septic
Lovely home on property. Could be used as housing or office for your future endeavor.
$785,000
Call Callie
Jan Melton & Associates Real Estate
432-682-0000

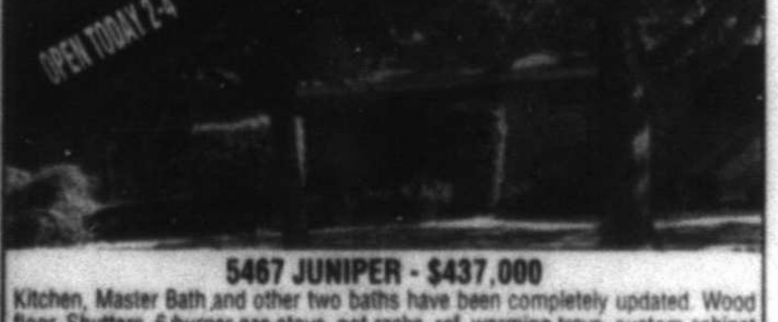
Single Family Homes

CALLIE STEVENS

CALL Callie
JAN MELTON & ASSOCIATES
REAL ESTATE
www.callieshouses.com
682-0000 • 967-1059

Commercial Corner: 3229 N Fairgrounds: 3 Acres at the corner of Wadley & Fairgrounds. Prime location for convenience store, strip center, or corporate headquarters. Water well/septic. Lovely house on the grounds ... $785,000
7212 ECR 113: Chaney Ranch-Stevens Construction : Greenwood - "Distinctively Different." A fresh look at country living-light and bright 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, with 2 living areas on 1 acre. Over 3200 square feet. Call for details ... $619,900
NEW LISTING: 4905 Melville: 3/2/2 corner lot, north Midland. Split bedrooms, new windows ... U/C
SNOW ON THE MOUNTAIN!: Alto NM, SHORT TERM RENTAL: 3 bedroom, 4 bath,2 car garage built in 2011.Beautiful Sierra Blanca views. Fully furnished with lovely decor, just bring your toothbrush. 1 month available ... $3,000 monthly
3134 Tealwood - FOR LEASE: 3/2/2, updated patio home ... $2,200 monthly

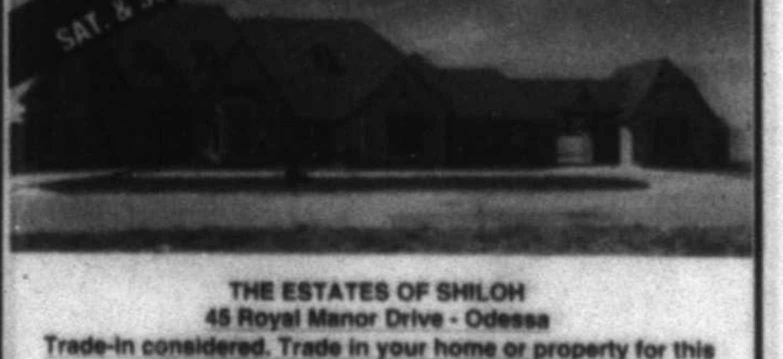
Open Houses



5467 JUNIPER - $437,000
Kitchen, Master Bath and other two baths have been completely updated. Wood floor. Shutters, 6 burner gas stove, pot racks, ref. warming trays, custom cabinet work, high ceilings, beautiful trees all over the lot. Arbor in the back. Fabulous cul-de-sac location. An absolute perfect place to just move right in. Top of the line everything here. Really can be compared to new with a fabulous yard. Contact **Skeet Doss, Co-owner/ Broker The Doss Team, LP 432-352-4826.**

MIDLAND 1ST CHOICE THE DOSS TEAM 432-699-7000

Open Houses



THE ESTATES OF SHILOH
45 Royal Manor Drive - Odessa
Trade-in considered. Trade in your home or property for this home (Odessa, Midland, surrounding areas, East Texas, etc.) considered.
Open Sunday 2-5
Spectacular Newly Constructed Estate Home Furnished Model in The Estates of Shiloh with 5 Bedrooms, 4 1/2 Baths, 4 Living-including Media Room & Gameroom, 2 Dining, 4 Car Garage, Circle Drive, Gourmet Kitchen... Trade-In Your Home for this Newly Constructed Home (Directions: Hwy 191, take Faudree Rd Exit, turn North on Faudree Rd, Right into The Estates of Shiloh, left on Lamplight Ln, Right on Royal Manor Dr). Contact Cindy Brown a Texas Real Estate Broker with Realty Unlimited, Phone or Text: 432.352.3566.

Commercial

NOW LEASING
• Office/Warehouses •
• Small Office Suites •
• Fenced Yards
Various locations.
Call 432-661-4057

Mobile-Modular Homes

Mobile Homes Sale

3/2 DOUBLE wide in park on large lot. Handicap ramp on front porch. Fenced yard. $25,000. Cash only. No owner finance. Call 432-813-7096

Placing an ad in Classifieds is very easy.

All you have to do is call 432-682-6222.

We'll help you create an effective, easy to read ad, that is delivered daily to thousands of homes in Midland & surrounding areas.

If you expect value and results from every advertising dollar, Call 432-682-6222 TODAY!

Commercial

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

Located in the Midland International Air and Space Port area. Approximately 1,860 square foot. Includes utilities and general maintenance. Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

Contact:
Cheryl Keith
(432) 262-4909
ckeith@pbrpc.org

HOMEWISE

Real Estate Tips and Advice

© FOTOLIA

Think Small, Save Big

By ANNA CHANG-YEN | Green Shoot Media

How much house can you afford? If the Great Recession taught us anything, it's that getting approved for a loan for the home of our dreams doesn't always mean we're shopping within our means.

Perhaps a better question is, "How much house can I RESPONSIBLY afford?"

In a previous HomeWise, we looked at ways to get more house for you money. This week we look at an altogether different concept: less house.

THE OLD WAYS

Some standard measures of affordability are the debt-to-income ratios used by banks. These numbers take inventory of all of your sources of income — from a regular paycheck to stock dividends to child support payments — as well as your monthly expenses (everything from the mortgage and other housing-related expenses to credit cards and student loans). Traditionally lenders have required a debt-to-income ratio of no more than 36/28, in which the first number represents all monthly debt payments including those related to the home, and the second number represents only housing-related expenses.

For someone earning $4,000 per month, that would make for a mortgage payment of $1,120 or less and total monthly debt payments of no more than $1,440. Throw in a car loan and credit card payments, and before long, an applicant with an income of $48,000 per year could find himself struggling to qualify for a mortgage on a home priced at $200,000.

A NEW DAY

It's important to remember, however, that even borrowers who fell within these limits — and of course many who skirted the rules — found themselves in rough financial shape during the past decade. You can plug your income and expenses into a "home affordability calculator" all day long, but at the end of the day, what we each can truly afford is as unique as we are. There are plenty of reasons to dream small when it comes to homeownership.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Consumer Expenditure Survey, housing expenses have taken a larger share of Americans' earnings since 1984, consuming $18,000 of our annual incomes on average in 2014. That held true for renters and homeowners. It's easy to see how taming home-related expenses can help families put aside more money for food, transportation, health care and education.

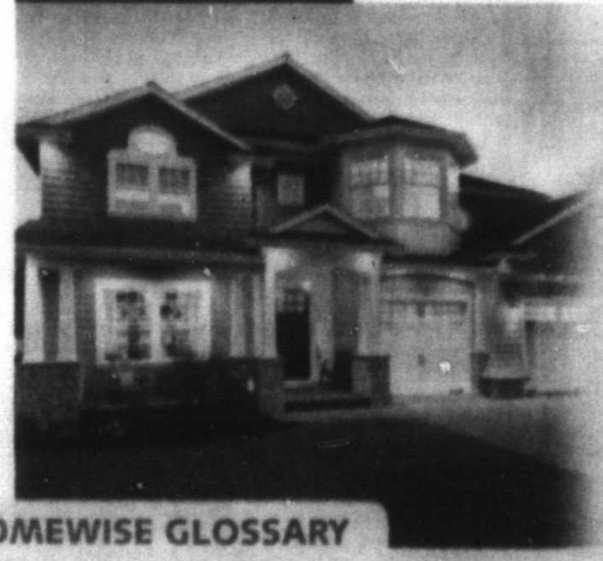
LESS IS MORE

In a 2013 article, U.S. News and World Report pointed out that living in a modest house is one of "5 Frugal Habits of the Rich." "Warren Buffett famously still lives in the Omaha, Neb., home he bought back in 1958 for $31,500," according to the article. "Take Buffett's cue and don't overwhelm yourself with a large monthly mortgage payment. Buy a modest and comfortable home and use the money you save to build your savings and retirement fund."

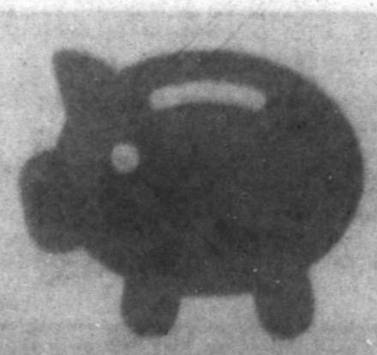
That doesn't necessarily mean drastically slashing your housing budget, but it does mean many Americans are considering ways to tighten their belts in every area.

Lower utility costs, smaller property tax bills, a smaller impact on the environment and less time spent mowing the lawn are all perks of those who go modest vs. flashy when it comes to buying a home. And if that's not enough to entice you, consider this: Opting for a charming $125,000 cottage in the avenues vs. a $350,000 mini-mansion in the suburbs isn't just about buying only what you really need. It can save you an astronomical $150,000 in interest payments over the course of a 30-year mortgage — enough to put one child through college in 20 years.

REAL ESTATE 101



Feed the Pig



A 2015 study published by the American Economic Association concluded that "mortgage debt is an important determinant of saving rate" and noted that "the recent financial crisis in the US has magnified the negative impact of mortgage debt on both personal and private" nest eggs. Visit **FeedthePig.org** for tips and tools from the American Institute of CPAs about budgeting, using credit responsibly and planning for the future.

HOMEWISE GLOSSARY

Net payoff: the amount paid to a creditor to pay off a loan or account. Any pre-computed charges or interest are deducted to determine the figure.
Nominal interest rate: the stated rate of interest in a loan agreement.

SOURCE: Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions

LEGACY

2016 GOLD

DeLaura Gammage
Realtor/Agent
432.288.3880

5007 SOUTH COUNTY RD 1138 - $175,000
BEAUTIFUL MODULAR HOME
ON 1-ACRE WITH WATER WELL!
Bright living area opens up to kitchen & dining area! Tons of cabinet space in kitchen, kitchen island! Recently updated: inside paint, light fixtures, flooring & patio! Huge master bedroom and bath with separate tub/shower, double sinks in vanity, his & her closets! Great bedroom space with big closets! Amazing guest bath with double sinks! Must come see!

See all Midland listings on my website at www.delauragammage.com

DeLaura Gammage
(432) 288-3880
Owner Realtor Associate
delaura@delauragammage.com

LEGACY
(432) 687-6500
www.legacyrealestate.com

Visit
www.delauragammage.com
for more detailed information on current listings.

2016 AWARDS GOLD

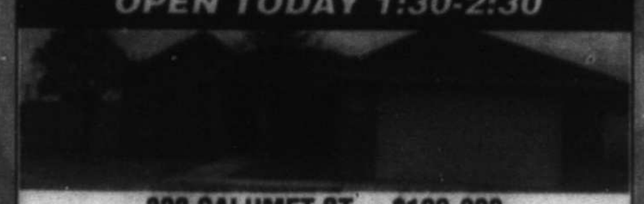
Like us on Facebook!

ACTIVE LISTINGS

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30

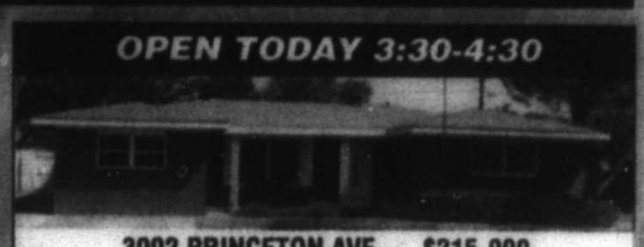
806 CHAPARRAL ST. - $250,000
SHOWN BY STACEY GONZALEZ 432-413-7061

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30



808 CALUMET ST. - $199,900
SHOWN BY STACEY GONZALEZ 432-413-7061

OPEN TODAY 3:30-4:30



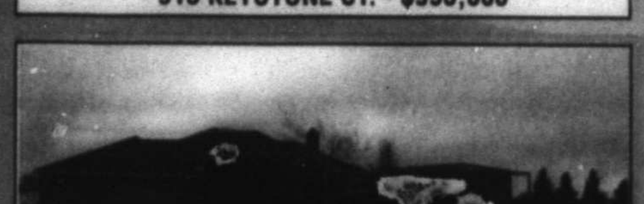
3002 PRINCETON AVE. - $215,000
SHOWN BY STACEY GONZALEZ 432-413-7061

3201 LANTANA LANE - $1,300,000

913 KEYSTONE CT. - $995,000

4937 RUSTIC TRAIL - $975,000

6112 HOMESTEAD BLVD. - $825,000



2101 S. CO. RD. 1087 - $585,000

3807 WEDGWOOD CT. - $500,000

7001 W. CO. RD. 44 - $495,000

6650 DRIFTWOOD DR. - $425,000

809 WOODLAND PARK - $370,000

2012 COLEMAN CT. - $350,000

1211 CONQUISTADOR CT. - $339,900

1207 PORTERFIELD RD. - $309,500

1208 PORTERFIELD - $309,500

1112 MILLTOWN RD. - $250,000

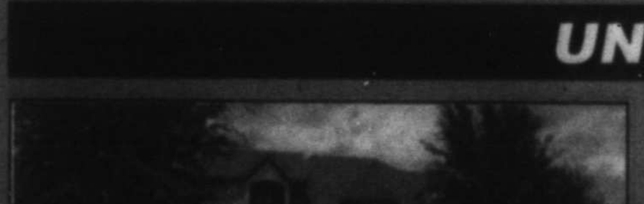
813 SHELL AVE. - $200,000

1213 TEJAS - $200,000

5007 S. CO. RD. 1138 - $175,000

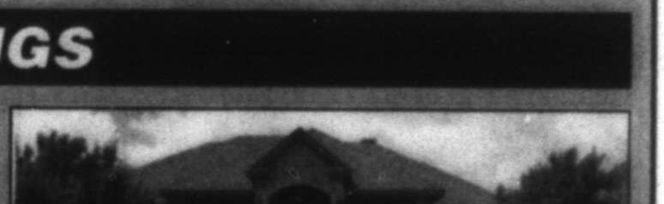
4306 THOMASON DR. - $135,000

UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS



SALE PENDING
3114 PALO VERDE GLEN - $1,299,000

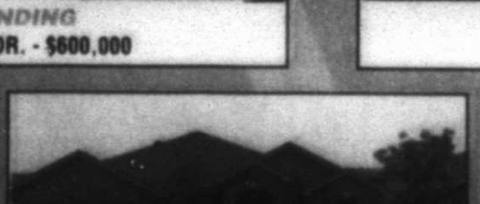
SALE PENDING
1302 SILVERTON DR. - $600,000



SALE PENDING
1909 PAGEWOOD DR. - $600,000

SALE PENDING
1903 S. CO. RD. 1140 - $385,000

SALE PENDING
2806 EMERSON LANE - $319,000



SALE PENDING
6118 CANDLESTICK - $300,000

SALE PENDING
2805 DOUGLAS AVE. - $287,000

SALE PENDING
3013 MOSS AVE. - $272,500

SALE PENDING
6606 SPAHN ST. - $247,000

SALE PENDING
1102 PORTERFIELD RD. - $222,500

SALE PENDING
3310 FANNIN AVE. - $200,000

SOLD LISTINGS

****SOLD****
2812 FRINGEWOOD DR.
$610,000

****SOLD****
2007 COLEMAN CT.
$445,000

****SOLD****
4505 BREEZEWAY CT.
$425,000

****SOLD****
806 LAWSON AVE.
$310,000

****SOLD****
3219 W SHANDON AVE. -
$300,000

****SOLD****
2516 LOCKHEED DR.
$275,000

****SOLD****
1602 N K ST.
$275,000

****SOLD****
6102 KING KELLY CT.
$262,500

****SOLD****
5213 SAN ANTONIO AVE.
$235,000

****SOLD****
2602 SPARTAN DR.
$225,000

****SOLD****
5208 BLUE HAVEN
$210,000

****SOLD****
2512 STOREY AVE.
$158,000

Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals

Saving and Changing Lives

4200 N Fairgrounds Road, Midland, TX 79705

ADOPTION SPECIAL

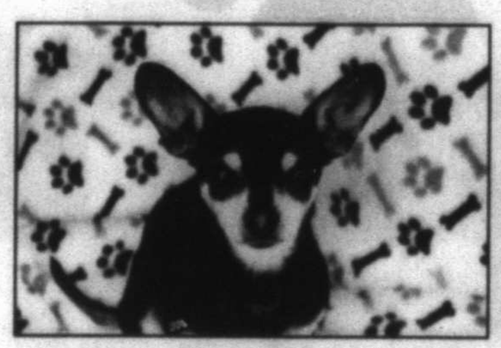
Art
Male • Shepherd Mix
Adult

Autumn
Female • Dachshund Mix
Adult (bonded pair with Buddy)

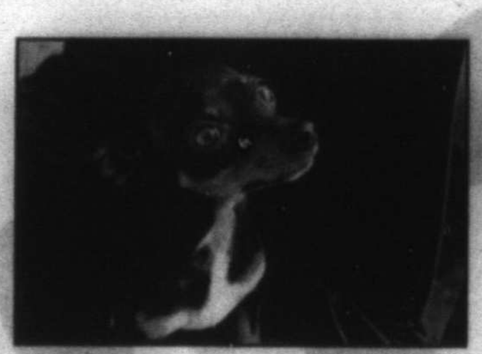
Bruno
Male • Poodle Mix
Adult

Buddy
Male • Dachshund Mix • Senior
(bonded pair with Autumn)

Charlie
Male • Dachshund Mix
Adult



Danny
Male • Chihuahua Mix
Senior



Coffee
Female • Chihuahua Mix
Adult

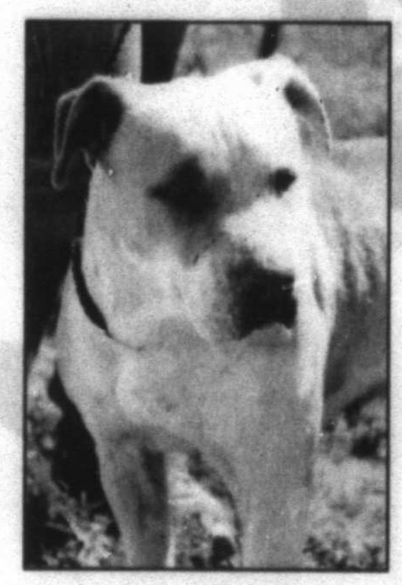
Godiva
Female • Dachshund/
Chihuahua Mix • Adult

Libby
Female • Shepherd Mix
Adult

Lillieth
Female • Domestic Short Hair
Adult

Matilda
Female • Chihuahua Mix
Adult

Merlin
Male • Manx
Adult



Moneypenny
Female • Pit Bull Mix
Adult

Mrs. Pacman
Female • Terrier Mix
Adult

Nemo
Male • Manx
Adult

Poppy
Female • Pit Bull Mix
Adult

*Photography by Nina Noel

Donations are gladly accepted:
Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals • P.O. Box 50426 • Midland, TX 79710

To make a donation over the phone, or for any questions please call: (432) 683-7387

ADOPT A NEW BEST FRIEND!

Who's Who For Service

You can advertise your business for as little as $47.00 monthly.

Call 682-6222 for details.

Svcs-Professionals

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

NEED HELP with your books, consulting, can come to your office. Degreed Accountant. Call Tami @ 432-349-6867.

Cleaning Services

Home Cleaning

CHURCH IN THE HOOD CLEANING SERVICES
We are now excepting new houses or offices to clean. We offer Weekly or Biweeekly services. We are honest, dependable Christian ladies. We clean kitchens, restrooms. We mop, dust, vacuum clean ceiling fans, baseboards, make beds and wash dishes. Let us take care of your household needs so you can take care of your family. Call me for estimates.
Call Gracie Ortiz at 432-599-4070

ENTREPRENEUR
Do you need? Your house cleaned. Errands ran, getting organized, Will do laundry. Very dependable & have references. Call Debra. 432-638-5229.

PROFESSIONAL HOUSE CLEANER
Excellent references, trustworthy, & honest, hard worker. Reasonable rates. Call Nelfa 432-559-0809.

Window Cleaning

WINDOWS PLUS + Serving Midlanders since 1994. Residential, Commercial. 432-682-9322.

Computer Services

Repair-Replacement
A+ COMPUTER Tutor! Overcome Your Fear of Computers! ✓Your PLACE at Your PACE. ★Call Karen 432-553-2468 (leave msg).

Hauling

CLEANOUTS & TRASH HAULING. FAST SERVICE 432-254-3501.

CLEARAWAY
FOR all your REMOVAL needs and light construction, trash, & tree limbs, residential & commercial cleanout. Tired of higher prices? Give us a call for affordable prices. 432-235-9999

Home Services & Home Improvement

Brick-Block-Stone
ADVANCED BRICK DOCTOR, brick & mortar repair. All types of new construction specializing in block and brick fence. Steve Rickey. 432-853-2859.

BRICK, BLOCK & Stone Work 45 years experience. References. Max 432-661-8899

Home Services & Home Improvement

Cabinetry-Finishing
CUSTOM KITCHEN Cabinets, Formica Countertops, Beveled Edges. References. Work Guaranteed. Free Estimates. Call Luis, 432-664-0224.

Carpet and Flooring

INSTALLS & REPAIRS CARPET, SMALL ENGINE REPAIR, LAWNMOWER AND MORE. 432-924-3260.

Concrete

ALPHA MASONRY and Concrete work. Free Estimates. Small Jobs Welcome 432-813-8552.

CABALLERO MASONRY. Brick/block/stone, stucco, driveways, sidewalks, wood fences. Insurance. Bonded. Residential & Commercial. Free estimates. 432-631-8781

FOR ALL your concrete needs, driveways, sidewalks, new slabs house or garage additions. Call Danny @ 432-894-0702

Home Services & Home Improvement

Concrete
JS Concrete
Slabs, curbs, driveways, patios, Stamp concrete. Free Estimates. Bonded & Insured. Juan Sanchez, owner. 432-413-0924

M & M Concrete. Specializing in all types of concrete work. Stamp, Stained, Block, Brick, Rock, & Stucco work. 432-230-3372

Electrical

LAING ELECTRIC Licensed and insured. TECL 18544. 432-413-5880. Always appreciated!

Fences

CABALLERO MASONRY. Brick/block/stone, stucco, driveways, sidewalks, wood fences Insurance. Bonded. Residential & Commercial. Free estimates. 432-631-8781

HANDYMAN SERVICES. We do it all! 432-254-3501.

Handyman Services

HANDYMAN SERVICES. We do it all! 432-254-3501.

Fax Your Ad 24-7 682-6999

Home Services & Home Improvement

Handyman Services
LANDER HOME IMPROVEMENTS LLC Interior/Exterior painting and repairs & remodeling, fence & path repairs. 30 years experience. Clean and reliable work. Call 260 7119.

Heat-Air Condition

At your service actionairplumbing.com (432) 620-8900

ELLIS & Sons Plumbing & Air Conditioning Sales & Service. Service all brands. 683-2679. TALCB005482.

Painting-Wallpaper

DOUBLE TT PAINTING Interior and Exterior Texture, tape & bed also auto paint & body. Low Prices. Work gauranteed. References Available. 432-288-7849 or 352-4633.

FEMALE PAINTER: Interior/exterior, residential/commercial very professional, takes pride in her work, very dependable & affordable. FREE Estimates. 432-250-4643

FEMALE PAINTER: Interior/exterior, residential/commercial very professional, takes pride in her work, very dependable & affordable. FREE Estimates. 432-250-4643

Home Services & Home Improvement

Painting-Wallpaper
HENRY'S PAINTING Exterior/Interior Custom Painting. 35yrs exp. Free estimates. Senior Discount. Call 684-8135 / 770-9658.

NEED PAINTING?
Call Tony. Int. & ext. 25+ years exp. Call 432-222-4033

PAINTING, SHEET rock, repairs, fans, electrical, plumbing, tile-floor & bath. Permian Maintenance 432-697-5417

Plumbing Home Svc

At your service actionairplumbing.com (432) 620-8900

HANDYMAN SERVICES, We do it all! 432-254-3501.

Septic Installation
actionairplumbing.com 432-620-8900

Remodeling-Repair

COMPLETE REMODELS, specialize in kitchen & baths, Handyman services. 14 Years experience. 889-8387

PAINTING, SHEET rock, repairs, fans, electrical, plumbing, tile-floor & bath. Permian Maintenance 432-697-5417

KITCHEN & BATH CABINETS
Bathroom and Kitchen renovation specialists. Native Midlanders' Friday Building Corporation 432-638-7495.

Lawn and Garden

SDFAFAFASDFADFASDFASDFAAFKAL;FJJKFL;AJFKLJDF;AJKFJALFKJAP'FKL;AKDJF'AKFL;AJSDL;FJAL;KDFJLAJKDF;LAJKDF;AJKFDF;AJKFJASDF;jakfdfa;dkfja;skf;lakjf;lajkdflkjadlf;jaldfkjakejkfjkljf;j;ljk;lk;kn;lkjl;jk;lk;kj;j;a;k;jk;

CAREFREELANDSCAPES
Call for free estimates. Russell 432-258-0692

EDDIE'S LAWN SERVICE
Cut and Trim Yards, Trees and Bushes. Clean up yards & rake leaves. Free Estimates.Call 432-638-5559

LAWNGEVITY
25 Years experience. All your lawn care needs. I dont send a crew, I'm one of the crew! We show up!
432-661-9518

MAJOR REPAIR SPECIALISTS
Need sprinkler ready for spring. Give us a call. Big or small repair. Let us get your yard ready No service charge with repair.
432-599-2904 OR 432-528-4182

Home Services & Home Improvement

Roofing
J&J ROOFING All Types of Roofing & Repairs. Fence Repairs, Metal roofs. 25 years experience. Free Estimates Call Juan, 432-631-6861

Tile and Vinyl

TETRIS TILE SERVICES. Walls & Floors 432-413-9761 Midland, TX

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

AFFORDABLE TREE shrub pruning, removal, sprinkler repairs. Licensed & Insured. Call Williams Tree Lawn Sprinkler 561-8802, 638-6163.

L & C Lawn Service. Mowing, trimming, alleys, clean up. 40 years experience 432-260-4242

LEYVA LAWN CARE
Trees & Lawns
Professional & Efficient
432-250-9470

LEYVA LAWN CARE
Trees & Lawns
Professional & Efficient
432-250-9470

WILL TRIM, prune or uproot just about any tree, very reasonable prices. Call Norman 432-296-1424.

Miscellaneous Services

WATER TREATMENT
Culligan of West Texas
Residential & Commercial
FREE WATER ANALYSIS
563-2690

We buy homes in any area in any condition.
Call the Scott Williams Team of Realtors 432-689-7770.

Landscape and Tree Maintenance

Lawn and Garden

Luis Lawn Service
Mowing, tree trimming, shrubs, flower beds, free estimates, affordable prices. 15 Years experience. 432-664-7418.

M & M Landscape 22 years experience. Grass sodding, Xeriscaping, tree & shrub removal. Native Midlander 432-230-3372

RETIRED MIDLAND fireman with 30 years experience. Weekly and biweekly mow, scalp, edge & weed eating. Free estimates. Call 697-2030.

STRACENER IRRIGATION
Sprinkler Systems
Repairs & installations
License #4933
Call (432) 561-9525

Miscellaneous Services

VILLA'S YARD Service Free Est., Reasonable Rates. Mowing, flower beds, tree trimming & removal . . . 432-349-3893. Lord is My Shepherd. I Shall Not Want. Psalm 23:1

PROFFESSIONAL IRONING, housekeeping & adult sitting. Many years experience, references available 432-894-5430.

Personal Services

IRMA'S UPHOLSTERY & DRAPERY. 20 yrs exp. 432-352-4633.

PRIVATE CARE for the sick or elderly. Cooking, cleaning, hygiene. CPR certified. Will also clean apartments or babysit. Call 432-553-0037.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

The Real Estate Company

432-618-0286

OPEN HOUSES TODAY

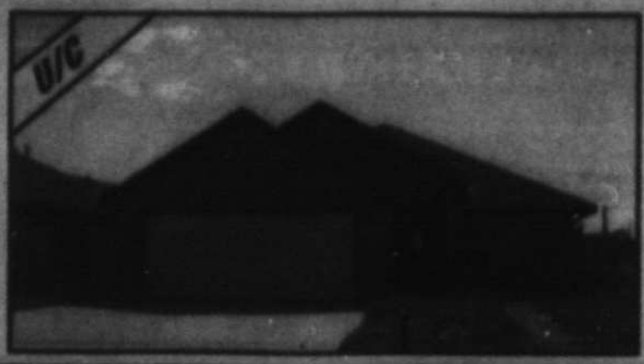
OPEN 1:30-2:30
19 Lafayette Place
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths,
2 car garage, priced @ $459,900

OPEN 1:00-3:00
2302 Maxwell Drive
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths,
2 car garage, priced @ $379,000

OPEN 3:30-4:30
1505 S. Mineola Street
4 bedrooms, 2 baths,
2 car garage, priced @ $244,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Carrasco Homes



303 S. Mineola Street
3 bedrooms, 2 baths,
2 car garage,
priced @ $198,500

Ashingdon Homes

5103 Binney Cove
3 bedrooms, 2 baths,
3 car garage,
priced @ $369,900

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."
~ Dr. Seuss

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

3216 Roosevelt Avenue	3 Bdrm/1 Ba	U/C
410 Hickory Avenue	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	$109,000
4210 Tanner Dr.	3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage	$114,500
1903 N. Fairgrounds Rd	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	SOLD
704 Alpine Street	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$155,000
1403 S. Fort Worth	3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba	U/C
5500 Highland Court	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Sarage	U/C
2302 Maxwell Dr.	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$379,000
1609 W. Indiana Ave.	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C
19 Lafayette Place	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$459,900
2102 Deeanna Lane	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$525,000
2513 Legacy Oaks	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$698,500
4016 Tattenham Corner	5 Bdrm/5.5 Ba/9 Car Garage	U/C

NEW CONSTRUCTION

303 S. Mineola St	Czrrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1505 S. Mineola St	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$244,000
5303 Balfour Ct.	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5305 Dunraven Ct.	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$456,900
5315 Half Moon Circle	Sanchez Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$497,200
7208 E. Co. Rd. 112	Tallwood Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$579,900
7219 E. Co. Rd. 113	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5300 George Yard Ct.	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

14941 N. Sunflower Ave.	Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba	U/C
15356 N. Hollyhock Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2.205 Acres	U/C
6311 S. Co. Rd. 1288	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Carport	$168,786
2363 Co. Rd. 2631	Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$179,000
13811 W. Co. Rd. 179	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Carport	$245,000
8902 S. Co. Rd. 1110	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C
2705 S. Co. Rd. 1114	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/1 Car Garage	U/C
4003 S. Co. Rd. 1185	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1901 Co. Rd. C 3200	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/4 Acres	$279,900
206 E. Co. Rd. 127	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

302 S. Marienfeld	11,840 Sq. Ft./0.482 Acres	$750,000
3008 Elkins Rd.	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,099,900

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

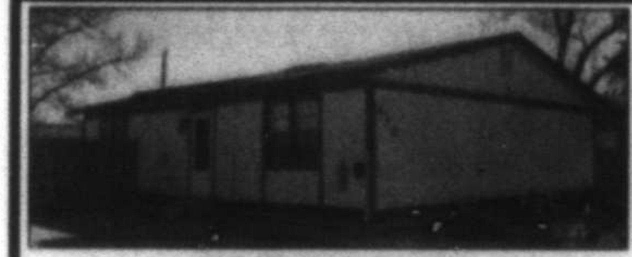
1401 HWY 176	Big Spring/20 Acres	$199,500

RENTAL PROPERTIES

4417 Guadalupe	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$3,000
3316 Caldera Blvd. #107	1 Bdrm/1.5 Ba	$1,200
3316 Cladera Blvd. #233	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$800

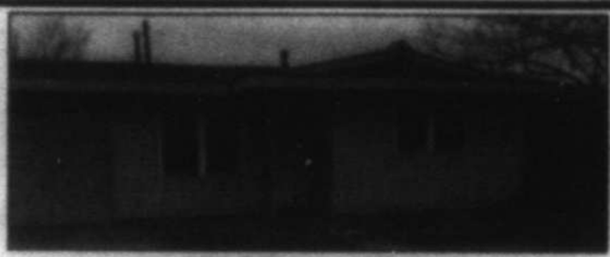
Contact Lillian Reynolds @ 432-210-9682

FEATURED PROPERTIES



410 Hickory Avenue
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, priced @ $109,000

704 Alpine Street
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 car garage, priced @ $155,000



4210 Tanner Drive
3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 car garage, priced @ $114,500

6311 S. Co. Rd. 1288
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 carport, priced @ $168,786

Tammy Brookshire Broker/Owner 967-3383 · Stevie Neely Agent 631-4778 · Gary Luna Agent 352-1673 · Brandon McMorries Agent 664-8264 · Lisa McCollum Agent 903-258-2585 · Lillian Reynolds Agent 210-9682 · Kendra Meadows Agent 413-5668 · Carolyn Joplin Agent 557-8882 · Kaily Richardson Agent (575)390-5504 · Brandon Beckett Agent 312-8177 · Bailey Joplin Agent 557-2544 · Tamara Bowden Agent 312-9953 · Scott Bowden Broker Associate 967-1259

4400 N. Big Spring Street, Ste. C-30 www.midlandreco.com

Midland's Career Leader in Home Sales since 1998!... Midland's Career Leader in Home Sales since 1998!... Midland's Career Leader in Home Sales since 1998!

