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Oil industry downturn impacts trade shows

Permian Basin International Oil Show has space available; Midland Energy Expo postponed to 2017

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The impact of the downturn in crude oil and natural gas prices has carried over to major industry exhibitions.

For the first time in many years, the Permian Basin International Oil Show, which will be held at the Ector County Coliseum complex Oct. 18-20, has exhibit spaces available.

"We've had more cancellations and some companies are shrinking their footprint," explained Tony Fry, PBIOS executive director.

But with more than 900 potential exhibitors on the waiting list, "We're still expecting this year's show will be sold out," he said. "To say you could call today and have a booth tomorrow would not be correct," he said.

The openings could offer a chance for quite a few new exhibitors this year, Fry said.

While the Permian Basin International Oil Show expects another sellout despite the downturn, organizers of the Midland Energy Expo have decided not to present their show this year. It is slated to return April 13-14, 2017 at the Horseshoe.

The event is one of a number of trade shows presented by Abilene-based Zachry Publications, which also publishes

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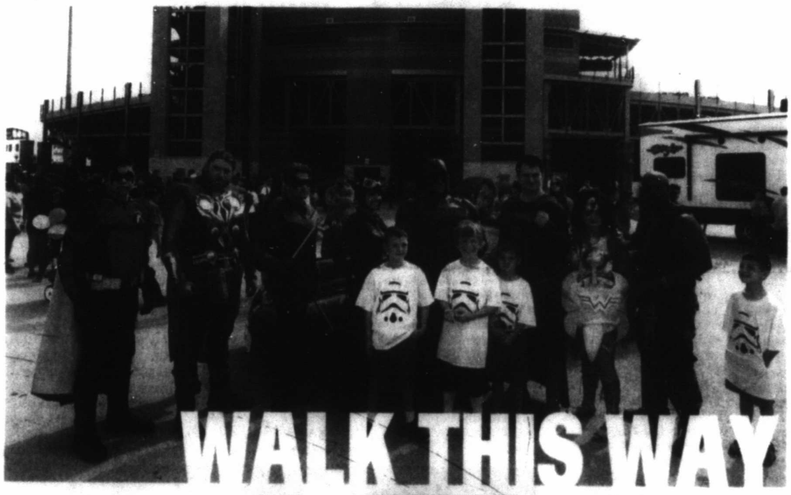

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Participants pose for a photo Saturday during the Seventh annual Autism SHARE walk at the Scharbauer Sports Complex. About 3,000 people participated in the fundraiser for the nonprofit organization that provides services for families of children with special needs. The event included face painting and a bounce house for the kids, a resource fair, entertainment and a hamburger and hot dog lunch presented by Albertsons and Coca Cola, with procceds being donated to SHARE. The organization's goal was $100,000; $87,000 was raised as of Friday, according to its website.

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China Aid dinner spotlights fight against oppression

■ Nonprofit is working to free pastor of one of the nation's largest churches

By Erin Stone
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In a relatively small city in central China, a woman was buried alive April 14 for being a practicing Christian. Ding Cuimei and her husband Li Jiangong, a house church leader, were buried in rubble after a government-backed demolition team destroyed their church. Jiangong survived, but Cuimei had suffocated by the time she was pulled free.

A week after Cuimei's death, the annual China Aid Freedom and Justice Dinner was held at the Midland Country Club. The Rev. Bob Fu, leader of Midland-based international organization China Aid, has dedicated his life to fighting persecution in his homeland, after he and his wife, Heidi, were imprisoned 20 years ago for practicing their faith.

Midland churches have long supported persecuted ministries abroad, but when Fu came to Midland seeking asylum, he catalyzed what has become one of the most powerful and successful nonprofits fighting for religious freedom in China and across the globe.

"The topic of justice is a biblical theme. That's the calling from the Lord," Fu said in an interview before the dinner. "We've always called on the Chinese government to obey its own laws, its own constitution. In its constitution,

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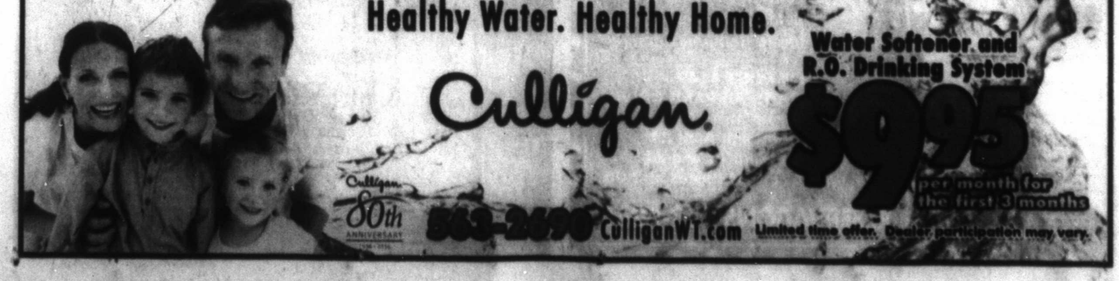

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1. urging to some course of conduct or action; encouraging.

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Add cyber clutter to spring cleaning list for security

Better Business Bureau

Spring is here, and we all know what that means: Spring cleaning. This April may be a good time to clean out your closet, dust around the house of have a yard sale — but what about cleaning up your digital life?

In 2016, most of us have an online presence, own a mobile device or use a computer daily. Whether it's a status update and photos shared on social media, or financial records and personal contacts stored on our digital devices, all that data could fall into the wrong hands.

According to a recent study, more than 68 percent of Americans store 25 percent or more of their photos digitally. For most, losing these memories to computer malfunctions, viruses or theft can be devastating.

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin recommends backing up all of your important files. If you're not sure where to begin, start by going through your device and deleting files you don't need, uninstall programs you don't use and empty your recycling bin. But remember, before you start swiping clean your devices, make sure you backup everything important to your cloud, computer or an external hard drive.

To ensure you're safely managing and tidying up your digital life, your BBB offers the following advice:

■ **Keep software updated.**
Making sure all software has the most current update installed is one of the best security measures you can take. This includes security software, web browsers, document readers, operating systems and any other software you use regularly. Also, make sure to install anti-virus software on your devices and keep it up-to-date.

■ **Clean up your mobile life.**
Most of us have apps we no longer use, as well as ones that need updating. Delete unused apps and keep others current. An added benefit of deleting unused apps is more storage space and longer battery life on your device.

■ **Properly dispose of sensitive documents.**
Shred important documents and electronics containing sensitive data. You may also consider using software that securely erases data, usually called wipe utility programs. This software overwrites entire hard drives so that the files are no longer recoverable. It's also a great option to consider because files deleted using the keyboard or mouse commands may continue to exist on the computer's hard drive.

■ **Create better passwords.**
According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), passwords like "123456" or "qwerty" are among some of the most common passwords used by the general population. Longer passwords and those that combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols provide better protection. Remember to store passwords securely!

■ **Declutter your email inbox.**
Delete emails older than a year, and create and label folders for emails to stay organized. It's also a good idea to delete your spam folder and unsubscribe from emails you don't open. If you must keep old messages, move them to an archive.

■ **Recycle electronics.**
Electronics recycling is one of the most effective ways to dispose of sensitive records, data and documents. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), electronics are made from valuable resources and materials, including metals, plastic and glass. Donating or recycling your used electronics conserves natural resources and helps prevent pollution.

■ **Update your social media sites.**
Check the privacy and security settings on the social media sites you use to be sure that they are set to your comfort level for sharing. Also, review your personal information and update it where needed. Consider deleting social media accounts you don't use often.

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US stock indexes end mixed as investors size up earnings

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

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The New York Stock Exchange is shown Aug. 24, 2015. Asian stocks fell Friday after Wall Street broke a three-day winning streak and declined. Global stock markets were mostly lower Friday after Wall Street broke a three-day winning streak and declined.

A rebound in the price of oil and natural gas helped drive sharp gains for energy and financial companies, nudging U.S. stocks mostly higher Friday.

That offset a slide in the technology sector following disappointing earnings from Microsoft, Google parent Alphabet and other big names.

The Dow Jones industrial average eked out a tiny gain, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index closed essentially flat. Both ended the week higher. But the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite fell short on both counts.

"The Nasdaq took a hit today," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer at Wells Fargo Private Bank.

The Dow rose 21.23 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,003.75. The S&P 500 index added 0.10 points to 2,091. The Nasdaq composite index lost 39.66 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,906.23.

Trading was listless for much of the day, with the Dow and S&P 500 wavering between small gains and losses as the Nasdaq stayed in the red.

As was the case much of the week, investors were mostly focused on company earnings and energy prices.

The latter helped lift several oil and gas companies.

Southwestern Energy notched the biggest gain in the S&P 500. The stock vaulted $1.60, or 15 percent, to $12.27. Range Resources jumped $2.58, or about 7 percent, to $39.75, while Chesapeake Energy climbed 36 cents, or 5.8 percent, to $6.55.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose 55 cents, or 1.3 percent, to close at $43.73 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained 58 cents, or 1.3 percent, to close at $45.11 a barrel in London. Natural gas gained 7 cents, or 3.5 percent, to close at $2.14 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Investors cheered earnings from Norfolk Southern, which jumped 10.5 percent after the railroad operator slashed costs during its latest quarter. The stock rose $8.70 to $91.33.

Quarterly results from several big-name companies failed to impress traders, however.

American Airlines Group fell 4.5 percent after the company said weaker fares and labor costs cut into its revenue in the first quarter. The stock shed $1.80 to $38.21.

Investors sold shares in Starbucks after the coffee chain reported disappointing sales growth for the first three months of the year. The stock lost $2.96, or about 5 percent, to $57.68.

Microsoft fell 7.2 percent, making it the biggest decliner in the S&P 500. The stock lost $4 to $51.78, while Alphabet slid $42.23, or 5.4 percent, to $737.77. Overall, the technology sector was off about 2 percent.

Despite the declines, investors seemed to conclude that the issues driving lackluster results at Alphabet and Microsoft were largely confined to those companies, Davidson said.

"The broader market doing better," he said. "Energy has to be part of that."

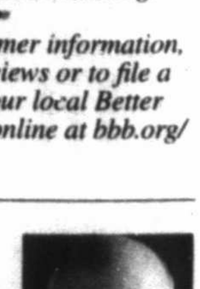
Major stock indexes in Europe ended lower.

Germany's DAX fell 0.6 percent, while France's CAC 40 slipped 0.3 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 declined 1.1 percent. In Asia, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 0.7 percent. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 rose 1.2 percent. Seoul's Kospi slid 0.3 percent and Sydney's S&P ASX 200 lost 0.7 percent.

In other energy futures trading, wholesale gasoline added about a penny to close at $1.53 a gallon. Heating oil also rose a penny to close at $1.31 a gallon.

Precious and industrial metals futures were mixed. Gold fell $20.30, or 1.6 percent, to $1,230 an ounce, silver slid 19 cents, or 1.1 percent, to $16.90 an ounce and copper rose about a penny to $2.26 a pound.

Ask Dave



Dave Ramsey, financial expert

Take return on investment approach to loan/ scholarship offer

Editor's note: "The Dave Ramsey Show" can be heard from 2-5 p.m. weekdays on KCRS (AM 550).

DEAR DAVE: I'm a senior in high school here in Arkansas, and I think I want to study business in college. I've gotten an unusual offer from a small, out-of-state school. It revolves around a $3,000 student loan program, where the loan converts to a scholarship if I maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or higher. Tuition at this college costs about $34,000 a year, so I was wondering what you think about the idea. — Garrett

DEAR GARRETT: I'm glad you're thinking about the future. But this is not my favorite idea, because you could end up with a loan.

In business, one of the things we look at is return on investment. If I can go to one place where tuition's $34,000 a year, but I could go to another place that's in-state for about $7,000, the question becomes this: Am I going to get a five times better education — or is my income going to be five times greater — by going to the expensive school? I think most of us who have been walking around a while would say no.

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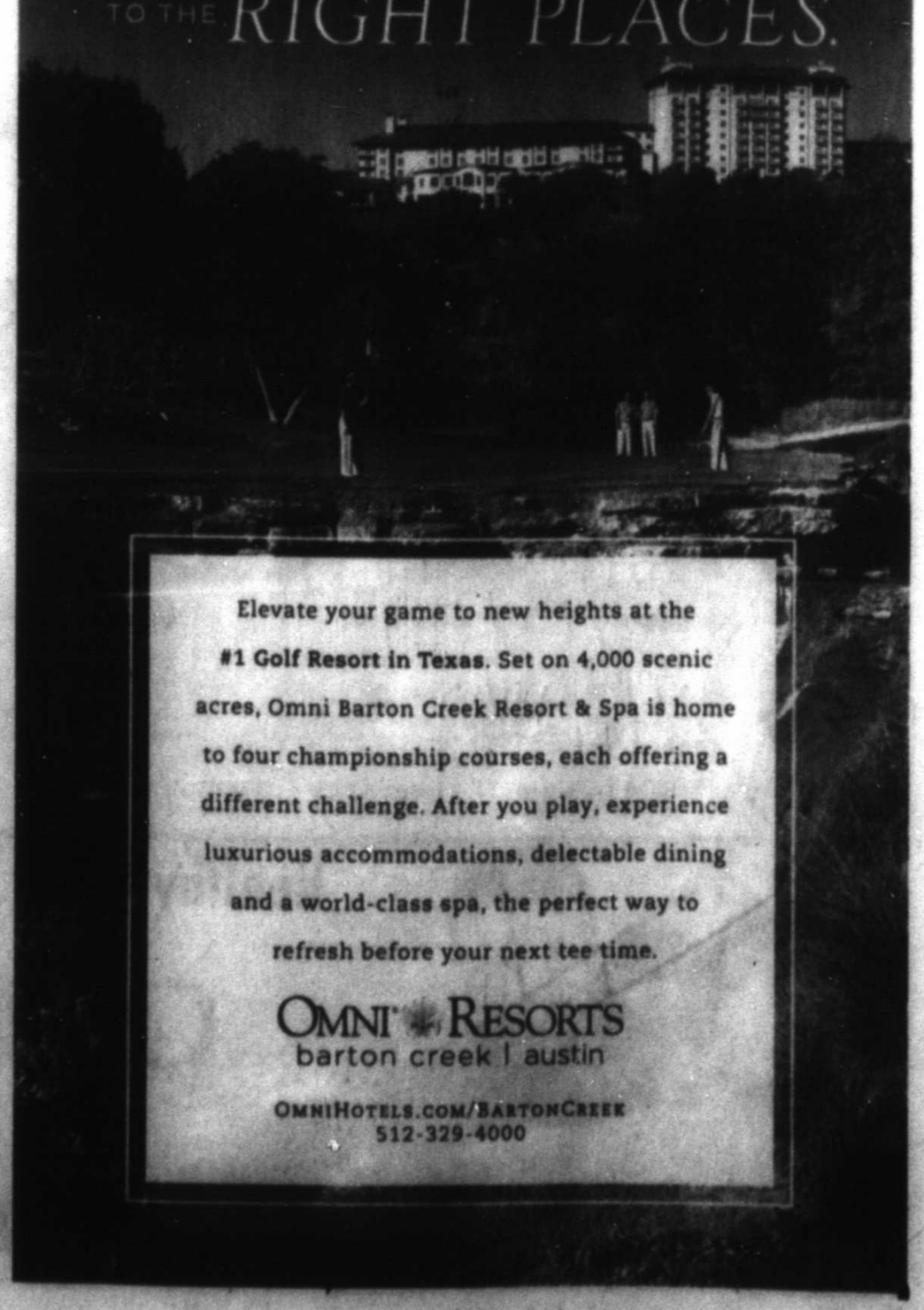

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Balanced view of income inequality needed during this election season

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman

Income inequality and wealth concentration are topics of extreme interest, particularly given the upcoming election. Income mobility is clearly a desirable attribute of a society, and offering opportunities for improving the financial situation of individuals and families is a hallmark of a well-functioning economy. There are also undesirable consequences of excessive wealth concentration, yet financial rewards for innovation are a hallmark of economic and social progress. It is important at this time to cut through the rhetoric and take a balanced view of the situation.

First, a word about the difference between income and wealth. Income is the "flow" of money coming in from wages and salaries or other sources. Wealth is the "stock" measure of net worth at a given point in time: Assets (such as bank accounts, mutual funds or stocks, homes, cars, and other durable goods) minus liabilities (mortgages, car loans, student loans, and so on). Not surprisingly, wealth and income are correlated, with higher income associated with a greater level of saving and therefore wealth accumulation.

Encouraging the addition of good jobs is clearly integral to allowing more people to accumulate wealth. Many manufacturing and construction jobs, for example, pay relatively high wages and offer paths to career advancement. There are also well-paying positions in many growing segments of the technical workforce (in areas such as health care and computers) which do not require a huge investment in education. Better information and ongoing efforts to improve education and workforce training are essential to income mobility as well as the ability to improve financial conditions including wealth.

The concerns related to wealth I hear most frequently are (1) that it is becoming too concentrated, (2) that it is too sharply divided along racial/ethnic lines, and (3) that too little is being done to deal with the situation. Let me start by saying that the statistics regarding wealth are tricky to interpret at times, because there are many factors at work. Changing stock market and business conditions, for example, can alter income and wealth dramatically (particularly at higher levels), as can the state of the housing market (since a house is a large component of net worth for many families).

One of the best sources of data regarding wealth in the United States is the Survey of Consumer Finances, which the Federal Reserve conducts every three years. Between 2010 and 2013 (the last time the survey was administered), the median net worth of all families fell by 2 percent to $81,200, while mean net worth stayed about the same at $534,600, though the pattern varied significantly across income groups. (Remember that "median" is the middle of a ranking from lowest to highest, so half of families fall above and half fall below that level; "mean" is the average; these numbers suggest the concentration in higher income groups.) This relative stability is an improvement over the 2007 to 2010 period, when net worth fell dramatically for many families with the financial crisis, recession, and bursting of the housing bubble.

The wealth share of the top 3 percent of families rose from 44.8 percent in 1989 to 51.8 percent in 2007 and 54.4 percent in 2013, according to the survey, supporting the idea that wealth is becoming more concentrated. However, the incomes of these families vary markedly with the economy and are far less concentrated than wealth. Interestingly, the shares of both income and wealth of the next highest 7 percent of the families (percentiles 90 through 97) have changed little since 1989.

Wealth does vary notably by race and ethnicity. A study by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (using the Survey of Consumer Finances data) reported that median family wealth for all families in 2013 was approximately $81,500. For non-Hispanic white families, the median was about $134,000, with just over $91,400 for Asians, $13,900 for Hispanics, and almost $11,200 for African-American families. The reasons for these variations include differences in age, education, tendency to own financial assets and a house, and debt, among others.

Some people argue that one way to redistribute wealth is through tax policy. However, tax policy deals primarily with income, and it is unrealistic and undesirable to look to taxes as a way to provide upward mobility. Instead, we need to address the real issues in building wealth: Having a good job and the basic financial literacy to understand how to increase net worth. In more affluent households where investments and financial concepts are discussed, for example, young people tend to develop a greater understanding and comfort level with financial investments, and a bull market can generate a lot of wealth. Investments in the stock market and other financial assets are open to anyone who has accumulated the relatively small minimums needed to open an account, and upward mobility could be enhanced through better financial education.

The other side of the wealth equation is avoiding excessive debt, particularly high-interest debt. Payday and auto title loans, for instance, can lead to a rapid downward spiral and shrinking net worth (as I discussed in a previous column). Regulation may be helpful in reducing predatory lending practices.

Economic mobility is a worthy societal goal, as is the ability to accumulate wealth. Increasing income through encouraging economic development (and, therefore, quality jobs) and workforce preparedness can play an important role in achieving this goal. However, it is also crucial to understand that wealth involves more than just income, but is also driven by financial literacy and personal choices.

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Enough with the earnings: SEC may reduce company reports

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Four times a year there's a kind of parade on Wall Street: companies announce their quarterly earnings, all in a row, with the banks first, then the tech companies, and the retailers bringing up the rear. Stocks can rise or plunge based on the results. And three months later it all happens again.

But regulators are wondering if it's time for a change.

For about 40 years, companies have had to make four yearly reports of basic financial information, including how much money they earned or lost, how much revenue they took in and what their expenses were. It's supposed to help investors make informed decisions. But the Securities and Exchange Commission said Wednesday that it may change those rules. It noted there are drawbacks to the requirements, like the time and money companies have to spend to prepare the reports, and the possibility that important information gets lost in the flood of stuff companies have to disclose.

The SEC didn't propose any specific new rules or commit to making changes. It's really asking some philosophical questions: what do investors need to know? What's the balance between transparency, which investors need, and burdening companies with regulations?

Some observers think quarterly reports are bad for companies. BlackRock CEO Laurence Fink said in February that the constant reports encourage short-term thinking, and push companies to spend gobs of money on stock repurchases or big dividends, or repeatedly slashing costs instead of making longer-term investments that would help their business or the economy in the years to come. Last year, Hillary Clinton criticized "quarterly capitalism" and made some of the same points.

"Quarterly numbers force short term thinking on the part of investors and on the part of management," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank. Still, Ablin said he opposed a change.

"I think more information is better," he said.

If the SEC decides to make a change, the simplest option might be making companies report their results twice a year. That's how the European Union handles earnings, although some countries within the EU have more stringent requirements. If companies wanted to give quarterly updates, they could still do so.

DAVE

From 2A

Your income will not be based on where you went to school, and it won't necessarily even be based on your grade point average. It will be based on your ability to take what you learned into the marketplace, kill something and drag it home. This has as much, if not more, to do with your initiative, your perseverance, character qualities and integrity as where you went to school.

One of the great jokes in America today is that where you go to school matters. Some places may have better programs in certain areas than others, but is this particular college — which I'm guessing isn't a prestige school, since you didn't mention the name — five times better than a solid in-state school like Arkansas State or the University of Arkansas? No, it's not.

I don't think you're going to get a return on your investment overall in this picture, Garrett. Add to that this little student loan nuance, and the fact that they're not giving you enough "free money" to make this a good deal, I would have to say don't do it.

DEAR DAVE: My wife and I are following your plan, and we're in the middle of the Baby Steps. Do we have to wait until Baby Step 7 to buy a new car? — Alan

DEAR ALAN: No, you don't have to drive a beater until you pay off your house. My advice is to drive the minimum car you can until you get past the first three steps. Remember, Baby Step 1 is a beginner emergency fund of $1,000. Baby Step 2 is paying off all debt except for your house, then Baby Step 3 is fully funding your emergency fund with three to six months of expenses.

Once you've done all that, then you can move up to a nice car. I didn't say move up to a new car. I want you to save up cash and get a really nice, barely used car. I never advise buying a brand new car unless you have a net worth of at least $1 million. At that point, you've got enough assets in place to where you won't even feel the massive hit in depreciation that comes with buying a new vehicle.

But until then, drive good used cars. That's what the typical millionaire did, and I want you to model your financial behavior after people who are in the position you want to be in some day!

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Bad week for German automakers: Huge costs, new probe

Associated Press

WOLFSBURG, Germany — It's been a bad week for German automakers.

Volkswagen said Friday that a diesel emissions-cheating scandal would cost it an astounding $18.2 billion just for 2015, while Daimler revealed that U.S. authorities are sniffing around its tailpipes.

Both companies saw a niche with U.S. buyers who wanted performance, gas mileage and clean air. So they marketed their diesels as alternatives to boring hybrids.

But there is growing evidence that neither was able to back up the claims without violating pollution standards. Some management experts put the blame partly on ambitious, top-down corporate structures.

VW already has admitted to programming diesel cars so they pass U.S. emissions tests in labs but spew illegal amounts of pollution on real roads. On Thursday, Daimler said the U.S. Justice Department asked the company to investigate irregularities in diesel emissions in its Mercedes brand vehicles.

Steve Berman, a Seattle attorney who has sued Daimler over Mercedes diesel pollution, said both German automakers saw a niche in the U.S. for high-performing green cars.

"They saw the opportunity," he said. "They weren't able to live up to their words but they went ahead anyway."

There also could be some complicity on the part of European governments. Karl Brauer, senior analyst for Kelley Blue Book, said governments, as well as Mercedes, VW and other automakers, have known for years that diesels could meet emissions standards in the lab, but not on real roads.

"This was the understood, if not documented, agreement between the automakers and the European governments," Brauer said. "So it was not that egregious to approach U.S. emissions with the same philosophy."

With that attitude, it's no surprise that both automakers are getting U.S. scrutiny, or that the emissions-cheating scandal could be growing.

On Friday, Germany's transport minister said five automakers agreed to recall 630,000 diesel vehicles in Europe following an investigation into emissions levels. The recalls include Mercedes, Opel and Volkswagen and its subsidiaries Audi and Porsche.

The top-down management structure at VW and Mercedes likely played a role in the emissions problems, said Sebastiaan Van Doorn, an associate professor at the Warwick Business School in England who has studied VW's corporate culture.

At VW, lower-level engineers are told what to do and not given much autonomy. As a result, in order to get things done, they don't tell their superiors what they're up to, he said.

"You get kind of a parent-child relationship where the child is not telling the parent specific things anymore if he is never allowed to make autonomous decisions," Van Doorn said.

Berman's law firm hired a company to test Daimler's Mercedes-brand diesels on real roads, finding that they spewed out too much nitrogen oxide almost all the time. Plus, the cars polluted even more when the temperature was below 50 degrees, he said. That led him to accuse Mercedes of having software called a "defeat device" that's similar to VWs.

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6101 Andrews Highway	Sign
1201 Albert Ave.	Sign
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2410 N. Big Spring St.	Snow Cone Stand

Source: City of Midland

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today

■ 2016 Family Fair at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine, 1401 Garden Lane.

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

■ "The Red Velvet Cake War" by the Maverick Players at VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $10-$15. Mavericksplayers.org.

Monday

■ "Elections in Midland County," a League of Women Voters forum, will feature speakers Deborah Land, elections administrator and Stella Flores, voter registrar to discuss voting information and registration assistance to help citizens get involved with this year's elections. 7 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial, 2503 Loop 250.

Tuesday

■ The Moscow Festival Ballet performing "Cinderella" presented by the Cowan Performing Arts Series. 8 p.m., Chaparral Center at Midland College. Free.

■ "Love and Friendship" screening with director Whit Stillman, 6:30 p.m., Cinergy Cinemas, 1917 Liberty Drive. The Oscar-nominated filmmaker will be in attendanve at the advance screening of his newest film based on Jane Austen's "Lady Susan" and starring Kate Beckinsale and Chloe Sevigny. Presented by the Midland County Public Library. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Thursday

■ JBS Distinguished Lecture Series: Election 2016 ?" Are You Voting for a Party, Person or Principle?" with Juan Williams (Fox News Contributor and Host of "The Five"), former U.S. Congressman and Executive Director of the National Center for Policy and Analysis Allen West, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party Gilberto Hinojosa and Tom Mechler, chairman of the Texas Republican Party. 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free. UTPB.edu.

Friday

■ Jockeys, Juleps and All That Jazz, a fundraiser benefiting Communities in Schools of the Permian Basin, 7:30 p.m., The Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St. $125. cispb.org.

Saturday

■ Old School Blow-Out with Naughty By Nature and Vanilla Ice. 8 p.m., Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $40. haciendamidland.com.

Meetings this week

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

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

■ **Hospital District**
11:45 a.m. Thursday
Administation boardroom

Club meetings, support groups today

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

■ Bingo, 4-7 p.m., American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

Lake Levels

(From CRMWD lakes)

	Contents (acre-feet)	Percent Full
Thomas	140,375	69.98
Spence	47,664	9.21
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Totals	258,593	20.33
Last week's totals	252,747	19.87

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

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Pick 3 day: 6-7-1
Pick 3 evening: 2-8-8
Pick 3 night: 0-1-7
Daily 4 morning: 5-1-0-3
Daily 4 day: 6-6-5-4
Daily 4 evening: 1-7-1-0
Daily 4 night: 1-3-4-1
Cash Five: 14-30-31-33-35
Lotto Texas: 3-17-24-48-49-53
Powerball: 19-35-46-59-62 PB: 13 Power Play: 5
Texas Triple Chance: 10-18-22-34-38-39-46-47-49-53
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-4-7-8-9-15-17-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 3-4-6-7-8-9-11-13-14-16-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-4-5-8-9-10-11-14-15-17-18-21
All or Nothing night: 1-4-6-8-10-11-12-16-18-22-23-24

Today in history

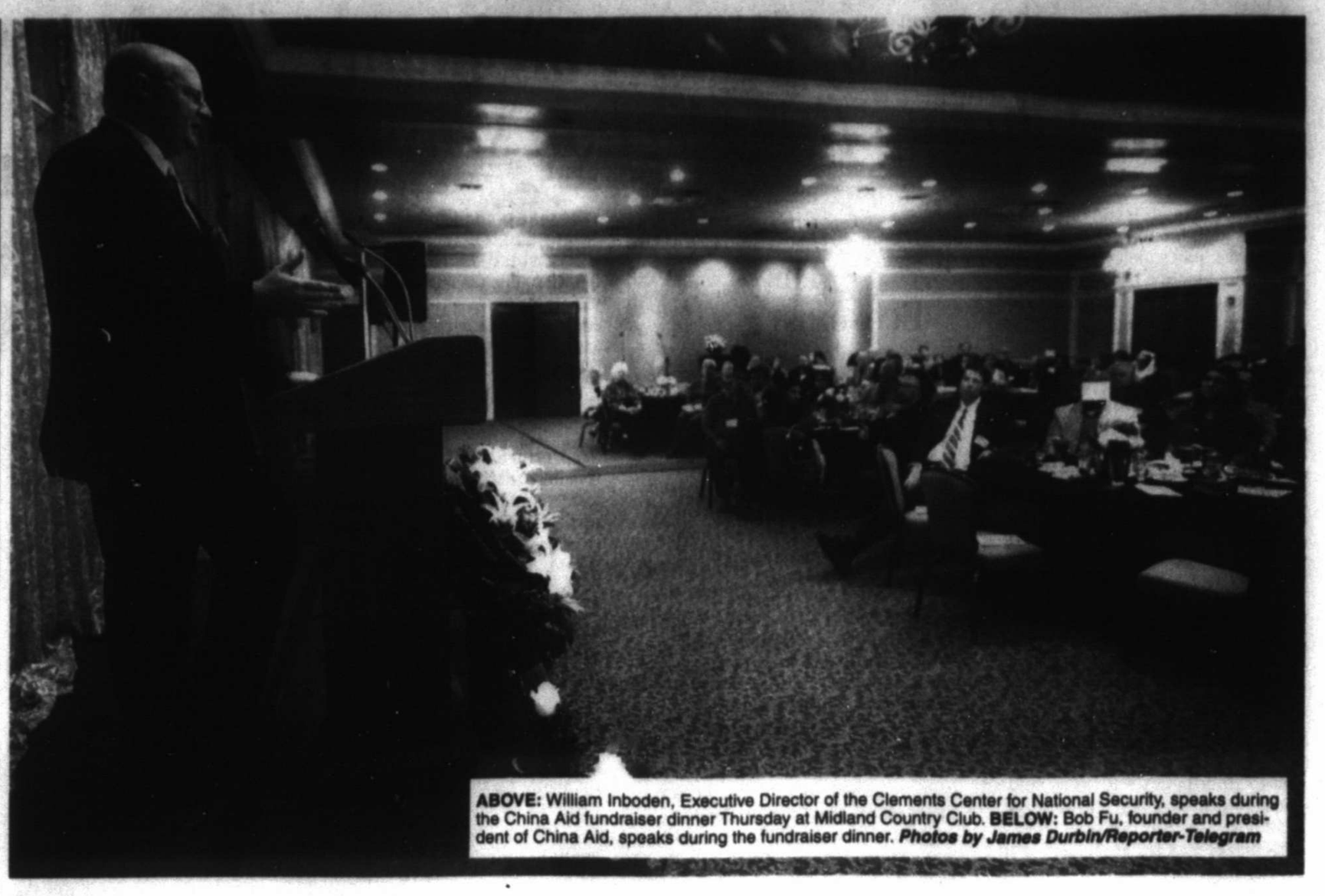
Today is Sunday, April 24, the 115th day of 2016. There are 251 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

In 1980, the United States launched an unsuccessful attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

In 1990, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying the $1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope.



ABOVE: William Inboden, Executive Director of the Clements Center for National Security, speaks during the China Aid fundraiser dinner Thursday at Midland Country Club. **BELOW:** Bob Fu, founder and president of China Aid, speaks during the fundraiser dinner. ***Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram***

FIGHT

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there's an explicit clause that says citizens are guaranteed freedom of religious belief. So we're not advocating for something unique to American values … We're calling for them to obey their own laws."

The persecution of Chinese Christians has been going on for decades, leaving thousands of people imprisoned, beaten and tortured. China Aid has rescued more than 15 families over the past 10 years, Fu said. About six of these families remain in Midland, he said.

Most recently, China Aid has been working on a campaign to free Yang Hua, a pastor of the largest church in China's southwestern Guizhou province. Hua has been in police custody since Dec. 9, after he resisted authorities' attempts to confiscate church property.

"Because of the increasing persecution in the past year, we have been focusing on a lot of family of prisoners cases by providing support and international advocacy and biblical training for pastors," Fu said.

The church went from three or four families to more than 600 believers in the past six years, Fu said.

"What they are known for in spite of the persecution and being declared as illegal because they refused to register to the communist party's United Front Working Department, is that they have been helping so many of the vulnerable in the community, especially those children who were deserted, in particular girls due to the family-planning system where many girls were just thrown on the street," Fu said.

In the past six years, the church has provided foster care for more than 3,000 of these children, Fu said.

The evening of the dinner — which was morning in China — Hua met for the first time with his attorneys who China Aid has supported, Fu said.

The keynote speaker at the China Aid dinner was Professor William Inboden, who has worked in the field of justice and religious freedom for many years and currently teaches at the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law at the University of Texas. He is a close friend of Fus and was part of the congressional team that initially helped the Fus gain asylum in the U.S. in 1997.

"Usually, you think of the human rights cities as Washington, New York and London, but Midland really became that because of (local churches' and China Aid's) work," Inboden said. "China Aid quickly became the gold standard for a comprehensive approach to these issues. Sometimes, an organization will only work on one aspect of a human rights issue, but the challenge with injustice and oppression in the world is that it takes place across a full spectrum so you need the responses to address a full spectrum. China Aid does that."

China Aid follows a three-pronged approach: expose, encourage and equip, according to its website. The organization works to expose "systematic persecution, harassment, torture and imprisonment of human rights lawyers, religious communities and democracy advocates in China," financially support Chinese citizens and their families who have experience persecution by the Chinese government and provide leadership training for community and NGO leaders to defend their basic human rights.

Inboden discussed the possible trajectories of China and its impact on the rest of the world — and the important role played by organizations such as China Aid.

"China as a nation is at a real geopolitical crossroads," Inboden said. "They have the second-largest economy in the world, they have a rapidly modernizing and growing military, they are really trying to act as the dominant regional power in the Asia Pacific. So as China becomes more powerful will it become more responsible or will it try to be aggressive and be a bully and dominate the region in un-peaceful ways?"

Thus far, they've been moving toward the not-so-peaceful ways, he said. For the last 30 years, the region has had tremendous economic growth and prosperity and growing political liberalization, Inboden said of the Asia Pacific region.

"So it is a region that was moving in a really good direction and now China seems to be taking it into some bad directions," Inboden said. "This is where I think the Chinese government's ongoing repression of religious freedoms and political freedom is of a piece with its external aggression. The government feels it needs to keep tight control on people inside the country and as that creates some understandable frustrations, it wants to pick external enemies to channel some of the people's resentments that way."

Thus, the persecution of Chinese Christians continues. But Midland and the people of the United States as a whole are much more kin to China than some may think.

"I've traveled all over the world and met lots of different people, but there is an incredible commonality that all human beings have and that is that we all want justice," Inboden said during an interview.

"All of us are created in God's image and no person would say, 'I want to be imprisoned and oppressed, I want to be told what to think, where I can or can't worship or how many children I can or can't have … It doesn't mean that every government will be an identical constitutional democracy necessarily, but all of them should have at least these fundamental human rights."

West Texas Geology Foundation to host NASA's Mars investigator

By Mella McEwen
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Want to go?

For more information on the West Texas Geology Foundation luncheon featuring Steven Squyres, NASA's principal investigator for the Rover Missions on Mars, call 683-1573.

Earth's red-hued neighbor, Mars, will be the focus of a luncheon sponsored by the West Texas Geology Foundation Tuesday at the Petroleum Club.

Guest speaker will be Steven Squyres, NASA's principal investigator for the Rover Missions on Mars.

"I think it'll be a very interesting story to hear. The recent success of 'The Martian' movie has Mars on everyone's imagination," said Jim Geitgey, foundation chairman.

Squyres' appearance is the latest in a string of high-profile speakers at the annual luncheon, which is the main fundraiser for geoscience scholarships the foundation presents.

Last year's speaker was Robert Ballard, who discovered the Titanic. Two years ago, the speaker was Harrison Schmitt, the last astronaut to walk on the Moon.

Squyres will discuss NASA's Mars and Rover programs. He has also agreed to speak to about 70 students, including high school robotics students, at the Blakemore Planetarium following the luncheon.

Geology students from Angelo State University, Midland College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin have been invited to attend the luncheon.

Individual tickets are $750 and tables of eight can be sponsored for $10,000 or $5,000.

"I know it's a lot of money but this is our primary fundraiser," Geitgey said.

The foundation is an ancillary organization of the West Texas Geological Society, formed to support educational programs, including scholarships. Geitgey said the WTGS expects to provide $40,000 in geoscience scholarships this year. The two main sponsors this year include Nautilus Energy and Element Petroleum.

CVS set to construct third Midland location

From staff reports

CVS has announced plans for its third Midland location, to be built at the intersection of Andrews Highway and Midland Drive, where Taco Villa originally stood.

The new store is expected to open in late October, a company spokeswoman told the Reporter-Telegram Friday via email.

Midland's newest CVS will cover more than 13,000 square feet and include CVS' traditional drive-through pharmacy and the CVS/pharmacy ExtraCare Program.

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magazines.

"We all know we're in difficult times right now. (The company) is reflective of the people who work in the industry every day," said Dave Hedge, vice president at Zachry Publications.

Because the company presents a number of shows and publishes magazines — including the Permian Basin Oil & Gas magazine, the official publication of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association — Hedge said the focus is on return on investment, one reason this year's expo was postponed.

"We want to be good stewards of our investments and the investments people make with us and not take them for granted," he said.

Organizers made the decision to postpone the event after looking at pre-registration trends compared to previous years

"We're optimistic that next year we'll be back with a show that will be worthy of our investors," he said.

The Midland Energy Expo targets small and mid-size operators, who often don't have the budget for training or to send employees off to courses or workshops. The expo offers two days of training courses, seminars and speakers.

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Because Zachry publishes the Permian Basin Oil & Gas magazine, "We try to tie ourselves to that and help those who are members of the PBPA and others," Hedge said.

The industry "is going through tough times and looking for a turnaround," and if prices begin to recover, exhibitors will be positioning themselves for the upturn, Fry said.

He said his company, A.D. Fry Co. — which represents various manufacturers of industrial controls and analytic instrumentation throughout the Permian Basin — has been busy this year.

"I can see where companies are catching up on infrastructure like pipelines, storage tanks, gas processing plants," he said.

Members of the public wear William Shakespeare masks during a parade marking 400-years since the death of the playwright in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, on Saturday. The legacy of Shakespeare, who is buried in Stratford's Holy Trinity Church, will be brought to life by a host of actors, dancers and theatrical extras, including local schoolchildren and the public who are gathering to mark the anniversary of the bard's death. *Associated Press*

Royalty, Obama & fans mark 400 years since Shakespeare died

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — If all the world's a stage, William Shakespeare is its architect.

The playwright died 400 years ago Saturday, but remains the world's most famous writer, living on through endlessly reinterpreted plays and globally known characters, including the tormented prince Hamlet and the star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet.

The long-dead Bard is one of Britain's leading cultural ambassadors, and the anniversary of his death on April 23, 1616, is being marked across Britain with parades, church services and — of course — stage performances. After all, the play's the thing. (That's just one of scores of phrases that Shakespeare has given the English language).

President Barack Obama took a break from political talks in London to tour Shakespeare's Globe Theatre on Saturday, listening to Hamlet's "To be or not to be" soliloquy and admiring the open-air venue — a recreation of the theater, built in 1599, where many of the Bard's plays were first performed.

The president met a Globe troupe that has taken "Hamlet" on a two-year tour to almost 200 countries. They've performed Shakespeare's tragedy on a tennis court in Kabul, Afghanistan, in a Syrian refugee camp in Jordan and at the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

Dominic Dromgoole, the Globe's artistic director, said the world tour has taught him that Shakespeare "is a great aid to communication. He's a great way of helping people to encounter one another, and discover similarities and also discover differences."

"I think he has no agenda," Dromgoole said. "There's no particular drive within his work to say, this has to be worshipped or this has to be believed. He presents life, and he presents life with wit and brilliance and enchantment — but it's life. And everybody understands life."

The Globe also erected screens along the River Thames, showing short films of excerpts from all 37 of Shakespeare's plays, filmed in the locations where they were set: "King Lear" at the White Cliffs of Dover, "The Merchant of Venice" in the canal-crossed Italian city; "Timon of Athens" in front of the Parthenon.

In the playwright's home town of Stratford-upon-Avon, the Royal Shakespeare Company mounted a stage extravaganza, televised live by the BBC. The potpourri of scenes from Shakespeare and works he inspired — including the musicals "Kiss Me Kate" and "West Side Story" — featured performances by John Lithgow, Judi Dench, Benedict Cumberbatch, Ian McKellen — and even Prince Charles, who strode onstage during a comic sketch to settle a heated actors' argument about the best way to recite "To be or not to be."

Earlier, the heir to the British throne laid a wreath on the writer's grave in Stratford's Holy Trinity church. And thousands of people — many wearing Shakespeare face masks — watched a theatrical parade through the town 100 miles (160 kilometers) northwest of London, complete with schoolchildren, strolling actors and a New Orleans jazz band.

Across the country there was more — much more — taking place to celebrate a writer whose influence pops up in unexpected places.

In Trafalgar Square, visitors could listen to Princes in The Tower, "a costumed electro group offering unique interpretations of early music" and named for the tragic children in "Richard III."

Tourism body Visit London promoted Shake-Speak, a smartphone app that allows users to text like the Bard by auto-completing some of his famous phrases. Type "to be" and it fills in the rest: "or not to be, that is the question."

Nowhere is Shakespeare's presence more palpable than in London's Bankside, south of the Thames. The district where the Bard once worked is enthusiastically embracing his legacy.

In Shakespeare's time, it was London's red-light district, home to taverns, brothels, playhouses and bear-baiting pits. By the late 20th century, it was quiet and neglected, but the opening of Shakespeare's Globe in 1997 — and the Tate Modern art gallery three years later — have made it a cultural epicenter once again.

These days the riverside promenade throngs with tourists. The area is home to theaters, buzzing restaurants and busy pubs — though nothing like the 150 drinking places that stood here in Shakespeare's time. Borough Market, which has stood in Bankside for 1,000 years, is a magnet for foodies and has helped spur a British food revival. It's even home to a hip bakery that offers classes in Elizabethan bread-making.

Traces of Shakespeare can be found not just at the Globe but at the even earlier Rose Playhouse, built in 1587. Its foundations were uncovered in 1989 during construction work and the site now houses a small performance space alongside the old remains. There are plans for more work to put the whole site on public display and let visitors stand on the exact spot where Shakespeare — a bit actor in his own plays — once trod the boards.

"There's so many references in the Elizabethans' plays to Bankside, and what was going on in Bankside," said Pepe Pryke, the Rose's artistic associate. "We're kind of only just starting to retake that back again."

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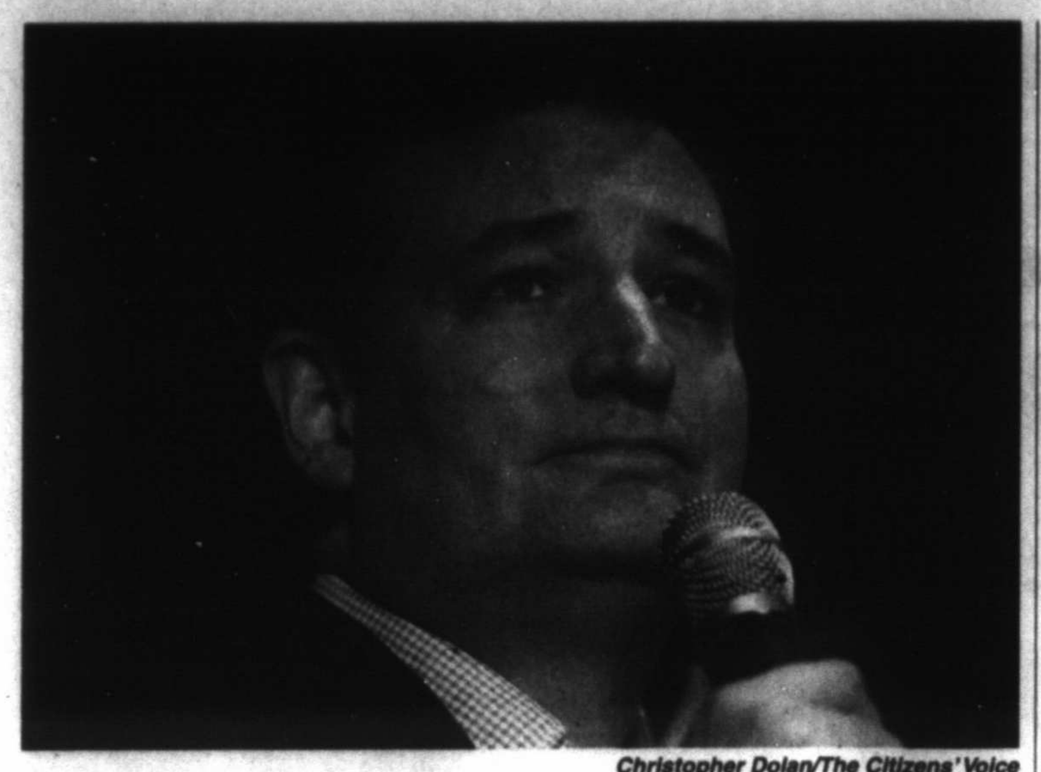

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Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, looks on during a campaign rally in Scranton, Pa., on Friday.

Ted Cruz, likable guy? He's working on that

By Julie Pace and Scott Bauer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After spending a year campaigning as a hardened, uncompromising conservative, Ted Cruz wants voters to see him in a different light.

Cruz's presidential campaign is embarking on a concerted effort to highlight a more affable version of the fiery Republican. He's started working the late night talk show circuit, a new forum for the senator, and his wife, Heidi, has also been appearing more often on national TV to present him as a likable figure.

Cruz's two young daughters, who have already provided occasional comic relief to their dad's campaign, will be joining the senator on the road frequently. And his team is looking for more opportunities to put Cruz in fun, laid-back settings, like when he joined kids for a matzo-making lesson in New York.

"It's important for us to show him in more of a lighthearted venue," said Alice Stewart, Cruz's communications director. She conceded that voters want more than just a candidate they agree with on policy, adding, "It's not a secret that voters will vote for someone they like."

The lengths Cruz has to go in boosting his standing with voters were starkly evident in a focus group of Republican women this week in Pittsburgh. When the women were asked what they knew about Cruz, several described him as "untrustworthy" or a "liar." GOP front-runner Donald Trump has spent weeks assailing Cruz as "Lyin' Ted."

And when focus group participants were asked what animal best described Cruz, some said a "mosquito" or a "hornet."

"You just want to bat it away," one woman said. The session was organized by Public Opinion Strategies and Purple Strategies as part of the "Walmart Moms" series that focuses on female voters.

Cruz allies say the senator is warmer than he's given credit for, particularly in private moments. Rep. Reid Ribble, a Wisconsin Republican who backs Cruz, recalled seeing the candidate playing tag with his daughters backstage before a campaign stop earlier this month.

"I remember thinking to myself as I watched him play with his kids, 'That's the Cruz America needs to see.'" Ribble said. "The more people can see the humanity of any candidate, the better."

The campaign's emphasis on Cruz's persona comes as the senator fights for any possible advantage in his Republican primary fight with Trump. Cruz has no mathematical chance of winning the nomination through the regular voting and is counting entirely on overtaking Trump at a contested convention.

Cruz's campaign has demonstrated impressive deftness in working the convention delegate process. But many party insiders view Cruz with skepticism — his reputation in Washington is that of a self-serving opportunist — and his standing with the public is only a bit better.

A recent Associated Press-GfK poll found that only 26 percent of Americans had a favorable opinion of Cruz, while 59 percent were unfavorable. Perhaps the only solace for Cruz is that Trump's numbers are even worse — 69 percent of Americans view him unfavorably as do 46 percent of Republicans.

Cruz's campaign knows that in order to boost his numbers, he needs to reach out to Americans beyond those who listen to conservative talk radio and know the senator from his fights with Republican leaders on Capitol Hill, including his 21-hour filibuster against President Barack Obama's health care law that resulted in a government shutdown.

In that effort, Cruz's campaign sees Obama as someone to emulate. The president has consistently had high personal favorability ratings and mastered the art of courting Americans outside the political arena.

Paul Ryan can't escape the Republican ghetto

By Francis Wilkinson
Bloomberg View

Since his swearing-in as House speaker, Paul Ryan has maintained his sunny, gung-ho disposition, hobnobbing with his party's guerrillas while gently trying to lure them back to the comforts of civilization.

Wouldn't it be fun to have a comprehensive legislative agenda? Some trinkets for the "accomplishments" page of their campaign websites? Maybe even a shiny new budget?

Apparently not.

On Thursday, Ryan acknowledged what already seemed apparent: He doesn't have the Republican votes to pass a budget. He still intends to roll out something Republicans can run on while they're busy running away from Donald Trump in the fall. But the chances this program will rise above the demands of short-term propaganda seem slim. Ryan's once ballyhooed Path to Prosperity is looking like a rocky road.

His predecessor, John Boehner, tried to manage the role of responsible political adult while accommodating the GOP's angry rebels. He never found a balance, and the House Freedom Caucus finally cooked Boehner in a pot and washed him down with the acid residue of Trump wine.

Yet Boehner's job was vastly easier than Ryan's. Because Boehner wasn't running for president, he could afford to mimic Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell's maximum obstruction and unrelenting partisanship. Legislation was reserved for expressions of tribalism and the flaunting of symbols. Time and again Boehner approved the wild ones' favorite game — Kill the Obamacare! He let party nativists take over immigration policy, making mass deportation the default position of House Republicans. Everyone ran wild and free.

It's hard to position yourself for president in such an environment. As chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Ryan benefited from his party's juvenile obsessions and general haplessness. In a party increasingly defined by hostility to ideas, there was less than robust competition for the role of House intellectual. What's more, Ryan could propose all manner of jarring fiscal engineering secure in the knowledge that institutional dysfunction would prevent it from ever reaching the president's desk, much less becoming law.

Under Boehner, Ryan appeared to be a victim of GOP incompetence. As speaker, he is now at the head of it. Voters may not grasp the nuances of congressional power. But they're pretty sure it's a mess. Voter disapproval of congressional Republicans consistently runs about three times higher than approval.

With his gaze raised to 2020 (and one distracted eye fixed sideways on the party's national convention in July), how does Ryan persuade people to let him lead the nation if he can't persuade the Republican conference to let him lead the House?

Ryan has invested heavily in courting the conservatives most eager to stop the 21st century in its tracks. But obstruction is an unpromising route to the White House. He can't claim to be presidential timber come 2019 by virtue of having accomplished nothing.

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Trump, Cruz, spar over transgender bathroom law

By Jim Morrill
The Charlotte Observer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The issue that has roiled North Carolina erupted into the Republican presidential race Thursday, with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz attacking Donald Trump over his criticism of the state's actions over transgender bathrooms.

Trump's comments also put him at odds with the Republican-controlled General Assembly, which passed the bill last month, and GOP Gov. Pat McCrory, who signed it.

The flap came days before lawmakers return to session, where they're expected to consider McCrory's request to change part of the law. And it came as NBA Commissioner Adam Silver repeated his warning that Charlotte could lose next year's All-Star Game if the law remains unchanged.

It was also the latest example of the issue dividing Republicans.

Passed last month, HB2 pre-empted a Charlotte ordinance that would have let transgender people use the bathroom of their gender identity and extended nondiscrimination protections to sexual orientation. Trump was asked about HB2 during a televised town hall hosted by NBC's "Today" show.

"North Carolina did something that was very strong, and they're paying a big price," he said. "Leave it the way it is. North Carolina, what they're going through, with all of the business and all of the strife — and that's on both sides — you leave it the way it is.

"There have been very few complaints the way it is. People go, they use the bathroom that they feel is appropriate. There has been so little trouble. And the problem with what happened in North Carolina is the strife and the economic punishment they're taking."

It wasn't clear whether Trump was talking about the state restrictions or the city ordinance that promoted them. The Trump campaign could not be reached.

But responding to another question, Trump said Caitlyn Jenner, a transgender woman, could use any bathroom that she wants at New York's Trump Tower.

Cruz wasted little time attacking Trump, who leads the GOP race for convention delegates.

"Donald Trump is no different from politically correct leftist elites," Cruz said in a statement. "Today, he joined them in calling for grown men to be allowed to use little girls' public restrooms. As the dad of young daughters, I dread what this will mean for our daughters — and for our sisters and our wives.

"He has succumbed to the Left's agenda, which is to force Americans to leave God out of public life while paying lip service to false tolerance."

Other presidential candidates have distanced themselves from HB2. Republican John Kasich has said he would "probably not" have signed it. Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders have both condemned it as discriminatory.

Democrats pounced on Trump's comments.

"Pat McCrory's discrimination law is so extreme even Donald Trump won't support it," state party Executive Director Kimberly Reynolds said in a statement.

Trump's comments put Democrats in the unfamiliar position of agreeing with him. A party press release even said the New York billionaire had "joined the growing list of business leaders" against HB2. Democrats have roundly criticized Trump's statements on immigration, Muslims and other issues.

McCrory's campaign spokesman responded to Trump's comment by pointing to the Charlotte ordinance that prompted the state law.

"Gov. McCrory has always said that North Carolina was getting along fine before the Charlotte city council passed its unneeded and overreaching ordinance," Ricky Diaz said.

"Where the governor disagrees with Mr. Trump is that bathroom and shower facilities in our schools should be kept separate and special accommodations made when needed. It's just common sense."

Republican state Senate leader Phil Berger, who Wednesday defended the law, could not be reached for comment. But a spokesman said, "There are many reasons Sen. Berger endorsed Ted Cruz for president."

State Sen. Ronald Rabin of Harnett County, one of few GOP officials in the state to have endorsed Trump, said the candidate's comments aren't likely to sway GOP lawmakers.

"I don't think he's been fully read into what the law's all about," Rabin said. "When he finds out what it's like, he'll probably change his mind again. I stand fully behind the law."

Rabin said he wouldn't want his wife in a restroom and "letting some guy who feels like he's a girl today walking in and doing whatever."

Campaigning Thursday in Matthews with 9th District congressional candidate Mark Harris, Mike Huckabee said he couldn't go along with Trump's view on HB2.

"I agree with Donald Trump on many things. But on this, I strongly disagree," the former Arkansas governor and GOP presidential candidate said. "I think that there is a lack of rational thinking and common sense when we think it would be OK for a person who is a biological male to go into a restroom with my 4-year-old granddaughter."

Associated Press

US Secretary of State John Kerry meets with Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Friday in New York.

Kerry: US won't block foreign business deals under nuke deal

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Obama administration moved Friday to try to address Iranian complaints that U.S. financial regulations are denying Iran the sanctions relief it deserves under last year's landmark nuclear deal.

Meeting with Iran's foreign minister, Secretary of State John Kerry said the United States would not stand in the way of foreign banks or firms doing business with Iranian companies that are no longer subject to U.S. sanctions.

Kerry also said the administration was willing to further clarify what transactions are now permitted with Iran and urged foreign financial institutions to seek answers from U.S. officials if they have questions. They should not assume, he said, that what was once prohibited is still prohibited. Nor, he added, should they assume that transactions with Iran that remain illegal for U.S. companies are illegal for foreign firms.

Kerry's remarks, which came at the start of his second meeting this week with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, were an attempt to resolve confusion about what is permitted under the nuclear deal in which Iran agreed to curb its atomic program in exchange for billions in sanctions relief. Iran, as well as foreign banks and governments, have been clamoring for clarity, but it was not clear that Kerry's remarks would provide it.

"The United States is not standing in the way and will not stand in the way of business that is permitted with Iran since the (nuclear deal) took effect," Kerry said, reading carefully from a prepared text. "We've lifted our nuclear-related sanctions as we committed to do, and there are now opportunities for foreign banks to do business with Iran. Unfortunately, there seems to be some confusion among foreign banks, and we want to try to clarify that as much as we can."

The areas needing clarification, he said, include access to funds and financing for foreign firms to do business with Iran along with Iran's access to its own money, which had been frozen abroad under the nuclear sanctions. Access to all of these is permitted, Kerry said.

"We have no objection (to) foreign banks engaging with Iranian banks and companies, obviously as long as those banks and companies are not on our sanctions list for non-nuclear reasons," he said.

Kerry, however, stressed that the confusion and remaining U.S. sanctions on Iran — imposed for its ballistic missile tests, human rights abuses and support for terrorism — are not the only reasons for foreign reluctance to do business with Iran. He cited the fragility and questionable integrity of Iran's banking system as well as other behavior that gives business executives pause about jumping into the Iranian market.

Some U.S. officials believe some foreign companies have their own concerns about deals with Iran and are using the sanctions confusion as an excuse to avoid them. However, foreign firms have also raised legitimate fears about possible punishment from U.S. regulators, primarily if the 2016 presidential election produces an administration that rips up the nuclear deal, as both leading Republican candidates have vowed to do.

Zarif — who, with other senior Iranian officials, has complained that they are getting short-changed on the sanctions relief they deserve — expressed hope that Kerry's comments would unblock the flow of cash and trade that Iran is entitled to under the nuclear accord.

"We hope that with this statement by Secretary Kerry (that) now we will see serious implementation of all JCPOA benefits that Iran should derive from this agreement," he said, referring to the nuclear deal — the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action — by its formal acronym.

"We hope that the statement made today by Secretary Kerry will begin to open the difficult path that had been closed because of concerns that banks had about the U.S. approach toward implementation of the commitments under the JCPOA."

The Kerry-Zarif meeting capped a long day of developments on the Iran nuclear deal, which began with a U.S. announcement that it would buy 32 metric tons of Iranian heavy water, a key component for one kind of nuclear reactor, to help Iran meet the terms of the agreement.

A sales agreement between the Energy Department and a subsidiary of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, under which the Energy Department's Isotope Program purchased the heavy water for $8.6 million, was signed in Vienna on Friday, officials said. The heavy water will be stored at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee and then resold on the commercial market for research purposes.

Heavy water, formed with a hydrogen isotope, is not radioactive but has research and medical applications and can be used to produce weapons-grade plutonium. Under the nuclear deal, Iran is allowed to use heavy water in its modified Arak nuclear reactor, but must sell any excess supply of both heavy water and enriched uranium on the international market.

Although Iranian news agencies reported in early March that a deal would soon be finalized, members of Congress criticized the deal as another example of the Obama administration giving Iran more that it is entitled to.

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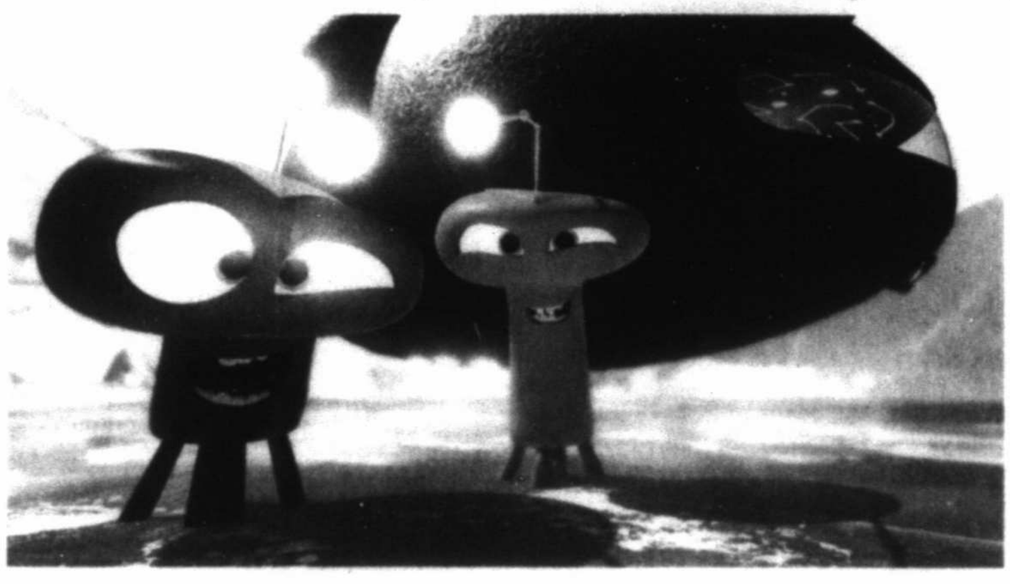
These images released by Baobab Studios shows a scene from the VR Film "Invasion!" which premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York. *Baobab Studios via AP*

At Tribeca, virtual reality takes early steps toward art

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press



NEW YORK — Walking through most doors at the Tribeca Film Festival means taking a seat in a theater full of chattering moviegoers. But there are also darkened, cloth-wrapped chambers — like old carnival booths promising never-before-seen wonders — that offer nothing but a headset, headphones and perhaps some advice, like: "Watch for the dragon."

Virtual reality has steadily become more of a presence at film festivals, particularly at Tribeca. And the buzz at this year's Tribeca's "virtual arcade" was one of the festival's most vibrant hubs of frenzy, albeit one filled largely with neck-craning people in goggles going "Whoa."

Tribeca's VR arcade — an indoor bazaar of film-like tales, journalistic explorations and splendorous dream worlds ripe for immersion — captures a burgeoning medium learning to walk. Most of the creators acknowledge these are just the first — sometimes crude, sometimes dazzling — steps toward art. But the belief is strong that these are the early gestures of a new immersive and interactive art form with eons of evolution to come.

"We're trying to build the airplane while we're in flight," said Eugene Chung, chief executive of Penrose Studios, a VR content maker Chung founded after working at Oculus Rift and Pixar Animation.

Penrose's "Allumette" is one of the standouts at the festival. Set in a Venice-like city in the clouds, the 20-minute narrative is about a young girl and the magical matchsticks handed down to her by her mother. The viewer can walk around the city or dive inside a docked ship, but the power of "Allumette" is as much in its story as its novel technology.

"For us, it's all about what is the authentic story that we want to tell," says Chung. "For me, especially with 'Allumette,' it was about thinking about the sacrifices that my own parents, especially my mom, made while we were growing up, working so hard to provide for us the kind of life she never had."

Many of the installations play like virtual reality demos providing the chance to dive among the reef off Italy or sit front row at a Grateful Dead concert. But the most interesting ones are predicated on applying traditional storytelling to the tools of virtual reality.

"Invasion!" is the creation of Eric Darnell and Maureen Fan of Baobab Studios. Darnell, a veteran feature film director (the "Madagascar" movies, "Antz") was watching "War of the Worlds" when he hit upon the idea of bumbling aliens coming down to earth while a curious white bunny looks on.

"They're kind of buffoons. They didn't think of, like, microbes? They should know that right?" says Darnell of the "War of the Worlds" invaders. "I thought: What if you took that to the nth degree? Not only did they not think about microbes, they also didn't think of little white bunnies."

"Invasion!" could probably work as an animated short, but the viewer has more intimacy with the film's furry protagonist. The bunny looks the viewer straight in the eye, and when the aliens deplane, you can't help but feel protective of the little one standing next to you. Besides, when you look down, you realize that you have bunny feet, too.

"There's a lot to learn and there's a long way to go," Darnell says of VR. "But the holy grail for me to find that kind of emotional experience that we're all used to getting from more traditional storytelling."

Darnell, accustomed to the roar of packed movie theaters, acknowledges missing the communal aspect of film. But he became a quick convert to virtual reality.

"It was putting the headset on for the first time. It's one of those things that's hard to talk about to somebody who hasn't worn a headset," said Darnell. "I wanted to see what we could do with storytelling, and the kind of storytelling I've been doing for the last 15, 20 years."

The questions, though, are endless about the unique grammar of virtual reality — some kind of combination of film and video games. How much should the viewer be a part of a story? How can you lay out a narrative while still giving the viewer freedom to explore? What should these creations be called, anyway?

Chung feels an affinity with the first creators-technicians of cinema, like the Lumiere brothers and Georges Melies: hybrid inventors and storytellers.

"We're trying to create this from scratch in many ways," said Chung. "We're trying to define this new language in the same way the early film pioneers basically needed to invent new things."

"We have all this expertise, but we're not the boss here," he added. "It's virtual reality that's the boss. Every day she tells you what works and what doesn't."

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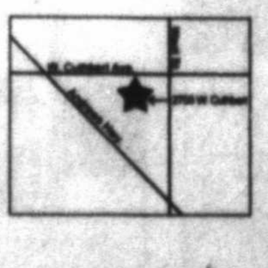

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Human face of mass incarceration gets close-up at Tribeca

By Jake Coyle
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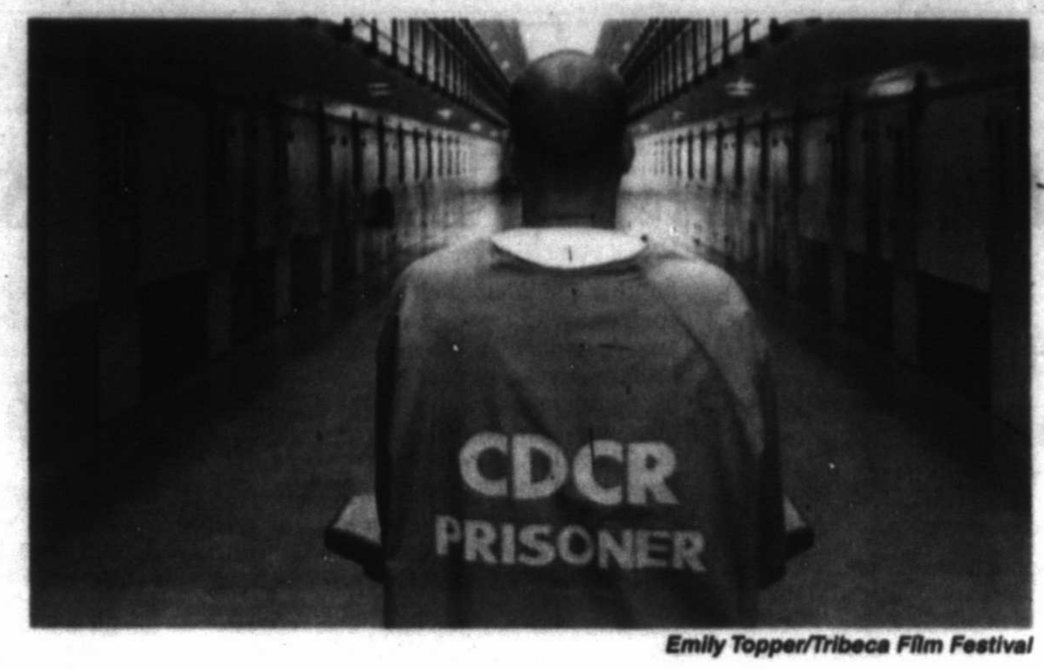

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This image released by the Tribeca Film Festival shows inmate Kenneth Anderson in a scene from, "The Return," a documentary entered into the Tribeca Film Festival. In an election year where prison reform and criminal justice has often been in the spotlight, a handful of documentaries at the festival are depicting the human cost of incarceration.

NEW YORK — At a time when criminal justice reform has gained national attention and bipartisan support from even the leading candidates for president, a handful of documentaries at the Tribeca Film Festival are giving a close-up to the human cost of mass incarceration.

The films pursue the issue in numerous directions, from the conditions of solitary confinement to the difficult re-entry to society ex-convicts face. But they're united in depicting a system that's dehumanizing and destructive for all who enter it.

"There's a lot of talk about a change moment. There hasn't been that much change," says Kelly Duane de la Vega, co-director of "The Return." "We're hoping that this film and the many, many others that are in this struggle together can catalyze on this moment."

"The Return," also directed by Katie Galloway, movingly trails a pair of men released after California altered the harsh sentencing of its "three strikes" law. David Feig's "Untouchable" delves into the distorted effects of Florida's stringent sex offender laws (more than 800,000 are listed on the state's sex offender registry).

"Prison Dogs," by Geeta Gandbhir and Perri Peltz, documents psychically damaged inmates finding healing by caring for puppies.

For "Solitary," Kristi Jacobson spent a year and a half documenting a Virginia supermax prison and the lives of inmates who spend 23 hours a day within a 10-feet by 8-ft. cell. There's even a virtual reality exhibit at the festival that simulates the experience of solitary confinement.

The films are filled with tender and tragic stories of people — many of them poor, many of them black men — who made mistakes at a young age and were locked away for questionably long terms. They are stories of debatable justice, but are more principally films about human dignity.

"The main thing I wanted my film to do was make you think about who these people are as humans: human beings who had childhoods and lives and who for one reason or another, wound up here," says Jacobson. "The difference between them and you may be thinner than we think."

An estimated 2.2 million Americans are behind bars, many times more than most industrialized democracies. Though crime has fallen drastically since its peak in 1991, the prison population has grown exponentially. The National Research Council found that the 2009 state and federal prison population was seven times what it was in 1973. Studies have found increased incarceration rates only slightly improve crime rates.

Recently, criminal justice reform has emerged as a rare bipartisan issue. Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz has voiced support for easing mandatory minimum sentencing, as has Democratic candidate Hilary Clinton, who has written of an "incarceration generation." Last year, President Barack Obama became the first sitting president to visit a federal prison.

"The Return" debuted at Tribeca but its true premiere was at New York's Otisville Correctional Facility. There, inmates peppered one of the film's subjects, Bilal Chatman, for advice on how to make it on the outside. For Chatman, who has found a good job and remarried, agreeing to do the film was first simply about "survival" — a means to help him get released.

He had to rethink his commitment to the film once he was out. Not only were cameras a distraction in a trying time, he didn't want to be defined as an ex-con.

"I didn't want them around," said Chatman. "Then I felt this sense that I had this opportunity to get this out there to the world. I had a sense of responsibility to all the guys that are still left there."

The film's other subject, Kenneth Anderson, has had a harder road. He served 14 years, entering prison with four young children. His struggles include mental health and crushing guilt over his absence. "I've been yearning for freedom even though I'm walking around free," he says in "The Return," which PBS's "POV" will air in May.

"I've seen it three times, and I've cried all three times," says Chatman, who will meet Anderson next month. "Kenneth's family moves me every time. ... My connection to them is lifelong."

The personal tales of "Solitary," filmed at Virginia's Red Onion State Prison, are no less emotional. One inmate asks, "Could you live in a bathroom for 10 years?" The toll of nearly zero human interaction is severe. Another inmate, fighting for his sanity, says, "I feel like I've been buried alive."

