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GUEST VIEW

Exploration in the Permian Basin is changing the world

If you think there is something going on in West Texas, you may be underestimating how important oil and gas exploration has been in the Permian Basin and how much it is changing the world.

Two data points should suffice to underscore just what is happening. In recent days, federal officials released the earth-shattering news that for the first time in 75 years, the United States became a net exporter of oil. In other words, we now ship more of the black gold overseas than we import. The importance of that is we — the United States — now have the upper hand over the oil-autocratic regimes of the world.

The second data point is connected to the first. The United States is now the largest oil producer in the world. If you think the trade deficit matters, consider these data points will reduce it. And if you think it matters whether we boost our GDP, produce jobs at home, and gain influence for spreading the rule of law and open markets, you should celebrate both of these data points.

And the timing of the news from the Energy Information Administration couldn't be more fun. OPEC was meeting to decide whether to cut production in order to boost prices.

OPEC members struggled (earlier this month) to agree on production cuts, but eventually announced a deal. Oil prices rose. But by Monday, much of those gains vanished as investors worried about a supply glut.

If OPEC cuts production, the cartel risks losing market share to the U.S., where production is amping up. And, as we saw (recently), the move might not have the desired effect on prices. That's because new technology, including fracturing and horizontal drilling, allows U.S. oil producers to draw enormous volumes of oil out of mature oil fields.

And those fields hold a lot of oil. News also broke (recently) of a U.S. Geological Survey report showing West Texas' Delaware Basin contains twice as much oil as the nearby Midland Basin. The Delaware Basin side of the Permian is the largest continuous oil assessment the government has ever released.

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GETTING TO WORK



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Seth Herman, center, who was named Midland Police Department chief on Friday, talks to community members during a cookout at Mount Moriah Disciples of Christ Church on Aug. 11. Herman was interim chief at the time of the event, which was an opportunity for members of MPD to interact with residents.

New police chief has opportunity to move department forward

By Stewart Doreen
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There new chief of Midland Police Department doesn't have too long to bask in the glory of his latest promotion.

The reality won't allow it for Seth Herman.

Herman told the Reporter-Telegram on Friday that he takes over a department facing a shortage of more than 40 people. He said a police academy graduating class will reduce that number by 11, but there is work to be done for the department that has been without a permanent chief for almost nine months.

That work includes hiring three deputy police chiefs. Before being named interim chief in April, Herman was a deputy police chief in charge of the investigative services bureau. The other two deputy chiefs retired at the beginning of the year.

"Now, those decisions can be made, and we can continue to move forward," Herman said. "As the interim (police

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Midland retailers navigate increased sales, staffing needs

By Simone Jasper
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With the giving season underway, several Midland stores are generating higher-than-usual sales. While some small businesses report challenges with staffing, they have found ways to bring employees on board.

At her gift store, Beverly Vaughan said staff work additional hours during the fourth quarter to provide services. Though she thinks it's hard to find employees in the local job market, she said The Ivy Cottage makes do.

"We just rely on friends and family to help us through it," said Vaughan, co-owner of the North Big Spring Street retailer.

The business has an additional five seasonal workers for this time of year, which corresponds with The Ivy Cottage's busiest period.

Across town, December is usually a slow month at Found Furnishings. Co-owner Kristen Covington said the Andrews Highway store has experienced gradual growth and is facing its busiest holiday season since opening in 2014.

"A lot of times, people forget about small businesses at this time of year," she said. "They just want to go to the mall and get it done."

The store sells home décor and furniture, including vintage and repurposed pieces. She notices Midlanders show support for small businesses, noting those purchases keep money locally. Also, she thinks the growing economy makes people consider putting down roots.

The holiday season comes as the Texas Workforce Commission reports the Midland metropolitan statistical area's jobless rate is 2.1 percent, the lowest in the state. The Tall City's gas prices and apartment rents also top other Texas cities.

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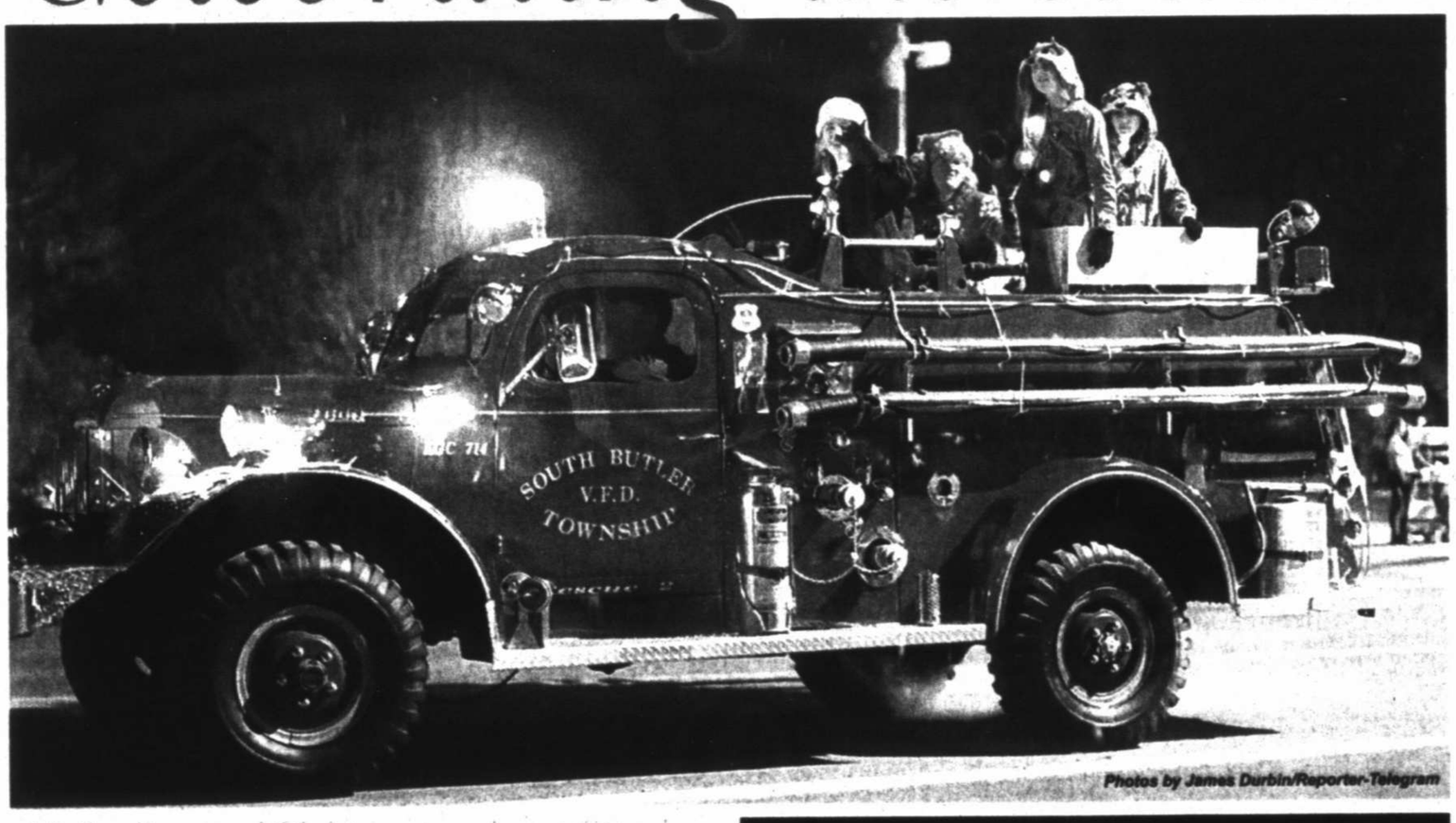
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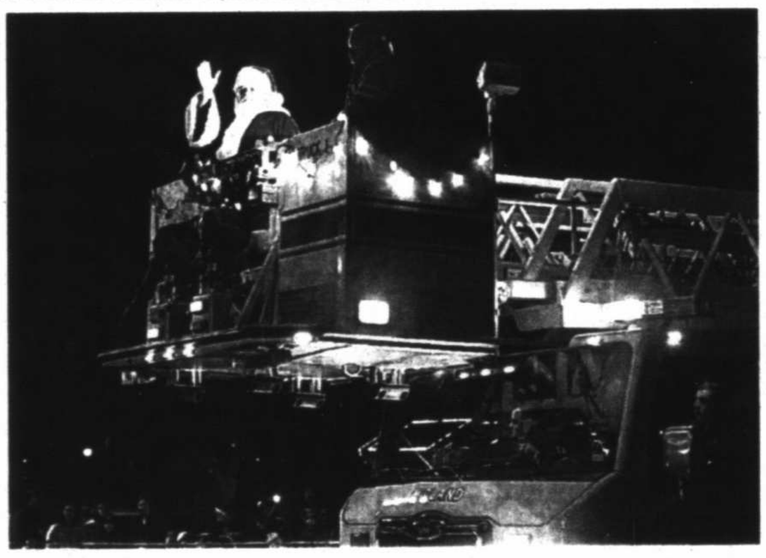
Celebrating the season