Awards 2002 Gold · Awards 2009 Gold · Awards 2014 Gold · Awards 2015 Gold · Awards 2016 Gold

Victoria Printz 664.5400

SuJo McKee 413.4209 · Kerri Payne 553.7443 · Deborah Julian 553.4267 · Doina Perkins 556.3131 · Celeste Rogers 230-8228

Tora Wilbanks 978-1450 · Cindy Colley 413-8494 · Erica Cross Marketing/Event Coordinator · Morgan Day Marketing Director · Alex McFadden Media Marketing Director · Tamalo Henderson Kerri Payne Assistant · Belinda Duke PPM Property Manager · Mary Taylor PPM Licensed Agent · Monica Barron PPM Marketing Director

The Victoria Printz Team, Realtors®

683-1000

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

3209 KESSLER AVE .... OPEN TODAY 3:00-4:00

4+ BEDROOMS

14750 Kobyn Lane-Recently completed elegant estate in gardendale on 6.03 Acres! Main home has 5 (or 6) bed/6 Full+2 1/2 baths/great room, study, theatre & playroom!, pool, workout room, workshop, barn, pond & playground!	$2,990,000
419 Sir Barton Pkwy-[illegible]	$1,650,000
401 Affirmed-Stunning custom home w/gleaming hardwood floors, soaring ceilings, walls of windows & gorgeous cabinetry! 4 Beds each w/private baths + 2 half baths! 4 Living, 2 dining & 3 car gar! Seq master ste w/2 sinks, jetted tub & huge closet! Gourmet kitchen w/sub-zero & fabulous granite! Beautiful dazzling pool/spa!	$999,900
5409 Unbridled Trail-Fabulous new construction 4 bedroom, 6 bathroom, 3 living areas + huge gameroom, 3 car garage and large workshop! make your own color selections! Grand versatile plan, safe-room & amazing storage!	$950,000
85 Muirfield, Odessa-Beyond spectacular estate w/incredible open floor plan--4 bed/4.5 Bath/4 living/2 dining on gorgeous landscaped grounds! Covered circle drive, 4 car gar & service driveway! Dazzling pool & spa, outdoor grill, sep dog yard & outdoor shower!	$950,000
4 Bay Meadows Lane-[illegible]	$895,000
5600 Fenway Dr.-[illegible]	$579,900
4705 Green Tree-Spectacular 2-story open floorplan home--4 bed/3.5 Bath/4 living/2 dining/3 car garage/circle drive--on incredible golf course lot! Miles of tile, soaring ceilings, walls of windows & sweeping course views thru-out! Abundant storage! Upstairs master suite!	$525,000
1113 Overshine Lane-[illegible]	$399,900
4207 Greenbriar Dr-[illegible]	$399,900
6405 Sequoia Dr.-[illegible]	$399,900
3601 Trinty Meadows-[illegible]	$385,000
5508 Grassland Blvd.-[illegible]	$369,900
2602 North L St.-[illegible]	$312,500
1304 Cerrillos Ave.-[illegible]	$299,900
4426 Humble-Cute! Cute! Cute! Low maintenance corner lot 3 bed/2 bath/2 living area/1dining room home w/2 cozy size den connecting to formal dining area w/hardwood & tile flooring thru-out! Open kitchen w/island & granite counter tops! Perfect size fence in back yard w-play house	$169,900
3352 County RD. C 2300, Stanton-Fantastic 4 bed/3 bath modular home built 2007 w/2 acres! Country living north of stanton! 2 Living areas w/wood-burning fire place! Bright kitchen w/breakfast bar, large island, dining area & lots of cabinets! Inside utility room w/sink! 2 Car carport, circle drive!	$165,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

6001 Clarewood Dr.-[illegible]	$515,000
2601 N. County Rd. 1278-[illegible]	$457,000
4813 Spring Meadow Ln. #7-[illegible]	$349,900
4607 Pine Meadow Dr. #3-[illegible]	$314,900
1605 Todd Rd.-[illegible]	$295,000
10302 County Rd 58-40x60 Shop, 400 Square foot apartment with 24x24 living (heated and cooled) Kitchen, shower, 3 car garage with a RV Bay on the side, 36x40 storage, 1.6 Acres-Shop only	$235,000
1321 E. Spruce Ave.-What a find on this new construction by lance friday homes--incredible price! 3 Spacious bedrooms/2 full baths/formal dining area plus great room & 2 car garage! Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances--microwave, dishwasher & gas range & oven! Fenced yard!	$193,900
1327 E. Spruce Ave.-What a find on this gorgeous new construction by lance friday homes--incredible price! 3 Spacious bedrooms/2 full baths/formal dining area plus great room & 2 car garage! Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances--microwave, dishwasher & gas range & oven! Fenced yard!	$193,900
1325 E. Spruce Ave-[illegible]	$193,900
1201 E Chestnut-Super cute new construction! 3 Bed/2 bath home on corner lot! Fabulous kitchen with granite, tons of cabinets & range with self cleaning oven! Kitchen open to fabulous formal dining area! Spacious living area w/soaring ceilings, crown molding & miles of tile! Large backyard!	$180,000
603 W. Nobles Ave.-Cute cute cute! 2 Bedroom/2 bath w/office & dazzling pool! Great size den w/built-ins & cozy wood burning fire place! Master bedroom w/study, built-ins & two separate closets! Huge backyard with covered patio, fully fenced in pool & sliding rv gate!	$172,000
2100 W Wadley Ave #14-[illegible]	$150,000
1002 Adams Ave.-[illegible]	$149,000
3209 Kessler Ave-Cute! Cute! Cute! 3 Bedroom/1 bath/ 1 dining/1 living area/1 car garage low maintenance home! Great size formal living w/ hardwood flooring and brand new carpet! Stunning back splash in kitchen w/ tile flooring & great view to back yard! Perfect size bedrooms w/ carpet! Storage shed in back yard! Owner financing available.	$115,000
600 Liddon #48-[illegible]	$105,500

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

Timber Wolf Estates-Fast-growing subdivision-timber wolf estates--city of midland, martin co. Appr 5 acre lots @ $13k/acre, plat available. Water wells/septic system/fence can be added to price but @ buyers expense. Sharyland electric. Can attend midland isd or stanton isd. Min home 2,800 sq ft ...... $13,000 per acre.	$55,000-$65,000
000 FM 1212-So much acreage for a great price!!! Many opportunities with this land.	$30,000
Cutter Estates-Fabulous subdivision conveniently located in gardendale-cutter estates-16 lots (appr .75 Acre) plat available. Roads will be paved by developer. Water well/septic sys/fence can be added to sales price but @ buyers exp. min home 2800 sq ft, buyer has choice of builder, plans approved by developer	$25,000

UNDER CONTRACTS & SOLDS!

3700 Timber Wolf Trail	UNDER CONTRACT!
3800 Timber Wolf Trail	UNDER CONTRACT!
3929 Baybrook Ct	UNDER CONTRACT!
4102 Compton Dr	UNDER CONTRACT!
1315 E. Spruce Ave	UNDER CONTRACT!
303 Pylant St	UNDER CONTRACT!
505 N. A St.	UNDER CONTRACT!
2308 W. 11th St	UNDER CONTRACT!
116 Solomon	UNDER CONTRACT!
1207 Telluride	UNDER CONTRACT!
2102 Neely Ave	UNDER CONTRACT!
9305 W County Rd 60	UNDER CONTRACT!
5900 Shadyview Pl	UNDER CONTRACT!
3712 Timber Wolf	UNDER CONTRACT!
1115 Ainslee	UNDER CONTRACT!
2503 W Cuthbert	UNDER CONTRACT!
6223 Olympic Ct.	SOLD!
1409 San Miguel Ct.	SOLD!
2506 Neely Ave.	SOLD!
1402 Tejas	SOLD!
101 Dewberry	SOLD!
4515 Meadowlark Ln	SOLD!
4122 Radcliff Ct	SOLD!
5204 Teakwood Trace	SOLD!
3401 Pinemont Dr.	SOLD!
3808 Crestgate	SOLD!
1208 Harvard	SOLD!
1204 Breckenridge	SOLD!
-5407 Hillcrest Ct.	SOLD!

PRINTZ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 684-8202 FOR LEASE

6204 Driftwood Dr.-4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms	$2,500
1327 E. Spruce Ave.-3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$2,000
1321 E. Spruce Ave.-3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$2,000
1325 E. Spruce Ave.-3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$2,000
3814 W Kansas Ave-3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,900
2107 Abbey Pl.-3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,800
4702 Sunshine Pkwy.-3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,800
2511 A Haynes-3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,450
2501C Sunburst Dr.-2 Bedrooms, 1.5 Bathrooms	$1,100

For information on rentals contact Leasing Agent, Maria Ariape at 528-9396

To See All Of Our Listings Visit Our Website: www.victoriaprintz.com

LEGACY REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE

687-6500

www.LegacyRealEstate.com

SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES

OPEN HOUSE TODAY 1:30-2:30PM

5400 Rio Grande

$284,900

3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2 Car & bonus room. Custom 2004 build in desirable Holiday Hill Addn w/ great open floor plan & tons of upgrades! Gourmet kitchen, built ins, storage shed, great back patio, landscaped.

Listed by Tracy Farrow
Shown by Stephanie Masterson

OPEN HOUSE TODAY 3:00-4:00PM

10603 FM 307

$309,900

3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2 Car, 4 gorgeous acres GISD. Updated bathrooms, great covered patios, 2 wells, new septic. Tons of great new updates and built ins! Come check this gem out today!

Listed by Tracy Farrow
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN HOUSE TODAY 1:30-2:30PM

6501 E. CR 110

$462,000

4 Bed, 3 Bath, Oversized 2 Car, 1.59 acres in GISD. AMAZING New Build by Coby Farrow, LONG list of upgrades! Gorgeous contemporary gray & white concept throughout.

Listed by Tracy Farrow
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN HOUSE TODAY 3:30-4:30PM

2215 E. CR 1122

$499,000

4 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2 Car, in ground pool. 3 stable barn & 3 pastures, fully landscaped w/mature fruit trees, storage buildings, greenhouse & more! Must see to believe all the extras this one has!

Listed by Tracy Farrow
Shown by Nicole Duncan

Tracy is a "Native Midlander" to the Core! She will be glad to help you find your "Home Sweet Home" or sell your beautiful home! She is trustyworthy and dependable. Give her a call today at 432-413-4412. You'll be glad you did! Promise!!

OPEN HOUSE TODAY 3:30-4:30PM

1807 Pueblo

$385,000

Country home close to town!! This beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bathroom home has a perfect floorplan for entertaining. From the large open spaces to the incredible covered patio, you will never want to leave. The large 24x32 shop has an attached two car garage plus an additional 2 car carport. This house has 15 solar panels to help keep utilities low, and a large reserve tank to store water from 2 wells. COME SEE FOR YOURSELF!

Madison Shaw
Realtor Associate
528-4640

OPEN HOUSE TODAY 1:00-2:45PM

3315 W. CR 185

$365,000

Calling all Pilots! Fly in neighborhood (Skywest Airport) - House is on the runway! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths & 2 half baths. Amazing open concept floorplan with large kitchen island. Watch planes land from your kitchen sink! 2 master suites with large closets. 3 car double garage plus 2500 sqft hanger. House is made with a steel frame. Large patio for relaxing. COME SEE FOR YOURSELF!

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:30-2:30
806 Chaparral St. - $247,500
3BD/2BA
Listed by DeLaura Gammage
Shown by Stacy Gonzalez

OPEN 1:30-2:30
808 Calumet St. - $199,900
3BD/2BA
Listed by DeLaura Gammage
Shown by Stacy Gonzalez

OPEN 1:30-2:30
5400 Rio Grande - $284,900
3BD/2.5BA/2CG
Listed by Tracy Farrow
Shown by Stephanie Masterson

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6501 ECR 110 - $462,000
4BD/3BA/2CG
Listed by Tracy Farrow
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2513 Maxwell
4BR/2BA
Listed by Susan Palmer
Shown by Tina Atkins

OPEN 1:30-3:00
3351 FM 3113, Stanton, Tx. $339,500
Listed by Denise Brasher
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 3:00-4:00
3204 Shell
4BR/4BA
Listed by Susan Palmer
Shown by Stephanie Masterson

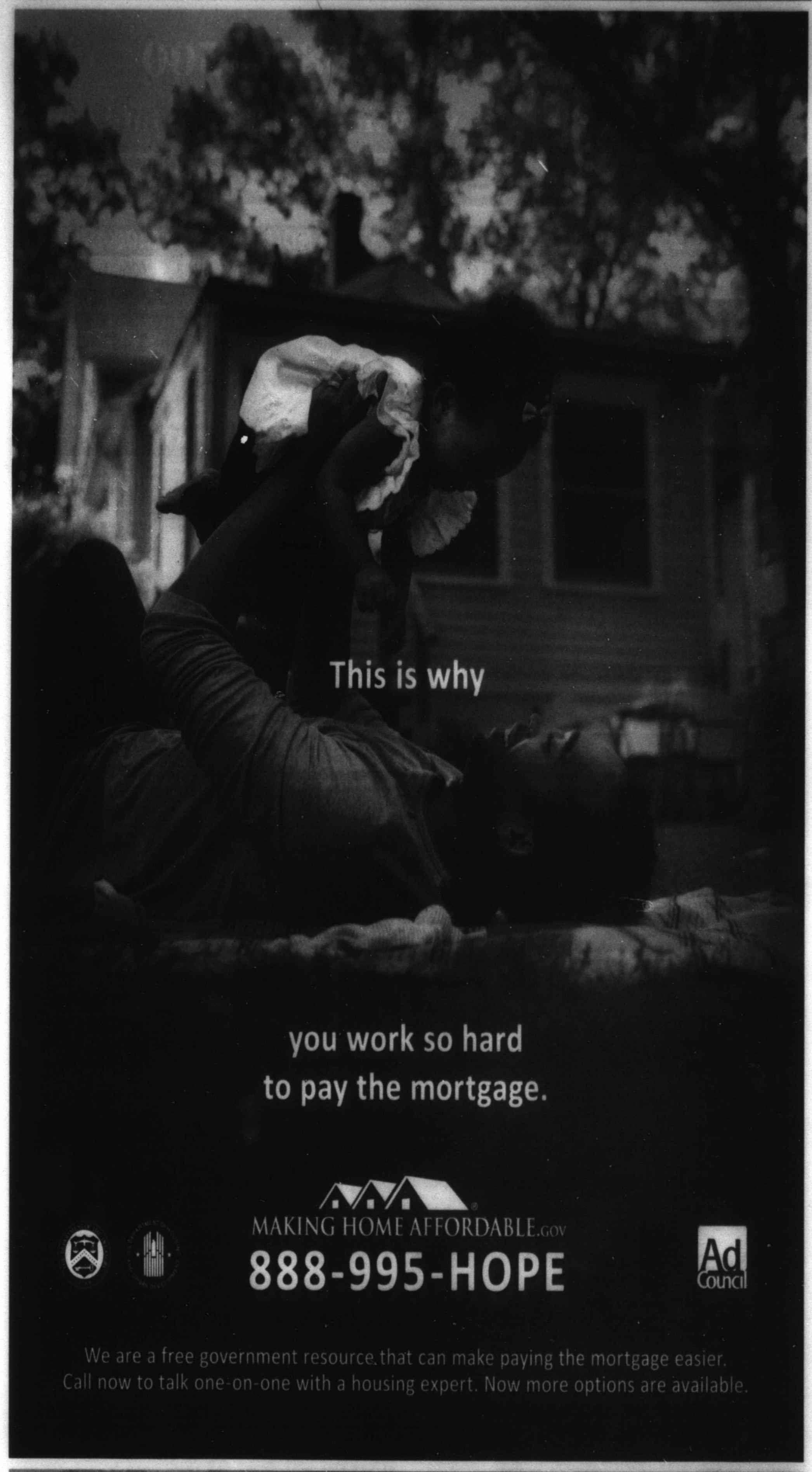
OPEN 3:00-4:00
10603 FM 307 - $309,900
3BD/2.5BA/2CG
Listed by Tracy Farrow
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 3:30-4:30
3002 Princeton Ave. - $215,000
3BD/2BA
Listed by DeLaura Gammage
Shown by Stacy Gonzalez

OPEN 3:30-4:30
2215 SCR 1122 - $499,000
4BD/2.5BA/2CG
Listed by Tracy Farrow
Shown by Nicole Duncan

OPEN 3:30-4:30
911 Shea Lane
3BR/2BA
Listed by Susan Palmer
Shown by Tina Atkins

Come Join Us For Our Sunday Open Houses


This is why
you work so hard
to pay the mortgage.
MAKING HOME AFFORDABLE.GOV
888-995-HOPE
Ad Council
We are a free government resource that can make paying the mortgage easier.
Call now to talk one-on-one with a housing expert. Now more options are available.

classifieds
mrt | plainview
GET AN AD $0
FOR AS LITTLE AS
VISIT
SELLITTEXAS.COM
FOR MORE DETAILS

You Can Email your Classified Ad to: mrtclassified@mrt.com

Home Sales

Existing-home sales in January reached their fastest pace in nearly a decade, the National Association of Realtors® reports. Total existing-home sales—completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condos, and co-ops—rose 3.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.69 million in January. That's 3.8 percent higher than a year ago and marks the strongest month since February 2007, according to the NAR. "Much of the country saw robust sales activity last month as strong hiring and improved consumer confidence at the end of last year appear to have sparked considerable interest in buying a home," says NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun. "Market challenges remain, but the housing market is off to a prosperous start as home buyers staved off inventory levels that are far from adequate and deteriorating affordability conditions." Additional data from the report:

• The median existing-home price for all housing types in January was $228,900—a 7.1 percent increase from a year ago.

• Total housing inventories at the end of the month increased 2.4 percent to 1.69 million existing homes available for sale. That is still 7.1 percent lower than a year ago.

• All-cash transactions comprised 23 percent of transactions in January, down from 26 percent a year ago. *Source: NAR*

****

Smith

SUBMITTED BY:
Suzanne Smith,
President, NMLS#192813
HNB Morigage, NMLS# 205935
2101 W. Wadley, Ste 36
Midland, Texas 79705
432.683.8081
866.669.8223 (toll-free)
432.687.2612 (fax)
www.hnbmortgage.com

The Bottom Line

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

Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com

Source: Scarborough Research, 2005

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

What Are Lenders Looking For?

Before you begin your home search, it's important to begin your home loan search. Unless you're able to buy outright, how you finance your home will be just as important—if not more important—than finding the home itself. But what are lenders looking for when considering you as a loan candidate? Below is a breakdown.

Steady Employment

A solid, dependable income is No. 1 on the list for most lenders. When you apply for a loan, long, steady employment is always seen as a plus.

Sizable Down Payment

In addition to steady income, having enough savings for a nice down payment is always helpful. Also important is a history of regular savings; the lender wants to make sure you're smart with your assets.

Credit, Credit, Credit

Speaking of being smart with your assets, consider the importance of a solid credit stance. A good credit rating is vital for a good home loan.

Consider, too, that credit you have qualified for—say, credit cards—can work against you, even if never used. This is because those credit cards are looked upon as being open credit lines—and while they have not been used, they could be used, and potentially used up to the maximum dollar amount allowed by the credit card companies. As a result, their perceived risk lowers your credit, or FICO, score.

Now that we know what lenders like to see, what will ultimately give them cold feet? Not so good in the lender's mind: frequent job changes without salary increases, self-employment in a new venture, bad debt history, no previous borrowing record, and dilapidated property.

If you have less-than-stellar credit or a weak down payment, do not be discouraged. These are standard lender pre-dispositions when evaluating your application, but when it comes to making a loan decision, most lenders will tell you nothing is completely carved in stone.

Copyright© 2016 RISMedia. The Leader in Real Estate Information Systems and Real Estate News. All Rights Reserved. This material may not be republished without permission.

****

This story was submitted by
Norma Pine, Broker/Owner
Chris Beckett, Broker/Owner
Pine & Beckett, REALTORS
www.pineandbeckett.com

Single Family Homes

LEGACY REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE 432-687-6500

Sunday Open House 2:00-4:00!

4301 READING

Lovely property with so many updates! GRANITE, BACKSPLASH, SINK & FIXTURES in the kitchen! Pretty COPPER SINK in ½ bath. CERAMIC WOOD-LOOK TILE as majority of flooring, METAL ROOF and SO MUCH MORE! Large 4th bedroom/game room w/walls of windows. Also offers a sequestered master bedroom. Cul-de-sac location, large yard with extended patio, and pergola on a quiet street.
$349,000 MLS# 50007086

FEATURED LISTINGS

9706 FM 307	Residential or Commercial Land. Will subdivide into 1 Acre Tracts	MLS #50005743		$860,000
7000 Almey Court	5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 LA, 2 DA, outdoor kitchen, pool	MLS #50005649	UNDER CONTRACT	$814,900
2940 FM 829	Near Stanton. 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2 half baths, 2 garage, pool		NEW LISTING	$595,000
1808 Bedford Dr.	4 bedrooms, 5 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage, Pool!	MLS #50006364	UNDER CONTRACT	$489,000
3800 WCR 143	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, 20x20 shop	MLS #50006892	NEW LISTING	$420,000
5715 SCR 1214	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #50006575	UNDER CONTRACT	$403,000
2290 Evans Lane	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage		UNDER CONTRACT	$375,000
4301 Reading	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50007086	NEW LISTING	$349,000
4102 Stratton	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50005399		$319,900
5507 Sundance Court	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage	MLS #50006067	UNDER CONTRACT	$321,000
5601 SCR 1214	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #50006573		$318,600
7411 ECR 85	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Greenwood	MLS #50003884		$300,000
5605 SCR 1214	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #50006572	UNDER CONTRACT	$298,900
3004 Baybridge Ct.	3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1 living	MLS #50004976		$298,900
3000 FM 1379	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 1 acre land	MLS #50006535	UNDER CONTRACT	$299,500
3902 Placid Ct.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living, just installed wood like vinyl strip flooring!	MLS #50005220		$245,900
3182 C. 1900	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 5 acres, Stanton	MLS #50000306		$242,500
604 S. Jackson	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Construction	MLS #50007040	NEW LISTING	$230,000
3323 W. Dengar	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living	MLS #50006159	UNDER CONTRACT	$222,500
2304 Apperson	3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 car garage	MLS# 50005472		$212,000
3200 W. Wadley	3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 living, 2 car garage, RV space	MLS #50004231	UNDER CONTRACT	$200,000
2412 Idlewilde Dr.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50006888	UNDER CONTRACT	$189,900
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 258	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #108038	OWNER CARRY	$99,400
11070 Graham Way	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1LA on 1.3 Acres near Lake Ivie	MLS #50006064		$89,000
6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	.97 acres RESIDENTIAL LOT	MLS #102876		$140,000
6714 FM 715	22 Acres	MLS #108863		$365,000
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	3.888 acres with Caliche pit on property, non-restricted	MLS #108092		$32,000
SUNRISE RANCH ESTATES SECTION III				
6400 WCR 41	Lot 1, Block 6, 3.950 Acres	MLS #50003683		$119,000
6401 WCR 41	Lot 1, Block 5, 3.858 Acres	MLS #50003682		$119,000
6407 WCR 41	Lot 2, Block 8, 3.548 Acres	MLS #50003681		$119,000
6807 WCR 41	Lot 6, Block 8, 3.548 Acres	MLS #50003680		$119,000
6400 WCR 44	Lot 14, Block 8, 3.655 Acres	MLS #50003659		$119,000

Sandy J. Hanson
REALTOR ASSOCIATE
ABR, GRI, CRS, ASR
Office: 432-618-0613
Cell: 432-638-3819
EMAIL: sandy@sandyjhanson.com

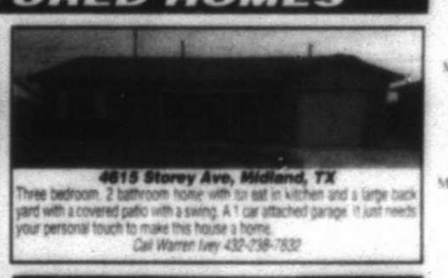
The "KEY" to your Real Estate needs!

Single Family Homes

Century 21 The Edge
Century 21
SMARTER. BOLDER. FASTER.
Email: TheEdge@Century21.com
www.Century21TheEdgeMidland.com
Each Office Is Independently Owned And Operated
2000 W. Wall Street
Office 432-617-3053 • Fax 432-617-3055

SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES

707 S. Tilden, Midland, TX
Spectacular move-in ready 2 bedroom. Lots of New!!! New paint throughout, New kitchen cabinets, New kitchen counter tops, new carpet and tile flooring. Upgraded electrical, lighting interior/exterior and new water heater. Large lot. A Must See! Just pack up and move in
Call Maria Borjon 432-260-4025



4815 Storey Ave, Midland, TX
Three bedroom, 2 bathroom home with bar seat in kitchen and a large back yard with a covered patio with a awning. A 1 car attached garage. It just needs your personal touch to make this house a home.
Call Warren Ivey 432-238-7832

409 S. Benton, Midland, TX
Another Spectacular Home by Mortgage Home with all the amenities of a custom home. Now is the time to move all selections! 3Bed/2 Bath home. Fabulous kitchen with custom cabinets, granite counter tops. Spacious Living area, high ceilings, corner moulding, Large backyard with fenced
Call Maria Borjon 432-260-4025

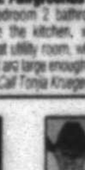
5005 Bluebird Branch Ct., Midland, TX
Extremely HIGH ENERGY EFFICIENT Home with AC CONSTRUCTION to help prevent Ice from dams, formation and wrinkle. Also Extremely Sound Proof. 2X6 ENERGY RATED EXTERIOR WALLS 2 SEER 13 SEER AC UNIT. New Stainless Steel Appliances, Built-in Bookcase, Spacious 28th Room with Cabinets and Folding Table. WELL MAINTAINED AND MOVE IN READY. CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!
Call Bobby McCourt 432-967-0652

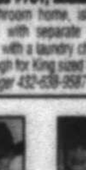
1320 N. Fairgrounds #701, Midland, TX
Nice 4 bedroom/ 2 bathroom home, island with seating in the kitchen, with separate breakfast nook. Great utility room, with a laundry chute door. Bedrooms are large enough for King sized beds.
Call Tonia Krueger 432-638-9987

4700 Boulder Dr. Unit 103, Midland, TX
VERY NICE Two bedroom/ One bathroom CONDOMINIUM. Large Living Area with Wood Burning Fireplace. Kitchen has refrigerator, free standing electric range, dishwasher, and garbage disposal. Washer and Dryer Hookups in one of 2 of the kitchen. Tile in Living Area & Kitchen. Carpet in Bedrooms. THERE'S SO! New Carpet installed for Sale.
Call Warren Ivey 432-238-7832

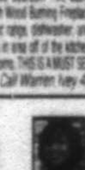
409 S. Clay St., Midland, TX
Another Spectacular Home by Mortgage Home with all the amenities of a custom home. Now is the time to make all selections! 3Bed/2 Bath home. Fabulous kitchen with custom cabinets, granite counter tops. Spacious Living area, high ceilings, corner moulding, Large backyard with fenced
Call Maria Borjon 432-260-4025

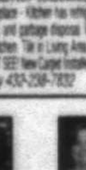
Bobby McCourt REALTOR® 432-967-0652


Tony Bagley REALTOR® 210-716-4323


Tina Powell REALTOR® 432-599-1499

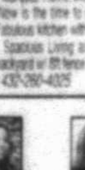
Maria Borjon REALTOR® 432-260-4025


Rosalee Buenda REALTOR® 432-286-9040


Tonya Krueger REALTOR® 432-638-9987

Tonia Kemper REALTOR® 432-553-8608

Lore Bava Chew REALTOR® 432-349-4960


Michelle Miller REALTOR® 432-258-8350

R. Scott Kinser Texas & New Mexico Broker 915-586-2188

Warren Ivey Managing Broker 432-238-7832
Sarah Ivey Managing Broker 432-238-4362
Melonnie Campbell REALTOR® 432-634-0722
Chevas Jones REALTOR® 432-661-0471
Chris McGee REALTOR® 432-816-3084
Angelica Tillman REALTOR® 432-853-1983
Christine Tillman REALTOR® 432-312-5444

Residential Sales

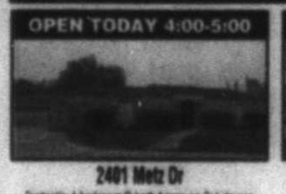
Pine & Beckett REALTORS® Top 5
The #1 Real Estate Boutique in Midland
686-7000
To view additional professional photos of these and our other homes, courtesy of David Pino Photography, please visit our websites - www.pineandbeckett.com, www.facebook.com/pineandbeckettmidland

OUR NEW WEB SITE IS UP AND IT'S GREAT!

www.pineandbeckett.com

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES & FEATURED HOMES

OPEN TODAY 4:00-5:00



2401 Metz Dr
Fantastic 4 bedroom/3 bath home on Cul-de-sac with amazing pool! Kitchen with bar, great room with access to pool! High ceilings, recent roof, granite in bathrooms, great closet in master!
Contemporary fence!
$349,900

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30

1207 W Tennessee Ave
Cute little 2 bedroom/1 bath Dollhouse in Park Hill! Old Town Charm with shiny original hardwood floors, gas fireplace in living area, formal area, roomy bedrooms & great kitchen w/breakfast bar!
$149,900

FANTASTIC!!