Yearning for human connection, inmates often contort themselves to speak to other inmates through air vents in their cells.

And the prison is grueling for the guards, too, many of whom took the job as the only local option aside from the coal mines.

"The system is dehumanizing for all of us," says Jacobson, whose film will later air on HBO. "But there is some hope. We're at a particular moment in time where people who have been working on this issue for decades, just coming up against really well built brick walls, seem to be legitimately saying there is real progress and real reason to have hope."

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Sanders doesn't understand black votes matter

■ Hillary Clinton will win because she can identify with an important bloc of voters

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CHARLESTON, S.C. —

African-Americans in the South can't get a break when it comes to voting, as history can't deny.

After all they've endured through slavery, Jim Crow and the fight for civil rights, their voices are still treated dismissively by tone-deaf politicians who would ask for their votes.

If you're thinking Bernie Sanders, you're partly right.

Earlier this month, having lost massively to Hillary Clinton across the Southeast, Sanders commented that the bevy of early Southern primaries "distorts reality." In other comments soon thereafter, perhaps covering for what was obviously a lapse in political acumen, he clarified that those early states are the most conservative in the country.

Not really. And not really.

While some segments of the South are undeniably conservative, Dixie is also home to a large and reliably Democratic cohort — African-Americans. Many of the most liberal people serving in today's Congress were elected by Southerners, and especially black Southerners. The reality is that Sanders failed to earn their votes in part by treating the South as a lost cause.

Many took Sanders' remarks as insinuating that the black vote isn't all that important. Adding to the insult, actor Tim Robbins, a Sanders surrogate, said that Clinton's win in South Carolina, where more than half of Democratic voters are African-American, was "about as significant" as winning Guam.

Not cool, Mr. Robbins, but you were great in "The Shawshank Redemption."

The gentleman from Vermont (black population: 1 percent) and the gentleman from Hollywood failed to charm Southern Democratic leaders, who recently responded with a letter condemning Sanders' remarks. The signatories, including the Democratic Party chairs of South Carolina (an African-American), Louisiana, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi, expressed concern that Sanders' characterization of the South minimized "the importance of the voices of a core constituency for our party."

The letter writers also pointed out that some of Sanders' victories have been in states that are more conservative than Southern ones, such as Oklahoma, Utah and Idaho.

That black voters would prefer a familiar candidate such as Clinton over someone whose personal experience among African-Americans seems to have been relatively limited, notwithstanding his participation in civil rights demonstrations, is hardly surprising. For decades, the Clintons have worked for issues and protections important to the African-American community.

But the Clintons, too, have been dismissive toward black voters when things didn't go their way. During the 2008 primaries when it was clear that Barack Obama would trounce Hillary Clinton in South Carolina, Bill Clinton remarked that Jesse Jackson also had won the state in both 1984 and 1988.

No one needs a translator to get Clinton's meaning. His next hastily drawn sentence — "Jackson ran a good campaign. And Obama ran a good campaign here" — did little to distract from the implication that Obama would win because he was black.

Not cool, Mr. President.

Hillary Clinton got herself into a hot mess when she asserted that President Lyndon Johnson was responsible for the Civil Rights Act, which many saw as dismissive of the Rev. Martin Luther King's legacy. She scrambled to explain herself and mitigate the damage, but feelings once hurt are hard to mend.

Then again, time is a miracle worker, and all is apparently forgiven. Hillary Clinton is the new black and has been duly rewarded for her loyalty, patience and sportsmanship. She played nice with Obama, crushing her resentment beneath the heel of her sensible shoes and erasing from memory Obama's condescending "You're likable enough, Hillary" during a debate.

On the campaign trail, Clinton now tosses rose petals at Obama's feats, promising to carry on his policies not because she necessarily agrees with them but because it's politically savvy. For his part, the president has all but endorsed Clinton, returning the favor of her indulgence and her husband's vigorous support.

The truth is, only Obama could have defeated Clinton for the 2008 nomination, and he probably did win at least partly because he was African-American. The country felt it was time for a black president, and Obama's message of hope against a purple-colored backdrop of streamlined unity, baby, was intoxicating. He was a dazzling diamond in the rough world of partisan politics.

Clinton shares none of Obama's sparkle, but she has more than paid her dues and African-American voters have rewarded her loyalty. For his part, Sanders not only confirmed African-Americans' concerns about his disconnect from their daily lives but was also badly mistaken about the South's distance from reality.

In the South, black votes matter — a lot — and no one has understood this better than the Clintons.

OUR VIEW

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We also offer a San Antonio Express-News story on development in the Eagle Ford. The Express-News uses a $20 million pool facility — a boom-time project — to illustrate the situation: There is no money to operate the facility in the downturn conditions. The lesson to be learned here is to not get ahead of ourselves before we know what we can afford.

We have heard from people who believe we are pushing the negative aspects of the downturn on the people of Midland. Nothing could be further from the truth. We remain bullish on Midland. Sure, some economic indicators aren't what they were during the most prosperous times in our city's history, but we remain optimistic about the future.

We see the opening of new office buildings across the city. We see the second H-E-B and the announcement of another CVS Pharmacy (the city's third to go with four Walgreens). We read about more restaurants (including a Bubba's, which will be developed by Texas Roadhouse next to Genghis Grill at Midland Park Mall). We have seen that Dickey's Barbecue Pit wants to open two more locations, a Potbelly Sandwich Shop is open for business near the Scharbauer Sports Complex and Fresh Fit Meals is coming to Midland. There are countless others — including a new Lori's, Jimmy John's, Five Guys, Carl's Jr. and Wienerschnitzel that have recently opened or soon will be opening.

We see a bustling city every day. The lack of oilfield traffic didn't have much of an impact on the morning and evening commutes. The loss of transients in our community didn't lead to a decrease in the number of students enrolled in Midland ISD or private schools.

Our community has had a chance to play catch-up. That's not all bad. It is what we do with that chance that will tell the story when times improve. It will be the decisions that we make during a downturn that will be felt most when activity increases.

Do the decisions reflect a community being careless or careful during times like these? There is a difference between government taking unnecessary chances and being challenged.

The downturn is part of the cyclical economy. Some areas have been through a downturn before, and others are getting their first taste. Either way, there is a lesson to be learned.

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It's not easy to talk about death

■ Deciding on those last moments while someone is alive isn't easy

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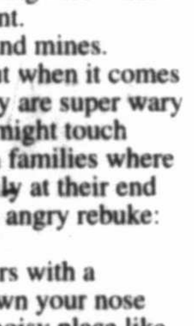

There's no better time than now to talk about dying. And if the best-seller lists are any indication, it's a really hot topic these days.

You've got "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" by Atul Gawande, "Gratitude" by Oliver Sacks and "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi.

What these titles have in common is that they were all written by doctors — a surgeon, neurologist and a neurosurgeon, respectively. Sacks and Kalanithi wrote theirs as they were facing their own deaths.

It makes sense that medical practitioners are the ones leading the charge in talking about death — since they see it so often. And these three authors in particular are at the cutting edge of talking about the end of life and helping to facilitate discussions about how we want to die.

New research from the John A. Hartford Foundation, an organization that works to improve the health of older Americans, has set the baseline for how prepared our medical system is to meaningfully address end-of-life issues and advanced care planning. The context: Every eight seconds an adult in the U.S. turns 65.

The project is called "Conversation Stopper," a national poll of approximately 750 physicians. During a news briefing on the results, pollster Tresa Undem said "99 percent of physicians considered end-of-life conversations important, but they feel the structural barriers of not having a formal process in place for assessing patients' goals and attitudes about the end of life keeps them from doing so."

But they definitely want to. Seventy-five percent of the doctors who responded to the poll said that it is their responsibility to initiate conversations about advanced care planning with patients, with only 15 percent saying that the patient or their families should begin the dialogue.

The same number of doctors (75 percent) said that they don't feel they have enough of the right kind of training to talk to their patients about their end of life.

In addition to not having formal instruments for guiding such delicate talks, doctors also cited reasons such as fearing that their patients will think they are "giving up on them," not wanting a patient to give up hope, not being sure it's "the right time," being wary of a family-patient dynamic and, increasingly important, not being sure what's culturally appropriate for the patient.

Boy, is that issue fraught with land mines.

I hate making generalizations but when it comes to Hispanics, I have to say that they are super wary of the subject. Conversations that might touch upon end-of-life wishes — even in families where relatives have suffered unnecessarily at their end — are likely to be stopped with an angry rebuke: "What, you want me dead?"

"Though spending your last hours with a catheter in your bladder, a tube down your nose and an IV in your arm in a bright noisy place like an intensive care unit doesn't sound appealing to many people, it's still very difficult to bring this up," according to Anthony Back, a co-director of the Cambia Palliative Care Center of Excellence, a co-sponsor of the poll. "And even harder when you're talking to people from different cultures.

"Different cultures deal with death very differently. Asians, for instance, don't show a lot of emotions. Other cultures generally have low medical literacy. Still others believe that even talking about death will make death happen. So the physician ends up needing even more skills in talking with these patients. And I mean skills that go above and beyond cultural competence training. Add an in-person or over-the-phone interpreter into the mix and it's a real challenge."

Yet, the very fact that best-selling books, end-of-life care legislation and Medicare reimbursement for engaging in such conversations are getting such traction — and money is being spent on learning how these important discussions can be made a standard part of medical care for everyone, not just people over 65 — indicates that we're moving in the right direction.

Maybe it's partly a branding issue. "End of life" sounds scary. Yet as we get these conversations going, we need not contemplate death so much as consider how we want to live immediately before we die.

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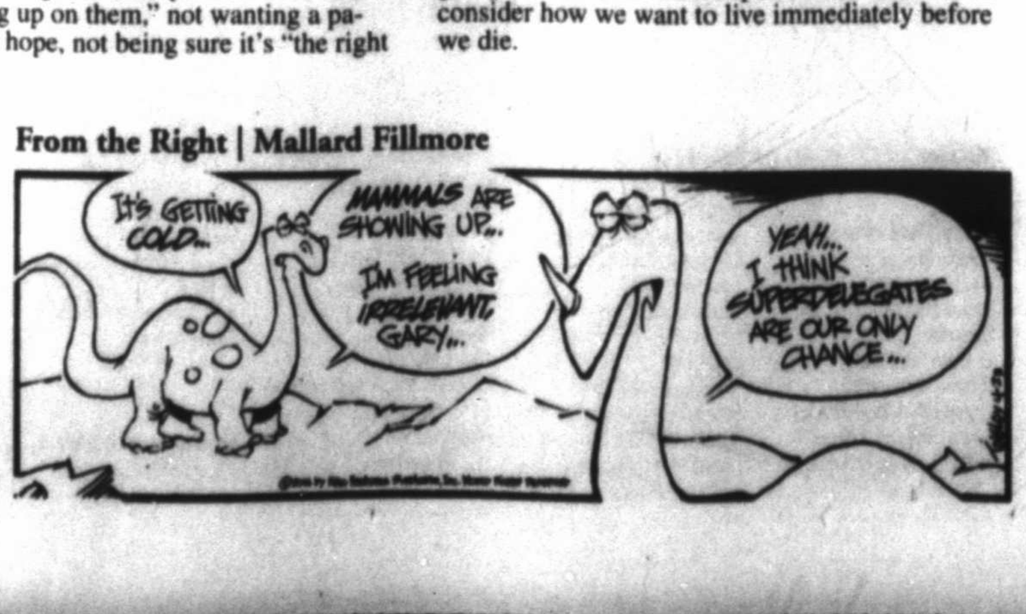

Is the Texas miracle on ice? What low oil prices mean for Texas

DALE CRAYMER
Texas Taxpayers

The Texas economy — long a standout among the states and a major source of Lone Star bragging rights — has gained national attention as the "Texas Miracle." Over the past eight years alone, Texas' annual job growth has exceeded the nation's growth by a factor of four, with Texas adding jobs at a robust 2 percent clip, even in the face of a severe recession.

But much of that growth has been fueled by oil and gas, which is five times more important to our economy than to the nation's. The recent price drop has been a body blow to our state — for the first time in 12 years, Texas' job engine lags the rest of the nation.

Over the past year, oil and gas companies have shuttered more than 600 operating rigs, cut investment by more than $40 billion and slashed payrolls by 65,000, with the further ripple effect of 250,000 jobs lost in other sectors.

Yes, oil and gas still matters in Texas, which produces over a third of the nation's oil. In 2014, the industry accounted for 13.5 percent of Texas' economic output. Cutting that output by more than half takes a toll on Texas' overall numbers.

The Texas Miracle, at least for now, appears to be on ice.

That's not to say the Texas economy is not growing; some parts of the state are doing quite well. But hard times in the oil patch mean Houston, the energy capital of the world, and other oil and gas producing areas will continue to experience rough waters that will splash onto other parts of the state. And while Texas will still add another 1 percent to its jobs tally in 2016, that is less than the state is used to and less than the nation overall.

Still, unlike in previous oil and gas "busts," Texas state finances remain sound for several reasons. First, our revenue structure is more diversified than 30 years ago. While still critical to the economy, oil and gas is a smaller player.

Second, much of the oil downturn was factored by the Texas comptroller into his official revenue forecast and by legislators into the state's budget. Legislators last session left a $4.2 billion cushion in the general revenue fund and roughly $10 billion in the state's so-called "Rainy Day Fund." This sizeable insulation will allow us to weather the downturn without the usual fiscal crisis. In addition, the state no longer heavily relies on severance taxes to cover basic state needs; most now are dedicated for other purposes.

Third, today's high production levels lessen the depth of the price crash. Texas oil production today is about 50 percent higher than it was during the 1986 downturn and almost three times higher than it was in 2008. Natural gas production also is substantially higher.

Absent a national recession, Texas state finances are likely to remain in the black for the foreseeable future, even if oil prices continue to be weak.

What can we expect? The price of Texas oil is predicted to fluctuate substantially while averaging under $40 a barrel — about $10 below 2015's level. Natural gas prices are expected to hover near 2015 levels. Unable to make money at those prices, producers will continue to cut capital budgets, drill fewer wells, employ fewer people and produce less oil than in years past.

While oil and gas and related industries will continue to suffer, Texas also has a large energy-consuming economy helped by low energy prices, including new chemical plants and natural gas export facilities projects along the Gulf Coast. Other bright spots in the economy will be housing construction, service industries and health care.

While 2016 may be a challenging year in Texas, it is a testament to the economy's underlying strength that the state has continued to add jobs as oil prices and drilling have slid to a third of what they once were.

The Texas Miracle may be on ice for now, but as oil prices and drilling stabilize, the thaw will come.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NASA offers evidence for climate change

An April 17 letter to the Reporter-Telegram disparaged the idea of human-driven climate change. In that letter, the writer refers (obliquely) to NASA as a scientific authority. I agree and encourage all objective, intelligent readers to view NASA's website (climate.nasa.gov) that compiles the overwhelming evidence for human-induced climate change.

I think it's one of the most accessible summaries, by one of our most respected institutions. My only critique of NASA is that it does not also include the worrisome biological evidence for climate change (e.g. range shifts).

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Liberals destroying energy, education

Two big "E's" fill our important local news — energy and education. And liberals (socialists) are the villains back of destroying both.

Rich Lowry, in the April 20 Reporter-Telegram explained the "outrageous" campaign against Exxon-Mobil in regards to global warming. I agree that scientific proof is lacking in blaming humankind's use of fossil fuels.

Some years ago there was huge publicity when a famous psychic predicted that Earth would undergo a pole shift. Scientists say the North Pole is now located close to England. So a slight shift may have occurred already, causing the sun to shine closer to areas that normally are covered in ice. Is that not possible in a huge universe with millions of forms, including our Earth, whirling around in empty space?

An effort to improve local education is underway. A program originated in Washington, D.C, called "Common Core" dictates what is taught and how to teach. The Center for Individual Freedom warns that liberals will indoctrinate the next generation of children to share their beliefs about how bad is America and our values. Radicals can reach their ultimate goal of a socialist state.

Many immigrants are prevented from higher-paying jobs because of the mistaken belief that using Spanish in education programs and public places is helpful. Most commerce is conducted in English and the sooner it is learned, the greater will they progress.

Socialist Adolf Hitler said, "Let me control the textbooks, and I will control the state."

Merrilyn Richardson

Heavy rainfall will cause serious trouble

A big thumbs up for the Odessa Police Department for running its recent "red for a reason" campaign, focusing on people who run red lights at random intersections. Maybe one day I'll be able to give Midland Police Department some kind of positive feedback for things they do, but since they don't do a whole lot, it's kind of hard to.

My point for this letter is to hopefully make someone realize we're in danger if it rains any significant amount here in Midland. The city can't handle 15 minutes worth of solid rain. What would happen if it rained like it did recently in Houston, and continues to? The drainage system here is pathetic, and just about every intersection and outside lane floods every single time it rains. The streets are never prepared ahead of time before a freeze, or snow so after that's all said and done, the roads are just as dangerous (giving Midland PD that much longer to respond in time of need). We're in serious trouble should a serious thunderstorm hit us, and it will one day.

Daniel Petrusaitis

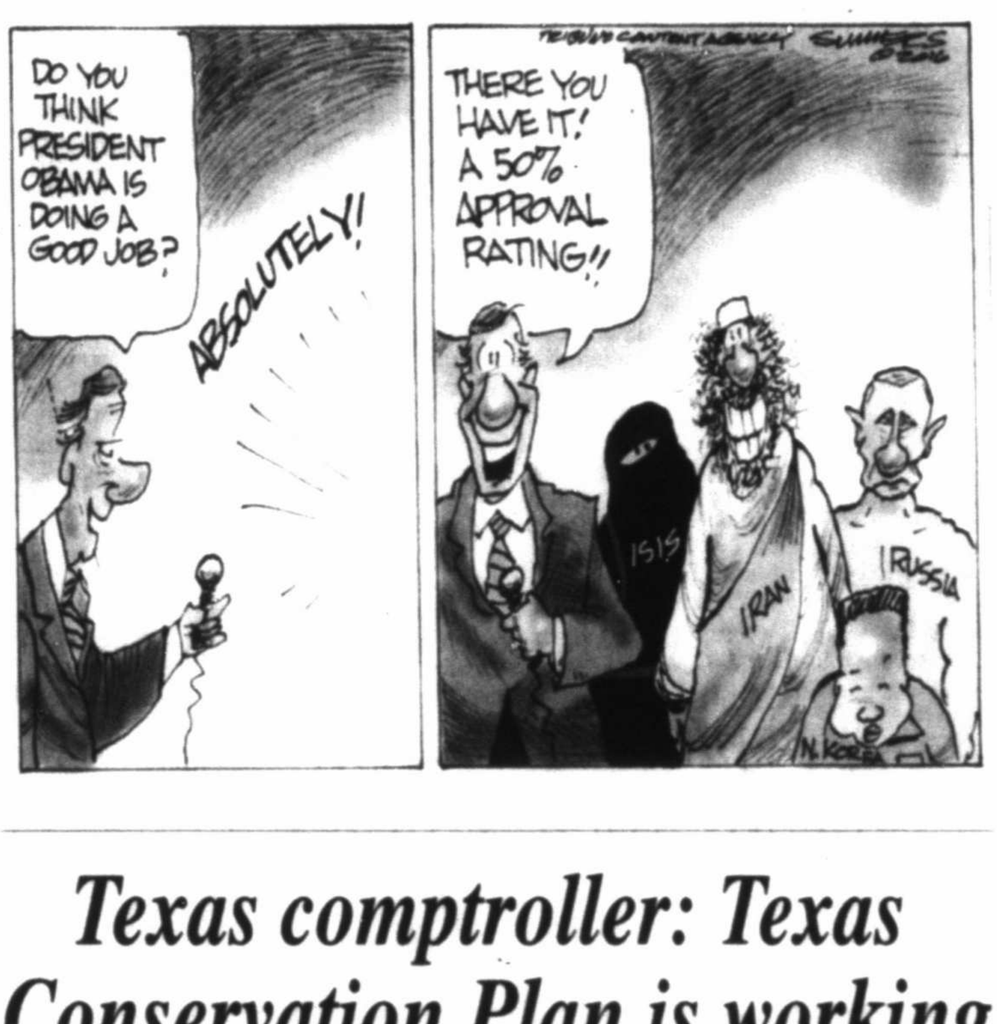
Criminal justice is oxymoron

On Page 3A of April 14 Reporter-Telegram, the top-of-the-page headline reads: "Man gets 20 years, stole purse during Odessa church service."

At the bottom of that page a headline reads: "Judge gives affluenza teen nearly two years in jail" — for killing four people and injuring others while driving drunk at 70 mph.

That's right — criminal justice is a crime.

Betty A. Lewis



School finance should be about what's best for every child

By Kent Grusendorf
Texas Public Policy Foundation

Any day now the Texas Supreme Court could rule on the pending school finance case. For more than three decades, legislators and taxpayers have been confronted with litigation regarding the manner in which we fund our schools. On the first day of the current round of litigation, in October 2012, the lead attorney for the school districts, who are suing the state for more money, indicated that lawsuits are just another part of the Texas school finance system.

School finance is one of the most difficult issues in state government. The formulas are very complex, opaque and understood by only a handful of people in the entire state. During trial, the judge asked every superintendent who testified how much it costs to educate a child. No one could answer the question. Researchers and analysts have wrestled with this issue for decades — how can a fair market price be determined when a third party is paying the tab?

How much more should we be spending? Who decides how much we spend? As with everything in life, it comes back to values: What we value as individuals. As a brilliant philosopher said, "The most basic question is not what is best, but who shall decide what is best."

Most Texans greatly value education. Education has played an important role throughout Texas' history. Our state constitution requires an efficient education system in order to preserve the "liberties and rights of the people." How do we assure this objective?

The answer lies in the focus. What is best for the child? Who decides what is best for the child?

Texas Public Policy Foundation recently released a study: Texas School Finance: Basics and Reform, which explains how the finance system works and makes recommendations for improvements. This new report suggests changing the funding system to a student-centered funding system with greater transparency and equity for every child in Texas.

The current system's complexity comes from the fact that it is a politically driven system which has been amended and patched together with Band-aids and many rubber bands over time as required by various political considerations. Not surprisingly, the trial judge found little relationship to the current formulas and student needs.

Past litigation has always focused on equity for school districts. However, the focus should be on equity for students through a student-centered funding system. Such will result in a much more efficient and productive system from the student's perspective. By making the formulas by which we fund education more transparent, straightforward and student-centered, we will improve both efficiency and equity. However, in order to maximize student success we must also empower parents to make choices regarding what is best for the individual needs of their child.

Nothing is more critical to the future of our society than the education of our youth. Yet, according to Judge Dietz, the current system is failing "hundreds of thousands" of Texas students. And many more are being greatly underserved.

No one knows better the needs of a child than the parent and the teacher, yet we have designed a system whereby administrators, board members and legislators make the decisions that affect the lives of millions of Texas students. This must change. We must allow parents more choices regarding the future of their children. The implementation of Education Savings Accounts can help.

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Texas comptroller: Texas Conservation Plan is working

By Glenn Hegar
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

The dunes sagebrush lizard is a little reptile with a potentially large effect on the Texas economy. Today it's back in the news, but there are some misconceptions floating around I believe need to be addressed.

Mostly native to New Mexico, a portion of the lizard's range extends over West Texas' Permian Basin, home of the state's most productive oil and gas fields and the source of tens of thousands of Texas jobs.

In 2012, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) was on the verge of listing the species under the Endangered Species Act when my predecessor helped craft a solution to protect the species while allowing oil and gas companies to continue drilling and building pipelines in the lizard's habitat.

The resulting Texas Conservation Plan (TCP) is a voluntary effort that satisfied the benchmarks set by FWS, passed the scrutiny of the federal courts and protects both the lizard and the interests of industry. The TCP represents a guarantee to the oil and gas industry and landowners who participate in the plan that they can continue their operations if they avoid unnecessary disturbances to lizard's habitat, minimize those that can't be avoided and mitigate for any habitat loss.

My office holds the federal permit for the TCP and is ultimately responsible for its implementation. This year, we made some changes to the personnel charged with managing the day-to-day execution of the plan. Some press accounts have taken this as an admission that the TCP has somehow failed and done nothing for the species.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Texas Conservation Plan for the dunes sagebrush lizard is working, and our collaboration with FWS continues.

In fact, less than 300 acres of the 200,000 acres of dunes sagebrush lizard habitat has been disturbed. It is important to note, the TCP contains a "tripwire" that would have allowed FWS to amend the plan or even to revoke its approval if more than 1,630 acres of lizard habitat was disturbed in the first three years of the program. Today, almost four years into the plan, we are nowhere near that figure.

Since the TCP went into place, oil and gas companies have reclaimed abandoned drilling pads and roads, removed hundreds of acres of invasive mesquite, rerouted pipelines and changed drilling locations to avoid habitat. Researchers from Texas A&M University are conducting the first-ever in-depth research on the lizard's movements, reproductive patterns and habitat to increase our understanding of what the species needs to survive and thrive.

Managing the TCP isn't easy. It requires a deep understanding of biology, federal law and the art of negotiation.

In 2015, I hired Robert Gulley to head our effort. Gulley published 36 scientific papers before becoming an environmental lawyer who worked on endangered species issues for the U.S. Department of Justice. He then served as executive director of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Program, where he helped stakeholders arrive at a compromise that protected the spring species and the water rights of communities, industries and the 2 million Texans who depend on the aquifer.

After a year of working closely with FWS and participants in the plan, Gulley recommended restructuring the program. He brought in new biologists and managers who were better equipped to deal with its complexities.

That's all that has changed. We saw a need for stronger and more effective management and took steps to ensure it.

We have helped the dunes sagebrush lizard. And we've done so while maintaining a remarkable degree of cooperation and partnership among federal regulators, state and local officials, university faculty, industry representatives and private landowners.

The TCP was, is, and will continue to be a model of effective public-private cooperation in the endeavor to preserve endangered species while protecting landowners' fundamental right to the use of their property. It's something of which Texans can and should feel proud.

Trump tells Connecticut voters he's 'not toning it down'

By Susan Haigh
Associated Press

WATERBURY, Conn. — A confident Donald Trump says he's "not toning it down," a day after his chief adviser assured Republican officials the GOP front-runner will show more restraint.

Trump received huge cheers from a crowd of 3,000 in Waterbury, Connecticut, when he asked, "Isn't it nice that I'm not one of these teleprompter guys?"

Trump said it's "very easy to be presidential," before making a series of faux serious faces.

The New York businessman is leading his GOP rivals in Tuesday's primary in Connecticut, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll.

He said he likes his chances in Connecticut and the other four primary states.

Associated Press

Prince performs Jan. 10, 1985, in the first of six concert appearances at the Summit. The Houston performances are part of the Purple Rain Tour and has sold-out the Summit for a record four nights.

5 ways Prince slammed high tech in music

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — His Royal Badness didn't think much of the Internet — or iPhones, for that matter. And his once iconoclastic attitude toward the modern music industry helped inspire other artists to resist technological innovators such as Spotify.

Prince was adamant about protecting his copyrights. He owned the song publishing rights to his music and vigorously pursued online outlets that used it without permission. That's why it's been tough to find many of his songs on outlets like YouTube following his death on Thursday.

Today, many artists are pursuing a similar path, determined to control where their music goes and insisting on getting paid when it's online. That's why artists like Taylor Swift and Adele put some songs on Spotify, but not their recent albums or back catalogs, which they reserve for paying customers on other services.

"You've had everything from The Beatles not wanting to be on iTunes to the most recent spate of exclusives on Apple and Tidal," says Russ Crupnick, managing partner of research firm MusicWatch. "If you're a top tier artist ... you can afford to be a lot more particular."

For his latest album, "HITNRUN," Prince joined many artists in releasing exclusively on Tidal, at least for a brief time window. Others include Kanye West, Rihanna and Beyoncé.

In a July 2010 interview with Daily Mirror reporter Peter Willis, Prince says he's releasing his album "20TEN" to Daily Mirror readers as a CD for free. In the interview, he complains that outlets like iTunes don't pay advances for music and compares the Internet to a passing fad like MTV.

If you use a Prince song as a ringtone, you should know his Royal Badness did not approve. In a June 2011 interview with The Guardian's Dorian Lynskey, Prince says he can't stand digital music, nor the cacophony of ringtones it enables. "Have you ever been in a room where there's 17 ringtones going off at once?"

Prince not only disdains the Internet, he forgoes the tools to access it. Asked in a July 2013 story by V Magazine's Vanessa Grigoriadis if he owns an iPhone, Prince responds : "Are you serious? Hell, no." He then mimics a high-voiced woman who has lost hers. He also touts the pleasures of listening to Joni Mitchell on vinyl.

Prince explains his Internet comment to AP's Nekesa Mumbi Moody in an exclusive interview at his Paisley Park compound in September 2014, even as he queues up songs on YouTube from artists such as James Brown and FKA Twigs. At the time, his music is on both iTunes and Spotify. Today, major artists from Taylor Swift to Adele to Kanye West are picking and choosing where their music is released, just as Prince did.

In an interview with Ebony's Miles Marshall Lewis published in December, Princeexplains why he's removing his music from most streaming services and putting it all on Tidal. But the magazine removed the interview at Prince's request, according to Billboard, all that remains on Ebony's website now is Prince's insistence that artist ownership of the means of distribution is important. "Where we finally get into a position to run things — we all should help."

Prince, Haggard, Bowie, White, Frey: Lousy year for music

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's only April and already 2016 is a terrible year for music.

That's not to slight Kendrick Lamar, Sturgill Simpson, Beyonce or some unknown creator working in a basement to turn the sounds in their head into a file for everyone to hear and enjoy.

But any year that silences the voices behind "Sign o' the Times," "Space Oddity," "Tequila Sunrise," "Shining Star" and "The Bottle Let Me Down" can't qualify as anything other than awful.

Prince's stunning death on Thursday adds to a tragic roll call that already included David Bowie, Glenn Frey, Maurice White and Merle Haggard. Motorhead's Lemmy Kilmister beat the calendar's turn to 2016 by a couple of days, Natalie Cole by mere hours.

"Running out of living musical heroes, those we measure everything against, emulate, know we won't surpass but inspire us to try," Carrie Brownstein, actress and Sleater-Kinney singer, tweeted Thursday.

While the circumstances behind Prince's death remain unclear, most others were mundane, independent of rock 'n' roll excess. Cancer. Diabetes. Intestinal disease. Pneumonia. Parkinson's Disease. Bowie and Frey kept their conditions private, so few outside family saw them coming.

Merle Haggard was 79, not cheated of life, and White of Earth, Wind and Fire suffered a slow decline before dying at 74. Yet others were too young — 69 for Bowie, 67 for Frey, 45 for Malik Taylor, the founder of A Tribe Called Quest known as Phife Dawg.

And 57 for Prince, without any apparent signs of slowing down.

All of the deaths hit like a punch to the stomach. Their careers were long enough to create impressive legacies, not long enough to keep adding accomplishments. We weren't through with them, nor they with us.

Bowie's last album came simultaneously with his death, the song and video for "Lazarus" full of self-awareness and humor. He was bringing his music to Broadway. Retirement held no interest, and neither did repeatedly churning out copies of songs he made when young and reckless.

The Eagles, a band whose carcass Frey once left by the side of the road, was back together and an ongoing creative force before he died. The band that once brought country influences into rock 'n' roll was bringing rock 'n' roll to country in its later years, appealing to a new marketplace whose stars sounded like they grew up on Eagles songs.

Even if he took it a little easier, Haggard was still working in his final years and brought his music to younger generations at the Bonnaroo festival in Tennessee.

Nothing could stop Prince, could it? The man was indefatigable in concert, a whirlwind who drilled his bands until they met his exacting standards. He released four albums in the last 18 months, and just announced he was writing his autobiography. He was in the midst of a "Piano and a Microphone" tour, which was just as it sounded — a rare chance to see an artist strip down his best songs to their essence. It was a must-have ticket.

During some of those shows, he sat at the piano to sing "Heroes" in honor of Bowie.

"We had a tough year already," veteran Grammy Awards producer Ken Ehrlich said Thursday. "It's really our generation now. We'd hear about past stars dying because, of our parents. This time it's our greats."

The deaths of musical heroes resonate because their work is aimed straight for the heart. These weren't celebrities. They were friends who comforted you when your heart was broken, who gave you bravery, who understood exactly what you were thinking.

As long as the music lived, so too would the person you were when you first heard it. The club where the synthesizer riff of "1999" washed over you, and who you danced with. The car radio where you thrilled to the crackle of "When Doves Cry." The bedroom where you retreated to absorb the stunning breadth of "Sign o' the Times."

Remember that, and maybe 2016 can be a little less crummy.

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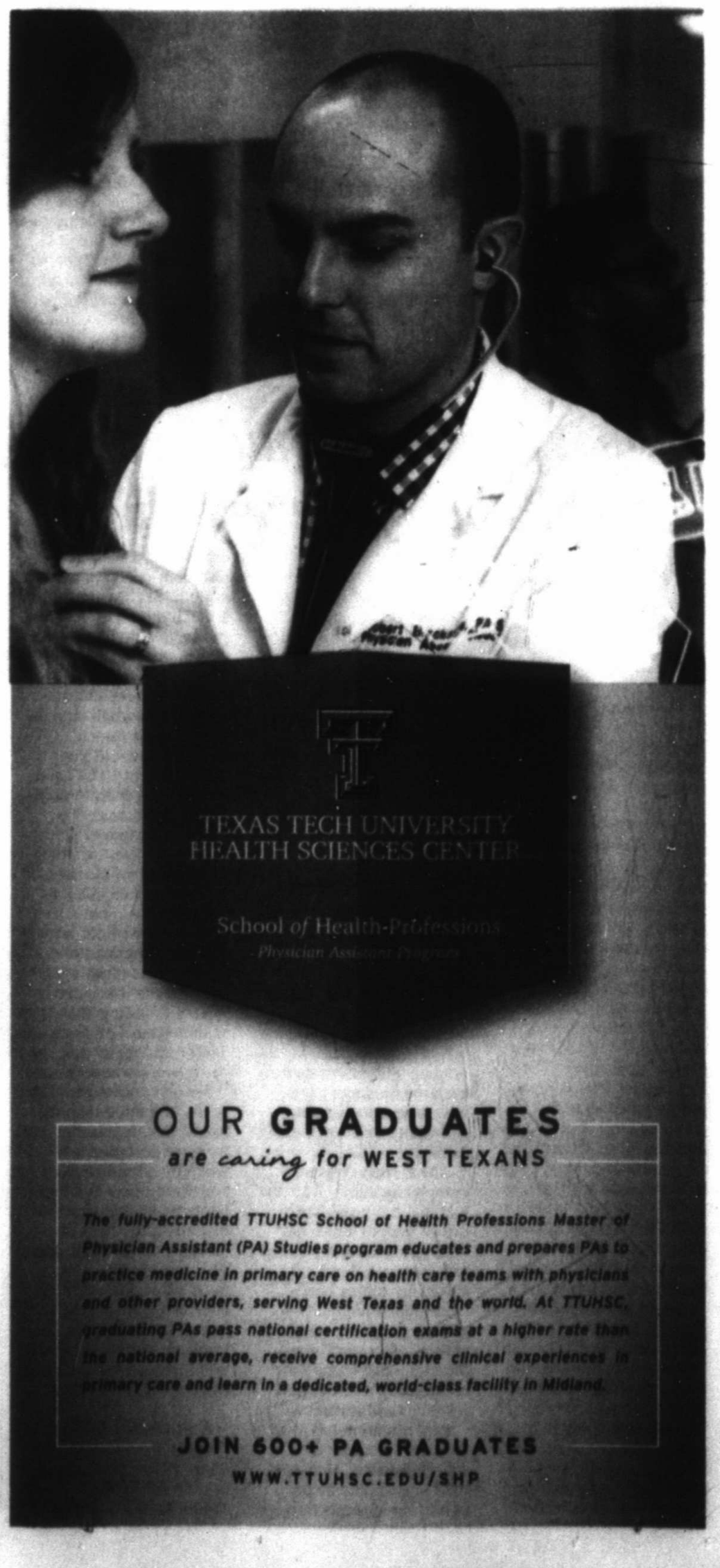

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Everyone lies, but politicians do it more often

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This is the season of lies.

We watch with fascination as candidates for the world's most powerful job trade falsehoods and allegations of dishonesty.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump routinely calls rival Ted Cruz "Lyin' Ted." Cruz retorts: "Falsely accusing someone of lying is itself a lie and something Donald does daily."

News organizations such as The Associated Press and PolitiFact dedicate enormous resources to separating candidates' truthful wheat from their dishonest chaff.

But if we've come to expect and even joke about office-seekers who seem truth averse ("How do you know a politician is lying? His lips are moving"), many of us have given little thought to our own fibs and to how they compare with politicians' deceits. What if PolitiFact looked at what we say to our spouses, friends and bosses?

For more than two decades, researchers of different stripes have examined humanity's less-than-truthful underbelly. This is what they have found: We all stretch the truth. We learned to deceive as toddlers. We rationalize our fabrications that benefit us. We tell little white lies daily that make others feel good.

Now magnify that. Politicians distort the truth more often, use more self-justifications and deceive in larger ways, and with more consequences, experts in psychology and political science say.

Especially this year.

"I feel more worried about lying in public life (specifically by politicians, and in particular, Trump) than I ever have before," psychology researcher Bella DePaulo at the University of California, Santa Barbara, said in an email. When lies succeed, they make it "more tempting to lie. Lies can stick. They can have a lingering effect, even if they are debunked."

Deception starts early.

Children learn to lie at an average of about 3 years old, often when they realize that other people don't know what they are thinking, said Kang Lee, a professor at the University of Toronto.

He has done extensive research on children and lying. Lee set up an experiment in a video-monitored room and would tell children there's a toy they can have that's behind them, but they can only get it if they don't peek. Then the adult is called out of the room, returns a minute later and asks if they peeked.

At age 2, only 30 percent lie, Lee said. At age 3, half do. By 5 or 6, 90 percent of the kids lie and Lee said he worries about the 10 percent who don't. This is universal, Lee said.

A little later, "we explicitly teach our kids to tell white lies," with parental coaching about things like saying how much they love gifts from grandma, and it's a lesson most of them only get around age 6 or older, Lee said.

In 1996, DePaulo, author of "The Hows and Whys of Lies," put recorders on students for a week and found they lied, on average, in every third conversation of 10 minutes or more. For adults, it was once every five conversations.

A few years later, Robert Feldman at the University of Massachusetts taped students in conversations with total strangers and got similar results with the participants not realizing they were lying until they watched themselves.

"I would say we're lying constantly. Constantly," said Maurice Schweitzer, who studies deception and decision-making at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, Trump's alma mater.

The problem is there are many shades of truth-bending. Experts split on whether to count white lies — what psychologist and political scientist Stanley Renshon calls "social lubrication" that makes civilized operate. When your spouse tells you that you don't look fat in that outfit when you do, does it really do any harm?

"There's a difference between white lies and real lies," Renshon said.

Some lies, said Schweitzer, "fall under politeness norms and are not very harmful. There are other lies that are self-interested and those are the ones that are really harmful. Those are the ones that harm relationships, harm trust."

But others, like DePaolo, see no distinction: "It doesn't matter if the attempt was motivated by good intentions and it doesn't matter if the lie is about something little."

Regardless, society rewards people for white lies, Feldman said.

"We're really trained to be deceptive," Feldman said. "If we're not, if we're totally truthful all the time that's not a good thing, there's a price to be paid for that. We don't like people who tell us the truth all the time."

From there it's only a small leap to what politicians do.

"The lies that we accept from politicians right now are lies that are seen as acceptable because it's what we want to hear," like a spouse saying that an outfit flatters you, Feldman said.

Or perhaps we feel that lying is necessary.

"People want their politicians to lie to them. The reason that people want their politicians to lie them is that people care about politics," said Dan Ariely, a professor of psychology and behavioral economics at Duke University. "You understand that Washington is a dirty place and that lying is actually very helpful to get your policies implemented."

When people deceive beyond white lies, they spend a lot of effort justifying and rationalizing what they are doing.

"They engage in something we call justified dishonesty," said Shaul Shalvi, who runs the Behavioral Ethics Lab at the University of Amsterdam. It happens when people's desire to be ethical clash with the desire to profit or get something. In that case people are willing to lie just a bit "as long as it seems legit," Shalvi said

"As long as they have a good rationale they can stretch the truth as long as they really want," Shalvi said.

Cyclist Lance Armstrong, Shalvi said, justified his denials of doping because he felt his story raised hope in cancer victims — though it also benefited Armstrong.

"He was convincing himself that what he was doing was not that wrong at the time. I think politicians do the same," Shalvi said, who adds politicians do this frequently.

Similarly, Jennifer Mercieca, a Texas A&M professor of communications who studies political rhetoric and teaches fact-checking, said politicians such as the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., "convince themselves that the ends justify the means" and "the reasons they are doing it are more important."

The experts who study lying are alarmed by what they are seeing in 2016, and by its ramifications.

"Dishonesty is contagious," said the University of Nottingham's Simon Gaechter.

His March 2016 study examined honesty in a dice game in 23 different countries (but not the United States) and then compared them to a corruption index for those countries. The more corrupt a society was, the more likely the people there were willing to deceive in the simple dice game.

Most people want to be honest, but if they live in a country where rule violations are rampant "people say, 'Well everybody cheats. If I cheat here, then that's OK,'" Gaechter said.

Add to that confirmation bias, Mercieca said. The public tends to believe things — even if they are false — "that confirm what we be already believe" and come from news sources and partisans that they already trust and agree with.

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Uber will pay up to $100 million to settle suits with drivers seeking employee status

By Tracey Lien
Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Uber will pay up to $100 million to drivers who had sought to be classified as employees, settling two lawsuits that posed a threat to the company's on-demand business model, which relies on independent contractors.

The San Francisco ride-hailing company Thursday evening announced it will pay an initial sum of $84 million to settle cases in California and Massachusetts to some 385,000 drivers. Uber, which is valued at $62.5 billion, said it will pay the drivers an additional $16 million if the company's valuation reaches 1.5 times its current value after it goes public or if it gets bought.

The company also agreed to policy changes that reduce its control over drivers, shifting to be more in line with an independent contractor relationship.

The settlement brings to a close what employment experts believe was the biggest existential threat to the fast-growing startup. Uber built its high valuation on a system that uses independent contractors, enabling the company to avoid covering driver expenses such as gas and mileage, or providing benefits such as health insurance, Social Security, overtime or sick days. Recognizing its drivers as employees would have bitten into its margins — and potentially slowed its global expansion and raised fares.

Associated Press

Uber driver Karim Amrani sits in his car parked near the San Francisco International Airport parking area in San Franoisco. Uber says it has settled a pair of major class-action lawsuits in California and Massachusetts that will keep its drivers independent contractors instead of employees.

Plaintiff attorney Shannon Liss-Riordan brought the lawsuit against Uber and 11 other on-demand companies that use similar models (those companies are not included in the settlement). The case against Uber in California was filed in 2013; drivers in the Massachusetts case filed their suit in 2014.

In addition to the monetary settlement, Uber will institute several changes in the way it disciplines drivers.

The company will no longer be able to deactivate drivers' accounts at will. Drivers will now receive warnings and have an opportunity to correct any issues before they are cut from the service. The company will also stop deactivating drivers who turn down rides frequently.

Uber will create appeal panels and help drivers form an association so they can contest terminations.

If drivers are unhappy with the result of their appeals, they can bring their claim to an arbitrator at Uber's expense.

The cmpany will also institute an internal escalation process to handle disputes regarding driver pay.

Finally, Uber will make it clear to riders that tips are not included in Uber's fares. Drivers will be permitted to solicit tips from passengers — a policy that competitor Lyft has long offered.

Unlike Lyft, Uber will not be adding a tipping feature to its app.

The settlement still needs to be approved by Judge Edward Chen of the District Court of Northern California. An Uber spokeswoman said it will probably be a months-long process.

If approved, the payment will be distributed among drivers in California and Massachusetts who performed at least one trip up until the date of the preliminary settlement approval. Distribution will be based on miles driven while a passenger was in the car. Drivers who logged more than 25,000 miles may receive $8,000 or more, according to Liss-Riordan.

"If we chose not to settle this case, we faced risks," Liss-Riordan said in a prepared statement. "We faced the risk that a jury in San Francisco (where Uber is everywhere and quite popular) may not side with the drivers over Uber."

Liss-Riordan acknowledged that some drivers will be disappointed the case did not go to trial. But she noted that the case is only being settled, not decided. This means no court has ruled whether Uber drivers are employees or independent contractors, and future litigation over the same issue remains possible.

"The debate will not end here," she said.

In a prepared statement on Uber's website, Chief Executive Travis Kalanick said the majority of Uber drivers prefer to remain independent contractors, which is "why we are so pleased that this settlement recognizes that drivers should remain as independent contractors, not employees," he said.

Just because Uber has agreed to settle does not mean this particular case is over. Lyft tried to settle a similar class-action lawsuit with drivers this year, but the judge in the case rejected the settlement offer, arguing that the monetary payment was too low. Both sides have gone back to the drawing board.

When taken to trial, employment lawsuits of this kind tend to be all or nothing. By settling, the drivers' attorney is ensuring her clients will at least receive some compensation.

For Uber, a settlement means the company avoids the risk of losing the lawsuit and being forced to recognize its thousands of drivers as employees — and putting itself on the hook to pay back wages and benefits.

"As we've grown we've gotten a lot right but certainly not everything," Kalanick said. "But there's more to do, which is why I'm excited about some other improvements we have planned for the not-too-distant future."

How to watch baseball online in 2016

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's a little easier to watch baseball online this year, though no one would call it safe at home quite yet.

Major League Baseball has broadcast games over the Internet since 2002, but always with one huge catch: A blackout on all local team games — both home and away. That protects the league's lucrative television contracts, but can be a major bummer for fans, particularly since MLB's definition of "local" is awfully broad.

To watch Chicago Cubs games live on the league's online service, for instance, you need to be well outside the Chicago metropolitan region. Even Iowa is too close, because the state doesn't have its own team. In Las Vegas, all five California teams and the Arizona Diamondbacks are blacked out.

The league is lifting some of those restrictions this year, provided you already subscribe to a traditional cable or satellite TV package — and don't mind announcers who are rooting against your home team. A few cable-like TV packages online might offer another alternative.

If you're a die-hard fan who wants to follow the pennant race, you're best off with MLB's premium service, which costs $110 for the season — $20 less than last year — or $25 a month. If the Yankees and the Red Sox are vying for the division's top spot, the instance, Yankees fans will need the full package to root against the Red Sox.

Also, for the first time, you can follow a single team throughout the season for $85.

Either way, you still can't watch your hometown team unless you have a separate TV subscription — at least not live. Blackouts lift for on-demand video about 90 minutes after a game ends.

You might be able to get local team games by subscribing to Sony's PlayStation Vue or Dish's Sling TV. These TV-over-the-Internet services offer dozens of channels, including some regional sports networks. But neither is comprehensive. For instance, neither offers SportsNet New York, which carries New York Mets games.

Sling TV is cheaper at $20 a month, but it offers only Fox regional networks, including the Yankees' YES Network. (Be sure to sign up for the "multi-stream" version, which launched as a test service this month.) Sony's Vue offers Fox and Comcast sports networks as part of "core" packages that cost $35 or $45 a month, depending on the market. Vue requires a Sony PlayStation or an Amazon Fire TV device.

If you're already a cable customer, you might be able to sign onto your local sports network with your cable password. If that doesn't work, MLB's new "Follow Your Team" feature might do the trick when it launches later this year. This gets you games for local teams, free of blackouts — but you're stuck with feeds from the opposing team's market.

Following your team this way will cost you a total of $120 for the season, and you'll still need a cable password. Even then, some teams might not be included.

You can listen to your team's radio broadcasts online without blackout restrictions. You need an At Bat Premium subscription, which costs $20 for the season or $3 a month. This is included with the full MLB TV package, but not the single-team option.

At Bat Premium also offers Gameday, a graphical depiction of every pitch and every swing almost in real time. You see where runners are on base, how fast each pitch is thrown and where it crosses the plate. It's a great way to follow games without cloistering yourself under headphones or blasting the play-by-play at others nearby. ESPN has a similar feature called Gamecast.

The free At Bat phone app offers notifications on score changes and player trades. It's great for casual fans who just want to know results. You can also set it up for rival teams in contention for the pennant.

Voice assistants such as Apple's Siri, Google Now, Microsoft's Cortana and Amazon's Alexa can also give you scores and standings on request. Teams also post regular updates on Twitter.

MLB's Ballpark app for iPhones or Android phones offers stadium maps showing concessions, ATMs and, most importantly, restrooms. Some stadiums even let you order food from the seats.

There's a separate video package for minor leagues, MiLB.TV; it costs $50 for the season or $13 a month. Not every minor league team is available, though, and a few teams black out home games just like the big leagues.

Voice assistants vary in their coverage of minor leagues. Siri just added scores and schedules for 28 minor and international leagues, while Google Now sends you to websites if you ask for updates.

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Wave has come and gone for many in shale

Costly swim center in Eagle Ford city of Alice sits unused

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

There's a visible reminder of the twists and turns of the oil business in South Texas — a new $22 million swim center just south of the Eagle Ford Shale oil patch that sits unopened.

No children have plummeted down its tangled, multistory water slides because the city of Alice, beset by falling tax revenues, hasn't figured out a way to pay to operate the facility. It's a signature project meant to spur other kinds of development in the community of about 20,000, which has been a staging and service center for the 400-mile-long oil field.

Alice has a long history with oil —the discovery of the Alice field in 1938 set off a boom, and it's been a central point in South Texas for pipelines and oilfield service companies ever since. The swim center was planned and built during a years-long period of high oil, when crude was selling as high as $100 per barrel.

But things have slowed since. The service company Baker Hughes last year closed its operations in Alice. The city's sales tax collections have dropped 55 percent, down from $4 million in the first four months of 2015 to $1.8 million so far this year, according to the state comptroller. The number of drilling rigs working in the Eagle Ford is at 43, down from 204 at the start of 2015.

"The pools are filled, the lights will work, the parking lot is in place," San Antonio-based developer William Ochse said. "As yet it's not open."

Ochse didn't build the indoor pool and outdoor water park, but he helped create master plans to add commercial and residential developments around the Alice Multi-Use Center. Ochse said neither he — nor any other investor — will build around a shuttered site.

"It was a giant step for a community that size," Ochse said. "They were seeing sales tax revenues escalating with the oil field. They were riding the tide."

The Alice city council voted last week to open the pool whenever the community can pony up the money to run it. In a city with a median family income of $41,621 in 2014, it wants 300 residents or businesses to commit to paying a $150 per month membership fee, or $1,800 a year, to open the doors. The local paper, the

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Downturn trickles down

For the Chronicle/Gary Fountain

Wafi Dinari, owner of Ouisie's Table is shown, with "Patience," the restaurant's mascot and conversation piece April 8

Hotels, restaurants feeling pinched during OTC

By Andrea Rumbaugh
Houston Chronicle

Cecilio Cabrera, a 10-year veteran server at Ouisie's Table, has grown accustomed to the annual bump in pay when the Offshore Technology Conference comes to town. He can expect to make $300 to $500 a night in tips working the restaurant's fancy corporate dinners.

But with two events already canceled at Ouisie's ahead of this year's conference, Cabrera is looking at perhaps an $800 shortfall. He was hoping his OTC payday would help cover his daughter's quinceañera.

"We have to pick up an extra shift here and there to make up for it," he says.

Others are faring even worse. Ouisie's owner Wafi Dinari, for example, has laid off six or seven staffers in the past month and cut hours for others as low crude-oil prices have dampened the regional economy and curbed demand for fine dining. The energy industry already was downsizing parties, he said, and business meetings he used to host are now taking place back in the office. Anyone who doubted the energy industry's far-reaching impact need only look at this year's Offshore Technology Conference, the world's largest trade show.

Organizers still expect tens of thousands of attendees for the May 2-5 event, but the numbers will be down for the second straight year, with an obvious impact on hotels.

Plus, fewer guests are expected to add on days in Houston at the beginning or end.

Scaling back

Entertainment outside the conference halls also is being scaled back, restaurants and other venues report, and companies that directly support the show are forgoing thousands of dollars in potential revenue.

Aztec Events & Tents, for example, is setting up fewer tents for outdoor

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Texas lost 84,000 oil, gas jobs in downturn

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

Texas lost 84,000 oil and gas jobs in just 16 months, according to the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, which has been tracking the impact of the oil and gas bust across the state.

Karr Ingham, the petroleum economist who authors the group's Texas Petro Index (which has also been in decline for 16 months), announced the latest data at the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers annual meeting this past week in Austin.

An estimated 222,000 Texans remain on so-called "upstream" oil and gas industry payrolls — the part of the industry that includes exploration and production activity. That's down 27.5 percent from a high of about 306,020 in December 2014.

Ingham expects tough times are still ahead in Texas oil, with more layoffs to come.

History shows that layoffs tend to continue for several months after oil has hit bottom and started to rebound.

During the low point of the last oil and gas downturn, in October 2009, there were 184,640 employees in the upstream part of the industry in Texas.

"Upstream industry employment in Texas will almost certainly continue to decline for most of the rest of the year; history suggests that employment will trough and begin to increase a good six months after prices reverse course," Ingham said in a news release.

The number of drilling rigs working in Texas reached a milestone April 8, falling to 197, the lowest number since June 1999.

In the fall of 2014, more than 900 drilling rigs were working in Texas, with more than 100 jobs tied to each rig.

Oil prices have cratered, from $107 per barrel in June 2014 to around $43 Thursday. In January and February, the benchmark West Texas Intermediate traded below $30 a barrel.

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Plunge in oil prices means too many rooms at the inn

By Jim Malewitz and Lauren Flannery
Texas Tribune

COTULLA — Sitting behind the front desk of the barracks-style motel they own on this South Texas town's Main Street, John and Carolyn Nelson had plenty of time to chat. As a recent weekday afternoon turned to evening, no guests had checked in.

"We're completely empty right now," said John, 68, pushing aside the remnants of a dinner featuring orange sauce as a TV Land rerun flickered on a television.

More than two dozen vacant rooms, little work for their bare-bones staff — the couple said they have grown used to this in recent months, staying afloat almost solely thanks to a dry-cleaning business on the same property. But life wasn't always this slow in this town, about 90 miles southwest of San Antonio. Far from it.

From 2009 through most of 2014, Cotulla rumbled amid drillers' mad dash to the oil-rich Eagle Ford Shale. Business boomed for anyone who offered beds to the thousands of workers coming to town. Competitors sprouted like weeds after the rain, sometimes charging sky-high rates for a small town.

The town, population roughly 4,000, built 20 new hotels. Before the boom? It had just four, including the Nelsons' 60-year old Cotulla Motel.

Now, a dramatic plunge in oil prices has meant crashing revenues and rising angst for the outsized hospitality industry, continuing a time-honored tradition in Texas drilling communities.

West Texas communities, which have boomed and busted throughout their oil-fueled history, have seen this before. In the 1980s, hotel revenues leaped and dipped like a ballet dancer. But for Cotulla and other towns new to crude dependence, this is their first taste of that tradition.

"That's what's happened before, and what's happening now," said Todd Walker, senior vice president of San Antonio-based Source Strategies, a hotel industry consultant. "They don't have enough rooms when it's booming. Then, they build a bunch of rooms, and they've got too many rooms."

Though hardly the only sign of trouble in Cotulla, the empty hotel parking lots here are providing some of the most prominent symbols of the economic whiplash volatile oil prices have inflicted on oil towns scattered not only across Texas but also in Oklahoma, Louisiana, North Dakota and beyond.

After surging each year since 2010 — at times more than double the growth across the state — hotel revenues in Texas drilling counties fell of a cliff in 2015, according to a Texas Tribune analysis of data provided by Source Strategies.

In the 26 Eagle Ford counties in South Texas, (as defined by the Texas Railroad Commission) revenues dropped 19 percent last year after nearly doubling over the previous four years. In West Texas' Permian

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Obituaries

Bert Lee Cosby

Bert Lee Cosby, 74, of Midland, passed away on April 21, 2016. Memorial services will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 2:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Bert was born on August 9, 1941 to Ruben and Laura Opal Cosby in Sweetwater, Texas. After retiring from tool pushing for Patterson Drilling, he enjoyed the company of his grandkids. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and his toys.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Cosby of Midland; daughters, Angela Musso of New York; Vikie Cockrell; and Laura Walker; grandchildren, Ashley, Amy, & Steven Musso, Dustie Howell, Jessica Glenn, Jacqualine Hunter Williams, Logan and Caleb Walker; great-grandchildren, Jacob and Angelina Hund, Leslie Paige, Sarah, Garrett Glenn, and Dylan Bradford; brother, Buddy Ray Cosby of Florida.

He is preceded in death by daughter, Sharon Kay Hobbs. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Senior Care, 3000 Mockingbird, Midland, TX, 79705 or Oceans IOP, 5850 Granite Parkway, Suite 300, Plano, TX 75024.

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

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Michael Harold Scruggs

Michael Harold Scruggs was born December 23, 1953 in Weatherford, Texas, and is now gone fishing in the Heavenly River on April 21, 2016. The family will receive guests from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Monday, April 25, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Mike grew up in Fort Worth in the neighborhood of Westland. He enjoyed the close-knit community with his cousins and neighbors and became lifelong friends with many. Every spare moment was spent hunting, fishing, golfing and music. Following the oil field work, he ended up in Midland, Texas. He was an electronic technician and did that work until his retirement in January of 2016. He had made many plans to return to his favorite hobbies. His love of yard art was one of his passions and his recent addiction to crabgrass-annihilation.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Josie Scruggs; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Gene Whitt; and brothers-in-law, Michael and John L'Ecuyer.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jan Scruggs; his daughters, Kalena Michelle and her husband, Michael Womack of Andrews, Texas and Amanda Jo Scruggs of Midland; three very special critters in his life, Smartie, Dupey and Toby; brother-in-law, Lindsay (Tink) L'Ecuyer and his wife, Beth; his sister-in-law, Lynn (Winnie) L'Ecuyer, and many cousins, nieces and nephews; wonderful friends and family and the two thousand birds he fed every weekend.

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

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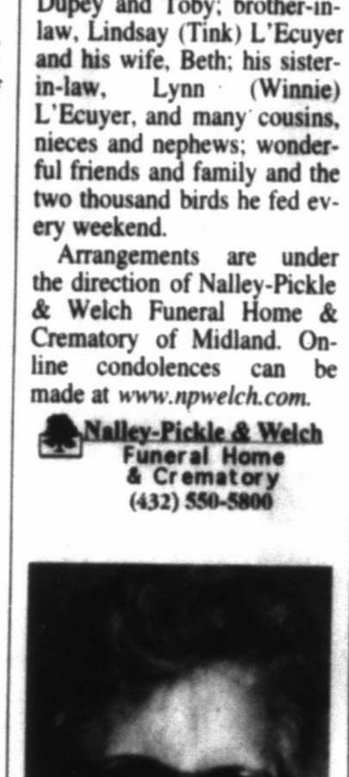


Joan Frances Krawietz

Joan Frances Krawietz passed away peacefully Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the age of 85, surrounded by family. She was dearly loved and will be missed.

She was born on December 24, 1930, in Montgomery, Alabama, to Walter Harris Brame and Ethel Louise Walker Brame. Joan graduated from Incarnate Word High School in San Antonio, Texas, and went on to earn a degree in nursing from the University of the Incarnate Word in 1954. She worked as a Registered Nurse, holding various nursing positions throughout her career. In 1973, she moved to Midland, where she worked as a pediatric nurse until retirement. Her pediatric patients, now adults, fondly knew her as "Mrs. K." Throughout her retirement, Joan remained active in her community, both at St. Ann's Catholic Church and as a volunteer nurse.

She is survived by her children, Dennis Krawietz, of Sherman, Texas, and his wife, Jean; Ken Krawietz of Midland; Kathy Widner, of Sunrise Beach, Texas, and her husband, Steve; Carolyn Freeman of Dallas, Texas, and her husband, Russell; Tom Krawietz of Katy, Texas, and his wife, Sherry; Patsy Hoover of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and her husband, Doug; and Paul Krawietz of Dallas, Texas; and her twelve grandchildren, Stephanie, John, Christy, David, Sarah, and Rachel Krawietz; Kalyn and Cory Widner; and Austin, Hayden, Reagan, and Brady Freeman.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather, Alfred "Johnny" Trottman, and her son, John Patrick Krawietz.

Friends and family knew her as kind, honest, humble, caring, and, according to classmates, "swell." Her children remember her for her caring heart, her selflessness, her willingness to help, and her wonderful cooking. She is remembered among her grandchildren for her kindness.

To celebrate her life, a viewing will take place at 6:00 pm on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, TX followed by a rosary at 7:00 pm. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, April 25, at 10:00 am at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland, TX, with a reception to follow. Graveside services will take place at 1:00 pm at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, Joan's family requests that you donate in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.

To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit *tjmfuneral.com*.

In John 15:12, Jesus said, *"This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you."* Joan did.

Death Notices

Pedro Robles

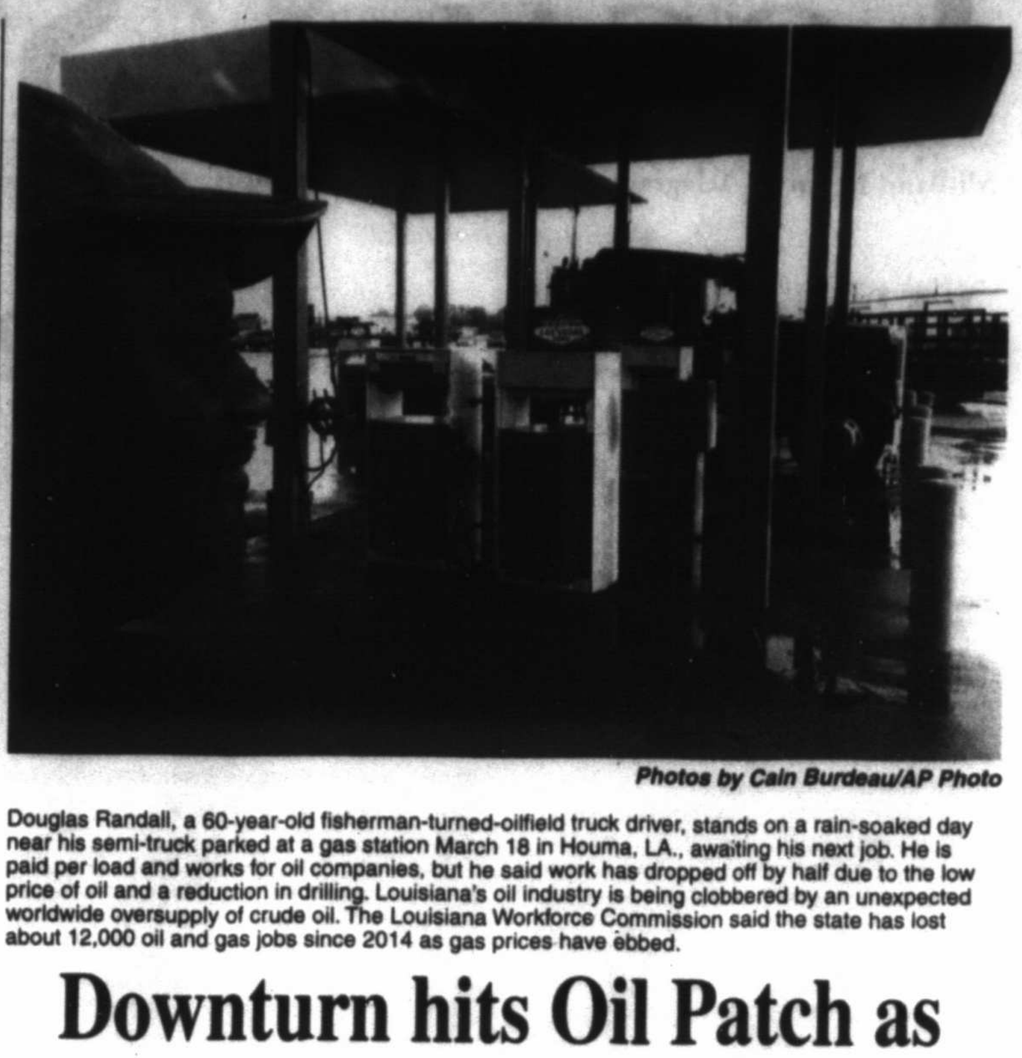
Pedro Robles, 58 of Midland, passed away on Friday, April 22, 2016.

Viewing will be Monday April 25th from 1:00pm - 9:00 pm and Tuesday April 26th from 9:00am - 9:00pm both days at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. A prayer service will also be Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00pm also at the chapel. Funeral services will be held in Peidra Negras, Coahuila Mexico.

He is survived by his wife, Blanca Robles; son, Julio Robles; daughter, Blanca Hernandez; three brothers, six sisters and two grandchildren.

Robert Yeargain

Robert Yeargain, 75, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2016 in Midland, Texas. Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas 79707.



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Douglas Randall, a 60-year-old fisherman-turned-oilfield truck driver, stands on a rain-soaked day near his semi-truck parked at a gas station March 18 in Houma, LA., awaiting his next job. He is paid per load and works for oil companies, but he said work has dropped off by half due to the low price of oil and a reduction in drilling. Louisiana's oil industry is being clobbered by an unexpected worldwide oversupply of crude oil. The Louisiana Workforce Commission said the state has lost about 12,000 oil and gas jobs since 2014 as gas prices have ebbed.

Downturn hits Oil Patch as rest of nation enjoys cheap gas

By Cain Burdeau and Bill Fuller
Associated Press

This March 18, 2016 photo, shows the empty Halliburton Co. facility in Houma, La. Halliburton says the facility is being sold and that workers there were relocated in 2015.

HOUMA, La. — It might sound strange, but the penny-pinching folks in Louisiana's Oil Patch can't wait for the price of gasoline to go back up.

Cheap gas at the pump — though a welcome cash infusion for millions of American households — is a way of saying "recession" in south Louisiana, where oil wells are as common as shrimp nets and alligators.

Since 2014, Louisiana has lost about 12,000 oil and gas jobs as prices have declined, according to the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Nationwide, about 100,000 jobs related to the oil and gas industry have been lost since January 2015, the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reports.

Many are left wondering when prices will rise again.

"Yesterday, I paid $1.87 for gas," Patti Lafont said, shaking her head while waiting on tables at a restaurant in Houma, deep in the Oil Patch. "I would rather pay any day $3.87 per gallon because, over here, that's what we live on: fishing and the oilfield."

Houma is a city of 34,000 people in the steamy Cajun swamps southwest of New Orleans. It's transformed itself from the sleepy farming and fishing town it was in the '50s into a bustling hub serving the needs of oil drillers in the field, whether extracting oil on land or far out in the Gulf of Mexico.

Now — as is happening in other oil-dependent states such as Texas, Wyoming, North Dakota and Alaska — Louisiana is being clobbered by an unexpected worldwide oversupply of crude oil — a glut that has wreaked havoc on those economies.

Among factors making oil so cheap: a slowing Chinese economy, Saudi Arabia's decision to not reduce oil production and, more recently, the lifting of the embargo on Iran's oil. Adding to the over-supply are advances in drilling techniques like hydraulic fracturing. And then there's the growth in wind, solar and natural gas.

So far, cheap gas is considered to be helping the U.S. economy more than it's hurting.

Not here, though.

Oil-producing Louisiana, where drilling jobs are vital, has been crippled as it no longer makes sense to drill. The severe drop in oil prices has hammered a state government already struggling with budget problems and considering cutting funding for colleges, hospitals and public services to make up for lost revenues.

"Louisiana is in a recession," said economist Walter Lane, at the University of New Orleans. "Oil prices are the primary reason."

In Houma, the mood is grim.

"Reduced hours and layoffs are all around us," said Greg Fakier, who runs a Main Street jewelry shop.

People are making comparisons with what happened in the 1980s. That infamous bust left high-rise buildings empty shells in New Orleans as people left in droves: Louisiana lost about 7 percent of its population then, according to a Louisiana State University study.

"I see no light at the end of the tunnel for business to pick back up any time soon," said Mike Moncla, head of a Lafayette-based oil services company with a fleet of barge rigs. In 2015, the company topped 633 employees, while today it's down to 270. "We are just producing too much oil."

In Houma, workers are doing anything to make ends meet.

"People are going back to fishing," said Roger Boudreaux, a 39-year-old oilfield machinist. "I got friends losing homes."

He recently lost his job but found work changing oil at a drive-thru garage. Boudreaux now makes about $7 an hour. At the machine shop, he earned $20 an hour. He said the

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Oil majors' $100 hangover hurts profit as cost cuts fall short

By Rakteem Katakey
Bloomberg

The world's biggest oil companies, set to report their worst quarterly earnings in more than a decade, are finding their cost-cutting efforts haven't matched the decline in crude prices over the past two years.

While producers have been deferring projects, eliminating jobs and freezing salaries, the process will take three years to complete, according to Barclays Plc's Lydia Rainforth. In the meantime, profits are being hammered.

"A lot of work still needs to be done on costs," Rainforth, a London-based oil sector analyst, said by phone. "It's a reflection of how much costs had piled up and how long a process this is."

For producers from Royal Dutch Shell Plc to Chevron Corp., reeling under the threat of credit-rating downgrades, slashing costs is the surest way of protecting balance sheets. Still, reversing course is proving painful after $100 oil persuaded companies to pump money into expensive areas in search of new deposits, hire more people and rent rigs and services at record rates. Productivity suffered.

Shell, Europe's biggest oil company, had operating costs of $14.70 a barrel last year when Brent crude averaged $53.60, Barclays said in a report last month.

That's more than double the $6-a-barrel cost in 2005, the last time oil averaged in the $50s, according to the report. BP Plc's operating expense was $10.40 last year compared with $3.60 in 2005, according to Barclays. The operating costs don't include capital spending, taxes and royalties paid by producers.

After rising every year from 2010 to 2014, Shell's costs fell 15 percent last year, according to Barclays. BP's dropped 19 percent.

That's not been enough to counter the rout in oil prices.

BP is expected to post an adjusted loss for the first time since the Gulf of Mexico oil spill in 2010, when it reported first-quarter results on April 26, according to analyst estimates compiled by Bloomberg. Shell, reporting on May 4, is likely to post its weakest adjusted profit in more than a decade.

Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's biggest oil company, will report the lowest quarterly profit in more than two decades on April 29, according to analysts estimates. Chevron is estimated to report a second consecutive loss the same day. Total SA's first-quarter adjusted net income is predicted to be the lowest since 2001.

The extent of the work facing oil-major CEOs can be seen at BP. While the British producer's boss Bob Dudley was one of the first to prepare for the downturn, it still took BP most of 2014 and 2015 to identify where costs could be cut, with full implementation only coming this year, Rainforth said.

The London-based company said in February it had reduced annual cash costs by $3.4 billion compared with 2014 and expected them to be about $7 billion lower in 2017. A BP spokesman declined to comment further.

Shell plans to reduce operating expenditure by $3 billion in 2016 after cutting it by $4 billion last year. The company declined to comment beyond reiterating that it has options to further reduce spending should conditions warrant it. Exxon and Chevron declined to comment.

Total is targeting spending on operating its exploration and production business of $6.50 a barrel of oil equivalent this year, after cutting that to $7.40 last year from $9.90 in 2014, according to a company presentation in February.