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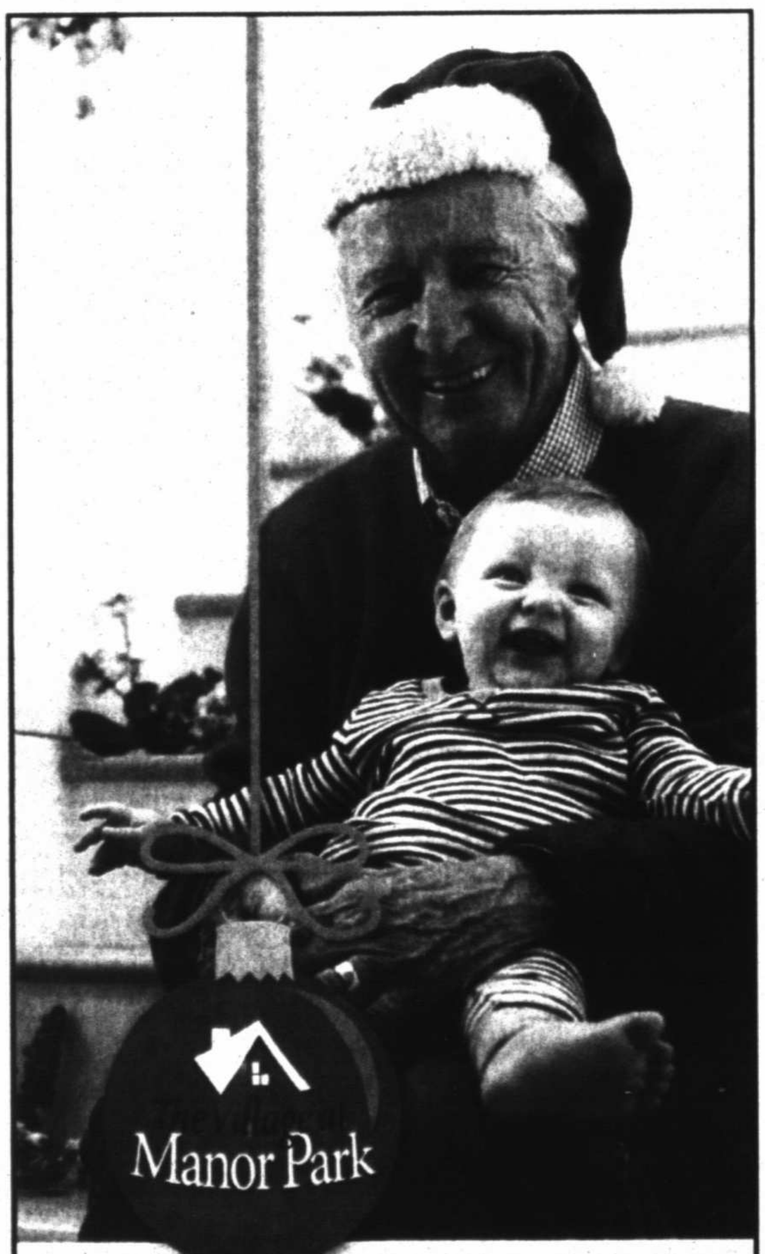
Midland's annual Christmas parade was Saturday.





ABOVE AND BELOW: The San Jacinto and Alamo Junior High marching bands perform during Midland's annual Christmas parade





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Monday, December 24, 2018

5:00 P.M. Children's Christmas Mass
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8:00 P.M. Vigil Mass of Christmas – Bi-lingual
Preceded by Carols at 7:30 P.M.

11:00 P.M. Choral Christmas Eucharist
Preceded by Carols with combined Choirs & Brass at 10:30 P.M.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

This date in Midland

On Dec. 16, 2000, Lee defeated Austin Westlake, 33-21, in Austin's Royal/Memorial Stadium to claim its third-straight Class 5A state football championship.

Things to do

Today

■ "Jim Henson's Holiday Special," 1 and 4 p.m., Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $9.05. fathom-events.com.

■ Miss Cayce's Santa Experience, 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m., Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway. $40. misscayceschristmas.com.

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

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

■ "Elf," 2:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

■ MOSC Chamber Series: "Silverbells and Tumbleweeds" with the Lone Star Brass, 3 p.m., Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

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

■ Slow Yoga Flow: Stevie Wonder Edition, 4:30 p.m., Lacy J. Pilates and Fitness Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. $5. lacyjpilates.com.

■ Night in Bethlehem, 5-7 p.m., First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave.

■ Drumline Live Holiday Spectacular, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35.50-$75. wagnernoel.com.

■ Brian Wilson presents "The Christmas Album Live" with Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $55-$125. VIP packages $255-$504. wagnernoel.com.

Tuesday

■ Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series: Christmas Music Celebration, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 W. Free. pbpetro.org.

■ Merry-achi Christmas with Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $29.50-$49.50 wagnernoel.com.

Wednesday

The Ten Tenors: "Home for the Holidays" benefiting the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $23-$68. MOSC.org.

Saturday and Dec. 23

■ The Eighty-Eights Dueling Pianos Show, 9 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. $40-$60.

■ "The Nutcracker" by Midland Festival Ballet, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 23, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $20-$59. midlandfestivalballet.org.

Meetings this week

MISD
5:30 p.m. Monday
Carver Center
133 E. Wall St.

Go Rangers go



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Greenwood basketball players react during the game Thursday against Andrews at Greenwood High School.

Lottery

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

Daily 4 morning: 1-0-9-6
Daily 4 day: 5-8-6-0
Daily 4 evening: 8-2-8-4
Pick 3 morning: 2-3-3
Pick 3 day: 9-3-7
Pick 3 evening: 2-5-4

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

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Weather

Saturday's temperatures

High	64
Low	25
Normal high	58
Normal low	31

Dec. 15's records
Record high: 81, set in 2010
Record low: 11, set in 1997

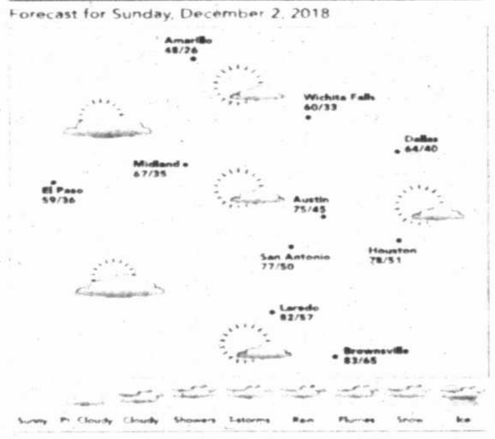
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Friday	0.00
Saturday	0.00
Month total	0.80 in
Year total	17.47 in
Normal total (year to date)	14.30 in

Winds
Average speed: 6 mph
Highest speed: 18 mph
Highest gust speed: 20 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Sunday, December 2, 2018



High: 63
Low: 38
Conditions: Partly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night
Winds: 5 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None

Sunrise 7:42 a.m.
Sunset 5:46 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018:**
This year you might not be as generous as you have been in the past. You feel a need for more self-discipline in your life. At times, you will return to your overindulgent ways. If you are single, several people would like to be involved with you. Before diving right in, test the waters first. If you are attached, be easy on your sweetie as he or she adjusts to your need for more discipline. Schedule more one-on-one time together. ARIES shows you the path to a great time!