4301 Todd Dr
Adorable 3 bedroom/3 bath updated Country Cottage! Sequestered master, open living to breakfast & kitchen! 2-car garage attached, & 2-car detached w/power & parking area! Tack room, barn area w/2 horse stalls, 2 wells!
$329,900

SPECTACULAR!!

4812 Rosewood Dr
Lovely 4 bedroom/2.5 bath Mark Payne resale! Immaculate open plan home! Large eating bar in kitchen, vaulted ceilings! Gas log fireplace, recent outdoor kitchen. Pergola! Awesome storage in home & garage!
$325,000

INCREDIBLE!!

6209 ECR 55
15+ acres of beautiful land w/2 water wells, 3 homes, all separate electric meters, 2 storage buildings, mostly fenced w/1 Main house is a 3 bedroom/2.5 bath/2-car garage and 2nd house is a 2 bedroom with 2 bath, appliances stay!
$429,000

STUNNING!!

6406 Los Cuentos Ln
Spectacular 4 bedroom/3 bath 2011 Ashington custom build in Los Cuentos! High ceilings, 2 fireplaces, large kitchen, separate formal/ Spacious master! Entertaining backyard w/Veranda, plunge pool! Lovely landscaping!
$749,900

CHARMING!!

1300 Chakar Ln
Builder Updated 2 bedroom/1 bath, w/small storage or shop on almost 5 Acres! Water well, septic system, frgt & ornamental trees scattered throughout the property. Room to grow on this property with so many possibilities!
$149,000

ADORABLE!!

1322 E Pine Ave
Charming two-story 4 bedroom/2 bath/2-car garage Cape Cod cottage! Updated with fresh paint & carpet. Breakfast area and galley kitchen, recent roof. Cute and clean, and ready for new owners! Easy to show!
$185,000

HIGHEST POSSIBLE PRICE!
QUICKEST POSSIBLE SALE!
NO SURPRISES! NO HASSLES!
That's what we promise to Deliver!
Free No-Obligation, Consultation!
Call us today!

CALL ONE OF OUR TOP NOTCH AGENTS

LEGACY REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE

687-6500

www.LegacyRealEstate.com

NEW CONSTRUCTION IN MIDLAND

E. CO. RD. 98, VISTA DEL SOL, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... $474,900
5715 SCR 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50005193 ... $399,950

JC CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION

509 S. TERRELL...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50007009 ... $165,000
507 S. TERRELL...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50006346 ... SALE PENDING
501 S. TERRELL...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... SOLD

MASTER BUILT HOMES

806 CHAPARRAL ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006125 ... $250,000
808 CALUMET ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50003463 ... $199,900

MARK PAYNE

1207 PORTERFIELD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50005011 ... $309,500
1209 PORTERFIELD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50001681 ... $309,500

FORMOSA HOMES, LLC

4300 CROWLEY BLVD...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... $399,900

WBC CUSTOM HOMES

13108 E. CO. RD. 118, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS #107905 ... SALE PENDING

EE HOMES, INC.

7201 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... SOLD
7207 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... SOLD
1201A NOBLES...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50001369 ... SALE PENDING

HANSON HOMES, LLC

5601 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50002203 ... $328,600

KEA BUILDERS, LLC

5715 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50005193 ... $399,950
5601 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50002203 ... $328,600
5605 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50002196 ... $303,750

HA CUSTOM HOMES, LLC

7211 E. CO. RD. 112...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50006071 ... $707,850
7301 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... $448,000

WESCON SERVICES

4501 W. CUTHBERT...Karen Foster ... MLS #50005489 ... SALE PENDING

COBY FARROW-CTC HOMES

6501 E. CO. RD. 118...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50007100 ... $462,000

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

6401 W. CO. RD. 44...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #50005628 ... $3,900,000
3201 LANTANA LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50005524 ... $1,390,000
3114 PALO VERDE GLEN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50003404 ... SALE PENDING
913 KEYSTONE CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006977 ... $995,000
4805 RUSTIC TRAIL...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #50007116 ... $980,000
4937 RUSTIC TRAIL...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006801 ... $975,000
6112 HOMESTEAD BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $825,000
2711 SHANKS...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #50005451 ... $824,000
2700 CALLAWAY...Mark Philliber ... MLS #50004948 ... SALE PENDING
7000 ALMEY CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50005649 ... SALE PENDING
1211 CASTLE ROCK COURT...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #50003742 ... SALE PENDING
2012 FRINGEWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50002343 ... SOLD
1909 PAGEWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50003880 ... SALE PENDING
1302 SILVERTON DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006300 ... SALE PENDING
4001 FAIRWOOD...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... MLS #107438 ... $549,900
3807 WEDGWOOD CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50007171 ... $500,000
910 DOUGLAS AVE...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #50005161 ... SALE PENDING
5108 WIDENER STRIP...Danny Norwood ... MLS #50004532 ... $499,900
1608 BEDFORD DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50006364 ... SALE PENDING
4705 S. CO. RD. 1127...Kaiti Moss 661-904-7715 ... SALE PENDING
2803 SENTINEL DR...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #50004878 ... $489,900
2112 EVANS LN...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... $435,000
4803 RUSTIC TRAIL ... MLS #50003407 ... $429,000
5313 OAK VALLEY DR...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #50006904 ... SALE PENDING
4125 FOX HOLLOW...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #50006254 ... SALE PENDING
4505 BREEZEWAY CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006118 ... SOLD
2109 WINDRIFT...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #50006140 ... SOLD
5712 GRASSLAND BLVD...Ashley St. John ... MLS #50007050 ... SALE PENDING
3210 STANOLIND...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50005989 ... $375,000
4309 CORONADO CT...Melody Carroll 325-330-1182 ... MLS #50005658 ... $370,300
3124 PATRICK...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... MLS #50002486 ... $368,500
5804 LINCOLN GREEN COURT...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #50006934 ... SALE PENDING
5401 LOS PATIOS...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #50005605 ... SALE PENDING
3204 SHELL...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #50006866 ... $360,000
2012 COLEMAN CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006294 ... $350,000
4301 READING...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50007086 ... $349,000
4208 EDGEBROOK...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #108002 ... SALE PENDING
2903 PRINCETON...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... MLS #50002294 ... SALE PENDING
1211 CONQUISTADOR CT...DeLaura Gammage 298-3880 ... MLS #50006274 ... $339,900
5211 SHERWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #50006358 ... SALE PENDING
5507 SUNDANCE CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50006067 ... SALE PENDING
4102 STRATTON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50005399 ... $319,000
6015 FRIO DR...Reannah Glover ... MLS #50007081 ... SALE PENDING
2806 EMERSON LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50004974 ... SALE PENDING
606 LAWSON AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50003381 ... SOLD
4508-10 FAIRGATE DR.-DUPLEX...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50006199 ... $310,000
1505 CERRILLOS AVE...Tina Atkins 661-0062 ... $310,000
6118 CANDLESTICK...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50004777 ... SALE PENDING
1507 RIDGLEA DR...Gina Reyes ... MLS #50006101 ... $299,000
4508-10 FAIRGATE DR...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50006199 ... $299,900
6110 CRYSTAL SKY LN...Leah Watkins ... MLS #50006820 ... $295,000
3111 STANOLIND CT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50001703 ... SALE PENDING
7 STUTZ COURT...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #50004707 ... SALE PENDING
3302 DURANT...Mark Philliber 222-5071 ... MLS #50006267 ... $294,900
4012 NORWOOD ST...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #50004883 ... SALE PENDING
#10 MARINOR COURT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50006418 ... $279,500
1210 W. GOLF COURSE...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... MLS #50002353 ... $275,000
3002 NORTHTOWN...Leah Watkins ... MLS #50005784 ... $275,000
2509 STUTZ PLACE...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50005955 ... $269,900
4811 TIMBER LN...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #50003232 ... SALE PENDING
2513 MAXWELL...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50007056 ... $265,000
1112 MILLTOWN RD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006057 ... $250,000
2400 SEABOARD...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50006799 ... SALE PENDING
6102 KING KELLY CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50005637 ... SOLD
1502 NEELY...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #50001779 ... SALE PENDING
1917 HUNTINGTON...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... MLS #50003883 ... $229,900
1107 CEDAR CREEK RD...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50004596 ... SALE PENDING
1102 PORTERFIELD RD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50005646 ... SALE PENDING
3323 W. DENGAR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50006159 ... SALE PENDING
4713 CINDY PLACE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #50004920 ... $215,000
3210 CARVER...Reannah Glover ... MLS #50006231 ... $189,900
604 W. KANSAS AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #108203 ... $189,900
708 UPLAND DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #50005289 ... $189,900
1305 E. PARKER AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #50005347 ... $160,000
2408 NEELY AVE...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #50004558 ... SALE PENDING
601 BECKLEY...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... $149,900
3508 S. CO. RD. 1223 1/2...Kim Merrill ... MLS #50005825 ... $92,000
3806 AVONDALE...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #50001402 ... SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

3701 CARDINAL LN...Pam Dodd ... $350,000
1803 MABERRY...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $649,900
4612 WOODBAR CT...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50006505 ... $540,000
2021 EVANS LANE...Kim Merrill ... MLS #50006727 ... $445,000
3007 LOCKHEED DR...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #50004245 ... SOLD
1 OAKLAWN DR...Reannah Glover ... MLS #50006305 ... $379,000
809 WOODLAND PARK...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50005446 ... $370,000
2200 EVANS LANE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... SALE PENDING
4108 CYNTHIA DR...Lisa Russell ... $330,000
5611 CARMEL COURT...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ... MLS #50005117 ... $315,000
2610 COUNTRY CLUB DR...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #50003851 ... $314,500
3219 W. SHANDON AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006640 ... SOLD
5909 LLANO COURT...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... MLS #108526 ... SALE PENDING
3004 BAYBRIDGE CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50004576 ... $299,900
6001 MEDINA DR...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... SALE PENDING
5506 RIO GRANDE AVE...Kaiti Moss 661-904-7715 ... MLS #50004297 ... $289,000
5400 RIO GRANDE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50007093 ... $284,900
2805 DOUGLAS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50004042 ... SALE PENDING
5405 LOS PATIOS...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50006402 ... SALE PENDING
2812 STUTZ...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50006533 ... $269,000
6969 KING RANCH RD...Pam Dodd ... $260,000
5612 SAN SABA CT...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #50006268 ... SOLD
1602 N. K ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50005587 ... SOLD
3013 MOSS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108982 ... SALE PENDING
5306 CANADIAN...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... SALE PENDING
6208 SHEA LANE...Tina Atkins 661-0062 ... MLS #50005836 ... SOLD
6969 KING RANCH RD...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... $250,000
3706 CASADY COURT...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... MLS #50001122 ... $249,900
4606 BISHOPS CASTLE DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #50003188 ... $249,900
3501 CLAREMONT DR...Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #50001061 ... $249,000
6006 SPAHN ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006822 ... SALE PENDING
3902 PLACID CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50005220 ... $245,900
4703 PRESTON DR...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50006749 ... SALE PENDING
4102 DYER CIRCLE...Lana Flores 385-5843 ... MLS #40204633 ... $244,000
3208 BOYD AVE...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #50006900 ... SALE PENDING
3201 BLUEBIRD LN...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #50006427 ... SALE PENDING
3214 STUTZ DR...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ... MLS #50004740 ... SALE PENDING
3305 EDGEMONT DR...Leah Watkins ... $239,000
2001 DOUGLAS...Pam Dodd ... SALE PENDING
1600 SHELL...Pam Dodd ... SALE PENDING
3304 CLAREMONT...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #50005493 ... SALE PENDING
1603 NEELY AVE...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50004091 ... $232,500
4501 AMISTAD DR...Sue Lytle 661-5338 ... $230,000
604 S. JACKSON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50007040 ... $230,000
6708 E. COUNTY RD 98...Brittany Boyd 978-7202 ... MLS #50005426 ... $229,900
2602 SPARTAN DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50005507 ... SOLD
405 CRENSHAW DR...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #50004711 ... $225,000
6207 CROSLEY DR...Betty Hicks ... MLS #50007120 ... $225,000
3601 STANOLIND...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $225,000
3405 BOYD AVE...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... MLS #50007025 ... $225,000
3705 FAIRHAVEN CT...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #50005303 ... SOLD
908 SHEA LN...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... MLS #50003252 ... $223,000
5210 CANADIAN...Donna Omar ... MLS #50003775 ... $220,000
3002 PRINCETON AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50003430 ... $215,000
3203 W. SHANDON...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50001315 ... $215,000
3605 JORDAN AVE...Skye Farris ... $213,000
2304 APPERSON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50005472 ... $212,000
1213 TEJAS...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50007156 ... $200,000
3606 BERMUDA CT...Reannah Glover ... MLS #50006667 ... SALE PENDING
4501 W. CUTHBERT...Karen Foster ... MLS #50005489 ... SALE PENDING
506 WAVERLY DR...Skye Farris ... MLS #50006416 ... $200,000
813 SHELL AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50003941 ... $200,000
3200 W. WADLEY...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50004231 ... SALE PENDING
3310 FANNIN AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006419 ... SALE PENDING
3341 PROVIDENCE DR...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... $199,900
911 SHEA LANE...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50006975 ... $199,000
2506 HOYA DR...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #50002192 ... $195,000
4814 STOREY...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ... MLS #50006863 ... SALE PENDING
715 BECKLEY DR...Ashley St. John ... MLS #50005161 ... SALE PENDING
3306 DENGAR...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #50004072 ... $185,000
2602 FRONTIER...Karen Foster ... MLS #50004099 ... SALE PENDING
5005 RAINBOW RD...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... MLS #50001365 ... SALE PENDING
3516 CAMARIE AVE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #108161 ... SALE PENDING
2500 PRINCETON...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50001320 ... SALE PENDING
4515 LANHAM STREET...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... $179,900
1704 N. MAIN...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50007162 ... $179,000
3318 STOREY AVE...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... MLS #50001776 ... SALE PENDING
2412 IDLEWILDE DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50006888 ... SALE PENDING
3239 WHITTLE WAY...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... $169,000
305 S. DALLAS ST...Darla Davis ... MLS #50002162 ... $167,000
5206 SUNNYSIDE DR...Martha Manulik ... MLS #50004108 ... $165,000
5204 SAN ANTONIO...Danny Norwood ... MLS #50004827 ... $160,000
3105 DELANO AVE...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... MLS #50006353 ... $159,000
707 GODFREY ST...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #50006611 ... $155,000
3400 W. GOLF COURSE RD...Amanda Gunter ... MLS #50002095 ... SALE PENDING
3008 W. OHIO...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #50001730 ... $149,000
4702 COMANCHE...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... MLS #50006821 ... $140,000
3307 THOMAS...Andrea Snell 559-4417 ... MLS #50005233 ... SALE PENDING
4403 STOREY AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #50005371 ... $129,000
1510 E. SCHARBAUER DR...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #50004057 ... $128,000
4405 PARKDALE...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $124,900
402 S. TILDEN...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... SALE PENDING
703 RUBY...Donna Omar ... MLS #50002293 ... SALE PENDING
3309 W. OHIO...Ashley St. John ... MLS #50003817 ... $119,900
309 E. PINE...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #50003468 ... SALE PENDING
801 NEELY...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50005468 ... SOLD
308 CEDAR STREET...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... SALE PENDING

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

3706 CASADY CT...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... MLS #50001122 ... $249,900
4526 LANHAM ST...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50004808 ... $169,900
4306 THOMASON DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006766 ... $135,000
104 HOLLY...Amanda Gunter ... MLS #50004592 ... $133,500
2510 COLLEGE AVE...Reannah Glover ... MLS #50006136 ... SALE PENDING
3330 CALDERA #146...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50006509 ... $110,000
2105 W. WASHINGTON...Sue Lytle ... MLS #50002944 ... $93,500
1400 E. NEW YORK AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #50005387 ... $89,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

4409 E. CO. RD. 63...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... MLS #108422 ... $999,000
5203 S. CO. RD. 1065...Ashley St. John ... MLS #50005087 ... 32 Acres/$900,000
2711 SHANKS...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #50005451 ... $824,000
6806 E. CO. RD. 109, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-441 ... MLS #50007180 ... $758,000
10310 S. CO. RD. 1210...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50006926 ... Home w/Hangar/$589,500
2101 S. CO. RD. 1087...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006430 ... $585,000
2215 S. CO. RD. 1122, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50007136 ... 3 Acres/$499,000
7001 W. CO. RD. 44...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006620 ... $495,000
12107 W. CO. RD. 52...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #108236 ... $484,900
6501 E. CO. RD. 118...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50007100 ... $462,000
3600 W. CO. RD. 143...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50006892 ... $420,000
10500 E. CO. RD...Lana Flores ... $419,000
5715 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50006575 ... SALE PENDING
1903 S. CO. RD. 1140...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50002151 ... SALE PENDING
10506 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...Lana Flores ... MLS #50002338 ... $370,000
2202 S. CO. RD. 1085, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #50003930 ... SOLD
12119 E. CO. RD. 102...Lana Flores 385-5843 ... MLS #50001291 ... $365,000
3315 W. CO. RD. 185, SKYWEST AIRPORT...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ... $365,000
5601 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50006573 ... $318,600
10603 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50005495 ... $309,900
5803 S. CO. RD. 1200...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50002447 ... SALE PENDING
3700 W. CO. RD. 145...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $309,900
10412 S. CO. RD. 1138...Reannah Glover ... MLS #50007027 ... $299,900
5605 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50006572 ... SALE PENDING
7411 E. CO. RD. 93, GREENWOOD...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50003884 ... SALE PENDING
3000 FM 1379...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50006535 ... SALE PENDING
3200 S. CO. RD. 1223...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #50005884 ... $295,000
10909 E. CO. RD. 108...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #108961 ... 0.51 Acres/$295,000
9103 W. CO. RD. 160...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #50001570 ... $265,000
4607 S. CO. RD. 1177...Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #50005740 ... $249,000
10907 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50006317 ... SOLD
4403 N. CO. RD. 1130...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... SALE PENDING
5007 S. CO. RD. 1138...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006563 ... $175,000
5000 S. CO. RD. 1136...Andrea Snell 559-4417 ... MLS #50003799 ... $150,000
3308 S. CO. RD. 1216...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #50003260 ... $115,000
3508 S. CO. RD. 1223 1/2...Kim Merrill ... MLS #50005825 ... $89,000
3714 S. CO. RD. 1192...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

401 4TH ST., STANTON, TX...Lisa Russell ... MLS #50004541
1001 NW 11TH ST., ANDREWS, TX...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50005859 ... $745,000
2940 FM 829, NEAR STANTON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... $595,000
5650 DRIFTWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50006949 ... $425,000
3351 FM 3113, STANTON, TX...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #50002286 ... 1.0 Acre/$339,500
3016 SAN PEDRO, ODESSA...Jerrilyn Garrisom 202-0276 ... MLS #50005362 ... $315,000
10014 W. SWAN RD., ODESSA...Mark Philliber ... MLS #101711 ... SALE PENDING
6969 KING RANCH RD., ODESSA...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... $260,000
503 W. 3RD, STANTON...Lana Flores ... $250,000
6955 XIT, ODESSA...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... SALE PENDING
3182 C. 1900...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50002006 ... $242,500
1201 OLD COURSE RD...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50006135 ... $207,500
8725 CORNELL AVE., ODESSA...Jerrilyn Garrisom 202-0276 ... MLS #102876 ... $204,000
604 VASSAR, ODESSA...Lana Flores ... $196,500
409 E. 98TH STREET, ODESSA...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... $189,900
3102 EASTOVER DR., ODESSA...Mark Philliber ... MLS #100898 ... SALE PENDING
14241 LOYOLA, GARDENDALE...Leah Watkins ... MLS #50002358 ... $189,000
200 N. GOLD, GARDEN CITY, TX...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #50001229 ... $179,000
812 CORONADO...Jerrilyn Garrisom 202-0276 ... MLS #100010 ... $160,000
10975 E. EMERSON ST., GARDENDALE...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #50004438 ... $133,000
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 256...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #106038 ... $99,400
11070 GRAHAM WAY...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50006064 ... $99,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

10204 FM 307...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #106620 ... $1,528,000
3400 W. 7TH ST., BIG SPRING...Mark Philliber 222-5071 ... MLS #106813 ... SOLD
9708 FM 307...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50005743 ... $860,000
807 E. 2ND ST., ODESSA...Sue Lytle ... MLS #107382 ... $550,000
PANDALE RESORT w/PECOS RIVER FRONTAGE...Mark Philliber 222-5071 ... MLS #109135 ... 18+ Acres/$549,000
1118 N. BIG SPRING...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ... MLS #50004052 ... SOLD
1108 W. HWY. 80, STANTON...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #108426 ... 0.743 Acre/$150,000
401 MIDLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #103887 ... $90,000

LAND AND LOTS

9708 FM 307...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50005743 ... $860,000
3701 CARDINAL LN...Pam Dodd ... $850,000
3000 N. CO. RD. 1278...Mark Philliber ... MLS #50002830 ... 48 Acres/$629,000
N. CO. RD. 1250...Reannah Glover ... MLS #107925 ... 70.5 Acres/$493,500
3706 FM 715...Stacy Gonzalez ... MLS #50005690 ... SOLD
2900 S. CO. RD. 1200...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #50001167 ... 2 Acres
1121 E. DORMARD AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50003414 ... $175,000
1108 W. HWY. 80, STANTON...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #108426 ... 0.743 Acre/$150,000
2607 W. CO. RD. 140...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50005801 ... 10 Acres/$140,000
MARTIN CO...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... 10 Acres/$125,000
6601 CO. RD. 41...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #103862 ... $125,000
6400 W. CO. RD. 41 LOT 1, BLK 6...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50003663 ... $119,000
6401 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 1, BLK 8...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50003662 ... $119,000
6407 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 2, BLK 8...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50003661 ... $119,000
6607 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 6, BLK 8...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50003660 ... $119,000
6400 W. CO. RD. 44, LOT 14, BLK 8...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50003659 ... $119,000
CO. RD. 54...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #100052 ... SALE PENDING
S. CO. RD. 1133, GREENWOOD...Lana Flores ... 2 Acres/$80,000
2401 N. CO. RD. 1278...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #50001009 ... $75,000
E. CO. RD. 115, CHAMPIONS RUN ADDN...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50004077 ... SALE PENDING
E. CO. RD. 116, CHAMPIONS RUN ADDN...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50004076 ... SALE PENDING
5601 S. CO. RD. 1185...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50003718 ... $60,000
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... 64 Lots Available/Starting At $43,500
0 N. CARVER...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50006096 ... 1 Lot/$35,000
0 N. CARVER...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50006098 ... 1 Lot/$35,000
0000 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108092 ... 3.888 Acres/$32,000
1205 E. HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... Lot/$18,900
1207 E. HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... Lot/$18,900
1209 E. HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... Lot/$18,900
000 FM 307 (Greenwood) Appx 3.34 acres...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #106786 ... SALE PENDING

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

1 OAKLAWN DR...Reannah Glover ... MLS #50006305 ... $379,000
1405 W. PINE AVE...Brittany Boyd ... MLS #50003132 ... SALE PENDING
3301 WEDGWOOD COURT...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... $262,500
3010 MOSS...Karen Mason ... MLS #50001761 ... $229,900
3207 W. WADLEY-DUPLEX...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #50006651 ... $229,900
3200 W. WADLEY...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50004231 ... SALE PENDING
3316 CALDERA BLVD. D-121...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #50005228 ... SALE PENDING
600 LIDDON AVE. #52...Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #50006540 ... $88,900
4700 BOULDER #1303...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #50004259 ... $85,000

FOR LEASE

4311 ST. ANDREWS...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... $2,400/MONTH
4700 BOULDER #101...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50003863 ... $1,100/MONTH

"Voted Midland's Favorite Real Estate Agency!" Midland Reporter-Telegram's 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 Reader's Choice poll.

4400 N. Big Spring, Suite #101, Midland, Texas 79705

www.facebook.com/yourlegacyrealestate or twitter @LegacyRealEst8

CULTURE

FEEL FREE TO ROAM THE STATE

Seminole Canyon in Comstock

Little-known Texas parks have spring break campsites open

By Elizabeth Robinson
San Antonio Express News

If you're planning a last-minute overnight spring break escapade to one of Texas' favorite state parks, you might be out of luck.

Campsites at some of Central Texas' most popular hiking trails at Enchanted Rock and Garner State Park are almost fully booked this week, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife's website.

Hot spots like Bastrop, Blanco and Pedernales Falls State Parks are already full.

But determined spring breakers willing to make a longer drive may be in luck.

Some under-the-radar spots in Central and West Texas offer the same beauty, history and excitement of other state parks.

Hike the trails at San Angelo State Park or partake in water sports at Lake Corpus Christi where each has of available campsite openings.

Other parks that listed campsite openings next week include the following: Seminole Canyon in Comstock, Mother Neff State Park in Moody, Lake Somerville, Enchanted Rock State Natural Area in Fredericksburg, Garner State Park in Concan, Government Canyon State Natural Area in San Antonio, Inks Lake in Burnet, Lost Maples State Natural Area in Vanderpool, Choke Canyon in Three Rivers, Goliad State Park and Historic Site and Lake Brownwood.

However, visit texas.reserveworld.com to check the most up-to-date campsite openings at Texas state parks.

It may not be the giant granite hill or pristine river adventure you had in mind, but it's still a getaway.

Lake Corpus Christi

San Angelo State Park

Blindness is not an obstacle for former Midlander

■ Past city planner pens memoir to help others with impairment

By Rich Lopez
jrlopez@mrt.com

Although Walter Ashby wasn't born in Midland, he quickly accepted it as his home. The then-smaller city was his springboard into his thriving career and a happy family. With his wife, Gail, and their two daughters, Ashby served as a senior city planner for the city, as vice president of First National Bank and as president of the city's Special Education Advisory Board.

In his new book "Impaired But Empowered: A Memoir of Faith, Fortitude and Fortune," Ashby, who now lives in McKinney, recounts his life growing up legally blind but also embracing and empowering himself.

MRT: What made you decide to tell your story?

Ashby: I decided to write this long ago. I've worked on it at different times. It was ready to go back in 1992 and accepted by a publisher but that company collapsed. I had lost my manuscript for a long time. My daughter Beth urged me to get it back out a couple of years ago.

Ashby

MRT: Did the timing then and now change anything for you?

Ashby: I did come back to my story with more wisdom. This allowed me to tell my experiences not only in school but in my career and also the issues I dealt with. The principle was to be helpful to other impaired children and families of impaired children.

MRT: Your book starts in Mineral Wells where you were born, but your chapters on Midland read fondly of the city.

Ashby: I really liked Midland. I'm quite drawn to it. I think it was God's providence that took me there to carve out a nice career. A lot of things about Midland appealed to me.

MRT: Your wife was a big reason you came here.

Ashby: She had a job waiting for her, yes.

MRT: You thrived as an adult but as a child, you weren't immediately thought of as an exceptional student.

Ashby: In grade school, my eyesight was terrible from onset in early childhood. I was awful at spelling, I had terrible writing and both are characteristics of a poor student. Limitations were projected onto me. It wasn't until my sophomore English teacher saw something in me. I carried this idea that I was a stupid kid but she saw more.

MRT: You finished and left Texas A&M and came to Midland in 1971. You then found quite a lot of success.

Ashby: I became the senior city planner shortly after. As planner, I implemented aerial photographs of impacted areas, upgraded the zoning process and worked on maps and materials for city council to make better decisions. I also contributed significantly to the update of the city master plan. I think that was very worthwhile.

MRT: Not only in civic and business, but you also served on the nonprofit side.

Ashby: I served on the board of the Recording Library of West Texas for years. They produce recorded materials for free so I was also a user of their services. I'm also a big advocate. Being able to drop off material and have it read for you is a wonderful thing. You can't do that in a lot of other places.

Please see AUTHOR/5E

NAMES & FACES

OUT&ABOUT

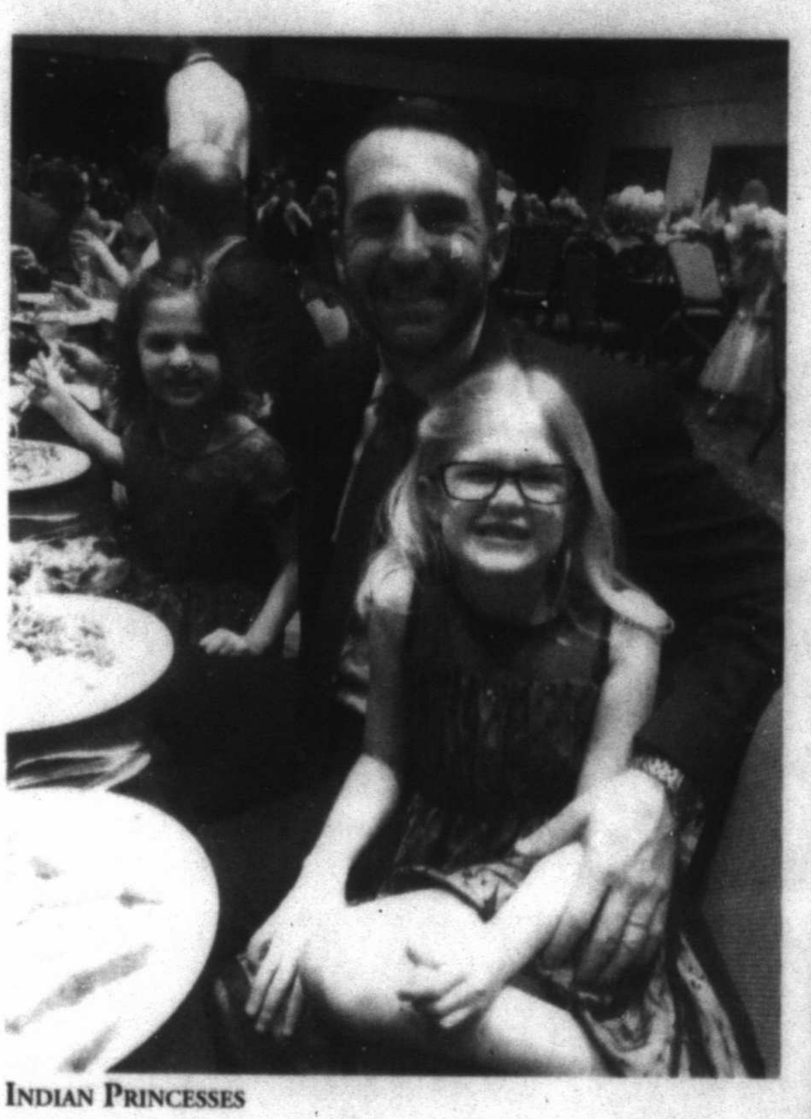
BY JULIE DONNELLY

INDIAN PRINCESSES

Todd Meador and Mia Meador

INDIAN PRINCESSES

Randy Hunt and Maggie Hunt



INDIAN PRINCESSES

Willa Joyner, from left, Dave Joyner and Fay Joyner

INDIAN PRINCESSES

Taryn Tucker, from left, Ryan Tucker and Teagan Tucker

INDIAN PRINCESSES

Macy Bales and Mark Bales

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL MARDI GRAS

St. Ann's School hosted its 24th annual Mardi Gras Feb. 4 at the Petroleum Club. The evening got underway with cocktails and the opening of the silent auction, followed by a blessing by the Rev. Tony Franco.