Total Chief Executive Officer Patrick Pouyanne told reporters in Paris Thursday that action taken to reduce costs would allow the company to fully fund its dividend from cash flow at an oil price of $60 a barrel.

Companies are doing whatever it takes. Total is reducing the speed of its service boats in Angola to save gasoline, renegotiating maintenance contracts in the Congo, using fewer transportation vessels in Brunei and has stopped using a storage tank in Indonesia to save the French company about $5 million, Chief Financial Officer Patrick de la Chevardiere told analysts in July last year.

"The companies need to do more of the same over an extended period," said Iain Armstrong, a London-based analyst at Brewin Dolphin Ltd., which owns Shell and BP shares. "Companies are sharing helicopters and tug boats in the North Sea. It shows how far down the track they had gone in over-spending and over-engineering projects."

Brent crude averaged $35.21 a barrel in the first quarter, the lowest in almost 12 years. It traded at $44.32 on the ICE Futures Europe exchange in London at 11:01 a.m. Friday.

The impact of weaker prices is being compounded by lower profits from refining, a business that has been bailing out oil majors over the past couple of years.

Global refining margins dropped to $10.50 a barrel in the first quarter, 31 percent lower than a year earlier and 20 percent lower than the preceding quarter, according to BP's data.

Oil prices rose for 10 of the 11 years until 2012 and averaged above $80 a barrel every year from 2010 to 2014. In those years, the companies were flush with cash and they expanded, even as productivity languished. Shell, BP and Total's oil and natural gas output per employee in its upstream division dropped in many of those years as costs blew up, according to a Morgan Stanley report this month.

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traded below $30 a barrel.

The Railroad Commission issued just 1,594 drilling permits in first quarter 2016, which the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers said is the lowest first quarter total since it started tracking that number in January 1995.

Oil prices have come up in recent days. But Ingham is urging caution.

"First, it may or may not be the real deal; prices increased in part on the hope that some agreement might be reached between producing countries elsewhere in the world on production limitations and that's a prickly proposition," Ingham said. "And second, price increase now produces a change in other oilfield indicators later, and indeed most other components of the index continued to decline in March."

Here are some other key data points from the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers:

Texas produced an estimated 108.4 million barrels of crude oil in March, 4.1 percent less than in March 2015.

Oil prices were down 25 percent from March 2015.

MPD: Man attempts to rape co-worker

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Thursday for allegedly attempting to sexually assault a woman, according to court documents.

Kabiru O. Jimoh, 31, was being held Saturday on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault.

A woman was at work at MARC on April 3 when a co-worker, Jimoh, called her into the freezer area of the building, according to the arrest affidavit.

She knew there was nothing in the area but Jimoh insisted she check out the freezer, according to the affidavit. When she finally went to check the freezer, Jimoh grabbed her and pinned her against the door frame and attempted to rape her, according to the affidavit.

The woman was able to escape and immediately ran out of the building, notified her supervisors and then the police, according to the affidavit.

Jimoh

The affidavit does not indicate why Jimoh was arrested April 21, rather than the day the assault was reported.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Jimoh could face up to 20 years in prison.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Brian M. Baker, 31, of Monahans was charged April 15 with possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams.

Luis R. Carrera Sr., 49, of Midland was charged April 15 with aggravated assault of a date/family/house member.

Undra D. Graves, 39, of Midland was charged April 15 with driving while intoxicated.

Angel J. Martinez, 19, of Midland was charged April 15 with prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Destiny R. Mclane, 18, of Midland was charged April 15 with burglary of a habitation.

Louis A. Rawls, 37, of Midland was charged April 15 with failing to register as a sex offender.

Juaquin V. Robles, 20, of Midland was charged April 15 with possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams, tampering with/fabricating physical evidence and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Jose A. Villegas, 40, of El Paso was charged April 15 with possession of marijuana greater than 50 pounds and less than 2,000 pounds.

Michel S. Chaney, 39, of Midland was charged April 16 with theft of property greater than or equal to $300,000.

Dawn M. Cooper, 35, of Odessa was charged April 16 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Rudy Cruz, 27, was charged April 16 with assault of a public servant.

Ruben V. Pantoja, 33, of Midland was charged April 16 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

John Burke, 23, was charged April 17 with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Erin A. Garcia, 18, of Midland was charged April 17 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams, possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Jeffrey H. Greathouse, 55, was charged April 17 with aggravated assault of a date/family/house member.

Miguel Hernandez, 47, of Midland was charged April 17 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Pedro Hernandez, 36, was charged April 17 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Raul A. Ortega, 18, of Midland was charged April 17 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 28 grams.

Sean J. Quenga, 34, of Midland was charged April 17 with prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Scott M. Allen, 36, of Midland was charged April 18 with driving while intoxicated.

Aaron J. Garcia, 20, of Midland was charged April 18 with assault of a family/house member impeding breath.

Robert J. Lopez, 31, of Midland was charged April 18 with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury and assault of a family/house member impeding breath.

Joseph B. Mancha, 19, of Midland was charged April 18 with possession of a controlled substance under 400 grams and possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Andrew M. Reasno, 23, of Midland was charged April 18 with theft under $1,500.

Justin J. Rice, 26, of Midland was charged April 18 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Trelisa M. Rice, 24, of Midland was charged April 18 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Oscar Saenz, 20, of Midland was charged April 19 with manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Rosina R. Britton, 39, of Midland was charged April 19 with forgery of financial instrument and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Whitney F. Curry, 29, of Midland was charged April 19 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Armando J. Garsea, 28, of Lubbock was charged April 19 with organized retail theft under $30,000.

Christopher A. Hudson, 39, of Midland was charged April 19 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Jacqueline M. Madrid, 20, of Midland was charged April 19 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Abel A. Mendoza-Orozco, 21, of Midland was charged April 19 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Dustin Pirtle, 33, was charged April 19 with possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams and theft of property under $30,000.

PJ R. Proctor, 29, of Midland was charged April 19 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams, possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and escape while arrested/confined.

Jaime Ramirez, 18, of Midland was charged April 19 with delivering/offering delivery of a dangerous drug.

Hilda Tamirango, 27, was charged April 19 with organized retail theft under $30,000.

Randy L. Castaneda, 43, of Midland was charged April 20 with burglary of a habitation.

Lataeha R. Cooks, 37, of Midland was charged April 20 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Bryan B. Day, 23, of Midland was charged April 20 with possession of marijuana under 5 pounds.

Dustin R. Pirtle, 32, of Midland was charged April 20 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams and theft of property under $30,000.

Shawn W. Connolly, 19, of Midland was charged April 21 with theft of firearm.

Tyrone G. Everett, 33, of Midland was charged April 21 with unauthorized use of a vehicle and theft under $1,500.

Kabiru O. Jimoh, 31, of Midland was charged April 21 with sexual assault.

Roberto C. Solis, 42, of Wink was charged April 21 with assault of a family/house member impeding breath.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Crime Stoppers fugitive

TAQUOLIA THOMAS

DOB: 1-17-1991
Height and weight: 5 feet; 105 pounds
Charge: Trafficking of a Person — VOP

Thomas

- Wanted as of 4-22-2016
- Warrant #CR38008
- $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 April 11-15 by district Judges Robin Darr, George D. Gilles, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Walter Wally Ahola III, 37, evading arrest with prior evading arrest, six months state jail.

Jorge Luis Carrasco Jr., 21, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, fine, 120 hours community service.

Christopher Lynn Farr, 29, possession of a controlled substance, 12 months state jail.

Anthony Michael Floyd, 27, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, five years TDCJ.

Justin Allen Garcia, 19, possession of marijuana, revoked, nine months state jail; possession of marijuana, revoked, nine months state jail.

Victor Daniel Gomez, 27, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, five years TDCJ.

Erik Guevara Gonzalez, 39, burglary of a building, continue supervision, 30 days jail, TAIP, 100 hours community service.

Encarnacion Hernandez, 58, driving while intoxicated, six years TDCJ.

Francisca Hernandez, 50, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, two years TDCJ.

Steven Hernandez, 33, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 12 months state jail.

Christopher Ray Iglesias, 38, burglary of a habitation, extend supervision four years, 60 days county jail, anger management; violation of protective order by commit family violence, extend supervision four years, 60 days county jail.

Geraldo Jesus Iglesias, 34, driving while intoxicated, five years TDCJ.

Gene Steven Jobe, 52, possession of a controlled substance, extend supervision one year.

Jeffrey Earl Lenard, 29, possession of a controlled substance, three years TDCJ.

Heath Lee Livingston, 32, prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Alexander Frank Lozano, 24, possession of a controlled substance, revoke, six months state jail.

Robert Luna, 57, driving while intoxicated third or more times, five years TDCJ suspended three years probation, fine, 300 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Jose Luis Martinez, 21, assault family violence by strangulation, two years TDCJ.

Victor Jerome Morgan, 25, tampering with physical evidence, revoke, two years TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance, revoke, eight months state jail; assault on a public servant, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Paul Daniel Mosley, 38, sex offender's duty to register, three years TDCJ suspended three years probation, fine, court cost, 100 hours community service.

Byron Keith Myers Jr., 31, possession of a controlled substance, two years deferred adjudication, fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

Adan Nanzez Jr., 43, failure to comply with sex offender's duty to register, three years TDCJ suspended three years probation, fine, court cost, 100 hours community service.

Jessica G. Palomino, 30, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, six years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, restitution, TAIP, 200 hours community service.

Kamden Macall Potter, 22, burglary of a habitation, continue supervision, 100 hours community service, CRTC; burglary of a habitation, continue supervision, 100 hours community service, CRTC.

Jason Clifford Repman, 43, assault family violence within 12 months, five years TDCJ suspended three years probation, fine, court cost, Project Adam, 100 hours community service; assault family violence within 12 months, 10 years TDCJ suspended three years probation, court cost, Project Adam, 200 hours community service; assault family violence within 12 months, 10 years TDCJ suspended three years probation, court cost, Project Adam.

Eduardo Rivas, 19, theft of precious metal less than $20,000, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 150 hours community service.

Michael Lee Robinson, 25, theft of property more than $20,000 but less than $100,000, revoke, two years TDCJ, $2,000 restitution.

Teodoro Rodriguez, 25, criminal mischief more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, deferred adjudication, four years community supervision, restitution, 120 hours community service.

Pedro Rojas, 20, unlawful possession of a firearm, three years TDCJ.

Ruben Saenz Jr., 35, possession of a controlled substance, six years TDCJ; tampering with physical evidence, six years TDCJ.

Gabriel Cuen Ruiz, 22, graffiti pecuniary loss less than $20,000, revoke, 17 months state jail.

Jose Luis Sanchez, 32, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, extend two years, 75 days jail until transferred to Concho Valley Community Correctional Facility.

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

SHALE

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Alice Echo News Journal, ran the headline "An offer you can't refuse."

What the oil boom gave, the downturn has started to take away in communities across Texas.

Crude oil has collapsed from a high of $107 in June 2014 to around $41 Friday. U.S. consumers have seen some of the lowest gasoline prices in years, while the oil industry battles through its worst crisis since the 1980s.

Companies have slashed tens of thousands of jobs in Texas and lost billions of dollars over the past 18 months. Dozens of smaller drillers have filed for bankruptcy protection, and as many as 74 North American producers face significant difficulties paying the bills, Moody's Investors Service said in a recent report.

The signs of turmoil in local governments are more subtle. Few Texas communities have the kind of financial poster child as the swim center in Alice, but local officials in oil-dependent cities and counties are scrutinizing budgets. Ratings companies are evaluating their ability to borrow money and pay it back.

Moody's, one of the three major credit rating agencies, recently placed 10 West Texas governments and hospital districts under review because of their financial exposure to the economic health of the Permian Basin, the state's largest oil and gas field. One school district in the Eagle Ford in South Texas, Norman-gee Independent School District in Leon County, which is on the northeastern edge of the field, is also under review. In Houston, where many oil companies have their headquarters, Moody's revised its outlook on the city's general obligation debt to "negative."

In Cotulla in La Salle County, city administrator Larry Dovalina said the city paid off its $1.5 million convention center early, "when the money was good."

"We saw trends moving in that direction," Dovalina said.

Cotulla still has around $11 million in debt, but Dovalina said the new accounts added to the tax rolls in the last few years, from new hotels to homes and retail centers, should let the city ride out the economic storm of low oil.

The state of Texas, so far, remains in growth mode. Oil and manufacturing have slowed, but most of the service sectors are chugging along.

"We're watching the impact unfold," said Doug Offerman, senior director and lead analyst for the state of Texas for the ratings company Fitch. "If you're sitting in West Texas, you may say, 'Wow, this is really bad.' If you're in Austin, you're less likely to feel it in a tangible way. Overall the state's budget is holding together just fine."

But it's starting to show some strain as local governments collect fewer tax dollars from things such as hotel stays and retail sales. Hotel revenues have plunged by 40 percent to 70 percent in oil field communities in the Eagle Ford and Permian Basin, according to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Sales taxes, which help fund city and county budgets, are down 20 percent to 50 percent in most oil field towns.

And the longer oil stays low, the worse the financial picture gets, Offerman said. "Overall the state is still a growth story, but it has slowed down substantially."

Laid-off industry workers and companies in a

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salary drop hit him hard while he raises three children left to his care when his brother died.

At a nearby gas station, Douglas Randall — a fisherman-turned-oilfield truck driver — stood beside his long-idle semi-truck awaiting his next job. He's paid per load and works for oil companies.

"Slow. That's the only way to describe it," said Randall, 60. "It's off by half at least, or more. How am I making it? Barely."

Fakier, the Main Street jeweler, worried about entering a new normal.

"There is going to be less dependency on oil," Fakier mused. "You've got electric cars coming out like there's no tomorrow."

His store was empty. The phone rang once. Diamonds and wedding rings aren't high priorities nowadays in the Oil Patch. "So, how long does this take to heal up? It's not going to be up in one year," he predicted. "This is going to be slow progress."

"It's been several months since my dad's drawn a salary," said Amber Ahlf, a self-described "oilfield brat" born into an oil company family. "Pretty grim."

She sat at the front desk of the Coteau Baptist Church. It's hurting, too, as offerings have dropped off.

She nodded toward the closed-up Halliburton Co. industry service center up the road. "It's a ghost town," she said. "I remember when the parking lot was full."

What's happening in Midland next weekend? Find out by reading

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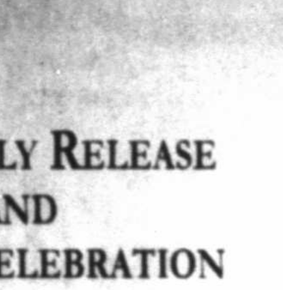

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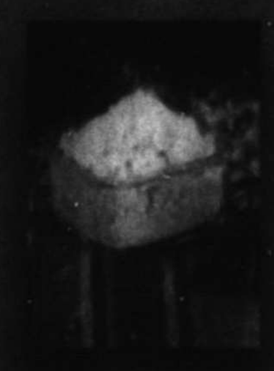

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Gut Bacteria Essential for Normal Immune System Function

Although some bacteria can be deadly, most of them are actually good for our health.

"The vast majority of our interactions with bacteria are symbiotic in nature, consisting of colonization by a complex and diverse microbiota that inhabit humans for life," wrote Sakis K. Mazmanian, PhD, and his colleagues in the journal *Cell Host & Microbe*. "Rather than causing inflammation, commensal microbes largely direct beneficial immune functions and often engender health."

In a series of experiments with laboratory mice, Mazmanian showed just how crucial normal gut bacteria are for revving up the immune system to fight infections.

In one of the experiments, Mazmanian compared mice born without gut bacteria to mice that had normal gut bacteria. The animals missing gut bacteria had fewer innate immune cells—the types of white blood cells that immediately go into action to fight infections.

Next, Mazmanian exposed the mice to Listeria monocytogenes, a potentially deadly type of bacteria. The normal mice survived, but those lacking gut bacteria died.

Finally, the researchers gave antibiotics to the healthy mice, while at the same time injecting them with L. monocytogenes. Antibiotics destroy both good and pathogenic species of bacteria. The antibiotics reduced the ability of the mice to fight the infection.

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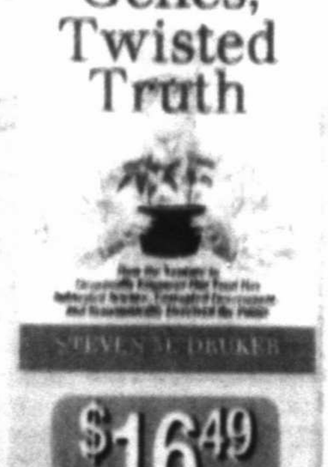

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An ostrich, right, is seen in a fenced field as heavy equipment pushes garbage in the company's landfill at Texas Disposal Systems, a modern landfill March 9 in Creedmoor. The privately owned landfill is now Creedmoor's largest taxpayer, largest employer, and over time, it became a full-fledged exotic animal breeding operation that hauls trash for more than 120 home owners associations and municipalities, including Austin, San Antonio, and San Marcos.

Austin suburb has a landfill where the wildebeests roam

By Lynn Brezosky
San Antonio Express-News

CREEDMOOR — On a cool, rainy day, "Rowdy" the rhinoceros isn't about to come out of his heated-floor pen. But the kangaroos are hopping, the antelope and oryx are grazing, and as Texas Disposal Systems' recycling director Paul Gregory steers his Chevy Suburban over damp gravel, a camel trots to keep pace, lips flapping in the wind.

For Creedmoor population 221, this incongruous combination of landfill and exotic game ranch, with its stock of globally curated species and rustic ranch-style pavilion to delight nearby Austin's glitterati, is just the icing on the wedding cake. Which is how Gregory describes tiers of trash and clay that will, by the time they're capped, essentially be three mountains of garbage 62 feet deep and 60 feet high, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Whatever controversy there was some 25 years ago when Gregory's father, Bob, and uncle, Jim, got the permit for this site 15 miles south of Austin is now distant memory, even as the facility takes in 3,000 tons of trash a day.

The privately owned landfill is now Creedmoor's largest taxpayer, largest employer, and purportedly best industrial neighbor. When the holidays roll around, the company gives every nearby family a Christmas tree and a ham. The landfill staff even tends to the once-neglected adjacent cemetery where Jacob T. Wilhite, founder of the Texas Health Department and still Creedmoor's most famous citizen, is buried.

Soils are key when you're in the landfill business, and Gregory compared the consistency of the clay under Creedmoor to hand-milled soap, ideal for building a landfill that won't seep contaminants into the environment.

Over time, it became a full-fledged exotic animal breeding operation that hauls trash for more than 120 home owners associations and municipalities, including Austin, San Antonio, and San Marcos.

The landfill also composts food waste from the Alamo Heights Independent School District as well as about 130 schools in the Austin Independent School District. It recently completed a San Antonio River Authority composting facility, potentially a 50-year contract involving 54 acres of property.

It's a competitive market, and the fisticuffs have come out in legal battles over contracts and municipal recycling revenue that as of late hasn't materialized. But Texas Disposal Systems can tout its vast facility as one of the industry's top-rated landfills.

Landfills, most of which are now privately run, are a $52 billion-a-year business. The Creedmoor facility is an

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Change in hotel revenues in top oil-producing counties

These 10 counties were Texas' top oil producers when prices peaked in mid-2014. Once rumbling with activity, their hotels have seen the steepest drop in revenues amid the drilling slowdown.

County	2015 revenues	2014 revenues	Percent change
Karnes	$16.9 million	$23.4 million	-27.8%
La Salle	$15.4 million	$26 million	-40.6%
DeWitt	$9 million	$14.9 million	-39.2%
Gonzales	$7 million	$11.9 million	-40.9%
McMullen	$2.1 million	$2.6 million	-20.4%
Andrews	$5.6 million	$8.6 million	-34.7%
Ector	$80.6 million	$108.7 million	-25.8%
Upton	$749,000	$1.1 million	-29.2%
Martin	$2.6 million	$3.6 million	-28.3%
Dimmit	$9.5 million	$13 million	-27.0%

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Basin, revenues tumbled 16 percent in 2015 after rising even faster since 2010.

The trends were far more pronounced in the state's top oil-producing communities: In La Salle County — home to Cotulla — hotel revenues fell almost 41 percent in 2015. Gonzales, a few counties to the southeast, saw a nearly identical plunge. Statewide, revenues grew by more than 3 percent over the year.

And the bleeding appears to have worsened in 2016. Though per-barrel West Texas crude prices have inched up to around $40 in recent weeks, they've stayed stubbornly low throughout the year — a far cry from the heady $100 days of summer 2014. And Texas oil sector layoffs, now in the tens of thousands, continue to climb.

So what will become of all those hotels?

Developers may convert some to other uses, Walker suggested, but other developers are likely to walk away, leaving locals to ponder how to fill the buildings.

If oil prices don't recover soon, Cotulla may face a heavy dose of head scratching. One hotel has already closed: the earth-toned Malana, whose four stories rising off Interstate 35 sought to offer rare luxury to dusty travelers. The project hit various snags throughout its development, several people who followed it said, pushing its opening into the downturn — too late to recoup the costs.

If other closings follow, La Salle County Judge Joel Rodriguez Jr. worries that the buildings could turn into hazards, eating up the resources of his busy fire crew. With the help of oil money, the county recently beefed up its emergency response capabilities, but the department still can't afford a ladder truck that would reach the top of the taller hotels.

"I don't know if there's anything I could do or the city could do," he said. "It's done. The permits are there."

But Cotulla City Administrator Larry Douvalina, whose tenure has spanned the boom, is staying relentlessly positive, calling the town's reputation as the "Hotel Capital" of the Eagle Ford an "asset" that could reel in other businesses and potentially withstand the downturn.

He and some business leaders brag about two companies' plans to build a $240 million natural gas plant nearby. And they speak of setting up a "free trade zone" — an area where international companies could handle, manufacture and re-export goods without U.S. customs officials intervening. Some Mexican companies may come, they suggest, trying to escape congestion in Laredo, the border town about 70 miles southwest of here.

"We continue to see activity that most other cities wouldn't see," Douvalina said.

In the first three months of 2016, the city's total sales tax collections dropped 32 percent compared to 2014 levels. Anticipating that drop, the town cut spending this year by about 40 percent. But far more money is coming in now than it did before the boom, when the town was struggling to survive, Douvalina and other optimists said, and it has allowed the city to pay off debt.

"It's just a waiting game. And I can tell you, it's going to come back," said Brenda Wright, president of the local chamber of commerce. "And it will come back with a vengeance, like the very beginning."

Still, some within the hotel industry see a bleaker future — an oil recovery too slow to save businesses in a community where, save for some out-of-town hunters, few people have reason to visit. (Many folks drive to either San Antonio or Laredo for excitement, several locals said).

"It's a small town. Nothing's going on. There's only oil," said Stephanie Patel, managing partner at the La Quinta Inn and Suites, which opened in October 2013 and appears to be one of the community's busier hotels — a relative term. "I like Cotulla. I like what it has. It's not for everybody."

A binder greeting La Quinta guests lists just five "points of interest" in the area: a library, museum, western wear store, post office and the chamber of commerce.

"If it stays like this, it's, like, kind of scary," Patel said. "Everybody's trying to survive right now."

John Nelson echoes that assessment of his hometown. "Why would someone want to come to Cotulla? There's nothing to do," he said, bristling at his newfound reality: While the hotels here still pour more cash into city coffers than they did before the boom, the fierce competition means he gets just a sliver of the pie.

"It's never going to come back like it was. It never will," he said. "Everybody got so damn greedy."

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financial crisis tend to tighten their belts, spending less on extra services and activities, spreading the pain to other industries and, eventually, to the state and local treasuries that collect fewer taxes as a result.

State sales tax revenues dropped five straight months, but rose in March.

Taxes paid on oil and gas production throughout the state have dippped, too. Natural gas tax collections in the first seven months of fiscal 2016, which began Sept. 1, were 56 percent lower than the same period in 2015. Oil production taxes were down 47 percent.

Those so-called "severance taxes" made up about 4 percent of state revenues last year. They go into an emergency account, a $9.6 billion economic stabilization fund, better known as the rainy day fund, which cushions the state's budget if there's a funding shortfall. Voters in recent elections have approved tapping the fund for road and water projects.

Offerman said the question everyone wants to know is, "How much more diverse is Texas than it was in the 1980s?" That was the last time oil busted in spectacular fashion.

"It's clearly different than it was," Offerman said. "You think of Texas, and you think of oil. You also think of tech and trade. That diversity should help to offset some of the negatives of the oil decline."

In La Salle County, officials issued more than $90 million in bonds over several years to pay for repairs to damaged roads, beef up emergency service centers and build a large public park, which will give the county its first-ever public swimming pool, as well as batting cages, ball fields and soccer fields for hosting regional tournaments.

County Judge Joel Rodriguez said officials anticipated that oil and gas production would drop eventually. But so far, new oil wells, pipelines and gas plants that were planned when oil was high are just coming on line and generating new sources of property tax revenue, buffering the county budget for now, Rodriguez said.

"It's still a positive from the Eagle Ford," Rodriguez said.

In DeWitt County, where wells pumped more than 63 million barrels of crude oil last year, Judge Daryl Fowler had the opposite philosophy about debt — "I eschew it as much as possible," Fowler said.

DeWitt County issued $10.8 million in private placement bonds in 2006 before the oil boom to pay for projects that included a new jail and renovations to the courthouse.

It paid them off a few months ago after negotiating an early payment schedule with its bond holders. The county's total assessed property value soared from $1.1 billion in 2009 to $6 billion in 2015, driven by the value of oil and gas production. Its tax collections rose from $7.4 million to $28.3 million during those years.

DeWitt County has tackled boom-time road damage such as potholes, alligator cracks and broken-off shoulders with special taxing zones that capture property taxes collected from mineral wealth — a source that ebbs and flows along with the heavy truck traffic from the oil field.

"I have a lot of peace that we aren't scrambling around looking for a way to continue programs," Fowler said.

But in DeWitt County's Cuero Independent School District, officials have been whipsawed by the boom and bust cycle, and must cut jobs and about $5 million from their budget.

"They are having to batten down the hatches. They have huge debt and have to lay people off," Fowler said.

In McMullen County, officials issued $9 million in bonds in the early years of the Eagle Ford boom to pay for projects such as road work, a sewer system and some curb-and-gutter work.

There's no hospital in the county, which has just 707 residents, but the county purchased a house in Tilden, renovated it and worked out a deal with a nearby hospital system to staff it with a physicians assistant, giving residents access to local health care for the first time in years.

McMullen County expects to pay off its entire $9 million debt in two years, well ahead of schedule, even with the oil crash.

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Ever have one of those days when nothing turns out right? Ever have one of those weeks? Or months?

We had 2 young ladies meet with us the other day for rental assistance. They are both single moms rooming together, combining their resources in hopes of making a good life for their families.

Things were tight but they were making due. Then one thing after another started going wrong. It started with their hours being cut at work, then one of them being fined for past traffic violations, resulting in unexpected bi-monthly payments and lost of a driver's license, their one phone was cut off, a child got sick and so on it went. Pretty soon they were in a hole financially frantically trying to get out from under loads of missed payments and late fees. Finally, after a few months and a lot of hard work, they could pay off everything they owed with their next paychecks. However, that would leave them with nothing to pay for May's rent which would lead to more late fees, more missed payments, etc. The cycle never seemed like it would end.

These 2 ladies impressed us with their willingness to learn from their past mistakes, to work hard to make things right and to sacrifice whatever they needed to in order to help themselves. They were just stuck in this awful, seemingly never-ending loop. We gladly paid May's rent for them, enough to get them out of this financial hole and back on the right track again.

Our financial help and few words of encouragement may have seemed small to us but what a huge blessing it was to these 2 precious women and their children. Never underestimate the value of your gifts, prayers, time, donations or words. God uses everything you do and give to the least of these for His good. How gracious of Him to allow us to work for Him and to see the fruits of our labor. God bless you all in partnering with us in helping those in need.

One in 10 Children in the U.S. will be sexually abused before the age of 18. As adults, we are responsible for the wellbeing and protection of the children in our care. This means that whether you work with youth, are a parent, or are simply a member of a community, it is highly likely that someone you know and care for has experienced, or is currently experiencing, child sexual abuse. It's going to happen whether you are prepared to deal with it or not - unless you stop it from happening. Luckily there are a few steps you can learn to protect your children.

Step #1: Learn the facts. One in ten children in the U.S. is sexually abused by the age of 18. Over 90% of sexually abused children are abused by someone known by the child or family.

Step #2: Minimize opportunity. More than 80% of child sexual abuse incidents occur when children are in isolated, one-on-one situations with adults or other youth. If you eliminate or reduce potential for children to be in isolated, one-on-one situations with adults or other youth, you dramatically reduce risk.

Step #3: Talk about it. One of the best protections against sexual abuse is our relationship with children. Have open conversations with children about body safety and boundaries. Children often keep abuse a secret, but barriers can be broken down by talking openly about topics like body safety and boundaries. One of the best defenses against child sexual abuse is our relationship with children.

Step #4: Recognize the signs. The most common symptoms of child sexual abuse are emotional or behavioral changes. Know the signs of abuse to protect children from further harm. Don't expect obvious signs when a child is being is sexually abused. Emotional or behavioral signals are more common, and may range from "too perfect behavior" to anger, rebellion, or inappropriate sexual language or gestures.

Step #5: React responsibly. Understand how to respond to suspicions or reports of child sexual abuse. Very few reports are false. Disclosure, discovery, and suspicions of sexual abuse provide opportunities to intervene on behalf of a child.

Learning these 5 simple steps is a good start to helping in the prevention of child abuse.

Another very important aspect of child abuse is knowing what to do when a child makes an outcry of abuse to you. A child oftentimes finds the person they feel the most comfortable with when deciding to make their outcry and others pick someone at random because they can no longer keep in what is happening to them.

In Texas, any adult who suspects that a child is being abused or neglected has a legal obligation to report it to law enforcement or by calling the DFPS Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400. Professional reporters are required to report suspicion of abuse or neglect within 48 hours.

Current law (Texas Family Code, Chapter 261. 261.101) requires that professionals such as teachers, doctors, nurses, or child daycare workers must make a verbal report within 48 hours. Failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of up to 180 days and/or a fine of up to $2,000 (Texas Family Code, Chapter 261)

Whether a private citizen or a professional, your report of child abuse or neglect is confidential and immune from civil or criminal liability as long as the report is made in "good faith" and "without malice."

In good faith means that the person making the report took reasonable steps to learn facts that were readily available and at hand. Without malice means that the person did not intend to injure or violate the rights of another person. Provided these two conditions are met, you will also be immune from liability if you are asked to participate in any judicial proceedings that might result from your report.

If you suspect abuse:

- DON'T try to investigate - Report what information is available but do not ask the child questions about what happened, let law enforcement and CPS investigate.
- DON'T confront the abuser - Again, allow law enforcement and CPS to conduct their investigation.
- DO report your reasonable suspicions

Reports should be made by calling the DFPS Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or online at www.txabusehotline.org. Reports can be made anonymously and your identity is always protected. You may also contact your local law enforcement office. If you would like arrange for free training on how to keep our children safe from sexual abuse for your business, church, or organization or if you have any questions regarding child abuse please visit Harmony Home's website at www.ohhcac.org or call (432) 333-6233.

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example of how they have evolved over the years from smelly, open-air dumps to picturesque green spaces that recycle more of their trash than they bury in the ground.

The TDS landfill recycles about 25 tons, the size of two whales, per hour. It's part of a national industry that in 2014 turned 135 million metric tons of trash into resellable commodities, like aluminum sheets, with a market value of about $80 billion. Two decades ago there were about 500 curbside recycling programs. Now there are about 10,000.

While there may not be another landfill in the U.S. that's host to wildebeest and buffalo like the Creedmoor facility, there's a growing trend to beautify old and active landfills with gardens, playgrounds, and walking paths.

Mount Trashmore Park in Virginia Beach, Virginia, is a former landfill that's been transformed into a 165-acre expanse of lakes, paths, and picnic grounds as well as a skate park. The Tifft Nature Preserve in Buffalo, New York, is a 264-acre former landfill that's now an oasis of trees, wildflowers, and marshland fauna that can be rented for weddings.

Des Moines, Iowa's, Metro Waste Authority hosts students for tours of its landfill, which has about 800 acres that are farmed and 500 acres of prairie, woods and wetlands. Here in San Antonio, Republic Services Inc.'s Tessman Road Landfill's green-colored solar energy cover was a first-of-its kind way of using a landfill cap in 2009, as well as a biogas-to-energy system beneath it, to generate electricity.

"If you really think about the evolution of waste management, we're kind of coming full circle," said Anastasia Welch, vice president and project director at Long Beach, California-based SCS Engineers, an environmental consulting and construction firm. "In the olden days, kind of really before a lot of the development took off in the 1900s, there was separation, there was reusing. And a lot of things that are happening now."

Many of the changes were spurred by the increase in trash volume due to the explosion of fast food and packaged goods as well as the environmental awareness brought by the 1970s Love Canal toxic waste disaster, which prompted President Jimmy Carter to sign the Superfund environmental cleanup bill into law.

The new laws required landfills to protect the environment more by lining the bottoms to keep toxic waste from seeping into nearby groundwater as well as other measures to ensure our trash didn't become a public health hazard.

Recycling trash used to be profitable, as developing nations like India and China sought out the cheaper materials and consumers willingly provided free raw materials, allowing businesses like Texas Disposal to take the maintenance of landfills to a high art.

But recycling is all about the global commodities market, and with commodity prices so low right now and the U.S. dollar so high, the export market has suffered. The volume of high-value paper recyclables has also fallen by 18 million tons since the turn of the millennium as more people go digital and use less paper, making operations like the Gregories' anomalies.

Houston-based Waste Management, North America's largest solid waste and recycling company, has closed or sold off dozens of its recycling facilities during the past few years. During its fourth quarter 2015 earnings report, the company noted that prices for recycled products tumbled 18.6 percent from the same three-month period the year before.

For shareholders, the good news was that even if recycling was down the company was making money just taking in the trash.

"We are encouraged by the positive momentum we are seeing in these volumes and expect them to continue throughout 2016," Waste Management CEO David Steiner told investors.

The Austin City Council adopted a "zero waste" plan in 2011. The goal is to reduce the amount of trash sent to landfills to 10 percent or less by 2040. Texas Disposal Systems handles about half of Austin's recyclables, but the company lost $2.7 million on the contract over the past two years because the market has been paying less for recyclables than it costs to process them, according to an Austin-American Statesman report.

Some communities have stopped recycling low-priced commodities altogether. Houston plans to eliminate glass from its curbside recycling program as part of its two-year contract with Waste Management, city officials said in March. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said the deal would lower processing costs while keeping Waste Management from having to lay off local employees.

Don Smith, Waste Management's area vice president, at the time called glass a "negative-value commodity."

"Removing glass from the recycle stream was a painful decision but allowed the city to keep the interests of the residents of the city of Houston front and center as they worked with us to find a solution to the city's recycling needs," Smith said in a news release.

The drop in commodity prices meant the industry was having to make some difficult decisions, said Sharon Kneiss, CEO and president of the National Waste and Recycling Association.

"There are some challenges with recycling and our overall objective is to make recycling sustainable," she said. "It is a commodity business and the prices have been down for over two years now. Some of this is due to lower demand for exports from countries like China and India. Some of it is due to the price of oil, quite frankly, because now we're competing with much lower prices for plastics."

Plastics are affected by oil prices because they are a petroleum product, manufactured from hydrocarbon gas liquids, a byproduct of petroleum refining, and natural gas.

The plastics going into the waste stream meanwhile are thinner and carry less value, she said.

"Recycling has traditionally been counted by weight, and this is kind of disrupted by the lightweighting. So we really need to think how we account for recyclables," Kneiss said.

The goal now may be for recyclers and customers to figure out how to make sure the customers, in many cases municipalities, can pay for the recycling while sharing the risks and rewards as commodities prices fluctuate, she said.

OTC

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exhibitors, event sales director Ray Rios said. Companies that used to shell out up to $25,000 for glass-enclosed tents with floors and air conditioning are this year opting for the bare minimum: tent poles, a covering and a booth costing about $1,500.

"They're not going as high-end as they usually are," Rios said.

Overall, Aztec is on track to make 20 percent less from OTC this year.

Employees who used to earn overtime, working two or three days to install the elaborate tents, won't get that extra cash this year.

Rios said the recent NCAA Final Four helped make up some of the difference, as Aztec provided tents for the festivities at Discovery Green and NRG Stadium.

But to make up for business lost to the overall cutback from oil and gas customers, Aztec is looking for opportunities in different industries and seeking more work outside of Houston.

Rios said Aztec hasn't had to lay off employees.

"We just kind of monitor our hours," Rios said.

No one expects OTC business to go away completely. Movers and shakers will still rent nice rooms, entertain clients in style and make deals over dinner.

"Even if it's, say, a slightly less spending year, it's still significant and well loved," said Chris Tripoli, president of A'La Carte Food-service Consulting Group.

OTC chairman Joe Fowler expects fewer people at NRG Park this year. Attendance last year fell 13 percent from a record-setting 108,300 people in 2014.

The number of exhibitors will be down slightly. More than 2,600 companies plan to exhibit, and the conference has an indoor and outdoor exhibition area of 675,230 square feet.

There were 2,682 exhibitors in 695,005 square feet in 2015.

"For the past several OTCs, and for OTC 2016, demand for space exceeds available square footage," Fowler said in an email statement.

Travel and trade shows are among the first things cut when industries hit a rough patch, said Patrick Jankowski, senior vice president of research for the Greater Houston Partnership.

Since OTC falls in both categories, he said, hotels likely anticipated the slowdown.

"It's not going to make or break them," Jankowski said, "but they're not going to be able to make the money they had in the past."

Mike Waterman, president of the local tourism and marketing organization, doesn't know what to expect for OTC's attendance but said the event is still large enough to have an impact.

"Given the decline in the energy market, it stands to reason that some companies will choose to scale back their spending around the convention," Waterman said in an email statement. "That said, OTC will still be a boon for our local restaurants, hotels and other hospitality companies, just as it has been for decades."

The Four Seasons Hotel Houston usually has more reservations around this time of the year.

For the Chronicle/Gary Fountain

Cecilio Cabrera, a server at Ouisie's Table, is shown April 8.

"We have seen a little bit slower pace but still expect to be sold out," general manager Tom Segesta said.

'Thank God for romance'

Postings on the OTC Twitter account indicate the JW Marriott Houston by the Galleria and the Houston Marriott West Loop by the Galleria have lowered rates for the event, although the JW Marriott Houston Downtown reported bookings were up 5 percent as of March 4.

Hotels may be testing the water to find what attendees are willing to pay, said Stephanie Haynes, president of the Hotel & Lodging Association of Greater Houston.

"I think they're taking a look and making adjustments as they see fit," she said.

At Hotel ZaZa, customers often arrive a few days before OTC or stay a few days after. But that business has softened this year.

"We'll be a little more aggressive with our rate strategy across those shoulder periods," said Matthew Nuss, president of hotel operations for Z Resorts, the development and management group in charge of operations and marketing for Hotel ZaZa in Houston and Dallas.

A few of the regular guests at La Colombe d'Or Hotel and Restaurant are not attending OTC this year, and two events that traditionally attract 200 to 300 people each to its Le Grand Salon were canceled altogether.

"We're not going to have as much of a cushion as we usually get in May," owner Steve Zimmerman said.

La Colombe d'Or's two biggest months are December and May. Christmas parties give the hotel extra revenue to help pay property taxes, and OTC helps carry it through the slower summer months. He said weddings and business from the Texas Medical Center continue attracting people to the hotel.

"Thank God for romance because we're still doing weddings," Zimmerman said.

Restaurants overall aren't expecting a banner year for OTC, said Melissa Stewart, executive director of the Greater Houston Restaurant Association.

But they're not panicking either.

"There's not been any great outcry of concern or panic," she said.

At least two steakhouses — The Capital Grille and Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House — said they haven't noticed significant changes ahead of the conference.

"We've been really, really, really lucky so far," said Steve Joest, managing partner for The Capital Grille in the Galleria area.

Staying flexible

Even as he acknowledged the toll the downturn is taking, Dinari emphasized that Ouisie's remains profitable. It's just not matching last year's record revenues and customer numbers.

Likewise, RDG + Bar Annie reported smaller OTC parties than in past years. Instead of 50 guests, there are 35 to 40. Some customers are opting out of dinner and scheduling cocktail receptions, which cost less and don't lead to empty seats for people who've skipped the conference. This cocktail party trend began a while ago, mirroring the tumble in oil prices.

"When economic times are more difficult, people like flexibility," said Robert Del Grande, executive chef at the Galleria-area restaurant.

RDG + Bar Annie tends to scale up or down depending on trends. With a slowdown, servers won't be getting overtime or extra hours they could get during busier periods. And the energy slump has made the flow of customers a bit unpredictable, Del Grande said. Instead of being consistently booked through reservations, he said, some weeks are busy and some weeks are slow. Staffing has to be flexible.

"When sales are not there," he said, "that goes all the way back down the chain.

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Community Development Program
Public Hearing

The City Council of Midland, Texas will hold a **public hearing** in the City Council Chambers, **City Hall**, 300 N Loraine, Midland, Texas, on **May 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to participate in the development of the City's 2016/17 Community Development Program. Past usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, community development and housing needs, and proposed uses of 2015/16 CDBG funds will be discussed.

The City will receive a grant of $712,799 for 2016/17 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City also expects to receive $98,000 in program income. A minimum 70% of CDBG funds must be allocated to projects that benefit low and moderate-income persons. Examples of activities eligible for CDBG funding are: housing rehabilitation, sidewalk and street improvement, park improvements, code enforcement, lot clearance, economic development and public services.

For further information, call the City's Community Development Office at 685-7408 or 685-7472.

For persons needing a wheelchair entry ramp, one is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired person wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the City Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting the Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland at (432) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Local forecast

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms Thursday and Friday, according to the National Weather Service. Highs will be in the 80s and 90s over the next week.

The record high for April 23 is 98 set in 1989. The record low is 33 set in 1995. On April 23 of last year, the high was 80 and the low was 58.

Weather brief

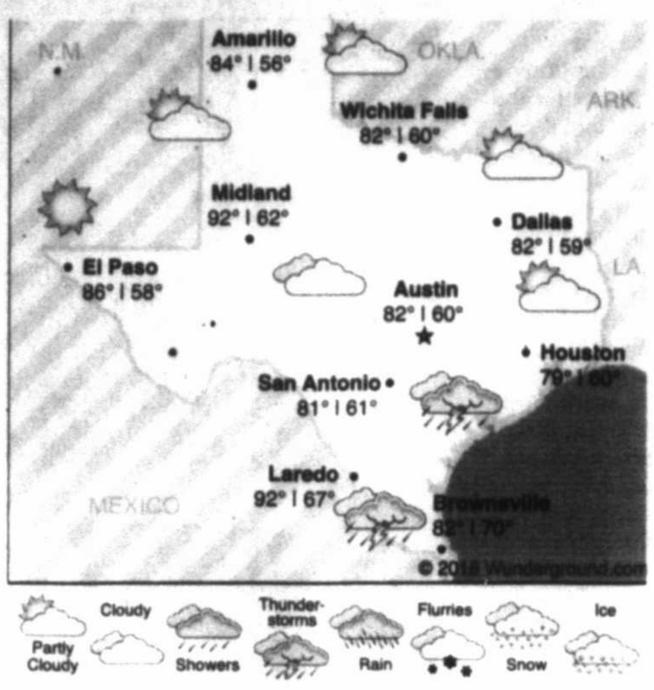
Argentina floods cause soy crop losses, force evacuations

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Floods have swamped much of Argentina's soy crop, causing heavy losses to one of the world's top grains suppliers.

Argentina's Rural Society said Thursday that about 4 million metric tons have been ruined. The losses are estimated at up to $1.3 billion.

Rains stemming from El Nino weather phenomenon have hit farmers in the grain belt of northeastern Argentina particularly hard. Some farmers have opted to stop the harvesting of soy while fields dry out.

Grains are the backbone of Argentina's economy. It is the world's third-biggest exporter of soy and a major supplier of corn and wheat.



Precipitation

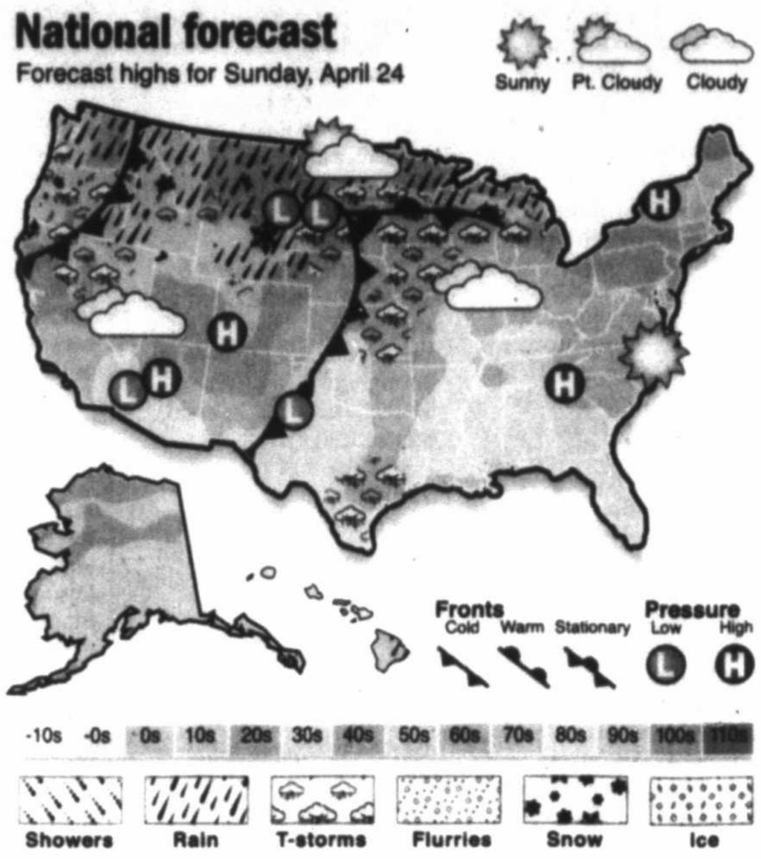
Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.32 in.
Year total	2.14 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.32 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	86
Low	56
Normal high	81
Normal low	52
Sunrise	7:09 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, April 24



How early is too early for word that tornadoes may come?

By Seth Borenstein and Kelly P. Kissel
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Meteorologists are finding something much tougher to forecast than a stormy atmosphere: the human mind.

Forecasters at the federal Storm Prediction Center see a high chance of severe storms, with possible killer tornadoes, next Tuesday in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Craig Fugate said the early heads-up helps disaster officials prepare, but what about you: Do you really need to worry — or even know about it — this far in advance?

For all of their advances in the physical sciences, forecasters have yet to determine when advance warnings are most effective and how urgent their messages should be. They worry about the "cry wolf" syndrome, in which people may tune them out, and about people over-reacting, especially with tornadoes. People have left much safer buildings and headed into their cars to flee, but cars are the last place you want to be in a tornado.

AP File Photo

A tornado forms near Banner Road and Praire Circle on May 31, 2013 in El Reno, Okla. As the nation's midsection braces for bad weather Tuesday researchers are still trying to determine when to raise a general alarm with the public, so warnings will be more effective.

And it's not just tornadoes. Forecasters are still trying to understand why several people in Houston ignored the mantra "turn around, don't drown" and died after driving onto flooded streets last week.

After mastering physics, meteorologists must now master psychology.

With people, "things change all the time. That makes studying humans infinitely harder than studying physical processes," said Kim Klockow, a visiting scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's headquarters. "We are leaps and bounds ahead in physics."

Klockow has studied both meteorology and human behavior and was hired to help the federal government find the right mix of social and physical sciences in its warnings.

There's a test Tuesday.

In guidance distributed Thursday to emergency managers and local forecasters, the Storm Prediction Center used the term "severe weather outbreak possible" — the earliest it has ever used that language ahead of potential severe weather, SPC spokeswoman Keli Pirtle said.

Six days out, forecasters were 30 percent sure that severe storms will develop Tuesday in an area stretching roughly from Dallas to Wichita, Kansas, including much of Oklahoma.

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Andrews girls aim for 6th straight state title

By Will Korn
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Winning state championships has become commonplace for the Andrews girls golf program. The Lady Mustangs have accomplished the incredible feat of winning five consecutive Class 4A state titles dating back to the 2011 season.

And in no surprise, Andrews is back in the state tournament field once again this season and is set to tee off in Monday's first round at Onion Creek Country Club in Austin.

The tournament's final round will be played Tuesday.

Even as the program aims for an unprecedented sixth state title in a row, as well as a state-record 14th team championship, it has done something else worthy of admiration this season: Send both of its teams to the state tournament courtesy of a first and second place finish at the Region I-4A Tournament.

Andrews head coach Mark Burgen said this year is the first time since 2005 that the program has sent two teams to state.

"This year we're getting to play two of them," Burgen said. "That's a pretty proud moment for me as a coach. It's pretty fun to watch the way the second team's (the Andrews Gold team) parents celebrated, and the kids celebrated knowing they had punched their ticket (after the regional tournament).

It's pretty neat, coming off that high and realizing that we've got to get ready to work, get ready for next week."

Leading Andrews' two-team charge into Austin is the program's top player and senior Libby Walinder.

Walinder won the Region I-4A tournament title in Lubbock by five strokes after shooting a 72-69—141. Her low scores helped the Andrews Black Team capture the team title by 33 strokes over the second-place Andrews Gold Team.

Walinder spoke for both Andrews teams when she said the program is hoping to carry momentum generated from its regional success to Austin. She said the teams won't be changing anything about their games just because breaking a special record is within reach.

"Coming off of regionals, both teams had really good team scores and that's a huge confidence booster for us," Walinder said. "Like coach Burgen has said, we're not trying to do anything crazy, we're not trying to fix anybody's swing or change anything.

"We're just sticking with what we have right now and with a week

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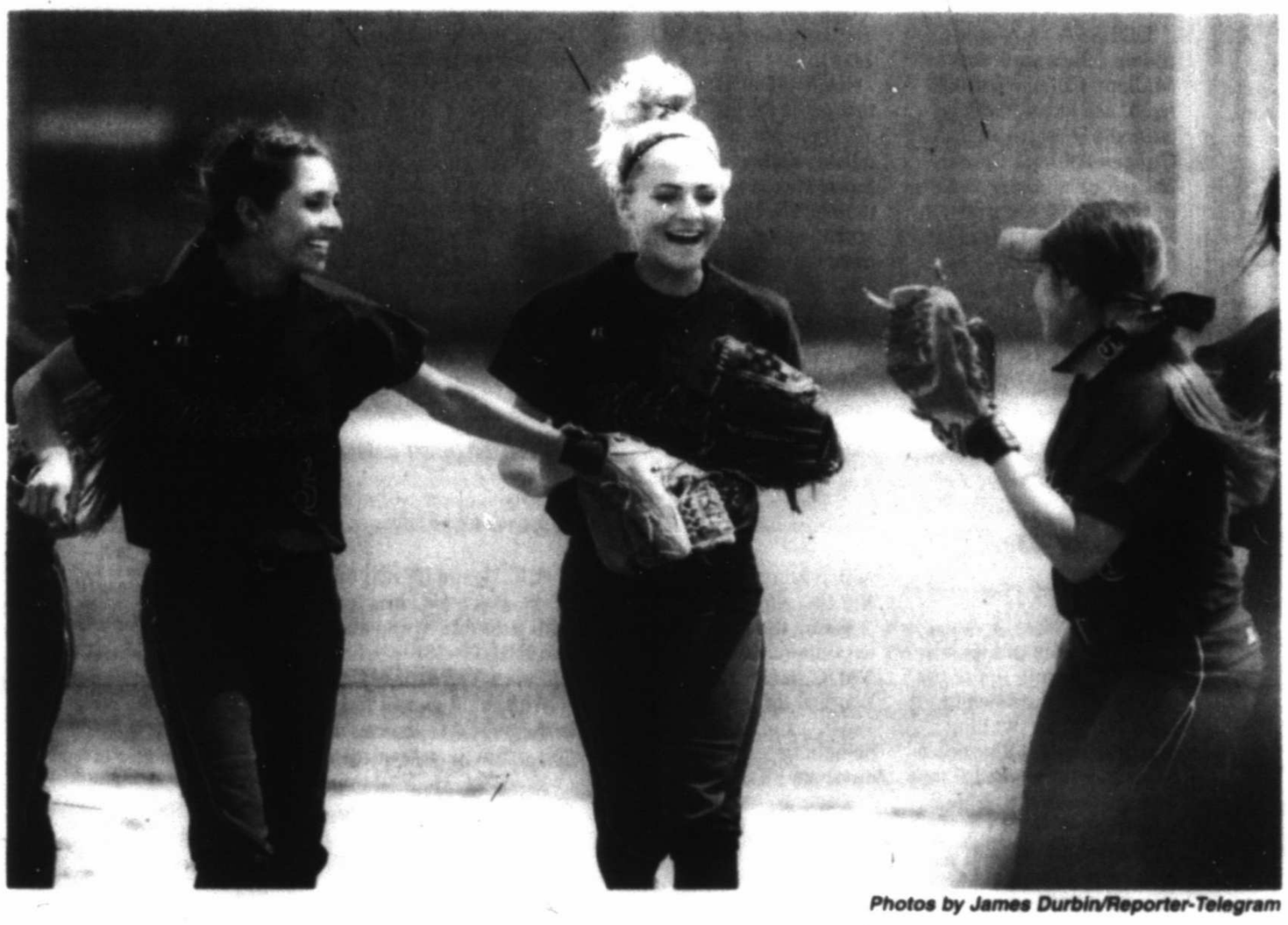
MRT file photo

Andrews' Libby Walinder follows her shot at the second round of the District 4-4A golf tournament at Hogan Park Golf Course on March 28

Lady Dawgs win 3-6A



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Midland High's Ashley McClellan (center) is congratulated by teammates after making a diving catch to finish out the inning against Lee on Saturday at Gene Smith Field.

MHS tops Lee 2-1, rolls into playoffs

By Christopher Hadorn
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Saturday's Lee and Midland High District 3-6A softball finale took an anticlimactic turn just prior to first pitch.

Abilene High defeated Odessa High, 4-2, which eliminated the Lady Rebels from playoff contention and gave the Lady Bulldogs the outright District 3-6A title.

Judging from the way the two crosstown rivals played, the developments in Abilene didn't seem to matter to the two teams. The two squads played with determination.

In a hotly contested affair, No. 11-ranked Midland High scored the go-ahead run in the seventh inning to edge Lee, 2-1 at Gene Smith Field.

MHS (22-8-1, 9-1 in District 3-6A) capped off its District 3-6A championship season in style, finishing in first by a two-game margin over Odessa Permian and Odessa High.

The Lady Bulldogs will face North Crowley (9-18) in a one-game Class 6A bi-district playoff, tentatively scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday. The site of the game was still to be determined.

MHS will head into the postseason on a roll, winners of seven straight district games. But the Lady Bulldogs got all they could handle Saturday from Lee (11-19-1, 2-8 in District 3-6A), as Melanie Marin held hard-hitting MHS to only four hits and one walk.

"They are our crosstown opponent," MHS center fielder Ashley McClellan said of the Lady Rebels. "I feel they come out more when we play them than when they play anybody else because their goal is to beat us and our goal is to beat them."

McClellan scored Midland High's go-ahead run in the top of the seventh as she walked, stole second and crossed home plate after a throwing

Please see MHS/3C

Midland High's Alyssa Flores (6) gets a hit against Lee

Chaps win marathon to split series with NMJC

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College baseball coach David Coleman was actually at a loss for words when asked to describe his team's 12-11 win in the second game of a doubleheader against New Mexico Junior College on Saturday.

After further thought, he compared the game to a heavyweight boxing match where two fighters would trade blow for blow.

Gesell

The teams combined for 29 hits, including six home runs before Connor Gesell's solo homer in the seventh proved to be the deciding punch in this marathon game in front of die-hard baseball fans at Christensen Stadium.

"It was a long game," said Gesell, who was 3-for-4 in the game with a double, home run and three runs scored. "It was just back and forth, back and forth. We just kind of squeaked that one out. I hit the ball really well, but I think we all did."

NMJC won the first game, 6-4, and with MC winning the nightcap, the teams split the Western Junior College Athletic Conference four-game series, meaning the Chaparrals (32-14, 24-4) maintained their five-game lead over NMJC (29-19, 19-9) in the standings.

Coleman and the Chaps were just happy to get that last game over with as neither team appeared happy with the umpires and even the NMJC bus driver got ejected for yelling at the umpires from the dugout.

"I blacked out there for a little bit," Coleman quipped. "You had to be here to witness it. There were so many strange things that had nothing to do with the game. It was more like a carnival circus type atmosphere. Really, that's what happens when you play back-to-back doubleheaders.

"I told the kids at about the fifth inning, 'Boy, you're parents must really love you because if I didn't have to be here, I would have left in the second inning of game two.' It was like Butterbean and George Foreman when they fought. It was like two heavyweight guys that were completely out of sync and just kept throwing punches."

MC had as much as an 11-7 lead before NMJC cut it 11-10 on a three-run home run over straight-away center by Larry

Please see CHAPS/2C

Thunder beat Mavericks 119-108 for 3-1 lead in testy series

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Russell Westbrook had 25 points and 15 assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Dallas Mavericks 119-108 on Saturday night, taking a commanding 3-1 lead in a testy first-round series that got quite a bit testier.

Enes Kanter had his second straight playoff career high with 28 points on 12-of-13 shooting for the Thunder, who never trailed in two games in Dallas after the Mavericks evened the series with a one-point win in Oklahoma City following a 38-point loss in the opener.

Kevin Durant scored 19 points before he was ejected in the final minute for a flagrant foul on Dallas' Justin Anderson. It was the last of several tense moments, and Dallas team security had to make sure Durant didn't leave the court in front of the Mavericks bench.

Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points and eight rebounds for the Mavericks, who haven't won a playoff series since winning the 2011 NBA title.

After Dallas coach Rick Carlisle called out Durant while complaining during the off day over what he essentially said were dirty plays by the Thunder in Game 3, the teams had a confrontation in front of the Oklahoma City bench early in the second quarter.

That flare-up started when Anthony Morrow, who was sitting on the bench, refused to give the ball to Salah Mejri after the Thunder threw it out of bounds.

Dallas guard J.J. Barea confronted Morrow, a former Maverick who then shoved Barea. Westbrook and Mejri ended up nose-to-nose in a shouting match before all the players were separated by coaches and officials.

Westbrook and Mejri got double technicals, and the Thunder were called for delay of game.

In the second half, Westbrook appeared to shout an expletive toward the fans after getting tangled up with Mejri on a drive. Mejri, who left the game in the fourth quarter with a right hip injury, was called for a foul.

Associated Press

Dallas Mavericks guard Wesley Matthews (23) tries to steal the ball from Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant (35) during the second half in Game 4 of a first-round NBA playoff series Saturday in Dallas.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Collingwood vs. Essendon, 12 a.m., FS2

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Mississippi State at LSU, Noon, ESPN2

West Virginia at Oklahoma, Noon, FCSC

USF at Houston, 1 p.m., CBSSN

Auburn at LSU, 1 p.m., SEC

TCU at Oklahoma State, 1 p.m., FCSA

Indiana at Michigan State, 2 p.m., BTN

Texas at Texas Tech, 2 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Nebraska at Minnesota, Noon, BTN

Oklahoma State at Texas, Noon, LHN

Kansas at Baylor, Noon, FSSW+, FCSP

Notre Dame at North Carolina, 2:30 p.m., ESPNU

UCLA at Arizona, 4 p.m., ESPN2

Mississippi State at Florida, 4 p.m., SEC

Texas A&M at Missouri, 6 p.m., SEC

GOLF

PGA: Valero Texas Open, Final Round, Noon, GOLF

PGA: Valero Texas Open, Final Round, 2 p.m., MyTV 16

Champions: Bass Pro Shops Legends of Gold at Big Cedar Lodge, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

LPGA: Swinging Skirts Classic, Final Round, 5 p.m., GOLF

HOCKEY

IIHF U18 World Championship: Gold Medal Game, 7 p.m., NHL

MLB

Cleveland at Detroit, Noon, MLB

Texas at Chic. White Sox, 1 p.m., FSSW

Boston at Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

Ohio State at Maryland, 6 p.m., BTN

MEN'S SOCCER

Scottish Premier: Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC vs. Kilmarnock FC, 6:25 a.m., FSP

English Premier: Sunderland vs. Arsenal, 8:05 a.m., NBCSN, TELE

FA Cup Semifinal: Crystal Palace FC vs. Watford FC, 9:50 a.m., FS2, FXDEP

English Premier: Leicester City vs. Swansea City, 10:15 a.m., NBCSN, TELE

MLS: San Jose Earthquakes vs. Sporting Kansas City, 2:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

MLS: New York Red Bulls vs. Orlando City SC, 6 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

MOTORSPORTS

Sprint Cup: Toyota Owners 400, Noon, FOX

IndyCar: Grand Prix of Alabama, 2:30 p.m, NBCSN

NBA

Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 4: San Antonio at Memphis, Noon, ABC, ESPNDEP

Western Conference Quarterfinal, Game 4: Golden State at Houston, 2:30 p.m., ABC, ESPNDEP

Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 4: Atlanta at Boston, 5 p.m., TNT

Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Game 4: Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m., TNT

NBA D-LEAGUE

Finals, Game 1: Sioux Falls at Los Angeles, 6 p.m., ESPNU

NHL

Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Gm 6: Washington at Philadelphia, 11 a.m., NBC

Western Conference Quarterfinal, Gm 6: Dallas at Minnesota, 2 p.m., NBC

Eastern Conference Quarterfinal, Gm 6: Florida at NY Islanders, 6 p.m., NBCSN

RUGBY

PRO: Denver at San Francisco, 5 p.m., OWSPN

NRL: St. George vs. Sydney, 1 a.m., FSP

NRL: Melbourne vs. New Zealand, 4 a.m., FS2

TENNIS

ATP: Barcelona; WTA: Stuttgart, Finals, 6:30 a.m., TENNIS

NCAA Women's: Pac-12 Singles, Noon, P12

NCAA Women's: Pac-12 Doubles, 3 p.m., P12

ON RADIO

MLB

Texas at Chic. White Sox, 1 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 690 AM (Lamesa)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL

Midland at San Antonio, 2 p.m., KCRS 550 AM, 97.5 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

Junior college

GOLF

Midland College at WJCAC Invitational, Links at Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso, N.M.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed RHP Yovani Gallardo on the 15-day DL. Activated LHP Brian Matusz from the 15-day DL.

National League

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled RHP Cesar Vargas from San Antonio (Texas). Placed INF-OF Alex Amarista on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 20.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined Boston G Marcus Smart $5,000 for violating the league-s anti-flopping rules during an April 22 game against Atlanta.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned D Kevin Gravel to Ontario (AHL).

COLLEGE

MIAMI — Suspended RB Mark Walton indefinitely after he was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	4	3	0	12	10	7
Montreal	4	3	0	12	10	8
Toronto FC	3	2	2	11	8	5
Orlando City	2	1	3	9	11	8
D.C. United	2	1	3	9	10	10
Columbus	2	3	2	8	7	9
New England	1	2	5	8	8	13
Chicago	1	2	3	6	8	7
New York City FC	1	3	3	6	9	12
New York	1	6	0	3	5	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	5	1	2	17	15	10
Real Salt Lake	4	0	2	14	10	6
Colorado	4	2	1	13	7	5
Kansas City	4	3	0	12	9	7
Los Angeles	3	1	2	11	12	5
San Jose	3	2	2	11	10	10
Portland	2	3	2	8	11	14
Seattle	2	3	1	7	6	7
Vancouver	2	4	1	7	6	11
Houston	1	4	2	5	13	14

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores

Toronto FC 2, Montreal 0
Philadelphia 2, New York City FC 0
D.C. United 3, New England 0
Columbus 1, Houston 0
Seattle at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, late
FC Dallas at Vancouver, late

Today's Games

Sporting Kansas City at San Jose, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando City at New York, 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SOUTHWEST

Texas 7, Texas Tech 4
TCU 11, Oklahoma State 6
Oklahoma 12, West Virginia 6
Kansas State 11, Baylor 7
Alabama 7, Texas A&M 4
South Florida 4, Houston 1
Stephen F. Austin 11, Incarnate Word 1
Lamar 8-8, Houston Baptist 0-6
New Orleans 4-9, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 2-6
Sam Houston State 3, Abilene Christian 1
Western Kentucky 14, UT San Antonio 10
Texas State 2, Louisiana-Lafayette 1
UT-Arlington 18, Troy 8
Sacramento State 12-0, UT Rio Grande Valley 5-2

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Who will Cowboys take at No. 4 next week?

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With the NFL draft taking place in just a few days, the biggest question for us Dallas Cowboys fans will be, who will they take with the No. 4 overall pick?

As we all know, you just can never make predictions with Jerry Jones as general manager, but the most logical choice would have to be to get a pass rusher.

With the Cowboys saying goodbye and good riddance to Greg Hardy, and with Randy Gregory and DeMarcus Lawrence both facing four-game suspensions to start the season, the cupboard is kind of bare in that department.

You would think going in that direction would make the most sense, but sometimes common sense goes out the window when it comes to the Cowboys' draft war room.

Some would say to draft a quarterback at No. 4. The Cowboys will likely draft a quarterback but it is highly unlikely to take one at No. 4. Like I've written before, if you draft someone that high and are paying him that much, you have to play him right away. You just can't him stand on the sidelines with a clipboard and wait for a Tony Romo injury to get in the game.

You would think they have already addressed the running back position by signing free agent Alfred Morris, but don't be surprised if they get a running back as the thinking would be that you just can't have enough running backs.

Or Jones and Co. could surprise us altogether and either trade it away or go after another position of need.

I guess we'll just have stay tuned and keep our fingers crossed.

■ Congrats to former Lee offensive line standout Andy Brewster for getting inducted to the University of North Texas Athletic Hall of Fame this weekend.

Brewster was part of Lee's state championships in 1998 and 1999 and for those that saw him, knew he could he be a great player despite being a little undersized.

UNT didn't think he was too undersized and Brewster proved it by being a standout for the Mean Green during one of the most successful times for the program.

■ I got word this week from Grady girls basketball coach Jimmy Avery who announced he will be leaving the school to coach at Trophy Club Byron Nelson.

Avery had a great run with the Lady Wildcats for the last four years and took them to the Region II-A Tournament this past year.

"I want to thank all the Grady girls for the last four years," Avery wrote in an email. "It was an honor to get to coach and work with such good people. Together, we made a lot of good memories that I will cherish always! On the other hand, I feel so very blessed for the opportunity to get to coach at Byron Nelson next year and for the chance to get to work with the good people there."

You will be missed, Coach Avery.

■ The UIL state golf tournaments take place this week in Austin and I just want to wish the qualifiers the best of luck this week.

The Andrews girls golf team has a chance to do something special as they chase after their sixth straight title and 14th overall for the program, which would be a state record.

Coach Mark Burgen has something special going on over in Andrews and I'm sure he would credit the girls and parents for having the dedication to make that program become special.

Also, here's hoping Greenwood's Ryan Pate finishes her career on a high note. Not only is she a great golfer but she's got a great head on her shoulders and is one of the nicest people you could meet. She's going to do well in whatever she pursues.

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Odessa College wins series with sweep of MC

From staff reports

ODESSA — A pair of late rallies sunk the Midland College softball team, as Odessa College earned a Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader sweep of the Lady Chaparrals on Saturday at Lady Wrangler Softball Complex.

MC dropped the first game, 11-8 and then fell, 7-6 in the second game.

With the doubleheader sweep, Odessa College won the series, 3-1, and took sole possession of first place after entering the day in a first-place tie with the Lady Chaps (37-13, 17-7).

Kaitlyn Durrett started the first game for MC (37-13, 17-7) but got into trouble quickly and was relieved by Sanae Nakoa in the second inning. The Lady Wranglers scored four runs in the first three innings to jump out to a 4-1 lead.

Each team scored seven runs over their respective halves of the fourth, fifth and six innings. But the early deficit proved to be too much to overcome for the Lady Chaps.

Mariah Jameyson belted two home runs for OC in the first game. Cassie Siataga and Lauren Taunu'u each went deep for MC in the loss.

Siataga got the start for MC in the second game, which saw the Lady Chaps take a 5-1 lead after three innings. But OC answered with four runs in the fourth and the go-ahead run in the sixth to take a 7-6 lead.

Greenwood graduate Kassie Maddox doubled and hit a home run for MC in the loss.

Game 1

ODESSA COLLEGE 11, MIDLAND COLLEGE 8

Midland	100	133	1	—	8 13 1
Odessa	301	214	X	—	11 11 1

Kaitlyn Durrett, Sanae Nakoa (2) and Robi Kami. Taylor Hinojos, Winter Ridgeway (5), Ashley Jenkins (7) and Mariah Jameyson. W — Ridgeway L — Nakoa. 2B — MC: Alexis Sullivan-Aguilar, Lilyan Bermudez. OC: Destiny Cervantes, Alyssa Hanks, Selena Olivas, Vanessa Muro. 3B — MC: Robi Kami. HR — MC: Cassie Siataga, Lauren Taunu'u. OC: Mariah Jameyson 2

Game 2

ODESSA COLLEGE 7, MIDLAND COLLEGE 6

Midland	221	100	0	—	6 9 2
Odessa	001	402	X	—	7 9 2

Cassie Siataga, Kaitlyn Durrett (5), Sanae Nakoa (6) and Robi Kami. Ashley Jenkins, Taylor Hinojos (2) and Mariah Jameyson. W — Hinojos. L — Durrett. 2B — MC: Cassie Siataga, Kiana Broderson-Jones, Alexis Sullivan-Aguilar, Kassie Maddox. OC: Vanessa Muro, Tiana Feagaiau. HR — MC: Kassie Maddox.

Records: Midland 37-13, 17-7 in WJCAC. Odessa 39-19, 19-5 in WJCAC.

Next: Midland College at Clarendon College, 1 p.m., Friday

CHAPS

From 1C

Leitha.

But not only did the Chaps get a solo home run by Gesell in the seventh, but got a gutsy pitching performance by Raymond Salazar, who pitched four innings in relief of Shane Browning.

"Raymond Salazar, to his credit, I thought he found an extra gear in the eighth and ninth," Coleman said.

In addition to Gesell's big game, Connor Beck was 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored; and Yahir Gurrola was 2-for-4 with a home run, three RBI and two runs scored.

While it's never easy to contain MC's offense, NMJC starter Blake Walden did a good job of slowing the Chaps down as he held them to four runs on seven hits, with four walks and four strikeouts.

"I thought Blake Walden for them was really good and that's what happens when a guy has three pitches, mixes well and competes," Coleman said. "We got to him at the end and they were able to close it out, but that was a compliment to our hitters to be able to stay in the game."

Hill Alexander had three of the seven MC hits to go with a double, triple and two RBI. Nick Russell added two hits for MC.

With eight games left in the WJCAC season, the Chaps are in good position to win the league title but Gesell said his team tries not to look at the standings too much.

"We know we're in the lead but we try to take it one game at a time and try to win every ballgame we can," he said.