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You communicate your thoughts easily. Nevertheless, you can't seem to say "no" to an older person's demands. You need to accept responsibility and pitch in. Because of your efforts, you will be more tired than usual. Schedule a nap to recharge. **Tonight:** Go for what you want.
This Week: Use Monday and Thursday for high-priority matters.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might not be able to connect with someone at a distance; however, you are not likely to stop trying. To evoke a response, perhaps you should try another technique. Make this Sunday one of R and R. Very soon, you might not have much time to yourself. **Tonight:** Do your thing.
This Week: You could feel less than great until Tuesday, when you will accomplish a lot.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on a friendship that you often forget to nurture; treat this person with as much regard as you feel for him or her. A close associate might not be open to sharing his or her thoughts and ideas with you. Give this person some space for now. **Tonight:** Eye a potential trip.
This Week: Play the waiting game until Thursday, when you can go for what you want.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★ You have a take-charge attitude that might not always be received positively. Enjoy an older friend who often seems uptight. You might note that you have too much energy for this person. At some point, take a brisk walk to tame your energy level. **Tonight:** Out and about with friends.
This Week: Your serious attitude helps you successfully pursue various objectives.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Detach and take an overview. You might be a little tired, but your mind seems to be working overtime. Use this moment to return calls, rethink your position in a potential conflict and go over some last-minute holiday details. **Tonight:** Still, make it an early night.
This Week: Do some research before taking action.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating generally proves to be rewarding; however, you might be concerned about some tension that seems to exist between you and a loved one. A positive discussion opens a new possibility that you had hoped for. **Tonight:** Rather than playing coy, be authentic.
This Week: Know that you do not want to make the first move.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be surprised by a partner's assertiveness. You cannot get past a barrier that seems to loom around your domestic life. You would like to air out the problem. Your communication skills will carry you past this barrier. **Tonight:** Keep it light and easy.
This Week: Respond to others until Thursday, then take off — at least mentally.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Understand what is happening between you and a sibling, relative or neighbor. You might feel as though this person has copped an attitude for no good reason. A gesture or a token of affection might help ease the situation. **Tonight:** Clear out some errands before calling it a night.
This Week: Others come to you for advice.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ No one dislikes being financially tight more than you do. As you consider last-minute gifts, try being more imaginative and giving out handmade items. You can offer a homemade dinner or whatever else might please the other party. **Tonight:** Get into the spirit of the moment.
This Week: Work hard, but also play hard.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might make someone uncomfortable because you seem remote or distant. You may need some quiet time by yourself to relax and get away from the stress of the holidays. A family member could approach you hesitantly but with care. **Tonight:** Stay home and read a good book.
This Week: Break past a self-imposed restriction.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might not be as joyous as your friends are, but you still could enjoy going out or meeting others for lunch or dinner. You could feel overwhelmed by everything you need to do. A loved one who senses the problem offers to pitch in. **Tonight:** Catch up on a friend's news.
This Week: Speak your mind, but be ready to deal with the responses you receive.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might not be aware of how possessive or materialistic you can be at times. Slow down; look at what you're doing about the holidays, the parties and the gifts. An older family member exhibits a great deal of understanding about your feelings. **Tonight:** At a favorite place.
This week: Give yourself time to mull over the ramifications of a heavy statement.

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Author Jane Austen (1775), composer Ludwig van Beethoven (1770), musician Billy Gibbons (1949)

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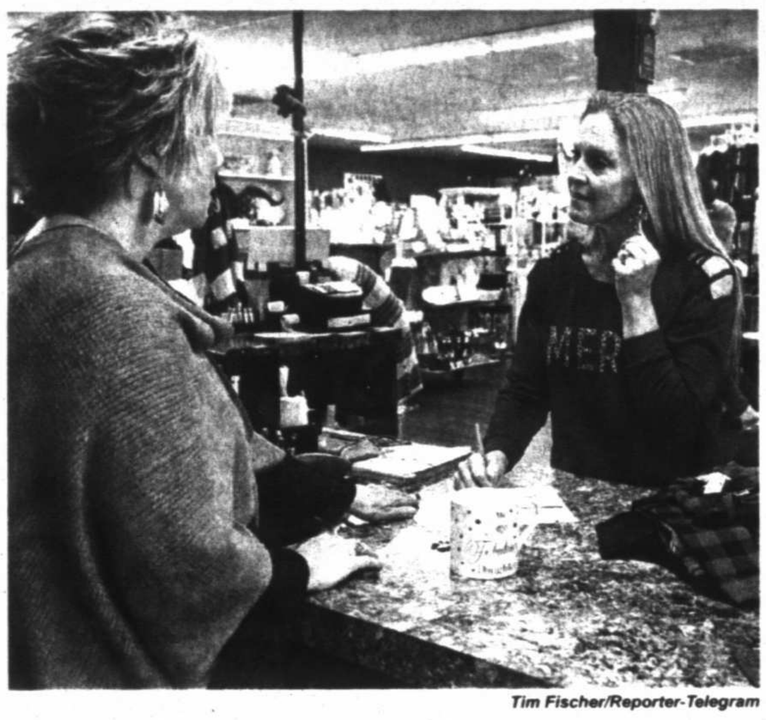
At Occasions Fine Jewelry, Todd Huckaba said people often make purchases for special moments and tend to spend more on them when the economy picks up. While the store didn't add staff during the holidays, it prepared employees who were hired at other times of the year.

"Training qualified people is one of the things that we count as a key to our success," said Huckaba, sales manager at the West Loop 250 business. "To do that in a place where they can easily obtain other gainful or more gainful employment, it can be challenging."

To attract workers, Huckaba said Occasions Fine Jewelry pays above scale and offers stability. He said sales are going well, and the bulk of his season comes within the next few days. The busy period for another business came in October and November. Miss Cayce's Christmas Store on Andrews Highway has experienced traffic from customers who are new to the area, according to co-owner Becky McCraney.

While first-timers have led to an increase in sales, McCraney also said loyal customers have spent more in the midst of local economic growth. To fulfill in-store needs and holiday decorating jobs, the business starts hiring in the summer.

"We have not had a problem staffing because we are such a fun place to work," said McCraney, whose store employs about 50 people.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Betsy Pollock, co-owner of Ivy Cottage, shows off her earrings Friday as she helps check-out Shaye Laner.

Texas economy poised to grow for an extended period



M. RAY PERRYMAN
The Economist

The Texas economy has been among the fastest-growing in the nation for a number of years. With more major corporate relocations and expansions than any other state, Texas is expected to continue to outperform most areas. Here is a look at key patterns affecting performance and a summary of my latest long-term forecast.

The United States is currently in the process of negotiating or renegotiating several vital trade agreements. The fewer impediments to trade, the better the Texas economy will perform. About $1 of every $6 of U.S. trade is from Texas; the future of trade and the future of Texas are inextricably linked.

Long-term demographic trends indicate that labor shortages will remain an issue in the future. While Texas is certainly not immune to the overall trend, the state's population is significantly younger than the nation as a whole, and over time, this youth will provide an edge in terms of worker availability. The degree to which this workforce is prepared with quality educational programs (from public school through post-graduate) and needed training will determine the extent to which this advantage is realized.

Some of the most prolific oil-producing regions in the country are in Texas, including the enormous Permian Basin. Current estimates indicate that recoverable reserves are far larger than the amounts produced to date, and production will likely expand rapidly in the near future. Billions are being invested in pipelines and infrastructure ranging from natural gas liquefaction trains to petrochemical plants and port facilities. Energy industries will remain a driver of long-term prosperity in the state.

The Perryman Group's long-term forecast for the Texas economy indicates growth in real gross product at a 3.21 percent annual pace, leading to an increase from almost $1.7 trillion in 2017 to over $4 trillion in 2045. Approximately 7.2 million net new jobs will be generated over the period, a 1.62 percent annual rate of increase which leads to a 2045 total level of employment of 19.8 million.

The largest numbers of net new jobs are projected to be generated within the services and wholesale and retail trade segments, with strong hiring also expected in mining. Real gross product (output) expansion will likely be concentrated in services, manufacturing, and mining.