After a dinner of New Orleans cuisine, guests started bidding on live auction items that included an electric guitar signed by The Eagles, a trip to South Padre Island that included airfare and tickets to University of Notre Dame, University of Texas and Texas Tech University football games. The last auction item of the night was a trip to the Bruno Mars 24K Magic World Tour at Madison Square Garden and included airfare and hotel accommodations.

Throughout the night, guests enjoyed dancing to the Grammy Award-winning band Fact or Fiction. During the evening, Heather Bredimus, Kenny Worrell and Laura Quinn were honored as the 2017 St. Ann's School Distinguished Graduates.

Eric and Sylvia Ochoa chaired the gala, while Mayor Jerry Morales served as the master of ceremonies. The event benefits the St. Ann's Parish Educational Endowment Fund.

FATHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

The YMCA Indian Princess Valentine's Day banquet was Feb. 7 at Green Tree County Club. Almost 100 girls and their dads dined on their choice of salads, fettuccine Alfredo, spaghetti with meatballs and numerous desserts.

They also danced to the music played by DJ Edgar. In keeping with tradition, the evening's annual bingo game was called by David Arrington, who sported oversized plastic glasses and let the girls come up on stage and help him call the numbers.

To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.

Mardi Gras

Pat Worrell, from left, Shelly Worrell, Garrett Worrell, Meagan Worrell, Velma Belk, Kenny Worrell and Hilary Worrell

Mardi Gras

Hannah Bertelson, front row from left, Sarah Bertelson and Karen Bertelson; and Julia Pashilk, back row from left, Dan Bertelson, Brianna Bertelson, Ben Bertelson, John David Bertelson, and Sam Bertelson

Mardi Gras

Jen Varner, from left, Maye DeAnda and Evey Estrada

Mardi Gras

Richard and Greta Fischer

Mardi Gras

Kari Rylander, from left, Cory Rylander, Kayla Burnett, Briley Leggett, Kelsi Miller and Blake Miller

What's happinging in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading

WEEKENDER

Look for it inside Thursday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

MIDLAND QUILTERS GUILD PRESENTS

LISA BONGEAN

KNOWN WORLDWIDE FOR HER PRIMITIVE STYLE IN QUILTING

WOOL APPLIQUE' WORKSHOP: Tues Mar 14 & Weds Mar 15

LECTURE & TRUNK SHOW: Tues Mar 14 @ 7 pm Social time @ 6:30 pm & Wed Mar 15 @ 1 pm. Social time @ 12:30 pm.

Alamo Heights Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall 1305 N Midland Drive

For more information / register for workshop: Anna Marie @ 972-849-8429

Partially funded by Arts Council of Midland and Texas Commission on the Arts

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Leibrock - Walker

Susan Elizabeth Leibrock and Geoffrey Paul Walker, both of Austin, were united in marriage on Makena Cove Beach in Maui, Hawaii, the morning of December 29, 2016. Reverend Laki Pomaikai Ka'ahumanu officiated the traditional Christian and native Hawaiian ceremony in the presence of both families.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Leibrock of Fort Worth, and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Leibrock and the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Branson. The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Walker.

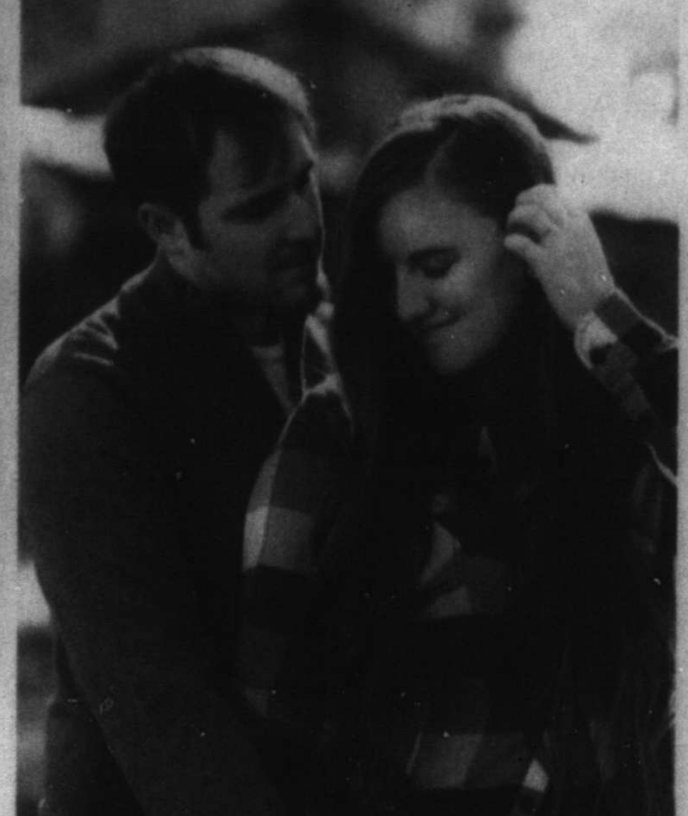
Members of the bride's family present to celebrate the union included Christa Caraway, sister of the bride, with husband, Carson, and their son, Drew, of Houston. Members of the groom's family in attendance included Gina Elfstrom, sister of the groom, and her husband, Russell, both of Deer Park; Meredith Brazell of Fort Worth, daughter of the groom, and Nolan Walker of Portland, Oregon, son of the groom.

Escorted by her father, the bride's entry down a natural black lava stone pathway to the secluded brown sugar beach was complemented by the lush palms, azure waves, and white clouds framing the ceremony. She wore Irish-American design house Theia couture in a gown of silk petals, graduating from ivory to pale blush, with a chapel-length train.

The bride's parents hosted a traditional Hawaiian luau rehearsal dinner at the Hyatt Regency Ka'anapali Beach Resort. Brunch at Gannon's at Wailea Golf Club followed the ceremony. Honeymoon adventures included surfing in Kihei, snorkeling in Maaleea Bay, whale watching in Lahaina Bay, and driving the famed Road to Hana.

The bride is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin with a BA in Theatre & Dance and a Communications concentration. From 2000 through 2007, Susan lived and worked in New York City, where she co-founded the J. Walter Thompson (JWT) integrated marketing department. In May 2007 the bride returned to Austin, serving as Community Relations Director for nonprofit Sustainable Food Center (SFC) through 2013. The bride presently works as a copywriter and brand strategist with internationally award-winning sustainable seafood company, Australis Barramundi.

The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, MLA in English literature. His 35 year teaching career included 25 years of honors AP English Literature and introductory college instruction, and 20 years as advisor for the Model Organization of American States (MOAS) international studies program at Midland High School. He enjoys writing and playing traditional Celtic and Americana music and performs with the Texas Music Museum house band in Austin.



Oestmann - Garner

Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Oestmann are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Marie Oestmann, to Tyler Dale Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Garner of Tuttle, Oklahoma.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Oestmann of Midland, Texas, and Mrs. John Craig-Pain and the late John G. Craig Sr. of Houston, Texas.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mrs. Leota Garner and the late Wayne Garner of Pawnee, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Blake Coe of Perry, Oklahoma; and the late Lee and Bonnie Brown of Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Melissa is a 2010 graduate of Midland Christian High School and a 2015 graduate of The University of Oklahoma where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. She is currently employed as a Structural Analysis Engineer with The Boeing Company in Oklahoma City.

Tyler is a 2010 graduate of Tuttle High School and a 2014 graduate of The University of Oklahoma where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management of Information Systems. He is currently employed as a Software Engineer with Northrop Grumman in Oklahoma City.

The couple will be married on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Beard - Sparks

Mr. and Mrs. James and Nora Beard of Plano, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Noraelisa E. Beard, to Mr. Justin D. Sparks of Lewisville, Texas. The couple will exchange vows on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at The Springs in Aubrey, Texas.

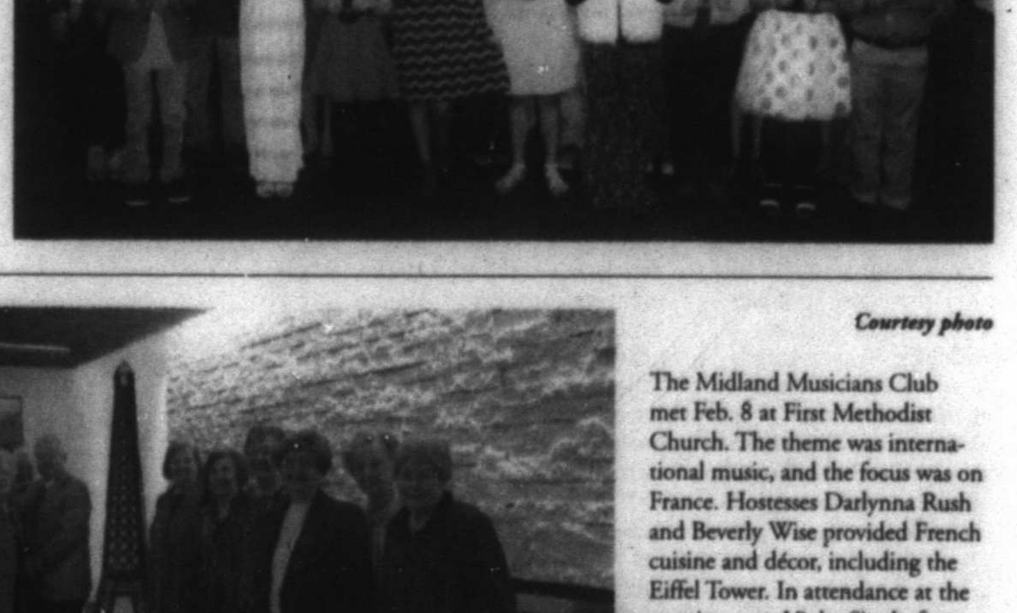
The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Marian Beard and the late Gerald Beard of Carrollton, Texas and Irma Davila of Plano. Noraelisa graduated from Plano East High School in 2012 and will graduate from Texas A&M Commerce in December 2017 with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is currently student teaching at Meadows Elementary in Plano and is a gymnastics coach at Eagle Gymnastics in Frisco, Texas.

Justin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W Jeffrey and Valerie Sparks of Midland. He is the grandson of Don and Gwyn Sparks and Stan and Veretta Johannsen, all of Midland, Texas. Justin graduated in 2010 from Midland High School and is a 2014 Texas A&M graduate with a degree in Finance. He is employed with Triumph Business Capital in Coppell, Texas.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 682-6222.

WONDERFUL KIDS, WINNING RECITAL

Courtesy photos

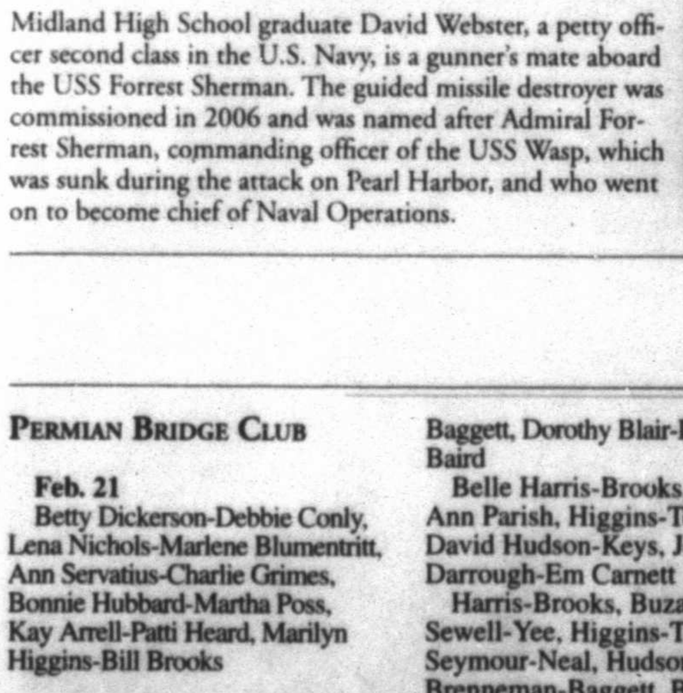


The first-place winners in the Mary Alice Knox Piano Competition gave a recital March 5 at the Allison Fine Arts Building auditorium at Midland College. The annual competition, hosted by the Midland Music Teachers Association, was March 4 at MC. More than 150 students from Midland, Odessa and Andrews and Hobbs, Roswell and Artesia, New Mexico, competed. The winners were:

TOP: Claire Coble, from left in front row, Allison Doonan, Joanna Thomas, Wilson Doonan, Eunice Koo, Sophia Koo, Andrew Chen, Hallie Doonan and Andrew Keeler; Pranav Ganta, from left in middle row, Nathan Swallow, Amulya Ganta, Sallyanna Stangebye, Madeleine Sterling, David Pando, Emma Hobbs, Sarah Lilley, Sophia Chen and Glenda Klassen; and Sarah James, from left in back row, Lauren Thompson, Madison Bogle, Nicholas Venters, Zach Allen, Kelton Chesshire, Jaelyn Lee, Lilli Degroot and Elijah Baltazar.

BOTTOM: Lucas Tang, from left in front row, Elise Taylor, Landri Todd, Cenzie Pyeatt, Madeline Rhoads, Jayce Lackey, Joshua Dodson, Sylvia Xu and Eeshan Bommisetty; Grace Koo, from left in middle row, Kohen Gallardo, Miranda Yang, Jaiden Catassaan, Kristan Gibbons, Reid McKelvy, Shayne Thompson, Hannah Bynum, Gloria Koo and Lucas Todd; and Lawson Bell, from left in back row, Emily Crawford, Morgan Crutchfield, Hyeonji Lee, Maryann Yang, Hannah Lilley, Sneha Kesavan, Alyssa Vasquez, Caden Blair and Rachel Stansell.

HONORING AND SERVING



Courtesy of Navy Office of Community Outreach

Midland High School graduate David Webster, a petty officer second class in the U.S. Navy, is a gunner's mate aboard the USS Forrest Sherman. The guided missile destroyer was commissioned in 2006 and was named after Admiral Forrest Sherman, commanding officer of the USS Wasp, which was sunk during the attack on Pearl Harbor, and who went on to become chief of Naval Operations.

MUSICAL TRIP

Courtesy photo

The Midland Musicians Club met Feb. 8 at First Methodist Church. The theme was international music, and the focus was on France. Hostesses Darlynna Rush and Beverly Wise provided French cuisine and décor, including the Eiffel Tower. In attendance at the meeting were Violet Singh, from left, Peggy Jones, Jo Ann Collett, Martha Lewis, Lou Nelle George, Linda Fox, Jim Collett, Darlynna Rush, Lee Harley, Beverly Wise, Marge Savage, Edith Hardy and Benita Birmingham. Performers were Birmingham, Wise, Savage, Hardy and Ellenie Avampato.

BRIDGE RESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

PERMIAN BRIDGE CLUB

Feb. 21

Betty Dickerson-Debbie Conly, Lena Nichols-Marlene Blumentritt, Ann Servatius-Charlie Grimes, Bonnie Hubbard-Martha Poss, Kay Arrell-Patti Heard, Marilyn Higgins-Bill Brooks

Feb. 22

Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Marty Massie-Higgins, Lonnie Yee-Linda Buzan, Greg Keys-Heard, Kay Sewell-Georgia Temple

Feb. 23

Sewell-Yee, John Seymour-Les Neal, Dorothy Brenneman-Paula Baggett, Dorothy Blair-Dorothy Baird

Belle Harris-Brooks, Buzan-Ann Parish, Higgins-Temple, David Hudson-Keys, Jeanette Darrough-Em Carnett

Harris-Brooks, Buzan-Parish, Sewell-Yee, Higgins-Temple, Seymour-Neal, Hudson-Keys, Brenneman-Baggett, Blair-Baird, Darrough-Carnett

Feb. 24

Servatius-Grimes, Ricki Perry-Tommie Strack, Conly-K.C. Evans, Buzan-Betty Moore, Sally Reeder-Janet Stoltz, Heard-Poss, B. Brooks-Audie Brooks, Frances Mills-Bob Bacon

Feb. 25

Hudson-Massie, Jerry Riggs-James Alvis, Seymour-Neal, Scott Vaughan-Ann Smith, Peter Berzanskis-Terri Melton, Blair-Baird

LaDoyce Lambert-Baggett, Buzan-Moore,Heard-Nancy Ward, Sandy Hill-Greg Keys, Linda Farrar-Sonya Hopkins

Baggett-Smith, Berzanskis-Melton, Riggs-Alvis, Moore-Hill, Blair-Baird

Arrell-Heard, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Buzan-Ward, Farrar-Hopkins

Baggett-Smith, Berzanskis-Melton, Riggs-Alvis, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Debra Jones-Mike Schlueter, Seymour-Neal, Farrar-Hopkins, Blair-Baird,

Feb. 26

Baggett-Smith-Lambert-Vaughan; Berzanskis-Melton-Bob Schuler-Hudson; Sewell-Temple-Edward McPherson-Massie; A. Brooks-B. Brooks-Arrell-Heard; Buzan-Moore-Ward-Hill

Feb. 27

A. Brooks-Blumentritt, Sewell-Keys, Grimes-Servatius, Brenneman-Buzan, Yee-Higgins

Feb. 28

Dale Beck-Blumentritt, Conly-Dickerson, Servatius-Grimes, Brenda Brauner-Higgins, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Heard-Arrell

March 1

Jean Pistole-Vaughan, Sarana Savage-Higgins, Harris-Parish, Blumentritt-Buzan

March 3

Bacon-Dickerson, Conly-Evans, Curry-Blumentritt, Poss-Strack, James Hawkins-Beck, Marshall-Reeder, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Buzan- Moore, Hubbard-Stoltz

March 5

Servatius-Grimes, Marilyn Matthews-Conly, Blumentritt-Curry, Perry-Strack, McPherson-Parish, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Bacon-Ward

LINDA CRANFILL

Permian Basin Master Gardener

Roses can be an easy and beautiful upgrade to your landscape

The Permian Basin saw an amazing rose bloom last spring due to the mild winter. So consider adding roses to your landscape this year. Roses being produced for the public market are easy to grow and have easy care. Some are drought tolerant and bloom more than once a year. They also live in companionship with a great many perennials and annuals so that you can have color all summer and fall with a little planning.

First, consider the location of the rose. Roses in West Texas do best with morning sun and some afternoon shade. Others can do well in full sun. Many grow in containers with great success. It all depends upon the rose you select. Soil can be amended, but if you select a rose that does not grow well with our slightly alkaline water, then you must use rainwater or R.O. water to get good results.

The Permian Basin Master Gardeners will have our plant sale April 29, and we will be offering a selection of roses that will grow in this area. All our roses are "grown on their own root," which means no sucker roots coming up from below the graft, and they produce a stronger, healthier root system for the plant.

We will offer a few roses that can be grown in containers or be used for a front border, plus a variety of roses that grow from 3-4 feet and roses that grown up to 6 feet.

There will be some Earth-Kind, drift and climber and shrub roses available. We look for roses that are drought tolerant, disease resistant, and mid- to low-level of water required. No rose can exist without water, but there are some that can do well with low water once established. Water will be required to get it established.

If you are interested in growing roses you need to become familiar with the types of roses.

There are Drift, Floribunda, Grandiflora, Hybrid Teas, Miniatures, Climbers and Knock-Out. An Earth-Kind rose is designated by A&M Extension after extensive research in various soil types and locations. It may be any of the above roses if they meet the standards of Earth-Kind. Knock-out is a patient rose.

Before you head to the store to buy a rose you need to decide what type you require. Most people today want an easy care, no fuss rose that will provide beautiful blooms several times a season. If that is the case, I recommend a Grandiflora or Floribunda shrub rose.

Beware that no rose has continuous bloom. Most have a mass of bloom with a period of rest, then bloom again. Weather, water and soil conditions can affect the bloom also.

Come see us at the Permian Basin Master Gardener sale and we will help you pick a rose or several. With each rose purchase, we provide a planting and care guide to help you throughout the year. We will also have a list of those perennial and annuals that thrive in the same bed with roses.

Most roses take at least one year to establish. Some take two years depending upon weather, water and soil conditions. If you don't get in a hurry, you can have beautiful roses in your landscape for many years.

JEFF FLOYD

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Give new purpose to all types of old containers for your planting

There aren't many American communities where motorists can get a glimpse of their economic health by counting the number of 5-gallon buckets on the side of the road. These little chunks of plastic may be mindless but they're apparently cunning enough to escape the back of a truck at 75 miles an hour and survive. This is very fortunate for West Texas gardener types since plastic buckets can be used for a host of gardening purposes.

I'd never seen one of these unruly buckets take flight firsthand until an orange flash suddenly shot straight toward my windshield on Highway 80. The next few seconds are a blur but I remember pulling over, standing and staring at the inanimate offender on the highway shoulder exclaiming "What a wonderful container garden you would make."

There's no gardening decree that says all containers must be elegant store-bought pots. Virtually any vessel capable of holding soilless potting mix will work for growing plants. Better still, housing plants in recycled objects serve as creative statements about their owner.

Boots filled with potting soil and stuffed with pansies make great conversation starters. When something like that is parked in the corner of a small apartment patio, visitors' moods become lighthearted. Old galvanized tubs, discarded toilets, used tires, vintage wheelbarrows, leaky ice chests can all bring a unique look to plants.

If the recycled object needs a little help retaining the potting mix, it can be lined with garden fabric. Upside-down lampshades, faded blue jeans, empty burlap bean sacks, rusty colanders and virtually any old thing that can hold enough for a plant will serve as a container. To learn more about container gardening, call the Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension office at 432-686-4700.

AUTHOR

From 1E

MRT: Do you miss Midland?

Ashby: I left kicking and screaming. West Texas people are so friendly, and it really afforded much in the way of culture. Midland is relatively small, but look at the community theater, the symphony, the airport — the quality is so much better than what you'd expect.

MRT: Beyond your life story, what else do you want this book to say?

Ashby: I really want families dealing with disabilities to understand the situation. Your assessment of your child is most important. I want them to have the self-confidence to advocate for their children and encourage their education. Most people grossly underestimate children with impairments. I'm saying to those families — don't let them.

For more information about Ashby and his book "Impaired, But Empowered," visit walterashby.com. His book also is available on amazon.com.

Fairy gardens captivate kid, adult, imaginations

Associated Press

A set of little wings. Ceramic fountains. Tiny versions of ornate cottages and brick walkways fit for the English countryside. These are just some of the whimsical decorations that adorn fairy gardens.

When such miniature decorations are paired with similarly diminutive plants, these gardens — aimed at luring fairies — can captivate the imaginations of children and adults alike.

"I think it is in our DNA," said Brenda Williams, a master gardener at Pesche's Greenhouse, Floral and Gifts in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

For the last four years, Williams has been teaching classes to 4H students and through the University of Wisconsin's continuing education program on how to create fairy gardens.

We have the itch to garden, she believes, to satisfy some lingering part of our hunter-gatherer past. "That gene is still very present in modern people who no longer need to garden," Williams said. And designing a little fairy abode turns a garden into "a living artwork," she said.

Michelle Peebles via AP

In this undated photo, a fairy garden at the home of Michelle Peebles is shown in Broomfield, Colo. Peebles — along with her two children — made the fairy garden following the death of daughter Amanda Peebles, 12, who died of complications following a rare form of cancer.

Fairy gardens' appeal is similar, perhaps, to that of Japanese bonsai, the ancient practice of grooming small trees inside containers. In 1893, fairy gardens surged in popularity in the United States because of the Japanese Pavilion at the Chicago World's Fair.

No two fairy gardens are the same. Some people use creative containers, especially antiques — a wash tub, bird cages or pickle bottles.

"I tell people to imagine something in your head and try to recreate it in in a pot, or whatever," Williams said.

The gardens can be designed underwater or with silk plants if the creator is more of a "set and forget" type of plant person, Williams said.

Often, fairy gardens are a creative bridge between adults and children. Jayme Tortorelli Benko, a 37-year-old mom from Denver, saw photos of fairy gardens online and wanted to make one for her young daughter, Alora. In a large pot, Benko put a ceramic flower with a resting fairy (named Nata), some rocks and an assortment of potted plants. Creating the garden was about spending time together, Benko said, adding, "Kids love magic."

Fairy gardens are also part of a larger DIY movement. Victoria Hannley, a 39-year-old mother of three who runs the DIY blog "Dazzle While Frazzled," made her first fairy garden with items left over after her daughter's birthday party and some empty soup cans from the kitchen.

"It makes me think back to the days when I had a dollhouse," Hannley said. "You're able to take everyday stuff you have and make something with it."

Yet fairy gardens also can take on more solemn meanings. The 15-foot-wide fairy garden on the side of Michelle Peebles' home commemorates her daughter Amanda, who died at age 12 from complications from a rare form of cancer. Peebles, 46, of Broomfield, Colorado, planted the garden two years ago with Amanda and her other children.

"She helped me plant some snapdragons and she used to dig for roly polies (beetles) there," Peebles said.

There are still snapdragons in the spot, as well as a little fairy home and seashell walkway. Amanda's digging tools are still there.

HOME DECOR 50% OFF
Categories Listed
Does not include Seasonal Department
Adhesive Vinyl Wall Art
Ceramic Decor — Tabletop decor, salt & pepper, plates, serving dishes, pitchers and cups. Does not include decorative drawer pulls
Clocks — Wall and table
Lamps & Lampshades
Mirrors — Wall and table
Decorative Spheres
Decorative Crosses — Wall and table
Pillows, Rugs & Throws
Polyresin & Pottery Decor — Finials, candle holders, boxes, bowls, floral planters and vases
Candles, LED Candles, Fragrance Warmers & Diffusers — Priced $4.99 & Up. Does not include Candle FX, tealights, votives, value packs or fragrance wax & oils
Men's Resin & Ceramic Decor — Wall and table
Summer, St. Patrick's, Easter and items labeled The Spring Shop™ are not included in Home Decor sale.
Items Labeled THE SPRING SHOP™ 40% OFF — Statuary, Garden Planters, Gazing Balls, Garden Wall Decor and More
ST. PATRICK'S 30% OFF — Decorations, Party Supplies, Crafts and More. Does not include fabric
SUMMER TOYS 40% OFF — Includes Little Wishes
EASTER PARTY, CRAFTS & DECORATIONS 40% OFF — Plush Animals, Paper Plates & Napkins, Home Decor, Baskets, Plastic Eggs and More. Does not include candy or fabric
FLORAL 50% OFF — Most Categories Listed. Does not include Seasonal Department or items labeled "floral accents"
Stem Naturals — Bouquets, sticks, pods, grains, fillers and grasses. Does not include feathers
Flowering & Greenery Bushes — Does not include potted trees
Floral Stems — Floral and greenery stems. Does not include feathers
Potted Trees & Floor Plants 4ft-8ft — Always 30% OFF the marked price
FURNITURE — Always 30% OFF the marked price
YARN & NEEDLE ART
I Love This Cotton! 3 & 3.5 oz — 2.66
Artiste Floss & Threads — Cotton floss & craft thread packs, nylon crochet threads and crochet cotton — 30% OFF
Premium Poly Foam, Nu-Foam & Smart Foam — 30% OFF
Yarnology Knit & Crochet Tools and Notions — 25% OFF
FRAMES 50% OFF — Categories Listed
Shadow Boxes, Display Cases & Flag Cases
Ready-Made Open Frames
Photo Frames — Always 50% off the marked price. Our entire selection of basic & fashion tabletop frames and wooden photo storage
Posters — Always 50% off the marked price
Custom Frames — Always 50% off the marked price. Applies to frame only
CRAFTS 30% OFF — Categories Listed
2 oz Acrylic Paint — Americana, Ceramcoat, FolkArt and Anita's
Children's Activity Kits, Paint & Pencil by Number Kits and Fuzzy Posters — Priced $4.99 & Up
Mosaic Tile, Gems, Chips & Stones
Candle Wax, Candle Gel & Glycerin Soap — Shea butter, goat's milk, olive oil, coconut oil soap and avocado cucumber soap
T-Shirts — Always 30% off the marked price. Youth & adult t-shirts, sweatshirts, infant & toddler t-shirts, creepers and dresses
the Paper Studio and Stampabilities PAPER CRAFTS BLOWOUT SALE 50% OFF — Over 4,000 products. Paper, stickers, albums, stamps & accessories, embellishments, totes & organizers, tools and more
ART SUPPLIES 30% OFF — Most Categories Listed
32 x 40 Acid Free Matboards — White core 7.99, Black core 9.99, Metallic 9.99
2-Pack Canvas — 8 Sizes available — 8x10 3.99, 11x14 5.99, 16x20 7.99
Art Pencils & Pastel Sets — Priced $9.99 & Up
Foam Boards — All colors
Art Brush Sets — Priced $5.99 & Up
JEWELRY MAKING 50% OFF — Categories Listed
Explorer by Traditions — Pendants, beads and filigrees inspired by world travels
Beads — Color Gallery™, Brilliance, Bead Treasures, Traditions™ and Czech Glass Beads
Metal Gallery™ — Does not include sterling silver
Swarovski™ — Create Your Style beads and flatback stones. Does not include hotfix stones
Bead Stringing by On-A-Cord, On-A-String & On-A-Wire
Timeline by Bead Treasures — From the Gilded Age to the Pop Age. Introducing Components by DC Comics
FABRIC
Home Decor Fabric — Prints, solids, sheers and laminated fabric
Fleece — Prints, solids and microfiber
Calico Prints & Solids — Apparel prints and batiks
Always 30% OFF the marked price
Home Decor Curtain Panels & Pillow Covers 50% OFF
Easter Fabric 50% OFF
Tulle 89¢ p/yd · Net 99¢ p/yd · Shiny Tulle 1.09 p/yd
*Discounts provided every day; marked prices reflect general U.S. market value for similar products.
HOBBY LOBBY
PRICES GOOD IN STORES MONDAY, MARCH 13 – SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017. PRICES GOOD ONLINE SUNDAY, MARCH 12 – SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017. SOME ADVERTISED ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE. SALES SUBJECT TO SUPPLY IN STOCK. SELECTION AND QUANTITIES VARY BY STORE. AD DOES NOT APPLY TO PRE-REDUCED ITEMS.
STORE HOURS: 9 A.M. - 8 P.M. CLOSED SUNDAY
MIDLAND — Billingsley Blvd. & Loop 250 N. — 4715 Billingsley Blvd.
ODESSA — E. University Blvd. & John Ben Shepperd Pkwy. — 4642 E. University Blvd.
40% OFF — HOBBY LOBBY Super Savings, Super Selection! — Coupon For In Store or Online Use — VALID THROUGH MARCH 18, 2017
SHOP ANYTIME AT HOBBYLOBBY.COM

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

Program encourages students to eat together at lunch

DEAR ABBY: Schoolchildren, especially middle school or high school students who may not be socially adept, often eat lunch alone because they don't know what to do when it comes to joining other kids at the lunch table. My grandson, who is on the autism spectrum, is one of them.