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Game 1

NEW MEXICO JC 6, MIDLAND COLLEGE 4

New Mexico JC	101	031	0	—	6 11 1
Midland College	001	012	0	—	4 7 0

Blake Walden, Larry Leitha (6) and Daniel Herrera. Zach Murphy, Brock Berger (5) and Daily Burney W - Walden L - Murphy 2B - NMJC: Zac Sanders 3- MC- Hill Alexander, Yahir Gurrola. 3B - MC: Alexander. HR - NMJC: Luis Pintor, Angel De Jesus. MC: Nolan Rattai. RBI - NMJC: Jeff Deimling 2, Pintor, Jesse Becton, De Jesus, Sanders. MC: Rattai 2, Alexander 2

Game 2

MIDLAND COLLEGE 12, NEW MEXICO JC 11

New Mexico JC	101	131	310	—	11 16 1
Midland	320	114	100	—	12 13 1

Wyatt Kelly, Alvaro Castill (2), Eddie Varela (4), Victor Persad (6), Sean Maher (8) and Trent Herman. Shane Browning, Raymond Salazar (6) and Tony Beam. W - Salazar, L - Persad. 2B - NMJC: Vasquez, MC: Connor Gilpatt. HR - NMJC: Jeff Deimling, Trent Herman, Leitha, Pintor. MC - Gurrola, Gesell. RBI - NMJC: Deimling 4, Leitha3, Pintor, Jimmy, Cubillos, Becton, Herman; MC: Gurrola 3, Rattai 2, Connor Beck 2, Braden, Hayward 2, Eric Senior, Gesell.

Records: Midland College 32-14, 24-4 in WJCAC. New Mexico JC 29-19, 19-9

Next: Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute (DH), noon (GOTT) Friday

Miami suspends RB Mark Walton after DUI arrest

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami running back Mark Walton was arrested Saturday on suspicion of driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license, leading the Hurricanes to suspend him from the team indefinitely.

County records show that Walton was booked into jail late Saturday afternoon, then released a few hours later. It was unclear if he retained an attorney, and police said the investigation was continuing.

"We are aware of the situation regarding Mark Walton and we have taken immediate action by suspending him from the team," Miami athletic director Blake James said in a statement released by the university.

Meanwhile, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that part of the investigation centered around whether Walton impersonated a police officer in a separate incident earlier Saturday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because that probe is ongoing.

Walton, 19, had bloodshot and watery eyes and was slurring his speech when police stopped him early Saturday, according to the arrest affidavit. In the document, police said Walton nearly fell when asked to walk to the back of the vehicle.

Breath tests showed Walton with blood-alcohol levels of 0.059 and 0.06, police said. Those are under the state thresholds for DUI for those 21 and older, but well over the Florida threshold of 0.02 for those under 21.

Court records showed Walton has an unpaid speeding ticket from June 15, 2015, which was believed to be the cause for the suspended license. He owes $434 for that ticket, records showed.

Walton emerged from the spring practice season atop the team depth chart at running back, according to a team spokesman, which would have put him on pace to be the starter in the Hurricanes' backfield next fall. Instead, his future with the Hurricanes is now most uncertain — Miami booted a kicker from the team last month when he was cited for DUI.

Walton led Miami with nine rushing touchdowns and 10 total touchdowns as a true freshman last season, plus topped the Hurricanes with 300 kickoff return yards. He had a key role in Miami's most memorable play of 2015, the eight-lateral kickoff return as time expired for the game-winning touchdown at Duke.

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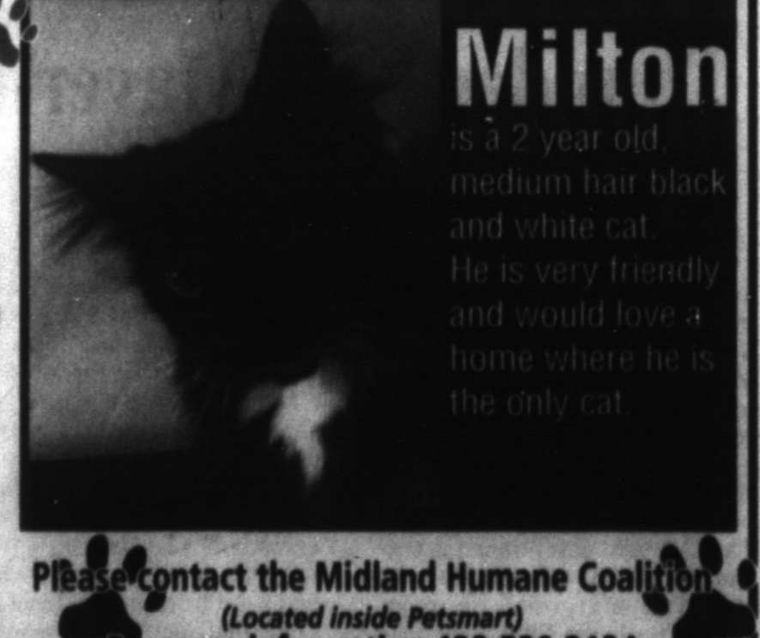

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ROCKHOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MISSIONS 10, ROCKHOUNDS 3
at Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium, San Antonio

TOP HITTERS: San Antonio left fielder Nick Torres went 1-for-4 with a grand slam, four RBI and a run scored. ... Missions shortstop Jose Rondon finished 3-for-4 with a double, three RBI, two runs and a stolen base. ... Midland shortstop Franklin Barreto went 3-for-4 with a double and a run scored. ... Jaycob Brugman finished 3-for-5 with a double for the RockHounds.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland starter Dylan Covey took the loss but made a quality start, as he allowed four unearned runs on three hits over six innings. He struck out three and walked two. ... San Antonio reliever Rafael De Paula pitched a hitless ninth for the Missions and struck out one.

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	9	7	.563	—
Arkansas (Angels)	7	8	.467	1
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	6	9	.400	2
Tulsa (Dodgers)	4	11	.267	4

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco (Rangers)	11	4	.733	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	9	6	.600	2
Midland (Athletics)	8	7	.533	3
San Antonio (Padres)	7	8	.467	4

Saturday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 7, Tulsa 3
Corpus Christi 3, Frisco 2
San Antonio 10, Midland 3
Springfield 3, Arkansas 0

Today's Games
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 2:05 p.m.
Midland at San Antonio, 2:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 2:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 2:10 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS: The RockHounds took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second on RBI groundouts by Wade Kirkland and Brett Vertigan. ... San Antonio took a 4-2 lead in the bottom half thanks to two-run singles by Rondon and Auston Bousfield. ... In the bottom of the seventh, Torres blasted a grand slam to left center to make it 8-3 Missions. ... Gabriel Quintana singled and Rondon doubled in the eighth to stretch San Antonio's lead to 10-3.

NOTES: Even with Saturday's loss, the RockHounds have won six of their last nine games. ... Midland catcher Carson Blair went 1-for-3 with a walk Saturday and extended his on-base streak to eight games. ... Healy is currently on a four-game hitting streak and is now nine for his last 20. ... Midland will try to even the series in the finale at 2:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Chris Jensen (1-1, 4.50); San Antonio — RHP Johnny Hellweg (0-2, 7.58)

MISSIONS 10, ROCKHOUNDS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Oh lf	5	0	0	0	Ward 2b	3	1	0	0
Brugman rf	5	0	3	0	Bousfield cf	4	1	2	2
Healy 1b	5	0	2	0	Torres lf	4	1	1	4
Chapman dh	5	0	1	0	Oh 1b	4	0	0	0
Ross dh	3	0	0	0	Asencio rf	—	1	0	0	0
Blair c	3	1	1	0	Martinez rf	3	1	1	0
Barreto ss	4	2	2	0	Lindsey dh	4	1	1	0
Kirkland 2b	2	0	0	1	Quintana 3b	4	2	1	1
Vertigan cf	4	0	0	2	Gallo c	3	1	0	0
					Rondon ss	4	3	2	3
Totals	35	3	10	3	Totals	34	10	9	9

Midland	020 100 000 —3
San Antonio	040 000 42X —10

E — Midland 1, San Antonio 2. DP — San Antonio 2. LOB — Midland 10, San Antonio 3. 2B — Brugman (2), Barreto (2), Martinez (2), Rondon (4). HR — Torres (2), 9th — Rondon (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Covey L, 0-1	5.0	3	4	0	2	2
Cochran-Gill	1.0	3	4	4	1	2
Ward	1.0	3	2	2	0	1
San Antonio						
Castillo W, 2-2	5.2	9	3	2	2	2
Benjamin	2.1	1	0	0	3	4
De Paula	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

WP — Castillo.
T — 2:53. A — 5,634.

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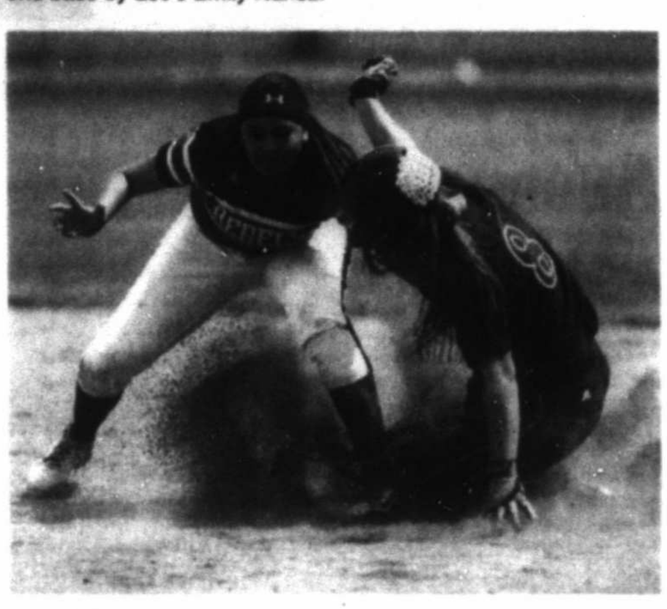
TOP: Midland High's Taylor Conner (2) is forced out at second base by Lee's Emily Nunez on Saturday at Gene Smith Field.

BOTTOM: Midland High's Brooke Ryan (8) is tagged out at second base by Lee's Emily Nunez.



MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ASTROS 8
RED SOX 3

HOUSTON — Colby Rasmus hit a tie-breaking grand slam in the fifth inning to lead the Houston Astros to an 8-3 win over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday that snapped a four-game skid.

He drove in a fifth run with a double in Houston's three-run eighth for his most RBIs since he had six on June 2, 2011.

The game was tied a 1-1 and Clay Buchholz (0-2) had retired eight straight before walking Luis Valbuena with no outs in the fifth. George Springer singled with two outs before Buchholz plunked Carlos Correa to load the bases.

Rasmus then launched a 93 mph fastball with two strikes to the seats in right-center field for his fifth career grand slam and Houston's second this season to make it 5-1.

Mike Fiers (2-1) allowed five hits and two runs with six strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings for his second win in a row.

WHITE SOX 4
RANGERS 3

CHICAGO — Slump-ridden Jose Abreu hit an RBI single with one out in the bottom of the 11th inning, leading the Chicago White Sox over the Texas Rangers 4-3 Saturday.

After Texas tied it in the ninth on Elvis Andrus' sacrifice fly off David Robertson, the White Sox went on to win for the fourth time in five games.

Dioner Navarro drew a leadoff walk in the 11th from Nick Martinez (0-1), the last of five Texas relievers. Austin Jackson was hit by a pitch and Adam Eaton walked to load the bases.

Jimmy Rollins grounded into a forceout at the plate before Abreu grounded a single to left field for the second game-ending hit of his career. He began the day with a .180 batting average and was 0 for 5 in the game before the single.

Matt Albers (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning.

Todd Frazier hit a tying home run in the Chicago eighth. He almost connected again for a game-winner in the ninth, but right fielder Nomar Mazara reached above the wall to catch Frazier's drive.

YANKEES 3
RAYS 2

NEW YORK — Brett Gardner hit a solo home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to give New York a victory over Tampa Bay, spoiling the impressive major league debut of Rays top pitching prospect Blake Snell.

Gardner singled home the tying run in the seventh and then connected on a 3-1 pitch from Erasmo Ramirez (4-1) two innings later, pointing toward the Yankees' dugout as he trotted to first base and the ball soared into the second deck in right field.

Andrew Miller (1-0) worked a scoreless inning for the win, getting a double-play grounder to end the ninth.

Masahiro Tanaka gave New York seven quality innings opposite Snell, perhaps baseball's premier pitching prospect. The slim left-hander permitted one run and two hits in five innings, striking out six and walking one.

ORIOLES 8
ROYALS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chris Davis homered and had four hits and Manny Machado extended his hitting streak to 16 games for Baltimore.

Mark Trumbo had three hits and four RBIs for the Orioles, and Tyler Wilson (1-0) won his first start this season.

Davis, who led the majors with 47 home runs last season, hit his sixth homer in the second inning and had an RBI single during the Orioles' four-run fourth. He tied a career high for hits and hiked his average from .192 to .246.

Machado singled in his first at-bat and doubled in a run in the fourth. He entered hitting an American League-leading .397.

Kris Medlen (1-1) allowed seven runs on nine hits and three walks in 3 2/3 innings.

INDIANS 10
TIGERS 1

DETROIT — Corey Kluber struck out 10 over eight impressive innings, Yan Gomes homered and drove in five runs for Cleveland in the rout.

Kluber (1-3) happily accepted the offensive output to earn his first win of the season. The 2014 AL Cy Young Award winner, who went 9-16 last year, gave up two hits and no walks in eight innings.

Kluber had gotten just three runs of support in his first three starts. This was his fifth game with at least 10 strikeouts and zero walks since the start of the 2014 season — only Clayton Kershaw (8) and Max Scherzer (6) have more.

Gomes came in hitting .143 with one RBI and no extra-base hits in his last eight games. He singled home a run in the first, hit a three-run homer in the third and added an RBI double in the seventh. It was his second career five-RBI game.

Anibal Sanchez (2-2) struggled for the second straight start.

BLUE JAYS 9
ATHLETICS 3

TORONTO — Troy Tulowitzki hit two solo home runs, Josh Donaldson added a three-run blast and Toronto snapped Oakland's six-game winning streak.

J.A. Happ (3-0) allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings to win his third straight start.

Ezequiel Carrera had the first four-hit game of his career and scored three times for the Blue Jays. He also made a pair of diving catches in left, one on Chris Coghlan in the fifth and another on Khris Davis in the ninth.

Mark Canha homered for the Athletics, whose seven-game road winning streak ended.

Tulowitzki homered to begin the fifth and seventh innings, the 12th multihomer game of his career.

National League

REDS 13
CUBS 5

CINCINNATI — Eugenio Suarez and Adam Duvall hit three-run homers in the sixth inning as Cincinnati finally broke through against Chicago's dominant pitching.

A victory would have given the Cubs (13-5) their best start since 1907, the year they won the first of their back-to-back World Series titles. A four-homer splurge ended Chicago's domination of its NL Central rival.

This series opened with Jake Arrieta's second career no-hitter in a 16-0 win Thursday night. Jon Lester kept it going, throttling the Reds in an 8-1 victory the following night. John Lackey couldn't hold a 3-2 lead in the sixth inning on Saturday night.

Suarez's homer off Lackey (3-1) put the Reds up 5-3 and started a seven-run inning. Duvall connected off Trevor Cahill, and Scott Schebler followed with a solo homer. The Reds hadn't hit three homers in an inning since 2012.

DIAMONDBACKS 7
PIRATES 1

PHOENIX — Chris Herrmann drove in four runs with a home run and double, Rubby De La Rosa gave up three hits over six-plus innings, and Arizona beat Pittsburgh.

Herrmann, the backup catcher who was 1 for 20 at the plate entering the game, doubled in a run in the second and hit a three-run homer off A.J. Schugel in Arizona's five-run eighth. The four RBIs tied Herrmann's career high.

De La Rosa (2-3), whose previous two appearances were out of the bullpen, didn't allow a hit after Sean Rodriguez's home run with two outs in the second inning until Gregory Polanco's infield single to start the seventh.

David Peralta homered for the second straight night, a solo shot off Juan Nicasio (2-2), to put the Diamondbacks up 2-1 in the third. Nicasio gave up two runs on just three hits in six innings.

DODGERS 4
ROCKIES 1

DENVER — Kenta Maeda held Colorado hitless into the sixth inning and A.J. Ellis lined a two-run homer in Los Angeles' win.

Maeda (3-0) allowed three hits — all in the sixth — no runs and struck out eight in 6 1/3 innings as the right-hander from Japan lowered his ERA to 0.36.

With a wind-up reminiscent of countryman Hideo Nomo, Maeda was cruising along until one out in the sixth when DJ LeMahieu singled for Colorado's first hit. Nomo remains the only pitcher to throw a no-hitter at Coors Field — on Sept. 17, 1996.

Ellis hit his first homer of the season in the second to help the Dodgers end a five-game slide in Denver. Kenley Jansen threw a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

Interleague

NATIONALS 2
TWINS 0

WASHINGTON — Tanner Roark struck out a career-high 15 and allowed only two hits over seven innings in a dominating performance that carried the Washington Nationals past the Minnesota Twins 2-0 Saturday.

Roark and a trio of relievers combined to fan 18, the most by Washington since its arrival from Montreal in 2005.

Roark (2-2) twice struck out the side and fanned at least two in four other innings. It was only the second time in 52 career starts that the right-hander reached double digits in strikeouts — the other was on July 6, 2014, when he fanned 11 at San Diego.

Jonathan Papelbon got three outs to complete the combined two-hitter and earn his seventh save.

Ryan Zimmerman drove in two runs and Bryce Harper had a pair of doubles for the Nationals, whose 13-4 start under new manager Dusty Baker matches the 1981 Expos and 2012 Nats for the best in franchise history.

MHS

From 1C

error by Lee.

McClellan contributed with her glove too, robbing Lady Rebels leadoff hitter Sarah Welsh of a hit by making a diving catch on a line-drive in the fifth inning.

While MHS' bats were cooled by Marin's pitching, Lady Bulldogs right fielder Brooke Ryan continued her hot hitting, belting a solo home run on a fly ball to center field in the third inning.

It was Ryan's fifth-consecutive district game with an extra-base hit.

"We do a lot of live hitting in practice so I think that helps me a lot," Ryan said of her tendency to get the barrel on the ball. "Just being consistent is my big thing."

After Ryan's homer pushed MHS to a 1-0 lead, Lee threatened with runners on second and third base during the third inning, but pitcher Deandra Allen got Lady Rebels catcher Kirklynd Newsom to fly out for the third out during a hard-fought, 13-pitch at-bat.

The Lady Rebels tied the game at 1-1 in the sixth frame when Alaina Marquez plated Shelby Olivas with a RBI single to center.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game," MHS head coach Shawnda Vines said. "Their record is not indicative of the type of team that they are. They're really are a much stronger team than their record shows."

In the end, Lee could only manage three hits against Allen, dropping their fourth one-run game in district.

The Lady Rebels beat Abilene High and San Angelo Central in their two previous games to stay alive for playoff consideration, but the 0-7 start proved to be too much to overcome.

"We waited too late to play to our full potential, way too late in the season," Lee head coach Wes Overton said. "We got behind the 8-ball and our backs were against the wall. Our first playoff game so to speak was the Abilene High game here so we were on a one-game type thing. We took the first two steps and we came awfully close today. We just couldn't get it done."

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2016 District 3-6A Softball standings

	District		Overall		
	W	L	W	L	T
y-Midland High	9	1	22	8	1
x-Odessa High	7	3	23	7	1
x-Odessa Permian	7	3	22	8	0
x-Abilene High	4	6	15	10	2
Lee	2	8	11	19	1
San Angelo Central	1	9	7	18	0

y-district champion
x-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Scores
Midland High 2, Lee 1; Abilene High 4, Odessa High 2; Odessa Permian 12, San Angelo Central 2, 5 innings
End of the regular season

MIDLAND HIGH 2, LEE 1

MHS	001	000	1 — 2 4 3
Lee	000	001	0 — 1 3 2

Deandra Allen and Natalie Gamboa. Melanie Marin and Kirklynd Newsom. W — Allen. L — Marin. HR — MHS: Brooke Ryan. RBI — MHS: Ryan; Lee: Alaina Marquez

Records: Midland High 22-8-1, 9-1 in District 3-6A; Lee 11-19-1, 2-8

Next: MHS vs. North Crowley, Class 6A bi-district playoff, TBD; Lee's season is over.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	11	5	.688	—
Toronto	9	10	.474	3½
Boston	8	9	.471	3½
New York	7	9	.438	4
Tampa Bay	7	10	.412	4½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	6	.667	—
Kansas City	11	6	.647	½
Cleveland	8	7	.533	2½
Detroit	8	8	.500	3
Minnesota	5	13	.278	7
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	10	8	.556	—
Texas	10	8	.556	—
Seattle	8	8	.500	1
Los Angeles	7	10	.412	2½
Houston	6	12	.333	4

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	13	4	.765	—
New York	9	7	.563	3½
Philadelphia	9	9	.500	4½
Miami	5	10	.333	7
Atlanta	3	13	.188	9
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	5	.722	—
Cincinnati	9	9	.500	4
Pittsburgh	9	9	.500	4
St. Louis	8	8	.500	4
Milwaukee	6	12	.333	7
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	10	7	.588	—
Colorado	9	8	.529	1
Arizona	10	9	.526	1
San Francisco	8	10	.444	2½
San Diego	7	10	.412	3

Scores and Schedules

American League
Saturday's Scores

Washington 2, Minnesota 0
N.Y. Yankees 3, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 9, Oakland 3
Cleveland 10, Detroit 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Texas 3, 11 innings
Houston 8, Boston 3
Baltimore 8, Kansas City 3
Seattle at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (Snell 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Surkamp 0-1) at Toronto (Hutchison 0-0), 12:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 2-0) at Detroit (Greene 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Duffey 0-0) at Washington (Strasburg 3-0), 12:35 p.m.
Texas (Holland 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 3-0), 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore (M.Wright 1-1) at Kansas City (Ventura 1-0), 1:15 p.m.
Seattle (Miley 0-2) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 1-2), 2:35 p.m.
Boston (Owens 0-0) at Houston (Feldman 2-0), 7:05 p.m.

National League
Saturday's Scores

Washington 2, Minnesota 0
Cincinnati 13, Chicago Cubs 5
N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 2
Philadelphia 10, Milwaukee 6
Arizona 7, Pittsburgh 1
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, late
St. Louis at San Diego, late
Miami at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs (Hammel 2-0) at Cincinnati (Simon 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Duffey 0-0) at Washington (Strasburg 3-0), 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 1-0) at Atlanta (Blair 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 1-2) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 0-3), 1:10 p.m.
Miami (Conley 0-1) at San Francisco (M.Cain 0-2), 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (A.Wood 1-2) at Colorado (Lyles 1-1), 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-1) at Arizona (Ray 1-0), 3:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lackey 0-2) at San Diego (Rea 1-1), 3:40 p.m.

Texas box scores

WHITE SOX 4, RANGERS 3, 11 INNINGS

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
DSmdc cf	4	0	1	0	Eaton rf	5	0	1	0
Gentry lf	4	0	0	0	Rollins ss	5	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	5	0	1	0	Abreu 1b	6	0	1	1
Fielder dh	5	0	0	0	Frazier 3b	5	1	1	1
Odorz rf	5	0	1	0	MeCarr lf	4	2	3	0
Morlnd 1b	5	0	0	0	Lawrie 2b	4	0	1	0
Alberto pr-1b	0	0	0	0	AvGarc dh	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	1	0	Avila c	4	0	1	0
Odor 2b	4	0	2	0	Navarr c	1	0	1	1
Holaday c	4	0	0	0	Ajdsn cf	4	1	0	0
Totals	39	3	7	3	Totals	39	4	11	4

Texas	010 020 000 00—3
Chicago	010 000 000 03—4

One out when winning run scored.

E — Rosales (1). DP — Texas 1, Chicago 1. LOB — Texas 7, Chicago 13. 3B — Andrus (2). HR — Dsmond (2), Fielder (5), Ma.Cabrera (2). SB — Dsmond 2 (9), Odor (3). CS — Rollins (2). SF — Andrus.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Lewis *	6	6	1	1	4	3
Barnette	1	0	0	0	0	1
S.Dyson	1	3	2	2	1	0
Wilhelmsen	1	1	0	0	0	0
Klein	1	0	0	0	0	3
N.Martinez L,0-1	1-3	1	1	1	2	0
Chicago						
Rodon	6 2-3	2	2	2	2	7
Petricka	0	1	0	0	0	0
Duke	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	1
Robertson	1	1	1	1	1	2
N.Jones	1	1	0	0	0	1
Albers W,1-0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Petricka pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
HBP — by S.Dyson (Av.Garcia), by N.Martinez (A.Jackson).
T — 3:57. A — 20,182 (40,615).

ASTROS 8, RED SOX 3

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Betts rf	5	1	1	0	Altuve 2b	5	2	3	1
Pedroia 2b	4	1	2	0	Springr rf	4	1	2	0
Ortiz dh	4	1	2	1	Correa ss	3	1	1	0
H.Pmrz 1b	3	0	0	0	C.Perna lf	4	1	2	5
T.Shaw 3b	4	0	1	0	Tucker dh	3	0	0	0
B.Holt ss-lf	3	0	1	1	Gattis ph-dh	2	0	0	0
Young lf	3	0	0	0	CDorml cf	4	0	0	0
Rutledg ph-ss	1	0	1	1	MGnzlz 1b	4	2	2	0
Brdly Jr cf	4	0	0	0	Valuen 3b	2	1	2	1
Vazqz c	4	0	1	0	JCastro c	4	0	0	1
Totals	35	3	9	3	Totals	35	8	12	8

Boston	100 001 010—3
Houston	010 040 03X—8

E — Fiers (1). LOB — Boston 8, Houston 9. 2B — Pedroia (4), Rutledge (3), Altuve 2 (7), Col. Rasmus (3), M.Gonzalez (3), Valbuena 2 (4). HR — Col.Rasmus (6), 7th, 8-Holt.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Buchholz L,0-2	5 2-3	6	5	5	1	6
Layne	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Ne.Ramirez	1-3	2	0	0	1	0
Ellis	1 2-3	4	3	3	2	1
Houston						
Fiers W,2-1	5 1-3	5	2	2	2	6
W.Harris	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Neshek	1	0	0	0	0	2
Giles	1	1	1	1	0	1
Fields	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP — by Buchholz (Correa).
T — 3:28. A — 40,232 (41,676).

Saturday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 3, RAYS 2

Tampa Bay	000	110	000 — 2 5 0
New York	100	000	02X — 3 7 0

Snell, Romero (6), Cedeno (7), E.Ramirez (7) and Casali; Tanaka, Betances (6), A.Miller (8) and McCann. W — A.Miller 1-0. L — E.Ramirez 4-1. HRs — Tampa Bay, Kiermaier (2). New York, Gardner (2).

BLUE JAYS 9, ATHLETICS 3

Oakland	100	100	100 — 3 7 1
Toronto	200	011	11X — 9 13 0

Beach, Hendrix (6), Rzepczynski (8) and Phegley; Happ, Floyd (8) and R.Martin. W — Happ 3-0. L — Beasitt 0-1. HRs — Oakland, Canha (3). Toronto, Donaldson (7), Tulowitzki 2 (4).

INDIANS 10, TIGERS 1

Cleveland	000	000	208 — 10 15 1
Detroit	000	010	000 — 1 2 1

Kluber, Otero (8) and Gomes; An.Sanchez, Ryan (3), A.Wilson (7), B.Hardy (8) and Sa.Iglesias/Ha. S.Wilson. W — Kluber 1-3. L — An.Sanchez 2-2. HRs — Cleveland, Gomes (2). Detroit, Saltalamacchia (6).

ORIOLES 8, ROYALS 3

Baltimore	021	400	001 — 8 14 1
Kansas City	000	010	002 — 3 7 0

T.Wilson, Matusz (6), Givens (8), Brach (7) and Wieters; Medlen, Dee (4), Wang (9) and S.Perez. W — T.Wilson 1-0. L — Medlen 1-1. HRs — Baltimore, C.Davis (6). Kansas City, S.Perez (4).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILLIES 10, BREWERS 6

Philadelphia	003	201	003 — 10 13 0
Milwaukee	103	000	020 — 6 10 1

Morlon, Oberholtzer (2), A.Bailey (4), D.Hernandez (6), Hinojosa (8), Araujo (8), J.Gomez (9) and Ruiz; Ch.Anderson, Torres (5), Blazek (7), Thornburg (8), Jeffress (9) and Lucroy. W — Oberholtzer 1-0. L — Ch.Anderson 1-2. HRs — Philadelphia, Franco (5), D.Herrera (2). Milwaukee, Braun (4), Carter (5).

METS 6, BRAVES 2

New York	200	200	102 — 6 15 0
Atlanta	001	000	100 — 2 10 1

Matz, Robles (7), Reed (8), Worrell (9) and d'Arnaud; Chacin, Markakis (6), Withrow (7), Weber (8) and Flowers. W — Matz 2-1. L — Chacin 0-1. HRs — New York, N.Walker (7), A.Cabrera (1).

REDS 13, CUBS 5

Chicago	010	000	220 — 5 7 0
Cincinnati	000	207	22x — 13 16 1

Lackey, Cahill (6), Ne.Ramirez (7), Richard (8) and M.Montero; Straily, B.Wood (5), Cotham (7), Clippard (8) and Mesoraco. W — B.Wood 2-0. L — Lackey 3-1. HRs — Chicago, A.Russell (2). Cincinnati, Suarez (5), Duvall (2), Schebler (1), Votto (2).

DIAMONDBACKS 7, PIRATES 1

Pittsburgh	010	000	000 — 1 4 1
Arizona	011	000	05x — 7 7 0

Nicasio, Caminero (6), Schugel (7), Scahill (8) and Cervelli; R.De La Rosa, Clippard (7), Hudson (8), Burgos (9) and Herrmann, W — R.De La Rosa 2-3. L — Nicasio 2-2. HRs — Pittsburgh, S.Rodriguez (3). Arizona, D.Peralta (2), Herrmann (1).

INTERLEAGUE
NATIONALS 2, TWINS 0

Minnesota	000	000	000 — 0 2 0
Washington	200	000	00x — 2 7 0

Pelfrey, Fien (8) and K.Suzuki; Roark, Treinen (6), G.Perez (8), Papelbon (9) and W.Ramos. W — Roark 2-2. L — Pelfrey 1-3. Sv — Papelbon (7).

HSROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

MUSTANGS OUTLAST EAGLES

Midland Christian committed four errors, but weathered a late rally to earn an 8-5 TAPPS 1-4A win against visiting Fort Worth Southwest Christian, Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

MCS (23-9-1, 11-1 in TAPPS 1-4A) completed the weekend sweep of the Eagles and remains in a tie for first place in the district with two games remaining.

Anderson Needham got the start for the Mustangs and allowed three runs on four hits over 4 1/3 innings. He was relieved by Hunter Robertson, who eventually picked up the win.

MCS grabbed an early 3-0 lead in the first. After FWSC cut the lead to 3-2 in the top of the third, the Mustangs answered with two runs in the fourth and three more in the sixth.

Josh Brown paced the Mustangs going 1-for-3 with two RBI. Matt Morgan finished 2-for-3 with two doubles, an RBI and a pair of runs.

MCS 8, FORT WORTH SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN 5

FWSC	002	010	2 — 5 8 1
MCS	300	203	X — 8 11 4

Nico Sharp, Matt McElwain (5) and Peyton Brawnhagen; Anderson Needham, Hunter Robertson (5), Randall Stancroft (7) and Zac Tilton. W — Hunter Robertson. L — Matt McElwain. SV — FWSC: Nico Sharp. Payton Brawnhagen: MCS: Grant Little, Anderson Needham, Matt Morgan 2.

Josh Brown

Records: FWSC 8-6 in TAPPS 1-4A, MCS 23-9-1, 11-1 in TAPPS 1-4A

Next: MCS at Lubbock Christian, Monday

Softball

MCS DEMOLISHES GRAPEVINE FAITH

GRAPEVINE — Midland Christian reeled off 13 hits and received a another gem in the circle from Clarissa Martinez to blast Grapevine Faith, 17-0 in a TAPPS 1-4A contest on Saturday.

Martinez allowed three hits over five innings while striking out six for MCS (19-15, 7-3 in TAPPS 1-4A). At the plate, she went 4-for-5 with a home run, four RBI and two runs scored.

The Lady Mustangs jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the top of the third inning and then added three runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth.

MCS capitalized on a whopping seven Grapevine errors in the win.

Courtney Monk finished 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored for the Lady Mustangs. Abby Escajeda went 1-for-2 with four runs, an RBI and two walks.

MCS 17, GRAPEVINE FAITH CHRISTIAN 0, 5 INNINGS

MCS	034	34	—17 13 0
GFC	000	00	—0 3 7

Clarissa Martinez and Brandi Kennedy. Dykes and Howard. W — Clarissa Martinez. L — Dykes. 2B — MCS: Danika Gordon, Courtney Monk. HR — MCS: Clarissa Martinez.

Records: MCS 19-15, 7-3 in TAPPS 1-4A

Next: Lubbock Christian at MCS, 5 p.m. Tuesday

MRT file photo

Andrews' Libby Walinder watches her shot at the Girls Tall City Golf Invitational on Feb. 26.

ANDREWS

From 1C

turnaround, you can't do anything differently."

There's no questioning the talent in Andrews' program. But there's also a steady supply of blossoming younger players who have contributed to this year's run.

Sophomore Kinzee McAllister, who also plays on Andrews' No. 1 team, showed impressive consistency and finished fifth at the regional tournament with a 77-77—154 score.

McAllister will be making her first state trip to Austin this week. She said she's thrilled to be able to share the experience with all of her other teammates.

And even though she's making her state tournament debut, McAllister added that she believes the experience gained this week will prove to be invaluable in her junior and senior seasons.

"Oh yeah, definitely," McAllister said. "It makes me feel like I can help out the others if we get there (to the state tournament) next year and the next year, hopefully."

Meanwhile, junior Bailey McCarver paced the Lady Mustangs' Gold Team at the regional tournament, as she carded an 83-76—159 and ended in a three-way tie for ninth.

Burgen said McCarver had never broken 80 in tournament play until her second round at regionals. McCarver said that since each team expects to perform well at state, there has been some friendly sparring among teammates over which group will finish higher in Austin.

"We (the gold team) definitely want to push them (the black team) to do better," McCarver said. "And it pushes us to be better, to try to at least get close to them."

McCarver, who is also making her first state appearance, said she just wants to enjoy the two days and help place her team as high as possible.

"I want to enjoy it and I want the team to place," McCarver said. "I think that's my personal goal, (to) just have everyone play well."

In the boys tournament, Tanner Stokes will be representing Andrews as an individual medalist.

Stokes finished in a three-way tie for seventh at the regional tournament after shooting a 78-70—148 and will be making his first state appearance. The Andrews boys didn't qualify for the regional tournament this year.

Stokes said he's disappointed that his teammates won't be making the trip with him to Austin. But he feels confident he can compete with a deep and talented field.

"I'm a little upset that the team doesn't get to go," Stokes said. "But I've just got to make the best of it. I can't control anyone else, so I need to make the best of it for myself."

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2016 Class 4A Girls State Tournament

When/where: Monday-Tuesday, Onion Creek Country Club, Austin

Andrews Black lineup: Libby Walinder, Madee McAllister, Kinzee McAllister, Rachel Huffman, Savannah Pinson

Andrews Gold lineup: Bailey McCarver, Sam Flores, Katelynn Savell, Macy Schulze, Mikala Haynie

Andrews boys medalist: Tanner Stokes

Ricky Barnes takes 1-stroke lead in Valero Texas Open

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Ricky Barnes shot a 5-under 67 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead in the Valero Texas Open in a bid for his first PGA Tour victory.

Winless in 221 starts with a career-best runner-up finish in the 2009 U.S. Open, the 35-year-old Barnes had an 11-under 205 total at TPC San Antonio. He closed with a bogey after a wild drive near a cactus bush on the par-5 18th.

"I'd be lying if I would say it was a successful career being out here without a win," Barnes said. "This is why you play the game, right? Come in on Sundays and have a chance to win."

Brendan Steele, the leader after each of the first two rounds, was second after a 72.

"I played with Ricky last week, and his game is looking really good right now," said Steele, the 2011 winner for his lone tour title. "I was really struggling. I was able to make enough recovery shots to not make many mistakes and I was able to be patient enough and make a couple of birdies at the end."

Former world No. 1 Luke Donald and three-time tour winner Charley Hoffman were two strokes back. Donald, coming off a second-place tie last week in the RBC Heritage in South Carolina, shot a 68. Hoffman missed a 7-foot birdie putt on the last hole and settled for a 70.

"Sure feels good to be back in contention again and having chances to win," Donald said.

Patrick Reed was fifth at 8 under after a 70. He was born in San Antonio.

Billy Horschel (67) and three-time major winner Padraig Harrington (68) were 7 under along with Chad Collins (67), Jon Curran (71), Martin Piller (71) and Nick Taylor (66).

Horschel hasn't won since the 2014 Tour Championship, and Harrington has one PGA Tour win last year in the Honda Classic since his claimed his third major at the 2008 PGA Championship.

"I think if I'm in command of my game," Horschel said, "it doesn't matter where I am. I can get the job done. I've figured out something in my swing."

In addition to his seven birdies, Barnes did well to rescue himself from trouble. His bogey from the 18th could have been much worse when his drive went left and settled next to the cactus.

Associated Press

Ricky Barnes walks off of the the 18th green during the third round of the Texas Open golf tournament, Saturday in San Antonio.

TEXAS OPEN SCORES

Saturday
At TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course)
San Antonio
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 7,435; Par: 72
Third Round
a-amateur

Ricky Barnes	68-70-67—205
Brendan Steele	64-70-72—206
Luke Donald	69-70-68—207
Charley Hoffman	68-71-70—207
Patrick Reed	65-73-70—208
Billy Horschel	70-72-67—209
Nick Taylor	75-68-66—209
Chad Collins	73-69-67—209
Padraig Harrington	70-71-68—209
Martin Piller	70-68-71—209
Jon Curran	70-68-71—209
Kevin Streelman	70-71-69—210
Aaron Baddeley	74-70-66—210
Ryan Palmer	68-70-72—210
Mark Wilson	69-69-72—210
Scott Langley	69-68-73—210
Chris Kirk	71-71-69—211
Luke List	71-72-68—211
Bryce Molder	70-71-70—211
Kevin Chappell	71-70-70—211
Harold Varner III	69-72-70—211
David Hearn	73-71-67—211
Brandt Snedeker	70-69-72—211
Stuart Appleby	67-70-74—211
Abraham Ancer	73-69-70—212
Rob Oppenheim	73-68-71—212
Shawn Stefani	72-69-71—212
Jason Gore	70-70-72—212
Dicky Pride	70-72-71—213
J.B. Holmes	72-70-71—213
Daniel Summerhays	72-70-71—213
Branden Grace	72-72-69—213
William McGirt	71-70-72—213
K.J. Choi	71-70-72—213
Kyle Stanley	73-68-72—213
Brice Garnett	73-71-69—213
Spencer Levin	69-70-74—213
Tim Wilkinson	73-71-69—213
Michael Kim	73-69-72—214
Keegan Bradley	71-71-72—214
Mark Hubbard	72-70-72—214
Whee Kim	72-70-72—214
Andrew Landry	70-73-71—214
Brian Harman	70-73-71—214
Matt Kuchar	71-73-70—214
Andres Romero	69-71-74—214
Zac Blair	70-70-74—214
Steve Flesch	68-76-70—214
Sung Kang	71-67-76—214
Peter Malnati	67-71-76—214
Zach Johnson	68-75-70—214
Scott Stallings	74-70-70—214
Roberto Castro	73-71-70—214
Tom Gillis	70-71-72—215
Greg Owen	74-69-72—215
Thomas Aiken	71-72-72—215
Cameron Tringale	71-70-74—215
Brian Stuard	73-69-73—215
Tom Hoge	76-68-71—215
Ben Crane	71-71-74—216
Kyle Reifers	71-71-74—216
Francesco Molinari	68-75-73—216
Wes Roach	72-71-73—216
Jerry Kelly	69-74-73—216
Curtis Reed	73-71-72—216
Brendon de Jonge	69-74-74—217
D.H. Lee	71-71-75—217
Matt Jones	69-74-74—217
John Merrick	70-74-73—217
Justin Leonard	73-71-73—217
D.A. Points	73-71-73—217

Woody Austin, Michael Allen take Legends lead

Associated Press

RIDGEDALE, Mo. — Woody Austin and Michael Allen shot a 12-under 59 in better-ball play Saturday to take the second-round lead in the PGA Tour Champions' Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge.

Austin and Allen played Buffalo Ridge's Springs Course after opening with a 5-under 49 on the par-3 Top of the Rock course.

"We played the absolute perfect team game today," Austin said. "We ham and egged it great. We were both in just about every hole. We hit it closeto the hole a lot. It was a true perfect partnership day today. We were perfect today."

Austin won the Mitsubishi Electric Classic last week in a playoff in Georgia for his second victory in the last three events on the 50-and-over tour.

Defending champions Billy Andrade and Joe Durant were a stroke back at 16 under along with the teams of David Frost-Roger Chapman and Kenny Perry-Scott Hoch. Frost and Chapman had a 61 at the Springs, while Andrade-Durant and Perry-Hoch each shot 46 at Top of the Rock. At the par-3 course, the teams played nine holes of modified alternate shot and nine of better ball.

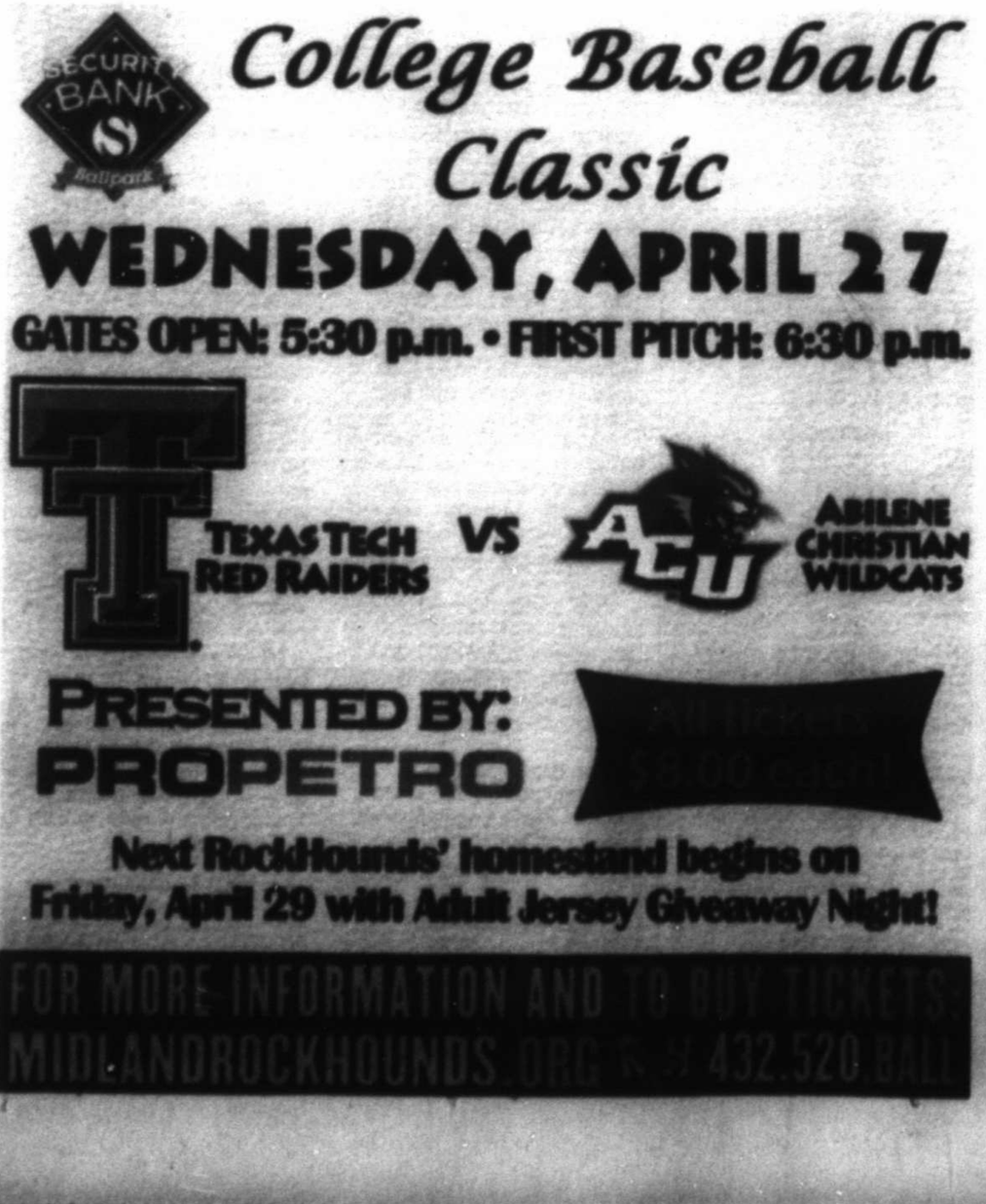
"We're in a great spot," Perry said. "We've got to make some putts. I need to make a few putts. I had some great opportunities and looks, and (Hoch) got me in there. I made a couple, but I missed more than I made. I need to kind of rotate around tomorrow and just make a couple more."

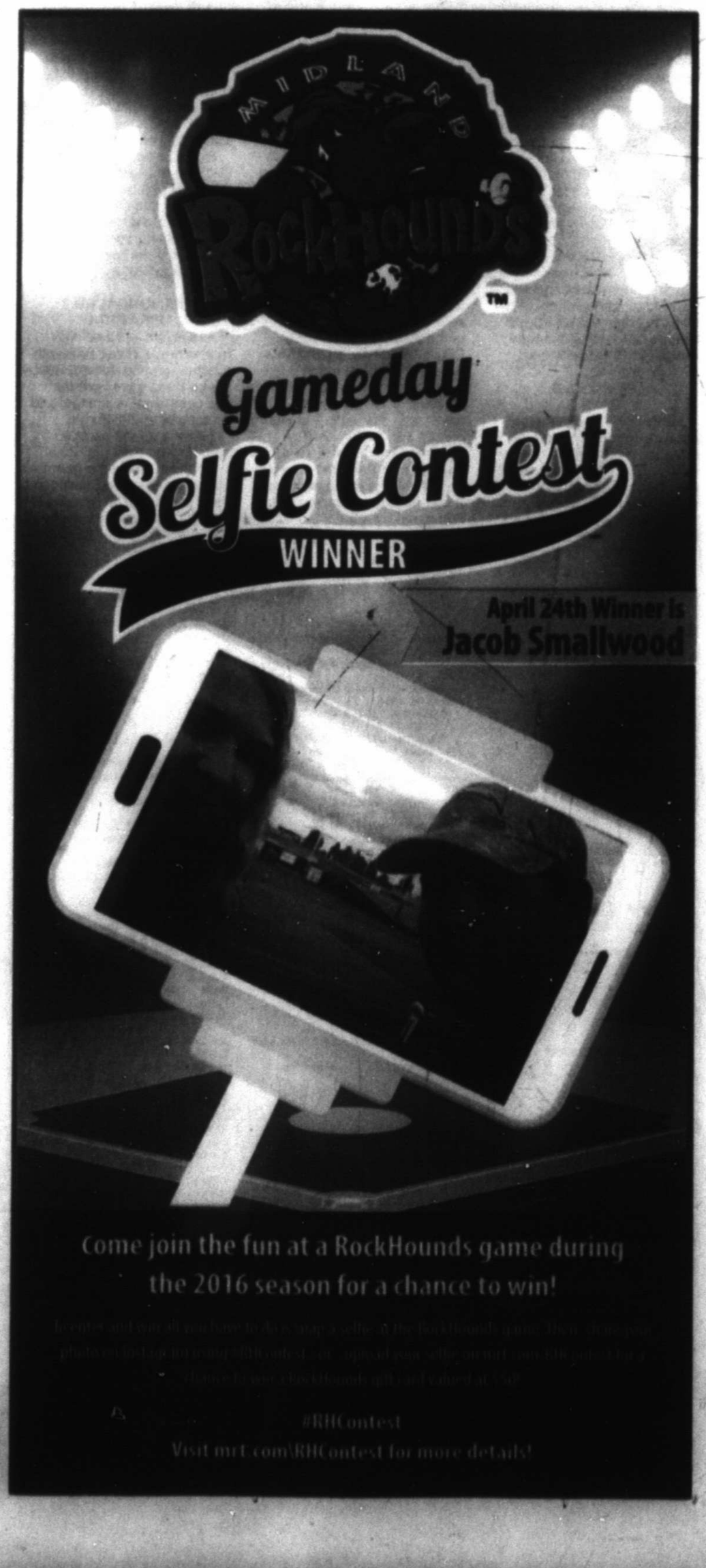
First-round leaders Bernhard Langer and Tom Lehman were 15 under after a 50 on the par-3 course.

The final round will be played on the par-3 course.

"That alternate shot nine holes is going to be the key in the morning," Austin said.

Larry Nelson and Bruce Fleisher had a two-stroke lead in the Legends Division for players 65 and older, shooting a 6-under 48 at Top of the Rock to reach 15-under 93. They will finish with a nine-hole round on the par-3 course.





Spurs take 3-0 series lead, beating ragtag Grizzlies

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The San Antonio Spurs didn't play with their usual methodical precision. Kawhi Leonard more than offset those shortcomings, especially against ragtag Memphis.

Leonard scored 32 points, and the Spurs beat the Grizzlies 96-87 on Friday night to take a 3-0 lead in their Western Conference first-round series.

The Spurs now are a win away from their ninth postseason series sweep and third against Memphis. They finished the game on a 13-6 run in the final 3:41, and Leonard, the two-time Defensive Player of the Year, scored 13 points in the fourth quarter as he shot 11 of 22 for the game and 6 of 9 from 3-point range.

"You want to work on your execution when the pressure is on," Leonard said.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 16 points and 10 rebounds. Danny Green and Manu Ginobili each added 11 points for San Antonio with the Grizzlies focused on defending Leonard's supporting cast.

"He just keeps getting better and better," Memphis coach Dave Joerger said of Leonard. "He's been terrific all series, and he's also a bailout player for them ... They can run all their stuff, and it's hard to defend, and he can go get a shot when the shot clock is going down."

Associated Press

Minnesota Wild goalie Devan Dubnyk (40) and defenseman Matt Dumba (24) defend the goal against Dallas Stars right wing Valeri Nichushkin (43) during the first period in Game 5 in the first round of the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs Friday in Dallas. The Wild won 5-4 in overtime.

NBAPLAYOFFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PACERS 100
RAPTORS 83

INDIANAPOLIS — George Hill and Ian Mahinmi each scored 22 points, Paul George added 19 and the Indiana Pacers beat the Toronto Raptors 100-83 on Sunday to tie the first-round playoff series at 2-2.

Game 5 in the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night in Toronto.

Jonas Valanciunas led Toronto with 16 points, and Kyle Lowry and DeMarre Carroll each had 12.

Indiana scored the first seven points, took control with a 3-point spree late in the first quarter and led by as much as 25 points in the first half.

HORNETS 96
HEAT 80

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jeremy Lin scored 18 points, Kemba Walker had 17 and the Charlotte Hornets beat the Miami Heat 96-80 on Saturday night to snap a 12-game playoff losing streak and earn their first postseason victory in 14 years.

Rookie Frank Kaminsky, who got the starting nod, scored eight of his 15 points during an 18-0 run in the third quarter that broke open a 53-all game.

The Heat lead the series 2-1, with Game 4 set for Monday night.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 3, Detroit 0

Sunday, April 17: Cleveland 106, Detroit 101
Wednesday, April 20: Cleveland 107, Detroit 90
Friday, April 22: Cleveland 101, Detroit 91
Today: Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 26: Detroit at Cleveland, TBA
x-Thursday, April 28: Cleveland at Detroit, TBA
x-Saturday, April 30: Detroit at Cleveland, TBA

Toronto 2, Indiana 2

Saturday, April 16: Indiana 100, Toronto 90
Monday, April 18: Toronto 88, Indiana 87
Thursday, April 21: Toronto 101, Indiana 85
Saturday: Indiana 100, Toronto 83
Tuesday: Indiana at Toronto, TBA
Friday, April 29: Toronto at Indiana, TBA
x-Sunday, May 1: Indiana at Toronto, TBA

Miami 2, Charlotte 1

Sunday, April 17: Miami 123, Charlotte 91
Wednesday, April 20: Miami 115, Charlotte 103
Saturday: Hornets 96, Heat 80
Monday: Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 27: Charlotte at Miami, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, April 29: Miami at Charlotte, TBA
x-Sunday, May 1: Charlotte at Miami, TBA

Atlanta 3, Boston 1

Saturday, April 16: Atlanta 102, Boston 101
Tuesday, April 19: Atlanta 89, Boston 72
Friday, April 22: Boston 111, Atlanta 103
Today: Atlanta at Boston, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26: Boston at Atlanta, TBA
x-Thursday, April 28: Atlanta at Boston, TBA
x-Saturday, April 30: Boston at Atlanta, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 3, Houston 1

Saturday, April 16: Golden State 104, Houston 78
Monday, April 18: Golden State 115, Houston 106
Thursday, April 21: Houston 97, Golden State 96
Today: Golden State at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 27: Houston at Golden State, 8 or 9:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 29: Golden State at Houston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 1: Houston at Golden State, TBA

San Antonio 3, Memphis 0

Sunday, April 17: San Antonio 106, Memphis 74
Tuesday, April 19: San Antonio 94, Memphis 68
Friday, April 22: San Antonio 96, Memphis 87
Today: San Antonio at Memphis, Noon
x-Tuesday, April 26: Memphis at San Antonio, TBA
x-Thursday, April 28: San Antonio at Memphis, TBA
x-Saturday, April 30: Memphis at San Antonio, TBA

Oklahoma City 3, Dallas 1

Saturday, April 16: Oklahoma City 106, Dallas 70
Monday, April 18: Dallas 85, Oklahoma City 84
Thursday, April 21: Oklahoma City 131, Dallas 102
Saturday: Oklahoma City 119, Dallas 108
Monday, April 25: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 28: Oklahoma City at Dallas, TBA
x-Saturday, April 30: Dallas at Oklahoma City, TBA

L.A. Clippers 2, Portland 0

Sunday, April 17: L.A. Clippers 115, Portland 95
Wednesday, April 20: L.A. Clippers 102, Portland 81
Saturday: L.A. Clippers at Portland, late
Monday: L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 27: Portland at L.A. Clippers, 8, 9 or 9:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 29: L.A. Clippers at Portland, TBA
x-Sunday, May 1: Portland at L.A. Clippers, TBA

Koivu scores in OT, Wild beat Stars 5-4 to stay alive

Associated Press

DALLAS — Mikko Koivu and the Minnesota Wild are going home and hoping for another trip to Dallas.

Koivu scored the tying goal with 3:09 left in regulation, then redirected Ryan Suter's shot from the left point 4:55 in the overtime as Minnesota beat the Stars 5-4 on Friday night to stay alive in their first-round series.

"We felt confident, we thought we were going to come out and play a good game. Games 2, 3, 4 and 5, I've liked," Wild interim coach John Torchetti said. "Now we got to go home and try and find a way to get back to Dallas."

Dallas, the top seed in the Western Conference, still has a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series. Game 6 is Sunday in Minnesota.

If the Wild can force a Game 7, that would be Tuesday night back in Dallas.

Jason Spezza and Alex Goligoski scored 28 seconds apart almost midway through the third period, giving the Stars their first lead of the game.

"We still knew there was a lot of time left. I thought we played a good hockey game. That momentum can switch real quick and it did," Koivu said. "But I thought we stuck with it."

The Wild forced overtime when Koivu went top shelf for the tying goal. Koivu, the Wild's leading scorer in the regular season with 56 points, had only one goal without an assist in the series until then.

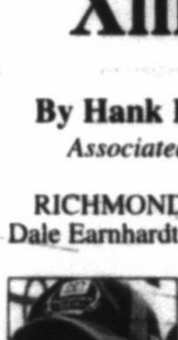
Asked what the game meant to Koivu, his coach responded, "Well, I think that he really wanted it, that's for sure. I don't know all the stat stuff and all that, I just know that his leadership, that's what it's all about."

Dallas fell behind 2-0 in the first 5 1/2 minutes and didn't lead until Goligoski's goal with 11:04 left in regulation that hit the back of defenseman Marco Scandella on the way into the net and made it 4-3.

Earnhardt wins NASCAR Xfinity race at Richmond

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. dominated all day and regained the lead on a late restart to win the NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Richmond International Raceway on Saturday, earning his 24th career victory in the series and first in more than six years.



Earnhardt

It also was the first time he's ever won in one of his own cars, which he said "makes it a little better."

The victory capped off a lucrative few days for JR Motorsports. Earnhardt said Unilever, the maker of Hellmann's mayonnaise and a team partner since 2009, has signed on to sponsor the team's Xfinity cars for 20 races in 2017-18.

"To be able to come and win a race in that car is incredible," Earnhardt said about the car that bore the Hellmann's colors.

It was his fourth series win at Richmond.

Earnhardt built a lead of more than 5 seconds as the first 125 laps were run caution-free. When a caution finally flew with 15 laps to go, he and the other 10 cars on the lead lap headed for the pits, and chaos ensued, causing the race to go nine extra laps.

Earnhardt led 128 laps but was beaten off pit road by his JR Motorsports teammate Justin Allgaier, one of four drivers contending for a $100,000 bonus. But Brennan Poole, another contender for the bonus, stayed on the track on old tires, and when Earnhardt dove underneath him heading into Turn 1, Poole's car nudged the back of Allgaier's, sending him spinning out of the race.

That opened a door for Earnhardt to get back in front and for Ty Dillon to hold on for second and claim the $100,000 bonus in overtime.

"I don't run the Xfinity Series but a couple of times a year, so the opportunities to win are few and far between," Earnhardt said. His last victory in the series came at Daytona in 2010.

Dillon said he thought he might have a chance in the two-lap spring to the finish, but came up short.

"They were just too fast today," Dillon said. "We were right there. They just had us by a little bit."

Dillon said when the race went back to green, his thoughts were on winning the race, not the bonus.

"It was all about the W," he said. "Really I wasn't really worried about anything but trying to win."

With the boss leading the way, the day was also a success for Earnhardt's team with Elliott Sadler finishing third and Cole Custer sixth in his first start in the Xfinity Series. After the accident deprived him of a chance for the bonus, Allgaier finished 35th.

Series points leader Daniel Suarez finished fourth, followed by Austin Dillon.

Saurez leads Sadler by nine points in the series standings after eight races.

NHLPLAYOFFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RANGERS 6
PENGUINS 3

PITTSBURGH — Mike Sullivan was right. The past is the past for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Pittsburgh ended its postseason hex against the New York Rangers emphatically Saturday, lighting up Henrik Lundqvist in a remarkably easy 6-3 rout in Game 5 to win the series 4-1 and advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Rookie Bryan Rust scored twice during a four-goal burst in the second period and Matt Murray made 38 saves for the Penguins. Pittsburgh which outscored the Rangers 14-4 over the final three games to gain a measure of revenge after New York ended the Penguins' seasons each of the last two years.

Not this time. Matt Cullen, Carl Hagelin, Conor Sheary and Phil Kessel also scored for the Penguins to end a miserable and brief postseason for Lundqvist, who stopped just 17 of 23 shots and failed to make it to the third period for the third time in the series.

DUCKS 5
PREDATORS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ryan Garbutt scored the go-ahead goal in the second period for the Ducks, who beat the Nashville Predators 5-2 on Saturday for the first win by a home team in their first-round series, which Anaheim leads 3-2.

Nashville had won the first two games in Anaheim before the Ducks tied it with two wins on the Predators' home ice.

David Perron scored the tying goal earlier in the second and assisted on Garbutt's goal along with Ryan Getzlaf.

The Ducks added three goals in the third. Sami Vatanen scored on a breakaway, Cam Fowler had a power-play goal and Ryan Kesler added an empty-netter.

BLACKHAWKS 6
BLUES 3

CHICAGO — Artem Anisimov, Trevor van Riemsdyk and Dale Weise scored during Chicago's dominant second period, and the Blackhawks beat the St. Louis Blues 6-3 on Saturday night to send their first-round playoff series to Game 7.

Andrew Shaw added a third-period goal in his return from a one-game suspension for using a gay slur during Chicago's 4-3 loss in Game 4. Andrew Ladd had a goal and an assist as the Blackhawks improved to 15-1 in their last 16 Game 6s in the playoffs.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. Islanders 3, Florida 2

Thursday, April 14: N.Y. Islanders 5, Florida 4
Friday, April 15: Florida 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Sunday, April 17: N.Y. Islanders 4, Florida 3, OT
Wednesday, April 20: Florida 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Friday, April 22: N.Y. Islanders 2, Florida 1, 2OT
Today: Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 26: N.Y. Islanders at Florida, TBA

Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 1

Wednesday, April 13: Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2
Friday, April 15: Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 2
Sunday, April 17: Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 0
Tuesday, April 19: Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2
Thursday, April 21: Tampa Bay 1, Detroit 0
Washington 3, Philadelphia 2
Thursday, April 14: Washington 2, Philadelphia 0
Saturday, April 16: Washington 4, Philadelphia 1
Monday, April 18: Washington 6, Philadelphia 1
Wednesday, April 20: Philadelphia 2, Washington 1
Friday, April 22: Philadelphia 2, Washington 0
Today: Washington at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
x-Wednesday, April 27: Philadelphia at Washington, TBA

Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 1

Wednesday, April 13: Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Saturday, April 16: N.Y. Rangers 4, Pittsburgh 2
Tuesday, April 19: Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Thursday, April 21: Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Rangers 0
Saturday: Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Rangers 3

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Dallas 3, Minnesota 2

Thursday, April 14: Dallas 4, Minnesota 0
Saturday, April 16: Dallas 2, Minnesota 1
Monday, April 18: Minnesota 5, Dallas 3
Wednesday, April 20: Dallas 3, Minnesota 2
Friday, April 22: Minnesota 5, Dallas 4, OT
Today: Dallas at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 26: Minnesota at Dallas, TBA

St. Louis 3, Chicago 3

Wednesday, April 13: St. Louis 1, Chicago 0, OT
Friday, April 15: Chicago 5, St. Louis 2
Sunday, April 17: St. Louis 3, Chicago 2
Tuesday, April 19: St. Louis 4, Chicago 3
Thursday, April 21: Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, 2OT
Saturday: Chicago 6, St. Louis 3
x-Monday, April 25:Chicago at St. Louis, TBA

Anaheim 3, Nashville 2

Friday, April 15: Nashville 3, Anaheim 2
Sunday, April 17: Nashville 3, Anaheim 2
Tuesday, April 19: Anaheim 3, Nashville 0
Thursday, April 21: Anaheim 4, Nashville 1
Saturday: Anaheim 5, Nashville 2
Monday, April 25: Anaheim at Nashville, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 27: Nashville at Anaheim, TBA

San Jose 4, Los Angeles 1

Thursday, April 14: San Jose 4, Los Angeles 1
Saturday, April 16: San Jose 2, Los Angeles 1
Monday, April 18: Los Angeles 2, San Jose 1, OT
Wednesday, April 20: San Jose 3, Los Angeles 2
Friday, April 22: San Jose 6, Los Angeles 3

AUTO RACING RESULTS

Sprint Cup lineup

Race today
At Richmond International Raceway
Richmond, Va.
Lap length: .75 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

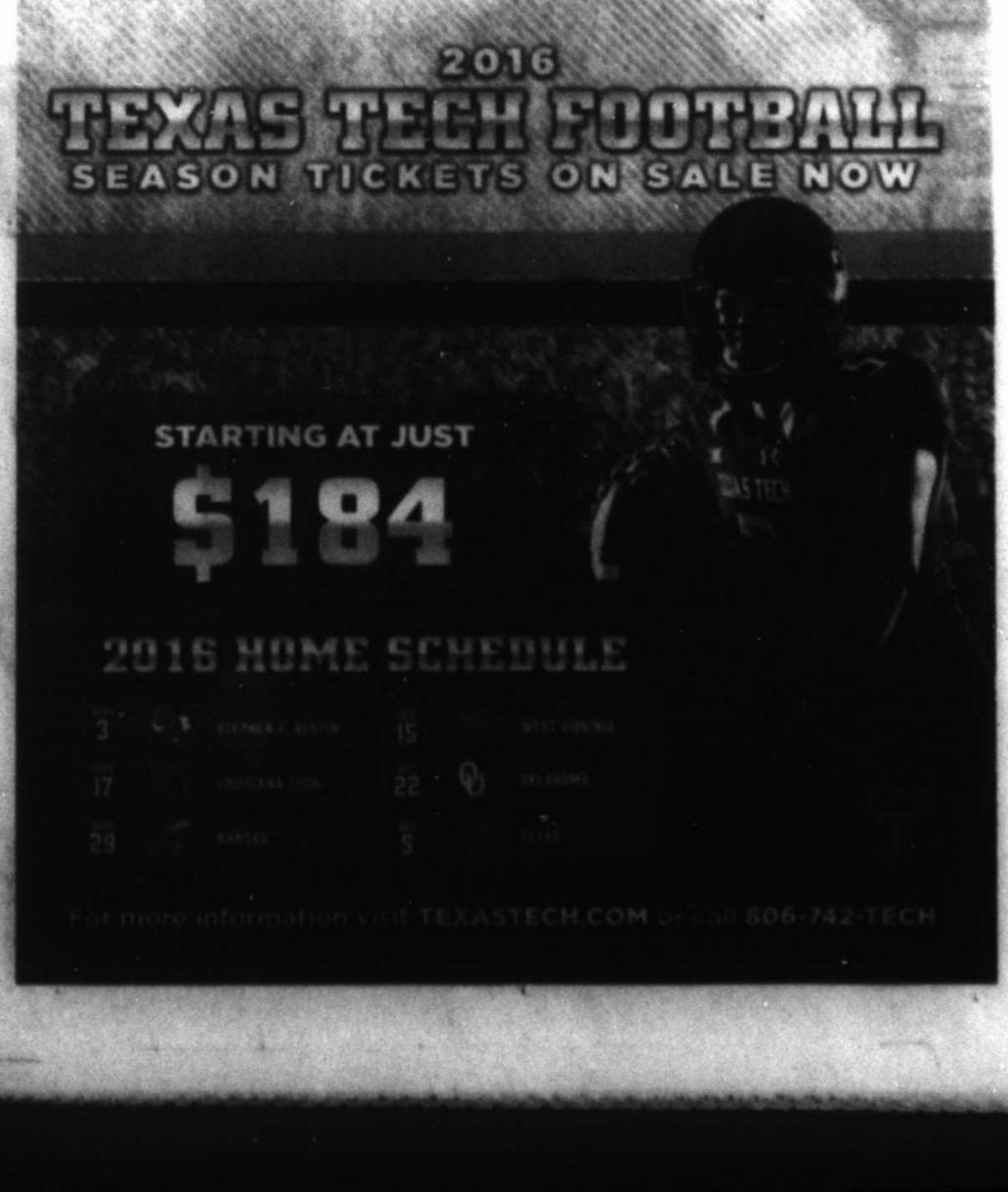
1. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 129.060 mph.
2. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, Charter Team, 128.694.
3. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 128.187.
4. (18) Carl Edwards, Toyota, Charter Team, 128.161.
5. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, Charter Team, 128.136.
6. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, Charter Team, 128.011.
7. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 127.799.
8. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 127.334.
9. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, Charter Team, 127.200.
10. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 127.200.
11. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 127.200.
12. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, Charter Team, 126.517.
13. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, Charter Team, 125.307.
14. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 124.913.
15. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 124.861.
16. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, Charter Team, 124.775.
17. (9) Trevor Bayne, Ford, Charter Team, 124.775.
18. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 124.700.
19. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, Charter Team, 124.527.
20. (44) Brian Scott, Ford, Charter Team, 124.518.
21. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 124.497.
22. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, Charter Team, 124.481.
23. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 124.464.
24. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, Charter Team, 124.064.
25. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 123.754.
26. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 123.596.
27. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 123.553.
28. (38) Landon Cassill, Ford, Charter Team, 123.125.
29. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, Open Team, 122.580.
30. (23) David Ragan, Toyota, Charter Team, 122.266.
31. (30) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, Open Team, 121.995.
32. (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 121.990.
33. (34) Chris Buescher, Ford, Charter Team, 121.891.
34. (7) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 121.406.
35. (55) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, Open Team, 121.255.
36. (83) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, Charter Team, 121.131.
37. (90) Ryan Ellis), Toyota, Open Team, 120.182.
38. (32) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Ford, Charter Team, 119.456.
39. (19) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 117.842.
40. (46) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, Charter Team, 0.000.

XFinity results

Saturday
At Richmond International Raceway
Richmond, Va.
Lap length: .75 miles

(Start position in parentheses)

1. (3) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 149 laps, 0 points.
2. (2) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 149, 39
3. (9) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 149, 36.
4. (8) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 149, 37.
5. (10) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 149, 0.
6. (17) Cole Custer, Chevrolet, 149, 0.
7. (15) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 149, 34.
8. (16) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 149, 33.
9. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 149, 0.
10. (7) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 149, 32.
11. (18) Ryan Reed, Ford, 149, 30.
12. (19) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 149, 29.
13. (12) Justin Marks, Chevrolet, 149, 28.
14. (25) Dakoda Armstrong, Toyota, 149, 27.
15. (13) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 148, 26.
16. (11) Darrell Wallace Jr., Ford, 148, 25.
17. (22) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, 148, 0.
18. (14) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 148, 23.
19. (21) Jeb Burton, Ford, 148, 22.
20. (26) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 147, 21.
21. (20) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 147, 20.
22. (23) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 147, 19.
23. (24) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 146, 18.
24. (29) Riley Black Jr., Chevrolet, 146, 17.
25. (30) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 146, 0.
26. (32) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 146, 15.
27. (31) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 146, 14.
28. (28) B.J. McLeod, Ford, 146, 13.
29. (33) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, 145, 12.
30. (37) Dorrike Cope, Chevrolet, 144, 11.
31. (36) Timmy Hill, Dodge, 143, 0.
32. (36) Todd Peck, Ford, 143, 9.
33. (5) Matt Tifft, Toyota, accident, 135, 0.
34. (1) Erik Jones, Toyota, accident, 134, 8.
35. (4) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, accident, 134, 7.
36. (34) Mike Harmon, Dodge, accident, 123, 5.
37. (27) Jeff Green, Toyota, brakes, 104, 4.
38. (35) Carl Long, Dodge, brakes, 17, 3.
39. (39) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, suspension, 12, 2.
40. (40) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, transmission, 7, 0.