The Texas economy is well-positioned for healthy expansion over an extended time horizon. Business cycles are inevitable, and the state is facing challenges such as the need for additional infrastructure, water, safety net and education investment. Nonetheless, Texas is likely to remain among the strongest states for job creation and economic growth for the foreseeable future. If we make enlightened policy decisions, it can be even better.

M. Ray Perryman is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group.

Virgin Galactic reaches suborbital space for first time

By Samantha Masunaga
Los Angeles Times

MOJAVE — Virgin Galactic reached suborbital space for the first time in a test flight Thursday, bringing Richard Branson's company closer to flying its customers beyond Earth's atmosphere.

Thursday was the fourth time VSS Unity fired up its rocket motor and flew on its own power after being released from the belly of a larger, twin-fuselage carrier airplane. The space plane reached a maximum altitude of 271,268 feet, or 51.4 miles, above the Earth, the company said.

Capping its hourlong journey, the space plane landed back on the runway at the Mojave Air and Space Port in front of a jubilant crowd. During post-flight speeches, one Virgin Galactic employee proposed to his girlfriend, offering her an engagement ring that had just taken the ride to suborbital space. She said yes.

Branson, a British billionaire, acknowledged the exultation as well as some heartbreak. "It's been 14 hard years," he said in a speech to the crowd. "We've had tears and joy. People have literally put their lives on the line to get us here. This day is as much for them as it is for all of us."

Thursday marked the latest step in Virgin Galactic's long test-flight campaign that restarted in September 2016, almost two years after a previous version of the SpaceShipTwo space plane broke apart in midair during a powered test flight.

The current version of the space plane is now built in-house at Spaceship Co., Virgin's spacecraft manufacturing and assembly arm. Virgin Galactic has said it devised additional safety mechanisms to prevent pilots from opening the feather system too early.

Thursday's flight began with the takeoff of carrier aircraft VMS Eve at 7:11 a.m., just as the sun rose over the mountains. Over the better part of an hour, that aircraft and the attached space plane flew upward, reaching about 43,000 feet.

The space plane was released from the carrier aircraft about 7:59 a.m., and its rocket motor ignited shortly afterward. From the ground, it looked like a glowing red dot shooting up from the carrier aircraft's faint contrail.

The motor burned for about 60 seconds — longer than the 55 seconds Virgin Galactic expected, but less than the approximately 65 seconds it's capable of burning. (The pilots have a bit of leeway. If the flight is going well, they're allowed to push a little beyond their target.)

Thursday's flight reached a top speed of Mach 2.9, the company said — about 2.9 times the speed of sound. Previously, the fastest the space plane had flown was Mach 2.4.

The space plane landed about 8:13 a.m., with the carrier aircraft following at 8:45 a.m.

The flight is not only an important milestone for the company but also a positive for the larger, burgeoning suborbital space tourism industry, said Carissa Christensen, chief executive of Bryce Space & Technology. "Companies in very early-stage ecosystems benefit from the success of their competitors because it helps demonstrate that what they are seeking to sell is possible and that there is demand for it."

Virgin Galactic has been in the space tourism business a long time. Branson first announced his commercial space service in 2004, saying at the time that he expected the first flight to occur in 2007. Since then, a number of other firms have jumped into the fray.

Amazon.com Inc. Chief Executive Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin space company developed a capsule and rocket system called New Shepard that's designed to take tourists to suborbital space. The company has not yet announced ticket prices for the ride, which is expected to last for 11 minutes from liftoff to landing. So far, the rocket-and-capsule system has completed nine test flights.

Elon Musk's SpaceX also plans to tap into the space tourism market. In September, Musk announced that Japanese e-commerce billionaire Yusaku Maezawa would be the first paying customer to travel around the moon on the Hawthorne company's Starship spaceship and Super Heavy Rocket, formerly known as BFR. That launch system is still under development.

Maezawa has said he expects his flight to occur in 2023. He said he could not disclose the price of the trip, though Musk has called the down payment "significant."

Virgin Galactic charges as much as $250,000 per ticket for its rides to suborbital space, and Branson said Thursday that nearly 700 people have signed up for a trip as the company continues testing and fine-tuning its system. On Thursday, the company flew four research payloads for NASA to help simulate the weight of paying customers in the space plane, making Thursday's flight its first revenue-generating mission.

Branson estimated that development costs across his three space-related companies — Virgin Galactic, Spaceship Co., and small-satellite launch firm Virgin Orbit — have so far totaled about $1.3 billion.

Did Thursday's flight officially reach space? There's no universally accepted answer.

The U.S. military considers space to be at least 50 miles above Earth's surface. And after the space plane landed, a Federal Aviation Administration official said the two Virgin Galactic pilots — Mark "Forger" Stucky and Frederick "CJ" Sturckow — will be awarded commercial astronaut wings next year in Washington.

But the world governing body for aeronautic and astronautic records and other organizations define space as 62 miles above Earth, a designation known as the Karman line.

Regardless, Virgin Galactic's next steps include more flight tests, including flights with employees to ensure in-flight procedures are "safe and enjoyable," said George Whitesides, chief executive of Virgin Galactic and Spaceship Co.

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CHIEF

From 1A

chief), I knew the decisions I could make, and obviously there were a lot I didn't have the power to make. Now those are on the table. It is an exciting time."

An MPD position profile, written earlier this year, states the police chief will manage the efforts of 253 employees, with 200 of those being sworn officers. It also states the operating budget for the police department is approximately $27.1 million.

The nine months of interim chief status provided some of the administrative experience that he said will prepare him to be the 11th permanent police chief the department has had since 1941.

City leaders declared Herman their choice for the position late last week, picking the 20 year-plus police department veteran over Philip Smith, chief of the Roswell (New Mexico) Police Department.

Herman has served as interim chief since former chief Steve Henry was terminated after less than four months on the job. City officials told the Reporter-Telegram at the time that an investigation found Henry had violated personnel policies, specifically those dealing with harassment.

Herman said Friday he never assumed he was going to be selected. He also said the promotion is a huge responsibility and the "greatest honor I can think of."

"I never envisioned myself being in this position when I started in this line of work 25 years ago," Herman said. "It was not my goal. My goal was to be a good cop. So, each step in my succession has been a surprise but a great adventure and an honor."

Herman sat down with the Reporter-Telegram on his first day as MPD chief. What follows is from that interview.

Reporter-Telegram: What does this mean to you?

Herman: It is a big step. I am excited about it. I am nervous. I think I ought to be nervous. It is a huge responsibility. I don't want to take anything like that lightly. It is a very big honor. It is the greatest honor I can think of.

Reporter-Telegram: What do you believe will be the biggest change going from interim to permanent chief?

Herman: During the interim period there were a lot of things in limbo, like our chain of command was in flux or we had instability from a chain-of-command standpoint. And now, being placed in position of permanent chief, now those decisions can be made, and we can continue to move forward. ... As the interim (police chief), I knew the decisions I could make, and obviously there were a lot I didn't have the power to make. Now those are on the table. It is an exciting time. ... It is just a different feel.

Reporter-Telegram: Did you really feel like the job was going to someone else?

Herman: Yeah. I really did, the whole time. I never envisioned myself being in this position when I started in this line of work 25 years ago. It was not my goal. My goal was to be a good cop. So, each step in my succession has been a surprise but a great adventure and an honor.

Reporter-Telegram: Did (the hiring before of an outsider as police chief) build up resentment from within the department, or was it if this guy pans out, it pans out?

Herman: I think it was a little of both. I wouldn't say resentment. I would say there was concern that we might not have the talent pool that was desired or that there was something wrong within the department that required that change. At the same time, there was a lot of excitement about someone from the outside, who we didn't know but had some different ideas on things and who could take us in a positive direction — not that we had anything going in a negative direction. ... There was excitement but there was wondering why that direction was taken.

Reporter-Telegram: Was there a lesson to be learned from the four months that Steve Henry was with the department?

Herman: I guess the biggest lesson we learned is just because something is new doesn't mean it is better. And I think we figured out what we had been doing and the direction our department had moved — and was continuing to move — was a very positive direction.

Reporter-Telegram: Talk about your style of leadership – what people will see inside the department and outside the department.