Classmates would be doing a great service if they said, "Hey, 'Josh.' Come sit with me." It's a small way to help others, and they could serve as examples/mentors. Kids with autism or some other challenges can learn socialization from helpful peers who are good in this arena.

It's lonely to eat lunch by yourself. Please encourage your readers to consider this. — SOMEONE WHO CARES IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR SOMEONE WHO CARES: I'm glad to do that. The pain of social isolation can last far beyond the elementary and middle school years and color a person's expectations of rejection into adulthood. Much of it could be avoided if parents took the time to explain to their children how important it is to treat others with kindness.

In recent years, attention is finally being paid to this. A national organization, Beyond Differences, started a program called "No One Eats Alone" that teaches students how to make friends at lunchtime — which can be the most painful part of the school day. It's their most popular program, and schools in all 50 states participate. For more information about the work they do, visit www.beyonddifferences.org.

It might be helpful if an adult family member discussed your grandson's isolation with a counselor at his school. Some schools have started programs in which children who sit alone are gathered together at lunchtime with a teacher or a school therapist so they are not isolated. This creates a safe space for autistic children. Regardless of how these lunches are organized, the presence of a trained adult is paramount.

DEAR ABBY: My son and daughter-in-law recently had a baby girl. My daughter-in-law and her family have extreme OCD and are afraid of germs. I wash my hands all the time, but still she seems to cringe when I or anyone in my family holds the baby.

I want a relationship with my granddaughter. I have expressed my concern to my son, but I don't want to cause an argument. How can I approach this without causing friction? — GRANDMA S. IN NEW YORK

DEAR GRANDMA S.: Your daughter-in-law is a brand-new mother. Many new parents are nervous about their babies being exposed to germs.

A way to approach it would be to talk with your daughter-in-law in a nonconfrontational way and tell her you have seen her reaction when you hold your granddaughter. Explain that you are careful about hand-washing, and ask if there is anything else she feels you should do. It might make her feel more in control and put her mind at ease.

Blender hint leads to great coleslaw

Dear Readers: My mother, the original Heloise (1919-77), in one of her books, "Heloise's Kitchen Hints" (1963), printed an unusual blender hint. A reader from Ohio shared how she used her blender in the kitchen to make slaw. So get your blender out, and use it for more than just smoothies:

"Heloise, I wonder if everyone who owns a blender uses it as an aid. I use mine for loads of chopping chores, especially for onions and green peppers. I cut cabbage into chunks, cover with water and give it a buzz. Drain it and I have slaw."

Readers, I can see my mother in the kitchen doing just this! I opened the refrigerator and had half a head of purple cabbage. I retested this hint and now am going to have very fine (meaning cut up small) purple coleslaw for lunch. When in a hurry (like today), I add some green salad olives, a little low-calorie Italian salad dressing, a dash of dill and just a shake of paprika. — Hugs, Heloise

No cake mistake

Dear Heloise: For your readers who are new to baking, here is hint I learned the hard way as a young bride: When baking a cake, don't open the oven door until the cake is almost done. My first cake, I kept opening the door to see how well it was doing, and it wouldn't rise. A flat cake! — No Name, Youngstown, Ohio

Dear, No Name: Oh yes, the kitchen mistakes we all have made! Reminder: The oven window is so you don't have to open the door! — Heloise

Lettuce talk

Dear Heloise: Here are some of my favorite hints using lettuce:

■ To release the stem, slam the head firmly on the cutting board or edge of the sink. Then twist out the core. Run cold water into the hole, shake the head and let it drain.

■ Sprinkle some paprika on a piece of waxed paper. Roll the cut side of a damp head of lettuce in the paprika. It will be so pretty!

■ To keep lettuce fresh, wrap the head in a damp cloth and put in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. — Leslie H. in California

Keeping parsley perfect

Dear Heloise: Here is how I keep parsley fresh: I put the bunch upright in a wide-mouth jar after cutting off about 1/2 inch from the stems. I keep just enough water (about 1/2 inch) in the bottom, then cover the top with a plastic bag. — Helen in Montana

Diet do

Dear Heloise: I'm trying to eat healthy, and so I keep tasty snacks on hand. I clean radishes, celery cut into about 2-inch pieces, bite-size pieces of green peppers and cherry tomatoes. I put them on a pretty platter in the refrigerator for easy access. In sight and in mind ... then into my mouth! Sure cuts down on eating junk. — Arthur in Louisiana

SEND A GREAT HINT TO: Heloise at P.O. Box 79500, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000 or by email to heloise@heloise.com.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Not a lumberjack? You can still eat a filling breakfast

By Melissa D'Arabian
Associated Press

I am a morning person (by choice, not nature, but that's a story for another time) and breakfast is my favorite meal of the day.

Strong coffee and a hearty morning meal make me feel like I'm on vacation, luxuriating in hashed-brown-and-bacon heaven, without a health or calorie care in the world. Breakfast menus at truck stops and diners have incredible appeal to a closeted lumberjack like me, with words like grand-slam and breakfast skillet promising a meal that will fill me up for most of the day.

But, eating like a lumberjack when you have a desk job makes no sense, unless you really are on vacation. For a more quotidian option, try my Country-Style Skillet Breakfast.

I use just a few strips of real pork bacon to keep things feeling authentically diner-ish. Onions, sweet yellow peppers, spinach and garlic all add a ton of flavor (and nutrients) but hardly any calories. The real nutrient and calorie-saving workhorse of this recipe, though, is: cauliflower.

I swap out the breakfast-skillet staple hashed browns for riced cauliflower. It works beautifully, and not only do you save the calories of the potatoes, but all the extra fat you need to make those hashed browns crispy and tasty.

You can find riced cauliflower in most neighborhood grocery stores these days, either in the packaged produce aisle or the freezer. Or, simply pulse up a bunch of cauliflower florets in a food processor until it is cut into rice-sized pieces. The cauliflower is just bland enough that it takes on the flavors of the rest of the ingredients and provides enough heft to house eggs broken right into the skillet. The result is rustic, gorgeous, and filling. Yet another reason to celebrate our country's current obsession with cauliflower.

Country-style cauliflower breakfast skillet

Start to finish: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

■ 3 slices of bacon, cut into small pieces
■ 1/2 yellow or sweet onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
■ 1/2 yellow bell pepper, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
■ 3 cloves garlic, minced
■ 1 teaspoon dried herbes de provence (or dried oregano or thyme)
■ 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
■ 3 cup cauliflower rice (raw)
■ 1 tablespoon lemon juice
■ 10 ounce frozen chopped spinach, thawed and excess moisture gently squeezed out
■ 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
■ 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
■ Freshly ground black pepper
■ Chopped parsley, for garnish
■ 4 eggs, cracked into 4 small ramekins or bowls

Preheat oven to 350 F. In large oven-safe skillet, cook bacon over medium low heat until starting to crisp, about 5 minutes. Add onion and bell pepper and cook until tender, about 6 minutes. Add the minced garlic, herbs, and smoked paprika and stir.

Add the cauliflower and cook until tender, about 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the lemon juice, stir, and then the spinach, and stir until well-combined. Remove from heat and sprinkle the cheese evenly over the mixture. Gently make four wells in the mixture with a wooden spoon. Spray each well with nonstick spray. Pour one egg into each well. Bake until eggs are done, about 7-8 minutes for runny yolk, longer for firmer yolk. Sprinkle with black pepper, more salt if needed, parsley and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 219 calories; 117 calories from fat; 13 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 235 mg cholesterol; 804 mg sodium; 11 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 15 g protein.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

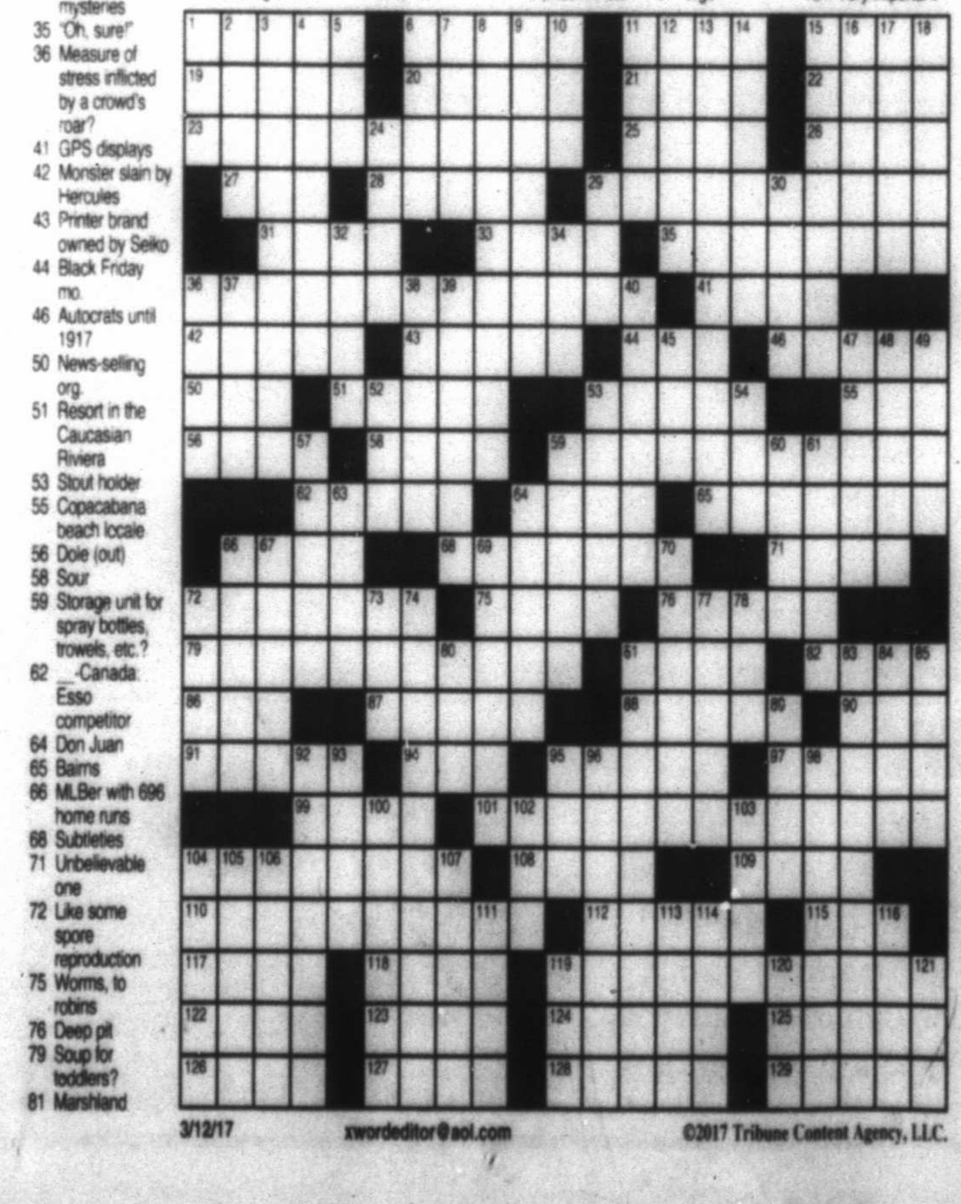
"PEACHY" By C.C. BURNIKEL

ACROSS

1 Baloney
6 Novelist Evelyn
11 "The Sound of Music" high points
15 Risk being burned, in a way
19 Impressive dwelling
20 Press the point
21 One with kids
22 One-eyed Norse deity
23 Large retailer's overexpansion, perhaps?
25 Georgetown hoopster
26 Sign word evoking days of yore
27 Watch kids
28 Is too sweet
29 Welcome summer cold snap?
31 In ___ of
33 Terrier of old mysteries
35 "Oh, sure!"
36 Measure of stress inflicted by a crowd's roar?
41 GPS displays
42 Monster slain by Hercules
43 Printer brand owned by Seiko
44 Black Friday mo.
46 Autocrats until 1917
50 News-selling org.
51 Resort in the Caucasian Riviera
53 Stout holder
55 Copacabana beach locale
56 Dole (out)
58 Sour
59 Storage unit for spray bottles, trowels, etc.?
62 ___Canada: Esso competitor
64 Don Juan
65 Bairns
66 MLBer with 696 home runs
68 Subtleties
71 Unbelievable one
72 Like some spore reproduction
75 Worms, to robins
76 Deep pit
79 Soup for toddlers?
81 Marshland
82 Draws off, as maple syrup
86 Outback native
87 To have, to Henri
88 Grace starter
90 Its PAC is the Political Victory Fund
91 Campbell-Martin of "Martin"
94 "A mouse!"
95 Hawk's claw
97 Synthetic silk
99 On the road
101 Holiday pantomime game?
104 Colombian export
108 Blockheads
109 "My stars!"
110 Necklace for a macho hearthrob?
112 Curly-tailed dog
115 MinuteClinic operator
117 Ceramic piece
118 "Terrible" Russian ruler
119 Little bird welding an ax?
122 Genesis setting
123 Like Gen. Shinseki, former Secretary of Veterans Affairs
124 Forearm bones
125 Well-timed
126 Pair near your hair
127 Sailing ropes
128 Frets
129 Requiring a lot of attention

DOWN

1 Fix alternative
2 Sideline shouts
3 Post-exam exultation
4 First African-American Best Actor
5 Ocean bird
6 Baby monitor alert
7 Folksy Guthrie
8 Hard on the eyes
9 "Seems to be the case"
10 ___ Majesty
11 Ottoman honorific
12 Not all there
13 Cable option
14 Visit overnight
15 ["That stinks!"]
16 Go off-line?
17 Move crab-style
18 Helped a tot tie a shoelace, say
24 Single-serving coffee choice
29 Bit of a belly laugh
30 Atkins of country
32 Time line divisions
34 Winery cask
36 Ground-up bait
37 Fanfare and then some
38 Come again
39 "Julie & Julia" director
40 Major course
45 Ref. for wordsmiths
47 Where to find fans
48 Stairway piece
49 They're unlikely to pass the bar
52 Slugger Mel
53 Fresh
54 Spokane-to-Edmonton dir.
57 Modeling adhesive
59 Lost cause
60 Goofy collectibles?
61 Lift
63 Cabinet dept.
64 Closer to being raw
66 "Same for me"
67 Game inside a Narragansett beer bottle cap
70 "Rabbit" series author
70 Starbuck, for one
72 Conspire with
73 "Got it!"
74 Demonstratively romantic
77 Rodeo mount
78 "___ out!"
80 Blue state?
81 Maker of fancy notebooks
83 "I'll take all the help I can get"
84 Urge
85 Right in the head
89 Big bore
92 Gets tough
93 "Never Wave at ___": Rosalind Russell movie
95 Screening org.
96 To blame
98 Spider woman?
100 "Java" trumpeter
102 "___ b?": "Which is it?"
103 Pick up
104 Name on Re-Nutriv products
105 Site of the Cave of Zeus, in myth: Abbr.
106 Calculus pioneer
107 Glide on blades
111 Calls off
113 "___ a puddy tat!"
114 Merged news agency
116 Move quickly, as clouds
119 "Breaking Bad" baddie Fring
120 Nonpro?
121 Very important



3/12/17 xwordeditor@aol.com ©2017 Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

BOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Careful with entries

Neither vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠6 3
♡ J 8 7 6 5 4 2
♢ 8 6
♣ Q 8

WEST
♠ K 7
♡ Q
♢ J 10 7 2
♣ A K 10 7 5 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 9 5 4 2
♡ 10 9
♢ Q 5
♣ 9 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 8
♡ A K 3
♢ A K 9 4 3
♣ J 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	4♡*	Pass
4♠	All pass		

*Transfer to hearts

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

Today's deal was played in a tournament pair game some years ago. Overtricks are very important at this form of scoring and careful declarer play is often rewarded. South was Richie Schwartz, an expert who splits his time between South Florida and New York City.

The defense started with two high clubs before West shifted to the king of spades. We don't know for certain, but we expect that this unusual shift was the result of a "suit-preference signal" by East on the second club — the deuce on the first club to show count and the nine on the second club to suggest spades. 10 tricks were easy, assuming a normal split in trumps. The challenge was to find the overtrick. Schwartz won the spade shift with his ace and played the ace of hearts. You might not think that the problem on this deal would be to find an extra entry to the excellent South hand. Schwartz was fully aware of this and played dummy's four of hearts on the ace.

Declarer continued by cashing the ace and king of diamonds, and then ruffing a diamond with dummy's jack of trumps. He led the five of trumps to his king and ruffed another diamond, this time with dummy's eight of trumps. This established his long diamond as a winner, and he led the carefully preserved two of diamonds to his three. The long diamond provided a discard for dummy's losing spade and Schwartz had his precious overtrick. Well played!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 12, 2017:
This year you often have difficulty making up your mind. You can debate the pros and cons of a situation endlessly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might feel as if you're being pulled in two different directions. Choose to respond only after you have thought things out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might have planned to dedicate your day to a loved one. Know that you have little choice in what the two of you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Home is where the heart is, yet you have so much happening on the domestic front that tranquility might not be possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You have a lot on your mind. Whether consciously or by accident, you'll start to spill the beans. News from a distance helps you to detach and see the big picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Use caution with all financial matters. You could feel pushed by a close friend to make a purchase that makes you uncomfortable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your energy remains high, but it has a nervous quality to it. You might feel cornered or overwhelmed by a situation. Lady Luck could push you in a different direction altogether.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You have a strong sense of direction, and you know what it means to make a statement and then move forward. You can be incisive and clear, if you so choose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Don't get caught in an either/or situation. You might feel as if you need to make a choice between a friend and a loved one. The less said, the better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You could be feeling cornered by an older friend or relative. Your sense of what is appropriate to do is likely to emerge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Think before you leap into a situation that might force you to detach or change. A trip is a possibility.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be pushing a loved one too far. Know that this person is likely to have a strong reaction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might feel as if you have the right response to a situation; however, a close friend or loved one could have a very different perspective.

BORN TODAY
Singer/songwriter James Taylor (1948), baseball player Darryl Strawberry (1962), actress Liza Minnelli (1946)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

T	R	I	P	E		W	A	U	G	H		A	L	P	S		B	A	S	K
M	A	N	O	R		A	R	G	U	E		G	O	A	T		O	D	I	N
C	H	A	I	N	K	I	L	L	E	R		H	O	Y	A		O	L	D	E
	S	I	T		C	L	O	Y	S		H	A	P	P	Y	C	H	I	L	L
		L	I	E	U			A	S	T	A		Y	E	A	H	I	B	E	T
C	H	E	E	R	P	R	E	S	S	U	R	E		R	T	E	S			
H	Y	D	R	A		E	P	S	O	N		N	O	V		T	S	A	R	S
U	P	I		S	O	C	H	I			S	T	E	I	N			R	I	O
M	E	T	E		T	U	R	N		G	A	R	D	E	N	C	H	E	S	T
		P	E	T	R	O		R	O	U	E		W	E	E	O	N	E	S	
	A	R	O	D		N	U	A	N	C	E	S			L	I	A	R		
A	S	E	X	U	A	L		P	R	E	Y		A	B	Y	S	S			
B	A	B	Y	C	H	O	W	D	E	R		M	I	R	E		T	A	P	S
E	M	U		A	V	O	I	R			O	L	O	R	D		N	R	A	
T	I	S	H	A		E	E	K		T	A	L	O	N		R	A	Y	O	N
		A	W	A	Y		E	A	S	T	E	R	C	H	A	R	A	D	E	
E	M	E	R	A	L	D	S		O	A	F	S			E	G	A	D		
S	T	U	D	C	H	O	K	E	R		A	K	I	T	A		C	V	S	
T	I	L	E		I	V	A	N		G	U	I	T	A	R	C	H	I	C	K
E	D	E	N		R	E	T	D		U	L	N	A	S		O	N	C	U	E
E	A	R	S		T	Y	E	S		S	T	E	W	S		N	E	E	D	Y

midland county child welfare board
BLUE RIBBON RUN
THE RACE TO END CHILD ABUSE
1K/5K
APRIL 8, 2017
REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
MIDLANDCHILDWELFARE.COM

52 FACES OF COMMUNITY

To nominate a Face of Community, please visit mrt.com/52Faces

PRESENTED BY CHEVRON AND THE MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

SUNDAY MORNING — MARCH 12, 2017

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Matter	This Week		Church	IndyCar Auto Racing	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Insider	Bucket List	First Baptist Church		CBS Sunday Morning (N)			Face the Nation		Mission	B-Ball	Basket.
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hunters	Hunters	Beakman	Beakman	Bill Nye	Bill Nye	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Politics	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Southwest "Part 2"		Walking	Mission	In Touch Ministries		Aleph	Zion	Chur.Way	R/Manusc	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Minute	Secrets	In Search	Havas	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		B&N Min.	Off-Road	NHL Hockey (L)	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	Mr. Rogers	SplashB.	C.George	Sesame	WordGirl	Wild K.	O. Squad	O. Squad	Arthur	Cyberch.	For Home
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mercury	Mercury	Programa pagado		Netas divinas		Al punto		Pequeños Gigantes USA			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		LatiNat.	Latino	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	First Baptist Church		SkiSnow.	SkiSnow.
FLIX	340	575		165		★★★ Basquiat ('96, Dra) Jeffery Wright.				★★ Danger Zone Ron Silver.			(:45) ★★ The Eye ('08, Hor) Jessica Alba.				Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		(:05) Midnight Special Michael Shannon.				Boxing After Dark				2 Days	Making /(:40) Shanghai Noon		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Real Sports		Golovkin	★★★ Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice					Animals.	Animals.	Animals.	Animals.
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:05) ★★ Grumpier Old Men			(:50) Child 44 ('15, Thril) Gary Oldman, Tom Hardy.					(:15) ★★★ Rendition Reese Witherspoon.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest				(:15) ★★ True Story James Franco.				(:55) ★★ Ghost World			Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		★ Cobra Sylvester Stallone.			★★ Reindeer Games			(:20) ★★ Ted 2 Seth MacFarlane.				(:20) ★ The Crew	
PLEX			96			Movie	(:45) The Pink Panther Strikes Again				Revenge of the Pink Panther			(:10) The Ghost & Mr. Chick...			Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(:15) Dean Smith		(:15) 60 Minutes		(:15) ★★ Blue Crush Kate Bosworth.				★★ Chicago Catherine Zeta-Jones.			
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	Movie	Arthur and the Invisibles			(:05) Ping Pong Summer			(:40) Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan				Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	S. Wars	Storage W.	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Carpenter	Fellow.	Abundant	Joyful Noise (N)		LiftVoice	Browns	(:20) The Quad "Quicksand"			TheQuad
BRAVO	65	76		41		Atlanta	Vanderpump Rules		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		S. Charm
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	(5:00) RacingExtinction		Rush "Viking Voyage"		Gold Rush "Final Fury"				Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey	Elena	Zhu Zhu	Gravity	StarEvil	StuckMid	Underc.	The Incredibles	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter				Coll. Basketball (L)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(5:30) 30 for 30		Bassmaster Elite		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	Cheerl'd	Cheerl'd	NCAA Basketball	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) Fox and Friends						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		Outnumbered	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Patricia H	S. Kitchen	Barefoot	Basics	Big Bite	Cooking	Southern	Pioneer	Pioneer	Rules	Giada	Brunch
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★★ John Tucker Must Die Jesse Metcalfe.				(:05) ★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days					(:40) ★★ What a Girl Wants		
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Fishing	Golf Life	Game365	Sports	Paid	Paid	UEFA Soccer Champions League Ben./BVB				Focused	Polaris
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Ellen	Ellen	Ellen	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★★ Men in Black 3 ('12, Act) Will Smith.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Portrait of Love ('15, Dra) Bree Williamson.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Presid. "1849-1865"		Presid. "1865-1885"		Presid. "1885-1913"		Presid. "1913-1945"		Presid. "1945-1977"		Trump	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	★ For Colored Girls ('10, Dra) Janet Jackson, Loretta Devine.					
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball	Business	PoliticsNation		MSNBC Live		AM Joy				MSNBC Live	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:30) Match of the Week			Match of the Day				Badge	Premier League Live (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	ALVIN (N)	ALVINNN	P Ranger	Sponge	Sponge	Bunsen	The SpongeBob SquarePan...			Sponge	Kids Choice Awards	
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Off-Road	E. Power	Truck T.	D.Muscle	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	Night of the Wild ('15, Hor) Rob Morrow.				★★ From Dusk Till Dawn ('95, Hor) George Clooney.				
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ Sky High Michael Angarano.			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) On Approval		★★ They Met in Bombay Clark Gable.				★★★ Detour Tom Neal.			★★★★ The Sundowners		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Videos	EPL Fútbol (L)	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	LawOrder "Deadlock"		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law&Order "Church"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G.Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Amazing	T.Point	In Touch	J.Osteen	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	★★ X-Men: The Last Stand ('06, Act) Patrick Stewart.				
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	P. Popoff	Key David	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 12, 2017

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	(11:00) IndyCar Auto Racing				Count	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics (L)					News	Carrasco
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(11:30) NCAA Basketball A-10 Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball Big-10 Tournament (L)					NCAA Select Show (L)		
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	Gilligan	Gilligan	HappyD.	Laverne	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	Paid	2½Men	2½Men	Pre-Race	NASCAR Auto Racing Kobalt 400 Site: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (L)						
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Z. Levitt	Mani Erfan	Jerusalem	Restore	Southwest "Part 1"		Southwest "Part 2"		HaYesod	Hebrew	About Us	Housecall
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:00) NHL Hockey Minnesota vs Chicago (L)				PGA Golf Valspar Championship (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	W.L.Yoga	Clos.Truth	Martha	Martha	Chef's	Chef	Baking "Pastries"		Nova		News.	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Fútbol Central		MFL Fútbol Cruz Azul at Toluca (L)				Republica deportiva		Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		SkiSnow.	Bucket List	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	A.Athlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	Major Crimes	
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:30) Winter Pas...		(:15) ★★★ Glengarry Glen Ross				★★ F/X 2 ('91, Act) Bryan Brown.				★★ War Jet Li.	
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	Bill Maher		Vice	UConn	★★ Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins				(:25) ★★★ Unbreakable		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Animals.	Animals.	Animals.	Animals.	Animals.	Boxing HBO After Dark				Golovkin	2 Days	Bill Maher
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:20) Steve Jobs ('15, Bio) Michael Fassbender.					LastWeek	Crashing	Girls	★★ Beautiful Creatures			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(11:50) ★★ Pearl Harbor ('01, War) Kate Beckinsale, Ben Affleck.						(:55) ★★ Eraser			(:50) ★★★ Body of Lies		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:50) ★★ The Strangers			(:20) ★★★ The Terminator				(:10) The Simpsons Movie			Movie
PLEX			96			(11:40) Harold &...		(:15) Austin Powers: The Sp...			(:55) ★★★ Summer School Mark Harmon.				(:35) The Pink Panther Strik...		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	★ Burnt Bradley Cooper.			(:45) Out of the Furnace Christian Bale.				(:45) ★★★ The Hurt Locker ('09, Thril) Jeremy Renner.				
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:35) Star Trek V: The Final ...		★★★ The Illusionist Edward Norton.					Blackway Julia Stiles.			Star Trek II: The...	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	S. Wars	Storage W.	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	American Pickers		American Pickers	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	MASH	★★★ The Fugitive ('93, Thril) Sela Ward, Harrison Ford.						(:35) Walking Dead		(:45) Walking Dead		(:50) Dead
BET	58	-		40		TheQuad	(:50) Baggage Claim (2013, Comedy) Taye Diggs, Paula Patton.						(:50) Dear White People Tessa Thompson.				
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid "Double Jeopardy"			
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(11:00) The Incredi...		Tangled: The Series		LivMad	(:35) Bunk'd	StuckMid	Underc.	Bizaard.	LivMad	Bunk'd	Bizaard.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball SEC Tournament (L)				Score. /(:15) NCAA Basket.				(:15) SportsCenter			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NCAA Basketball Sun Belt Tournament (L)				College Gamenight		MLS Soccer Atlanta vs Minnesota (L)			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's Newsroom		Fox News Sunday		AmericaNewsroom		Your World		PerinoStirewalt Tell		Special Report	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Kitchen "Easy Does It"		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Chopped Junior		Kids Baking		WorstCooks	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(10:40) What a Gi...		(:10) ★★ She's All That Freddie Prinze Jr.				(:15) ★★★ 10 Things I Hate About You				(:20) ★★★ Grease	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Crimson Classics		NCAA Baseball Houston at Baylor Site: Baylor Ballpark (L)						UFC Unleashed (N)		UFC FB	UFC Main
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Iron Man 2 ('10, Act) Robert Downey Jr.					★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Robert Downey Jr.						
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Autumn in the Vineyard				Walking the Dog Jennifer Finnigan.				A Royal Winter Merritt Patterson.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	(11:00) Trump		Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Love By the 10th Date Meagan Good.				Good Deeds ('12, Com/Dra) Tyler Perry.				★★ Just Wright ('10, Com) Queen Latifah.			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live		Meet the Press		Pulse of America		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live	
NBCSN	38	43				(10:00) Leauge Live (L)		GoalZone	Badge (N)	USSA Alpine Skiing (L)			ISU Speed Skating			NHL Live! (L)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	(11:00) Kids Choice		Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Nicky	Nicky
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★ Repo Men ('10, Sci-Fi) Forest Whitaker, Jude Law.					★★★★ Skyfall ('12, Act) Helen McCrory, Daniel Craig.						Movie
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	★★★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey ('12, Fant) Martin Freeman.							★★★ The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug				
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(10:30) The Sund...		★★★★ Anastasia Ingrid Bergman.				Seven Brides for Seven Brothers				King Solomon's...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		(11:00) EPL Fútbol (L)		Enfoque	Los próximos tres días ('10, Dra) Russell Crowe.					Noticias	Conducta	Ice Age 2: The ...	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Island Medium		Long Island Medium	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★ The Longshots ('08, Com/Dra) Ice Cube.				★★★ Rudy ('93, Dra) Ned Beatty, Sean Astin.					★★ The Replacements		
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law&O: SVU "Clock"		SVU "Avatar"		SVU "Signature"		SVU "Unorthodox"		SVU "Inconceivable"		SVU "Stranger"	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Outsiders	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — MARCH 12, 2017