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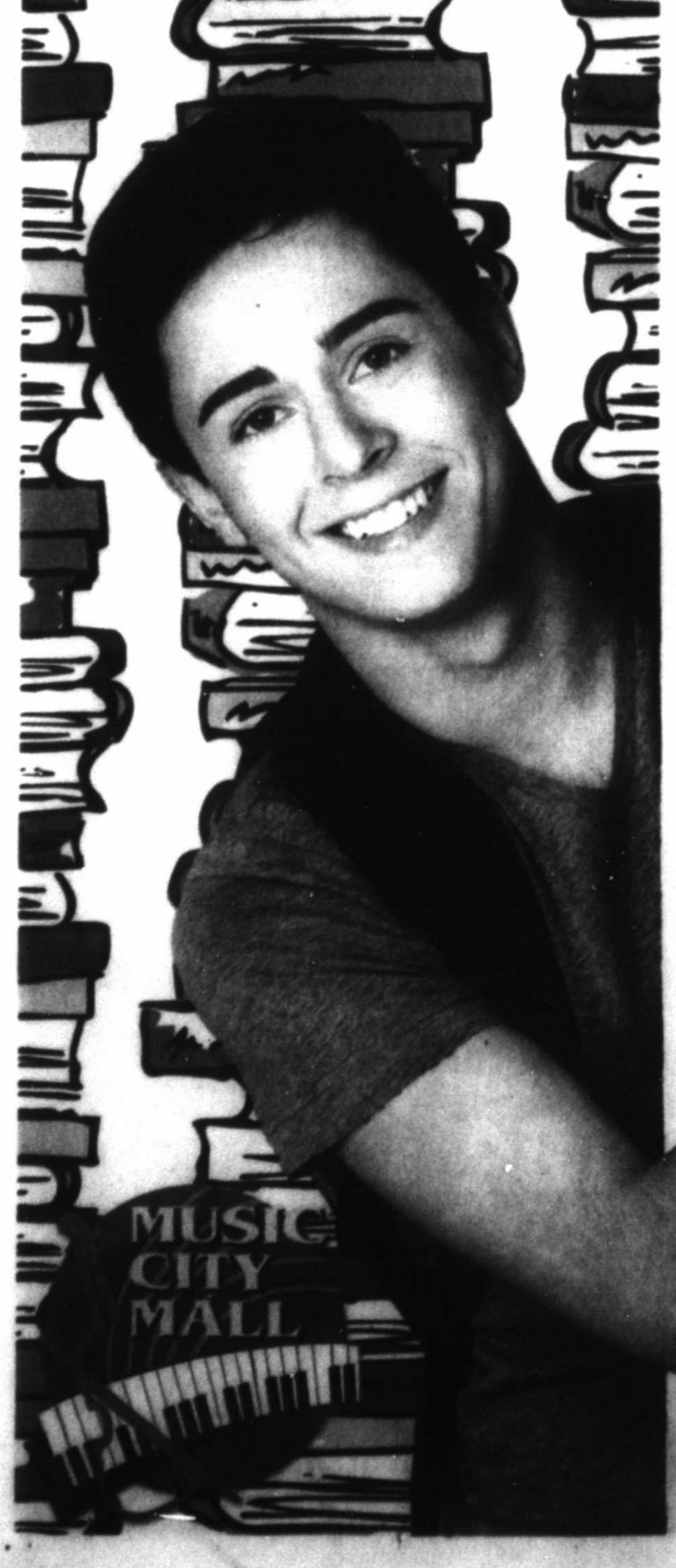

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Contact our Job Center for Job Descriptions or to Arrange a Campus Tour 432-268-7341 or 432-268-7298 or Complete an application online at https://jobshrportal.cpa.texas.gov/ENG/careerportal/

Big Spring State Hospital 1901 North Highway 87 Big Spring, TX 79720

Dental Assistant
Seeking a full time registered Dental Assistant for a well established and friendly office. Please call with resumes and provide us with references at 432-683-5601

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Pharmacist In Charge, needed for a Class D pharmacy in a small non-profit pediatric clinic in Midland, TX. Pharmacist is responsible for ordering inventory, dispensing medications and regulatory compliance. Candidate must have appropriate licensing, 2-5 years' experience (retail preferred, but not necessary), superior customer service skills, love working with children and their parents, and the ability to work independently. The position is part-time mornings 20-25 hours a week (Fridays off April - November). For more information contact Renee Meiner at 432-686-8593

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RN for Su Casa Home Health
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Sleep Lab Technician
The Sleep Center of the Southwest. Polysomnographic Technician is responsible for a variety of polysomnographic studies including nighttime studies and day studies-MSLTs, MWTs, etc. As appropriate, administers oxygen and titrate CPAP/BIPAP/ASV/AVAPS. Is able to anelyze data, score polysomnograms and compile data into a report for the physician to review. This opening is a full time position and the benefits include major medical insurance, a 401K, paid vacation. Compensation is competitive and depends on experience and certifications. Prefer RRT-SDS, RPSGT, or RRT.
Email resumes to: om@johndbraymd.com
Call 432-561-8183, Or come by: 606 Kent St. Midland, TX. to apply.

HEALTHCARE

THE SURGICAL CENTER OF MIDLAND

We are seeking an exceptional **Director of Nursing candidate** to lead our clinical team at The Surgical Center of Midland.

The Director of Nursing position assumes responsibility and accountability for all aspects of management for the Ambulatory Surgical Center.

These responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
- Maintaining CMS certification
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Qualifications:
- Graduate of an accredited school of professional nursing
- Current RN status with the Texas Board of Nursing
- Graduate of Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Current BLS and ACLS certification

Please submit resume to Dianna Malone at surgerycenter@quiknt.com

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Maintenance
Local Apartment complex now taking applications for a maintenance position. Experience a plus, but not necessary. Please call/email: 432-218-8728 pinehurst@mygrande.net

MARKETING

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OTHER JOBS

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Now hiring Assistant Manager. We have excellent benefits including: paid vacation, 401K and health insurance. Opportunity for advancement. Working at least 45 to 50 hours per week. Also hiring Counter Help. Apply in person.

Claims Representative
Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company is seeking a Claims Representative for the Snyder, TX. Good credit history, clear driving record & 4 yr college degree required. Excellent benefits. Apply at www.texasfarmbureau.org. EOE

Controller Position
Experienced Oil & Gas Controller capable of managing staff in a multiple entity environment. Submit resume and salary requirements to: P-105 C/O The Midland Reporter-Telegram, Midland, TX. 79701.

Manager/Administrative Position
The Housing Authority of the City of Midland is accepting applications for a Manager/Administrative position for Hillcrest Manor, a 98-unit complex. Must be experienced in apartment rental, strong clerical and computer skills (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Publisher) knowledge of QuickBooks/Peachtree Accounting, and work well in an elderly environment; must be honest, dependable and drug free. Benefits include 401K plan, insurance, paid vacation and holidays. Interested persons may apply at the Housing Authority Office 700 W. Scharbauer Drive, Midland Texas 79705 DEADLINE TO APPLY: April 27, 2016. The Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Outside Sales Rep
Midland Reporter-Telegram
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.

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We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months, a cell phone allowance 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:

Jeri Houston, Director of Advertising, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701 or **jhouston@mrt.com**. No phone calls please.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Social Worker
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services is seeking a Child/Family Specialist/Social Worker in Midland. Licensed social worker or Bachelor's degree required with a minimum of 3 years experience working with children and adolescents. Competitive salary and excellent full time benefits!
If you are interested, please apply online at http://texas.pchas.org/employment/application/

RETAIL JOBS

Assistant Manager Position
WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE. Hiring Assistant Manager. Westlake ACE Hardware, has immediate opening at our Midland TX store. Previous retail management and hardware experience preferred. We offer competitive pay, bonus, paid vacations/holidays, a liberal employee discount and other benefits. Please submit your resume via email: icastro@westlakehardware.com or via fax: 866-490-0460

SALES JOBS

Imagine... a career where the professional rewards are measured by the lives you touch.

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LabCorp is seeking an **Experienced Key Account Representative** to join our sales team in **Midland, TX**. B.A./B.S. degree preferred w/ 2-4 years of medical outside sales experience. A valid driver's license and clean driving record is required. Must be able to educate, instruct, up sell all assigned/newly generated accounts, business retention and growth in a predetermined geographic territory.

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Edwards County Texas
Is currently seeking applicants for the position of Motor Grader Operator

Minimum Requirement
Requires minimum of one year on Motor Grader with emphasis on building and/or maintaining non-paved road beds. Experience in operation of other heavy equipment preferred.

Salary dependent upon experience. Insurance and retirement benefits and paid vacation.

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Must obtain Class A CDL with N endorsement within 60 days after hire date. Position open until filled.

Interested Applicants should contact the Edwards County Judge's office at (830) 683-6122 to receive an application packet.

Edwards County is "An Equal Employment Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer"

Operators Needed
South Environmental Services is hiring experienced dozer and blade operators. Must have clean driving records!
Please apply at 2400 S. Loop 250 W. Midland Texas 79703

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JOB WEEK

MRT.COM/JOBS SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016 | CONTACT: (432) 682-5311

Percentage of employees that report working on the weekends at least once a month.
Source: Staples Advantage Workplace Index

EVERY INTERVIEW, TELL A STORY

WANT TO STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD? LEARN HOW TO TELL THE STORIES FROM YOUR CAREER IN AN EFFECTIVE, POWERFUL MANNER

By PATRICIA RIVERA
CTW FEATURES

Want to be the hero at your next interview? Then tell a great story that succeeds in answering a tough behavioral question while showing how you solved a problem or dealt with a challenge.

It all starts with cultivating a reserve of stories that address specific factors, such as problem solving or showing composure under pressure, said Carole Martin, a San Diego interview coach and author of "What to Say in Every Job Interview: How to Understand What Managers are Really Asking and Give the Answers that Land the Job." (McGraw-Hill Education, 2013).

"By having an inventory of stories to pull from, you will be able to adjust your stories to fit the situation or factor," Martin adds.

Stories are best for behavioral questions that Martin says offer the interviewer a clear picture of you, based on your past experience and successes. Much like the fairytales, these stories also have three key elements. A beginning, a middle that tells what actions you took and a happy ending.

Keep stories shorter than two minutes. Use the phrases such as "there was a time," "the first step I took was," "as a result, I" to mark the sequence.

You will want to spend about 20 percent of the story focused on the problem, then 60 percent of the story on the action that you took and 20 percent on the results.

During the action, you, as the star, should give the listener the meaty details. But show, don't tell. Instead of saying you were angry, say that you stormed into the room, slammed the door and threw the books on the table.

"By using details to tell your story, you prevent your stories from being flat and uninteresting and sometimes even boring, and your stories become fun and informative," Martin says.

In her book, Martin uses the following example to show that you are flexible and adaptable. The anecdote includes co-stars, another important element.

"I was on call 24/7 one weekend, and when the phone rang on Sunday morning, I knew there was a problem. Sure enough, there was a mainframe that had gone down. The first thing I did was to cancel my plans for the day. I responded to the call within one hour. I teamed up with three technicians to get the system up and running before morning. We each had a responsibility but worked as a unit. We stayed until 2 a.m. When the employees arrived at work that morning, no one was aware there had been a problem. We got high kudos for responding so quickly."

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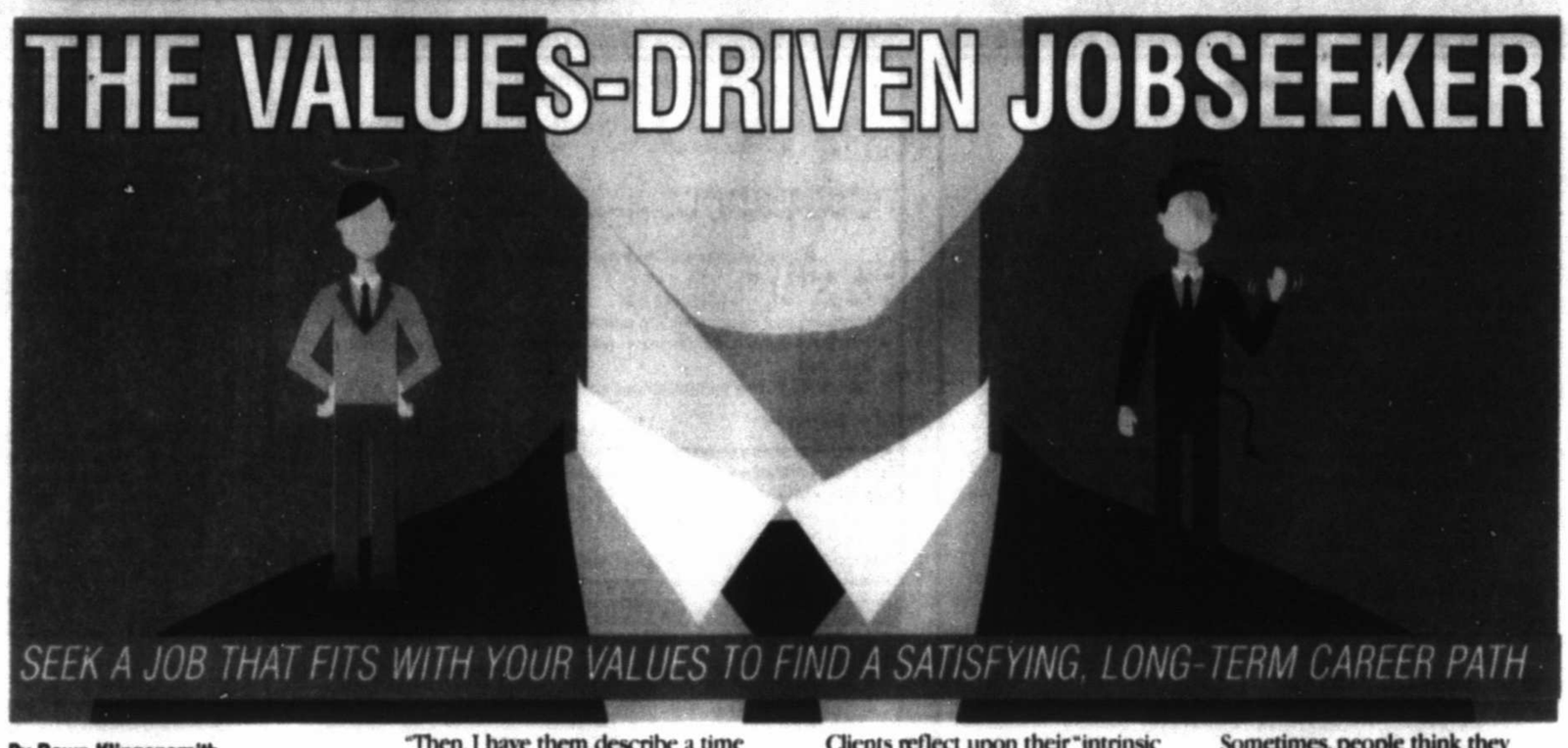
THE VALUES-DRIVEN JOBSEEKER



SEEK A JOB THAT FITS WITH YOUR VALUES TO FIND A SATISFYING, LONG-TERM CAREER PATH

By Dawn Klingensmith
CTW FEATURES

Why is it that so many people feel dissatisfied and stuck in their jobs? Why can't they figure out how to get unstuck and on the path to greater fulfillment despite thinking long and hard about what they want out of life and their career?

Perhaps they're focused on the wrong thing. Perhaps instead of pondering what they desire in life, they should zero in on what they value in life.

Along with interest, skill and personality inventories, seekers of career guidance are increasingly asked to identify personal values to enhance self-awareness and embark on a more satisfying career path.

"People look for fulfillment in their jobs, and values identification is one of the best indicators of what that would entail," says executive recruiter and career coach Tom Chaplin.

While some career counselors and coaches have people pick from a list of values and then go through a process of narrowing, Chaplin uses storytelling to "mine" for personal values.

"I ask clients to tell a story, with very specific details, about a peak experience in their life. It doesn't have to be work-related," he explains. "Then, I have them describe a time when they felt miserable or powerless."

Chaplin listens and takes notes, and together he and the client come up with a list of values that were honored in the peak experience and dishonored in the negative experience.

"If you're feeling miserable, chances are it's because your values are being stepped on," Chaplin says.

Chaplin then tells clients to imagine they have the opportunity to create their ideal job environment with one hitch: They can only exercise five of their values on a day-to-day basis. Which five would they choose? Most work situations require concessions, but these five core values should not be compromised.

In Chaplin's approach, a values-driven career path does not necessarily lead to, say, social justice work. Someone who values ambition and achievement could end up on Wall Street and that's dandy. Other approaches assume that values-driven professionals seek to make a "meaningful impact and positive change in mission-driven organizations, their communities and society," in the words of Sean Harvey, New York City, founder and principal of Values-Driven Careers, a career development consulting and coaching firm.

Clients reflect upon their "intrinsic motivations, passions, unique gifts and core values and ask themselves what problems they feel compelled to solve rather than what they want to do for a living," Harvey says.

With either approach, a particular value or set of values does not lead neatly and inevitably to a particular field or position.

However, "Certain values might be better aligned with certain careers," Chaplin says, adding that values identification is not intended to be conclusive or limiting.

The same value can be interpreted and expressed differently from one person to the next.

"Freedom is a value that comes up a lot, but it means something totally different to different people," Chaplin says. "Freedom to me means creating my own schedule and not being tied to a desk all day. For someone else, it might mean being able to make decisions autonomously."

Other common values include competition, cooperation, risk-taking, stability, variety, creativity, service, balance and continuous learning.

"You can look online and find lists with hundreds of personal values," Chaplin says.

Money or wealth is not a value. "It's always attached to something else like security or independence or status," he adds.

Sometimes, people think they hold values that were impressed upon them by their upbringing. A thwarted artist raised by a mathematician may claim exactitude as a value, enter the wrong field, and fail to achieve satisfaction or success. Dismayed and demoralized, they reach out to Chaplin.

"Coaching theoretically is not supposed to go back into the past," Chaplin says, "but I find it necessary sometimes" to gain perspective and undo programming.

In Chaplin's experience, values identification seldom leads to drastic career changes; more often, it helps people apply for and accept jobs with confidence. It helps them determine if a position or company is right for them. It primes them to find out through research and in interviews if a company's mission and culture supports their values. It provides clarity.

"You're on your path, and your values are like light posts along this path," Chaplin says. "Your values light the way."

Sometimes, though, the light bulbs need to be switched out. That's because personal values aren't set in stone, Harvey says, so it's important to "periodically validate that your career must-haves are still relevant."

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BENEFITS

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Would you like your company to have an on-site, state-of-the-art fitness center? How do you feel about free, healthy meals in the workers' cafeteria? Would employer-paid weight loss counseling entice you?

For the past forty years, "wellness" programs incorporating offerings like these have been on the rise.

A growing body of research shows firms have reason to invest in wellness, because it is linked to lower absenteeism, improved productivity and helps firms recruit and retain workers, notes Jessica Grossmeier of the Health Enhancement Research Organization, or HERO.

Moreover, HERO recently released findings that 45 publicly traded companies with strong wellness programs had significantly better stock performance, as compared with the S&P 500.

HERO determines the strength of a company's wellness effort through an online assessment Scorecard. Some 1200 employers were scored, with 25 percent deemed to have a robust program.

Some of the questions making up the HERO Scorecard include:

- Does you organization allow employees to take work time for physical activity? (36 percent do)
- Do you provide onsite or near-site biometric screenings? (69 percent do)
- Do you provide phone-based lifestyle coaching? (58 percent do)

"Employee benefits and wellness are becoming important factors" for job seekers, Grossmeier says. Companies should "expect job candidates to ask" about wellness offerings, she adds.

Many people, particularly young workers, "look for organizations that value the health of their employees and have that built into their culture," notes Leonard Sanicola, of WorldatWork, a non-profit focused on human resource issues.

Still, "I would imagine that some individuals may view wellness initiatives as an invasion of privacy or too personal," Sanicola says.

Firms that put a heavy emphasis on wellness may recruit like-minded workers, Sanicola observes. "There may be a focus on hiring those who value and/or believe in wellness ... But it would be part of an overall evaluation of cultural fit."

—Marilyn Kennedy Melia

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Clyde Reyes, Deceased, were issued on April 12, 2016, in Cause No. P18,624, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: ROSENDO M. REYES.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **ROSENDO M. REYES**
22 N. EISENHOWER
MIDLAND, Texas 79701

DATED the 20th day of April, 2016.

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Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for FOUR (4) **REBURBISHED 3D CARDIOVASCULAR ULTRASOUND SYSTEMS,** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or **after Wednesday April 20, 2016.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Wednesday May 4th, 2016.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1184-042016.**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until June, 3, 2016

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover
Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Henry Hardwick, were issued on April 19, 2016, in Cause No. P18640, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Mary Carolyn Harral Hardwick.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Mary Carolyn Harral Hardwick
Independent Executor
Estate of
William Henry Hardwick, Deceased
c/o John A. Hay, Jr.
P. O. Box 271
San Angelo, Texas 76902-0271

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED April 20, 2016.

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State Bar No. 09266500
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Primary Run-off Elections held on May 24, 2016 will be tested on April 26, 2016 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 Elección de Segunda Vuelta Electoral de la Primaria a que se llevará a cabo el 24 de mayo de 2016 se probará el 26 de abril de 2016 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

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LEGAL NOTICE:
This Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket game will close on May 8, 2016. You have until November 4, 2016 to redeem any tickets for this game: #1714 Bonus Cashword ($3) overall odds are 1 in 3.64. These Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket games will close on May 12, 2016. You have until November 8, 2016 to redeem any tickets for these games: #1693 $5 Set For Life ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.81, #1747 $200,000 Double Payday ($5) overall odds are 1 in 4.11. This Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket game will close on May 14, 2016. You have until November 10, 2016 to redeem any tickets for this game: #1617 Money Money Millionaire ($20) overall odds are 1 in 2.90. These Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket games will close on June 29, 2016. You have until December 26, 2016 to redeem any tickets for these games: #1727 Mustache Money ($1) overall odds are 1 in 4.68, #1724 Stocking Stuffer ($2) overall odds are 1 in 4.41, #1726 Veterans Cash ($2) overall odds are 1 in 4.12, #1687 20X The Cash ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.83, #1723 Merry Money ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.85, #1733 Super Loteria ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.97, #1698 High Roller ($5) overall odds are 1 in 3.97, #1748 $250,000 Cash ($10) overall odds are 1 in 3.74, #1711 Holiday Game Book ($20) overall odds are 1 in 3.31, #1492 Millionaires Club ($50) overall odds are 1 in 2.51. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including $599. Prizes of $600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail, with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over $2,500,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-375-6886 or visit the Lottery website at txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A scratch ticket game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education and veterans. © 2016 Texas Lottery Commission. All rights reserved.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Bids (RFB 16003117) The City of Midland is seeking sealed bids from interested bidders wanting to complete the City of Midland Paving: Alleys, Streets & Sidewalks (COMPASS) Project. The project will include, but is not necessarily limited to, the removal and reinstallation of asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, ramps, driveways, mailbox relocations and associated utility modifications.

To inquire about viewing or purchasing a copy of the project plans and specifications, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Department by telephone number, 432-685-7234, by email: purchasing@midland.gov, or by visiting their office at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas 79702. To attain a copy of the bid set a non-refundable fee of $50.00 dollars is required.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:00P.M. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 in the City Hall basement conference rooms, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

Interested bidders must submit a bid bond, cashier's check, or certified check for not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid.

The deadline to submit sealed bids will be at 2:00P.M. on Wednesday, May 04, 2016, in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Third Floor, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79702.

The City of Midland reserves the right to reject any and all submitted bids if it is deemed in the best interest of the City. In determining the best value of the submitted bids, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

City of Midland, Texas

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., May 11, 2016 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 16000848

For: Annual pump & motor repair

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

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Midland, Texas

The City of Midland and the Federal Aviation Administration have completed environmental documentation for the following improvements at the Midland International Air & Space Port (Airport):

- Demolition of an existing dilapidated storage and cargo building
- Removal of an abandoned railroad spur
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- Division of land into approximately 17 parcels/lots ranging in size from 0.95 acres to 7.37 acres
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The Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact documents can be found on the Airport's website (*www.flymaf.com*) and at the following locations during regular business hours until May 9, 2016:

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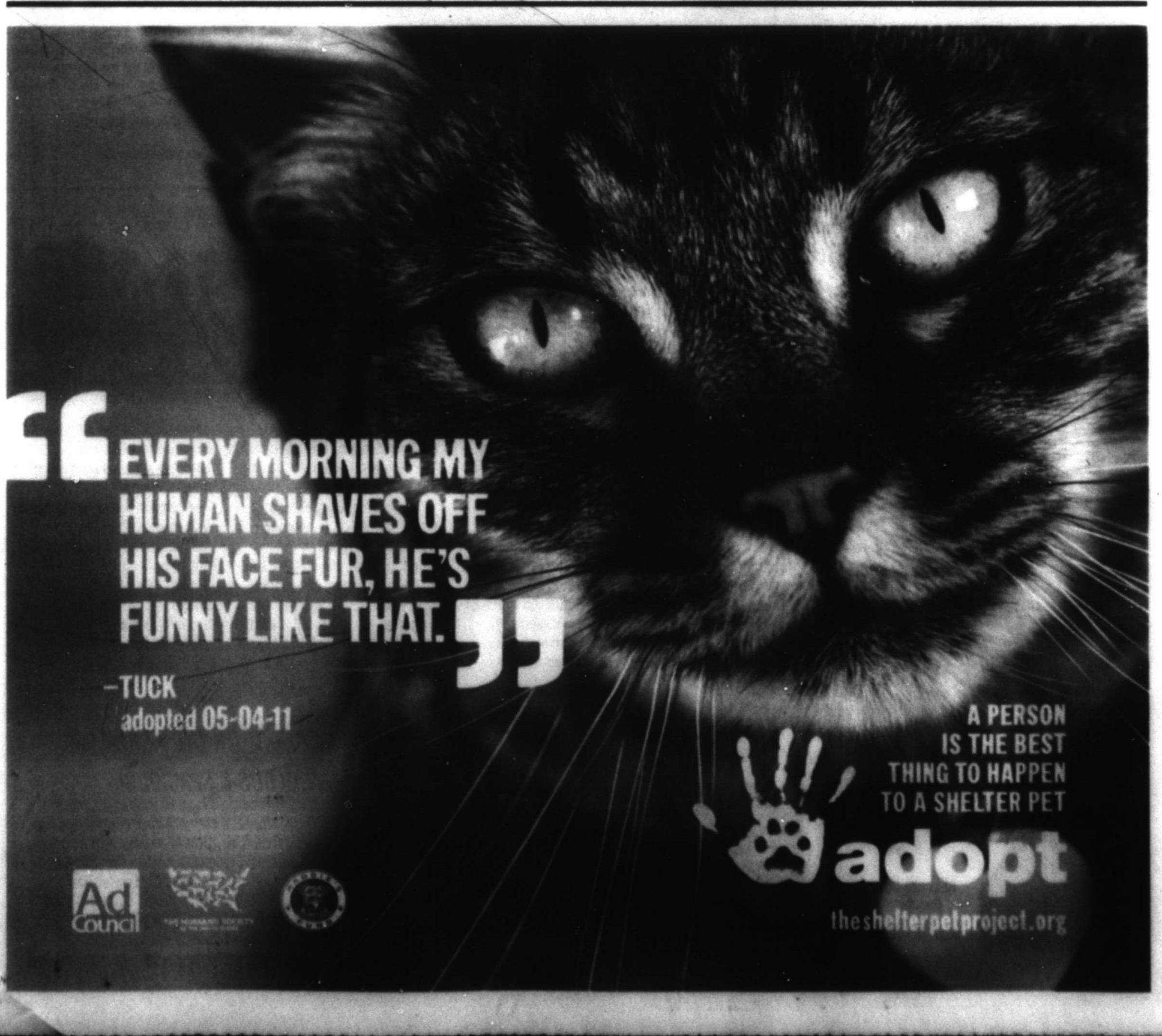

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LOAN LAGS: HOW REAL ARE THEY?

QUESTION:

We want to buy a home and lock-in today's rates. Our lender warned us that because of new government regulations it may not be possible to close within the lock-in term, so we may want a floating rate. Just how bad are the closing delays?

ANSWER:

Mortgage lenders and real estate agents braced for big delays in routine closings in advance of the October 2015 implementation of TRID, new rules designed to provide more information to homebuyers.

The TILA/RESPA Integrated Disclosure standards - also called Know Before You Owe - ran 1,888 pages and is undeniably complex. That said, lenders had almost two years to prepare. Most were ready.

The best evidence comes from Ellie Mae. According to the latest "Origination Insight Report," the typical loan took 48 days to close in February, compared to 45 days in September 2015.

However, some loans are closing faster. A typical refinance on average took 44 days to close in February versus 52 days in July. FHA refis took 43 days to close in January compared with 53 days in July. Conventional refis took 44 days to close in February as opposed to 52 days in July.

If the problem were TRID alone, then one would expect purchase financing and refis to both be delayed but that's not the case. It appears that purchase loans are taking longer but not refinancing loans- an oddity, since TRID impacts both types.

In February, NAR said 10.4 percent of all closings were delayed immediately following the October rollout of TRID. The delays averaged 8.8 days, NAR reported.

Whatever the cause, a delay in closing can be a real problem, since it can raise financing costs.

Typically, according to NAR, a homebuyer locks in a mortgage rate 30 days before settlement. Locking in the rate insures against fluctuations, but the buyer must pay for this insurance. Typically, a buyer pays a premium for each 15-day increment added to the base lock. If the settlement takes longer, they may need to pay for a rate extension, which is more costly than a rate lock.

Homebuyers impacted by TRID-related delays may face higher costs due to longer rate locks or extensions. It is unclear whether lenders are absorbing these costs or passing them onto consumers. However, lenders would not absorb the costs of delayed moves and scheduling for both the buyer and seller.

Talk to several lenders and ask about closing delays or problems they have had since October, and the cause of those problems. Have you shopped for a loan several places? You may find that some lenders have had better closing success than others.

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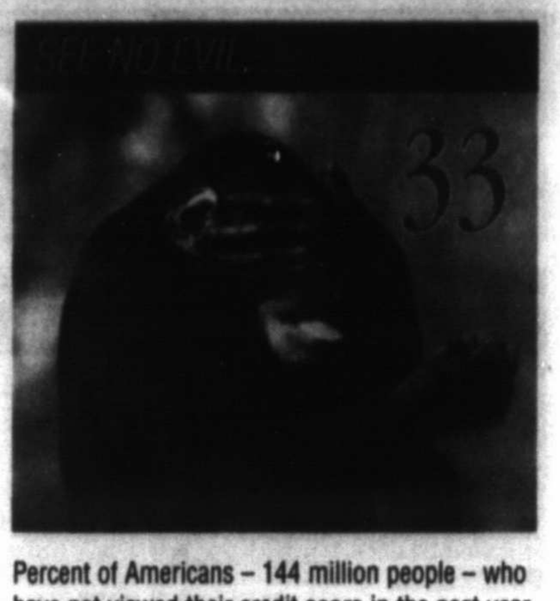

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7 STEPS TO MORTGAGE SUCCESS

MORTGAGE RATES ARE AT HISTORIC LOWS. ARE YOU PREPARED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM?

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You have decided to buy a home, perhaps the most important purchase of your lifetime. The next challenge: finding a good mortgage to pay for your piece of the American dream.

The good news: there are many options. You can shop for a loan at the local bank, online lender or a lending institution out of state.

Here are seven key steps.

Check your credit

Squeaky clean credit is the first step to qualifying for good rates. When you start the home-buying process, the first step is to make sure there are no red flags on your credit report.

Paying monthly bills on time doesn't automatically get you a stellar score. Factors such as amount of credit used in relation to available credit, or credit utilization ratio, can negatively impact your scores. It takes time to recover from bad credit, so start cleaning up at least six months before you begin shopping for a home.

"There are number of free ways to check your credit," says Ken Sears, director of housing finance and regional economics at the National Association of Realtors.

When in doubt, seek credit counseling to help you identify any weaknesses and figure out how to improve your scores.

Have all documents ready

Get your income and credit reports and collect all documents necessary. Prepare a credit file before you start interviewing with lenders.

"A good credit file makes it easier to shop and compete with different lenders," says Rocke Andrews, president of the National Association of Mortgage Brokers.

Start early

Aim to get prequalified for a loan. This does not mean that you are approved for a mortgage, but it will allow you to begin a discussion about loan options.

You should explore all options for a mortgage and find the best deal out there. It's important to know your budget before you start shopping for a home. Starting early also ensures that you seek out different options rather than signing the first deal you get.

"Shop around for lenders," Sears says. "Set up interviews with a credit union, a mortgage broker and a retail bank and figure the rates that work best for you."

Do your homework

Overall, mortgage rate on are historically low, making it a great time to buy a home.

The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortage was 3.58 percent for the week ending April 14, 2016. A year ago, the rate averaged 3.67 percent.

Make sure you educate yourselves on what works best for you: a fixed rate or an adjustable rate mortgage.

Find a mortgage professional

Talk to friends and family for a referral to a mortgage broker. That's the best way to find your agent.

"Find someone with experience, someone whom you can trust to guide you," Andrews, president of National Association of Mortgage Professionals, says.

Online reviews are also helpful. Check if the professionals you are interviewing have NAMB certifications.

"Talk to at least three people. Based on recommendations and your comfort level, pick one," Andrews says. "An experienced mortgage professional will get you prepared and advise you on the timing and help you lock the best deal with knowledge and experience."

Get estimates

New disclosures by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau requires mortgage brokers to give customers an estimate. Ask for estimates so you can shop around.

Have your down payment ready

It's ideal to have a 20 percent down payment, but not mandatory. The Federal Housing Administration requires a 3.5 percent down payment. Other lenders ask for at least three percent of the loan amount. Start saving up for closing costs. You should also shop around for any local down payment assistance programs.

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TOUGH TO ESTIMATE LANDSCAPE VALUE

Conveniently, spring marks the start of both the gardening and home selling seasons. Research and the collective wisdom of real estate professionals keeps piling up linking better landscaping to improved home values.

But unlike the annual "Cost Vs Value Report" issued by Remodeling Magazine, there are no surveys linking specific plantings, like backyard trees, to a sale price boost.

One thing for certain, though, homeowners don't want their investment to wither away.

"Many nurseries offer a one-year guarantee on woody plants – trees and shrubs," says Missy Henricksen, of the National Association of Landscape Professionals.

For other types of plants, she adds, there is no hard and fast rule.

When a landscaping firm is hired to install and maintain plantings, it's not unusual for warranties on the material to last as long as a maintenance contract is in force.

Homeowners who wish to maintain the landscape themselves would do well to "let Mother Nature do much of the work," Henricksen says.

Use plants native to your region, positioned in an appropriate spot, to help nature take a healthy course.

Landscapes that require watering in an arid, water-restricted area can actually detract from a home's value, Scott Robinson, president of The Appraisal Institute, points out.

The landscape around a home should be in keeping with what's typical in the neighborhood, says Robinson.

"In a very high-end market, where landscape lighting and irrigation are standard, buyers are going to expect that," he points out. They'll seek a price concession of the amount required to make the landscape consistent with the neighborhood.

While attractive landscaping that meets or exceed neighborhood standards may not bring a bigger sale price, it takes "significantly less" time to sell a well-landscaped property, says Robinson.

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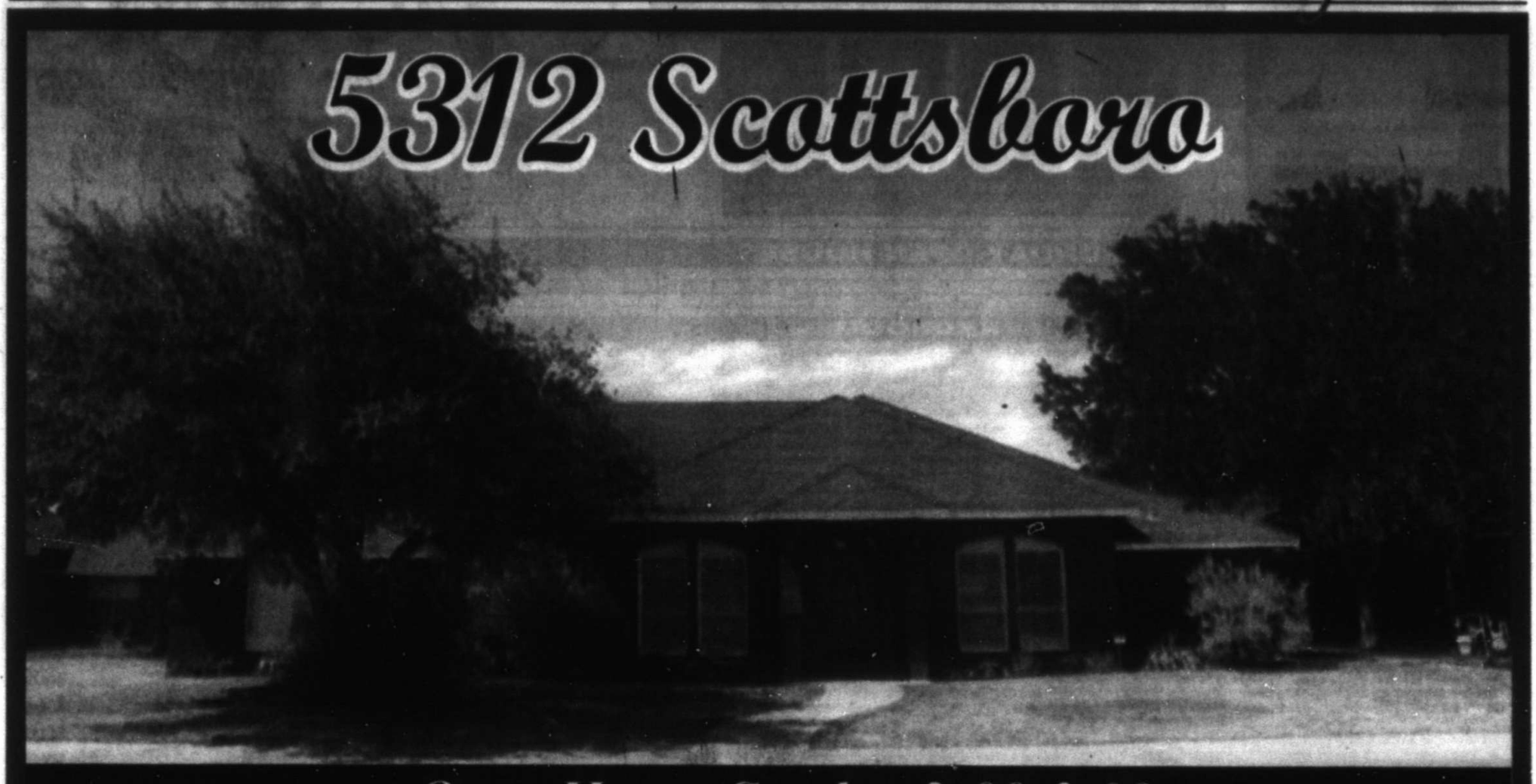

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Open the front door to your new formal living and dining area with a wall of windows looking out to the covered back porch and yard. Plantation shutters, tall ceilings, oversized crown and floor moldings, hardwood flooring in addition to modern lighting create a very inviting living space.

Continue walking through formal area to the recently remodeled kitchen; the new granite countertops, tile backsplash, tile flooring and lighting combine with amenities including double ovens, additional black and stainless appliances, wine refrigerator, island, built in desk, china cabinet, corner pantry and wrap around bar for bonus seating. The cabinetry has been refinished and the large amount of storage space is perfect for keeping things put away and off the countertops.

Casual meals may be eaten in the informal dining area by the den where you also have a view of the back yard. Entertain friends on the covered porch or by the fire pit! The yard is a very inviting play area for children. The kitchen is open to the spacious family room where the focus of attention is a fireplace surrounded by cabinets and display shelves.

A hallway from the den leads to a sequestered bedroom with walk-in closet, full hall bath and linen closet. On the other side of the den, a doorway leads to the laundry room complete with sink, closet, cabinets and hanging space for clothing and access to the three-car garage. One bay of the garage is extra long and provides an area for a workspace.

To the right of the entrance is a hall with a large closet and doorways to two bedrooms- all bedrooms have plush carpeting and walk-in closets! These rooms are connected with a Jack and Jill bathroom.

The sequestered master is spacious and inviting! An exterior door leads to the back yard. Your master bath has an oversized oval tub, wrap around walk-in closet, dual sinks with dressing areas!

Additional amenities include: built-ins, hardwood floorings, tile flooring, Plantation shutters, automatic garage door opener, water softener, water well with pump, automatic sprinkler, sequestered master and in-law plan.

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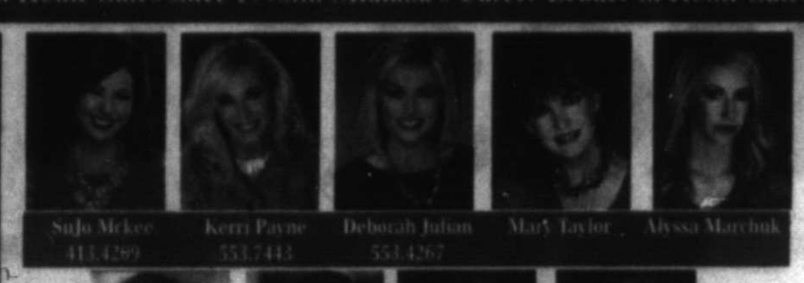

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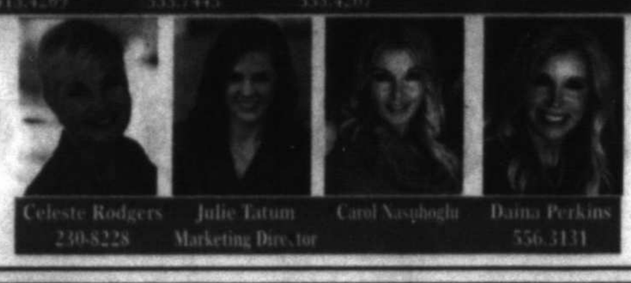

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5 Home Upgrades Under $100

Looking to give your home an upgrade but lacking a big budget? There are tons of small home tweaks all packing serious redesign punch. Here are five home upgrades for under $100.

Paint. Painting has long been the budget designer's best friend, as a coat of paint can make a room feel fresh and new, and leaves ample room for creativity. You can completely recolor the whole room, or add an extra accent pop on one wall.

Get new drapery. New curtains for the living room or bedroom can offer an interesting new look with minimal effort and cost. Go seasonal with colors--think yellow for spring and bright blue for summer--or simply swap to a heavier fabric once winter arrives.

Lighting upgrade. Install new lighting in a previously drab room to give it an immediate visual upgrade. Bathrooms are often in need of a lighting upgrade, but another frequent offender is the front entryway, where guests view your home for the first time.

Replace hardware. Replacing the hardware on your cabinets is an easy way to give your kitchen a bit of bedazzling without breaking the bank.

Create a door shelf. Adding a shelf above a door way not only creates more storage room, but is an elegant place to display photos or books. Simply add a wooden shelf above your door and then paint it to match the door's trim.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Can you buy a home if you have bad credit? Try taking these five steps

There are many variables that come into play when you decide to purchase a house. You may save for a while toward a down payment and determine what kind of mortgage payment would work best for your budget. But is your credit situation holding you back? Buying a home with less than stellar credit is possible. Here are five steps to take to get started:

Know your credit score. No matter what you think your credit situation is, knowing your credit score serves as a good starting point when beginning your home search. You'll be able to see if you need to improve your situation before applying for a home loan, plus it will help you determine if you are getting a fair shake from lenders.

Find a EALTOR®. Choose a REALTOR® who can help you overcome credit challenges. Interview several REALTORS® before choosing one, and ask for referrals. Once you have referrals in hand, call them. You need to make sure that you feel comfortable with your choice and that your REALTOR® can serve your special needs.

Explain your credit situation. Sit down with your REALTOR® and draft a thorough letter explaining your credit situation. If you have poor credit, your lender may ask you for an explanation. If your letter simply states that you couldn't afford payments, you are more likely to have your loan application denied. But if there were extenuating circumstances that contributed to your financial situation, include those in your letter. Some lenders will consider one-time occurrences as acceptable reasons for inadequate credit, including divorce or a medical emergency.

There are two important items to include in your letter to the lender: the reason for your credit situation and why your days of poor credit are behind you. Convince the lender that the circumstances surrounding your impaired credit score are in the past. In addition, you should write a paragraph highlighting anything that may help the lender see you as a desirable client, including low debt-to-income ratio (particularly good if you filed bankruptcy), a big down payment or job stability.

Talk to a lender. Find a mortgage broker or direct lender experienced in subprime lending. If you are credit challenged, you may find that working with a broker is your best option. Brokers work with multiple lenders and loan products, giving you a greater chance of success.

If you have a low credit score, some lenders will require a higher down payment. If you don't have money for a down payment, sit down with your REALTOR® and discuss what closing-cost and down payment-assistance programs you might qualify for.

Be prepared for some rejections. You may have to talk to a number of brokers or lenders before you find one willing to take on a riskier loan. If your credit score is very low and no lenders seem interested, you will likely need to spend the next 12 months boosting your creditworthiness. Your REALTOR® might be able to recommend programs or professionals who can help you determine what it would take to improve your credit score.

If you are credit challenged, following these steps can put you on the path to homeownership. If you don't think you qualify today, spend some time improving your credit. It may put you in a better negotiating position later.

For more information on the home buying process, visit pbbor.org.

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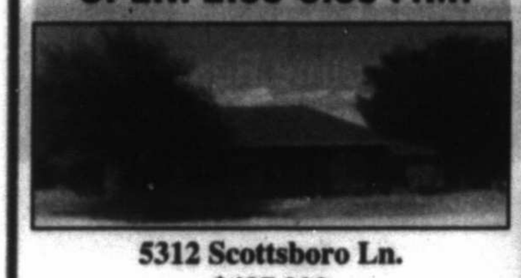
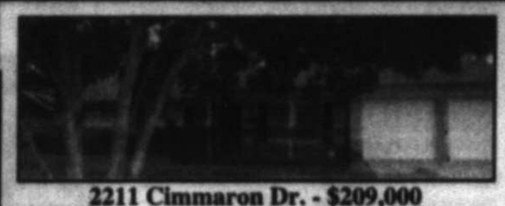


5312 Scottsboro Ln.
$437,000
4 Bedrooms/3 Baths
Shown by Sandy Scott

Feature Homes



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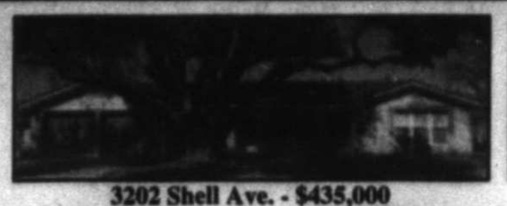
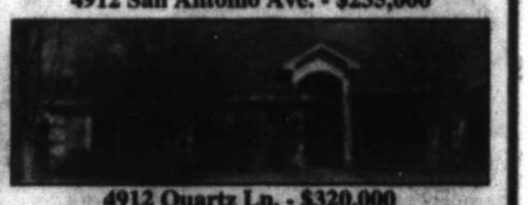


3202 Shell Ave. - $435,000

4912 San Antonio Ave. - $235,000

5104 Green Tree Blvd. - $239,000

1108 Ainslee St. - $180,000



4912 Quartz Ln. - $320,000

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New and Reduced Listings

$100 Alyshebe-Gorgeous pool and outdoor kitchen! $1,350,000
5312 Scottsboro Ln.-Spectacular remodel! 4bdrm/3bth/2LA/3CG. Granite, hardwood, shutters, well for yard $437,000
4839 Fairbanks Dr. - So many updates throughout this 3bdrm/2bth dollhouse! Wonderful covered patio! $239,000
5104 Green Tree Blvd.-Nott and bright 3bdrm/2bth home just down the street from the club house! $239,000
2211 Cimmaron Dr.-Really nice 3 bdrm,2bth well cared for home. Good plan, great yard $209,000

1600 Windtown Dr.-Really nice 1 bedroom townhome. Clean and ready for occupancy! ..... UC $124,500

Two Bedrooms

4002 LaBelle Circle-Extras! Extras! 2 bdrms/2 bth, new construction. Duplex both units $315,000
2101 Weekend Dr.-Lovely, pristine 2 bedroom/2 bath patio home ready for new owner! $175,000
202 Howard Dr.-Expect to be impressed with this charming, updated 2/1 home ..... UC $110,000
3018 Apache-Super redo! Move in ready! 2bdrm Range, microwave, frig, stackable washer/dryer remain $80,000

Three Bedrooms

2211 E. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $750,000
2100 S. R St.-Old World Charm - new world amenities. Amazing treasure behind courtyard wall $675,000
1009 Crescent Pl.-Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in great location $599,000
1005 Crescent Pl.-Wonderful townhome in Crescent Place $559,000
112 Wind Ridge Circle-Wow! Such an awesome property, media room, wet bar, POOL! So much more $549,500
1600 W. Cuthbert-Fabulous in Old Midland. Built in 2013, luxurious and distinctive $549,000
1800 S. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! $539,000
5306 Quicksand Cove-Another Glenn Miller low maintenance 3BR/3BA patio home w/oversized room! $499,900
4010 E. County Rd. 120-New construction! 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home in The Meadows $374,900
1600 N. I Street-Wonderful location - I & Winfield. Great backyard w/sparkling pool ..... UC $349,900
4010 Kingsboro Ct.-Meadow Park jewel! Lots of new in this spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home! Walk to Pool and Clubhouse! $329,900
4023 Spring Meadow Ln.-Unbelievable quality in this totally remodeled 3 bdrm/2 bth home! $329,900
2102 Shelly Ave.-Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2 bth townhouse in Old Midland $329,000
4912 Quartz Ln.-Open spacious plan w/charming drive up appeal, low maintenance in central location $320,000
602 W. Pine Ct.-Lovely townhome in Highland Park $319,000
2105 Travis Ln.-Beautiful custom 3bdrm/2.5bth home on cul-de-sac w/ acre! $319,000
1002 Cimmaron-Totally updated 3/2 in Fannin district w/first class amenities! ..... UC $315,000
3600 S. County Rd. 1184-Spacious 3BR, great country property ..... UC $290,000
1200 W. Pecos-Well maintained Wallace townhome in great location across from the park! ..... UC $269,500
5101 Grassland Dr.-Super duplex built by Payne builders each unit has 3 bdrms/2 bths ..... UC $269,000
5103 Grassland Dr.-Gorgeous duplex built by Payne builders each unit has 3 bdrm,/2 bths ..... UC $269,000
600 Neely Ave. - Charming 3bdrm/2bth Highland Park Townhome with many updates! $267,000
13304 FM 307- Wonderful 3bdrm/2bth home with great additions $235,000
6003 Carmel Ct.-Beautiful custom 1 owner home on cul-de-sac. Meticulously maintained-like new! ..... UC $264,000
1200 S. County Rd. 1120-Wonderful 3/2 home on 1.668 ac in Greenwood! ..... UC $270,000
5301 S. County Rd 1169-Spacious country property with all the country amenities only minutes from downtown $275,000
4839 Fairbanks Dr - So many updates throughout this 3bdrm/2bth dollhouse! Wonderful covered patio! $239,000
5104 Green Tree Blvd.-Nice and bright 3bdrm/2bth home just down the street from the club house! $239,000
1108 Godfrey St.-Nothing but the best - from stately exterior to attention to detail interior plus convenient location $237,500
4717 Dozier Ave.-Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse w/so many updates! ..... UC $229,000
2211 Cimmaron Dr.-Really nice 3 bdrm/2bth well cared for home. Good plan, great yard $209,000
3401 Princeton Ave.-Lots of new in this 3bdrm/2bth home in central location $205,500
1000 McClintic St.-3/2 .2 car garage w/water well, hot tub, large backyard ..... UC $205,000
3025 Fresno Pl.-Move in ready! Immaculate updated 3/2 home in great neighborhood ..... UC $199,000
2100-B Dentwood Drive-Enjoy this Delightful 3 bdrm/2 bth LOCK & GO, w/open, flowing floor plan $194,900
2010 Cascade-3/2 w/2 living areas. 1 block from Fannin Elementary ..... UC $179,900
2400 Haynes Dr.-Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home w/some fresh paint, a newly remodeled kitchen ..... UC $179,900

Three Bedrooms

4002 S. Pasadena-3 bedrooms/2 bath home with some modifications $153,000
1000 W. Cuthbert Ave.-Really nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath in Old Midland, pretty drive up $149,500

Four Bedrooms

510 Sir Barton Pkwy-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan $1,100,000
11 Rishon Dr.- Exquisite 4/4.5 home w/much updating in exclusive gated Stable Club Estates $979,000
5400 Underbid Trail-Amazing custom home in Solomon! Open plan w/great amenities ..... UC $975,000
2902 Stoneleigh-Come see! Beautifully maintained and squeaky clean in the heart of Warwick ..... UC $760,000
4016 Haywood-Gorgeous custom home in Grassland West! Beautiful pool and outside entertaining area! ..... UC $739,000
4642 Rustic Trail-Gorgeous home overlooking the 4th hole & 5th tee box at Green Tree Country Club $684,000
4500 Dorchester-Wonderful country 4bdrm/3.5bth home on 2.5 acres in Pecan Acres $680,000
1205 Breckenridge Dr.-Great plan in Woodland Park! ..... UC $488,500
2105 Co. Rd. 1000-Beautiful custom 4bdr/3bth Tom Woodruff resale on 5 acres w/all the bells and whistles! $485,000
Lot#1002 E. County Rd. 120-home in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now such as granite, brick, etc $449,900
4007 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bd/3bth Aslington home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! $439,500
2312 Southlawn La.-Spectacular remodel! 4bdrm/3bth/2LA/3CG. Granite, hardwood, shutters, well for yard $437,000
2102 Shell Ave.-Gorgeous! All the latest best of the best in this 4bdrm/3bth, move in ready home $435,000
7200 E. Co. Rd. 112-Beautiful Chaney Ranch Hurry while you can still choose your selection today $409,320
10000 E. County Rd. 184-Greenwood ISD 4BR/2BA, granite, pergola, gas fire pit $399,500
7800 Chadwick Ct.-Gorgeous in Green Tree North ..... UC $398,000
2200 S. County Rd 1120-Lovely 4/2.5/3a home w/2 living areas on a quiet cul-de-sac in Sunset Estates in Greenwood with 1.78 acres. $382,000
7800 J. Country Rd. 112-Chaney Ranch is finally ready for you! Design Home! You can make all your selections now. $379,900
6000 App's Creek Rd.-Lovely 4 bedroom/3 bath home w/great plan in Greathouse! $379,500
1001 Almont Pl.-Very gently lived in 4bdrm/2.5bth with open kitchen/living concept $369,000
2800 Parton Way-Less than 2 year old Bernal home beautifully maintained in Mayfield Pl ..... UC $367,000
Lot#843 E. County Rd. 120-New construction in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now $363,700
2100 Washington Ct.-Wonderful find in Plum Park Estates. Recently purchased & lovingly updated! ..... UC $349,500
2701 S. Co. Rd. 1260-Better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, pool plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! $339,500
3624 Cimmaron Ave.-Beautiful in the Fannin area! 4bdrm/3bth with open floor plan $339,000
1500 S. County Rd. 1080-Beautiful new construction on quiet cul-de-sac! (dead ends) Large open floorplan $329,000
5404 San Saba Ct.-Builder's personal home & every detail was meticulously completed in this beautiful 4BR home ..... UC $325,000
4912 San Antonio-Really nicely updated 4BR home w/high ceilings, large utility and loads of storage $235,000
2600 Roosevelt Ave.-Remodeled 4 bdrm/2 bth home w/2 car garage $229,000
3300 S. County Rd. 1060-Great opportunity to have an acre of land in Greenwood. 4br/3 bath w/lots of space. $169,000

Five or More Bedrooms

2503 Tealand Circle-Perfect in every way! Gorgeous 5/4.5 jewel in Tealand w/Top of the line amenities and great floor plan! $1,599,000
5100 Alyshebe-Gorgeous pool and outdoor kitchen $1,350,000
4300 E. County Rd. 60-Beautiful 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home on 2.24 acres $650,000
10700 S. County Rd. 1210-Skyline/ airport home w/massive heated & cooled workshop. Plus so much more. WOW! $649,000
5306 Quicksand Cove-Another Glenn Miller low maintenance 3BR/3BA patio home w/oversized rooms $499,900

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Town Houses and Patio Homes

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For Lease

1400 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
10001-A W. Murphy, Odessa-For sublease, 7,750 shop & 1,500 sq. ft. of office, on I-20 Service Rd. ..... 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 $2,000,000
I-20, West Bangs 3 Long EBI in West Odessa-1118.56 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ..... $1,500,000
S. Co. Rd. 1060-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood $1,303,200
6710 E. County Rd. 112-Approx. 3 acre tract on south side of road in the cul de sac with ABUNDANT WATER!! $105,000
3810 Jasmine-Oasis on the Interstate! $475,000
1100 E. Co. Rd. 150-56.39 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for all field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 ..... $401,120
5700 E. Co. Rd. 66-2784 sq. ft. with-law plan $350,000
6701 Desert Wind-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community $250,000
W. County Rd. 125-Ready to develop! $250,000
4400 Green Tree Blvd.-Lot in Green Tree North 0.18 acres $110,000
E. Co. Rd. 120-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows ..... UC $65,000

Commercial Investment Property

1400 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
10 Desta Drive-For Sublease, approx. 13,599 sq. ft. of Class A office space - entire floor ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-Approx. 9,301 sq. ft. office building, great location - near hospital ..... 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
501 Andrews Hwy.-For lease, approx. 9,301 sq. ft. of very attractive site, convenient location w/parking ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
7900 Greening-Industrial sublease, 14,998 sq. ft. on 4.74 acres, in Leeco ..... Call Bill or Brandee
Industrial development w/city utilities ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
13112 W. Hwy. 80-Redeveloped office building with 4,000 sq. ft. on just under 1 acre. For sale or for lease ..... Call Bill or Brandee
3100 N. Big Spring 2,175 sq. ft. office space, convenient location with easy access. Lease at $15/psf/yr ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll $3,096,000
Crenshaw Hwy. & 1900-2051-4 Acres available for immediate industrial development. Call Bill or Brandee $1,000,000
Interstate 20-44.38 acres in Leeco Addition w/city utilities next to GE Oil & Gas. Call Bill or Brandee $1,004,7000
3020 S. County Rd. 1290-23.336 sq. ft. Industrial Bldg. with 4.22 acres, across from Coors Bldg., between Midland & Odessa. Call Bill or Brandee $1,150,000
2711 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $750,000
2500 N. County Rd. 1150-Approx 11,600 sq. ft.shop or industrial space, a 7,000 sq. ft. shop & 4 - 1,250 sq. ft. leasable spaces. Great man cave. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll @ 682-1111 ..... $725,000
301 S. Garfield St.-Wonderful money making commercial building! $600,000
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 $265,475
8 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned industrial Park $199,000

Out of Town Properties

51 Wyrd Rd.-Fabulous Lake Henry get-away. 3 bdrm/2bth home located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates $249,000
3029 Scotts St.-Beautiful & meticulously maintained low-maintenance home in Odessa ..... SOLD $239,900

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE AND FEATURED HOMES

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911 TRINIDAD PLACE
$387,500

WOW!! Another Woodruff Signature Home Beautiful re-sale w/all the wonderful amenities. Immaculate, move-in condition!! 4 bed, 3 bath, 3 gar - Located where street ends so VERY quiet area. Loaded kitch-full upscale granite, glazed cabinetry, stainless appl, dble oven, gas commercial-look cook top-center island, beautiful lighting, seqstrd. mstr. suite getaway, handscrapped hdwd look tile thruout-HOA w/pool.

Shown by Minerva Rodriguez, 432-631-5679

3624 SINCLAIR AVE.
$225,000

Wow!! This home has been updated to the Tee! This has a spectacular layout, open concept as much as they could, plus a bonus room off the living. New paint, fixtures, electrical, and much more. Workshop in the backyard as well as a carport, or make it your patio getaway! Come check out this cute home and make it yours today!! Check out the pictures and Youtube video and see for yourself!

Call Heather Johnson, 325-650-9007

5401 RIO GRANDE AVE.
$259,900

Immaculate, move in ready 3 bedroom, 2 bath with open floor plan, high ceilings and tons of natural light. Large sequestered master suite with sitting/office area. Master bath has dual sinks, separate jacuzzi tub and large walk-in closet. Open kitchen has breakfast bar, beautiful wood cabinetry with built in buffet and gas stove. Home sits on landscaped yard with covered back patio.

Call Sharon Horton, 432-853-7875

5706 CARMEL COURT
$335,900

WOW!! Immaculate - Beautifully Maintained & Updated!! Kahler's wonderful FLEX room (can be 4th bdrm home, off formal DR, playrm, 2nd living area, man cave, media room, etc.) Open living plan w/full granite & stainless kitchen, amazing edgy new light fixtures throughout. Sequestered master suite getaway with walk around closet, shower PLUS jetted soaking tub, dble vanity. Oversized covered patio, storage building.

Call Suzi Knight, 432-559-5036

4+ BEDROOM

1104 SILVERTON DR		$760,000
12810 FM 307	FACT ID #1072	$599,000
5806 HIGHLAND BLVD		$499,500
5903 DUNRAVEN COURT		$493,500
11602 COUNTY RD 58	FACT ID #1072	$475,000
5315 GREATHOUSE	FACT ID #1072	UC
1001 RANGERS CT	FACT ID #1036	SOLD
905 WOODLAND PARK EST		$387,500
4405 LLANO COURT		UC
3402 DEVLIN PLACE		SOLD
5108 TEAKWOOD		UC
2109 WINDSHIRE		$367,500
5311 GREATHOUSE AVE	FACT ID #1067	$365,000
4104 WICHITA		$360,000
4305 NOLAN AVE	FACT ID #1066	SOLD
4301 WICHITA		$358,500
4004 FRIO DR		SOLD
412 NOLAN RYAN	FACT ID #1072	$308,410
5104 CARMEL COURT		$335,900
5003 SAN SABA COURT	FACT ID #1061	$319,000
4305 DALLAS DR	FACT ID #1036	SOLD
508 LOCKHART	FACT ID #1066	$315,000
4405 LLANO	FACT ID #1067	$310,000

3 BEDROOM

3401 UPLAND ST	FACT ID #1005	$160,000
3313 CAMARIE AVE	FACT ID #1046	SOLD
4109 SPRINGFIELD CT	FACT ID #1051	$415,000
908 TRINIDAD		SOLD
4821 ROSEWOOD		$305,500
504 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$314,900
1210 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1082	$299,500
5401 RIO GRANDE		$259,900
5009 PEDERNALES	FACT ID #1038	SOLD
2024 KESWICK RD		$245,000
3208 FRONTIER AVE	FACT ID #1026	SOLD
3802 PLACID COURT		$234,900
3674 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1018	$225,000
4703 CHEROKEE DR		$215,000
4309 FERNCLIFF AVE		$210,000
1011 OLD COURSE RD	FACT ID #2041	$200,000
5132 ASHDOWN	FACT ID #1062	SOLD
717 W. PINE	FACT ID #1046	$205,000
805 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1013	$170,000
4635 W. CUTHBERT	FACT ID #1063	$165,000
4815 STONEY AVE		$151,000
4325 SIDNEY AVE		$150,000
3705 N. FARQUHARSONS RD		$95,000

2 BEDROOM

103 RIDGLEA DR		$175,000
713 MELTON ALLEY	FACT ID #1721	UC
1501 E. 12TH		$135,000
3208 ROOSEVELT		UC

COMMERCIAL

8203 E. CO. RD. 67	FACT ID #1026	$300,000

LAND

13400 W COUNTY RD. 108		$198,000
0 AND 10 COWELL, ODESSA/COMMERCIAL LOT		$80,000
3108 CEDAR SPRING	(LOT)	$18,000

ODESSA

3321 SHERBROOK	FACT ID #1002	SOLD
1108 E 53RD ST, ODESSA	FACT ID #1064	$230,000
3325 VILLAGE WAY	FACT ID #1041	$225,000
2200 E. 36TH ST		$154,000
2238 E. 52ND ST		$135,000
2305 HYDEN DR		$91,000
2304 CURRY		$75,000
2404 E. 11TH PLACE		$70,000

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FEATURED HOME

4747 Boulder
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 living, 1 dining, 2 car garage.
For more information call Tom Younger 934-9102.

FEATURED HOME

1816 Pueblo
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, storage shed and pomegranate bushes.
For more information call Bill Underwood 413-6056

OPEN 12:30-2:00

5707 Los Patios
4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 dining areas, low maintenance.
Shown By Tonia Kemper 212-4609

OPEN 2:00-3:00

5013 Heartland
4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2 living, 2 dining
Shown By Shanil Desai 352-4626

FEATURED LISTINGS

4005 Cardinal-Gorgeous estate on nearly 4 acres 4 bedrooms, 5 full baths, 2 half, Pool, playscape, outdoor kitchen. RV storage, man cave apartment. Energy efficient, wood & metal shop $1,599,000
1000 S Jackson St-Commercial Zoned property, 6 Buildings, Secure fencing, 9.4 Acres $1,500,000
7 Weeping Willow-5 Bedrooms, 4.5 baths amazing estate with guest quarters huge shop $1,395,000
4217 Tanforan-4 bedrooms,4.5 baths, in Mockingbird Heights, gorgeous pool, stamped concrete paving $944,000
6312 Homestead Drive-4 Bedrooms, 4.5 Baths, 3 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 4 Car Garage, Golf Course Lot $895,000
4200 ECR 63-New Quiroz on 2 acres 4 bedrooms. 3.5 baths, 3 living, 2 dining $684,000
17 Oak Leaf Park-Absolutely wonderful condo newly remodeled with detached guest suite $599,000
6810 ECR 68-5 bedrooms, 4 baths Pool with hot tub, 2.86 acres, bricked in trailer used as guest quarters $599,000
600 Clayton-3 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, Saddle club town homes Gameroom, pool, workroom $599,000
1200 Community- Recent remodel. 3 bed, 3 bath. 2 living, office & super pool! $449,000
6913 Heartland - 4 bedroom, 3.5 baths, 2 living, 2 dining, Grassland Estates $429,000
6400 Seguin Green Tree-Sparkling pool, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, party patio, absolutely stunning $424,500
4000 Trinity Court -Incredible low Maint. 3 Bedrooms 2.5 Baths, cabinets galore. Hardwood Floors $369,000
5707 Los Patios-4 bedrooms, 3 baths 2 dining area, Low Maint. Like new home $364,000
5213 Patrick-3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths stunning like new home, open floorplan, high ceilings, plantation shutters. $359,000
7000 Gravestone-Odessa, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1 Dining Area, 2 Living Areas, 2 Car Garage $349,900
1400 Serenity - Saddle Club South 4 bedrooms 3.5 Baths 2 Living Areas 3 Car Garage $339,900
5000 ECR 67-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2.21 acres in greenwood Pet motel on property $298,500
2601 McClintic-4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 dining areas, flexible floorplan, wood floors built ins $298,000
1011 S County Rd 1005-3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 2 Car Garage, in Greenwood $289,000
4300 Valley-4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 living, 2 dining, Huge corner lot, new carpet and paint ..... REDUCED $284,900
1500 W. Missouri Ave.-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas, 2 dining, 2 car garage $279,900
6005 Cuthbean Drive-3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 2 Car Garage. Open Floorplan ..... REDUCED $269,000
2510 Noel-3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1 living areas, Low Maint, court yard ..... REDUCED $259,900
12700 ECR 01-3 bedroom, 2 baths, mobile home on 8.53 acres in greenwood $259,000
1010 Pueblo-3 bedrooms 2 Baths .34 Acres storage shed and pomegranate bushes $247,000
3 Linda Ct-3 bedroom, 2 bath home conveniently located. great for entertaining $230,000
1030 E. Pecan Ave - 3 Bedrooms 2 Baths New Construction Home $221,000
3013 Anetta-4 bedrooms, 2 baths, newer construction, granite counters storage and metal building $219,000
4747 Boulder-3 Bedroom 2.5 Bath 2 Car Garage Townhome $214,500
005 Alamo-3 bedrooms, 2 baths 2 living areas, complete interior remodel. 2 bonus rooms $199,500
5400 Allendale-3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great home in great location $183,500
6114 Sunnyside-3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, and 2 dining, New A/C game room $182,000
805 Storey - 3 bed 2 bath 2 living areas 2 story home in old Midland $175,000
2500 N County Rd 1147-5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 1 Living Area, 2 Dining Areas. Close to town far enough to feel country $175,000
3231 Whittle Way-5 Bedrooms 2.5 Baths Charming Town Home $170,000
704 S Baird-3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 2 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas. 2 Story Home $165,000
3000 Ohio-3 bed, 2 ba, low maint. large corner lot. fireplace. skylights ..... REDUCED $164,900
711 Melton Alley-2BR 2BA Townhome Lots of Updates $154,900
4700 W Bowie Drive-3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 1 Car Garage. Move in Ready $149,000
17107 N. Gonzales-1.5 acres 3 bedrooms, 2 baths double wide $144,900
3213 Illinois-3 bedrooms, 2 bath. great layout has so much potential. utility rm w/sink $134,900
705 Colleen - 3 Bedrooms 1 Bath $115,000
2405 City View Road-4 Bedrooms 1 Bath efficiency apartment in back $95,000
1220 E. Dorman-3 Bedrooms 2 baths 2 car garage ..... $1600 Monthly/$1600 Deposit
100 E. Bentwood-3 bedrooms, 1 5 baths, 2 living areas, 1 dining area ..... $1400 Monthly/$1400 Deposit

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Carrasco Homes

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1505 S. Lincoln Street
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $245,000

4405 Casa Verde Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $425,000

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7117 E. County Rd. 91
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2+ car garage, priced @ $410,700

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4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $469,900

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4101 Timberglen Circle
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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

800 Canyon Dr	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
3012 Roosevelt Dr	2 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Carport	$123,000
311 E. Golf Course Rd	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	U/C
4704 Thompson Dr	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
4400 Lesby Dr	3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
609 Brownwood Dr	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
4010 Steele Dr	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3400 Thomas Ave.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Detached 2 Car Garage	$169,000
1103 Alcalde St	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
604 Bass Lane	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$199,000
1705 S. Fort Worth	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
6102 Darling St	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$209,000
2420 E. 17th Street	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$284,000
1020 Candlewood Rd	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$335,000
3700 Cassidy Court	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$415,000
4000 Island Dr	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$699,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

1505 S. Lincoln St	Carrasco Homes/ 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$245,000
3414 S. Co. Rd. 1089	Michael Hardy Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/Greenwood	U/C
7117 E. Co. Rd 91	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2+ Car Garage	U/C
4205 San Pedro Dr	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$424,000
7407 E. Co. Rd. 93	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
10003 E. Co. Rd. 105	Michael Hardy Homes/5 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 3 Car Garage/Greenwood	$427,000
5315 Brown Heart Ln	Rhea Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$445,000
5305 Brown Heart Ln	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$469,000
5306 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$478,500
1209 S. Co. Rd. 1118	Elgin Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$469,900
12 Lafayette Place	Rome Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$568,500
18 La Campana	Rome Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$799,500
4101 Timberglen Circle	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$975,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

15200 N. Hollyhock Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2.205 Acres	$99,000
14043 Sunflower Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Carport	$123,000
14041 Sunflower Ave	Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2.2 Acres	$149,900
4301 W. Co. Rd. 124	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$250,000
Lone Rose Estates	Gardendale/Multi Zoning	Call Gary
4201 S. Co. Rd. 1185	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$265,000
10110 E. Co. Rd. 109	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$285,000
10007 E. Co. Rd. 105	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$379,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Lone Rose Estates	W. Co. Rd. 3013-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

1400 Webb Lane	Big Spring/4 Acres	$550,000
302 S. Marienfeld	11,040 Sq. Ft./0.482 Acres	$750,000
Dual Parkway	3.66 Acres	$1,475,000
3000 Chino Rd	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,300,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

302 Lee Trevino Ct	Alto, NM/1.6 Acre Lot	$140,000
1401 HWY 176	Big Spring/20 Acres	$300,000
FM 1212	Toyano/306.80 Approx Acres	$675,000
122 Lincoln Hills	Alto, NM/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$950,000
170 Topaz	Ruidoso, NM/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	$1,375,000

RENTAL PROPERTIES

5315 Brown Heart Lane	Rhea Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$2,400
4500 Llano	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$2,000
4700 Boulder Ave.	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	$1,000
1004 W. Texas Ave	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	$1,000

Contact Lillian Reynolds @ 432-210-5552

FEATURED PROPERTIES

5315 Brown Heart Lane
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $445,000

5306 George Yard Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $478,500

12 Lafayette Place
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $568,500

10003 E. Co. Rd. 105
5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, Greenwood, priced @ $427,000

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• 3112 Fairfield Lane: Mike Jackson New Construction. Beautiful travertine tile floors in the large open living area, complete with gorgeous fireplace. Amazing kitchen with 5 gas burner stove and double oven. Sequestered master with trey ceilings, access to backyard, and stupendous walk-in closet. Elevated double sinks in master bathroom with jetted tub and separate shower. Water well tied to drip system. Landscaped.