Herman: I believe that the more minds we have on a problem the better the solution. From my perspective, I try to garner the opinions from both sides of the topic. I'd rather have individuals surrounding me who don't agree with my thought process and who can present me with an alternative viewpoint. ... I also believe in leading from the front. I should be more than willing and capable of doing everything that the least-tenured patrol officer is doing on the streets. And I expect that from everyone within the chain of command. We are police officers first.

Reporter-Telegram: What is — and what has been — your message for those people in the community who for some reason don't believe that those in PD are looking out for them?

Herman: I encourage them to talk to us. I want to ensure them that our goal is to protect good people from bad people and to take care of our citizens. I realize that sometime the outcome may not appear that was the goal in mind, but it always is. Unfortunately, we can't please everybody but what we have to focus on what is best for the whole. I encourage them to not hesitate to call me with any questions that they have. ... I have no issue, whatsoever, explaining why we do things and the reasoning, and hearing if they have an alternative that they think would be better.

WORLD

From 1A

Rather than fret about OPEC, which is far from its glory days of the 1970s, let's talk about those who are relevant now. If producers are about to turn up the volume on Permian drilling, great. We welcome the jobs and the wealth production. But it's critical that the region get the support of Texas' oil and gas regulator, the Railroad Commission.

The commission needs to enforce environmental and safety rules that boost safety and public confidence. As we know from the Deepwater Horizon explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, one accident can halt drilling in an entire region. Even small accidents can prompt local authorities to block production activity.

And as we watch geopolitical history develop in real time, let's not forget that there's another side to the equation of net exporter.

That's consumption, where Americans have long been dominant. But consumer power is expected to shift over the next couple of decades, as developing countries industrialize and as people in the U.S. shift toward electric vehicles and renewable energy. As that happens, we're less dependent on foreign oil.

One more news item this week to illustrate the point: ExxonMobil Corp. announced it will use solar power for its operations in the Permian Basin.

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Marijuana advocates set sights on 2019 legislative session

By Bob Sechler
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Texas is poised for historic action in 2019 to ease some marijuana prohibitions and join a national cannabis legalization movement that, to varying degrees, has already swept up all four of its border states.

Or maybe not.

Cannabis proponents in Texas see the potential for big wins once the state Legislature convenes in January — particularly in the areas of medical marijuana and decriminalization of small amounts of pot possession — based on mounting evidence that the issues have gained bipartisan traction.

But resistance still runs deep among some law enforcement officials and social conservatives.

"It's certainly not a slam dunk or something we are expecting to be easy — but I do think 2019 is the year," said Heather Fazio, director of Texans for Responsible Marijuana Policy, a pro-cannabis advocacy group.

"We have the wind at our backs, and I'm very optimistic about the bipartisan support and the growing public sentiment in wanting to see this change."

More than a dozen cannabis-related bills have been filed in advance of the legislative session, including proposals to make marijuana for medical purposes available to more Texans at greater potency, to decriminalize possession of small amounts of all pot and to allow farmers in the state to grow and market hemp — marijuana's non-psychoactive cousin — as an agricultural product to the extent allowed under federal law.

The effort surrounding medical marijuana would build on the state's lone foray into legalization, theCompassionate Use Act that was approved by Texas lawmakers in 2015. It allows people suffering from a rare form of epilepsy to legally buy medical cannabis in Texas, although only two of the three dispensaries that have been licensed under the law are operational, and their products can contain no more than tiny amounts of the chemical in marijuana that induces a high.

The Compassionate Use Act is so restrictive and has served so few patients that Texas isn't considered to have a comprehensive medical marijuana program by national organizations that track the issue.

The roster of those that do is up to 33 — and now includes all four Texas border states, after Oklahoma approved a medical cannabis bill this year.

"I don't understand what it is that we are afraid of," said state Sen. José Menéndez, D-San Antonio, who has introdùced a bill in the upcoming legislative session that would bring Texas law more in line with that of its neighboring states.

"It is not like (advocates for greater access to medical cannabis) are out on some limb here — even those liberal bastions of Arkansas and Louisiana have done it."

His bill — SB 90 — would make many more Texans eligible to obtain medical marijuana under the Compassionate Use Act by expanding the list of qualified ailments to include conditions such as cancer, post-traumatic stress disorder and severe pain.

It also would remove the 0.5 percent cap on the amount of tetrahydrocannabinol — or THC, the euphoria-inducing component of marijuana — that cannabis products sold under the Compassionate Use Act are allowed to contain. For comparison, marijuana for recreational purposes generally contains from 9 percent to 30 percent or more THC.

But the measure, as well as many of the other bids to loosen the state's cannabis restrictions next year, could face significant opposition.

A.J. Louderback, legislative director of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, said he expects cannabis proponents to be disappointed in the outcome of the upcoming legislative session.

The sheriffs' association, which has the backing of some conservative Tea Party activists, is a long-time opponent of such efforts.

"I'm not going to say they're not going to get the camel's nose further underneath the (legalization) tent, but I do not see any major changes," Louderback said. "There may be some minor changes. But I don't think they're going to get (big changes) in '19."

Louderback, the sheriff of Jackson County, said his group is opposed to decriminalizing small amounts of pot possession because prosecutors throughout Texas already have discretion in how they charge suspects. He also said he's skeptical of the move to make marijuana for medical purposes more accessible and potent.

The sheriffs' association isn't taking a position on agricultural production of hemp, but Louderback said the group views most of the other cannabis efforts as stealth moves toward full marijuana legalization for any purpose.

"Does Texas need another way for people to get high?" he said. "Clearly, it's a pathway to recreational (use). It's how you eat an elephant — one bite at a time."

Advocates for relaxing some of the state's prohibitions are well aware of such opposition, but they're taking solace from what they view as indications that it's increasingly outside the mainstream — even in conservative Texas.

The 2018 platform of the state's Republican Party is among their evidence. It includes a plank calling for civil, instead of criminal, penalties for small amounts of pot possession, as well as one calling for expansion of the Compassionate Use Act "to allow doctors to determine the appropriate use of cannabis to certified patients."

In addition, Gov. Greg Abbott for the first time recently voiced support for reducing penalties for some pot possession — albeit not all the way to a mere civil offense. Abbott, a Republican, said during his successful re-election campaign against Democrat Lupe Valdez that he's open "to talking to the Legislature about ... reducing the penalty for possession of two ounces or less from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class C misdemeanor" because he doesn't want to see "jails stockpiled with people who have possession of a small amount of marijuana."

Abbott, who signed the Compassionate Use Act into law in 2015, hasn't supported expanding it since then.

But a comment he made during his recent re-election campaign — in which he said he hasn't been "convinced yet" that expansion is warranted — is being interpreted as a hint that he eventually might be.

"He has some reasonable concerns," said Jax Finkel, executive director of Texas NORML, the state's chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. But "I think that he wants to continue helping people with debilitating conditions" and has an open mind on the issue.

Still, even cannabis proponents view full legalization in Texas for all adult purposes as likely a bridge too far in 2019. A resolution — SJR 8 — has been filed calling for lawmakers to allow voters to decide, but it's considered a long shot to make it out of the GOP-controlled Texas Legislature next year.

Finkel said her group will be concentrating the bulk of its efforts during the upcoming session on expanding access to medical marijuana, as well as on decriminalization of small amounts of pot possession and on winning approval of hemp production.

"I don't want to say that we should not pursue (full legalization in Texas), but there are ways in front of us that we can help people and demonstrate that we can make commonsense policy changes responsibly," she said. Full legalization "is just a very big jump, I think, policy-wise for legislators" in 2019.

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Midland Crime Stoppers is offering a $1,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for committing the following burglary.