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon "Murder Most Foul" (N)		Time After Time "Out of Time" (N)		Crime "Season Three: Episode One" (SP) (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) American Ninja Warrior		(:35) Blue Bloods
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		NCIS: Los Angeles "Queen Pin" (N)		Madam "Break in Diplomacy" (N)		Elementary "Fidelity" 2/2 from March 5 (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Falcon	(:35) Element.
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith "Manhunt"	Columbo "Murder in Malibu" A writer is found shot dead in her Malibu home.				Kolchak "Spanish Moss Murders"		Honey-mooners	The Odd Couple	Cheers	B.New-hart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers (N)	Simp. "22 for 30" (N)	History (N)	Family Guy (N)	Last Man (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Texans 360	Jack Van Impe	Paid Program
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Behind the Veil	Wings of Truth	Creation Proclaims
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Little Big Shots "We're Back"		BigShot "Little Barber Shop" (N)		Chicago Justice "Judge Not" (N)		Shades of Blue "Eye of the Hurricane" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Whacked Out	Bones
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nature "The Mystery of Eels"		Secrets of Westminster		Pollyanna After a death, Pollyanna moves in with her aunt.				West. Perspec.	Songs Center	Live at 9:30	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Notanserio Univision.		Su Nombre Era Dolores				Aqui y Ahora		Durmiendo mi jefe	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli "Knockout"		Castle "Hunt"		CSI: Miami		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Scandal	
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) ★★ War		★★ The Eye Jessica Alba.			(:45) ★★ Good Luck Chuck Jessica Alba.				★★ 3:10 to Yuma		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(:20) Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising				Big Little Lies (N)		Girls (N)	Crashing	LastWeek	Big Little Lies		Crashing
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	BillMaher	Last Week	Big Little Lies		★★★ Road to Perdition Tom Hanks.				My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2			Movie
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:10) ★★★ The Sixth Sense Bruce Willis.				Steve Jobs ('15, Bio) Michael Fassbender.				(:05) Black Mass ('15, Cri) Johnny Depp.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:50) Body of Lies		Our Brand Is Crisis			(:50) ★★ Hellboy II: The Golden Army				(:50) ★★ Dark Water		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:40) ★★★ Jurassic World ('15, Adv) Bryce Dallas Howard, Vincent D'Onofrio, Chris Pratt.								(:05) Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials			
PLEX			96			(:20) ★★★ Revenge of the Pink Panther				Austin Powers: The Spy ...			(:35) ★★ Bulletproof Monk			(:25) Play It Agai...	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Homeland		Billions		Homeland (N)		Billions (N)		Billions "The Oath"		Homeland "alt.truth"	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) Star Trek II:...		★★ The Alamo ('04, West) Dennis Quaid.					Stolen ('12, Act) Nicolas Cage.			(:05) Blackway	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	American Pickers		Pickers "Odd Fellas"		American Pickers		American Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:50) Walking Dead		Dead "Say Yes"		Walking Dead (N)		(:05) Talking Dead (N)		(:05) Walking Dead		ComicB.	(:40) Dead
BET	58	-		40		(3:50) Dear White ...		Think Like a Man (2012, Comedy) Gabrielle Union, Kevin Hart, Chris Brown.							Browns	Stop Suffering	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Atlanta Social		Housewives Atl. (N)		Family Hip Hop (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Social
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		Finding Jesus		Finding Jesus (N)		Believer (N)		Finding Jesus		Finding Jesus	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked "Frozen in Fear"		Naked "Bad Blood"		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Washed Out"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	StuckMid	Call Style	Underc.	Bizaard.	Teen Beach Movie			Underc.	Bizaard.	(:35) Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Bracketology (L)				NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Houston Rockets (L)					SportsCenter		
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Track & Field Division I Championship				Bracketology (L)				SportsC.	E:60Pics	ESPN FC (N)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Spring Baking (N)		Spring Baking (N)		Bakers vs. Fakers		Spring Baking	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:20) ★★★ Grease John Travolta.				★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire ('93, Com) Sally Field, Robin Williams.						J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	UFC Main	WPT Poker		WPT Poker		Pre-game	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at San Jose Sharks (L)					Stars Live
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★★ American Hustle ('13, Dra) Amy Adams, Christian Bale.						Feud (N)		(:10) Feud		(:15) Feud "Pilot"	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Love Locks ('17, Rom) Rebecca Romijn.				When Calls Heart (N)		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Bargain	Bargain	Life (N)	Life (N)	IslndLif	IslndLif	H.Hunt	House	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Navy SEALs Watch the evolution of the Navy Seals starting in WWI. (N)								(:05) Navy SEALs	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Madea's Witness Protection ('12, Com) Eugene Levy, Tyler Perry.						Bringing Up Ballers		Madea's Witness Protection Tyler Perry			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Meet the Press		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Chicago Blackhawks (L)					(:45) NHL Overtime (L)		Shootout	Sport	Sport	Match of the Day (N)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	H.Danger	Crashlet	MegaLife	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		KaliefBr "The System"		KaliefBr "The Island"	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) The November Man Pierce Brosnan.				★★★ Dredd ('12, Act) Karl Urban.				(:05) ★★ Doom ('05, Sci-Fi) Karl Urban.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(3:30) The Hobbit:...		Night at the Museum: Secret of the ...				Night at the Museum: Secret of the ...				★★ Sky High	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) King Solom...		★★★ Carmen Jones Harry Belafonte.				★★ Bright Road			SnowGets	The Bride's Play	
TELE	20	-	10	20		(5:00) Ice Age 2:...		Siempre niños				Don Francisco		Titulares	Conducta	The Marine 3: H...	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Long Island Medium		L.I. Medium (N)		Long Lost Family (N)		Think You Are (N)		(:05) L.I. Medium		(:05) Lost Family	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) The Replac...		★★★ Thor ('11, Act) Chris Hemsworth.					★★ The Campaign ('12, Com) Will Ferrell.				Movie
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Snatched"		SVU "Shattered"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Colony		Modern	Modern
WGN	19	85				Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		BlueB. "Blowback"		Bones		Bones	

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland Texas
Big Brothers Big Sisters
714 W. Louisiana Ave.
Midland, Texas 79701
432-687-0195

Casa de Amigos
HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES
United Way
1101 E. Garden Ln., Midland, TX 79701
432-682-9701
casadeamigosmidland.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

THE SALVATION ARMY
DOING THE MOST GOOD
The Salvation Army
300 S Baird St.
Midland, TX 79701
432-683-3614
www.salvationarmymidland.org

Midland Habitat for Humanity ReSTORE
Call for donation pick-up.
Come shop our store.
Open to the public.
Tues.-Sat.
8:30-4:30.
305 E. Texas
432-682-9606

MARC
Empowering Lives
Offering opportunities for children and adults with disabilities
2701 North A Street
Midland, TX
432.695.9901

CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children
CASA OF WEST TEXAS
1611 W Texas Ave.
Midland, TX 79701
(432) 683-1114

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
"Change the Path of a Pet's Life"
4206 W. Loop 250
- Midland, TX 79707
(Inside PetSmart)
432-520-3134 ext. 7
www.midlandhumane.org
LIKE us on Facebook

SENIOR LINK MIDLAND
Older Adults & Baby Boomers Volunteer here to meet your needs
Call Today
432-689-6693
Seniorlinkmidland.org

The Uptown Midland BPW has a rich history of leadership and community involvement.
BPW
We invite you to learn more about us, and to consider joining us!
Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women
MidlandBPW.com

CALENDAR

Compiled by staff reports and the Arts Council of Midland | acmidland.org

TODAY

Midland Scottish-Irish Faire and Highland Games 2017 hosted by the Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin. The event will feature music by Cleghorn, Red McWilliams, Jed Marum and Abby Green. Added to the faire is OSW's Kilted Wrestling event. The festival will also have vendors, workshops, bagpipes, the Bonniest Knees contest, whiskey tasting, dog events and more. At Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. Chspb.org.

"Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile," Through March 25 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

MONDAY

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

Willie Nelson and Family, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $64-$94. Wagnernoel.com.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Rich Lopez/Reporter-Telegram

Traveling exhibition "Estamos Aqui" is currently showing at the Midland County Public Library downtown. The exhibition features contemporary serigraphs by 40 artists who are part of collaborative Austin-based residency. The show coincides with the Rea Charitable Trust Screen Printing Studio where visitors can make or create their own designs. The show continues through March 16.

TUESDAY

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio. 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Midland Quilters Guild Workshop: Wool Applique. The class is taught by Lisa Brongean known for her primitive style in quilting. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive. $85. Register by calling 972-849-8429.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

Second Tuesday Salon is a free lunchtime concert series. This month's artist is classical guitarist Dennis Harris. Brown bag lunches or purchase from the local food truck onsite beginning at 11:30 a.m. Open to the public. Noon at The Rose Building, 415 N. Grant Ave., Odessa. Free. odessaarts.org.

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

"In My Life - A Musical Theatre Tribute to the Beatles." The show is a retelling of the Beatles' story through manager Brian Epstein. 7:30 p.m. At Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $30-$55. Wagnernoel.com.

THURSDAY

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

Third Thursday Reading will have a featured book with copies given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Film Festival at the Lofts hosted by screenwriter and filmmaker David Perkins. This weekly independent film series will feature a variety of genres and filmmakers Skyping in. 6 p.m. at Wall St. Lofts, 100 W. Main St. $10. RSVP to 432-685-7041.

FRIDAY

Permian Basin Comic Con X. Confirmed guests include Ryan Hurst from "Sons of Anarchy," Steve Cardinas from "Might Morphin Power Rangers," WWE wrestler Big Van Vader and Johnny Yong Bosch from "TriGun." Friday through March 19 at Midland Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail. Pbccomicconx.com.

Writing is Magic Teen Writing Club for ages 13-19. Writing is magic is a creative writing club with writing time and weekly topics that will meet monthly. 2:30 p.m. at Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Express Your Inner Leprechaun St. Patrick's' Day event with beer pong, giant jenga and drink and food specials. 4 p.m. March 17 at Cafe Nitro Cold Brew and Eatery, 5701 Starboard Drive.

St. Patty's Day at the Library will feature crafts, story time, genealogy and a visit by the Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin. 4:30 p.m. March 17 at Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years) Fridays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

ON DISPLAY

Saints Squared featuring the works of Sara Drescher and Brad King. Fridays in March at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

"On the Rise: Student Artists of the Permian Basin" in the Turner Memorial Art Museum, Wednesday through April 24. A public opening and teacher appreciation night will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"James Gill: American Pop" in the Concho Resources Inc. and Wagner galleries. The show opens with a members' reception and will be on display through April 2. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Spirit Lines: Helen Hardin Etchings" features 23 first editions of the artists copperplate etchings. Through March 26 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E University Blvd, Odessa. Noelartmuseum.org.

Winter Art Exhibit at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A." St.

Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroommarfa.org.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

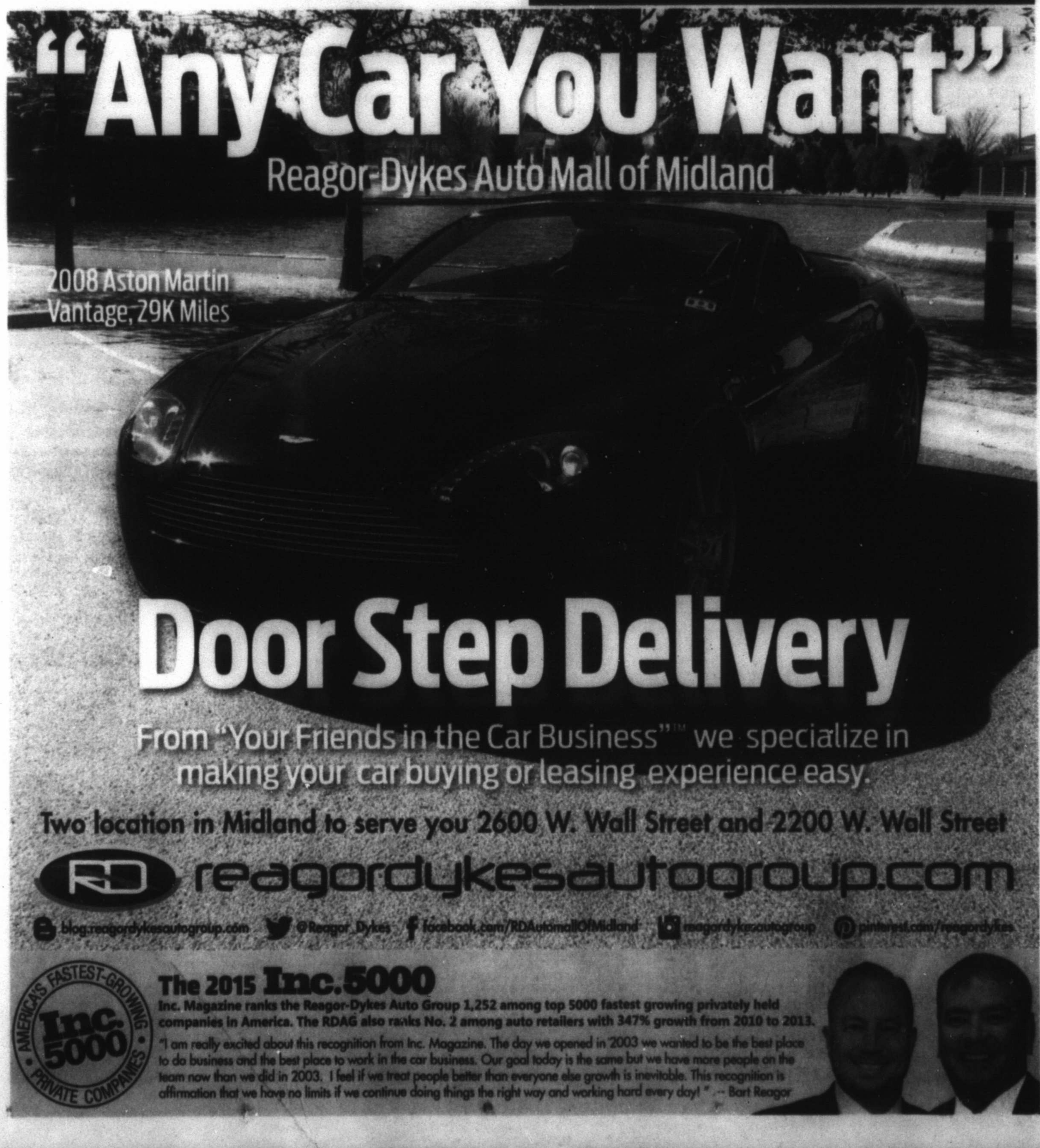
George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 432-685-1112

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Admission currently free. highskywing.org.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Rick Reese, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays throughout March. Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. midlandartsassociation.org.

Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

THE PERMIAN BASIN SPRING STAMPEDE RODEO
ARENA, PAVILION & AMPHITHEATER
NEXT FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MARCH 17TH & 18TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
TICKETS: $15/$12 + FEES
CHILDREN 2 AND UNDER FREE
TICKETS AT THE MIDLAND COUNTY HORSESHOE BOX OFFICE
OR GO TO
WWW.MIDLANDHORSESHOE.COM
RODEO SANCTIONED BY: UPRA, UPSU, CPRA, AND NMRA
PRODUCED BY CADILLAC RODEO COMPANY



OIL REPORT

Houston Chronicle file photo

A sign prohibiting oilfield traffic along county road 320 sits next to a canal full of water from the natural spring at Balmorhea State Park on Sept. 16, 2016, in Balmorhea. Apache Corp.'s announcement last fall of the Alpine High discovery in Reeves County has sent shockwaves throughout the region.

Researcher: More information needed about Alpine High, San Solomon Spring Group

By Mella McEwen
mmcewen@mrt.com

Apache Corp.'s announcement last fall of the Alpine High discovery in Reeves County sent shockwaves throughout the region not only among the company's fellow operators, but residents living near Apache's find and environmentalists concerned about its impact, particularly on the area's water resources such as the San Solomon Spring Group.

The question arose: Can oil and water mix?

That was the title of George Veni's recent presentation to the Environmental Study Group of the Society of Petroleum Geologists in Midland.

"I deliberately chose a provocative title" to attract an audience, Veni, executive director of the National Cave and Karst Research Institute, said in a phone from his Carlsbad, New Mexico, office.

An estimated 50 people attended his presentation at Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center.

"Oil and water don't mix when it comes to drinking water and public health, and on the business side, from losing production and the extra expense in cleaning up," he said.

The focus of his presentation was on the vulnerability of karst aquifers, or as they're sometimes known, cavernous aquifers. These aquifers are the most vulnerable to pollution, Veni said, noting that the San Solomon Spring Group that apparently underlies the Alpine High play is a karst aquifer.

"What we have to see, and haven't seen, are maps showing specifically the extent of the play. But based on leases and a map of those leases, the boundaries of the spring approximate the boundaries of the oil play," he said.

Veni said there is some overlap of the drainage area of the spring and the Alpine High, and an estimated that overlap at 20 percent. That water must be carefully protected because it is home to several endangered species and it is critical for human use and agricultural use, he said.

More information is needed to fully understand the extent of the overlap and to define where the drainage basin exists, Veni said.

"Recent studies have progressed our knowledge in assessing where the source waters are from and where the ultimate downgradient path ends, but much more needs to be done," said Gil Van Deventer, partner, project manager and senior hydrogeologist at Trident Environmental.

"While pumpage along the flow path from the source waters to the springs may well affect base flow at the springs, diminishing flows at Phantom Lake Spring were already occurring before heavy groundwater use was reported," Van Deventer said. "Like many other spring systems, their flow rates are on a decline in large part due to natural hydrogeological processes

Please see CONCERNS/3F

Operators share strategies on fracturing placement

By Mella McEwen
mmcewen@mrt.com

Advances in horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing technology have unlocked billions of barrels of Permian Basin crude and natural gas.

Now, operators are seeking ways to make that technology even more efficient, particularly as crude prices have remained well below their triple-digit peak last seen in mid-2014.

That was the focus of the recent luncheon held by the Completions and Operations Study Group of the Permian Basin section, Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Please see STRATEGIES/3F

Residual oil zone play continues to expand

■ Core workshop offers attendees hands-on glance at "the new frontier"

"There really haven't been any dry holes — just lesser-productive wells. Like most plays, there are the really sweet spots and some that are not as good."

Steve Melzer of Melzer Consulting

By Mella McEwen
mmcewen@mrt.com

Attendees at a recent core workshop hosted by the West Texas Geological Society were able to put their hands on what could be the Permian Basin's next frontier.

The cores came from the San Andres formation, where a number of companies are working out the technology to produce from residual oil zones — the oils left behind millions of years ago when the waters of what was then the Permian Sea flowed eastward.

Steve Melzer of Melzer Consulting, who has worked on two ROZ projects for the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America, calls it "Mother Nature's waterflood." At the core workshop, he presented a progress report on development projects around the Permian.

"There were a number of new companies present for the core workshop that we haven't seen before," Melzer said in a phone interview. "I suspect some have acreage and some are trying to figure the play so they can go get acreage."

He said there are other formations holding the zones, which are often found under existing fields.

"But I think if you go by oil, the San Andres is the big plum — there's lots of oil in place," Melzer said. "If you can find oil with some gas in it, you're off and running."

The search for the zones has drawn some companies because the Delaware and Midland subbasins are "pricing some out of the game," he said.

But the search has also drawn large producers such as Occidental Petroleum and Kinder Morgan, which has a very active program in its Tall Cotton field in Gaines County.

"Kinder Morgan has 400-plus feet of ROZ and they're flooding it all," Melzer said. "As you can see, they're making lots of oil and that's still going up. They're so excited they're moving on to Phase II."

He said the Manzano field in Yoakum County that extends south into Andrews County is an ROZ play that was started by Forge Energy. It now includes companies such as Pacesetter and Elk Meadows.

He has seen the play grow from being localized in western Yoakum County to a much larger area, even spreading to Chaves and Roosevelt counties in southeastern New Mexico. Rockcliff Operating in New Mexico is expected to file soon its first potential reports on ROZ wells in that state, he said.

"It takes a while, but they waited to potential the well after the oil comes in," Melzer said, explaining that, as a rule it takes 30 days for an ROZ well to begin making oil.

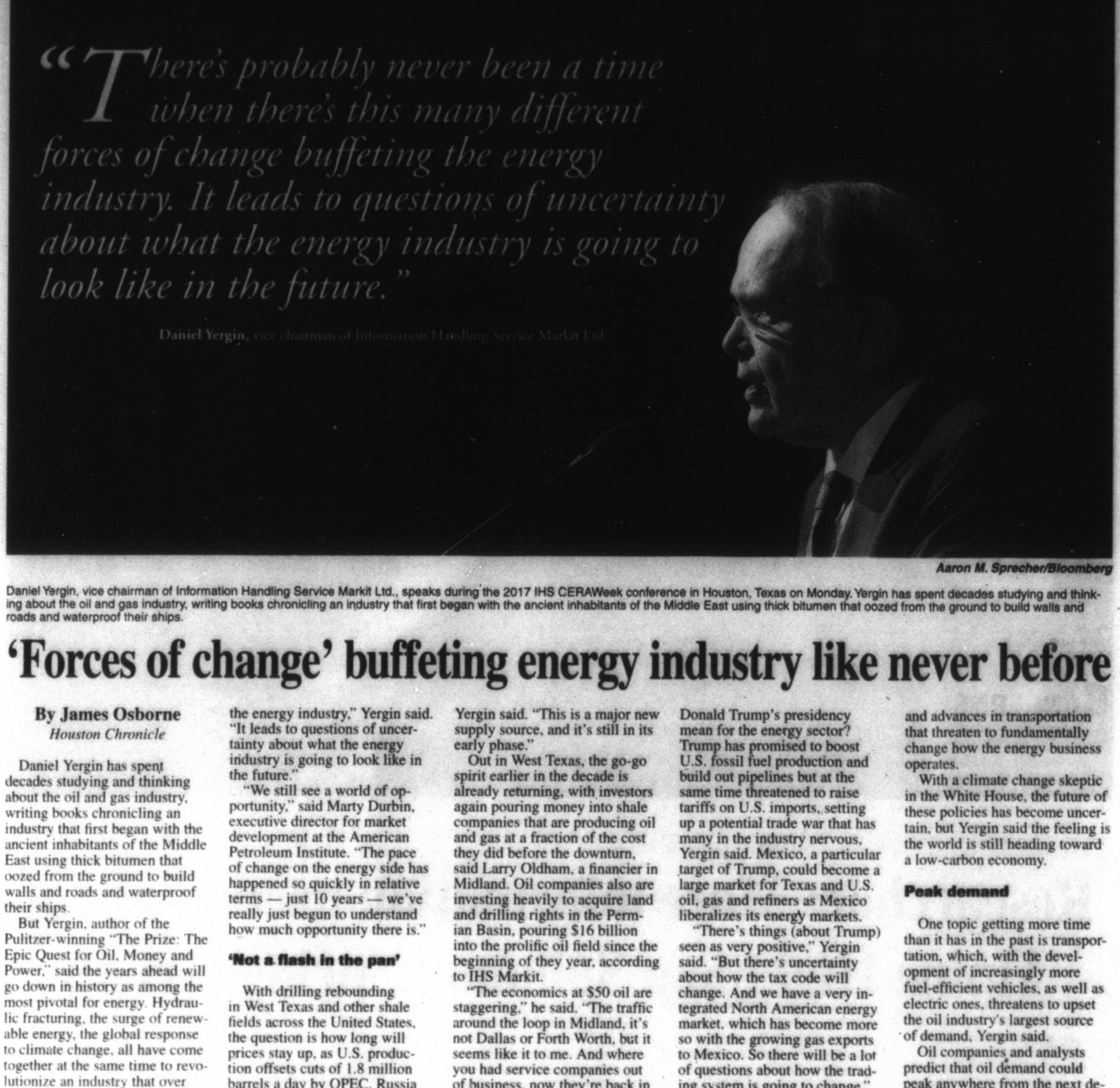
"There really haven't been any dry holes — just lesser-productive wells," he said. "Like most plays, there are the really sweet spots and some that are not as good."

Those operating in the play are utilizing horizontal drilling technology, combined with enhanced oil recovery techniques such as waterflood or carbon dioxide flooding, Melzer said.

"The beauty of this horizontal well era that we're in is that it's opened our eyes to the possibilities of new projects," he said.

Estimates for the oil in place in these zones range from 300 billion barrels to Melzer's estimate of 800 billion to 1 trillion barrels.

"The Permian Basin just keeps reinventing itself," he said.



Aaron M. Sprecher/Bloomberg

Daniel Yergin, vice chairman of Information Handling Service Markit Ltd., speaks during the 2017 IHS CERAWeek conference in Houston, Texas on Monday. Yergin has spent decades studying and thinking about the oil and gas industry, writing books chronicling an industry that first began with the ancient inhabitants of the Middle East using thick bitumen that oozed from the ground to build walls and roads and waterproof their ships.

'Forces of change' buffeting energy industry like never before

By James Osborne
Houston Chronicle

Daniel Yergin has spent decades studying and thinking about the oil and gas industry, writing books chronicling an industry that first began with the ancient inhabitants of the Middle East using thick bitumen that oozed from the ground to build walls and roads and waterproof their ships.

But Yergin, author of the Pulitzer-winning "The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money and Power," said the years ahead will go down in history as among the most pivotal for energy. Hydraulic fracturing, the surge of renewable energy, the global response to climate change, all have come together at the same time to revolutionize an industry that over the past two centuries has started wars and made and lost fortunes many times over.

"There's probably never been a time when there's this many different forces of change buffeting the energy industry," Yergin said. "It leads to questions of uncertainty about what the energy industry is going to look like in the future."

"We still see a world of opportunity," said Marty Durbin, executive director for market development at the American Petroleum Institute. "The pace of change on the energy side has happened so quickly in relative terms — just 10 years — we've really just begun to understand how much opportunity there is."

'Not a flash in the pan'

With drilling rebounding in West Texas and other shale fields across the United States, the question is how long will prices stay up, as U.S. production offsets cuts of 1.8 million barrels a day by OPEC, Russia and other major producers. IHS Markit projects that U.S. output will grow by more then 500,000 barrels a day this year.

OPEC "understands this is not a flash in the pan anymore," Yergin said. "This is a major new supply source, and it's still in its early phase."

Out in West Texas, the go-go spirit earlier in the decade is already returning, with investors again pouring money into shale companies that are producing oil and gas at a fraction of the cost they did before the downturn, said Larry Oldham, a financier in Midland. Oil companies also are investing heavily to acquire land and drilling rights in the Permian Basin, pouring $16 billion into the prolific oil field since the beginning of they year, according to IHS Markit.

"The economics at $50 oil are staggering," he said. "The traffic around the loop in Midland, it's not Dallas or Forth Worth, but it seems like it to me. And where you had service companies out of business, now they're back in business and the biggest issue is finding people."

Trump effect

A big question: What will Donald Trump's presidency mean for the energy sector? Trump has promised to boost U.S. fossil fuel production and build out pipelines but at the same time threatened to raise tariffs on U.S. imports, setting up a potential trade war that has many in the industry nervous, Yergin said. Mexico, a particular target of Trump, could become a large market for Texas and U.S. oil, gas and refiners as Mexico liberalizes its energy markets.

"There's things (about Trump) seen as very positive," Yergin said. "But there's uncertainty about how the tax code will change. And we have a very integrated North American energy market, which has become more so with the growing gas exports to Mexico. So there will be a lot of questions about how the trading system is going to change."

Longer term, the conversation is likely to focus on energy companies adapting to the shift by world governments to combat climate change, enabled by a technology boom in renewables and advances in transportation that threaten to fundamentally change how the energy business operates.

With a climate change skeptic in the White House, the future of these policies has become uncertain, but Yergin said the feeling is the world is still heading toward a low-carbon economy.

Peak demand

One topic getting more time than it has in the past is transportation, which, with the development of increasingly more fuel-efficient vehicles, as well as electric ones, threatens to upset the oil industry's largest source of demand, Yergin said.

Oil companies and analysts predict that oil demand could peak anywhere from the next decade to the mid-century; Yergin said that debate of peak demand shows how much the industry has changed.

"A decade ago," he said, "it was peak supply."

Shell CEO: Peak oil demand could arrive in late 2020s

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

The global demand for oil could peak as soon as the late 2020s as the world continues to rely more on natural gas and renewable energy sources, Royal Dutch Shell CEO Ben van Beurden said Thursday at the CERAWeek by IHS Markit conference in Houston.

Van Beurden acknowledged he disagrees with many of his energy CEO counterparts who contend oil demand will grow for several decades to come.

That's partly why Shell said it's divesting from most of its Canadian oil sands position by selling its acreage in an $8.5 billion deal to Canadian Natural Resources — $5.4 billion in cash and $3.1 billion in Canadian Natural shares. In a separate deal, Shell is paying $1.25 billion to Houston's Marathon Oil to maintain a smaller oil sands stake.

Van Beurden said the world must dramatically reduce its carbon dioxide emissions to meet Paris climate accord goals. But he emphasized that doesn't mean eliminating the use of fossil fuels.

"The largest contribution Shell can make to reducing emissions globally in the near term is to continue to grow the role of natural gas," van Beurden said, noting that gas burns cleaner than crude and coal.

About half of Shell's portfolio is now natural gas.

Shell also will continue to invest in wind, biofuel, hydropower and carbon capture projects, he said. But it will do so when and where it's economically advantaged, admitting that Shell has in the past invested too early in renewables that couldn't yet turn a profit. Van Beurden also argued that other industries must reduce carbon emissions; it cannot be left to the energy sector alone.

He said governments worldwide must do more to enact the right policies, including doing more to put a price, or tax, on carbon emissions. Such proposals have proven dead on arrival in the U.S. Congress.

Shell has supported carbon pricing since the late 1990s, he said. "We haven't been very successful."

"The world needs more energy," van Beurden said. "But we also need to produce all that energy while emitting much less carbon dioxide. This is of course a key driver behind the energy transition."

He called the effort a "multi-decade transition program," noting it will also take decades to finally get all of the right policies in place with some countries moving much faster than others.

Shell isn't done with oil either. Shell is continuing to invest more in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, as well as in Argentinian shale plays like the Vaca Muerta. He said Shell recently drilled the cheapest well in the Vaca Muerta yet using the assistance of a drilling team working remotely from Calgary in Canada.

Economics, not regulation, driving energy transition

By Ryan Handy
Houston Chronicle

The rise of renewable energy, and not excessive regulation, is driving the collapse of coal-fired power plants around the country, said Barry Smitherman, a former Texas energy regulator who was a contender to be the new head of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Smitherman still advocated for cutting regulations on the power industry, and he is a champion for Texas' approach to deregulated energy market, which he said brings customers lower prices and more choices. Smitherman spoke on Thursday morning about Texas' power and was one five panelists, all of whom advocated a gentler approach to energy regulation.

But Smitherman encouraged companies to shut down older coal-fired power plants and cede to the expansion of wind and solar power.

"The trend lines are clearly more wind and more solar and all of that will continue to push fossil off the supply curve," Smitherman said, adding that reliability of those renewable energy sources is still a problem.

Another Texas power regulator — Toby Baker, one of three commissioners for the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality — agreed that economics, not so much regulations, are changing the nation's power mix.

"Regulations are important, but at the end of the day, low cost natural gas, zero cost wind are driving this more than the regulation," Baker said. "The regulation might be the nail in the coffin, but (low cost natural gas) is really what's driving this."

Water poses problems for the energy industry in the Permian

By Ryan Handy
Houston Chronicle

Wastewater injection faces an uncertain future in West Texas' prolific Permian basin, and companies working there will have to consider how else to dispose of water produced by fracking, said Alex Archila, the asset president of shale at BHP Billiton, a mining and exploration company.

"Water, as I said of the Permian, will be a huge issue past a certain amount that you can inject," said Archila. "And then it will be other solutions that the industry will need to figure out."