Open 1:00-3:00... Hosted by Myra McKinley

• 1415 San Miguel Ct.: Incredible 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home! Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances, recently painted cabinets, granite counter tops, & spectacular breakfast bar! Fabulous master with dual sinks & separate closets! Beautiful gas log burning fireplace in cozy living area! Gorgeous backyard has path lighting, bluetooth speakers, & zoned sprinklers! Tall archways throughout! Access to community pool!

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4300 Harlowe Dr., Midland, TX
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2000 W. Bronson Ave. Midland, TX
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FOR SALE: Excellent Hunting on 141.5 acres in Brown Co., FM 583, N. Rising Star. Lots of brush/oak/mesquite trees and pond. Juan Delgado, Survey 789, Abstract No. 241. $2,310/acre. Call (254) 725-6136.

GRANBURY, TX by owner, waterfront lot located in The Island on Lake Granbury subdivision. W/HOA and gated. Lot has 160' waterfront with bulkhead $89K 713-299-9993.

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OPEN SUN. 1:00-2:00
2515 HAYNES AVE. - $275,000
Just a one size add and make the other side of the fabulous duplex! Located across the street from elementary and a high school! Lot is big! 3 bedrooms and 1 bathrooms and covered patio! Call for a tour!

OPEN SUN. 2:30-3:30
2304 HAYNES DR. - $225,000
Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath, 3 living, 1 dining, 2 car garage. This 1,979 square foot single family home has updates throughout!

FEATURED HOME
3333 PROVIDENCE DR. - $189,900
Pretty curb appeal! Well maintained 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 garage w/brick courtyard. Nice spacious living areas, butler pantry area, den has brick fireplace & built-ins. Lots of windows, light & bright kitchen, recent paint & ac. Large patio perfect for entertaining!

FEATURED HOME
3705 CRESTMONT DR. - $240,000
Lovely home on quiet cul-de-sac! Four bedroom/2 bath/2 garage. Spacious living w/brick fireplace & high ceilings, formal dining next to kitchen, open kitchen w/lots of cabinets! Sequestered master, w/ tub/shower & big closet! Covered patio, mature landscaping & underblock fence!

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OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30
5521 Casa Grande
Beautiful new 4 bedroom/3 bath AGA home! Corner lot! 6-burner gas KitchenAid cooktop w/stainless steel vent hood, upgraded backsplash & granite! A must see!
$419,900

OPEN TODAY 4:00-5:00
8105 San Antonio, Odessa
Spacious 4 bedroom/2.5 bath/3-living area home with large bonus room! Many recent updates, move-in ready! Tile flooring, ceiling fan! Must see to appreciate!
$319,900

OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00
4302 Crowley
Super value in this fabulous custom 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home in Los Patios 3 built in 2014! 2 living areas! Large corner lot w/space outside for entertaining! High ceilings/wood shutters!
$407,000

OPEN TODAY 2:00-3:00
2502 W Wadley
Must see! Well maintained light & bright Wallace townhome in a great location! Excellent floor plan, 2 bedrooms/2 baths, each sequestered. Low maintenance, large courtyard!
$210,900

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30.
415 Nolan Ryan
Gorgeous floors in this beautiful fresh 4 bedroom/2 bath/2 car garage home on a curvy street in Legends Park! Super large lot!! Huge open living, brick fireplace and much more!!
$264,900

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30
4315 Country Club
Almost total Redo! 3 bedroom/2 bath huge house with 2-car garage! Granite slab in kitchen, carpeting, Pergo look flooring, paint, faucets, open living to dining. Just move in and Enjoy!
$187,000

SUPER CUTE!
104 N Bentwood
The home to start is here! Large 3 bedroom/2 bath open living area to breakfast area & kitchen! Lots of upgrades! Beautiful flooring, fresh paint, totally updated baths w/new wainscoting.
$165,000

STUNNING!
8 Durham, Odessa
Beautiful 4 bedroom/3 bath AGA new Build! High ceilings, upgraded granite, back splash & appliances, huge walk in pantry. Nice size backyard w/brick fence.
$409,900

SPECTACULAR!
4411 Leddy Dr.
Spectacular home! A must go see! Enormous living/game/extra combo w/fireplace! Gorgeous kitchen w/faux finished cabinets! Loaded w/ceramic tile flooring. Man-cave or shop!
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1604 N. "N" ST. - $295,000
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531 SIR BARTON
$1,600,000

3102 SEABOARD AVE.
$625,000

4001 EDGEBROOK DR.
$529,000

1904 SCR 1121, GREENWOOD
$525,000

5906 FRIAR TUCK CT.
$500,000

4481 HACKBERRY CT.
$485,000

1901 FRINGEWOOD DR.
$475,000

5802 SABINE
$375,000

4810 YEARWOOD
$375,000

5515 NEWCASTLE DR.
$345,000

7603 CANTERBURY ST., ODESSA
$335,000

5105 MATHIS ST.
$335,000

6118 CANDLESTICK
$300,000

3108 SOUTHRIDGE CT.
$300,000

1201 OVERSHINE LN.
$295,000

3013 MOSS AVE.
$289,900

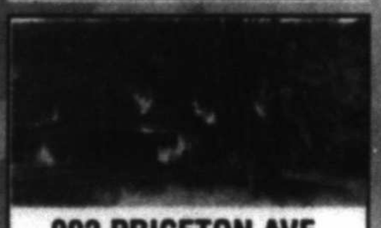
4011 NAVASOTA
$285,500

2410 TERRACE AVE.
$280,000

1611 W. ILLINOIS AVE.
$275,000

3905 CRESTGATE AVE.
$270,000

2604 ADONIA ST.
$250,000



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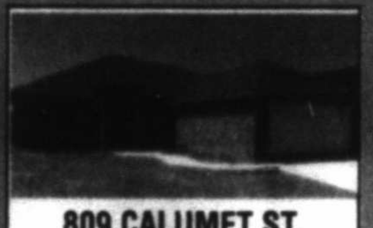

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1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE
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$65,000

3000 ILLINOIS #49
$54,950

UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS

SALE PENDING
6012 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD.
$1,700,000

SALE PENDING
6324 PRAIRIE RIDGE
$635,000

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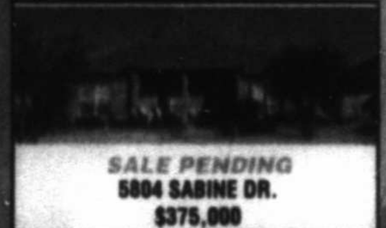
2104 DEEANNA LANE
$575,000

SALE PENDING
4001 HERTIAGE OAKS
$478,500



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5804 SABINE DR.
$375,000

SALE PENDING
2500 MAXWELL DR.
$300,000

SALE PENDING
2313 DENGAR AVE.
$260,000

SALE PENDING
1911 HUNTINGTON ST.
$255,000

SALE PENDING
517 NOLAN RYAN
$210,000

SALE PENDING
2215 HUNTINGTON ST.
$197,000

SALE PENDING
3605 MISSION CT.
$150,000

SOLD LISTINGS

★★★★SOLD★★★★
5003 APPLE CREEK RD. - $395,000

★★★★SOLD★★★★
5210 MATHIS - $295,000

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1412 SPARKS ST. - $210,000

★★★★SOLD★★★★
5010 DOUGLAS AVE. - $215,000

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210 N. DEWBERRY - $195,000

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4000 SEMINOLE DR. - $185,000

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3502 MISSION CT. - $185,000

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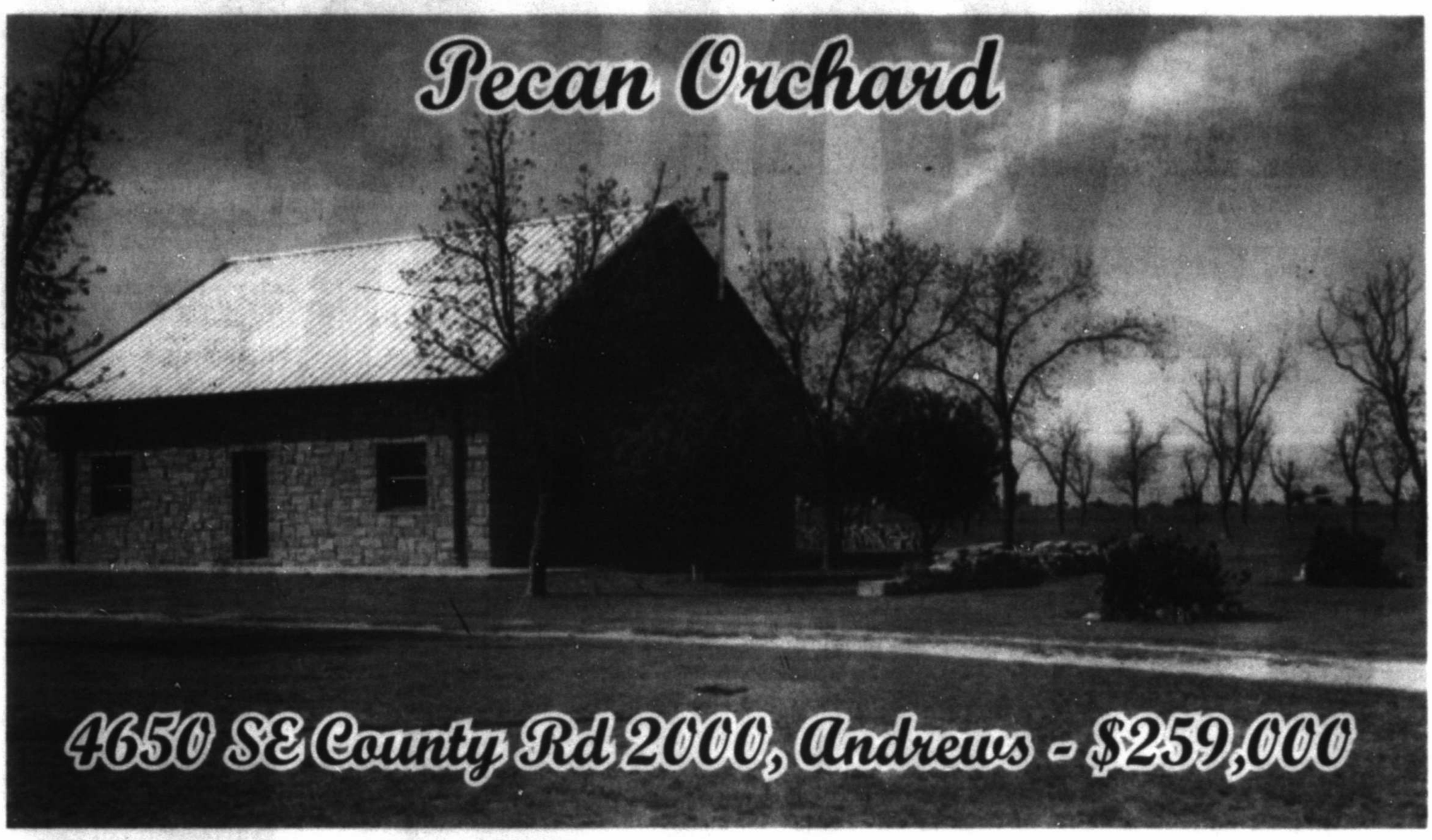

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An open floor plan with tall ceilings are perfect for this 2 bedroom, 2 bath home that has a loft, which could easily be a 3rd bedroom or 2nd living space. The kitchen boasts custom hickory cabinets. There is a large mud room, which has a sink, washer/ dryer connections and a full bath!

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4409 E. CO. RD. 63
Wonderful custom built home in coveted Bonita Estates with lots of extras, stop on by and see for yourself!!
Shown by Danny Norwood

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4100 EDGEBROOK DR. - $429,900
3 bedroom, 2 bath located in Mockingbird Heights.
Listed by Tracy Farrow, Hosted by Tina Atkins

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4705 TEAKWOOD TRACE - $448,000
Wonderful, Green Tree home, many updates.
Shown by Stephanie Rogers

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4604 TEAKWOOD TR. - $409,900
Beautifully updated 4 bdrm, 2 living home located on golf course in Green Tree Country Club.
Shown by Cheryl Parrish

OPEN 1:00-2:00
3511 MEADOWRIDGE - $450,000
Open Floor Plan 4Bed/3Bath/3Car Paul West Remodel with Elegant Updates in Trinity Meadows! Enormous Bedrooms (15x15,16x14,20x19,22x15) w/large closets, Kitchen w/Eating Bar, DBL Ovens, Gas cooktop, & Baking Center! Granite, Plantation Shutters and Built-ins Throughout! Oversized garage on large corner lot!
Listed by Ashley St John, Shown by Mark Philliber

OPEN 1:00-2:30
10909 E. CO. RD. 108 - $295,000
Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath on half an acre with huge shop.
Shown by Lisa Russell

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2700 CALLAWAY - $1,000,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Leah Watkins

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2011 COLEMAN CT. - $400,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 2:00-3:00
4903 FOXBORO COURT - $324,999
Spacious floorplan, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, large study on lovely cul-de-sac.
Shown by Denise Brasher

OPEN 2:30-3:30
5304 GREEN TREE BLVD. - $325,000
New price, open plan, 4 bd, 2 1/2 ba.
Shown by Stephanie Rogers

OPEN 2:30-3:30
3110 BOARDWALK - $221,900
4 bed, 2 bath w/open floor plan.
Shown by Jo Keller

OPEN 2:30-3:30
4510 FANNIN - $215,900
3bd/2ba Move In Ready, Corner Lot, Huge Bedrooms Freshly Painted!
Listed by Ashley St. John

OPEN 2:00-4:00
1432 CUSTER AVE., ODESSA - $239,900
Open floor plan w/4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car shop and large storage bldg.
Shown by Sandy J. Hanson

OPEN 3:00-4:00
3600 NORTHFIELD COURT
Really nice 4/3 with hardwood floors, granite, sequestered master, open floor plan, tall beautiful ceilings, plantation shutters, in-law suite, gorgeous landscaping, great price. Must see!
Shown by Tina Atkins

OPEN 3:30-4:30
1604 N. N STREET
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 4:00-5:00
4801 HILLTOP DR. - $385,000
Low maintenance, open plan, 4bd, 3ba, 3 CG, 3rd oversized.
Shown by Stephanie Rogers

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE 2:00-4:00 PM

1432 Custer Ave., Odessa, Texas

Open floor plan, kitchen huge dining area with Fireplace, flows into a generous family room, with 4 bedrooms & 2 full baths, laundry room with area to fold cloths, a short hall to 2nd family room. Master bath redone! Gorgeous and a giant walk-in closet! 2-car shop and large storage building. **Odessa MLS# 99514 $239,900**

FEATURED LISTINGS

8 Warwick, Odessa, Tx.	3 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, heated & cooled 7-car garage	MLS #108465	UNDER CONTRACT	$550,000
801 ECR 130	4 Bed, 2 Bath on 5.75 acres Barns, Pens, Stalls	MLS #106761		$374,900
7209 ECR 86	Gorgeous new construction 4 Bed, 2 bath by Kee Builders, LLC	MLS #108777		$369,900
5313 Scottsboro Lane	4 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 LA & 2 DA's	MLS #108193		$364,900
2201 SCR 1085	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1LA, 1DA, outdoor living area, insulated workshop	MLS #109038	UNDER CONTRACT	$359,900
2507 Stanolind Ave.	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2LA, 2DA	MLS #50001094	UNDER CONTRACT	$299,000
3200 W. Wadley Ave.	3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2LA's, 2DA's & atrium	MLS #107277		$252,900
3007 N. Pecos St.	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 DA's and 1 LA w/FP	MLS #40204738	UNDER CONTRACT	$249,900
1432 Custer Ave., Odessa, Tx	Open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths	MLS #99514		$239,900
5221 Canadian Ave.	4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 LA	MLS #108873		$227,000
3300 Windsor Dr.	One Owner, 4 bedroom 3 bath home	MLS #107814		$222,900
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #106038		$99,400
102 Waverly Dr.	Nicely update 2 bedroom, 1 bath home	MLS #107830	UNDER CONTRACT	$89,900
6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	.97 acres RESIDENTIAL LOT	MLS #102676		$140,000
6714 FM 715	-22 Acres	MLS #108863		$365,000
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	3.888 acres with Caliche put on property, non-restricted	MLS #108092	UNDER CONTRACT	$32,000

FEATURED HOME

5221 CANADIAN AVE.
Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, 2 LA's, 1 DA, spacious kitchen, office/study, 2 -car garage. **MLS #108873 $227,000**

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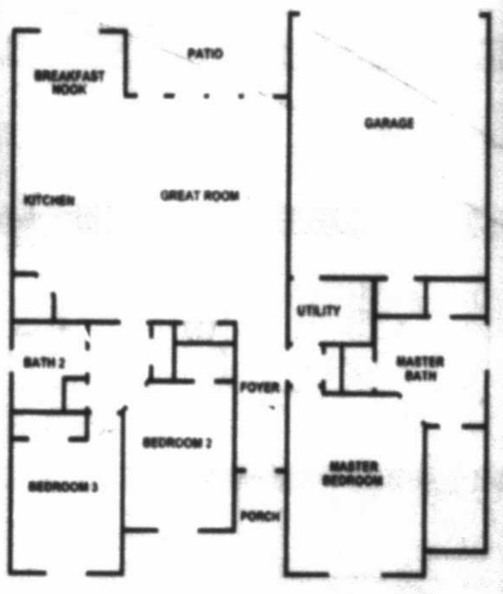
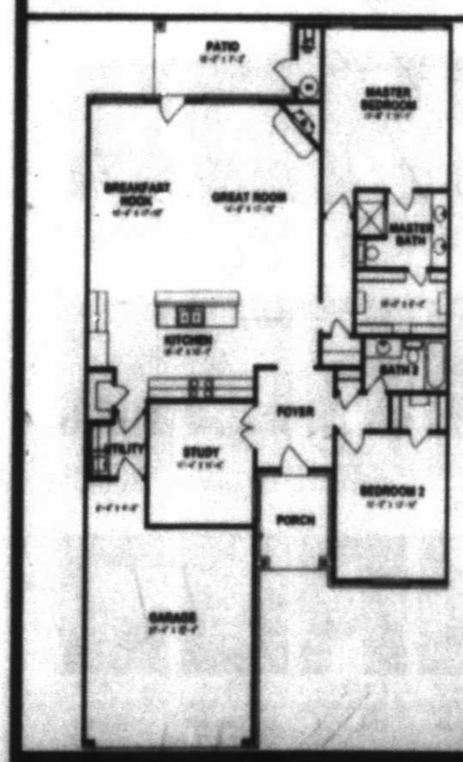
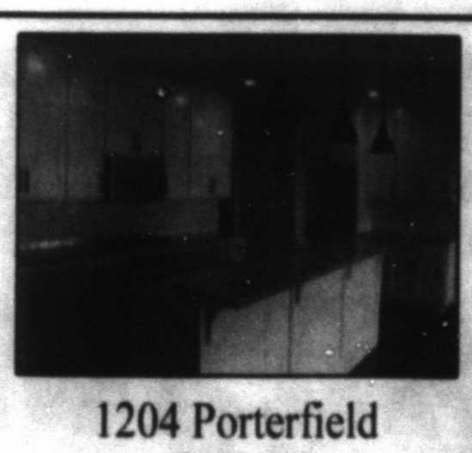
Mark Payne Homes

4011 Navasota
$285,500

Beautiful, open layout with an efficient use of space in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Heritage Oaks. Master bath features his and her vanities, a separate soaking tub and shower. You will love this home!







1204 Porterfield
$251,500

This bright & inviting Townhome at Stonebridge features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and a quiet study. The open living & kitchen includes custom built shaker style cabinets, granite countertops and stained concrete floors.

Mark Payne Homes Available Homes

1200 Porterfield- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$264,500
1206 Porterfield- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage	$236,500
4015 Navasota- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$316,500
6001 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, 3 Car Garage	$418,500
6109 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, 2 Car Garage	$372,500
5910 Frio Drive- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, Formal Dining, 2 Car Garage	$333,500
5912 Frio Drive- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$325,500
6016 Frio- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	UC
4001 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 4 Car	UC

For More Information call Jamie Pratt 432-520-0000

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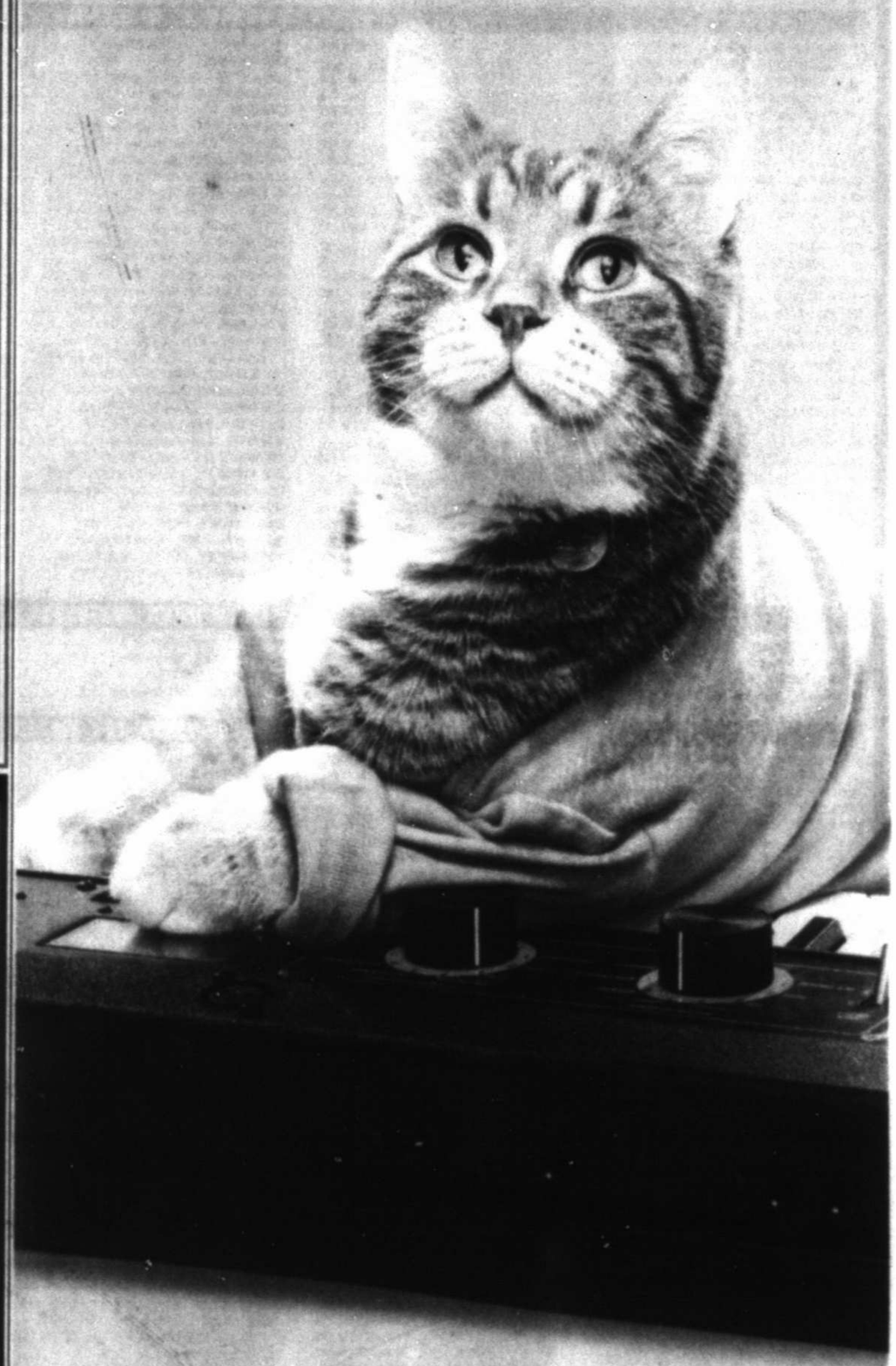

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NEW CONSTRUCTION IN MIDLAND

011 CHEYENNE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... $269,500

PENINSULA BASIN COVENANT HOMES

1100 E. CO. RD. 1118...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #100626 ... $325,000

PENINSULA HOMES, LLC

308 S. DALLAS ST...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #100637 ... $149,500

TROY HUNT

808 CALUMET ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108155 ... $194,900

KSS BUILDERS, LLC

7209 E. CO. RD. 90...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3818 ... MLS #108727 ... $369,900

2009 FROST HOMES

7305 E. CO. RD. 90, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... MLS #107720 ... 1 Acre/$439,900

HOMEZ CONSTRUCTION

1203 E. HOBLES ... Jose Rendon ... $199,900

KSS CUSTOM HOMES, LLC

7303 E. CO. RD. 93...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108052 ... $471,875
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #105385 ... $410,400

MARK PAYNE

4921 HERITAGE OAKS...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107879 ... SALE PENDING
4911 SAVASOTA+...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $295,000

MIDLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

1200 ELM AVE...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... $189,000

MIKE CUSTOM HOMES

13100 E. CO. RD. 116, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... MLS #107900 ... $400,000
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... MLS #105750 ... $199,000

SE HOMES, INC.

7309 E. CO. RD. 91...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #107925 ... $411,210
7314 E. CO. RD. 91...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #107934 ... $410,872
7401 E. CO. RD. 93...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108080 ... SALE PENDING
1202 A NOBLES...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #50001369 ... $172,350
1202 B NOBLES...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #50001370 ... $172,350

SHAFFER BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

2604 ADONA ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #101146 ... $250,000
2703 ADONA ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107979 ... $199,500

WILSON SERVICES LLC

1203 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108305 ... $149,900

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

6012 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108053 ... SALE PENDING
631 SIR CARTON...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $1,600,000
5409 SECRETARIAT ST...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #104142 ... $1,450,000
6400 LOS CONCHOS LN...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ... MLS #50001082 ... $1,250,000
2700 CALLAWAY...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $1,092,000
5701 DEVLIN PL...Peggy Spence 664-3011 ... MLS #50001410 ... $825,000
6400 E. CO. RD. 109...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50001470 ... $695,000
1010 W. CUTHBERT...Amy Barnett 352-6714 ... SALE PENDING
3500 FAIRWOOD CT...Virginia Elizondo ... MLS #108718 ... $649,000
6324 PRAIRIE RIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #109066 ... SALE PENDING
3102 SEABOARD AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $625,000
4901 FAIRWOOD...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $574,000
3500 ROADRUNNER TRAIL...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #50001083 ... $600,000
4001 EDGEBROOK DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $525,000
2102 DEEANNA LANE...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50001168 ... $500,500
5800 PRAIRIE RIDGE...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ... MLS #108078 ... $499,000
2104 DEEANNA LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106091 ... SALE PENDING
7303 E. CO. RD. 93...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108052 ... $471,875
3511 MEADOWRIDGE LN...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #107900 ... $450,000
10704 STONE LANE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108156 ... $449,900
2014 EVANS...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ... MLS #109105 ... $449,900
4705 TEAKWOOD TRACE...Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #40204631 ... $448,000
6303 DRIFTWOOD...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #107097 ... $438,500
5901 PRAIRIE RIDGE...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ... MLS #108070 ... $435,000
2116 EVANS...Samantha Smith 978-3586 ... MLS #108527 ... $415,900
7306 E. CO. RD. 91...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #107925 ... $411,210
7314 E. CO. RD. 91...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #107624 ... $410,872
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #105385 ... $410,400
4004 TEAKWOOD TR...Cheryl Perrish 352-3053 ... MLS #108254 ... $406,000
2011 COLEMAN CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $400,000
3305 FELDSPAR LN...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... MLS #108513 ... $395,000
3600 NORTHFIELD...Donna Omar ... MLS #50001375 ... $360,000
4001 HILLTOP DR...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ... MLS #108278 ... $360,000
4209 EDGEBROOK...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #108002 ... $360,000
5001 STONELEIGH DR...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #108585 ... SALE PENDING
5002 SABINE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108675 ... $375,000
1000 N. I ST...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #108058 ... $375,000
5004 SABINE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108356 ... SALE PENDING
4910 YEARWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108570 ... $375,000
5013 SCOTTSBORO LANE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108183 ... $364,900
1101 E. CO. RD. 103...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #106080 ... SALE PENDING
0011 LLANO...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108762 ... $359,000
3309 WOODHAVEN DR...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #108697 ... $354,000
5901 GREENRIDGE...Samantha Smith 978-3586 ... MLS #50001340 ... $349,000
2901 COLEMAN CT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #107897 ... $349,500
5015 NICK 'STLE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108797 ... $345,000
3309 PATRICK PLACE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108823 ... $339,900
5007 LLANO CT...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... MLS #50001010 ... $330,000
5304 GREEN TREE BLVD...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ... MLS #108233 ... $330,000
4902 MELVILLE...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #108242 ... $329,900
0110 CANDLESTICK...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #104691 ... $300,000
5001 GREENRIDGE...Samantha Smith 978-3586 ... MLS #108338 ... SALE PENDING
5010 SHERWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108970 ... $299,900
2507 STANOLIND AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #50001094 ... $299,000
3204 DURANT...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #108501 ... $297,500
2500 W. DENGAR AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #109007 ... $295,000

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

727 SOLOMON LANE...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #107467 ... $799,000
4601 ANDREWS HWY...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #108126 ... SALE PENDING
4401 HACKBERRY CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108382 ... $495,000
1601 PINNEYWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108804 ... $475,000
4100 EDGEBROOK...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #107075 ... $424,900
5013 PINILICO...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108856 ... $379,000
5500 LOS PATOS...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... MLS #108152 ... $360,000
5105 MATHIS ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50001045 ... $349,000
1505 WINFIELD...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... MLS #50001277 ... SALE PENDING
6004 LLANO COURT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50001431 ... $334,900
5908 LLANO COURT...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $330,000
4903 FOXBORO CT...Denise Brasher 689-5022 ... MLS #108604 ... $324,999
2500 MAXWELL DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50001005 ... SALE PENDING
2015 COMMANCH AVE...Samantha Smith 978-3586 ... MLS #50001130 ... $279,000
3108 SOUTHRIDGE CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $300,000
1604 N. N STREET...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $299,000
5210 MATHIS...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108705 ... SOLD
5013 ROSS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108968 ... $299,500
1101 OVERSHINE LANE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108041 ... $294,900
1613 NEELY...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #50001368 ... $279,000
5804 DRIFTWOOD...Leah Watkins ... MLS #108730 ... $275,000
602 ELK...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #106248 ... SALE PENDING
3501 CLAREMONT DR...Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #50001061 ... $269,900
2012 TERRACE...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #109081 ... $269,000
6218 DRIFTWOOD...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108572 ... SALE PENDING
3215 SOUTHRIDGE CT...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ... MLS #107933 ... $269,000
1911 HUNTINGTON ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... SALE PENDING
2300 W. WADLEY AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #107277 ... $257,900
1601 W. MICHIGAN...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #109037 ... $250,000
902 PRINCETON AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $250,000
4304 BOULDER...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #108306 ... $250,000
2407 FAIRVIEW LANE...Mark Philliber 222-5071 ... MLS #108500 ... $249,000
4102 DYER CIRCLE...Lana Flores 385-5843 ... $244,000
2012 DURANT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108537 ... $239,000
3304 CLAREMONT...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #108683 ... $235,000
2906 AURORA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108980 ... $230,000
5914 WARMER...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ... MLS #108484 ... SOLD
4706 ELMA...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #50001332 ... $230,000
6120 CANDLESTICK...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ... MLS #109030 ... SOLD
2505 NEELY...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $225,900
4807 PINE MEADOW DR...Paul Culver 934-1021 ... $227,000
2411 SHANDON...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $225,000
4902 NEELY AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50001030 ... $225,000
1309 HILLTOWN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $220,000
321 THORNRIDGE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #50001487 ... $220,000
3321 CAMARIE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108492 ... SOLD
1000 FANNIN...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #50001068 ... SALE PENDING
4510 FANNIN...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #108781 ... $215,000
3203 W. SHANDON...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50001315 ... $215,000
1503 MCDONALD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #109023 ... $214,900
3600 JORDAN...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #107636 ... $210,000
2500 PRINCETON...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #50001320 ... $210,000
917 NOLAN RYAN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107676 ... SALE PENDING
3901 IDRA PLACE...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #109130 ... SALE PENDING
3215 RANCHLAND DR...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #108596 ... $210,000
4302 FERNCLIFF...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... $209,900
5100 PARK VIEW...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #50001479 ... $208,000
1010 NEELY...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108443 ... $195,000
1203 HOBLES AVE...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #105412 ... $190,900
2705 ADONA ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $189,500
2215 HUNTINGTON ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108225 ... SALE PENDING
3600 SEABOARD AVE...Sue Lytle ... MLS #107782 ... $187,000
2609 SUNBURST...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ... MLS #108769 ... $187,000
705 W. SPRUCE AVE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #50001361 ... $183,000
3323 CIMMARON...Samantha Smith 978-3586 ... MLS #108451 ... SOLD
2609-B HAYMES DR...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #108403 ... $180,000
3100 TRAVIS AVE...Mark Philliber 222-5071 ... MLS #107806 ... $185,000
2105 NORTHRUP DR...Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121 ... $184,000
3809 W. STOREY...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #50001270 ... $184,000
3400 W. GOLF COURSE...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... $180,000
3616 CAMARIE AVE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #108161 ... $180,000
113 SOUTH TYLER...Pam Messer 432-349-3075 ... MLS #106445 ... $179,500
1215 E. HOBLES...Pam Dodd ... MLS #108355 ... SALE PENDING
211 CARVER...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... $178,000
2007 N. D STREET...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #108744 ... SALE PENDING
2105 NORTHRUP DR...Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121 ... $184,000
3809 W. STOREY...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #50001270 ... $184,000
3400 W. GOLF COURSE...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... $180,000
3616 CAMARIE AVE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #108161 ... $180,000
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211 CARVER...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... $178,000
2007 N. D STREET...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #108744 ... SALE PENDING
403 EDGEWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $175,000
3614 MONCLAIR...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108456 ... $174,900
3330 FANNIN...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #50001208 ... SALE PENDING
1309 CHUKAR LANE...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #106547 ... $173,000
1202 A NOBLES...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #50001369 ... $172,350
1202 B NOBLES...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #50001370 ... $172,350
3307 CIMMARON...Amanda Gunter ... MLS #108886 ... SALE PENDING
3701 W. LOUISIANA...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... SALE PENDING
3713 LOUISIANA...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #50001316 ... $167,500
313 ROCKY LANE...Lavonne Johnson ... MLS #104500 ... SALE PENDING
1010 W. MICHIGAN...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108307 ... $166,500
702 S. MARSHALL...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #107322 ... $159,200
113 S. TYLER...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #109645 ... $157,000
4014 SHADYLANE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #107161 ... SALE PENDING
309 S. DALLAS ST...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #106837 ... $149,500
307 S. ADAMS...Lana Flores 385-5843 ... $150,000
1301 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108304 ... SOLD
1200 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108305 ... $149,900
402 S. TILDEN...Jose Alvarez 618-5013 ... $148,500
4614 W. ILLINOIS...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #108828 ... SALE PENDING
600 HOWARD DR...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #108741 ... $145,000
2606 KESSLER...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108725 ... SALE PENDING
2500 W. WASHINGTON AVE...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #105613 ... SALE PENDING

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

2510 QUAIL POINT...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #105892 ... $240,000
4508 LANHAM...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #50001017 ... $180,000
2210 COLLEGE AVE...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #105098 ... $134,500
1101 WAVERLY...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $99,900
913 HOLLY...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108606 ... $89,900
102 WAVERLY DR...Sandy J. Hanson ... MLS #107630 ... SALE PENDING
4709 BOULDER...Ashley St. John ... MLS #107953 ... $89,500
311 S. BENTON...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #105052 ... SALE PENDING
4709 BOULDER #104...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #109043 ... $75,000
3207 DELANO...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #105984 ... $74,500
3000 W. ILLINOIS #15...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #108354 ... $60,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

4400 E. CO. RD. 93...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $999,000
6400 E. CO. RD. 109...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #50001470 ... $695,000
6000 E. CO. RD. 109, OAK RIDGE SUBDIVISION...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #107880 ... $790,000
6704 E. CO. RD. 107...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #106602 ... SOLD
4303 N. CO. RD. 1204...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ... MLS #104991 ... $575,000
1804 E. CO. RD. 1121, GREENWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107015 ... $525,000
1306 W. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #106546 ... $499,000
12107 W. CO. RD. 52...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #108236 ... $494,900
2020 S. CO. RD. 1000, GREENWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #107205 ... $399,900
12900 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... 5 Acres/$495,000
1267 N. CO. RD. 1084...Mark Philliber 222-5071 ... MLS #40204775 ... SALE PENDING
10904 E. CO. RD. 109...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ... MLS #108499 ... $397,000
2025 S. CO. RD. 1000...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #107205 ... $379,000
801 E. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #106761 ... $374,900
12119 E. CO. RD. 102...Lana Flores 385-5843 ... $369,000
2201 S. CO. RD. 1000...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #109038 ... SALE PENDING
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SCENES FROM A MOVIE NIGHT

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MCPL to host free screening of 'Love and Friendship

Director Whit Stillman will be in attendance for discussion after film

By Rich Lopez
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With a Jane Austen novel, an Oscar-nominated filmmaker and complimentary tickets, it's fair to say that Midland County Public Library is going all in for a night out at the movies.

The MCPL will host an advanced screening of "Love and Friendship" at Cinergy Cinema on Tuesday. Director Whit Stillman will be present for a discussion after the film. The writer and director of such influential independent films as "The Last Days of Disco" and "Metropolitan" -- for which he was nominated for an Academy Award — will talk about putting his distinct stamp on "Lady Susan," one of Austen's lesser-known novels.

If you go

"Love and Friendship" screening with director Whit Stillman. Presented by the Midland County Public Library and the Moriah Group. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Cinergy Cinemas, 1917 Liberty Drive. Seating is limited. To reserve seats, call 432-688-4332. www.co.midland.tx.us.

"This offering is just one more in our continued commitment to bring new and unique program opportunities to Midland and really ties in to our mission of providing the literary experience," said John Trischitti III, library director.

Stillman's previous films, based on his experiences from his Harvard days to his Manhattan nightlife, have been considered WASP-centric. His three comedies of manners — "Metropolitan," "Barcelona" and "The Last Days of Disco" made between 1990 and 1998 — form an informal trilogy. Since then, he has made "Damsels in Distress" (2011) about the relationships of three East Coast college students. Thus, "Love and Friendship," which stars Kate Beckinsale and Chloe Sevigny, is a departure from the usual work that Stillman put out years ago.

"I only had three experiences that were worthwhile, and those were made into my first three films," he said in a phone interview from London, where he was promoting the film. "After those, my wife and I moved to Paris, and I discovered this incredibly funny Jane Austen novel. I thought, 'Anyone can adapt a good novel.'"

"With living authors, it can get quite complicated and doesn't always help films get made. But this adaptation is really in keeping with her — it's very Jane Austen-y. I knew I could bring something of value to this but I knew it would take a long time to mind the gold and gems of the story. I didn't tell anyone about it and just worked on it when I didn't have to work on other things. To make it playable took years and years."

Whit Stillman, director

Jane Austen novels, in particular, have been adapted and made into feature films that are both critically acclaimed and popular with moviegoers. As in her other more familiar stories, "Lady Susan" centers on a woman who is trying to find a husband while carrying on an affair with a married man. Although unscrupulous, Austen portrays Lady Susan with intelligence, wit and humor, like many of her main characters.

Adapting "Lady Susan" for the big screen took years, unlike the making of "Love and Friendship." In an interview with Vanity Fair, he recalled talking about the story with a friend in 2004 but is certain he began working on it before then. However, he never saw it as a cumbersome project or a burden.

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Kerry Washington as Anita Hill in HBO's "Confirmation." *HBO via AP*

'Confirmation' is as powerful as Anita Hill's testimony

By Mary McNamara
Los Angeles Times

Covering an admirable amount of ground in a short amount of time, all roads in "Confirmation," HBO's new dramatization of the confirmation hearings for then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, lead to one indelible image:

A lone black woman, still and straight, facing a double-row gallery of powerful white men, none of whom want to hear what she has to say.

This is Anita Hill, played with masterful and illuminating restraint by Kerry Washington, as she sits before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Even before she speaks, quietly describing the ways in which Thomas (Wendell Pierce) allegedly sexually harassed her during the time she worked for him at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the sight is, as it was 25 years ago, a stunning revelation.

As is the film itself.

Susannah Grant has said she wrote "Confirmation" to remind those old enough to remember, and explain to those who were not, of the importance and bravery of Hill's testimony. How it shook up the government and the nation, broke the silence surrounding sexual harassment, exposed the vitriolic calculations of the nomination process and, perhaps above all, made obvious the need for more women in political office.

So though it follows the confirmation of a male Supreme Court justice by a predominantly male Senate, "Confirmation" is a story of women. First and foremost Hill, but also those behind the scenes and in the press who persuaded her to speak out so thaCommittee Chairman Joe Biden (Greg Kinnear) would take her seriously.

AP file photo

Anita Hill testifies during the confirmation hearing for Justice Clarence Thomas on Capitol Hill in Washington on Oct. 11, 1991.

After establishing the politics of the nomination — President George H.W. Bush had to replace Thurgood Marshall just four years after Senate Democrats had rejected Reagan nominee Robert Bork (and then confirmed Anthony Kennedy) — "Confirmation" introduces its main players: Thomas, standing with the quietly pleased president while miles away at the University of Oklahoma, and Hill, who was not pleased but determined to remain quiet.

However, a member of Sen. Ted Kennedy's staff (Grace Gummer) has been investigating rumors about Thomas. When she calls to ask about Hill's experience working for the nominee, Hill decides to answer, in full.

Director Rick Famuyiwa manages to present the baroque proceedings with admirable economy, and from "Confirmation's" first moment to its last, Washington anchors the action and the tone with a subtle, vivid performance. Never straying from the law professor's historic calm and low, modulated tones, she still infuses each scene with the emotional turmoil of Hill's experience, both as an alleged victim of sexual harassment and the key player in a high stakes drama.

Because if Hill has no political agenda, pretty much everyone else involves does, and "Confirmation" is admirably ruthless in its presentation of all of them.

Thomas remains steadfast in his denials and, until the moment when he famously lashes out at what he calls a "high tech lynching," spends much of the film in signature silence, which Pierce deftly uses to suggest a panoply of emotions, from shock and rage to touching bewilderment, without ever quite committing to one reaction or another.

His team, on the other hand, is quickly focused. Republican Sens. John Danforth (Bill Irwin), Arlen Specter (Malcolm Gets) and Alan Simpson (Peter McRobbie) are first dismissive, then argumentative and finally resort to outright smear tactics.

The Democrats aren't much better. Kennedy (Treat Williams) is hamstrung by his own record with women and Biden, who Kinnear portrays in contrasting tones of self-pity and sincere political anguish, is initially reluctant to sully himself or the proceedings with what he fears is personal, possibly vindictive, dirt.

Only when forced into action by a small group of female members of Congress does Biden allow time for Hill's written testimony to be submitted, and only when NPR's Nina Totenberg somehow gets a copy of that statement does the committee agree to hear Hill's testimony.

The rest is painful history, powerfully told.

Though it fits nicely into HBO's collection of political dramas, including "Recount" (the 2000 presidential election) and "Game Change" (Sarah Palin's vice-presidential campaign), "Confirmation" has a closer emotional and thematic kinship with FX's recently completed "The People v. O.J. Simpson."

Filled with affecting and nuanced performances, "Confirmation" is an upsetting film to watch, hitting far too close to the bone to feel like a period piece about a regrettable moment from which we have learned.

Partisan acrimony continues to rule Congress, threatening to obstruct the next Supreme Court appointment; women still struggle to have their issues taken seriously, and though the House and Senate may be more diverse than they were in 1991, the current Congress is still 80 percent male and 80 percent white.

Which might be exactly why we all need to see what happened in 1991 all over again.

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With Bill Kersh | actor

These days, Bill Kersh is seen onstage as Georges, the nightclub owner in Midland Community Theatre's "La Cage aux Folles." In real life, he is the owner and founder of Kersh Asset Holdings, LLC. Before going into business for himself he was in the retail computer business. For his extracurriculars, Kersh is an avid reader of John LeCarre, Thomas Hardy and Noam Chomsky, and has a boyhood love of sailing. He calls his five children — Luke, Ronald, Jeffrey, Kelly and Morgan — his greatest joy and a close second is his work in the theater.

"La Cage aux Folles" added another night to its limited run so there is still one more chance to see Kersh onstage Saturday, April 30 at The Yucca. For tickets, visit mctmidland.org.

MRT: What's been your proudest achievement as an actor?

Kersh: I think I'm proudest of producing, directing, and playing the lead role in "Cyrano de Bergerac" by Edmond Rostand. It is one of my favorite plays of all time second only to Shakespeare's "Richard III" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." I've played Nick Bottom in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" but have never done "Richard III". That is one of my goals in life.

MRT: What would you say is your best quality and why?

Kersh: If I had to pick a quality I feel I have as well as admire in others, it would be that I always look for aspects to respect in a person rather than dwelling on any possible shortcomings. Additionally, I have no prejudice to a person's race, religion, sexual orientation or any other aspect of them that might set them apart from the "mainstream" whatever that is. I see all people as being equal in the eys of God and His sight is much better than mine.

MRT: What is the best thing you cook?

Kersh: This is rather tricky because I don't like to cook. In searching my soul for anything I prepare well, I guess I would have to say waffles. As long as I use the mix that one only has to add water to. I think they're good because I add pecans and raisins to them.

MRT: Who do you call real-life hero?

Kersh: I think my favorite real life hero is Dr. Martin Luther King. He lived, and died in a struggle for social justice and peace. My children have all been subjected to readings of his "I Have A Dream" speech many times because I wanted them to know what true heroism and human goodness was all about and I can think of no better example of that than his speech and his life. Additionally, another hero is Noam Chomsky, Institute Professor Emeritus of Linguistics at MIT. He has been a social and political intellectual and activist for more 50 years and has had a profound influence on me and my social and political views. His lectures are a blend of truthfulness and always delivered in a calm, intelligent manner.

MRT: Your non-acting secret indulgence.

Kersh: Although I am a modest drinker, I'd have to say a good single malt scotch neat. Or El Dorado 15 aged Demerara Guyana Rum and definitely neat. The best rum in the world!

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thing of value to this but I knew it would take a long time to mind the gold and gems of the story. I didn't tell anyone about it and just worked on it when I didn't have to work on other things. To make it playable took years and years."

In essence, it was Stillman's baby. Having been with the story for so long, the director said he never was hesitant to let it go.

"I never felt anguish or suffering with it, and I would have to step away from it for two years at times for a project. I've chipped and whittled away at it but it's been only a happy thing. I grew to love Austen more, and her perspective colors the film in certain ways that are very creative for indie filmmakers so I'm happy to see that onscreen," he said.

The result is a film that has all the elegance and humor of Jane Austen, but with a touch that remains Stillman's. Trischitti sees appeal in the film for all moviegoers.

"This will be a wonderful event for both film and literature buffs — especially those missing 'Downton Abbey,'" he said.

Courtesy photo

Plus, Stillman reunited Beckinsale as Lady Susan Vernon and Sevigny as Alicia Jordan. The two were also in "Last Days of Disco."

"There was a big comfort factor there," he said. "Having history with them I had confidence in what they can do even though both are very different in how they work."

And to tie it back to the literary aspect, Stillman also wrote the novelization of his adaptation of a Jane Austen book.

Ironically, before Stillman talked about adapting Victorian England to film, he first mentioned his Texas roots. Although he has yet to visit West Texas, Stillman's family had a big role in Lone Star history.

"My great-great-grandfather was Charles Stillman. He was a landowner in Matamoros back in the 19th century and he owned a river boat company on the Rio Grande. The Wikipedia page is slanderous, but he ultimately founded Brownsville, Texas. So I have definitely have a connection to Texas."

Young adult fiction booming on Broadway — but cute it ain't

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When actress and playwright Claudia Shear was first approached to turn a novel for young adults into a Broadway musical, she was slightly stunned.

"You want me for a children's thing?" she asked the producers.

Shear, after all, often writes about fearless women making their way in an unforgiving world and isn't frightened by suggestive situations or salty language. She agreed to the new project but didn't change her style.

"I went at it without any concept of it being for children," she said. "Truth is truth and humanity is humanity. That is the thing that supersedes any genre."

The musical was "Tuck Everlasting," Natalie Babbitt's powerful story about a girl who stumbles onto a mysterious family that has discovered a fountain of eternal life. It opens on Broadway on April 26.

It will cap a remarkably rich few years for shows based on young adult fiction, including "Matilda the Musical," "War Horse," "Aladdin" and "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time." All stubbornly refuse to talk down to kids.

"The only difference between them and us is that they're smaller and they know a little bit less," said playwright Dennis Kelly, who won a Tony Award for adapting "Matilda" from the children's novel by Roald Dahl. "Their brains are just as good as ours and they know as much about the world as we do."

It turns out that Shear was in good company: Musicals based on young adult books have recently attracted writers who usually deal with adult material and don't want to coddle their younger audiences.

Kelly, like Shear, wasn't someone you'd immediately associate with children's literature. He writes caustic satires, including a play about how a climate of terror can lead neighbors to torture, and another about the evils of greed-is-good capitalism.

"When I was doing 'Matilda,' I didn't think I was writing for kids. I was just having a really good time," he said by phone from London. "I mean, clearly, there are some things you might well steer clear of, but you'll find you're naturally steering clear of it."

Playwright Simon Stephens was similarly an interesting choice to adapt Mark Haddon's best-selling novel "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," about a teenager with Asperger's syndrome. He writes gritty dramas that are often bleak, dark and violent.

"My imaginary world tends to be a dark old place populated by psychopaths and killers," Stephens said. But it was precisely that dark quality that appealed to Haddon: Stephens wouldn't be sentimental when it came to adapting his novel.

For "Tuck Everlasting," the central character comes to learn that eternal life might be a curse and not a blessing. It explores living in the moment and the meaning of life and death. Shear was naturally attracted to it.

"Children's' literature is so potent," she said. "All great children's literature has death in it — Beth dies in 'Little Women,' the horse dies in 'Black Beauty,' 'Bambi.' Any great children's book deals with things that are so profound. It isn't just the pretty dress."

She teamed up with Tim Federle — who has written a series of children's books like "Better Nate Than Ever" and just published "The Great American Whatever," his first young adult novel.

Federle said their object was to not just write a good show for children but one adults and children could love. "Our goal is to always give them a sophisticated show that feels like it's worth a Broadway ticket price but that evokes the magic of being young," he said.

More family-friendly musicals are expected to land on Broadway in the next 18 months, including "Frozen" led by edgy director Alex Timbers, "Anastasia" with a book by Tony-winner Terrence McNally, and another Dahl adaptation, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Kelly, who created a truly unforgettable villain in the terrifying headmistress Miss Trunchbull for "Matilda," said his advice for any young adult adapters is always to focus on the story, not the audience.

"Kids, more than anything else, are responding to a story. They just want to be told a good story. And if you can't do that, then you've got no chance with them," he said. And, he advised: Don't hold back: "We really do expect them to be stupid but they're big thinkers. They love a big old think."

PHOTO: This image released by Matt Ross Public Relations shows Andrew Keenan-Bolger, left, and Sarah Charles Lewis during a performance of "Tuck Everlasting," opening on Broadway on Tuesday. *Matt Ross Public Relations via AP*

'The Dinner Party': A seder goes hilariously wrong in author Brenda Janowitz's novel

By Marion Winik
Newsday

■ REVIEW

"The Dinner Party" by Brenda Janowitz; St. Martin's Griffin (288 pages, $15.99 paper)

Sylvia Gold, an upwardly mobile doctor's wife in Greenwich, Conn., is in a tizzy. Her overachiever med student daughter Becca finally has a boyfriend — and he's a Rothschild. Of the Rothschilds, the richest and most powerful Jewish family on earth. And he and his parents are coming for dinner. Not just any dinner, but Passover seder.

Quick, she has to redecorate the entire house, hire a chef, buy new table linens and plan the seating arrangements. This last chore is doubly complicated because her other daughter, Sarah, is dating an Italian auto mechanic, and he's bringing his mother, a completely unpresentable person prone to hysterics. But Sylvia doesn't know the worst of it yet: the mother has arranged a pre-dinner video chat with her husband … from his cellblock in jail.

Oy gevalt!

Few writers could have more fun with this premise than Muttontown, N.Y., author Brenda Janowitz, whose satirical rendition of the aspirations, problems and prejudices of a certain class of American Jews is hilariously precise. She's got Passover nailed: " … it can go one of two ways. It can be a long and somewhat depressing service. (Slavery. Ten plagues brought upon the land. The slaying of all the firstborn children.) Or, it can, in the right hands, be a joyous family celebration. (Four cups of wine. A children's song about Moses floating in a basket. A sandwich made out of apples, walnuts, red wine and cinnamon.)"

Historically, the Golds have been in the second group, but this year their seder veers into uncharted territory.

One of the running jokes revolves around chef Michael's upscale substitutions for the family recipes the Golds and their and guests are expecting. No beloved standbys this year. For chopped liver, they get foie gras. For latkes there is a "deconstructed potato pancake," which daughter Sarah is forced to spit into her embroidered napkin. The only thing anyone recognizes is the wine, and they embrace it fervently.

An unsuccessful menu turns out to be the least of Sylvia problems. Becca's beau, Henry Rothschild, is far from the prize son-in-law of her dreams. Henry "hadn't gotten into any of the colleges his father had hand picked for him. His grades from his third-tier Manhattan prep school were atrocious, and his SAT scores were even worse. His father had been counting on Henry's college application essay (which he had paid good money for) and his own connections to get Henry into Princeton, his alma mater. What did they think those enormous endowments were for, anyway? Dartmouth rejected him mere hours after receipt of the application, and Brown didn't even have the grace to send a rejection."

One daughter with an auto mechanic, the other with a spoiled dope, and then, in the middle of dinner, the girls' brother Gideon arrives home unexpectedly from Sri Lanka with a new fiancee on his arm. She is a black woman named Malika. "I think I need to lie down for a minute," says Sylvia after introductions are made, and slips out of the room.

A few days later, the mailman greets Sylvia with a friendly "How are the kids?"

She pauses. Her "shining star" has returned to Sri Lanka, Becca is having a breakdown and Sarah and she aren't speaking.

"Kids are doing great, Don," she says. "Thank you for asking!"

This exchange could be straight out of a humorous self-help book I remember from my childhood, "How to Be a Jewish Mother."

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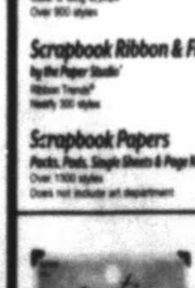

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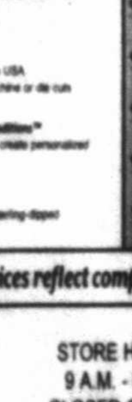

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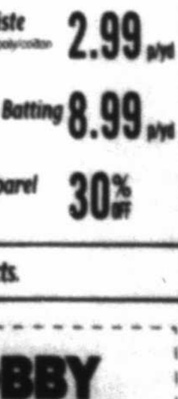

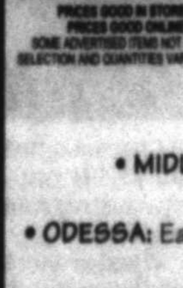

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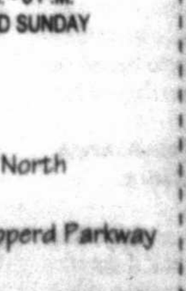

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Kerry Washington as Anita Hill in HBO's "Confirmation." *HBO via AP*

'Confirmation' is as powerful as Anita Hill's testimony

By Mary McNamara
Los Angeles Times

Covering an admirable amount of ground in a short amount of time, all roads in "Confirmation," HBO's new dramatization of the confirmation hearings for then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, lead to one indelible image:

A lone black woman, still and straight, facing a double-row gallery of powerful white men, none of whom want to hear what she has to say.

This is Anita Hill, played with masterful and illuminating restraint by Kerry Washington, as she sits before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Even before she speaks, quietly describing the ways in which Thomas (Wendell Pierce) allegedly sexually harassed her during the time she worked for him at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the sight is, as it was 25 years ago, a stunning revelation.

As is the film itself.

Susannah Grant has said she wrote "Confirmation" to remind those old enough to remember, and explain to those who were not, of the importance and bravery of Hill's testimony. How it shook up the government and the nation, broke the silence surrounding sexual harassment, exposed the vitriolic calculations of the nomination process and, perhaps above all, made obvious the need for more women in political office.

So though it follows the confirmation of a male Supreme Court justice by a predominantly male Senate, "Confirmation" is a story of women. First and foremost Hill, but also those behind the scenes and in the press who persuaded her to speak out so thaCommittee Chairman Joe Biden (Greg Kinnear) would take her seriously.

AP file photo

Anita Hill testifies during the confirmation hearing for Justice Clarence Thomas on Capitol Hill in Washington on Oct. 11, 1991.

After establishing the politics of the nomination — President George H.W. Bush had to replace Thurgood Marshall just four years after Senate Democrats had rejected Reagan nominee Robert Bork (and then confirmed Anthony Kennedy) — "Confirmation" introduces its main players: Thomas, standing with the quietly pleased president while miles away at the University of Oklahoma, and Hill, who was not pleased but determined to remain quiet.

However, a member of Sen. Ted Kennedy's staff (Grace Gummer) has been investigating rumors about Thomas. When she calls to ask about Hill's experience working for the nominee, Hill decides to answer, in full.

Director Rick Famuyiwa manages to present the baroque proceedings with admirable economy, and from "Confirmation's" first moment to its last, Washington anchors the action and the tone with a subtle, vivid performance. Never straying from the law professor's historic calm and low, modulated tones, she still infuses each scene with the emotional turmoil of Hill's experience, both as an alleged victim of sexual harassment and the key player in a high stakes drama.

Because if Hill has no political agenda, pretty much everyone else involves does, and "Confirmation" is admirably ruthless in its presentation of all of them.

Thomas remains steadfast in his denials and, until the moment when he famously lashes out at what he calls a "high tech lynching," spends much of the film in signature silence, which Pierce deftly uses to suggest a panoply of emotions, from shock and rage to touching bewilderment, without ever quite committing to one reaction or another.

His team, on the other hand, is quickly focused. Republican Sens. John Danforth (Bill Irwin), Arlen Specter (Malcolm Gets) and Alan Simpson (Peter McRobbie) are first dismissive, then argumentative and finally resort to outright smear tactics.

The Democrats aren't much better. Kennedy (Treat Williams) is hamstrung by his own record with women and Biden, who Kinnear portrays in contrasting tones of self-pity and sincere political anguish, is initially reluctant to sully himself or the proceedings with what he fears is personal, possibly vindictive, dirt.

Only when forced into action by a small group of female members of Congress does Biden allow time for Hill's written testimony to be submitted, and only when NPR's Nina Totenberg somehow gets a copy of that statement does the committee agree to hear Hill's testimony.

The rest is painful history, powerfully told.

Though it fits nicely into HBO's collection of political dramas, including "Recount" (the 2000 presidential election) and "Game Change" (Sarah Palin's vice-presidential campaign), "Confirmation" has a closer emotional and thematic kinship with FX's recently completed "The People v. O.J Simpson."

Filled with affecting and nuanced performances, "Confirmation" is an upsetting film to watch, hitting far too close to the bone to feel like a period piece about a regrettable moment from which we have learned.

Partisan acrimony continues to rule Congress, threatening to obstruct the next Supreme Court appointment; women still struggle to have their issues taken seriously, and though the House and Senate may be more diverse than they were in 1991, the current Congress is still 80 percent male and 80 percent white.

Which might be exactly why we all need to see what happened in 1991 all over again.

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With Bill Kersh | actor

These days, Bill Kersh is seen onstage as Georges, the night-club owner in Midland Community Theatre's "La Cage aux Folles." In real life, he is the owner and founder of Kersh Asset Holdings, LLC. Before going into business for himself he was in the retail computer business. For his extracurriculars, Kersh is an avid reader of John LeCarre, Thomas Hardy and Noam Chomsky, and has a boyhood love of sailing. He calls his five children — Luke, Ronald, Jeffrey, Kelly and Morgan — "his greatest joy and a close second is his work in the theater."

"La Cage aux Folles" added another night to its limited run so there is still one more chance to see Kersh onstage Saturday, April 30 at The Yucca. For tickets, visit mctmidland.org.

MRT: What's been your proudest achievement as an actor?

Kersh: I think I'm proudest of producing, directing, and playing the lead role in "Cyrano de Bergerac" by Edmond Rostand. It is one of my favorite plays, of all time second only to Shakespeare's "Richard III" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream". I've played Nick Bottom in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" but have never done "Richard III". That is one of my goals in life.

MRT: What would you say is your best quality and why?

Kersh: If I had to pick a quality I find it admire in others, it would be that I like to look for aspects to respect in a person rather than dwelling on any possible shortcomings. Additionally, I have no prejudice to a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, or any other aspect of them that might set them apart from the "mainstream" whatever that is. I like all people as being equal in the eye of God and His sight is much better than mine.

MRT: What is the best thing you cook?

Kersh: That is rather tricky because I don't like to cook. In searching my soul for anything I genuinely enjoy cooking I would have to say waffles. As long as I use the mix that one only has to add water. Simple, yet delicious! I add pecans and raisins to them.

MRT: [illegible]

Kersh: [illegible] Dr. Martin Luther King. He was a man who stood up for what he believed in, and he died for it. My children have all been subjected to readings of King's speeches and writings since they were [illegible] of age. I want them to [illegible] of the world around them, and to be willing to stand up for what they believe in. I also want them to [illegible] and political intellectual and personal freedoms for all people. I want them to be [illegible] and my answer would probably change. The one thing that would remain the same is that I would want someone who is intelligent and [illegible].

MRT: [illegible]

Kersh: [illegible]

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thing of value to this but I knew it would take a long time to mind the gold and gems of the story. I didn't tell anyone about it and just worked on it when I didn't have to work on other things. To make it playable took years and years."

In essence, it was Stillman's baby. Having been with the story for so long, the director said he never was hesitant to let it go.

"I never felt anguish or suffering with it, and I would have to step away from it for two years at times for a project. I've chipped and whittled away at it but it's been only a happy thing. I grew to love Austen more, and her perspective colors the film in certain ways that are very creative for indie filmmakers so I'm happy to see that onscreen," he said.

The result is a film that has all the elegance and humor of Jane Austen, but with a touch that remains Stillman's. Trischitti sees appeal in the film for all moviegoers.

"This will be a wonderful event for both film and literature buffs — especially those missing 'Downton Abbey,'" he said.

Courtesy photo

Plus, Stillman reunited Beckinsale as Lady Susan Vernon and Sevigny as Alicia Jordan. The two were also in "Last Days of Disco."

"There was a big comfort factor there," he said. "Having history with them I had confidence in what they can do even though both are very different in how they work."

And to tie it back to the literary aspect, Stillman also wrote the novelization of his adaptation of a Jane Austen book.

Ironically, before Stillman talked about adapting Victorian England to film, he first mentioned his Texas roots. Although he has yet to visit West Texas, Stillman's family had a big role in Lone Star history.

"My great-great-grandfather was Charles Stillman. He was a landowner in Matamoros back in the 19th century and he owned a river boat company on the Rio Grande. The Wikipedia page is slanderous, but he ultimately founded Brownsville, Texas. So I have definitely have a connection to Texas."

Young adult fiction booming on Broadway — but cute it ain't

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When actress and playwright Claudia Shear was first approached to turn a novel for young adults into a Broadway musical, she was slightly stunned.

"You want me for a children's thing?" she asked the producers.

Shear, after all, often writes about fearless women making their way in an unforgiving world and isn't frightened by suggestive situations or salty language. She agreed to the new project but didn't change her style.

"I went at it without any concept of it being for children," she said. "Truth is truth and humanity is humanity. That is the thing that supersedes any genre."

The musical was "Tuck Everlasting," Natalie Babbitt's powerful story about a girl who stumbles onto a mysterious family that has discovered a fountain of eternal life. It opens on Broadway on April 26.

It will cap a remarkably rich few years for shows based on young adult fiction, including "Matilda the Musical," "War Horse," "Aladdin" and "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time." All stubbornly refuse to talk down to kids.

"The only difference between them and us is that they're smaller and they know a little bit less," said playwright Dennis Kelly, who won a Tony Award for adapting "Matilda" from the children's novel by Roald Dahl. "Their brains are just as good as ours and they know as much about the world as we do."

It turns out that Shear was in good company: Musicals based on young adult books have recently attracted writers who usually deal with adult material and don't want to coddle their younger audiences.

Kelly, like Shear, wasn't someone you'd immediately associate with children's literature. He writes caustic satires, including a play about how a climate of terror can lead neighbors to torture, and another about the evils of greed-is-good capitalism.

"When I was doing 'Matilda,' I didn't think I was writing for kids. I was just having a really good time," he said by phone from London. "I mean, clearly, there are some things you might well steer clear of, but you'll find you're naturally steering clear of it."

Playwright Simon Stephens was similarly an interesting choice to adapt Mark Haddon's best-selling novel "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," about a teenager with Asperger's syndrome. He writes gritty dramas that are often bleak, dark and violent.

"My imaginary world tends to be a dark old place populated by psychopaths and killers," Stephens said. But it was precisely that dark quality that appealed to Haddon: Stephens wouldn't be sentimental when it came to adapting his novel.

For "Tuck Everlasting," the central character comes to learn that eternal life might be a curse and not a blessing. It explores living in the moment and the meaning of life and death. Shear was naturally attracted to it.

"Children's' literature is so potent," she said. "All great children's literature has death in it — Beth dies in 'Little Women,' the horse dies in 'Black Beauty,' 'Bambi.' Any great children's book deals with things that are so profound. It isn't just the pretty dress."

She teamed up with Tim Federle — who has written a series of children's books like "Better Nate Than Ever" and just published "The Great American Whatever," his first young adult novel.

Federle said their object was to not just write a good show for children but one adults and children could love. "Our goal is to always give them a sophisticated show that feels like it's worth a Broadway ticket price but that evokes the magic of being young," he said.

More family-friendly musicals are expected to land on Broadway in the next 18 months, including "Frozen" led by edgy director Alex Timbers, "Anastasia" with a book by Tony-winner Terrence McNally, and another Dahl adaptation, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Kelly, who created a truly unforgettable villain in the terrifying headmistress Miss Trunchbull for "Matilda," said his advice for any young adult adapters is always to focus on the story, not the audience.

"Kids, more than anything else, are responding to a story. They just want to be told a good story. And if you can't do that, then you've got no chance with them," he said. And, he advised: Don't hold back: "We really do expect them to be stupid but they're big thinkers. They love a big old think."

PHOTO: This image released by Matt Ross Public Relations shows Andrew Keenan-Bolger, left, and Sarah Charles Lewis during a performance of "Tuck Everlasting," opening on Broadway on Tuesday. *Matt Ross Public Relations via AP*

'The Dinner Party': A seder goes hilariously wrong in author Brenda Janowitz's novel

By Marion Winik
Newsday

■ REVIEW

"The Dinner Party" by Brenda Janowitz; St. Martin's Griffin (288 pages, $15.99 paper)

Sylvia Gold, an upwardly mobile doctor's wife in Greenwich, Conn., is in a tizzy. Her overachiever med student daughter Becca finally has a boyfriend — and he's a Rothschild. Of the Rothschilds, the richest and most powerful Jewish family on earth. And he and his parents are coming for dinner. Not just any dinner, but Passover seder.

Quick, she has to redecorate the entire house, hire a chef, buy new table linens and plan the seating arrangements. This last chore is doubly complicated because her other daughter, Sarah, is dating an Italian auto mechanic, and he's bringing his mother, a completely unpresentable person prone to hysterics. But Sylvia doesn't know the worst of it yet: the mother has arranged a pre-dinner video chat with her husband … from his cellblock in jail.

Oy gevalt!

Few writers could have more fun with this premise than Muttontown, N.Y., author Brenda Janowitz, whose satirical rendition of the aspirations, problems and prejudices of a certain class of American Jews is hilariously precise. She's got Passover nailed: " … it can go one of two ways. It can be a long and somewhat depressing service. (Slavery. Ten plagues brought upon the land. The slaying of all the firstborn children.) Or, it can, in the right hands, be a joyous family celebration. (Four cups of wine. A children's song about Moses floating in a basket. A sandwich made out of apples, walnuts, red wine and cinnamon.)"

Historically, the Golds have been in the second group, but this year their seder veers into uncharted territory.

One of the running jokes revolves around chef Michael's upscale substitutions for the family recipes the Golds and their and guests are expecting. No beloved standbys this year. For chopped liver, they get foie gras. For latkes there is a "deconstructed potato pancake," which daughter Sarah is forced to spit into her embroidered napkin. The only thing anyone recognizes is the wine, and they embrace it fervently.

An unsuccessful menu turns out to be the least of Sylvia problems. Becca's beau, Henry Rothschild, is far from the prize son-in-law of her dreams. Henry "hadn't gotten into any of the colleges his father had hand picked for him. His grades from his third-tier Manhattan prep school were atrocious, and his SAT scores were even worse. His father had been counting on Henry's college application essay (which he had paid good money for) and his own connections to get Henry into Princeton, his alma mater. What did they think those enormous endowments were for, anyway? Dartmouth rejected him mere hours after receipt of the application, and Brown didn't even have the grace to send a rejection."

One daughter with an auto mechanic, the other with a spoiled dope, and then, in the middle of dinner, the girls' brother Gideon arrives home unexpectedly from Sri Lanka with a new fiancee on his arm. She is a black woman named Malika. "I think I need to lie down for a minute," says Sylvia after introductions are made, and slips out of the room.

A few days later, the mailman greets Sylvia with a friendly "How are the kids?"

She pauses. Her "shining star" has returned to Sri Lanka, Becca is having a breakdown and Sarah and she aren't speaking.