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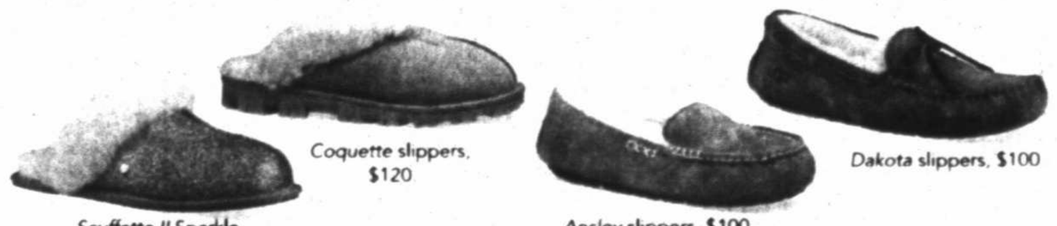
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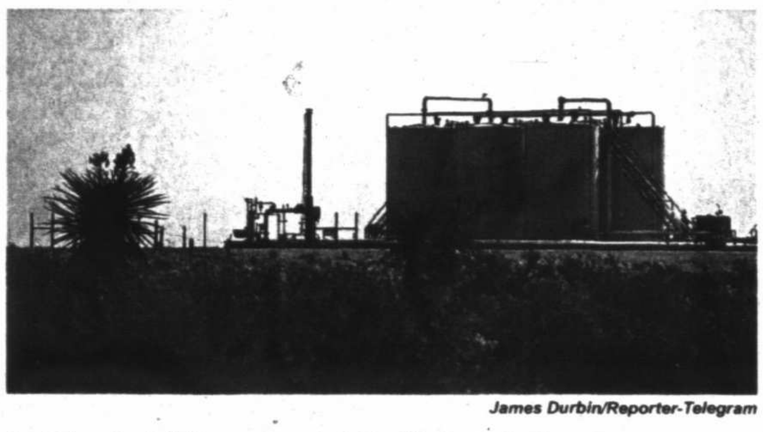
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With special gear and righteous anger, activists document emissions in the Permian oil fields

By Jeff Mosier
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A natural gas flare is visible near storage tanks May 30 in Reeves County.

MIDLAND — Environmental activist Sharon Wilson knows what she's likely to get from her regular trips to the Permian Basin: a headache and sore throat from the fumes and a dark mood from the bleak industrial landscape. Still, she returns, armed with more than $100,000 worth of camera equipment and righteous anger over what few people see in the heart of the U.S. oil industry.

Wilson, a senior organizer for the environmental group Earthworks and a longtime critic of hydraulic fracturing, is working to prove that those invisible emissions are worse than originally thought. The impact of those gases ranges from exacerbating global climate change to polluting the air.

"Right now, the Permian Basin is the most important place on earth to show what's happening, and what we have to stop," Wilson said, referring to oil and gas drilling.

Month after month, Wilson, 66, records infrared video of oil and gas facilities that she says are spewing methane and other hydrocarbons into the air. Some of the emissions are permitted by state law, some are forgiven as accidents and some are noted as violations.

It's a job, Wilson says, that regulators have all but abdicated. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has just four air monitors in the Permian Basin, which includes all or parts of 61 counties. Most emissions data is industry-reported.

Alan Septoff, an Earthworks spokesman, described the Texas approach as "drill and then regulate when possible."

"There's no one out there trying to quantify this," he said.

State environmental officials say they are effective at monitoring emissions from Texas' vast oil and gas industry.

"TCEQ utilizes a broad range of resources to enable and require the regulated universe to comply with environmental rules," agency spokeswoman Andrea Morrow said in an email.

She said the TCEQ "utilizes innovative technology," including cameras like Wilson's, and also hires private contractors for aerial surveys that help with investigations.

And while Morrow said the agency does accept "citizen-collected evidence," regulators can't vouch for the quality of the data.

Oil and gas companies say they have made progress in reducing pollution. Mostly, industry executives acknowledge climate change as a man-made threat that needs to be addressed.

That hasn't convinced Wilson and Earthworks, who say the talk isn't backed up by action. They say they hope to persuade the public and decision-makers that the nation has stumbled in its efforts to control greenhouse gases.

With each well site, gas-processing plant and compressor station, they want to build their case for stronger regulations against an industry intertwined with Texas' government, history and economy.

"I would argue we are at the point where rational people are increasingly considering climate change as an existential issue," Septoff said. "Not just environmentalists."

On the hunt

Every month or so, Wilson travels to West Texas and sometimes New Mexico with an optical gas imaging camera and tablet computer loaded with a database of oil and gas facilities.

As she drives along Interstate 20 in West Texas, burned rubber and other industrial smells occasionally seep into her black rental SUV. She drives the gas-guzzler to better to blend in and also to navigate the rugged back roads where many oil wells and major facilities are.

Wilson returns to the same sites again and again, monitoring successes and failures at controlling accidental emissions. The facilities have permits allowing them to emit a limited amount of pollution in certain instances. It's not a blank check.

Earthworks' high-dollar FLIR GF320 camera captures black-and-white video that looks much like a negative image created with a simple smartphone app. The dramatic moments happen when the camera captures gas that can't be seen by the naked eye.

The charcoal-colored, smoke-like clouds flow from unlit natural gas flares or improperly secured storage tank "thief hatches" that are used for extracting samples. Industry representatives have argued that some emissions captured in the videos could be steam.

After two years of trips to the Permian Basin, Wilson employs a strategy that includes returning to past violators, finding the newest facilities and responding to resident complaints.

Often, the trail is obvious — the rotten-egg stench of hydrogen sulfide and ill-defined chemical smells pop up across the region.

During one trip last year, Wilson put on a respirator to shield herself from the intense fumes. The mask, however, doesn't protect against hydrogen sulfide, which, in sufficient quantities, can kill.

She said she left quickly after her hydrogen sulfide meter sounded an alarm. There are some places, Wilson said, where she won't return.

When she pulls over, she notes the time, geographic coordinates, name and type of facility, air temperature and wind speed. Then she starts recording.

It takes a moment for the eyes to adjust to the scene through the viewfinder and see the emissions billowing or drifting. Sometimes, there is nothing to see.

Wilson carefully notes each detail as a detective would at a crime scene. What she captures often goes onto YouTube. The videos are also posted on an Earthworks interactive map and frequently forwarded to state regulators.

Septoff said sharing the videos with the public is sometimes the most effective strategy for change. He described it as "regulation by social media."

Workers occasionally glance at Wilson and slow as they pass in their company trucks. But mostly, they pay little attention.

The beginning

Wilson started her activism while living in Wise County, the heart of the first wave of hydraulic fracturing. New technology, proven in North Texas' Barnett Shale natural gas field, unleashed the current hydraulic fracturing revolution and allowed it to spread worldwide. The resurgence of the Permian Basin is built upon hydraulic fracturing.

But Wilson actually started her blog, TXsharon's Bluedaze, as a general-purpose forum to share her thoughts on everything from oddball gifts to the Iraq war.

In the mid-1990s, she owned 42 acres and was fulfilling her dream of living in the country. She was even a mineral rights owner.

Eventually, hydraulic fracturing and its effects began to consume more of her time.

Wilson said her well water turned briefly to black and green goo, although she had no proof it was related to hydraulic fracturing. She also worried that the drilling rigs and the waste pit built near creeks were disturbing the rural atmosphere.

As a new activist, Wilson was caught up in one of the early Barnett Shale publicity battles involving the natural gas producer Range Resources, the Environmental Protection Agency and a Parker County homeowner who believed hydraulic fracturing had polluted his water.

Video of the homeowner's fiery water, which Wilson posted on YouTube, was a dramatic symbol of homeowners' fears. Her emails were subpoenaed during the subsequent litigation.

That Range Resources fight led to a lawsuit that was eventually settled without any blame being assigned to the company. The EPA backed off its initial claim that Range Resources was responsible for the water contamination.

In some cases — but not all — natural gas can seep into well water through existing cracks underground.

Wilson compares the transformation of her rural life in Wise County to the experiences in the Permian Basin.

"I know what it's like to have the night sky taken away from you," she said. "I know what it's like to have your water turn black."

On her blog, Wilson described her old home as "living on the edge of a volcano."

Now she lives in Dallas, beyond the reach of the Barnett Shale. But she travels regularly to a place she described as "magnitudes worse."

Camera training

Wilson's work is not without pushback.

Critics have called the efforts unscientific and a waste of regulators' time. Oil and gas backers have questioned whether she is interpreting the FLIR camera's video correctly.

"FLIR imaging is a valuable tool used in the initial detection of emissions; however, the technology cannot detect the type or volume of emissions nor compliance with regulations," Castlen Kennedy, an Apache Corp. spokeswoman, wrote in an email. "It is a blunt instrument and is often used improperly, leading to false conclusions."

Kennedy, who is also certified to use the FLIR camera, said her Houston-based company takes compliance issues seriously, using infrared cameras and regular on-site inspections.