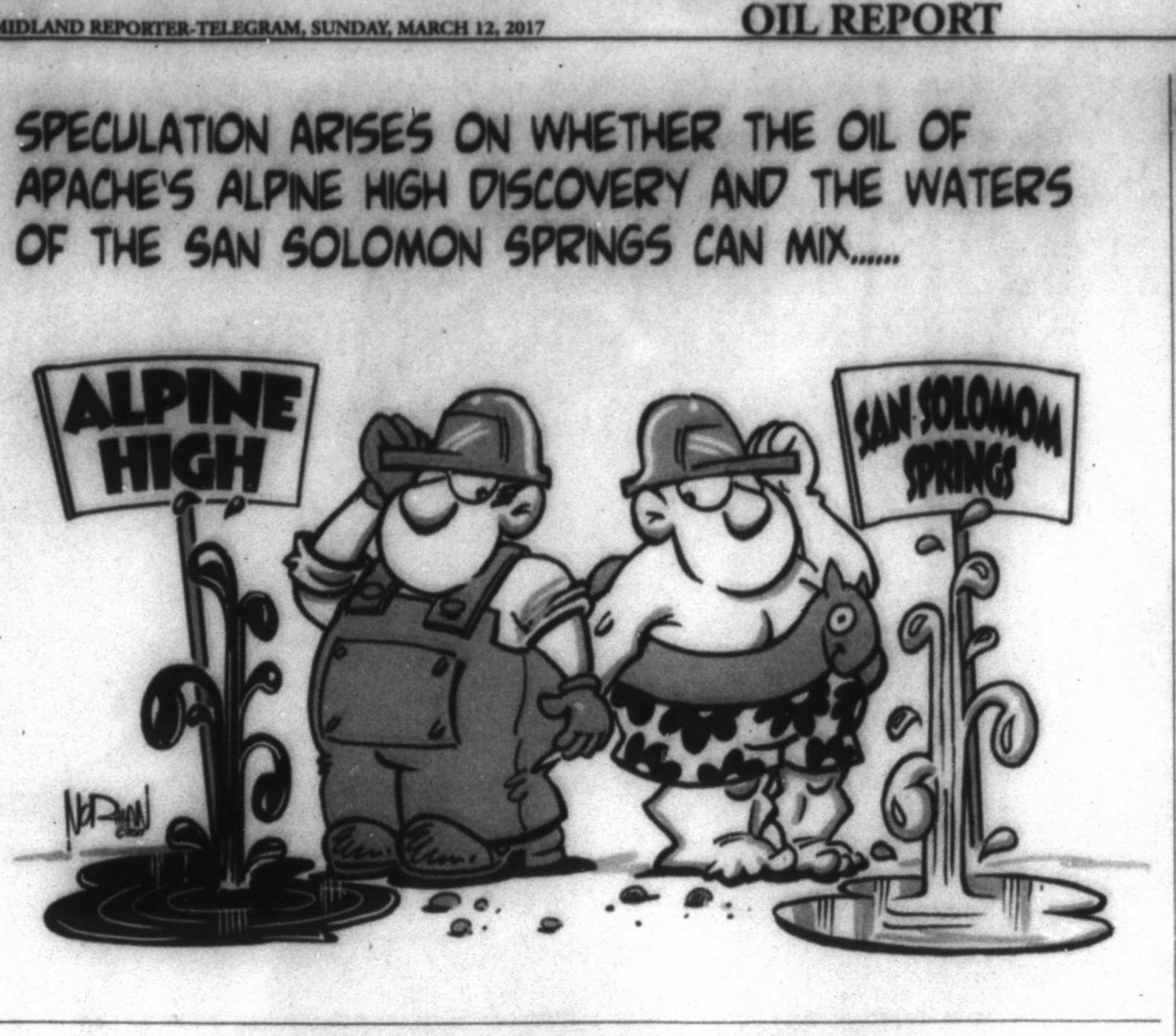
BHP Billiton is a Melbourne-based company with a presence in Houston and land in the Permian.

Archila, who spoke on a panel at the CERAweek energy conference, said companies working in the Permian face two challenges when it comes to water: getting enough water for fracking and getting rid of underground water released by fracking.

Typically, companies dispose of so-called wastewater by injecting it back underground, a process that has been linked to earthquakes in some areas of the U.S. In response to concerns about earthquakes, Oklahoma has limited wastewater injection.

Culligan

Water Softener and R.O. Drinking System
Try Our Super Starter Plan $9.95 per month
For the First Three Months
10018 West Business I-20
563-2690
CulliganWT.com
Culligan 80th ANNIVERSARY



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$50.50	Sunoco*	$50.25
Flint Hills Resources*	$50.25	Nymex futures	$54.07*
Phillips 66	$50.45		
Plains*	$50.25	Net price without transportation charge	
Shell Trading	$50.40	Note: Posted prices as of March 1	

CONCERNS

From 1F

"For instance, sufficient reduction of recharge during drought or historical climate patterns causes overall decreases in recharge to the system. So, more studies are needed to quantify the natural decline and what amount of safe yield is available to mankind's demand for irrigation, municipal or other beneficial uses," he said.

Veni said that a drainage delineation study is required and recommends using dye tracers.

"These tracers would help researchers detail how fast the water is moving and how much it is dispersed, (and) if something happens whether it's related to a release from oil and gas operations or another reason like a truck flipping over and spilling its contents," he said.

Such information will provide a useful planning tool for Apache or other operators, Veni said.

"They can be as cautious as they can, but there may be some areas where they need to be extra cautious because they're more vulnerable," Veni said. "You don't want a release ever, but there may be some areas where contaminants would move more slowly and predictably and can be more easily remedied," he said.

But karst aquifers have flow paths that are unpredictable and quite rapid, and recovering contaminants is nearly impossible, he said. "Knowing what you're dealing with is invaluable in planning operations."

However, such delineation research is costly, and there are questions about who should pay for it. Also, it can be limited because some areas limit or prohibit human exploration.

Veni likened himself to a plumber "except with nature's plumbing." The best possible understanding of the plumbing system will mean areas that are too vulnerable to contamination can be avoided, or oil operators can drill horizontally deep under those areas, he said.

"It can be good for both the water source and oil reserves," Veni said.

"My job is to quantify the issue and, as best I possibly can, the risks," he said. "Right now, we have very little information, which is why I encourage aggressive studies like dye tracers, which are the best tool for unambiguously defining the risk areas."

Van Deventer said Veni never answered the question in his title, 'Can Oil & Water Mix?'

"More studies are needed, but certainly the expectations for all stakeholders is that the answer is yes as long as fair compromises are made to protect their well-being," he said.

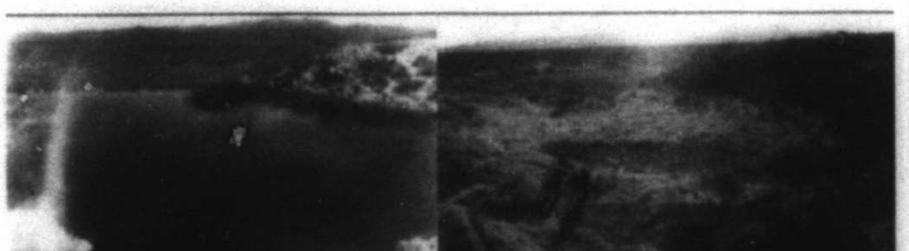


Photo from Bureau of Reclamation

Photos of the historic lake fed by Phantom Lake Spring prior to development, and the current state of the area.

STRATEGIES

From 1F

Travis Marvel, staff completions engineer with Energen Resources, detailed his company's work in tailoring fracturing placement strategies to improve well results.

Marvel said well placement is a key factor in developing a strategy, and operators should ask themselves if the spacing between wells is optimum and if the fluid delivery system can be modified to fit the spacing.

For additional optimization efforts, Marvel recommended a variety of tests: surfactant testing, clay control testing, bacteria studies — both of pre-frac ponds and post-frac wells — and scale analysis.

Such testing is not new for Marvel, who began his career with Halliburton before joining Energen.

For optimized frac placement, Energen tailored its frac designs on well spacing and the specific reservoir, switched to a single frack fluid system and optimized chemical concentrations, Marvel said.

As a result, the company saw reduced risk, reduced water use and enhanced well productivity.

"Some of (these gains) are trial and error, and part is how long Energen has been doing this," Marvel said following his presentation.

He said he and his fellow engineers keep up with the latest technological developments by attending classes and presentations such as the one he gave.

"It's helpful to hear what other companies are doing," he said.

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WTGS hots Diamondback manager

Members of the West Texas Geological Society will meet Tuesday in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Dave Cannon, exploration manager for Diamondback Energy, will present "Shifting Kerogen Trends in the Midland Basin and What It Means For Well Productivity."

Cost is $25 in advance, $35 at the door, including lunch. Reservations may be made by calling 683-1573 or e-mail at wtgs@wtgs.org. Online registration is also available at www.wtgs.org and clicking on the Events tab.

SIPES to discuss mesh size and fractures

The Midland chapter, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) will meet Wednesday in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club beginning with a reception at 11:15 a.m.

Speaker Hannah Chittenden, team lead, Acquisition and Processing, Global Energy Services will speak on "The Influence of Mesh Size on Fracture Network Growth."

There is no charge for members, $20 for guests.

PBS-SEPM to present core workshop

The Permian Basin section, SEPM will be hosting a Core Workshop and Short Course over Rock-Based Integrated Reservoir Characterization from Wednesday to Friday at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1310 Farm to Market Road 1788.

Dr. Robert Lindsay, Lindsay Consulting LLC, will present "How to Describe a Core" and "How to Build a Sequence Stratigraphic Model."

Cost is $500 for members and $550 for non-members. Lunch and supplies (hand lenses and handouts) are included. Registration is available by calling 279-1360 or e-mail at info@pbs-sepm.org. Online registration is also available at www.pbs-sepm.org and clicking on the Workshops tab.

Hart Energy offers Permian outlook

Hart Energy will host a special breakfast briefing on the Permian Basin outlook March 22 at Midland Country Club. Registration and check-in opens at 7 a.m.

Hart will be joined by Stratas Advisors, its consulting arm, in presenting the outlook, which will range from a price outlook to midstream issues to a service and supply outlook. Presentations will be given by John Paisie, executive vice president, Stratas Advisors, Greg Haas, director, Stratas Advisors, and Richard Mason, chief technical director, Hart Energy.

Registration is available at https://www.hartenergyconferences.com/breakfast

TULSA

Canyon Creek Energy, Vortus team on Oklahoma assets

Canyon Creek Energy - Arkoma LLC has partnered with an investor group led by Fort Worth-based Vortus Investment Advisors LLC, which also includes management and other private industry investors. Based in Tulsa, CCEA currently focuses on acquiring, leasing and developing oil and natural gas assets in Oklahoma.

This is the third successful startup for the Canyon Creek brand which has been active in Oklahoma since 2012.

HOUSTON

Canyon Midstream announces STACK system

Canyon Midstream Partners II LLC has commenced construction of a new natural gas processing facility in Woodward County, Oklahoma — the Redcliff Plant — and an extensive gas gathering system in Woodward, Dewey, Blaine and Canadian counties — the Redcliff Gathering System. The new gathering and processing system will serve producers in Oklahoma's STACK play.

When completed in the first quarter of 2018, the Redcliff Plant will provide its customers with 200 million cubic feet per day of GSP cryogenic gas processing capacity and access to premium residue gas markets on ANR and Southern Star Central. The Redcliff Gathering System will initially consist of 70 miles of 20-inch steel trunkline, multiple field compression stations and low-pressure gathering pipelines to deliver gas from producer locations to the Redcliff Plant.

Petroleum Professional Development Center

All classes will be held at the PPDC, 221 N. Main St.

To see more classes and to register, go to the Midland College PPDC's Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

PPDC Courses

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 6 of 6: Oil & Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 7 - April 1, 2017. Registration Deadline: Noon, March 7, 2017
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 6 of 6: Title: Federal Laws that Impact the Oil & Gas Industry
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 7 - April 1, 2017 Registration Deadline: Noon, March 7, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: March 7-8, 2017 - Tuesday - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State $455

MIDLAND COLLEGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK: MARCH 13-17, 2017

Well Control Drilling/Workover (Well Sharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: March 20 - 24, 2017. Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: March 20 - 22, 2017 - Monday - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1095; Out of State $1120

Introduction to Well Completion Design
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: March 23-24, 2017 - Thursday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. -Thursday; 8 a.m., to Noon - Friday
Cost: $695; Out of State $720

IHS Markit: Petra Advanced Mapping Techniques
Start Date: March 28th - 29, 2017 - Tues - Weds - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1600
Register directly with IHS Markit on the PPDC Website www.midland.edu/ppdc

Petroleum Engineering for Non Engineers
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: March 29 -30, 2017 - Wednesday - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $695; Out of State $720

Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method
Instructor: David M. Orchard
Start Date: March 29 -30, 2017 - Thursday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State $425

Petroleum Land Management
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 30 -31, 2017 - Thursday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $649; Out of State $674

IHS Markit: Petra Project Management Techniques
Start Date: March 30th - Weds - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m
Cost: $700
Register directly with IHS Markit on the PPDC Website www.midland.edu/ppdc

Foundational Sales & Selling Skills
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: March 31, 2017 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m
Cost: $250; Out of State $275

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 1 of 6 Modules: Title: Introduction to Division Orders
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: April 3, 2017. End Date: April 28, 2017. Registration Deadline: Noon, April 3, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students: www.midland.edu/ppdc

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 1 of 6 Modules: Title: Intro to Land Management
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: April 3, 2017; End Date: April 28, 2017; Registration Deadline: Noon, April 3, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Continuous Gas Lift
Instructor: Juan Alvarez
Start Date: April 3 - 5, 2017 - Monday - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $950; Out of State $975

Well Service and Workover Pressure Control
Instructor: Mike Cure
Start Date: April 5, 2017 - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State $400

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: April 6 - 7, 2017 - Thursday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

Raising/Spending Money: Lenders, Investors and Other Decision Makers
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: April 6, 2017 - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

Structuring Exploration Deals
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: April 7, 2017 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

IHS Markit: Petra Advanced Cross Sections
Start Date: April 18-19, 2017 - Tues - Weds - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1600
Register directly with IHS Markit on the PPDC Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

Polymer Gels for Conformance
Instructor: Randy Seright
Start Date: April 24, 2017 - Monday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State $400

Waterflooding: Performance Predictions and Surveillance
Instructor: Dr. Michael Wiggins
Start Date: April 24 - 28, 2017 - Mon - Thurs - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Friday, April 28, 2017 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cost: $3975; Out of State $4000

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils
Instructor: Dr. Kerry Sublette
Start Date: May 1, 2017 - Monday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $395; Out of State $420

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6 Modules: Title: Titles, Title Examination and Title Opinions
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 2, 2017. End Date: May 30, 2017. Registration Deadline: Noon, May 2, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students www.midland.edu/ppdc

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 2 of 6 Modules: Title: Chaining, Interpreting and Curing Titles
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 2, 2017. End Date: May 30, 2017. Registration Deadline: Noon, May 2, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students www.midland.edu/ppdc

"Old" (Pre-1958) Electric Logs: A Quick Review
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: May 3, 2017 - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $425; Out of State $450

Foundational Sales & Selling Skills
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: May 5, 2017 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State $275

Division Order Calculations - Processes/Horizontal Drilling Seminar (Both Days)
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: May 8 - May 9, 2017 - Monday - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $650; Out of State $675

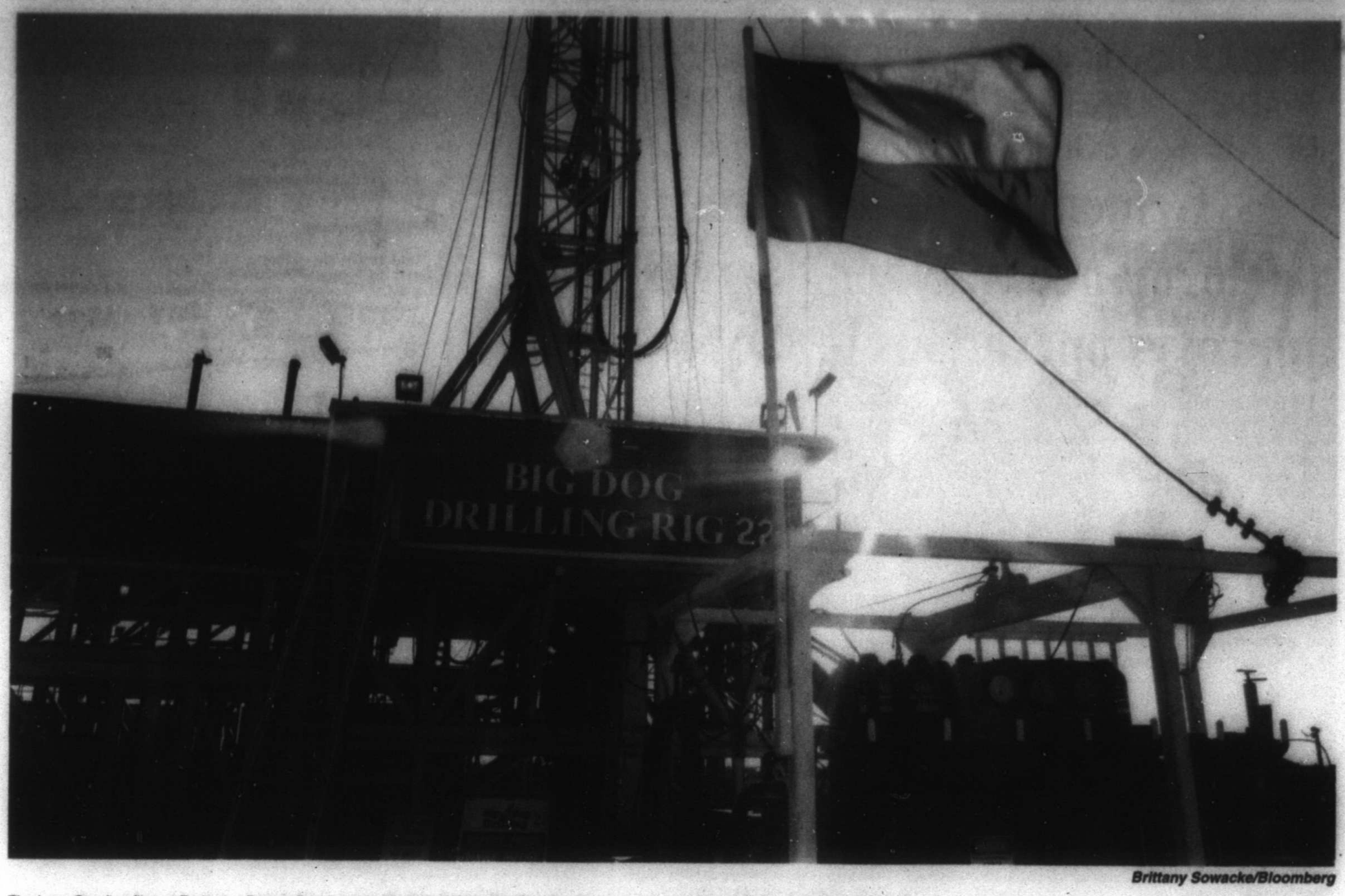
Division Order Calculations Seminar - (Day 1 Only)
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: May 8, 2017 - Monday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $325; Out of State $350

Division Order Calculations Seminar Including Horizontal Drilling - (Day 2 Only)
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: May 9, 2017 - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $325; Out of State $350

Sucker Rod Pumps: From the Basics to Troubleshooting Sand and Gas Interference
Instructor: Rodney Sands
Start Date: May 17, 2017 - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $150; Out of State $175

2017 Permian Basin Environmental Regulatory Seminar
Keynote: Todd Abbott, Pioneer Natural Resources
Location: Carrasco Room, Midland College Main Campus
Date: May 18, 2017 - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: Early Bird: $155 now through April 24th; Out of State $180
Cost: Full Price: $200 April 25-May 12th; Out of State $225
Cost: Late Price: $250 May 13th - 18th; Out of State $275

Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods
Instructor: John Stermole
Start Date: May 22 - 25, 2017 - Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $2595; Out of State $2620



Brittany Sowacke/Bloomberg

The Lone Star flag flies at Endeavor Energy Resources's Big Dog Drilling Rig 22 in the Permian basin outside of Midland on Dec. 12, 2014.

DEVELOPMENT WELL PERMITS

Provided by DrillingInfo

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

Approach Operating LLC
Pangea West #6620HA
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 7664 fnl, 1184 fwl, Sec 66, Blk BB, Abst. 4381, GC&SF RR, 26 n Ozona; TD 7800; API #42-105-42361 Permit issued 3/1

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University 38 Block Unit #3819CH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 8320 fsl, 1233 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 38, Abst. 261U, ULS, 8.23 se Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42368 Permit issued 3/2

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University 38 Block Unit #3819GH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 30 fsl, 2310 fel, Sec 19, Blk 38, Abst. 261U, ULS, 8.57 se Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42365 Permit issued 3/2

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University 38 Block Unit #3819IH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 30 fsl, 2270 fel, Sec 19, Blk 38, Abst. 261U, ULS, 8.57 se Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42366 Permit issued 3/2

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University 38 Block Unit #3819KH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 30 fsl, 2230 fel, Sec 19, Blk 38, Abst. 261U, ULS, 8.57 se Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42367 Permit issued 3/2

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University Stonegate #3819HH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 30 fsl, 2290 fel, Sec 19, Blk 38, Abst. 261U, ULS, 8.57 se Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42362 Permit issued 3/2

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University Stonegate #3819JH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 30 fsl, 2250 fel, Sec 19, Blk 38, Abst. 261U, ULS, 8.57 se Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42363 Permit issued 3/2

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University Stonegate #3819LH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 30 fsl, 2210 fel, Sec 19, Blk 38, Abst. 261U, ULS, 8.57 se Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42364 Permit issued 3/2

Reagan County

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University Central #0823AH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 8498 fsl, 4122 fel, Sec 23, Blk 8, Abst. 158U, ULS, 11.42 sw Big Lake; TD 8999; API #42-383-39820 Permit issued 3/2

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University Central #0823BH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 8498 fsl, 4102 fel, Sec 23, Blk 8, Abst. 158U, ULS, 11.42 sw Big Lake; TD 8999; API #42-383-39821 Permit issued 3/2

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University Central #0823CH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 8498 fsl, 4082 fel, Sec 23, Blk 8, Abst. 158U, ULS, 11.42 sw Big Lake; TD 8999; API #42-383-39822 Permit issued 3/2

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University Central #0823DH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 8498 fsl, 4062 fel, Sec 23, Blk 8, Abst. 158U, ULS, 11.42 sw Big Lake; TD 8999; API #42-383-39823 Permit issued 3/3

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University Central #0823FH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 8498 fsl, 4022 fel, Sec 23, Blk 8, Abst. 158U, ULS, 11.42 sw Big Lake; TD 8999; API #42-383-39824 Permit issued 3/3

Oxy USA WTP LP
Hawker 1503BL #1H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 398 fsl, 7749 fwl, Sec 15, Blk B, Abst. 290, L&SV RR, 22.6 sw Garden City; TD 12500; API #42-383-39812 Permit issued 2/28

Oxy USA WTP LP
Hawker 1503A #2H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 398 fsl, 7789 fwl, Sec 15, Blk B, Abst. 290, L&SV RR, 22.6 sw Garden City; TD 12500; API #42-383-39813 Permit issued 2/28

Oxy USA WTP LP
Hawker 1503B #3H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 398 fsl, 7729 fwl, Sec 15, Blk B, Abst. 290, L&SV RR, 22.6 sw Garden City; TD 12500; API #42-383-39814 Permit issued 2/28

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Kathryn (44-5) #4315H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 505 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 41, Blk C, Abst. 322, L&SV RR, 25.7 nw Big Lake; TD 9057; API #42-383-39796 Permit issued 3/2

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Kathryn (44-5) #4415H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 535 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 41, Blk C, Abst. 322, L&SV RR, 25.7 nw Big Lake; TD 9300; API #42-383-39797 Permit issued 3/3

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 9C #1201WB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10057 fsl, 2969 fel, Sec 12, Blk 9, Abst. 182U, ULS, 13.2 nw Big Lake; TD 10000; API #42-383-39818 Permit issued 2/28

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 9C #1207WA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 600 fnl, 2310 fel, Sec 12, Blk 9, Abst. 182U, ULS, 13.5 nw Big Lake; TD 10000; API #42-383-39819 Permit issued 2/28

Schleicher County

Boaz Energy II Operating LLC
Thornburg #9
Fort McKavitt (Lime 4150); 1980 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 27, Blk 8, Abst.652, TW&NG RR, 25 e Eldorado; TD 4500; API #42-413-32980 Permit issued 3/3

Upton County

Apache Corporation
CC 4144 West C #8HM
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2949 fsl, 1561 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 443, T&P RR, 22.3 nw Rankin; TD 10000; API #42-461-40531 Permit issued 3/3

Apache Corporation
CC 4144 West C #9HM
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2968 fsl, 1521 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 443, T&P RR, 22.3 nw Rankin; TD 10000; API #42-461-40532 Permit issued 3/3

Apache Corporation
CC 4144 West C #7HM
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 3171 fsl, 2148 fel, Sec 41, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 443, T&P RR, 22.4 nw Rankin; TD 10000; API #42-461-40529 Permit issued 3/3

Texas RRCD 8

Culberson County

U.S. Energy Development Corp.
USS Enterprise State #1HX
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 430 fel, Sec 4, Blk 115, Abst. 6614, PSL, 54.1 ne Van Horn; TD 9000; API #42-109-33073 Permit issued 2/28

U.S. Energy Development Corp.
USS Enterprise State #2HX
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 680 fel, Sec 4, Blk 115, Abst. 6614, PSL, 54.1 ne Van Horn; TD 9000; API #42-109-33074 Permit issued 2/28

Howard County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Giant Sacaton 1612 #2HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1957 fsl, 970 fnl, Sec 21, Blk 34, T-1-N, Abst. 391, T&P RR, 8.48 nw Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-38972 Permit issued 3/2

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Guitar Galusha #3AA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 381 fwl, 687 fnl, Sec 14, Blk A, Abst. 563, Bauer & Cockrell, 8.1 nw Big Sprin; TD 8200; API #42-227-39041 Permit issued 3/2

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Guitar Galusha #2HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1270 fwl, 687 fnl,, Sec 14, Blk A, Abst. 563, Bauer & Cockrell, 8.1 nw Big Spring; TD 8400; API #42-227-39039 Permit issued 3/2

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Guitar Galusha #6HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2014 fel, 2090 fnl, Sec 22, Blk A, Abst. 571, Bauer & Cockrell, 8.1 nw Big Spring; TD 8400; API #42-227-39040 Permit issued 3/2

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Joy 39 #4
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 1400 fwl, 2550 fnl, Sec 39, Blk 34, T-1-S, Abst. 422, T&P RR, 5.8 sw Elbow; TD 12000; API #42-227-39034 Permit issued 3/1

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Joy 39 #6
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 1325 fsl, 2600 fel, Sec 39, Blk 34, T-1-S, Abst. 422, T&P RR, 5.8 sw Elbow; TD 12000; API #42-227-39037 Permit issued 2/28

Surge Operating LLC
Elrod-Antell Unit 'B' 11-02 #7BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 311 fsl, 931 fel, Sec 11, Blk 33 T2N, Abst. 323, T&P RR, 5 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39031 Permit issued 2/28

Surge Operating LLC
Lester 27-34 #7AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 547 fnl, 830 fel, Sec 27, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 347, T&P RR, 6.5 se Ackerly; TD 10000; API #42-227-39036 Permit issued 2/28

Surge Operating LLC
Elrod-Antell Unit 'A' 11-02 #2AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 948 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 323, T&P RR, 4.5 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39035 Permit issued 2/28

Surge Operating LLC
Clark Unit B 24-13 #61SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 345 fsl, 1750 fel, Sec 24, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 1105, T&P RR, 6 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39042 Permit issued 3/3

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Law Dog 29-41 UNIT #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2431 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 41, Blk 29, Abst. 1195, PSL, 8.7 e Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33237 Permit issued 3/3

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Spitfire 29-39T #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 500 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 46, Blk 29, Abst. 1047, PSL, 9.8 ne Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33245 Permit issued 3/3

EOG Resources Inc.
State Magellan 7 #20H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 123 fsl, 878 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 45, T&P RR, 18.4 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33241 Permit issued 3/3

EOG Resources Inc.
State Magellan 7 #21H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 142 fsl, 908 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 45, T&P RR, 18.4 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33242 Permit issued 3/3

EOG Resources Inc.
State Magellan 7 #22H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 630 fnl, 1233 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 51, T&P RR, 18.4 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33243 Permit issued 3/3

EOG Resources Inc.
State Magellan 7 #23H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 630 fnl, 1268 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 51, T&P RR, 18.4 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33244 Permit issued 3/3

Shell Western E&P
University 19 J #0910H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1461 fswl, 3907 fnwl, Sec 9, Blk 19, Abst. 9U, ULS, 10.6 se Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33232 Permit issued 3/2

Shell Western E&P
University 19 H #0908H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1477 fnel, 4641 fnwl, Sec 9, Blk 19, Abst. 9U, ULS, 11.1 se Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33234 Permit issued 3/2

Please see PAGE 6F

around
the oil patch
PAID CONTENT
To appear here call Paul Wiseman at 697-7468 or your Oil Report account executive

Around the Oil Patch Works!!
Call
Paul Wiseman at
697-7468
To learn more

ROLLTEX
Pump Jack Specialists Since 1974
Bearings • Seals • Belts • Sheaves
(432) 570-7576
901 W. Florida – Midland, TX 79701

TITLE EXAMINATION
FOSTER & HARVEY, P.C.
TITLE ATTORNEYS
Practice limited to title examination for oil and gas development in the States of Texas and New Mexico, including Acquisition, Drilling and Division Order Title Opinions.
New clients always welcome
Two offices to serve our clients:
West Texas & New Mexico
3300 N. "A" St.,
Building 7, Suite 120
Midland, TX 79705
432.704.5040
Managing Attorney:
Richard Foster
Richard@fosterandharvey.com
South and East Texas
3586 Hwy. 181 N.
Floresville, TX 78114
830.393.6496
Managing Attorney:
Robby Harvey
Robby@fosterandharvey.com
www.fosterandharvey.com

PAID CONTENT

around the oil patch

To appear in *Around the Oil Patch* call Paul Wiseman at 697-7468 or your Oil Report account executive at 687-9004.

Cementing process control, performance tracking decreases cost, improves operations in Permian Shale

CSI Technologies specializes in independent fluid design, cement testing, and analysis. Their ISO-certified 28,000 sq. ft. laboratory provides operators with access to high-level evaluation of chemical properties and physical performance of oilfield fluids under a variety of conditions.

CSI Technologies, a Wild Well Control company, has developed a proprietary standardized process of engineering oversight and operations control. This system improves cementing jobs while lowering costs for operators in shale plays. The project, carried out in the Permian Basin, has resulted in an average cost savings of $140,000 per well in cementing materials alone.

The Permian Basin cost-reduction project, which lasted 15 months, focused wholly on cementing operations and design. The actual cost of primary cementing is only a small percentage of the cost for each well—typically around 5 percent. However, the financial ramifications of poor primary cement work can be much greater. A poor cement job can result in difficulty with completions, delayed production and potentially millions of dollars in remediation.

"When tendering for cementing services, evaluating submissions for lowest cost is common," said Travis Baughman, CSI Senior Cementing Advisor. "It is less common that operators evaluate the cementing service's approach to slurry performance associated with region-specific challenges in reference to this cost. Drilling engineers are often provided very little information on the variety of technologies available to them regarding cementing optimization. Not only do these options vary significantly in performance, but they can have a large impact on operational costs."

The cementing issue specific to the Permian Basin is formation depletion and low-fracture gradients. The pressure required to fracture the formations being drilled is very low, which can result in losses while cementing the surface and intermediate strings. In many cases, these losses result in a lowered 'top of cement' and create incompliance with local regulations. The remediation efforts needed to recover compliance is often significantly more expensive than the primary cementing attempt altogether.