"Kids are doing great, Don," she says. "Thank you for asking!"

This exchange could be straight out of a humorous self-help book I remember from my childhood, "How to Be a Jewish Mother."

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Orval and Mona Bethany Celebrate 50th

Orval and Mona Bethany were married on April 9, 1966. Along with family and friends, they recently celebrated 50 years of marriage with a party hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Mark and Brandey Peck. Orval and Mona have lived the majority of their married life in Midland. They have two grandchildren, Ryan and Morgan Peck.

Orval has retired from both IBM and AT&T and is currently working with XEROX. Mona is employed with T-Bob Arthor Company in Midland.

JEFF FLOYD
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

The delicate iris is one tough flower

If you visited Midland Park Mall last weekend, you might have been rewarded with the kaleidoscope of irises on display near the J.C. Penney entrance. Since 1978, admirers have attended the West Texas Iris Society Annual Show show highlighting the vibrant flowers.

The oldest records of the iris date as far back as the 15th century from Western Asia. Its early distribution follows that of ancient conquests, with the famed iris making the return journey home with champions such as Alexander III of Macedon.

Unlike most of their distant cousins the orchids, irises are generally not fussy. Most can be grown by the brownest of thumbs. They tolerate a wide range of growing conditions as long as they are planted in well-drained soil. Although they prefer more than six hours of full sun to perform best, our family enjoys a yearly show of purple flowers from a stand of bearded irises that spend most of their day in shade.

Irises grow from bulbs or fleshy roots called rhizomes that usually require dividing every three to four years. The best time of year to divide and replant is after they've bloomed, late summer. However, healthy plants can be divided and replanted almost any time in West Texas but can take up to a year to recover before blooming again. Irises should not be planted deeply. Carefully spread out and allow the tops of the bulbs or rhizomes to remain slightly exposed and space the plants no closer than twelve inches apart.

Irises are incredibly tolerant of drought. Provide a good soaking at planting, then hold way back on the water in all but the driest of conditions. For best flowering, position the fan of leaves to capture the maximum amount of sunlight. If you must fertilize, limit it to a couple times each year using only a slow release nitrogen source unless a soil analysis indicates a need for other nutrients. I've never fertilized our beautiful irises, although I suspect my lovely bride or one of her feline scoundrels may be helping out with that.

After visiting with my friend Ruth at this year's iris show, I've decided to expand our collection at home. A huge wealth of iris knowledge rests locally with members of the West Texas Iris Society. An affiliate of the American Iris Society, the West Texas Iris Society is open to all with individual memberships as low as $10 and family memberships for only $15. The group meets on the first Thursday evenings of each February through September.

To learn more, email jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu, or call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 432-498-4071 in Midland.

Spring cleaning do's and don'ts: 8 tips from professionals

By Tricia Romano
The Seattle Times

It's spring and for some reason, the entire country gets obsessed with cleaning out their entire house, from the closets to the file cabinets to the shelves in the garage.

"This is when it starts, when the sun starts to come out and people are getting a grip on their holiday spending," said Gea Bassett, founder of Green Cleaning Seattle. "As the real-estate market tends to come back alive in the spring, we get turnover cleanings, and move-in/move-out cleanings. The end of March through all of summer tends to be the busiest time."

Spring cleaning is upon us, and apparently, we are all Doing It Wrong. I asked Bassett and a couple of personal organizers and professional house cleaners for the do's and don'ts of the Big Clean.

Don't: try to do it all at once

"The biggest mistake is to try and do it all in one weekend and try and do too much," said Jessica Higbee, who oversees the training for new employees at April Lane's Cleaning.

"When people call me to go into their house, they say, 'I need to organize the whole house,'?" said Cindy Jobs, the president of the National Association of Personal Organizers and the owner of Organize to Simplify. "We are not going to organize the house in the next four hours," she said. Instead, "Prioritize based on what bothers you the most."

Do: take on one area or task at a time

Whether you are cleaning or organizing, pick a small area and focus on that alone.

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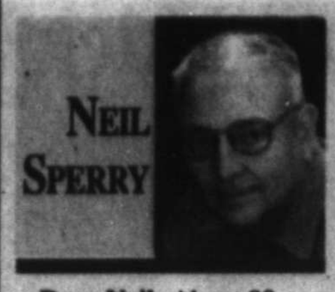
Early onion bolting leaves give little recourse



NEIL SPERRY

Courtesy photo

Dear Neil: About 80 percent of my onions have bolted into bloom already this year. I was told it was because of the warm days inearly spring then a late frost, which tricked the onions into thinking it was fall and time for them to bloom and set seed. I was told I should clip off the stems and pull soil away from the bulbs, but I've also been told that that won't help very much, and that I should eat them now. What is true?

Answer: If you buy sets that haven't been stored properly, or if there is any interruption in their active growth, onions do indeed bolt freely. People who work with onions much more than I do have told us that once a plant bolts into bloom, you might as well use the green onion tops and discard the bulbs.

Dear Neil: I have mature trees that appear anemic. An arborist has recommended "vertical mulching." What is that, and is it a good idea?

Answer: Vertical mulching is a remedy for soil compaction caused by heavy pedestrian or vehicular traffic or other causes. Holes are drilled within the drip line using a 2-inch auger. The holes are 15 to 20 inches deep, and they're spaced 8 feet apart on a checkerboard grid. The holes then are filled with a mixture of compost and pea gravel or sand and pea gravel to allow air to penetrate farther down into the soil. It will take a substantial auger to drill those holes. It's certainly not a job for a hand drill, for example. However, you need to be completely sure all of that is necessary. You didn't mention the tree species involved, so it's possible that you have trees that are not well suited to your area. Or they may have been planted too deeply or covered with topsoil during construction a few years ago. Roots could actually have been cut during installation of utility lines. All of which is to say that there are many other potential causes of trees "appearing anemic." Be sure you're working with a certified arborist (ask for their certification number), and perhaps get a second opinion. Vertical mulching wouldn't be the last consideration, but it certainly wouldn't be at the top of my list, either. You can read a great deal more about it online.

Dear Neil: I have had one issue after another with black spot, fungus, etc. with my roses, and now this dying thing. We have applied copper and that seems to have helped the black spot, but we can't figure out why the plants are dying.

Answer: This is an unusual look for rose problems. First guess would be damage done by the black spot. It certainly weakens plants enough that they do eventually die, and it does so from the ground up. The top growth looks so vigorous and normal that I don't believe either powdery mildew or the much worse rose rosette virus is present. Your note did not indicate where you are, but if your soil is alkaline, it could be cotton root rot if you have certain plants that you did not photograph that have suddenly died, roots, tops and all. And I also really wonder about a glancing blow of a broadleafed weedkiller applied to your lawn. That would account for the lower leaves being browned. It could also account for the really erratic shoot on the one plant. That shoot was out of focus in your photo, so I didn't include it, but it looks like herbicide damage. Rose rosette sometimes is described using those same terms, but the ultra-twisted stem is the only odd thing about that one plant. All other growth looks normal. I've worked with probably 1,000 samples of rose rosette, and this doesn't look like it. Perhaps those comments will be enough to get you started. Good luck with the roses!

Dear Neil: Birds got my pomegranates last season just as they started to ripen (pictured). Can I harvest them early and let them ripen indoors?

Answer: They don't operate that way. In fact, of all our fruit crops, only tomatoes do. Erect some kind of bird netting to cover and protect the bushes. Nurseries and hardware stores sell lightweight bird netting.

Dear Neil: Recently I saw a plant I wanted to buy for my landscape. I was told it was grape leaf mahonia. If I can find it, does it grow in sun or shade? Are grape leaf mahonia and leatherleaf mahonia the same plant?

You are the third person to ask me about "grape leaf" mahonia in the past month. There are new mahonias coming into the market, but I'm not aware of any by that specific name. Oregon grape mahonia (Mahonia aquifolium) has been around for decades. I grew it for probably 15 years until we did a major landscape and deck remodel. I had it in almost total shade. I have a friend who grows it in morning sun (until 10 or 11), then shade the balance of the day. If there is a new cultivar by the name you gave, it's not showing up online. All matches lead back to the plant I just described. It is not the same as leatherleaf mahonia. That plant has gray leaves. Oregon grape has dark green, glossy foliage. Leatherleaf mahonias' leaves are very sharply spined, versus the toothed leaves of Orgeon grape. I have found that leatherleaf mahonias are the easier to grow under Texas conditions.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Mail it to him in care of this newspaper or e-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

Change your palate with homegrown microgreens

BEN BRETZ
Permian Basin Master Gardener

My wife and I were at a farmer's market in the Dallas-Fort Worth area a couple of years ago. One of the things that caught her eye was "microgreens." We bought a small plastic container of greens for $8. The package was similar in size to the type sold at the grocery store with blueberries or raspberries. I thought that was an outrageous price, but, being the good husband I am, I paid for it, and she was happy.

We went to another market Houston area where she tasted sunflower microgreens. By that time, she was hooked and reeled me in shortly after. She said the sunflower microgreens were the best and she wanted to grow some. And so we started our research. Thank goodness for Google.

WHAT ARE MICROGREENS?

Microgreens are the young sprouts of any edible plant that haven't reached a point that it bears any flower or fruit. In other words, they're only about 2-3 inches tall. They're also quite tender and tasty. My favorite is sunflower microgreens, but we'll get to that later.

WHY MICROGREENS?

Microgreens can be grown from any seed you like that will sprout. It's that simple. If you like radishes, you'll love radish microgreens. If you like sunflower seeds, you'll love sunflower microgreens (one of my personal favorites). They grow quickly! If you plant seeds, you will have microgreens in two to three weeks.

Whether you live in an efficiency apartment or a 5,000 square-foot house, you will be able to grow microgreens. All you really need is a window.

HOW ARE MICROGREENS GROWN?

A few necessary supplies will be good potting soil, your seeds of preference and small containers.

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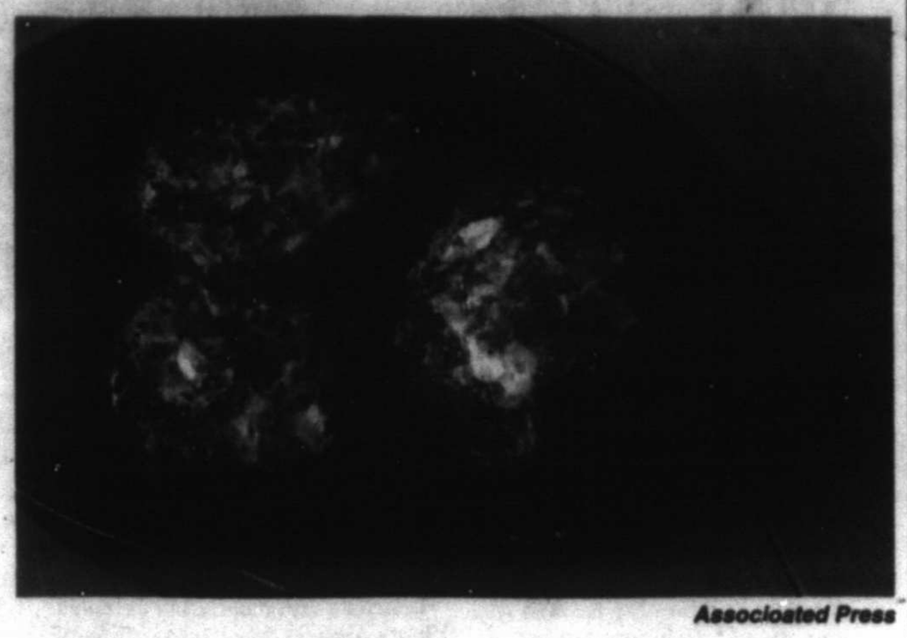
Horseradish is a seriously underappreciated root with bold kick

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press



Associated Press

This March 21 photo shows petite steaks topped with a homemade prepared horseradish crust in Concord, N.H. The delicious crust is made from freshly grated horseradish, mayonnaise, mustard, breadcrumbs and crushed potato chips.

Horseradish — a member of the mustard family native to Eastern and Central Europe — has been enjoyed by people since antiquity. Even so, when Peter Kump, one of my mentors, wrote in praise of the root in 1992, he argued well that horseradish remained vastly underappreciated.

Sure, we know it as a key ingredient of cocktail sauces and as one of the five bitter herbs served at a Passover seder. But fewer people know it for how well it complements roasted meats, poultry and fish, he said.

If anything, Peter may have understated its usefulness. Food historian Waverly Root wrote that some ancient populations ate copious amounts of horseradish in winter for its warming qualities and that Roman philosophers recommended horseradish to treat all manner of ailments. Modern chefs have always loved horseradish, but now, increasingly, you can find it in the produce section of the supermarket, making it easy to add it to your home culinary tool kit.

So let's talk about two kinds of horseradish: fresh and homemade prepared. In search of fresh horseradish at the supermarket, look for a firm, off-white root with no soft spots or cuts. Peeled, it should appear smooth and white inside. Potent as horseradish can be, sometimes just a hint of it is enough. In that case, peel and grate the fresh vegetable on top of your finished dish right before serving. Raw, it's almost sweet.

But if you want to make your own prepared horseradish — similar to what you'd buy jarred at the grocer — a fierce batch that will last for several weeks in the fridge, you'll need to start with quite a bit of freshly grated horseradish. If you try to do the job with a hand-grater, you'll be sawing away for hours. Here's a much faster and easier way; cut the root into 1-inch chunks and grind them in a food processor.

However — and please pay attention here — once you've ground the root, you must treat it like a dangerous gas. Horseradish contains strong and volatile oils that are released when it is chopped or crushed. That's why you need to stand at arm's length from the processor as you remove the lid, then keep your distance for a few minutes before spooning it out of the processor. If you don't keep your distance, at least initially, you'll tear up worse than if you'd just chopped a bushel of onions.

Oddly enough, 10 minutes later all the wind has gone out of this storm. The horseradish becomes quite mild, even boring. What do you do to preserve horseradish's trademark heat? Add vinegar, and do it quickly, before the flavor starts to fade. Your homemade condiment will taste sharper and cleaner than the stuff in the bottle and can be used in any dish to which you used to add the bottled stuff.

Here, I've combined our prepared horseradish with mayonnaise and mustard to form a super-tangy glue for the crumbs adorning some steaks. It would be equally wonderful with fish. For that matter, it'll add a nice kick to just about any spring dish you can name.

Petite steaks with homemade prepared horseradish crust

Start to finish: 45 minutes
Servings: 4

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary
- 1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup finely crushed potato chips
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons prepared fresh horseradish (recipe below)
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds petite fillet or flat-iron steaks or boneless short ribs, cut crosswise into 1-inch thick pieces

Heat the oven to broil.

In a large, oven-safe skillet over medium, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add the garlic and rosemary and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Stir in the breadcrumbs and cook, stirring, until they have turned slightly golden, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a bowl, then add the potato chips and stir well. Set aside. Wipe out the skillet.

In a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, horseradish and mustard, then season with salt and pepper.

Heat the remaining oil in the skillet over high heat. Season the steaks on both sides with salt and pepper, then sear for 1 minute per side.

Working quickly, spread the horseradish mixture generously on one side of each steak, then top the mixture with the breadcrumb mixture, pressing it down gently. Transfer the skillet to the oven's middle shelf and broil until the crumbs are lightly browned, 1 to 2 minutes. Divide the steaks among serving plates, along with any juices from the skillet. Let rest for 5 minutes before serving.

Nutrition information per serving: 560 calories; 370 calories from fat (66 percent of total calories); 41 g fat (10 g saturated; 0.5 g trans fats); 120 mg cholesterol; 460 mg sodium; 13 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 34 g protein.

Homemade prepared horseradish

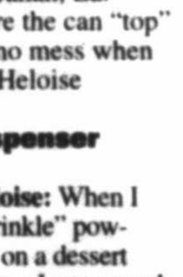
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Makes about 1/2 cup

- 2-ounce piece peeled fresh horseradish, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 1/2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt

In a food processor, process the horseradish until it is very finely chopped. Keeping your eyes averted when you remove the lid from the food processor, transfer the horseradish to a bowl and stir in the vinegar and salt. Let stand for 10 minutes before using.

Sealed with a stain: woman advises against using adhesives to store

HINTS FROM HELOISE



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Dear Heloise: I cover almost everything not on display (crystal bowls, platters, ice buckets, etc.) with plastic wrap. It keeps them clean and ready to use, especially if it's used only occasionally. It's a breeze to pull out wanted items without having to clean or polish.

Here is the problem: I've started using self-sealing plastic wrap, which I love for everyday use. I was horrified when I unwrapped my seasonal items to find that the adhesive was stuck, and it stained almost all of the pieces. Vinegar and sometimes rubbing alcohol helped, but not always.

I still swear by covering things in plastic wrap — just don't use anything with adhesive! – Cathy N., Coto De Caza, Calif.

Cathy, love your hint, and it's one I use, too. Lots of readers use plastic wrap to cover items, so your warning is a good one. Thank you. Try cooking oil to remove that sticky adhesive. Spray or cover the areas, then scrub with a plastic scrubbie and wash with lots of hot water. That should do it! – Heloise

Natural peanut butter

Dear Heloise: I use natural peanut butter, the kind you have to stir to mix in the oil. I turn the jar upside down for a day or two before opening to let the oil go to the bottom of the jar. That way, I don't slosh oil out of the jar when I stir.

Also, I store cans of baked beans and red beans upside down so that when I open them, the thick part is at the "top," which is really now the bottom. You also can just open the bottom of the can when possible. – Patty in Harahan, La.

Yep! Store the can "top" down, and no mess when opening. – Heloise

Sugar dispenser

Dear Heloise: When I want to "sprinkle" powdered sugar on a dessert before serving, I use a mesh tea-ball infuser with a snap handle. You squeeze the handle to open the basket, scoop up some powdered sugar, let it close and then gently shake over each plate. The result can be as fine or as heavy as you want it to be, and unused sugar can be deposited back in the container. No muss, no fuss! – Linda V., Henryville, Pa.

Chopped parsley

Dear Heloise: I was making lasagna and needed to cut flat-leaf parsley. I don't like the stems on, so it can be time-consuming to cut the stems off, then to chop it with a knife. My pizza cutter happened to be on the counter, so I used it instead. What a difference! It cut the leaf right off the stem, then I used it to "chop" the rest. So easy! – Charlotte B., Somis, Calif.

Scoop on avocados

Dear Heloise: I enjoy avocados, both sliced and made into guacamole. They are never easy to get out of the peel. When making guacamole, I now use an ice-cream scoop to scoop the avocado out of the peel. – Linda W., Aurora, Colo.

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Follow 10 tips to deal with young picky eaters

Getting children (particularly toddlers) to eat nutritious foods can be a challenge. Parents can buy good foods and prepare healthy meals, but that doesn't mean their children will actually eat. Most parents have likely dealt with a picky eater at one time. In our Better Living for Texans newsletter, we offers tips that can help you get your child into the habit of eating the nutritious meals you prepare.

First, it's important to mention that parents shouldn't panic or overreact if children refuse to fully cooperate at mealtime. Remain calm if your little one doesn't want to eat supper. Demeanor can also affect a child's desire to eat.

These tips can help get your kids on the path to building good eating habits.

- Be consistent. Try to have meals and snacks around the same time every day. This will help your child establish a pattern for eating. Avoid juice and snacks an hour or so before meals.
- Don't force your child to have a meal or snack during the day or to "clean" his or her plate. The younger the child, the more they tend to eat only when hungry.
- Don't be discouraged when your child doesn't want to try new foods. It can sometimes take several attempts before a child actually tries something different.
- Model the behavior you want your child to adopt. Your child will be more likely to try a variety of foods if he/she sees you eating a variety of foods with lots of colors.
- Try a little sleight of hand. Don't be afraid to hide veggies by chopping them up into small pieces and including them in sauces or by putting fresh fruits into cereals or a smoothie.
- Have fun with your meals. Cut vegetables and fruits into fun shapes. Use tasty sauces or cheese to spruce up dishes like broccoli and cauliflower.
- Have dinner in a quiet place. Avoid distractions like television or toys at the table.
- Don't use dessert a reward. Instead, offer dessert one to two times per week and be creative by using fruits and yogurt as alternatives to the traditional desserts like pies and cakes.
- Involve your child. Let your kids help you with cleaning and preparing fruits and vegetables but being mindful of any sharp or potentially dangerous utensils.
- Avoid making separate meals for the picky eater because this can encourage more pickiness.

These tips can help get your kids on the path to building good eating habits. However, if you're concerned about your child's health, including the limited consumption of nutritious foods, consult your child's doctor. It is often a process to get children to eat nutritious foods but your diligence and patience should pay dividends in years to come as they learn good eating habits.

CLEANING

From 4E

Choose the closet, or the kitchen, or the bathroom, do not move, do not pass go, do not collect $200.

"You should just organize two or three hours at a time. Do what is obtainable," said Denise Allan, a certified professional organizer, and the owner of Simplify Experts. "I'm going to hit my lower cabinets on this side of the kitchen today. Next time I come in, I'll do the lower trunk and four drawers."

Higbee agrees and even uses this tactic for her own life: "This weekend all I did was clean every trash can and every sink that had a trash can."

And, she adds: "I pick one project a weekend. And it's only a couple of hours. Whatever I think will take an hour, it's really two."

So, stay laser focused. It will make it easier to follow the next step.

Don't: spring clean

"Every seven years a standard American family can fill a large dumpster in their yard," Allan said. "We just bring so much in." If you have children, that means even more stuff, especially as younger kids grow so quickly, shedding their clothes and outgrowing their toys. She advises to clean or organize a couple of times a year. Better still, do it throughout the year.

Do: finish what you started

This goes hand-in-hand with Don't Try to Do It All at Once, said Allan. "Not going through stuff all the way, and getting started and stopping" is one of the biggest mistakes people make.

There's a practical method to the madness, she said. "For your kitchen to function well, you have to have gone through all the drawers and know where things are."

Don't: clean whenever you feel like it

"They never set a time for themselves," said Jobs. "They don't actually put it in their calendar. They say, 'Yeah I'll do it maybe next weekend.'"

"The first thing I tell them is, 'Put it in your calendar.' Once you make your appointment — even with yourself — you tend to adhere to it."

You heard the nice lady: Make an appointment for cleaning.

Don't: overlook the small things

Cleaning some easy-to-miss items can make a big difference.

"The big things are probably baseboards and spot cleaning on the walls that really make a house look and feel a lot cleaner but we all tend to overlook doing," said Bassett. "On our checklist: We wash baseboards and the wall, light switches, anywhere someone would put their hands or a dog or boot would scuff up."

Yeah, it's tedious, but that's the difference between truly deep cleaning and straightening up.

Do: clean from top to bottom

Don't start with the toilet and the tub and then do the sink, or you'll end up going over the same areas twice, said Bassett.

"The most obvious is a simple thing: Go from top to bottom, knocking down dirt clouds from counters, move from top to bottom. Start with wiping off the top of windowsills and door frames. Work your way down, spot clean all upper cabinets, move down a layer, wipe all appliances, pull them out. Wipe all counters off. Always work from the top down," she said. "Floors are the last thing we do. We go through the whole house and vacuum, and then we go through the whole house and mop."

Do: ask for help

When the task seems too large, call upon friends, family, or — if it's really overwhelming — a professional.

"If you have someone to talk to while you are doing it, it makes it more fun," Jobs said. "Especially with cleaning. If you live with anybody, you didn't make the entire mess yourself, so there's no reason to do it all yourself." Besides, she said, "It'll make you cranky."

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MICROGREENS

From 4E

My wife is an avid recycler , and we repurpose many of our containers. The containers you get at the grocery with berries, a rotisserie chicken or even lettuce and grapes will work. If you want to spend extra money you can even buy small pots but it doesn't take much to grow.

Place your potting soil in the container. Make sure it is wet, but not too soggy to leak or drip out of the container. Put those small containers in a tray of some sort to help contain some of the moisture. You want to keep your freshly planted seeds moist, but not wet. I like to start with either radish, lettuce or sunflower seeds. You can use lentils, lettuce and greens such as kale, spinach, collards or really anything that will sprout and taste good.

Scatter the seeds across the top of the damp soil and gently press them down a little. The general rule is to bury them as deep as they are big so they are covered a little with the prepared mix. You don't need to leave much space between seeds. The idea is to get them to sprout and then cut them to eat as soon as you can. They will take two to three weeks to sprout, depending on the seeds. When the sprouts reach 2-3 inches in height, you can cut them and use them in salads or other dishes, or just eat them as they are. Most microgreens will not regrow after you have harvested. You will need to plant again after you harvest — at the most, two weeks after — to have fresh microgreens all the time.

Plant your seeds and place your container in any sunny window or balcony. Keep them moist but make sure they have good drainage. Sit back and watch the seeds grow and enjoy.

Your greens can be used in salads, eaten as a snack or cooked into your favorite stir fry or other dishes.

You'll feel rewarded and love the flavor of your home grown micro veggies as well as knowing how much healthier they are than ingesting GMOs and pesticides. Plus you can brag about home grown at work when you open up that lunch.

For more information on microgreens, please call the AgriLife office at 432-686-4708.

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First cousins look forward to growing old as a couple

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired widower. After my wife died, my first cousin "Julia" invited me to visit her in Florida over the winter. She's seven years my junior, divorced, lives alone and is a successful Realtor. We had a good time during the two months I was there.

The next summer I invited Julia to my home. We had a great time together, but then she had to return to Florida for business. I visited her last winter and one evening while relaxing and watching a movie, we became intimate. It seemed so natural. After that, I moved from the guest room into hers.

Julia is now contemplating retirement. We are planning for me to sell my home and move in with her. We are not thinking about marriage or co-mingling our funds and assets. Our legal documents are in order.

Abby, what would you suggest we say to our children, other relatives or anyone else who inquires about our relationship? We have enjoyed each other's company so much. We just want to grow older together. — KISSING COUSIN

DEAR COUSIN: No announcements are necessary. If you are asked, just smile and say you are both happy, healthy and enjoying each other's company. Eventually, they'll get the picture.

DEAR ABBY: I found my birth parents 18 years ago. I always knew I had an older sister. The parents who adopted me are both gone now. They were great parents.

Now that I have reconnected with my birth mom and siblings, I have a large family — two sisters and two brothers. I have a great relationship with my baby sister; it's like we're twins. The problem is, the older sister demands to be the center of attention all the time.

I have tried to understand her, but every time we get together we end up mad at each other. It's like she thinks I'm trying to take her place in the family, which I'm not.

I enjoy spending time with my baby sister, but we can't spend much time together because she lives in another state and it's hard for either of us to travel. When I do get to go there, the older one makes it so unpleasant that I don't even want to go. How can I get over this or care less about her crap? Thanks! — MIDDLE SISTER IN THE WEST

DEAR MIDDLE SISTER: You might care less about your older sister's "attitude" if you understand she behaves that way because she may be feeling threatened. By being nasty she's trying to protect her turf. That you and the younger one have bonded "like twins" makes her feel excluded. Try to resent her less, sympathize more, and make her feel included. However, if that doesn't work, see less of her so she can't ruin the visit.

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Re-enactment tells Texas' independence story

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Storyteller

It was quite an honor to be asked to narrate the re-enactment of the 17-day convention leading up to Texas declaring its independence from Mexico. The re-enactment occurred at Washington on the Brazos State Historic site the weekend of March 5 and 6. Steve Haley, a lawyer from Brenham, pared down the 90-minute script used in previous years to a 30-minute version titled "Birth of a Republic." It was performed in the amphitheater twice Saturday and once Sunday. It was a record turnout at the park, with 8,500 people attending the Texas Independence Day celebrations.

The six actors wore authentic costumes of the period, and the oratory flowed just as it did 180 years ago. Perhaps the most dramatic scene was when a rider on horseback came in with the news that the Alamo had fallen.

The convention opened on March 1, 1836, in a small unfinished building, the only building big enough in the new city of Washington to house the deliberations. Washington was chosen as the site because the city fathers agreed to provide the hall at no charge. One of the early settlers, Dr. Asa Hoxey, chose to name the settlement after his hometown of Washington, Georgia.

The 59 elected delegates voted to declare independence from Mexico on March 2. During the 17 days of the convention, they adopted a constitution and organized an interim government. During the convention, Mexican Gen. Santa Anna was attacking the Alamo. When it became apparent that the Mexican army was advancing in the direction of Washington, the convention ended and the delegates, along with the citizens of Washington, fled to safety. They returned after Sam Houston's volunteer army defeated Santa Anna at San Jacinto on April 21. Washington town leaders lobbied to have their city named capital of the republic, but Waterloo was chosen instead. The name was later changed to Austin.

A replica of Independence Hall has been erected at Washington on the Brazos (to differentiate from Washington on the Potomac) State Historic Site. Every Texan should stand in that building and realize what occurred there. The park also has the Star of the Republic Museum, which addresses the years of the Texas Republic: 1836 to 1845.

More than 100,000 people visit the park annually. It is located between Navasota and Brenham in a rural setting. The Alamo, located in downtown San Antonio, gets several times more visitors than WOTB, but the park association is working to make more people aware of the significant history there. The park is open seven days a week. As part of the Independence Day celebration, the names of the 59 delegates are read aloud. Their descendants, who have been invited, cheer when they hear their forefather's name called. The entire weekend features all kinds of entertainment. Next year, consider dressing up in Texas pioneer clothes and go there.

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Brands chasing younger plus-size shoppers, but in-store options still sparse

By Lauren Zumbach
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Natalie Craig is a 24-year-old fashion blogger who says she hopes she can inspire readers to own their look and feel confident.

Her relationship with the actual act of shopping is a little more complicated. Craig, who considers herself plus size, said the range of on-trend plus-size fashion options has been improving. But while it's clear brands want to court plus-size shoppers, she said, how well they do it varies widely, and in-store options remain sparse.

"There are just so few options," said Craig, a Chicagoan who edits a trade publication in addition to writing her blog, Natalie in the City. "At the end of the day, there are still times I feel there are no clothes for me."

The market for plus-size apparel in the U.S. is growing, with sales hitting $20.4 billion in the year ending in February 2016, up 3 percent from the year before, according to market research firm The NPD Group. Interest in the category is growing particularly quickly among teens and younger women, said Marshal Cohen, The NPD Group's fashion industry analyst. About a third of 13- to 17-year-old girls said they considered buying plus-size clothing in 2015, up from 19 percent in 2012 and 16 percent in 2010, according to an NPD Group survey.

Americans of all ages tend to be heavier than in prior years, but Cohen chalks the rapid uptick in teens' interest in the category to the fact that more brands are starting to sell plus-size clothes younger shoppers might actually want to wear.

"Kids had to get creative before with the limited product that was available, which was stifling the true potential for growth," he said.

The past few years have seen steady growth in the range of plus-size options. Torrid planned to open 60 stores last year.

Online shops like ModCloth, Asos.com, Carmakoma and ELOQUII aren't pitched to teens, but make Teen Vogue roundups of brands that are fashionable, not frumpy.

ELOQUII — a size-14-to-28 fast-fashion e-commerce company initially owned, then shut down, by women's retailer The Limited, relaunched as a standalone business in 2014. ELOQUII announced raising $15 million in funding earlier this month and said revenue grew 165 percent in 2015.

Fast-fashion retailers popular with teens also have launched or expanded plus-size lines.

In January, Forever 21's extended-sizes line, Forever 21 Plus, introduced a range of activewear with advertisements featuring plus-size model Ashley Graham.

Teen-friendly brand Charlotte Russe added a plus size-line in 2015. In 2012, H&M rebranded its plus-size collections — previously known in-store as "Big is Beautiful" — as H&M+, "meaning fashion will always come before size at H&M," the company said in a statement on its website.

Not to be left behind, retail giant Target last year launched plus-size line Ava & Viv. Since then, plus-size apparel sales have grown 30 percent, said spokeswoman Jessica Carlson.

Craig said she didn't consider herself as plus size when she was younger, but also doesn't recall any trendy plus-size stores. She was 19 when Forever 21 Plus debuted and at first it was "very 'mom,'" she said, adding that it's since gotten considerably hipper.

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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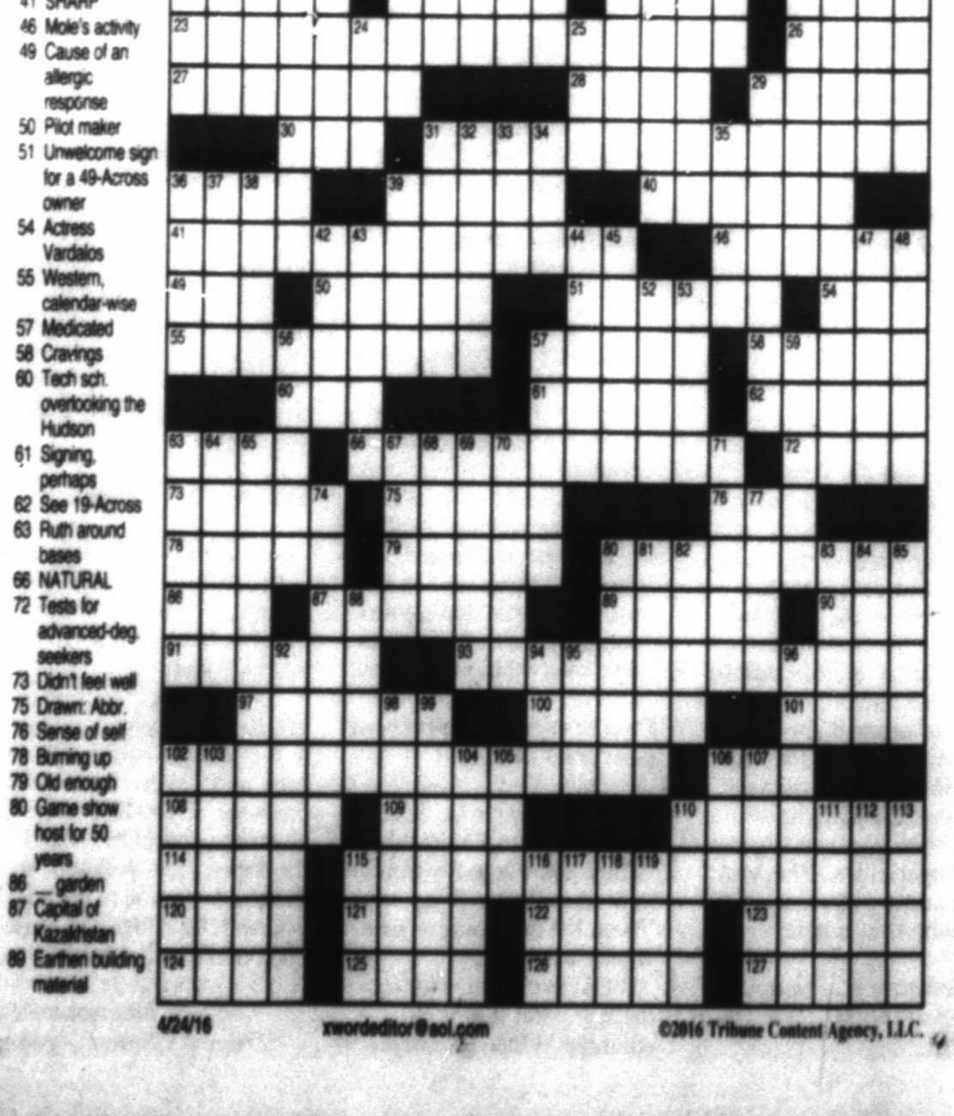
"MUSICAL VARIATIONS" By GARRY MORSE

ACROSS

1 Kitchen cover
6 Outlaw played by Tyrone in 1939
11 Spectulate
15 Letter-shaped beam
19 With 62-Across, many a sonata
20 Skateboard maneuver
21 Copied
22 Living
23 SHARP
26 Student's complete file, to a teacher
27 Enters carefully
28 Hardships
29 Trees whose fruit yields a moisturizing butter
30 Author Rand
31 SHARP
36 Some U.S. Army transports
39 Palmer with trophies
40 Nasty smiles
41 SHARP
46 Mole's activity
49 Cause of an allergic response
50 Pilot maker
51 Unwelcome sign for a 49-Across owner
54 Actress Vardalos
55 Western, calendar-wise
57 Medicated
58 Cravings
60 Tech sch. overlooking the Hudson
61 Signing, perhaps
62 See 19-Across
63 Ruth around bases
66 NATURAL
72 Tests for advanced-deg. seekers
73 Didn't feel well
75 Drawn: Abbr.
76 Sense of self
78 Burning up
79 Old enough
80 Game show host for 50 years
86 __ garden
87 Capital of Kazakhstan
89 Earthen building material
90 Before, in verse
91 1990s TV judge
93 FLAT
97 Ferris Bueller's girlfriend
100 Tough as
101 Some deposits
102 FLAT
106 Incidentally, in texts
108 Kindle reading, briefly
109 Online search results
110 Ill-fated 2006 Kentucky Derby champion
114 Fighting
115 FLAT
120 Connections
121 "Sweet is the breath of __" Milton
122 Bordeaux bye
123 Time being
124 Dost possess
125 60-Across, e.g.
126 Fall plantings
127 Boss mocked by Nast

DOWN

1 Church area
2 Naan relative
3 One of eight teams that never won a World Series
4 Like many fleet autos
5 Cacophonous
6 He frequently toured with Joe
7 Architectural add-on
8 Sneaky
9 Comical Caesar
10 Slogan ending?
11 Layer of bricks
12 Political surprises
13 Welcomes
14 Teacher's dog
15 President before Millard
16 Ma Rainey, notably
17 Draw a bead on
18 Dodger teammate of Robinson
24 Preacher's subject
25 Lady in a tea
29 Increases
31 Devil's wear, in a 2006 film
32 Disprit
33 Bird's beak
34 Shampoo, e.g.
35 Cozy home
36 Maritime safety gp.
37 Whaler's direction
38 Deco designer
39 Latin iambs
42 Smack
43 Architectural order including circular column tops
44 Mushroom in Japanese cuisine
45 Violinist's supply
47 Bridget Fonda, to Jane
48 Noble __
52 "Milk" Oscar recipient
53 One of a cube's dozen
56 Receive
57 Look for water
59 Strictness
63 Faux fet
64 Put on
65 Tabulate rasae
67 Life of the party
68 Radio code opener
69 Backup option
70 Sweets
71 Jewish spiritual leader
74 Parish officials
77 Hebrides native
80 Herb in pesto
81 "Strange as it may seem"
82 Shows of respect
83 Dullea of "2010: The Year We Make Contact"
84 Fish-eating flier
85 Stds. of conduct
88 Plush carpet
92 Academic expert, facetiously
94 Like Shostakovich's "Symphony No. 2"
95 Fodder aid
96 Hardly intellectual
98 Impulse-conducting cell
99 Proofer's finds
102 Not o er
103 __ vincit amor
104 Direct
105 PC port
106 "Phooey!"
107 Nine Inch Nails founder Reznor
110 A/C units
111 Tops
112 Political contest
113 Pigged out (on)
115 "Enough details, please"
116 Chocolate pet
117 Student's email ending
118 Van Gogh work
119 First st. admitted to the Union after the Civil War



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Protect your winners

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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K 7 5
5 4
♣ Q 6 5

WEST
♠ 5
J 10 9 6 4
K 8 2
♣ 9 7 4 2

EAST
♠ 10 3
Q 3
A J 7 6
♣ A K J 8 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q 9 8 2
A 8 2
Q 10 9 3
♣ 10

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♠	All pass		

*Invitational, at least four trumps

Opening lead: Jack of ♣

Some players always accept this type of invitation — with a promise of four-card support — whenever they have a singleton, even with minimum point count. Was that the right view on today's deal? We'll see.

South won the opening heart lead in dummy with the king and immediately led a low diamond, inserting the 10 when East played low. This forced the king from West, who shifted to the seven of clubs. West knew that a heart continuation was pointless. Even if the defense had a potential heart trick, West had no entry to get to it. East won with the jack of clubs and tried to cash another club, but South was in control. He ruffed the club, drew trumps in two rounds ending in dummy, and then led another diamond. This set up the queen for a heart discard and South had his game.

South played the hand skillfully, but the defense could have done better. Looking at 15 points in his own hand, it must have been hard for East to imagine that West had an entry. Still, holding the jack of diamonds himself should have told him that ducking the diamond at trick two couldn't gain. East should have risen with the ace of diamonds and returned partner's heart lead. This would establish a heart winner for the defense and leave West with an entry to cash it. Declarer would have had no recourse and the game would have been defeated.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 24, 2016:

This year you break patterns and are able to relate a lot more closely to different individuals. You also gain confidence in your ability to judge situations and people.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You express a strong sense of direction, as you know what you want to achieve. You have your drive and vision working together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ A discussion could become easier between you and someone else if you have only the two of you alone in a room together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might want to handle a personal situation early on. Others will go along with your wishes for the sake of peace.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might be exhausted from recent demands. Take some time to yourself before something happens or someone tries to distract you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening behind the scenes with a child. This person isn't as transparent as you would like.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You'll feel as if you have heard and done enough for a while. Opting for some downtime close to home would be smart. In any case, you need some time to re-energize.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be tired and withdrawn. How you see a personal matter could change radically once you have a discussion with a certain person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You could be in a situation where you want to be heard loud and clear; however, other matters fuzz up your day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You'll re-energize as you rarely do. If a child becomes mouthy, you'll make it clear that his or her rudeness is unacceptable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ After a few intense days, don't be surprised to find that you could be out of sorts. Understand that these feelings are the result of the past few days. T

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You could be in the mood to get out with your friends. You have been diligent about getting everything done that you've needed to.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Others look to you for suggestions and a change of direction. You are able to meet someone else's demand, which could be good for you in the long run.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Barbra Streisand (1942), singer/songwriter Kelly Clarkson (1982)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		TheTruth	House	Paid	This Week		Church	Paid	Count
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Ent. Tonight		First Baptist		CBS Sunday Morning (N)			Face the Nation		Messiah	First Baptist	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	F Troop	F Troop	BackKotter	BackKotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SeveBell	SeveBell	SeveBell	SeveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		OCFC	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Pre-Race
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Light of Southwest		Walking	Mission	Touch Ministries		Zion	Cry Zion	Chur.Way	R/Minusc	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Mercury	Secrets	Lghths.	B&N	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist		NHL Hockey	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	D.Tiger	George	Cat	Sid	Rogers	Odd Squ	Odd Squ	Arthur	Cyberch.	Wild K.	Maya&M
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Rosa Guadalupe		Al punto		Netas divinas		Rosa Guadalupe	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	First Baptist		Paid	Bucket
FLIX	340	575		165		Movie	★★ Deterrence Kevin Pollak.			(:25) ★ Billy's Hollywood S...				★★ Duets Gwyneth Paltrow.			
HBO	300	550	14	14		(:15) ★★ Like Mike Lil' Bow Wow.				Boxing World Championship				(:15) Fight	Making	★ Confirmation	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	★★ Big Fat Liar			Canelo	★ San Andreas Dwayne Johnson.				Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones	
HBO3	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:35) Real Sports (N)		(:25)	★ Kissing a Fool		(:10) ★★ Wimbledon			(:50)	True Story	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:00) ★ The Grapp...		(:10) ★ Jersey Boys ('14, Bio) John Lloyd Young.						(:25) ★ The Theory of Everything			Movie
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PLEX			96			Movie	(:50) ★★ 102 Dalmatians Glenn Close.			(:25) ★ Cops & Robbersons				(:10) ★★ Leap of Faith Steve Martin.			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	60 Minutes Sports			★ The Manchurian Candidate		(:45) ★★ Daddy's Little Girls				Movie	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(:10) ★★★ Angela's Ashes ('99, Dra) Emily Watson.						★★ The Pink Panther		(:05) ★ Unnatural		Movie	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	CSI "Hard Time"		C.Minds "Lo-Fi"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		★★★ Gladiator	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(:10) TURN: Spies		(:15) The Night Manager				★★★ Lethal Weapon 2 ('89, Act) Mel Gibson.				★ Lethal Weap...	
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Creflo	Popoff	Miracles	Martin	Martin	(:20) Martin		Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Mother	Million Dollar List			Southern Charm		Southern Charm		Southern Charm		Real Wives Dallas	
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		Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Sharpe				Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Miles	Sofia 1st	Mouse	The Lion	Bunk'd	Jessie	Underc.	Liv/Mad	★ Diary of a Wimpy Kid			Movie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Bassmaster Elite		BASS Fishing		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	E:60		Rookie	Rookie
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		News	Housecl
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FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★★★ 101 Dalmatians Glenn Close.				(:15) ★★ Hercules ('97, Ani) Tate Donovan.					★★★ Jumanji		
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Outdoors	Sports	Mavricks	Insider	Paid	Paid	NCAA Softball Kansas at Baylor				Game365	Polaris
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Ellen	Buffy Vampire		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Movie
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	★ Love by Chance Blends Strong.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	Homes	Homes
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David J.	J.Osteen	Paid	Little Women: LA		★ To Be Announced			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	PoliticsNation		MSNBC Special Coverage "The Place for Politics"							
NBCSN	38	43				Marathon	Badge	Leauge Live (L)		EPL Soccer Arsenal at Sunderland (L)				EPL Soccer Swan./Leic. (L)			
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SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	12 Monkeys		Hunters		Hunters		★ Swamp Volcano		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★ ★★★ Liar Liar Jim Carrey.			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ In Our Time		★ The Love Parade Maurice Chevalier.				★★★★ Little Women Jane Allyson.			(:15) ★ The Awful...		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	EPL Fútbol Arsenal at Sunderland (L)				EPL Fútbol Swan./Leic. (L)			
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law&O. "Absentia"		Law & Order		Law&Order "B*tch"		Law & Order		★ The Forbidd...	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G.Girls	G. Girls	G.Girls	G.Girls	G.Girls	(:25) Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid	T.Point	Miracles	J.Osteen	Motive		SVU "Quickie"		SVU "Zebras"		SVU "Perverted"	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	KeyDavid	Paid	★ Space Cowboys Clint Eastwood.					★★★ U.S. Marshals		

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — APRIL 24, 2016

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	NBA Basketball Playoffs S.A./Mem. (L)						NBA Basketball Playoffs G.S./Hou. (L)				News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center Telethon											
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	NASCAR Auto Racing Toyota Owners 400 (L)							Outdoors	2½Men	2½Men	Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani E	Z. Levitt	Restore	Southwest		Southwest		Joshua	Biblical	House	About Us
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)				NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						Ins. Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Innovati	Mind	Sit Fit	Yoga	Sewing	Beads	Nature		Nova "Wild Ways"		News.	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	★★★ La Madrecita				Republica		Como dice dicho		Pequeños		Nacional	Notice
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Figure Skating Team Challenge				PGA Golf Valero Texas Open Site: TPC San Antonio (L)						RawTrav.	News
FLIX	340	575		165		★★★ Ruthless People		(:35) ★★★ The Three Musketeers				(:25) ★ Dirty Pretty Things			(:05) ★ The Hand...		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(11:00) ★ Confirma...		Bill Maher		★ The Curse of the Jade ...		1stLook		★★★ Breach		Movie	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Thrones	"The Gift"	Game of Thrones	
HBO3	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:35) ★ Taken 3 ('14, Act) Liam Neeson.			Boxing (L)					Making	Vice (N)	LastWeek
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(11:30) ★ Black Sea Jude Law.		(:25) ★★★ Street Kings				(:15) Banshee		(:10) ★ Cop Car		Movie	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	★★★ Snakes on a Plane			(:20) ★★ Love Potion #9				★★ Swimfan		Movie	
PLEX			96			★ Jury Duty Pauly Shore.		★★ Fletch Lives						(:10) ★ City Slickers II: The Legend o...		(:10) ★ Falling in ...	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(11:30) ★ E.T. The Extra-Ter...		★ Paddington Ben Whishaw.				(:15) ★★★ The DUFF Mae Whitman.			★ Chappie		
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:35) ★ Wrong Si...		★ Life of a King				(:45) ★★ U-571			(:45) ★ Clouds of Sils Maria		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(11:00) ★★★ Gladiator Russell Crowe.				S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	Interve. "Andrew"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(11:00) ★ Lethal Weapon 3				★★★ Lethal Weapon 4 ('98, Act) Mel Gibson.					★★★ Twister Helen Hunt.		
BET	58	-		40		Martin	(:35) Martin	Martin	(:50) Martin		Martin	Martin	Martin	(:20) Martin		Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Real Housewives		Beverly Hills		Thicker/ Water		Thicker/ Water		Thicker/ Water		Shahs of Sunset	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(11:40) ★ Diary of a Wimpy ...		Walk		Bunk'd	Austin	Austin	Backsta.	Backsta.	Liv/Mad	Girl M.	S.Middle
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	PBA Bowling				Rookie		MLS Soccer Sporting KC vs San Jose (L)				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Baseball Mississippi State vs LSU (L)						SportsC.	SportsC.	NCAA Softball UCLA vs. Arizona (L)			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		News HQ				MediaBuzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Chopped Junior		Chopped Junior		Chopped Junior		Chopped		Spring Baking	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(10:30) ★ Jumanji		★★★ Cars 2 ('11, Ani) Larry the Cable Guy.						★★★ Despicable Me Steve Carell.			
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox (L)						Rangers	Golf Life	Cliff Diving	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(11:30) ★ Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunte...				★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1					★ The Twilight Saga: Brea...		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ All of My Heart Lacey Chabert.				★ Anything for Love (2016, Romance)					★ Love on the Air Alison Sweeney.		
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Top Gear		Top Gear		Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	★ Abducted: The Jocelyn Shaker Story				★ Damaged ('15, Dra) Chris Klein.					Doctor Foster Pt. 1 of 3 cont'd next		
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(8:00) Special Cov.		Meet the Press		Blood Lions		Semper Fi		Just Eat It		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	43				Goal Zone (L)		IndyCar Auto Race		Pre-race		IndyCar Racing Grand Prix of Alabama			Postrace	IndyCar	NHL Live
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	School	ALVIN	ALVIN	ALVIN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	School	Thunder	Thunder	H.Danger
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Bug Bite"		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie	★★★ The Core ('03, Sci-Fi) Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank.							★★★ Deep Impact ('98, Act) Elijah Wood.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	★★★ Austin Powers in Goldmember						★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of R...					
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:15) ★ The Awf...		★★★★ Steel Magnolias Sally Field.						(:15) ★★★ The Major and the Minor		(:15) ★ Mr. Blandi...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		La Iga	Enfoque	★ Las Cronicas De Narnia: El Leon, La Bruja y El Ropero						Noticier	Videos	★ Shrek para sie...	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Say Yes	Say Yes	Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(11:00) ★ The Forbi...		(:15) ★★★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey ('12, Fant) Martin Freeman.								NBA Basketball	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba 1/2	Reba 2/2	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Undercover"		SVU "Identity"		SVU "Serendipity"				Law&Order: SVU		SVU "Limitations"	
WGN	19	85				(10:30) ★ U.S. Mars...		★★★ Men of Honor ('00, Dra) Robert De Niro.							Blue Bloods		

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — APRIL 24, 2016

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon a Time "Sisters" (N)		The Family "Betta Male" (N)		Quantico "Fast" (N)		Local 2 News	(:35) Carrasco	Monopoly	(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Madam Secretary (N)		The Good Wife "Party" (N)		Elementary "Turn It Upside Down" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Elementary	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "Swan Song" 1/2		Columbo "Swan Song" 2/2		The Odd Couple	Honey-mooners	Cheers	8 New-hart	MaryT-ylerM.	Taxi
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Border-town (N)	Thesi-mpsons	TheSimp-sons (N)	B.Burger Family	Family Guy	Last Man (N)	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	2 Broke Girls	Met Mother	Vanlenpe	Jack Texans 360
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Audra Grace	Update News	What's the Cost	Somebod y Cares
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Little Big Shots "Little Boy Blue"		Little Big Shots "I'm Not a Princess"		Carmi-chael (N)	Crowded (N)	Dateline NBC		News-West 9	Country Reporter	Havas	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Globe Trekker "Road Trip: Andes"		Call the Midwife (N)		Masterpiece "Grantchester" (N)		Masterpiece "Mr. Selfridge" (N)		10 Towns that Changed America		Call the Midwife	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Nuestra Belleza Latina				Sal y pimienta		Durmie-ndo jefe	Noticiero: FDS	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle		Scandal		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Office	NameG.	Feud
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) ★ The Hand...		★★ The Talented Mr. Ripley Matt Damon.						★★ Duets Gwyneth Paltrow.			Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:00) ★★★ Jurassic World				Thrones (SP) (N)		Silicon	Veep (N)	LastWeek	Game of Thrones	Veep	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		★★★ Lucy				★★★ Unbroken Jack O'Connell.			Movie
HBO3	304	552	16	102		Bill Maher (N)		Vinyl		★ True Story James Franco.			1stLook	★★★ Trainwreck Amy Schumer.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:40) ★ Rush Hour	(:20) ★★ Neighbors Seth Rogen.							★★ Point of No Return	(:50) ★ Bikini Super Heroes		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:25) ★ Good Nig...		Banshee	(:50) ★★★ K-19: The Widowmaker Harrison Ford.					(:10) ★ A Million Ways to Die in the ...			
PLEX			96			(5:10) ★ Falling in ...		★★★ Guarding Tess		(:40) ★★★ Leap of Faith Steve Martin.					★ City Slickers II: The Le...		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ Chappie		Dice	Lies	Lies (N)		Dice (N)	Lies	Dice	Dice	Lies	★ Chappie
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:45) ★ Clouds of ...		★★ The Pink Panther				(:25) ★★ The Condemned				★ Welcome to New York	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Intervention "Elena"		Interve. "Kaeleen"		Interv. "Zeinah" (N)		Inter. "Conrad" (N)		The First 48		(:05) Intervention	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★★ Twister		Fear the Dead		Fear the Dead (N)		Talking Dead (N)		Fear the Dead		(:05) Fear the Dead	
BET	58	-		40		Martin	(:40) Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	(:20) Martin		Martin	Martin	Popoff	Ministries
BRAVO	65	76		41		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs (N)		Thicker/ Water (N)		Shahs of Sunset		Watch	Shahs of Sunset	Thicker	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Under Boss "Bello"		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss "ADT"		Boss "Mood Media"		Leader	Rich	Rich	Rich
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		A. Bourdain (N)		A. Bourdain (N)		United Shades (N)		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked/Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Underc.	Underc.	Liv/Mad	S.Middle	Friends	Bunk'd	Backsta.	Underc.	Liv/Mad	Austin	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Houston Astros (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter Special		MatchUp		SportsC.	SportsC.	World of X Games		ESPN FC		SportsC.	Basket.
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report		Stossel		Strange	Strange	FOX Report		Stossel		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Game		Guy's Game (N)		Spring Baking (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Spring Baking	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★★★★ The Incredibles Craig T. Nelson.					(:40)	★★★★ WALL-E ('08, Ani)		Jim Burt.		J.Osteen	Jeunesh
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	West Customs (N)		MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox						Words	School	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ The Twili...		★★ Snow White and the Huntsman Kristen Stewart.						★★ Snow White and the Huntsman			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ Appetite for Love Taylor Cole.				Good Witch (N)		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Bargain	Bargain	Life	Life	Island.Lif	Island.Lif	H.Hunt	House	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Count.	Counting	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.	Count.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Doctor Foster Pt. 2 of 3 cont'd next				Doctor Foster 2/3 from April 17 (N)				Scam Doctor Foster 2/3 cont'd next			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs					(:15) Overtime (L)		Match of Day (N)		UCI Cycling	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Kingdom	Kingdom	Nicky	G'Shakers	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue (N)		Life or Debt (N)		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★ Freddy vs. Jason				★★ Jeepers Creepers Gina Philips.				★ Drive Angry ('11, Act) Nicolas Cage.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	Detour	Detour	Detour	Detour	Movie
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Tours, Mine and Ours				★★★ Hello, Dolly Barbra Streisand.				★★ Hello Sis You Jane Powell.		★ Across to Sin...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		(5:00) ★ Shrek pa...		La Voz Kids				Ya era hora		Titulares	Videos	★ El rey de los t...	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Long Lost Family		Long Lost Fam (N)		Think You Are (N)		Long Lost Family (N)		Think You Are		Long Lost Family	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) NBA Basket. Playoffs (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs Cleveland vs Detroit (L)						Inside the NBA (L)		NBA Basketball	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Ridicule"		SVU "Pandora"		SVU "Demons"		SVU "Criminal		Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WGN	19	85				Blue B. "Warriors"		Blue Bloods		★★ The Replacements Keanu Reeves.					UnderGr. "Cradle"		Movie

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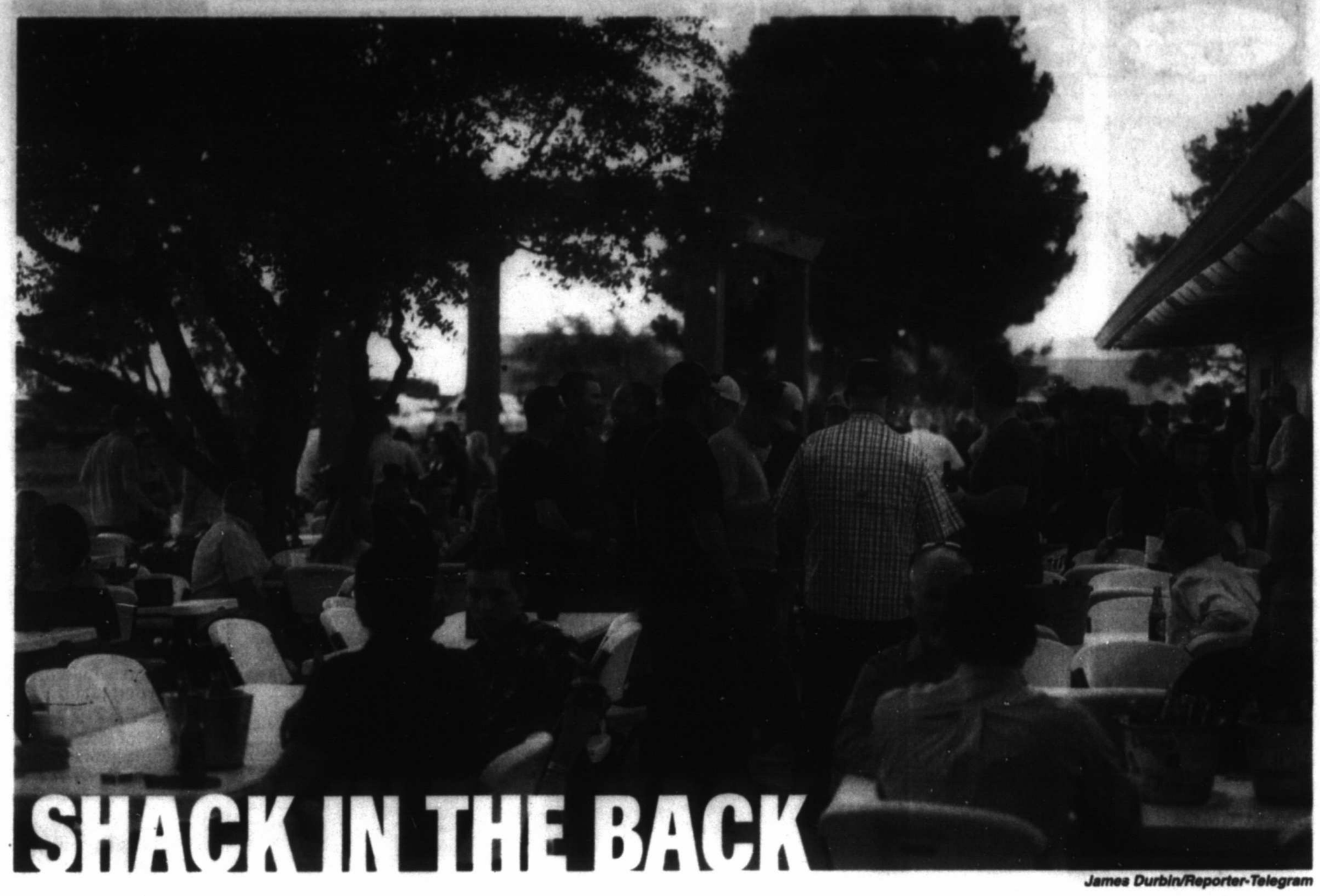

SHACK IN THE BACK

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Shack in the Back kicked off its 2016 summer season with a Party on the Patio featuring Colton Fox and Early Morning Reign recently

CALENDAR

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SUNDAY

"Fiddler on the Roof" by Odessa College with featured actor John Preece. Closes today. A Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m., evening performance 7:30 p.m. $10. The Globe Theatre of the Great Southwest, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa.

"The Red Velvet Cake War" by the Maverick Players. Closes today. At VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. $10-$15. Mavericklayers.org.

2016 Family Fair will feature games, carnival rides, food and live entertainment by Emilio Navaira, The Lat-in Breed and David Marez. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine, 1401 Garden Lane.

MONDAY

ArtSmart by the Arts Council of Midland will feature speaker Mayor Jerry Morales with a post-lecture reception. 4:30 p.m. at ACM, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. RSVP to 432-687-1149 or info@acmidland.org.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 7:30 p.m. Monday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $40.50-$88. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the colledge. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

"Love and Friendship" screening with director Whit Stillman. The Oscar-nominated filmmaker will be in at-tendance at the advance screening of his newest film based on Jane Austen's "Lady Susan" and starring Kate Beckinsale and Chloe Sevigny. Presented by the Midland County Public Library, the event will feature a discussion with the director after the film. 6:30 p.m. at Cinergy Cinemas, 1917 Liberty Drive. www.co.midland.tx.us.

The Moscow Festival Ballet performing "Cinderella" presented by the Cowan Performing Arts Series. 8 p.m. at the Chaparral Center at Midland College. Free.

Galactic Golf returns to the museum. The indoor exhibition combines a fun exploration of space amid a putt-putt golf course. Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.museumsw.org.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Palette Club Painting session from 9 a.m.-noon weekly. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio-Every Tuesday-Thursday at 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.: KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

THURSDAY

Gem and Mineral Society Meeting, 7 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleyna-turecenter.org.

Opera 101 is a continuing education class offered by Permian Basin Opera at Midland College. The class will study Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." Classes are on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. Through Saturday. mid-land.edu.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

FRIDAY

"La Cage aux Folles" is the classic drag musical that follows the colliding worlds of a club owner's son en-gaged to a politician's daughter. For ages 12 and older due to language. Presented by Midland Community Theatre. Through Saturday at The Yucca, 208 N Colorado St. $28. mctmidland.org.

AUDITIONS: "A Little Night Music" by Permian Playhouse. The musical runs Aug. 12-21. Auditions are by appointment on Friday and Saturday. Actors must prepare 32 bars of a classical musical theatre piece or opera aria in English. For more information or to set an appointment, contact the theater at permi-anplay@yahoo.com. Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. Weekly through Oct. 29. 8:30 a.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

MOSC: Chorale performs "The Glory of Venice Music for Chorus and Brass," 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. $15. MOSC.org.

Old School Blow-Out with Naughty By Nature and Vanilla Ice. 8 p.m. April 30 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $40. haciendamidland.com.

"The Carpenter's Son" is the first show of Ragtown Gospel Theater's new season about the early years of Jesus Christ. 3 p.m. Saturdays through May 7. Ragtown Gospel Theater, 870 Ragtown Road. Post. $24. 877-724-8696. ragtowngospeltheater.com.

ON DISPLAY

"Otra Vez" featuring works by Wayne Hilton. Using recycled materials, Hilton focuses his works on Mexican arts and culture. The works were commissioned specifically for the Centennial branch's public gallery space. The art will display through Saturday with a series of programming. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us.

"Dust and Depression" will feature historic photographic works of the country after the Stock Market Crash of 1929. The exhibition includes works by John Collier Jr., Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and more. Runs through June 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces Spring Art Show features new art by local artists and art groups. On display through June 16. MSS, 3500 N. A St. midlandsharedspaces.org.

The Works of Fabian Molinar. 6 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Artizen Outlet, 436 Andrews Highway. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 432-770-3494. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios 700 Andrews Highway. 432-664-3197. artquesttx.com.

Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroom-marfa.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's 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

Haley Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 432-682-5785. haleylibrary.com.

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 Sue Roberson, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during April. midlandartsassociation.org.

Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 432-682-5447.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

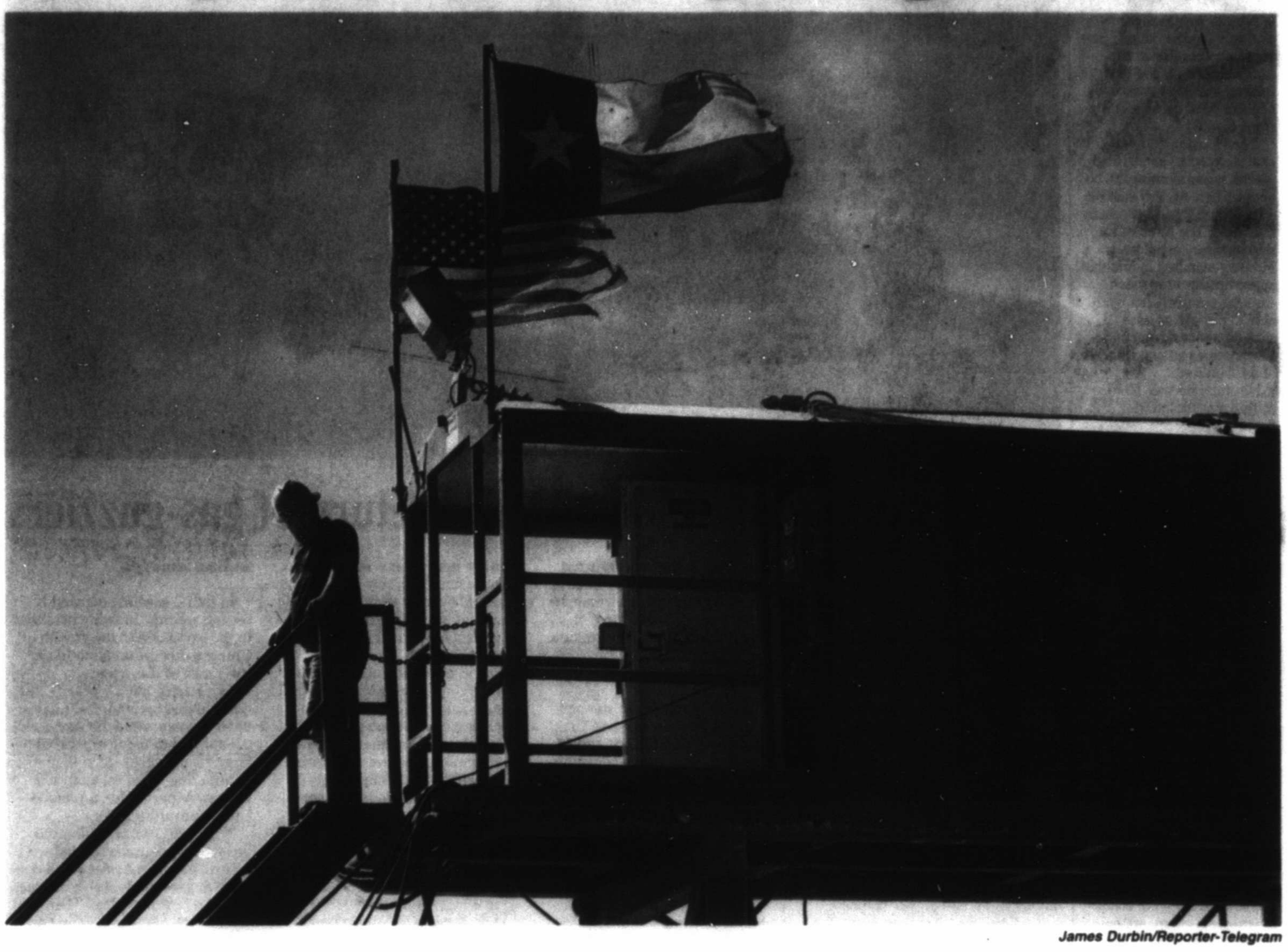
Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. petroleummuseum.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

Courtesy photos

The Spring Art Show at the Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces features works by local artists and art groups and is on display through June 13.

The production-plunge effect



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Jerry Moore, driller onboard Robinson Drilling rig No. 4, stands outside the control room of the rig in Midland County on Feb. 17. A plunging rig count that began in late 2014 is beginning to result in declining oil production, according to projections released by the Energy Information Agency.

Permian forecast to fall 4,000 barrels a day

Domestic production expected to continue its decline, according to EIA

By Mella McEwen
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A plunging rig count that began in late 2014 is beginning to result in declining oil production, according to projections released by the Energy Information Agency.

The agency last week forecast onshore production in the Lower 48 will decline to an average 6.46 million barrels a day from 7.41 million barrels a day last year. Production is expected to decline even further in 2017 to an average 5.76 million barrels a day.

In the Permian Basin, production is expected to fall 4,000 barrels a day from April to May as production from new wells cannot offset declines in production from legacy wells, according to the EIA's Drilling Productivity Report. The agency projects a new well will produce 468 barrels a day in May, up from 458 in April. Production from new wells is expected to rise to 71,000 barrels a day but production from legacy wells is expected to fall to 75,000 barrels a day for a decline of 4,000 barrels a day.

"I am not surprised by the EIA's assessment. Our rig productivity, measured by drilling days per well, has improved by 20 to 40 percent since 2014, and our industry is completing wells with higher initial rates on its best acreage," said Steve Pruett, president and chief executive officer of Elevation Resources.

"However, the 141 rigs operating in the Permian Basin, down from over 560 in October 2014, cannot offset initial decline rates of 70 to 90 percent from the Bone Spring, Spraberry, and Wolfcamp horizontal wells," he said. "The drilled but uncompleted well inventory masked steep decline rates over 2015 and into the first quarter of 2016, but that backlog is being depleted due to incentives from lower fracture stimulation costs and improved oil prices from the mid-$20s in February 2016 to over $42 per barrel currently, where oil companies can earn a modest return on investment by drilling the Permian Basin's very best acreage in the central Midland Basin and sweet spots in the Delaware Basin.

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House committee examines interplay between production, agriculture

By Mella McEwen
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Delving into the various factors that impact rural economies, the House Agriculture Committee recently examined the interplay between oil and gas production and rural America.

"I, along with many other members of this committee, have often stated that agriculture is the backbone of rural America," said U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, who represents Texas District 11, as he opened an April 13 hearing on the subject that was streamed live online. "However, as the committee with responsibility for all of rural America, it is vitally important that we acknowledge other industries that provide a significant number of jobs and revenue for our rural communities."