Wilson points out that she took classes and was certified at the Infrared Training Center alongside oil, gas and petrochemical industry inspectors. She said anyone professionally trained with the camera can easily tell the difference between hydrocarbon emissions and steam, which she said dissipates quickly.

But Earthworks does acknowledge its limitations. The FLIR camera allows the activists to see when a facility is emitting gases. But the often dramatic videos can't measure the amounts or types of emissions.

Activists could make detailed measurements by flying a drone with testing equipment over the facilities. But state law prohibits that.

Septoff said the growing database of videos shows that something is going wrong in the Permian Basin.

Industry associations said, the reverse is true.

The American Petroleum Institute reports that U.S. methane emissions dropped nearly 16 percent between 1990 and 2016. Meanwhile, dry natural gas production is up by more than half during that same period.

And the Environmental Protection Agency announced in October that U.S. greenhouse gas emissions dropped 2.7 percent between 2016 and 2017.

All that's happening as the petroleum industry ramps up production and has hit record levels.

"During the prolific production growth we've experienced, there may at times be infrastructure and equipment shortages that can impact operators," Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said in an email. "Our member companies in production are consistently working with pipeline partners and equipment providers to resolve any issues, and as more infrastructure is developed and additional replacement equipment is available, these occurrences will diminish."

Methane leaks

The latest research on methane is backing up Earthworks' worries. About one-third of the nation's methane releases come during natural gas and crude oil production and delivery.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 1.4 percent of the methane produced by industry leaks into the atmosphere. But a Colorado State University study that analyzed aerial sampling by a large team of researchers concluded that the leak rate was 60 percent higher.

The debate about how to handle climate change has ramped up in recent months thanks to a pair of reports, both bearing dire warnings.

In October, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report saying that global warming was accelerating faster than expected and that its effects could be severe by 2040. And the U.S. government's latest report, released last month, lists how climate change is already affecting this country. The heating is straining infrastructure and worsening disasters such as droughts, wildfires and hurricanes.

Septoff said he realizes his efforts are an uphill battle. President Trump has said that climate change either doesn't exist or isn't serious, despite an overwhelming scientific consensus to the contrary.

But Septoff said he hopes the data that Wilson and other Earthworks employees are collecting will eventually get a hearing in Washington, D.C.

"We need a government that is telling the people that we need to shift away from fossil fuels," he said.

Wilson takes the opposite view, arguing that the public must be persuaded first.

"You can't get that government until you get the people to push for that government," she said.

Pressing on

Wilson's job in the Permian Basin isn't an easy one. Some oil and gas facilities have no signs identifying them, making complaints to state regulators more difficult.

In other cases, the signs are far away or difficult to see. And some sites are so far from public roads that Wilson can't get close enough to monitor them.

Even with those roadblocks, there seemed to be an almost unlimited number of sites to visit.

One day in early November, Wilson and Septoff pulled off to the side of a West Texas farm-to-market road after spotting a a natural gas flare with black smoke streaming from the flame.

That's a sign something is wrong and evidence that a flare is polluting. It's also a violation of Texas law, which says a flare can't smoke for more than 5 minutes in a two-hour period.

In this case, it was an easy violation to spot and report. Septoff used his phone to record video of the smoking flare, while Wilson called the TCEQ to report the violation.

This is a slam-dunk violation, although it's not one guaranteed to lead to a hefty fine. State regulators offer a lighter touch. They say their goal is to work with producers to fix problems rather than to punish them.

Wilson said she'll often file 15 or 20 complaints during her weeklong trips to the Permian Basin. In many cases, she never finds out whether any action was taken.

But she isn't deterred.

"I don't want my children to suffer the way they are going to suffer if we don't stop this," Wilson said. "I will keep fighting to make a difference as long as I can keep doing it. ... My mother said I was hard-headed. I think tenacious sounds better."

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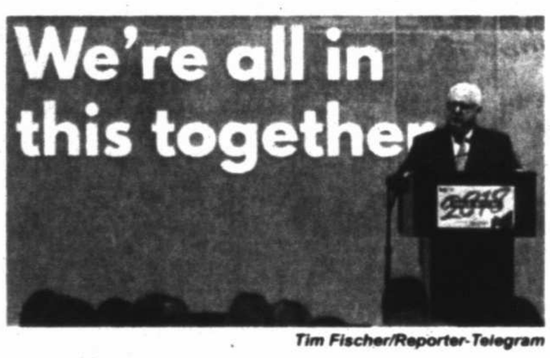


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Midland Chamber of Commerce chairman Laura Roman speaks during a press conference, July 7, 2015, in the Chamber offices to share the news that the Chamber was nationally accredited.

Chamber membership has advantages for small businesses

By Nellwyn Barnett
Midland Chamber



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Chamber President and CEO Bobby Burns speaks Sept. 18 at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The Midland Chamber of Commerce has been *in business ... for business* for more than 90 years. During that time, we have worked diligently to provide resources and solutions to help our local business community thrive. With more than 1,000 members, we represent businesses of all sizes — from the smallest "mom and pop" business to the largest corporations in our community.

Occasionally, a new business owner may get the wrong idea that the Midland Chamber of Commerce focuses only on helping large businesses and corporations. I'd like to take this opportunity to dispel that myth. We strive to offer a wide array of benefits and services that are advantageous to all types of businesses, but more than 80 percent of our business members have fewer than 25 employees. Therefore, we have dedicated significant time to cultivating benefits that are especially advantageous to the small business owner.

It is our small business members that benefit the most from the promotional aspects of membership. For example, an internationally known oil company doesn't necessarily need the chamber's online or printed directory to get noticed. For the small business owner, however, the visibility generated by a presence on the chamber's website is tremendously valuable. It is also the small business owner who stands to gain the most from exposure on the chamber's Facebook page — we gladly help spread the word about our members' events and programs.

In addition to the promotional/marketing components of membership, members of the Midland Chamber of Commerce have access to several programs that will save money, increase productivity, boost employee morale and aid in employee satisfaction and retention. The chamber's electric coalition and telecommunications program can help small businesses cut costs and improve their bottom line. The chamber also offers monthly classes on a variety of topics, including computer skills, financial issues, marketing and soft skills. Members receive at least 10 free registrations each year saving small business members thousands of dollars in training and travel costs.

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The chamber will always be known as a great networking resource, and we continue to provide several large networking events each year. Additionally, the chamber has a number of committees and programs for those wanting to expand their involvement and grow their network.

With such a wide variety of benefits and resources, it really does make sense for the small-business owner to invest in membership with the Midland Chamber of Commerce. All businesses are invited to join us — we truly want to be a teammate to help your business thrive.

Midland County is big winner in December sales tax collections

From staff reports

Here are notes from the December sales tax reports from the cities of Midland and Odessa and Midland County.

- The city of Odessa collected about $140,000 more in sales tax than the city of Midland. Over the course of the first quarter of fiscal year 2019, which ended in December, the city of Midland has raised in excess of $14,000 more than Odessa.
- The big winner in sales tax collections continues to be Midland County, which raised more money than both the cities of Midland and Odessa, despite collecting a half-cent of sales tax compared to the full cent allocated to the cities. Through the first quarter, the county has beaten the start of FY 2018 by more than 38 percent. That is an advantage of more than $4 million after just three months.