Numerous methods and materials have been used over the years to heal losses prior to and during cementing.

These methods include a vast market of lost circulation material, extra casing strings, multiple stage jobs, nitrified cement, and costly lightweight materials to name a few.

CSI's unique process couples region-specific experience, global access to relevant technologies (both new and old), and an operationally trained staff (engineers and field advisors), all dedicated to ensuring that their clients are getting the products they need at a fair cost.

"Because this project was initiated as oil prices began to drop, the drilling team needed to find ways to cut costs," said Baughman. "Throughout this project, the major goal was to decrease cost and improve the success rate—all without compromising the integrity of cement barriers. Through some technical work altering the cement designs and properly implementing some existing operational technologies, we were able to get there.

"There are a lot of moving parts that contribute to sound cementing work," Baughman continued. "Identifying exactly where your operations are most susceptible to failure is a big piece of the puzzle. Only when you know where your problems are coming from can you evaluate your options, both technically and financially, to find the best fit for your well construction."

For more information, contact Wild Well at 281-784-4700 or visit wildwellcom or csi-tech.net.

Kimark's advanced, flexible Dual Flare system keeps facilities Quad O compliant

In the field, VOC conditions change—some over time as the facility is updated, and some from moment to moment. Kimark's new, state of the art Dual Flare system is flexible enough to keep up with any and all changes. Since OTA Compression and Kimark Systems have merged together to be a complete vapor recovery and control solutions company, this new addition to the product line combines the low and high pressure expertise of both organizations.

The ease with which its stacks can be lengthened from 30 feet to 40 to 50 as needs change make it the perfect system for any location. It can be easily moved to a new location as well.

OTA's Lisa Kramr explains, "The unit is specifically designed for dual stream volatile organic compounds (VOC) control at a 98 percent destruction rate efficiency (DRE). That means at least 98 percent of the present VOCs are destroyed, which exceeds the EPA's Quad O requirements. It's made to handle both low pressure (such as storage vessel flash) gases and high pressure gases including those from wellheads, separators and other pressurized flow."

Most of the flares currently on the market handle low pressure from storage tanks OR high pressure from wellheads, but none can take care of both with the efficiency of Kimark's new Dual Flare technology.

Flexibility is key. The system's 30' stack can handle flow rates of 2.5 MMCFD at 30 psig. The 50' stack unit reaches 5 MMCFD at 30 psig. Because the stacks are modular, they allow for maximum adaptability to accommodate changing field situations.

One of the biggest challenges on the low pressure side involves keeping the flare burning in a smokeless manner at the lowest pressure levels. Kimark solves this with the assistance of a variable speed blower that maintains a proper air to fuel ratio throughout the 0-16 ounce operating range. The inlet pressure ranges of 5-30 psi of the high pressure section keeps the flame doing its job under a wide range of pressure conditions.

Kramr notes that power failures at remote sites can be a threat to DRE compliance, and the Dual Flare is prepared for that as well. "If the power grid goes down our unit converts to 12V power from a battery powered backup system. This keeps the pilot ignited and continues the monitoring process required by EPA's Quad O regulations."

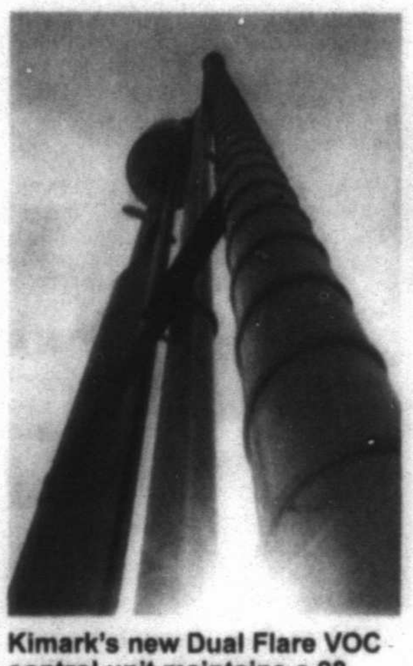
The Dual Flare system handles H_2S, SO_2, CO_2, and CO. Its built-in fuel gas scrubber and auto-dumping VOC scrubber prevent liquid carryover which could damage the unit.

In addition to being easily upgraded and easily moved to a new location, the Dual Flare system is easily serviced by either end user personnel or Kimark / OTA technicians. "We provide customer support by phone or in person—technicians can reach most installation sites within two hours of receiving a call," Kramr says.

Kimark / OTA technicians can service other companies' units as well as their own. This allows for a seamless changeover as end users who see the Dual Flare's benefits begin transitioning away from their previous provider. No one in the business provides better field service than Kimark / OTA!

Kramr and her colleagues at Kimark / OTA are ready to help you understand and comply with VOC regulations over the long haul. Call them this week to learn more about turnkey solutions.

OTA Compression/Kimark Systems is your go-to service company for Quad O emission testing, smart control devices, quality process equipment, natural gas or electric wellhead compression/vapor recovery and field services. Call 972-835-6383 or 432-270-4157. See them online at www.otacompression.com.



Kimark's new Dual Flare VOC control unit maintains a 98 percent DRE. In this and other areas it meets or exceeds Quad O and other regulatory requirements.

DEVELOPMENT WELL PERMITS

Provided by DrillingInfo

From 4F

Shell Western E&P
University 19 G #0907H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1507 fnel, 4644 fnwl, Sec 9, Blk 19, Abst. 9U, ULS, 11.1 se Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33235 Permit issued 3/2

Silver Hill Energy Partners LLC
Pistol 25-9 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 614 fnl, 350 fel, Sec 9, Blk C-25, Abst. 1195, PSL, 21 nw Kermit; TD 14000; API #42-301-301-33233 Permit issued 2/28

Martin County

Amber McFadden
Guy-Mabee 1F #6H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 217 fsl, 2437 fwl, Sec 1, Blk 39, T-1-N, Abst. 387, G&MMB&A, 19.7 nw Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-40727 Permit issued 3/3

Amber McFadden
Guy-Mabee 1D #4H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 217 fsl, 258 fel, Sec 1, Blk 39, T-1-N, Abst. 387, G&MMB&A, 19.7 nw Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-40725 Permit issued 2/28

Amber McFadden
Guy-Mabee 1E #5H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 217 fsl, 238 fel, Sec 1, Blk 39, T-1-N, Abst. 387, G&MMB&A, 19.7 nw Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-40726 Permit issued 2/28

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Sixteen Penny Nail 310 #1LL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 518 fwl, 1857 fnl, Sec 3, Blk 38, T-1-S, Abst. 292, T&P RR, 8.6 ne Midland; TD 9600; API #42-317-40672 Permit issued 3/3

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Deets 36 #1
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 467 fsl, 477 fel, Sec 36, Blk 35, Abst. 1193, T&P RR, 7.5 se Flower Grove; TD 12000; API #42-317-40728 Permit issued 3/1

Trail Ridge Energy Parnters II LLC
Buffalo River 4-45E #41HW
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 220 fsl, 900 fel, Sec 4, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 654, T&P RR, 5.27 ne Stanton; TD 9000; API #42-317-40722 Permit issued 2/28

XTO Energy Inc.
Patricia Unit 1 #4813AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1454 fwl, 599 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 757, T&P RR, 2.3 ne Lenorah; TD 9140; API #42-317-40723 Permit issued 2/28

XTO Energy Inc.
Patricia Unit 1 #4822SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 840 fwl, 600 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 757, T&P RR, 2.1 ne Lenorah; TD 8600; API #42-317-40724 Permit issued 2/28

Midland County

Chevron USA Inc.
Midland AX Fee A #10HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 175 fsl, 1580 fel, Sec 1, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 218, T&P RR, 17.9 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41530 Permit issued 2/28

Chevron USA Inc.
Midland AX Fee B #11HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 175 fsl, 1555 fel, Sec 1, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 218, T&P RR, 17.9 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41532 Permit issued 3/1

Chevron USA Inc.
Midland AX Fee B #12HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 175 fsl, 1530 fel, Sec 1, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 218, T&P RR, 17.9 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41533 Permit issued 3/1

Chevron USA Inc.
Midland AX Fee C #13HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 175 fsl, 1505 fel, Sec 1, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 218, T&P RR, 17.9 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41534 Permit issued 3/2

COG Operating LLC
Parks Field Unit 2 #1805SH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 5733 fsl, 331 fel, Sec 9, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 277, T&P RR, 14 sw Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41537 Permit issued 3/3

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
FC 'D' 42-43WSL (Alloc) #5UB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fsl, 2430 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 1090, T&P RR, 9.1 w Spraberry; TD 11000; API #42-329-41488 Permit issued 3/1

Summit Petroleum LLC
Banay #10WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 1482 fel, Sec 8, Blk 41, T-4-S, Abst. 1159, T&P RR, 23.6 sw Midland; TD 10200; API#42-329-41473 Permit issued 2/28

XTO Energy Inc.
LHS Ranch 33-40 Allocation 4018 #4018AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 771 fsl, 57 fel, Sec 28, Blk 38, T-4-S, Abst. 1005, T&P RR, 22.4 se Midland; TD 9600; API #42-329-40967 Permit issued 3/3

XTO Energy Inc.
John Braun A Unit 2 #0146SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1268 fel, 2040 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 40, T-4-S, Abst. 1401, T&P RR, 19 sw Midland; TD 8940; API #42-329-41538 Permit issued 3/3

Mitchell County

RHB Exploration & Production LLC
Solomon #14
Coleman Ranch; 1477 fnl, 1089 fel, Sec 71, Blk 97, Abst. 142, H&TC RR, 3 nw Cuthbert; TD 2990; API #42-335-35956 Permit issued 3/1

Pecos County

Crimson Exploration Operating Inc.
Gunner 2223 #1H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1522 fnl, 706 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 49 T9S, Abst. 8341, T&P RR, 21.64 nw Fort Stockton; TD 10300; API #42-371-39493 Permit issued 2/28

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State B&B Sisters 0833B-143 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2070 fnl, 440 fel, Sec 8, Blk 143, Abst. 8678, T&STL RR, 9.6 se Coyanosa; TD 12000; API #42-371-39495 Permit issued 3/1

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
County Line 17A-C2 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 333 fwl, 400 fnl, Sec 20, Blk C-2, Abst. 5068, PSL, 2.9 sw Coyanosa; TD 12000; API #42-371-39494 Permit issued 3/1

Reeves County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Jackalope 56-3-11 UNIT #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 725 fel, Sec 11, Blk 56, T-3-S, Abst. 8341, T&P RR, 6.73 se Orla; TD 12000; API#42-389-35738 Permit issued 2/28

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Sawmill 57-3-43 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 400 fel, Sec 43, Blk 57, T-3-S, Abst. 920, T&P RR, 12.24 sw Orla; TD 11000; API #42-389-35749 Permit issued 3/3

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Nightwatch 56-3-21 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 400 fel, Sec 21, Blk 56, T-3-S, Abst. 887, T&P RR, 9.42 se Orla; TD 11500; API #42-389-35752 Permit issued 3/3

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Solstice 56-2-19 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 307 fnl, 273 fel, Sec 19, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 585, T&P RR, 1.38 ne Orla; TD 11500; API #42-389-35754 Permit issued 3/3

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Spartan 58-2-23 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 400 fel, Sec 23, Blk 58, T-2-S, Abst. 665, T&P RR, 7.08 nw Orla; TD 11000; API #42-389-35756 Permit issued 3/3

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Antietam 54-4-27 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 430 fwl, Sec 27, Blk 54, T-4-S, Abst.784, T&P RR, 14.9 nw Pecos; TD 11400; API #42-389-35753 Permit issued 3/3

Apache Corporation
State Bullseye #101AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 655 fwl, Sec 166, Blk 13, Abst. 6038, H&GN RR, 7.5 se Balmorhea; TD 16000; API#42-389-35759 Permit issued 3/3

Apache Corporation
Spruce State #101AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 1627 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 71, Abst. 3084, PSL, 10.9 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-35733 Permit issued 2/28

Apache Corporation
Spruce State #102CH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 1597 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 71, Abst. 3084, PSL, 10.9 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-35734 Permit issued 2/28

Apache Corporation
Aries State #401D
Alpine High (Consolidated); 1655 fsl, 1049 fel, Sec 9, Blk C-12, Abst. 5558, PSL, 13.6 nw Balmorhea; TD 16000; API #42-389-35755 Permit issued 3/2

Apache Corporation
Mt. Hunter #101AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 1090 fnel, 400 fsel, Sec 33, Blk 13, Abst. 462, H&GN RR, 4.7 nw Balmorhea; TD 16000; API #42-389-35748 Permit issued 3/3

Apache Corporation
Mt. Hunter #102CH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 1090 fnel, 430 fsel, Sec 33, Blk 13, Abst. 462, H&GN RR, 4.7 nw Balmorhea; TD 16000; API #42-389-35750 Permit issued 3/3

Atlantic Resources Company LLC
State Gateway 37-48 #3H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 37, Blk 53, Abst. 5043, PSL, 20 sw Orla; TD 10500; API #42-389-35747 Permit issued 3/1

BHP Billiton Petroleum (TXLA OP) Co.
TXL Puma Grande 57-T2-39 #W101H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 636 fwl, 302 fsl, Sec 39, Blk 57, T-2, Abst. 637, T&P RR, 4.12 sw Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-35720 Permit issued 3/1

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Pivot 21602 34 #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnl, 339 fel, Sec 34, Blk 2, Abst. 4353, H&GN RR, 5 sw Mentone; TD 10800; API #42-389-35765 Permit issued 3/3

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Brooks #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 525 fel, Sec 277, Blk 13, Abst. 327, H&GN RR, 17.1 s Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35736 Permit issued 2/28

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Brooks #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 495 fel, Sec 277, Blk 13, Abst. 327, H&GN RR, 17.1 s Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35737 Permit issued 2/28

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Hightower State Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 48, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 2746, T&P RR, 16.9 se Pecos; TD 11500; API #42-389-35758 Permit issued 3/3

MDC Texas Operator LLC
Count Fleet 11 #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 1300 fwl, Sec 11, Blk C-9, Abst. 2561, PSL, 5.2 sw Lindsay; TD 9900; API #42-389-35735 Permit issued 2/28

MDC Texas Operator LLC
Assault 6 #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 362 fnl, 200 fwl, Sec 6, Blk C-18, Abst. 4663, PSL, 9.7 sw Pecos; TD 10200; API #42-389-35744 Permit issued 3/1

MDC Texas Operator LLC
War Admiral 24 #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 200 fwl, 360 fnl, Sec 24, Blk C-9, Abst. 5468, PSL, 5.66 nw Lindsay; TD 9900; API #42-389-35757 Permit issued 3/3

Mewbourne Oil Company
TXL South 56-T2-2X11 #W101DE
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 1963, T&P RR, 4.8 ne Orla; TD 12000; API #42-389-35730 Permit issued 3/1

Oxy USA Inc.
Collie A East #N 63H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 503 fswl, 413 fsel, Sec 1, Blk 5, Abst. 422, H&GN RR, 2.8 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-35728 Permit issued 2/28

Oxy USA Inc.
Collie A East #N 13H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 503 fswl, 453 fsel, Sec 1, Blk 5, Abst. 422, H&GN RR, 2.8 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-35729 Permit issued 2/28

Panther Exploration LLC
Fiver State 18 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 500 fel, Sec 18, Blk 54, T-4-S, Abst. 5785, T&P RR, 15.75 nw Pecos; TD 11800; API #42-389-35732 Permit issued 2/28

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
South Elephant Wolfcamp Unit #B106H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 370 fsl, 425 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 2, Abst. 4343, H&GN RR, 8.2 w Mentone; TD 11500; API #42-389-35676 Permit issued 3/3

Ward County

Crossing Rocks Energy LLC
Houston CRE 10 #1W
Pitzer South (Delaware); 467 fwl, 530 fnl, Sec 10, Abst. 1491, G.D. Houston, 9.4 sw Pyote; TD 8900; API #42-475-37200 Permit issued 2/28

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Eiland Unit 9-33 #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 881 fsel, 370 fswl, Sec 11, Abst. 622, G.G. Houston, 10.3 s Pyote; TD 12000; API #42-475-37205 Permit issued 3/3

Winkler County

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #109
Keystone (Consolidated); 335 fsl, 2695 fwl, Sec 22, Blk B-3, Abst. 1358, PSL, 2.6 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-33794 Permit issued 2/28

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Walk The Plank #3
Monahans North (Clearfork); 861 fnl, 1787 fwl, Sec 23, Blk B-10, Abst. 1704, PSL, 10.4 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-33791 Permit issued 3/2

Energen Resources Corporation
UL 20 Stripes 38-47 #601H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fnwl, 330 fswl, Sec 38, Blk 20, Abst. 33U, ULS, 13.2 nw Pyote; TD 12500; API#42-495-33792 Permit issued 2/28

Houston Chronicle file photo

Oil rigs pulled from the fields sit idly in a holding lot Sept. 14, 2016 in Midland.

Texas RRCD 8A

Borden County

PPC Operating Company LLC
Canon Ranch Unit #5002
Jo-Mill (Spraberry)-Directional; 4626 fnl, 3770 fwl, Sec 26, Blk 33, T-5-N, Abst. 1550, T&P RR, 15 sw Gail; TD 8500; API #42-033-32412 Permit issued 3/2

PPC Operating Company LLC
Canon Ranch Unit #5009
Jo-Mill (Spraberry); 970 fsl, 4599 fwl, Sec 45, Blk 33, T-5-N, Abst. 446, T&P RR, 15 sw Gail; TD 8500; API #42-033-32413 Permit issued 3/2

Crosby County

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Wheeler Estate #54
Hoople (Clearfork); 3286 fwl, 788 fsl, Sec 4, Abst. 1196, J.F. Torrey & Co., 11 ne Slaton; TD 5000; API #42-107-32018 Permit issued 3/1

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1243
Hoople (Clearfork); 1660 fwl, 480 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32140 Permit issued 2/28

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1245
Hoople (Clearfork); 3069 fwl, 391 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32141 Permit issued 2/28

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1252
Hoople (Clearfork); 1505 fwl, 1430 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32142 Permit issued 2/28

Gaines County

Ring Energy Inc.
Marius #1H
Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 212 fsl, 342 fel, Sec 8, Blk A-22, Abst. 1604, PSL, 9 s Seminole; TD 4900; API #42-165-38495 Permit issued 3/1

Ring Energy Inc.
Aurelius #1H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 575 fsl, 380 fwl, Sec 11, Blk A-36, Abst. 1786, PSL, 15 nw Andrews; TD 4900; API #42-165-38500 Permit issued 3/2

Ring Energy Inc.
Maximus #1H
Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2528 fsl, 1323 fel, Sec 2, Blk A-22, Abst. 2017, PSL, 9 s Seminole; TD 4900; API #42-165-38499 Permit issued 3/2

Hockley County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Southeast Levelland Unit #383
Levelland-Directional; 10306 fel, 6940 fsl, Sec 44, Abst. 180, Rains CSL, 4.9 sw Levelland; TD 5800; API #42-219-37416 Permit issued 2/28

New Mexico

Eddy County

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Sapphire 11/12 B2NN State Com #1
Turkey Track; Sec 11 T19S R29E; 500/S & 1500/W; 11 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 13925 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44053

Mesquite SWD Inc.
Cedar Canyon SWD #1
SWD; Sec 8 T24S R29E; 1310/S & 1153/E; 3 mi NE Malaga; Rot 16000 Devonian; API #30-015-44054

Lea County

Matador Production Co.
Culbertson 26 15S 36E TL State #233
Dean; Sec 26 T15S R36E; 390/S & 1182/E; 4 mi NE Lovington; Rot 16500 Permo U/Penn; API #30-025-43561

Matador Production Co.
Culbertson 26 15S 36E TL State #234
Dean; Sec 26 T15S R36E; 390/S & 1152/E; 4 mi NE Lovington; Rot 16500 Permo U/Penn; API #30-025-43562

CML Exploration LLC
Raider 9 State #1
Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R33E; 1890/S & 2310/W; 5 1/2 mi SE Maljamar; Rot 11800 Cisco; API #30-025-43559

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #102
Triple X; Sec 34 T23S R33E; 215/S & 400/E; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 24810 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43563

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #138-Y
Triple X; Sec 34 T23S R33E; 185/S & 430/E; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 9724 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43560

COMPLETIONS

Provided by DrillingInfo

Irion County

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Tepee Draw #3043O
Spraberry (Trend Area); 830 fsl, 331 fwl, Sec 3043, Blk 24, Abst. 213, H&TC RR, 19.1 nw Barnhart; TD 8745; Comp 2/18/2017; producing from 5061-8348, fracture stimulated; pump 84 BO, 59 MCF, 89 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-36125

Upton County

Apache Corp.
Connell 48 West #2HM
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 600 fsl, 1600 fwl, Sec 37, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 441, T&P RR, 22.8 ne Rankin; TD 9498 TVD, 14784 MD; Comp 2/12/2017; producing from 9591-14646, fracture stimulated; flow 272 BO, 682 MCF, 3351 BW on 50/64 inch choke, FTP 411 psi, 40.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-40376

Texas RRCD 8

Midland County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Peggy 22 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 567 fsl, 499 fel, Sec 22, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 934, T&P RR, 4.1 sw Spraberry; TD 10355; Comp 2/3/2017; producing from 8732-10351, fracture stimulated; pump 126 BO, 221 MCF, 384 BW, 36.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-41259

Texas RRCD 8A

Dawson County

Smith Energy Operating Company
Riddel 14 #1
CMI (Spraberry); 470 fsl, 600 fel, Sec 14, Blk M, Abst. 1258, EL&RR, 12 nw Lamesa; TD 7950; Comp 2/9/2017; producing from 7751-7764, treated with acid; pump 73 BO, 17 MCF, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-115-33741

New Mexico

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Pan Head Fee #11
West Maljamar; Sec 11 T17S R32E; 195/N & 500/W. BHL: 968/N & 345/W; EL 4170 GR, TD 11,867, PBTD 11,789; Spud 5-29-16, Comp 9-1-16; production is through treated perfs: 6069-11,769. Treat: Acdz 32 stagers w/129,192 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/389,012 gals trt wtr, 3,769,576 gals slick wtr, 1,954,310# 100 mesh sd, 3,002,150# 40/70 Arizona sd, 667,230# 40/70 CRC. IP: 9-16-16 Pump 24 hrs 657 BO, 2018 BW, 370 MCF, GOR 563, Gty 36.5. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1118 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2419 w/750 sx, 7 @ 5290, 5 1/2 @ 11857 w/2550 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5525; API #30-025-42817

COG Operating LLC
Ragner Federal Com #25
West Maljamar; Sec 22 T17S R32E: 185/N & 2358/E. BHL: 352/N & 2281/E; EL 4014 GL, TD 11146 MD, 6280 TVD, PBTD 11068; Spud 5-14-16, Comp 9-30-16; production is through treated perfs: 6608-11048. Treat: Acdz w/98,952 7.5% acid, Frac w/329,054 gals trt wtr, 4,731,392 gals fresh wtr. IP: 10-14-16 Pump 24 hrs 370 BO, 1550 BW, 204 MCF, GOR 551, Gty 36.2. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 759 w/825 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2210 w/675 sx, 7 @ 5629, 5 @ 11136 w/2850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5725; API #30-025-43131

COG Operating LLC
King Air 8 Federal Com #3
North Lusk; Sec 17 T19S R32E; 410/N & 1960/E. BHL: 2433/S & 2278/W; EL 3609 GL, TD 17220 MD, 9298, PBTD 17130 MD, 9299 TVD; Spud 9-3-16, Comp 11-14-16; production is through treated perfs: 9829-17055, 17105-17115. Treat: Acdz w/146,643 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/11,317,880# sd & 11,894,315 gals fluid. IP: 12-18-16 Pump 24 hrs 310 BO, 2831 BW, 227 MCF. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 890 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4570 w/1950 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17197 w/330C sx, 2 7/8 @ 8904; API #30-025-41476

COG Operating LLC
East 30 Federal Com #2
Lusk; Sec 19 T19S R32E; 520/S & 530/E BHL: 352/S & 362/E; EL 3562 GL, TD 14545 MD, 9326 TVD, PBTD 14490 MD, 9326 TVD; Spud 1-1-16, Comp 2-20-16 production is through treated perfs: 10029-14177, 14440-14450. Treat: 22170 gals 7.5% acid, 3145065# sand, 2634030 gals fluid. IP: 3-10-16 Pump 24 hrs 514 BO, 1300 BW, 157 MCF, GOR 305. Cag: 20 @ 895 w/1425 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2748 w/1950 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4420 w/1400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14540 w/2975 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8721; API #30-025-42524

EOG Resources Inc.
Foghorn 32 State #501
East Red Tank; Sec 32 T22S R33E; 200/N & 80/E. BHL: 218/S & 334/E; EL 3593 Gr, TD 15720 MD, 10922 TVD, PBTD 15469; Spud 8-12-16, Comp 12-5-16; production is through treated perfs: 11091-15469. Treat: 504 bbls acid, 12,570,390# proppant, 297,805 bbls load wtr. IP: 12-25-16 Flow 24 hrs 1060 BO, 2436 BW, 1263 MCF, Open Ch, CP 319, GOR 1191, Gty 42. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1180 w/1020 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5032 w/1164 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15702 w/2350 sx; API #30-025-43005

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin

www.utpb.edu

Endowed Presidential Scholarship created to honor W. David and Denise Watts

Collin Sewell announced the establishment of the W. David and Denise Watts Endowed Presidential Scholarship at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin at the 2017 Sewell Leadership Event in February.

The scholarship program will be available to students from West Texas and is funded from the proceeds of the Leadership Event. In his announcement, Sewell emphasized his intent to establish this scholarship with the hope that the local community will match the funds 1:1. "UTPB is the the future of Odessa," said Collin Sewell. "I believe that we will follow the future happenings at UTPB as we do the price of oil today."

"I am very grateful to Collin for the establishment of this scholarship," said David Watts, president of UTPB. "This generous donation will help students to excel, learn, discover and become productive members of our community." UT Permian Basin is committed to reducing the gap between the traditional student and the first time student by addressing college affordability. The scholarship will be available beginning Fall, 2017.

Endowments at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin are a sound investment in a better future. With an endowed gift, you provide permanent support for the University. Your gift is invested — never spent — and each year a distribution, like dividends on a mutual fund account, is made to your chosen program or area. Investment earnings above the dividend rate help the endowment value grow over time, to keep pace with inflation and maintain your endowment's spending power.

To learn more about supporting this endowment or establishing any type of endowment, contact the development office at (432) 552-2800 or development@utpb.edu.

WE ARE FALCONS.

NEARLY 7,000 STUDENTS IN OVER 70 PROGRAMS OF STUDY CALL THEMSELVES FALCONS.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, THEY CAN ACHIEVE **MORE.**

APPLY NOW FOR CLASSES AT UTPB!

ONLINE. ON CAMPUS. LOW COST. YOUR SCHEDULE.

FOR ADMISSION INFORMATION

CALL 866-552-UTPB TODAY!

PLAN TO ATTEND FALCON DAYS

- Visit with Faculty in Your Major • Tour the Campus
- Learn more about Student Activities
- Lunch is Provided • Visit with Currently Enrolled Students
- Learn more about New Student Housing
- Discuss Scholarship, Financial Aid, and Admissions
- Food, Fun, Give-a-ways (includes scholarships and UTPB stuff)

Saturday, March 25, 2017

An additional Falcon Day is scheduled for

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Space is Limited – register online at www.utpb.edu/admissions/falcon-day

This page is a paid advertisement produced by The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

MUELLER METAL BUILDINGS

Complex Projects Made Easy!

At Mueller, we make complex projects easy. Use our 3D Online Tool to design your dream building, then give us a call to turn it into reality. Rest assured that we will be here for you now and in the future. Get a building that lasts from a company that has been in business for more than 85 years.

MUELLER, INC.
Metal Buildings, Roofing and Components
5600 Andrews Hwy. • Odessa, TX
432-550-0163 or **877-2-Mueller** (268-3553)
www.MuellerInc.com

SHELTER PET & FASHION ICON

Amazing stories start in shelters and rescues. Adopt today to start yours.

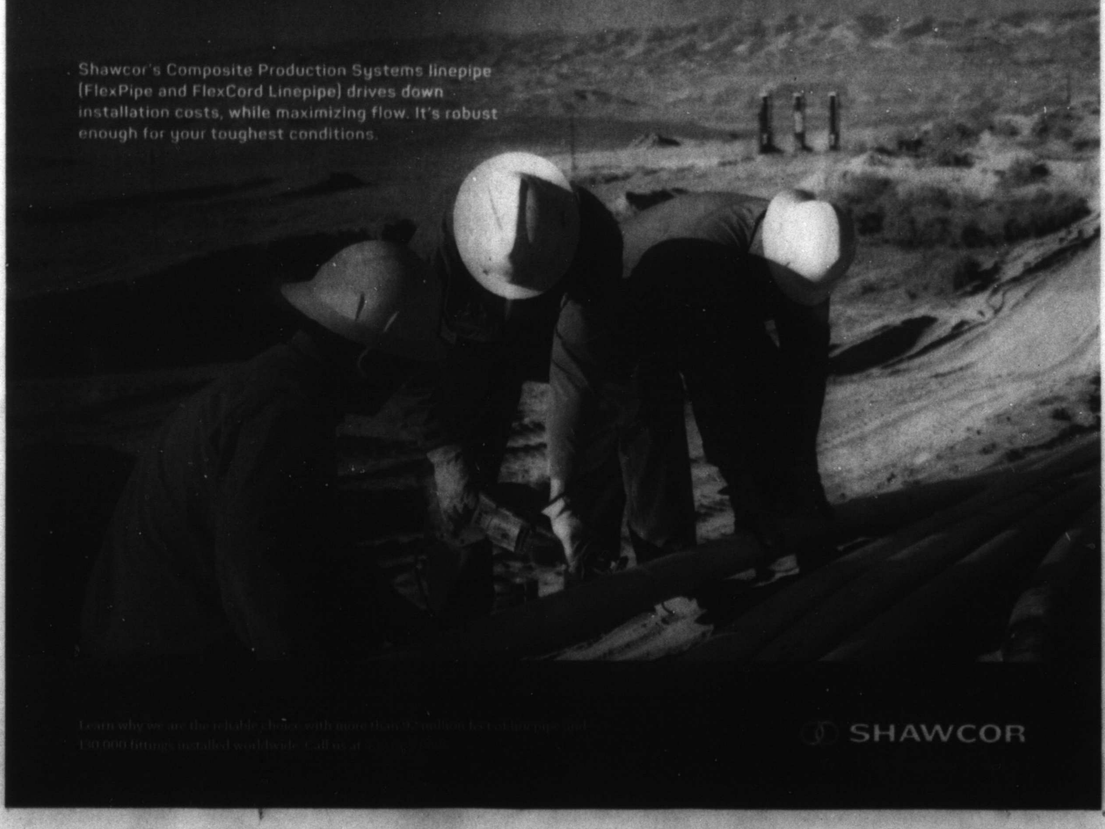
TOAST 325K+ Instagram Followers

Start A Story. Adopt
theshelterpetproject.org

Ad Council

Change the way you pipeline.

Shawcor's Composite Production Systems linepipe (FlexPipe and FlexCord Linepipe) drives down installation costs, while maximizing flow. It's robust enough for your toughest conditions.



Learn why we are the reliable choice for pipeline protection. Over 100,000 kms installed worldwide. Call us at

SHAWCOR