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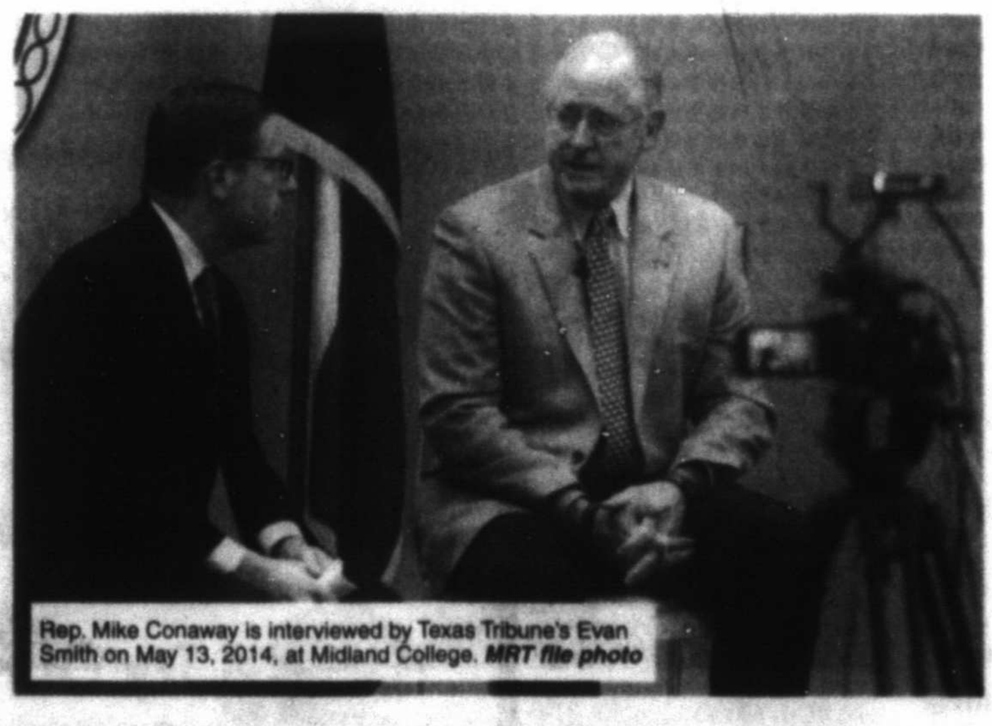

Rep. Mike Conaway is interviewed by Texas Tribune's Evan Smith on May 13, 2014, at Midland College. *MRT file photo*

Apache sued in dispute over Panhandle properties

■ Plaintiffs cite $500 million in economic damages

By Mella McEwen
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A dispute over properties in the Texas Panhandle is entering Midland's 385th State District Court.

Texas-based Apollo Exploration LLC, along with Oklahoma-based Cogent Exploration Ltd. Co. and SellmoCO LLC are suing Apache Corp. over a 2011 agreement involving certain purchase and sale agreements, mineral leases and mutual interest agreements concern-

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Kinder Morgan cuts 2016 spending

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

Kinder Morgan, the nation's largest natural gas pipeline operator in the U.S., kicked off the first quarter earnings season by scaling back its expectations for 2016.

The Houston company said it expected its 2016 adjusted, pretax earnings to be about 3 percent less than the $7.5 billion it had previously budgeted. The forecast for distributable cash flow, an industry-standard metric that approximates how much cash the company has available to pay out or reinvest, sank by about 4 percent below previous annual forecast of $4.7 billion.

Net income was $314 million for the quarter, down 25 percent from $419 million in the same period last year.

In addition, the company cut its backlog of projects expected to be built in the next five years from $18.2 billion to $14.1 billion. Kinder Morgan cut out the Northeast Energy Direct Market project due to insufficient interest from customers and nixed the Palmetto Pipeline after it was blocked by regulators.

In a statement announcing the results, Kinder Morgan CEO Steve Kean said fewer projects and less spending would help the company focus on strengthening its financial footing.

"We continue to focus on high-grading our growth project backlog to allocate capital to the highest return opportunities by reducing spend, improving returns and selectively joint venturing projects where appropriate," Kean said.

Kinder Morgan's first-quarter 2016 distributable cash flow, an industry-standard metric that approximates how much cash the company has available to pay out or reinvest, rose to $1.272 billion from $1.24 billion in the same period last year. In January, executives said they expected to see about $1.2 billion in distributable cash flow.

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Reason to be bullish on oil? The return of gas-guzzlers

By Bloomberg

Forget about OPEC to prop up oil prices.

Think instead about the gas-guzzling Ford F150 pickup, which topped U.S. vehicle sales last year. And the Honda Activa scooter, the best selling two-wheeler in India, where demand is soaring. If anyone is going to save the oil market, they are.

As a deal among producers to freeze crude output failed last weekend, bullish energy investors should look to gasoline as the main source of strength. From India to the U.S., gasoline consumption is rising, fueled by consumers buying more and bigger vehicles — and driving more than ever.

"It's so cheap that it spurs demand," said Mike Loya, a senior executive at Vitol Group BV, the world's largest independent oil trading house, in Houston.

Global gasoline use will climb this year by 600,000 barrels a day, accounting for half of the total increase in oil demand, according to the Paris-based International Energy Agency. That's higher than in 2015, when gasoline accounted for 44 percent of the total.

After surging 2.7 percent in 2015, U.S. gasoline demand is projected to climb 1.4 percent to 9.29 million barrels a day this year, matching the 2007 peak, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

'Star performer'

"Gasoline remains the star performer in global oil demand," said Matthew Parry, an analyst at the IEA in Paris who tracks consumption patterns. Still, he cautioned that the "rampant" growth of 2015 has moderated.

In the meantime, consumers are acting as though low prices are here to stay.

The 2015 F-150, which gets as few as 13 miles to the gallon, was the top-selling vehicle in the U.S. last year, according to GoodCarBadCar.net, which tracks sales. In India, sales of two-wheel scooters topped 450,000 in March and are up about 31 percent in the past year, according to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers.

For refiners from Valero Energy Corp., the largest in the U.S., to Reliance Industries Ltd., which operates the world's biggest refinery in Jamnagar, India, the jump in gasoline is fattening margins at a time when the energy industry is struggling with low prices. Since January 2015, gasoline futures in New York have increased by more than 3 percent, compared with a drop of more than 20 percent for West Texas Intermediate crude, the U.S. benchmark.

As the unemployment rate falls and the economy strengthens, U.S. vehicle sales have recovered to levels last seen before the global financial crisis and motorists are driving more than ever, according to Department of Transportation data. That's confounding expectations that demand would decline after 2007 as more efficient, smaller cars curbed consumption. The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 4.9 percent in January, the lowest in almost eight years.

U.S. demand for motor fuel typically peaks between the Memorial Day holiday in late May and Labor Day in early September, when Americans traditionally take vacations. Refiners use more crude as they increase operating rates to meet the extra demand.

"We can anticipate a seasonal rise in demand between now and July or August," said Tim Evans, an energy analyst at Citi Futures Perspective in New York. "It could spark a rally that takes the rest of the market higher."

Indian records

In India, gasoline demand is setting records, drawing parallels to the explosion in the growth of Chinese oil consumption in the early part of the century.

The size of India's vehicle fleet has doubled between 2007 and 2015, transforming the Asian economy into the world's sixth largest car market, according to Amrita Sen, chief oil analyst at Energy Aspects Ltd., a London-based consulting firm.

"Naturally, gasoline demand growth has skyrocketed and we believe gasoline demand will continue to grow at double-digit rates over the next five years," Sen said.

Gasoline consumption in China will grow this year by 218,000 barrels a day, accounting for 65 percent of total oil demand, and up from 213,000 barrels a day last year, when it accounted for 31 percent of the total, according to the IEA.

"Gasoline demand has been showing outstanding growth," said Mike Wittner, head of oil markets at Societe Generale SA in New York. "Gasoline will be a source of strength for the oil market going ahead."

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Liberty Oilfield Services enters Permian

Calgary-based Sanjel Corp. earlier this month agreed to two transactions that will essentially sell itself off in two chunks.

Sanjel's Canadian fracturing, coiled tubing and cementing assets are being sold to STEP Energy Services Ltd., an ARC Financial Corp.-sponsored company.

Its assets in the United States, which include two offices in Odessa, are being sold to Liberty Oilfield Services, a Denver-based privately held pressure pumping-services company.

"We've been a Rockies-focused company," said Ron Gusek, vice president with Liberty, in a telephone interview.

The Sanjel acquisition will give Liberty entrance into the Permian and Eagle Ford basins as well as doubling its fracture stimulation capacity to approximately 500,000 HHP. Closure of the acquisition is expected in the next 30 to 45 days.

Gusek said the company is pleased to be expanding its footprint, even in the current economic environment.

"At a time like this, you want your wings spread as wide as possible," he said.

Liberty is active in the Williston, Denver-Julesberg and Powder River basins. "The Powder River Basin has been a worst case for us," Gusek said.

He said that both the Permian and Eagle Ford basins remain active. "The Permian Basin is down a long way, too, but there is still some activity," he said.

He estimated 70 percent of the fracturing being done nationwide "is in basins we're not in."

The acquisition will give the company exposure to new customers and new services, according to Gusek.

"We were a fracturing-only company; coiled tubing and cementing are new services to us," he said.

Liberty, formed in 2011, will bring its engineering focus to its new territories, introducing new technology to the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford, Gusek said. For example, the company has been helping develop a new fracturing approach in the Bakken. The method incorporates a new hydraulic fracturing manifold system or "missile" that doesn't require sending fracturing sand through the pumps, increasing efficiency. Gusek said the Permian could see that technology in 2017.

Because Liberty is so leanly staffed in its new territories, Gusek said he expects the company will absorb many of Sanjel's staff and equipment.

"Our expectation is the large majority will keep on doing what they've been doing," said Gusek, who once worked for Sanjel.

ARC Abatement buys C&C Coating, moves to Midland

Long-time oilfield service company C&C Coating and Construction Inc., founded in 1967, has been acquired by ARC Abatement Holdings, which provides environmental and contracting services.

C&C is merging with ARC's service line ARC Oil and Gas Services and will operate as C&C Coating and Construction. The new entity will be based in Midland.

Despite the current economic climate, the time was right for the acquisition, according to Ron Daniel, chief executive officer of ARC Abatement/C&C Coating and Construction.

"... It is the perfect marriage of companies. ARC Oil and Gas Services has wanted to add a full-service company to become a one-stop shop for NORM and repair work," he said. "Demand is steady, and we expect it to rise because we are the only oilfield service provider that offers environmental remediation as well as conventional oilfield and roustabout services."

Before the merger, C&C offered roustabout services including sandblasting, painting, location and building, equipment setting, interconnecting pipe and other oilfield maintenance services. ARC Oil and Gas Services provided turnkey solutions for environmental restoration including NORM remediation, asbestos abatement, and demolition.

"C&C Coating and Construction has been around for almost 60 years, and we're able to add an environmental facet to the already well-established conventional oilfield services C & C offers," Daniel said. "ARC is bringing NORM, asbestos, mold and lead remediation to the traditional oilfield services offered by C&C Coating and Construction."

Kim Merrill, vice president, C&C Coating and Construction, said the new entity is currently occupying C&C's present location and is in the process of hiring.

"We currently have 60 employees and are looking to hire additional roustabout superintendents, roustabout operators, CDL truck drivers, blasters and painters and sales and marketing team members," Merrill said.

Goodrich Petroleum files for bankruptcy

By Bloomberg

Goodrich Petroleum Corp., the latest casualty of the energy slump, sought bankruptcy protection with a plan to eliminate about $400 million of debt.

The Chapter 11 petition filed in Houston listed $507 million in debts, compared with only $99 million in assets. Goodrich said in an accompanying statement that it intends to keep operating under court protection with existing management in place.

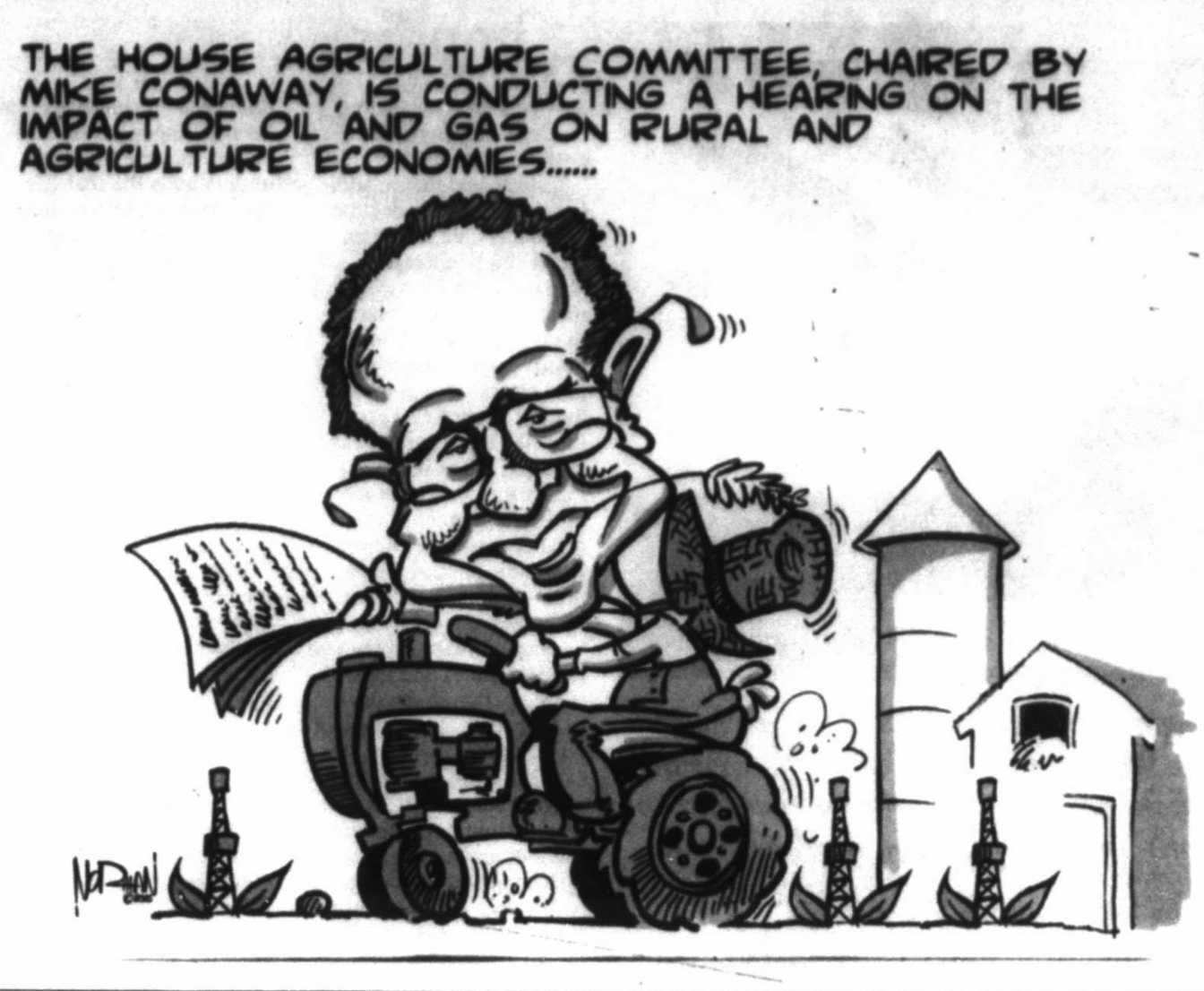
The restructuring support agreement will "substantially de-leverage its capital structure and strategically position the company for long-term performance in an anticipated improving commodity price environment," Houston-based Goodrich said in the statement.

The company is the latest to succumb to the epidemic of defaults sweeping its industry during the biggest price slump in a generation. Energy XXI Ltd., another Houston oil and gas explorer filed for bankruptcy April 14 after spending $5 billion on acquisitions. Oil has rebounded after falling to 12-year lows, but is still trading close to $40 a barrel, well below the $100 it was fetching before the onset of the slump in mid-2014.

On March 16, Goodrich delayed releasing its annual report, citing a large loss that auditors have determined might affect the company's ability to operate as a going concern. The loss came "mainly as a result of substantial impaired asset writedowns," Goodrich said in the filing.

Goodrich turned to the bankruptcy process after a debt-for-equity exchange offer failed to gain enough traction among stockholders and unsecured debt holders.

Since the start of 2015, about 50 oil and gas producers have gone bankrupt, owing more than $17 billion, according to law firm Haynes & Boone LLP. Goodrich joins shale-focused companies such as Magnum Hunter Resources Corp., which filed for creditor protection in December.



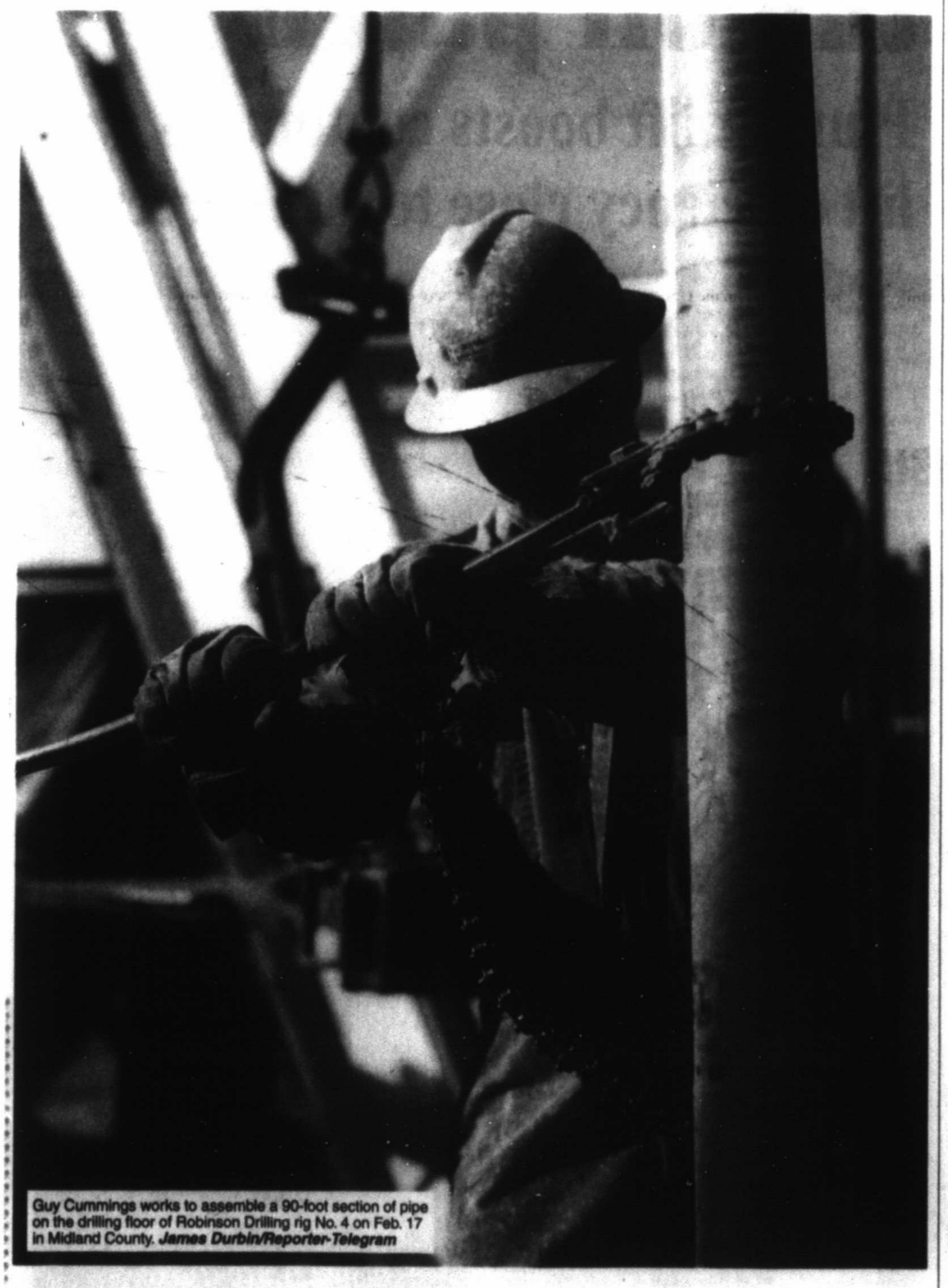
MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$37.55	Sunoco*	$39.00
Flint Hills Resources*	$39.00	Nymex futures	$41.07*
Phillips 66	$39.25		
Plains*	$39.00	Net price without transportation charge	
Shell Trading	$39.20	Note: Posted prices as of April 20	

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price April 20	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	$1.903	$2.069	$2.536
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$1.630	$1.785	$2.395
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$1.510	$1.753	$2.395
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$1.560	$1.780	$2.338
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$1.520	$1.770	$2.305
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$1.610	$1.760	$2.253
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$1.839	$1.866	$2.574



Guy Cummings works to assemble a 90-foot section of pipe on the drilling floor of Robinson Drilling rig No. 4 on Feb. 17 in Midland County. *James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

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"The decline in Permian Basin oil production will continue until we see oil prices stabilize above $60 per barrel," Pruett said. "Low gas prices below $2 per Mcf have not helped support drilling as we produce a substantial amount of gas and natural gas liquids with our oil from our horizontal wells."

The sharp decline in oil prices since the fourth quarter of 2014 has had a significant effect on drilling nationwide, the EIA said, noting the number of active onshore drilling rigs in the Lower 48 states fell 78 percent from 1,876 to 412 between the weeks ending on Oct. 31, 2014, and April 15, according to data from Baker Hughes. The decline in active rigs and well completions is projected to result in month-over-month onshore oil production declines of 120,000 barrels a day through September.

Uncertainty in the crude oil price outlook continues, as reflected in the current values of futures and options contracts. In the EIA's April Short-Term Energy Outlook, the 95 percent confidence interval for market expectations for prices in December 2017 is relatively wide, with upper and lower limits of $20 per barrel and $100, respectively. EIA's April outlook forecasts Brent crude oil prices averaging $35 a barrel in 2016 and $41 a barrel in 2017, with the December 2017 price averaging $45 a barrel.

EIA further projects that the number of operating rigs in the Lower 48 states will continue to decrease through mid-2016 before beginning to slowly increase. However, expected Lower 48 production will continue to decline — although at a slower rate — throughout 2017.

In contrast to the forecast of declining Lower 48 onshore production through 2017, federal Gulf of Mexico oil production is projected to increase from 1.54 million barrels a day in 2015 to 1.66 million barrels a day and to 1.82 million barrels a day in 2016 and 2017, respectively. Alaska's oil production is projected to slightly decrease from 480,000 barrels a day in 2015 to 470,000 barrels a day in 2016 and to 460,000 barrels a day in 2017.

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Midland College Main Campus - Carrasco Room; 3600 N. Garfield Street, Midland, Texas
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Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils
Instructor: Dr. Kerry Sublette
May 2, Mon., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$375; Out of State $400

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 2 of 6 Modules
Title: Chaining, Interpretating, and Curing Title
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 2; End Date: May 28 - Registration Deadline: Noon, May 2nd
Returning Registrants: $612.50 (includes new $13.50 Distance Learning Fee) Out of State, $637.50 (includes $25 out of state fee and $13.50 Distance Learning fee); New Registrants: $662.50 ((includes $50 manual. AAPL Land Reference Guide and a $13.50 Distance Learning Fee); Out of State, $687.50 (includes $25 out of state fee, a $50 manual AAPL Land Reference Guide, and a $13.50 Distance Learning fee). If you plan to register for additional modules, the $50 materials fee is a one-time charge.

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6 Modules
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Instructor: Alyce Hoge
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Geographix Seismic Interpretation Using SeisVision
May 2-4, Mon-Wed
$2,100
Register directly with Geographix:
https://ca.midland.edu/ppdc/index.php?option=com_cexpress&view=course&id=474&Itemid=212

"Old" (Pre-1958) Electric Logs: A Quick Review
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
May 12, Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$375; Out of State, $400

Log Analysis of Hydrocarbon-Bearing Shales
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
May 13, Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$475; Out of State, $500

SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Database
Instructor: Celia Payne
May 17, Tue, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $375

Basic Drilling for Non-Drilling Engineers
Instructor: Tommy Lent
May 17-18 Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$430; Out of State, $455

Joint Operating Agreements and Their Successful Use After the Producing Teet Well
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
May 17, Tue, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $375

Land Personnel and the Effective Use of Due Diligence in the Acquisition and Divestiture of Oil and Gas Properties
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
May 18, Wed, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $375

Keeping the Lease Alive: Standard Savings, Terminations & Administrative Clauses
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
May 19, Thu, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods
Instructor: John Stermole
May 23-26, Mon, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thu, 8 a.m. - Noon
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ing properties located in Hartley, Moore, Potter and Oldham counties.

David Lauritzen, Bradley Bains and Joe Baker of Midland's Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson law firm filed the original lawsuit and will continue to represent the companies. They have been joined by Zona Jones and Michael Havard of Provost Umphrey Law Firm; Louis K. Bonham of Osha Liang LLP; and Patrick Zummo of the Law Offices of Patrick Zummo.

"We were hired as additional counsel to come and work on the case. That sometimes happens," said Jones in a telephone interview.

He said the plaintiffs have not stated a maximum amount of damages but in their pleadings have said damages exceeded $500 million.

"This is not a new lawsuit and was referenced in our 2015 10-K, as well as our 2014 public filings," Apache said in a statement provided to the Reporter-Telegram. "Apache believes the plaintiffs' claims lack merit, and further that plaintiffs' alleged damages are grossly inflated. Apache is vigorously opposing the claims. Moreover, the plaintiffs recently filed an amended petition that drastically reduces their claimed damages. The $1.1 billion previously mentioned no longer represents the amount claimed. Even with the plaintiffs' reduced claim, the lawsuit lacks merit and plaintiffs' revised damages remain grossly inflated."

The plaintiffs' attorneys said Apache's Securities and Exchange Commission filings indicate the case involved potential damages of more than $1.1 billion.

Jones said he and the other lawyers new to the case will work with Lauritzen, Bains and Baker as the case proceeds.

Plaintiffs have requested a jury trial.

"We will be asking the court to set a trial date along with the entry of a case management order that sets deadlines by which certain discovery matters are to be completed," Jones said. "Since we just entered the case, I do not expect this to happen for another three to four weeks."

"Obviously, this is a significant field, and the potential for economic harm and loss is big."

Zona Jones, of Provost Umphrey Law Firm

The dispute centers on contracts the four companies signed in 2011 covering the oil and gas leases in an area known as the Bivins Ranch and Tascosa Dome areas. Under the contracts, the three companies were entitled to reclaim up to one-third of the interests they sold to Apache. However, the oil and gas companies say Apache never provided the required documents for 2012 and 2013.

The plaintiffs are asking the court to order Apache to provide a proper accounting of the drilling and payout records associated with their contracts since they say Apache has failed to provide proper documentation from the start.

In addition to the requested accounting and the allegations of breach of contract and fraud, the lawsuit also includes claims against Apache for breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, gross negligence and conversion, among others.

"Obviously, this is a significant field, and the potential for economic harm and loss is big," Jones said.

RURAL

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"Today's hearing begins that discussion as we review how oil and gas production impacts the rural economy," he said. "Energy, and the price of energy, has an obvious direct impact on inputs for farmers and ranchers. Not quite as intuitively, the energy sector provides income and revenue for rural residents and their local communities in the form of salaries, royalty payments, and tax revenues."

Many of the jobs created by the oil and gas industry are in rural areas, he said. Those revenues allow rural communities to retain their young residents with new opportunities, attract new residents and make investments that improve quality of life.

"We all recognize that the oil and gas industry today is more bust than boom. That is why today's hearing is even more important. Too often, I believe the general public only views this industry as executives running large oil companies and charging too much for a gallon of gasoline," Conaway said.

U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, the committee's ranking member and a Democrat from Minnesota, said his state doesn't have any oil and gas production, "but we've felt the impact of the North Dakota boom by having increased job opportunities in my district."

Oil and gas production has helped farmers in rural communities weather the recent downfall in commodity prices and illustrates the value of diversifying rural economies and the role value-added systems can play in keeping those economies afloat. Like oil and gas, Peterson said agriculture is no stranger to fluctuations in commodity prices, and the extreme highs and lows can impact everyone from farmers to land and business owners. "That's why we need to keep a strong safety net."

Among those testifying before the committee was Angie Sims of Kermit, president and chief executive officer of Buster's Well Service, founded by her grandfather, Alex "Buster" Crabtree in 1963. She also testified on behalf of the Association of Energy Service Cos.

She detailed for committee members how a thriving oil and gas industry had allowed her county to build a 19-bed state-of-the-art clinic in 2006 and in 2015 a new clinic staffed by five providers. Two new schools were built as enrollment in Kermit Independent School District enrollment rose by 243 students, and the Wink-Loving Independent School District enrolled 51 more students from 2010-14. Retail sales and use taxes collected locally rose by 110 percent during that time.

Martin Causer, a member of Pennsylvania's House of Representatives pointed out that his state has been home to oil and gas production for more than 150 years, since the drilling of the first oil well in Titusville.

The advent of "unconventional" drilling in the Marcellus, and later the Utica, has brought more job opportunities, spending and significant tax revenues at both the state and community levels, he told the committee.

The state enacted an "impact fee" amid the booming activity, which has generated $855 million from the oil and gas industry since 2011. About 60 percent is returned to affected communities for road, bridge and infrastructure construction or maintenance; water, storm water and sewer system construction or maintenance; emergency preparedness housing; and reclamation projects. The remainder goes to the state for regulatory enforcement, public safety training related to natural gas drilling and state-level environmental protection initiatives.

More importantly, Causer told the committee, drilling in the Marcellus and Utica has generated significant economic benefits for Pennsylvania farmers. He said many have leased portions of their land for drilling, using the royalties to reinvest in their farming operations.

"For some, it has meant investing in a piece of equipment to enhance the farm, rather than struggling to repair something that's on its last legs. For others, the money allowed them to expand their operations. Still others were able to retire but keep their land in production by renting it out to others looking to be a part of the agriculture industry," he said.

Jackie Root, board member of the National Association of Royalty Owners and president of the Pennsylvania state chapter, told committee members royalties from oil and gas production are sent to royalty owners in all 50 states. Between 8.5 million and 12 million Americans receive royalties from the production of oil and gas on their property. She said a survey indicates the average royalty recipient is 60, widowed and receives less than $500 in royalty income each month.

Sharing her personal experiences with the committee, Root said she and her husband are first-generation farmers who for 24 years mowed, planted and harvested around a steel pipe marking an abandoned gas well drilled in 1948. In 2000 they were approached about leasing the land for drilling a Marcellus well. The well was drilled in 2008 and from 2009 to 2010, 31 more wells were drilled on 20 pads within the township.

"I estimate over 700 royalty owners receive checks each month just in our township," she said.

Those royalty owners range from farmers to retirees, widows to young couples, businesses, churches, municipalities and cemeteries.

"Like many farmers, we have used that income to pay off debt, change enterprises, help with college expenses, fund retirement accounts, catch up on travel and maybe buy a horse or two," she said. "The constant stress of fluctuating commodity prices and unpredictable weather is softened a bit with additional income from leasing, royalties and pipeline right of way. Over the long term, I believe natural gas development will actually preserve our precious open space: Successful farmers will farm the land rather than subdivide it."

The three witnesses told committee members that the benefits to rural America from oil and gas production are threatened not just by an industry suffering from low oil and gas prices but from regulation.

"In terms of environmental regulation, there are few people who are more committed to protecting our environment than the people who live in our community," Sims said. "Our company and members of the AESC are committed to operating in a safe and efficient manner that preserves our environment for ourselves and our families for generations to come. As small businesses, compliance with ever-changing regulations can be a challenge, and a costly one at that."

Causer said that in addition to the market decline, "producers are facing an increasingly unreasonable regulatory environment ... and that is placing thousands of good, solid, family-supporting-wage jobs at risk. In regions like the one I represent, good jobs like these are not easily replaced. The oil and gas industry is a cornerstone of the economies of many rural communities across Pennsylvania and the nation. As the industry has struggled in recent years, it has had a notable impact on local revenues and jobs.

He encouraged working together at all levels of government.

"That mostly means we need to stay out of the way by ensuring environmental regulations are not overly restrictive but instead reasonable and relevant to these operations. And it means facilitating unique opportunities, such as the Royal Dutch Shell cracker plant and gas-powered electrical plants, which help grow the domestic market for our oil and natural gas reserves."

"We are not opposed to regulations that protect our environment and our workforce," Sims said. "In fact, we often are the first to address these issues locally."

She said an example of industry-government collaboration is the association helping to train OSHA inspectors.

This "helps ensure compliance with standards that keep our people safe and ensure that the regulator understands the real-life operating situations they are entrusted with supervising," she said.

"This kind of early engagement and collaboration can be beneficial to all parties. We just need to make sure the benefits from some of these regulations actually do benefit the environment and the workforce and don't unnecessarily harm rural economies," Sims said.

Root told committee members, "The hardship that reduced commodity prices have placed on the oil and gas industry, service industries, federal, state and local tax collections and private royalty owners are a result of the free market system that we NARO members believe strongly in. We, therefore, ask this committee to please keep us in mind when considering what could become harmful federal policies like removal of the percentage depletion tax deduction that royalty owners have used since the 1920s.

"We further point out that there are those who would deny our private property right to develop our private property mineral estate, as they have stated all fossil fuels should be 'left in the ground.' We are continually bombarded with activists operating in our states and communities seeking to prevent or deny the development of our private property without just compensation that the U.S. Constitution guarantees," she said.

A drilling rig is set up near a barn in Springville, Pa., to tap gas from the giant Marcellus Shale gas field on Oct. 14, 2011. *AP file photo*

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Plunger lift boosts continuous gas lift efficiency close to 100 percent

When using continuous gas lift to produce wells there are two common issues that reduce efficiency: tubing wall friction against the fluid slug, and "fall back" caused by wetting of the tubing string.

The application of plunger lift in these wells successfully addresses both issues. PLSI's expert staff has years of experience in boosting efficiency by getting this done in a timely manner.

Tubing wall friction

Tubing wall friction takes its toll by creating a drag on the outer perimeter of the slug, causing that slug to assume a ballistic shape as gas underneath attempts to break through.

Fall back issues

In the case of fall back, the severity of the issue is a function of slug velocity, which, in turn, is affected by gas lift injection pressure and surface back-pressure. Depending on these variables, the lift efficiency may range from 60 percent to as low as 30 percent.

This problem manifests itself in higher flowing gradients in the tubing and higher flowing bottom hole pressures. This, in turn, reduces formation draw down and feeds into the wellbore.

The PLSI solution to both issues

Fortunately, PLSI offers a simple solution to both of these issues with the installation of a plunger lift directly above the operating valve. When the gas lift valve opens and gas is injected under the plunger, it begins to move upward with the slug of fluid above it. Since the pressure is greater below the plunger than above, there is virtually no slippage of fluids back down the hole. In fact, there will be a small amount of gas escaping upward around the perimeter of the plunger effecting a wiping action on the tubing wall. This prevention of fall back also helps to compensate for surface back pressure and restriction.

The efficiency of the lift now increases dramatically to almost 100 percent. The immediate benefits are a reduction on makeup gas and lower compression costs. Other benefits are reduced flowing gradients in the tubing, and lower flowing bottom hole pressures. The resultant increase in formation drawdown should allow liquids to feed into the well bore more rapidly. Increased frequency of well cycling should show an increase in production. An additional benefit is complete elimination of any paraffin or deposition problems.

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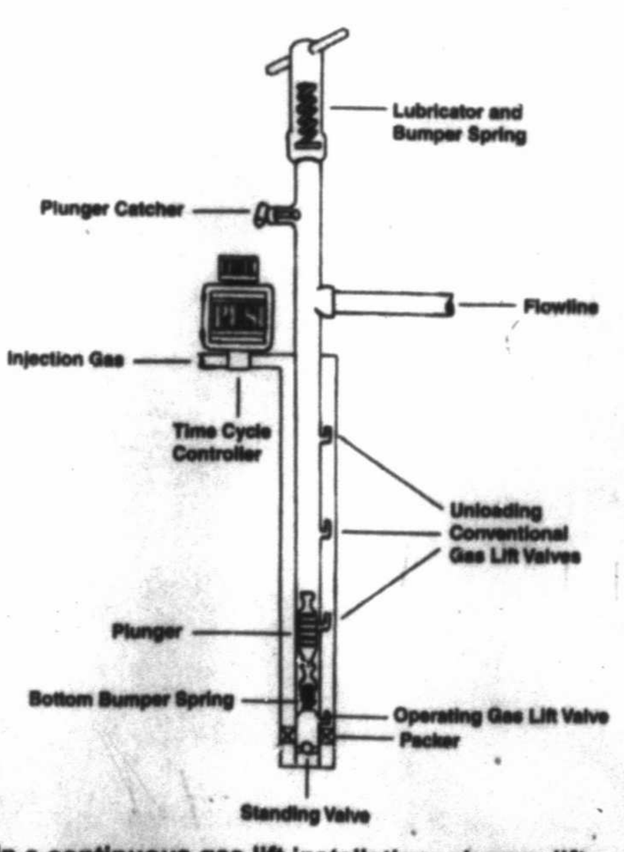

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Victaulic Style 905 and 907 join HDPE pipe in minutes, last decades

Victaulic Style 907 withstands the toughest environments

In the Oil Patch, often the toughest weather is the least corrosive element for pipes and fittings. After all, blazing heat, blasting winds and bone-cracking cold are nothing compared to corrosive gases and liquids, high pressures and speeding flow rates when it comes to attacking flow lines and joints.

All this is why so many oilfield companies have relied on Victaulic fittings for decades—with many of their oldest fittings still in place.

Victaulic's Refuse-To-Fuse™ line, including the 905 and the 907, withstand daily temperature swings from 40° F to 110° F without batting an eye. Whether you use SDR 7 or 17, it'll keep the joint together long after the pipe has failed.

And it doesn't take long training and expensive machinery to install the 905 or the 907—unless your wrenches were made to Department of Defense standards. Just a wrench and some elbow grease will do for both installation and disconnecting. It will also handle vertical installations, on-site repairs and connections to existing grooved coupling systems. The 907 will join HDPE to grooved steel sized piping system components without requiring multiple pieces. And it gives you access to the entire Victaulic toolbox of grooved components such as valves, strainers and more.

All these are huge advantages over the older system of butt fusing, and here's another advantage: pipe joined with the Refuse-To-Fuse method is ready to use immediately, with no heat-up or cool-down time needed.

This is true wherever pipe comes together—gathering lines, flow lines, water lines, SWD facilities, manifolds, buried services, compressor hookups—it replaces butt fusion just about anywhere.

The Style 907 is made for HDPE to grooved steel joint sizes 2 – 6" IPS, HDPE to 2 – 6"/50 – 150 mm IPS grooved steel and 63 mm – 160 mm ISO HDPE to 2 – 6"/50 – 150 mm ISO grooved steel.

The installation process is very simple. First, you mark the pipe ends with the cardboard insert provided with the coupling. Next you brush the lubrication onto the pipe end. Once you align the marked pipe ends, slide the pipe into the both sides of the coupling. Then tighten the track bolts. Similar to the Style 905, the 907 has sharp gripping teeth to hold the pipe securely. It can connect to existing Victaulic grooved fittings and valves.

That's it! Sharp gripping teeth in each half of the housing hold the pipe securely so there's no slipping or leaking. Couplings are laboratory and field tested to verify that their working pressure exceeds that of the pipe itself.

You can count on Victaulic couplings. They're solidly made with a durable ductile iron body and are ready for the harshest service conditions, due also to the standard-feature dipped enamel finish. For particularly aggressive environments, special coatings are also available. Integral gripping teeth provide a direct connection to the pipe.

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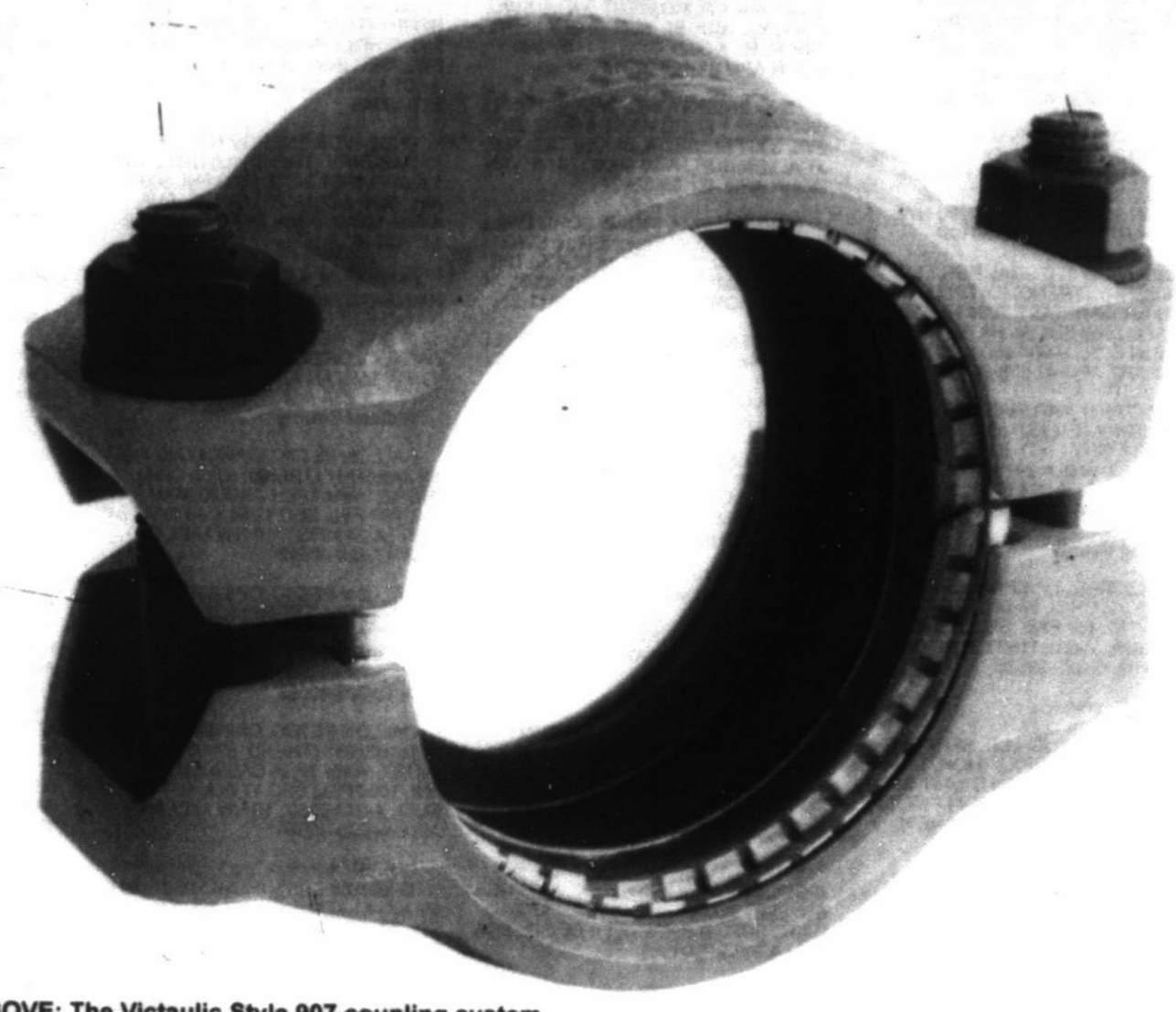
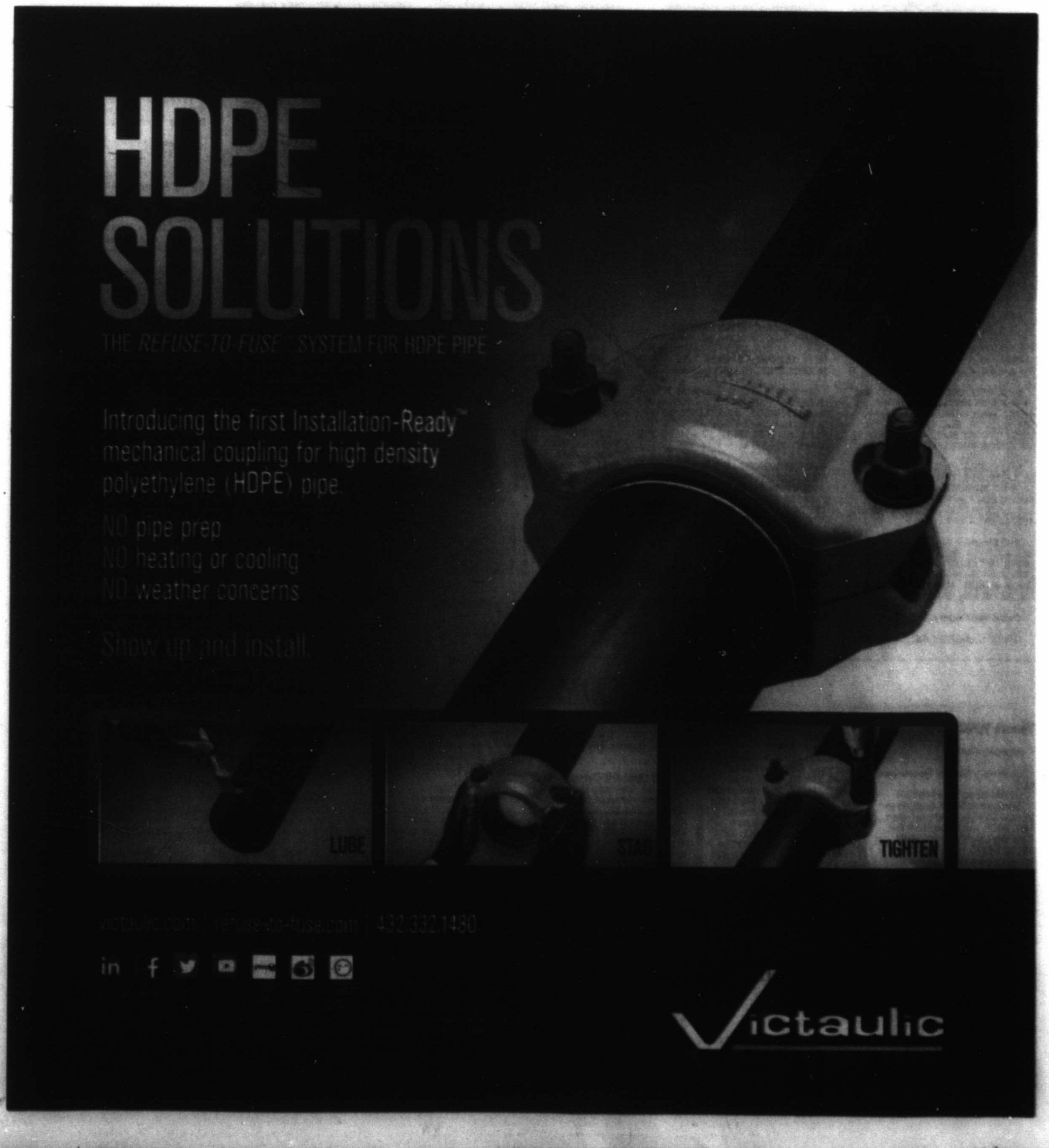


ABOVE: The Victaulic Style 907 coupling system is designed to outlast the pipe it's joining. The 907 can be installed and removed in minutes, saving multiple man-hours compared to old style butt fusion. Call Victaulic at 432-332-1480 to learn more.

RIGHT: Victaulic's HDPE line, including the 905 and the brand new 907, are ready for use in the field, plant or anywhere pipe joins together.



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Irion County

DISCOVERY NATURAL RES.LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3046A BRUSHY EAST, 753 FNL 982 FEL, SEC 3046 BLK 24, H&TC/NE CANNON SUR., A-904 9500', 20 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-36106

DISCOVERY NATURAL RES. LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3046I BRUSHY EAST, 2451 FSL 894 FEL, SEC 3046 BLK 24, H&TC/ NE CANNON SUR., A-904 9500', 20 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-36107

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Reagan County

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Upton County

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SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1010 CINDY A, 467 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 42 T5S, T&P/WJ HARDEN SUR., A-747 11200', 31 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40255

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Andrews County

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LAKEWOOD ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC, NOLLEY (ELLEN) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 APF SWD, 810 FEL 445 FSL, SEC 315, PARMER CSL SUR., A-965 14000', 12 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47301

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Culberson County

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Ector County

BVX OPERATING, INC., MARTIN (CONS) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 JE PARKER 20, 990 FWL 1650 FNL, SEC 20 BLK 44 T2S, T&P/B HIGGINS SUR., A-1104 9000', 5 NW PENWELL API# 42-135-40776

OXY USA WTP LP, S COWDEN (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3 CROSS C, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 44 BLK 43 T2S, T&P/AC BARD SUR., A-636 5000', 9 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-32049

Glasscock County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HS GLASS 18-7 UNIT, 1800 FNL 2272 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ LG HILLGER SUR., A-995 12000', 2 NE ST. LAWRENCE API# 42-173-37304

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Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H HUGHES & TALBOT 75-20, 330 FNL 330 FNL, SEC 20 BLK 75, PSL/LM JONES SUR., A-394 13000', 19 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32816

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SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H GALAPAGOS 53-2-37 LOV UNIT B, 2425 FNL 1224 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 53 T2, T&P SUR., A-38 12000', 8 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32782

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Martin County

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PRIME OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H SCHENIECKER 1813 B, 2084 FSL 1716 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 36 T1N, T&P/ JW WOOLDRIDGE SUR., A-860 10000', 10 SW TARZAN API# 42-317-40349

Midland County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 169H CASSELMAN 8, 609 FNL 997 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-249 9350', 10 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40692

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 165H CASSELMAN 8, 581 FNL 1029 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-249 9350', 10 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40689

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 175H CASSELMAN 8, 550 FNL 1000 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-249 9350', 10 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40690

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 16HA MIDLAND AC/AF FEE 16, 270 FSL 2611 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-205 11000', 13 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40706

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 15HA MIDLAND AC/AF FEE 15, 270 FSL 2630 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-205 11000', 13 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40705

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 14HA MIDLAND AC/AF FEE 14, 270 FSL 2597 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-205 11000', 13 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40707

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SUPER SOUTHWEST UNIT 5, 2165 FWL 1637 FSL, SEC 5 BLK 37 T3S, T&P SUR., A-130 12000', 4 SW SPRABERRY API# 42-329-40705

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD, W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3909 FEE AW, 2310 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 40 T1N, T&P SUR., A-418 12000', 11 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40713

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3902H TEXAS TEN Y PU, 1329 FWL 350 FNL, SEC 39 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-325 10500', 7 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40711

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3901H TEXAS TEN Y PU, 350 FNL 1284 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-325 10500', 7 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40710

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3903H TEXAS TEN Y PU, 1374 FWL 350 FNL, SEC 39 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-325 10500', 7 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40712

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1518H DONALD L HUTT FEE, 360 FNL 285 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-94 10500', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40709

Pecos County

FLAMINGO OPER., LLC, LEON VALLEY (OBRIEN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 18 STATE UNIVERSITY A&D, 1650 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 27, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., AU286 2815', 3 SW FT STOCKTON API# 42-371-36156

FLAMINGO OPER., LLC, LEON VALLEY (OBRIEN) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 16 STATE UNIVERSITY A&D, 330 FNL 2310 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 27, UL SUR., A-U286 2817', 3 SW FT STOCKTON API# 42-371-35534

SAMSON EXPLORATION, LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BALBO SOUTHEAST UNIT, 2205 FEL 2214 FSL, SEC 43 BLK 49 T8S, T&P SUR., A-967 12000', 26 NW FT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39376

Reeves County

BRIGHAM RES. OPER., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H JOY 13, 250 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 13 BLK C2, PSL/JF LLOYD SUR., A-1242 16000', 28 NW FT STOCKTON API# 42-389-35110

RING ENERGY, INC., W FORD DRILL (INJ) Well# 3 FORD WEST 25 SWD, 2635 FEL 330 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 58 T1S, T&P SUR., A-645 4000', 47 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35109

RING ENERGY, INC., W FORD DRILL (INJ) Well# 6 FORD WEST 25 SWD, 330 FEL 2691 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 58 T1S, T&P SUR., A-645 4000', 47 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35107

RING ENERGY, INC., W FORD DRILL (INJ) Well# 5 FORD WEST 25 SWD, 456 FEL 389 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 58 T1S, T&P SUR., A-645 4000', 47 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35108

RING ENERGY, INC., W FORD DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 FORD WEST 31 SWD, 2117 FWL 2266 FNL, SEC 31 BLK 57 T1S, T&P SUR., A-610 4000', 47 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35106

Sterling County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SW CONGER (WLFCMP) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 14 STERLING G FEE, 1669 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 31 T5S, T&P SUR., A-554 8160', 15 SW STERLING CITY API# 42-431-31698

Ward County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 14H HB MORRISON, 446 FSWL 2578 FSEL, SEC 93 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-224 11500', 20 E PECOS API# 42-475-37052

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 13H HB MORRISON, 458 FSWL 2616 FSEL, SEC 93 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-224 11500', 20 E PECOS API# 42-475-37051

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11H HB MORRISON, 400 FSWL 919 FNWL, SEC 93 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-224 11500', 20 E PECOS API# 42-475-37054

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12H HB MORRISON, 400 FSWL 959 FNWL, SEC 93 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-224 11500', 20 E PECOS API# 42-475-37055

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Cochran County

A.C.T. OPERATING COMPANY, LEVELLAND (O) DRILL Well# 6 BENSON (JD), 490 FSL 440 FEL, SEC 135, ARMSTRONG CSL SUR., A-106 4950', 6 E BLEDSOE API# 42-079-33335

Gaines County

FORGE ENERGY, LLC, DEMPSEY CREEK (SA) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1W WFM RANCH 18, 330 FSL 890 FWL, SEC 18 BLK A28, PSL/W TERRY SUR., A-1991 8000', 31 NW ANDREWS API# 42-165-38357

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, ROBERTSON (ELLEN) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 TM SWD, 519 FSL 409 FEL, SEC 3 BLK A28, PSL/EQ DANIEL SUR., A-1851 10500', 24 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38356

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 606 WASSON ODC UNIT, 880 FSL 875 FEL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-32572

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 734 WASSON ODC UNIT, 90 FSL 365 FWL, SEC 804 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-490 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-35021

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 602 WASSON ODC UNIT, 1075 FSL 928 FWL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-32577

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O) (RECOMP) Well# 603 WASSON ODC UNIT, 867 FSL 1768 FWL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-32562

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O) (RECOMP) Well# 604 WASSON ODC UNIT, 880 FSL 2626 FEL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-32571

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 819 WASSON ODC UNIT, 582 FSL 801 FWL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-35657

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 821 WASSON ODC UNIT, 399 FSL 836 FEL, SEC 803 BLK D, JOHN H GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36655

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 605 WASSON ODC UNIT, 840 FSL 1745 FEL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-32563

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 198 WASSON ODC UNIT, 436 FSL 436 FWL, SEC 804 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-490 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-01226

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O) (RECOMP) Well# 655 WASSON ODC UNIT, 990 FSL 110 FWL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 3 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-34065

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O) (RECOMP) Well# 732 WASSON ODC UNIT, 90 FSL 2417 FWL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 3 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-35019

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 820 WASSON ODC UNIT, 582 FSL 2557 FEL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36656

RILEY EXPL. OPG CO, LLC, PLATANG (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2XH WESTERN SKIES 600-645, 235 FSL 1714 FEL, SEC 581 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ A DAVIS SUR., A-320 5350', 13 NW DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36653

New Mexico

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp.
Smithers Fed #1
Round Tank; Sec 27 T15S R28E; 1650/S & 2310/E; 16 mi SE Hagerman; Rot 3400 San Andres; API #30-005-64291

Mack Energy Corp.
London Federal #1
Round Tank; Sec 23 T15S R29E; 2310/S & 990/E; 15 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 3950 San Andres; API #30-005-64292

Mack Energy Corp.
London Federal #2
Round Tank; Sec 23 T15S R29E; 990/S & 990/E; 16 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 3950 San Andres; API #30-005-64293

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Jenkins B Fed Com #23
Loco Hills; Sec 19 t17S R30E; 1650/N & 60/E; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 10006 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-43656

COG Operating LLC
Jenkins B Fed Com #21
Loco Hills; Sec 20 T17S R30E; 455/N & 150/W; 1 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 9750 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-43655

COG Operating LLC
Clydesdale 1 Fee #5
Penasco Draw; Sec 1 T19S R29E; 2135/S & 150/E; 5 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7559 San Andres Yeso; API #30-015-43659

COG Operating LLC
Clydesdale 1 Fee #7
Penasco Draw; Sec 1 T19S R29E; 990/S & 150/E; 5 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7566 San Andres Yeso; API #30-015-43660

Matador Production Co.
Zack McCormick Com 18-24S-29E #1
NW Pierce Crossing; Sec 18 T24S R29E; 716/N & 380/W; 3 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12000 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43654

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Cheroot BPF St Com #2
North Hay Hollow; Sec 3 T25S R27E; 760/S & 330/E; 5 mi SE Black River; Rot 12159 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43657

Cimarex Energy Corp.
Cottonberry 20 Fed #4
Undesignated; Sec 20 T25S R27E; 330/N & 700/E; 6 mi SE Black River; Rot 11762 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43658

Mewbourne Oil Co.
DEVON 6 W2AD Fee #1
Sulphate Draw; Sec 6 T25S R28E; 440/N & 1885/E; 5 1/2 mi SW Malaga; Rot 15050 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43661

Lea County

Nadel & Gussman Permian LLC
Scarecrow 34 Federal Com #3
Querecho Plains; Sec 34 T18S R32E; 2210/S & 330/W; 10 mi N Hallway; Rot 13908 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43094

Occidental Permian Ltd.
South Hobbs G/SA Unit #264
Hobbs; Sec 4 T19S R38E; 1957/S & 929/W; 1/2 mi S Hobbs; Rot 5200 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-43096

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Las Unit #37
Las; Sec 24 T20S R34E; 2270/S & 1480/E; 13 mi E Halfway; Rot 18369 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43092

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Las Unit #40
Las; Sec 24 T20S R34E; 2270/S & 610/E; 13 mi E Halfway; Rot 18310 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43093

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Mesa 8105 JV-P #9
Jennings; Sec 12 T26S R32E; 330/N & 470/W; 14 mi SW Monument; Rot 14103 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43079

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 14 Fed P7 #3
Jennings; Sec 15 T26S R32E; 215/S & 696/E; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13793 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43086

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 14 Fed 17 #4
Jennings; Sec 14 T26S R32E; 215/S & 648/E; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13805 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43087

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 23 Fed P7 #3
Jennings; Sec 14 T26S R32E; 215/S & 673/E; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14078 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43088

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 23 Fed P7 #4
Jennings; Sec 14 T26S R32E; 215/S & 623/E; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14084 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43089

Oxy USA Inc.
Mammoth 1 Federal #1
SW Jabalina; Sec 1 T26S R34E; 220/S & 380/E; 8 mi S Ochoa; Rot 13635 Delaware; API #30-025-43095

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Reagan County

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Barbee #482AS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 840 fsl, 1980 fwl, Sec 48, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 1070, T&P RR, 16.2 se Garden City; TD 7177 TVD, 16460 MD; Comp 3/17/2016; producing from 7830 -16347, fracture stimulated; flow 883 BO, 307 MCF, 579 BW on open choke, FTP 90 psi; Oil Gravity; API #42-173-37181

Midland County

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "AW" #3912
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1650 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 39, Blk 40, T-1-N, Abst. 48, T&P RR, 11 nw Midland; TD 11525; Comp 3/16/2016; producing from 8428 -11326, fracture stimulated; pump 114 BO, 165 MCF, 362 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-40593

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "AW" #3916
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 39, Blk 40, T-1-N, Abst. 48, T&P RR, 11 nw Midland; TD 11476; Comp 3/23/2016; producing from 8360 -11300, fracture stimulated; pump 97 BO, 72 MCF, 256 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-40601

PPC Operating Company LLC
Azalea Grayburg Unit #210
Azalea (Grayburg); 990 fsl, 2887 fel, Sec 55, Abst. 1002, J.L. Veazey, 6 e Midland; TD 4300; Comp 3/16/2016; producing from 4094 -4085, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 17 BO, 370 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-40588

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Beech 25 Federal #11
Red Lake; Sec 25 T17S R27E; 581/S & 237/W, BHL: 905/S & 1710/E; EL 3258? GL, TD 7100 MD, 3946 TVD, PBTD 7019 MD; Spud 7-6-15, Comp 8-19-15; production is through treated perfs: 4166-6099. Treat: Acdz w/30,683 gals 15% HCL. Frac w/1,105,482 gals gel, 110,926 gals WF RS, 95,164 gals trt wtr, 2,207,522# 20/40 white sd, 462,166# 20/40 CRC. IP: 8-22-15 Pump 24 hrs 266 BO, 14194 BW, 1413 MCF, GOR 786, Gty 39.4, Cag: 13 3/8 @ 360 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1016 w/450 sx, 7 @ 3239 w/1100 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3239-7067, 2 7/8 @ 3456; API #30-015-43176

Apache Corp.
Raven Federal #17
Cedar Lake; Sec 7 T17S R31E; 662/N & 1000/E, BHL: 859/N & 334/W; EL 3746 GL, TD 8772, PBTD 8772; Spud 5-11-15, Comp 12-22-15; production is through perfs: 5767-8758. IP: 12-22-15 Pump 24 hrs 23 BO, 1728 BW, 21 MCF, Cag: 13 3/8 @ 415 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3512 w/1400 sx, 7 @ 4900 @ 5 1/2 @ 8767 w/750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5444; API #30-015-40914

COG Operating LLC
Stonewall 9 Fee #8
Atoka; Sec 9 T19S R26E; 150/S & 2310/W, BHL: 354/N & 2172/W; EL 3354 GR, TD 7734, PBTD 7709; Spud 5-10-15, Comp 6-30-15; production is through treated perfs: 3345-7691. Treat: Acdz 14 stages w/54,460 gals 15% HCL. Frac w/1,855,639 gals gel, 86,661 gals Water Frac RS, 48,263 gals Water Frac R3, 141,915 gals trt wtr, 4,168,780# 20/40 white sd, 654,650# 20/40 RCS. IP: 7-17-15 Pump 24 hrs 135 BO, 1800 BW, 35 MCF, GOR 259, Gty 37.4, Cag: 8 5/8 @ 1219 w/1250 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7734 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2706; API #30-015-42952

COG Operating LLC
Stonewall 9 Fee #8
Atoka; Sec 9 T19S R26E; 156/S & 425/E, BHL: 353/N & 365/E; EL 3338 GR, TD 7903, PBTD 7890; Spud 6-11-15, Comp 7-16-15; production is through treated perfs: 3471-7850. Treat: Acdz 14 stages w/54,560 gals 15% HCL. Frac w/1,870,215 gals gel, 104,664 gals WaterFrac R9, 51,782 gals Water Frac R3, 130,573 gals trt wtr, 4,138,981# 20/40 white sd, 652,846# 20/40 CRC. IP: 8-5-15 Pump 24 hrs 33 BO, 1756 BW, 78 MCF, GOR 2303, Gty 35.5, Cag: 8 5/8 @ 1223 w/1360 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7903 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2915; API #30-015-42953

Matador Production Co.
Scott Walker 36-22-27 RB #204
Wildcat; Sec 12 T22S R27E; 330/S & 240/W, BHL: 734/S & 231/E; EL 3076 GL, TD 13760 MD, 9380 TVD; Spud 6-28-15, Comp 9-13-15; production is through treated perfs: 9547-13615. Treat: 8,123,800# 100 mesh & 30/50 sd. IP: 9-29-15 Flow 24 hrs 354 Bo, 2243 BW, 899 MCF, 32/64" Ch, CP 1100, GOR 2536, Gty 46.1. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 570 w/586 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2390 w/710 sx, 7 @ 9410 w/802 sx, 4 1/2 @ 13760 w/478 sx; API #30-015-43162

Mewbourne Oil Co.
FNR Federal Com 17/20 B2JO #1
Forty Niner Ridge; Sec 17 T23S R30E; 2630/S & 1655/E, BHL: Sec 20 330/S & 1939/E; EL 3216 GL, TD 16805 MD, 9314 TVD, PBTS 16605 MD, 9314 TVD; Spud 8-23-15, Comp 10-21-15; production is through treated perfs: 9500-16272. Treat: 8,638,457 gals slickwater carrying 8,094,280# 100 mesh sd & 3,832,400# 30/50 white sd. IP: 10-26-15 Flow 24 hrs 560 BO, 1513 BW, 545 MCF, 26/64" Ch, TP 900, CP 1975, GOR 973, Gty 43.5. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 425 w/177 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3569 w/1000 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16272 w/2000 sx, 2 7/8 @

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The lecture will examine and illuminate current issues and imperatives that drive us to vote a particular way in the upcoming general elections. We will discuss political party platform positions and goals, along with the proposed means to achieve them.

The DLS will take place on Thursday April 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM. It will be held at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N FM 1788, Midland, TX 79707. Bob Brescia, Executive Director of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute and Pat Canty, Publisher of the Odessa American will co-moderate the panel. The event is free and open to the public – no tickets or reservations required.

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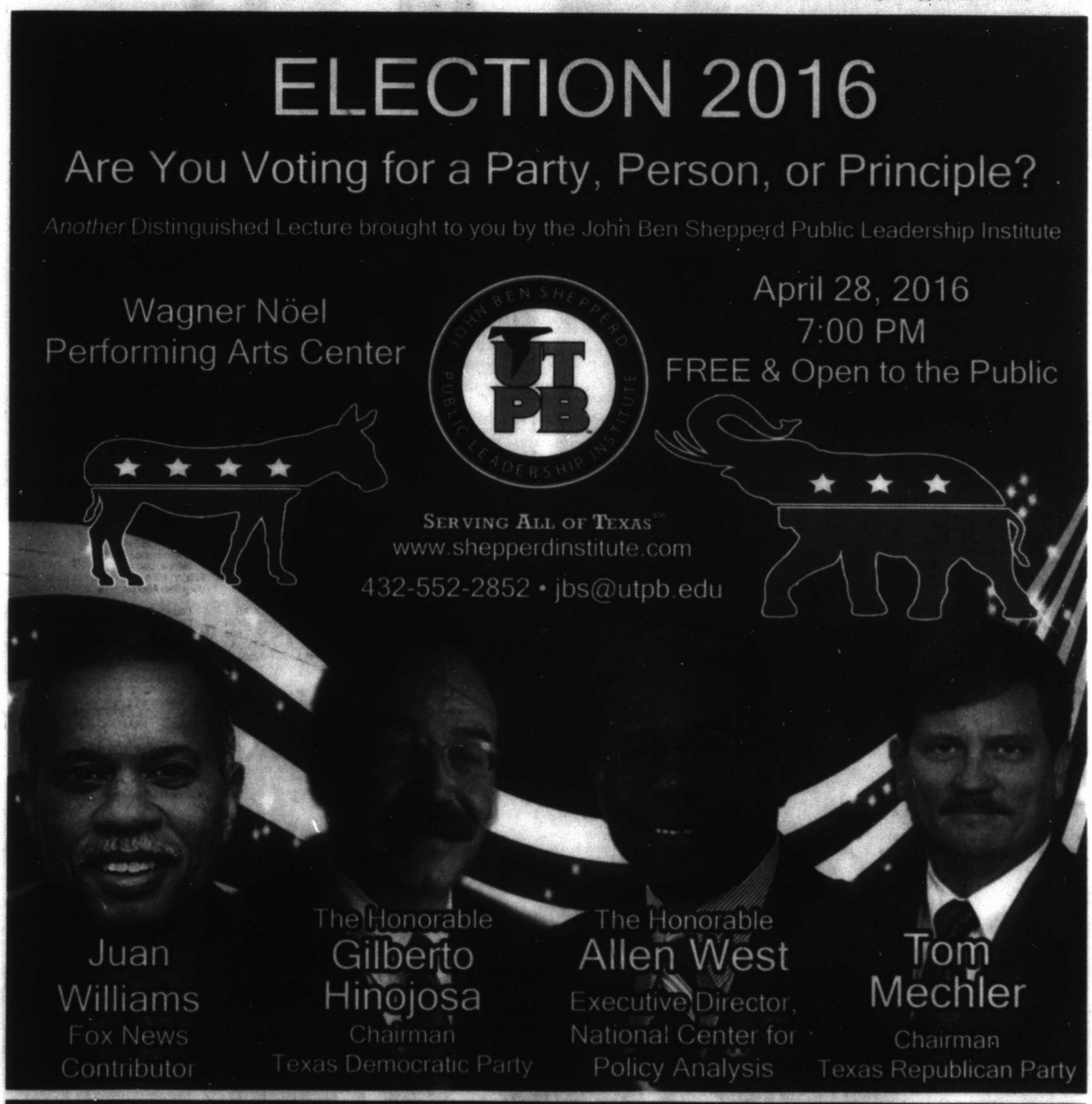

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Lea County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #958
Hobbs; Sec 19 T18S R38E; 1929/N & 741/E; EL 3650.8 GR, TD 4635, PBTD 4579; Spud 5-4-15, Comp 6-17-15; production is through treated perfs: 4218-4490. Treat: Acdz w/6360 gals 15% NEFE. IP: 6-19-15 Pump 24 hrs 30 BO, 2069 BW, 0 MCF, Gty 32.4. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 1577 w/630 sx, 7 @ 4623 w/770 x, 2 7/8 @ 4122; API #30-025-42454

Matador Production Co.
Hibiscus 08 19 35 RN State Com #124
Scharb; Sec 5 T19S R35E; 200/S & 352/E. BHL: Sec 8 262/S & 364/E; EL 3849 GR, TD 15,187 MD, 10,185 TVD, PBTD 15176; Spud 10-7-15, Comp 11-30-15; production is through treated perfs: 10672-14985. Treat: 11,139,420# sd. IP: 1-9-16 Flow 24 hrs 101 BO, 556 BW, 57 MCF, 40/64" ch, TP 165, GOR 564, Gty 36.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1850 w/1548 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1563 w/988 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15178 w/2475 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9817; API #30-025-42502

COG Operating LLC
Queso State #6
Triste Draw; Sec 36 T23S R32E; 373/S & 280/E. BHL: 333/N & 386/E; EL 3639 GR, TD 13945, PBTD 13895; Spud 9-17-15, Comp 12-11-15; production is through treated perfs: 9779-13795, 13845-13855. Treat: Acdz w/83244 gals 71/2%, Frac w/807485# sd & 7663614 gals Fluid. IP: 1-6-16 Flow 24 hrs 771 BO, 1987 BW, 1079 MCF, 41/64" Ch, TP 640, CP 350. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1263 w/900 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5053 w/1450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13945 w/2200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9129; API #30-025-42741

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Black Mamba 15 State Com #8
Brinninstool; Sec 10 T23S R33E; 460/S & 760/E. BHL: 330/S & 656/E; EL 3651.3 GL, TD 16,100 MD, 10,798 TVD, PBTD 16,052; Spud 8-24-15, Comp 1-7-16; production is through treated perfs: 11520-16045. Treat: Frac w/16,191 gals 15% HCL acid, 3,450,00# 40/70 white & 3,207,000# 30/50 white. IP: 1-18-16 Flow 24 hrs 328 BO, 1387 BW, 463 MCF, TP 1025, CP 75, GOR 1411.585. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1446 w/1843 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5105 w/1430 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16100 w/2555 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10335; API #30-025-42630

EOG Resources Inc.
Dragon 36 State #704
Wildcat; Sec 36 T24S R33E; 656/S & 1656/W. BHL: 230/N & 1553/W; EL 3483 GL, TD 17296 MD, 12457 TVD, PBTD 17189; Spud 8-19-15, Comp 11-25-15; production is through perfs: 12792-17189. IP: 12-6-15 Flow 24 hrs 1628 BO, 3191 BW, 2981 MCF, 64 Ch, CP 682. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 1275 w/775 sx, 7 5/8 @ 10801 w/715 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17296 w/700 sx; API #30-025-42657

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