By the numbers

City of Midland

December 2018: $4,743,531
December 2017: $3,688,821
Percent difference: 28.59
Fiscal year 2018 (through first quarter): $14,679,920
Fiscal year 2017: $11,330,192
Percent difference: 29.56

Midland County

December 2018: $5,216,174
December 2017: $3,836,356
Percent difference: 35.96
Fiscal year 2018 (through first quarter): $16,135,678
Fiscal year 2017: $11,670,363
Percent different: 38.26 percent

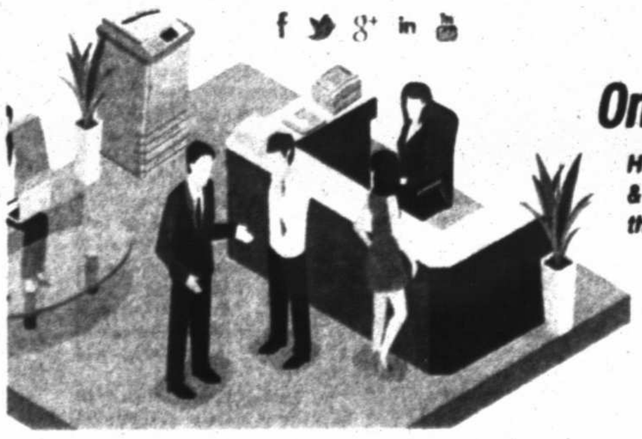
City of Odessa

December 2018: $4,883,255
December 2017: $3,530,780
Percent Difference: 38.30 percent
Fiscal year 2018 (through first quarter): $14,665,868
Fiscal year 2017: $11,285,522
Percent different: 29.95 percent

Building permits Nov. 26 – Dec. 7

10810 Highway 191	New Commercial	6009 Ridge View Street	New Residence	1200 Lynn Ave.	Residence-Detached
3201 N. Midland Drive	Commercial Alteration	5801 Santa Clarita Lane	New Residence	5808 Frio Drive	New Residence
6301 Deauville Blvd.	Commercial Alteration	6014 Sunrise Way	New Residence	1113 Breckenridge Drive	Residential Addition
3404 N. Midland Drive	Commercial Alteration	6016 Sunrise Way	New Residence	6612 Jamestown Street	New Residence
516 Veterans Airpark Lane	Commercial Alteration	4716 Meadowside Street	New Residence	4105 Pleasant Drive	Residential Addition
223 W. Wall Street	Commercial Alteration	1 Kimsey Way	Residential Alteration	904 Storey Ave.	Residential Alteration
300 N. Marienfeld Street	Commercial Alteration	1214 Burgandy Drive	New Residence	6716 Jamestown Street	New Residence
3003 N. A Street	Commercial Alteration	6001 Beals Creek Drive	New Residence	6003 Beals Creek Drive	New Residence
200 Spring Park Drive	Commercial Alteration	506 S. Taylor Street	Residential Alteration	6501 Montero Lane	New Residence
2104 N. A Street	Commercial Alteration	2314 Sage Brush Road	New Residence	1810 Rattler Lane	New Residence
5711 Whitman Drive	Commercial Addition	1707 N. Fort Worth Street	Residence-Detached	1805 Rattler Lane	New Residence
4203 Greenbriar Drive	Fence	4714 Meadowside Street	New Residence	2912 Savoy Place	New Residence
1706 Community Lane	Fence	4712 Meadowside Street	New Residence	3221 W. Michigan Ave.	Residential Alteration
4205 Tanforan Ave.	Swimming Pool	4708 Meadowside Street	New Residence	6821 Brush Drive	New Residence
4236 Timberglen Place	Swimming Pool	4706 Meadowside Street	New Residence	6817 Brush Drive	New Residence
3003 Racquet Club Drive	Swimming Pool	4710 Meadowside Street	New Residence	6820 Brush Drive	New Residence
1803 College Ave.	Residential Addition	6819 Brush Drive	New Residence	6818 Brush Drive	New Residence
1233 Elm Ave.	New Residence	6815 Brush Drive	New Residence	6813 Brush Drive	New Residence
10317 Hernandez Ave.	Residence-Detached	6814 Brush Drive	New Residence	6611 Crown Point Court	New Residence
4507 San Pedro Court	New Residence	6809 Brush Drive	New Residence	503 S. Webster Street	New Residence
1510 N. Main Street	New Residence	6811 Brush Drive	New Residence	2212 Hughes Street	Residential Addition
1904 N. Main Street	New Residence	6812 Brush Drive	New Residence	2200 E. Interstate 20	Sign
2201 Southhampton Lane	New Residence	809 Chaparral Street	New Residence	5701 Starboard Drive	Sign
3313 Delano Ave.	Residence-Detached	4507 Solana Court	New Residence	7010 W. Interstate 20	Sign
306 S. Tilden Stet	Residence-Detached	3302 Lanham Street	Residential Alteration		
1603 Daybreak Way	New Residence	6712 Briaroaks Drive	New Residence		

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Ruling to strike down law puts GOP in quandary

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge's ruling that the Obama health law is unconstitutional has landed like a stink bomb among Republicans, who've seen the politics of health care flip as Americans increasingly value the overhaul's core parts, including protections for pre-existing medical conditions and Medicaid for more low-income people.

While the decision by the Republican-appointed judge in Texas was sweeping, it has little immediate practical impact because the Affordable Care Act remains in place while the legal battle continues, possibly to the Supreme Court.

HealthCare.gov, the government's site for signing up, was taking applications Saturday, the deadline in most states for enrolling for coverage next year, and those benefits will take effect as scheduled Jan. 1. Medicaid expansion will proceed in Virginia, one of the latest states to accept that option. Employers will still be required to cover the young adult children of workers, and Medicare recipients will still get discounted prescription drugs.

But Republicans, still stinging from their loss of the House in the midterm elections, are facing a fresh political quandary after U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor said the entire 2010 health law was invalid.

Warnings about the Texas lawsuit were part of the political narrative behind Democrats' electoral gains. Health care was the top issue for about one-fourth of voters in the November election, ahead of immigration and jobs and the economy, according to VoteCast, a nationwide survey for The Associated Press. Those most concerned with health care supported Democrats overwhelmingly.

In his ruling, O'Connor reasoned that the body of the law could not be surgically separated from its now-meaningless requirement for people to have health insurance.

"On the assumption that the Supreme Court upholds, we will get great, great health care for our people," President Donald Trump told reporters during a visit Saturday to Arlington National Cemetery. "We'll have to sit down with the Democrats to do it, but I'm sure they want to do it also."

Economist Gail Wilensky, who oversaw the Medicare program for President George H.W. Bush, said the state attorneys general from GOP strongholds who filed the lawsuit really weren't very considerate of their fellow Republicans.

"The fact that they could cause their fellow Republicans harm did not seem to bother them," said Wilensky, a critic of President Barack Obama's signature domestic achievement.

"The people who raised it are a bunch of guys who don't have serious election issues, mostly from states where saber-rattling against the ACA is fine," she added. "How many elections do you have to get battered before you find another issue?"

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, top policy adviser to Republican John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign, said he was struck by the relative silence from top Republicans after the ruling issued.

A prominent example: "The House was not party to this suit, and we are reviewing the ruling and its impact," said AshLee Strong, spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

Republicans are "going to have to figure out what to do," Holtz-Eakin said. "If it's invalidated by the courts, it's not ... 'We're going to do it our way.' They're going to have to get together with the Democrats in the House."

The GOP's failed effort last year to repeal the law showed there's no consensus within the party itself.

Trump tweeted Friday night that "Congress must pass a STRONG law that provides GREAT healthcare and protects pre-existing conditions."

"Get it done!" he told Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who is expected to be speaker in January. But Trump had no plan of his own to offer in the 2017 "repeal and replace" debate.

Two top House Republicans issued diverging statements.

Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California said "Obamacare is a broken law," but added, "I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to make sure America's healthcare system works for all Americans."

The third-ranking GOP leader, Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise, praised the judge's ruling and made no mention of working with Democrats, whom he accused of "running a fear-mongering campaign" to win control of the House last month.

The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Kevin Brady said that if the law is ultimately overturned, then members of Congress from both parties should start over, working together. He urged maintaining provisions such as protections for pre-existing medical conditions, no lifetime dollar limits on insurance coverage, and allowing young adults to stay on parental coverage until age 26.

Democrats were united in condemning the ruling.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York said voters will remember. "What will stand is Republican ownership of such a harmful and disastrous lawsuit," Schumer tweeted.

The next chapter in the legal case could take months to play out.

A coalition of Democratic state officials led by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra will appeal O'Connor's decision, most likely to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans.

"The legal merits of the case are frivolous," said University of Michigan law professor Nicholas Bagley. "The notion that the unconstitutionality of an unenforceable mandate somehow requires toppling the entire ACA is bonkers." Bagley supports the law generally, but has been critical of how it has been put into effect.



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The HealthCare.gov website is shown Oct. 23 on a computer screen in New York. A federal judge's ruling that the Obama health law is unconstitutional has landed like a stink bomb among Republicans, who've seen the politics of health care flip as Americans increasingly value the overhaul's core parts, including protections for pre-existing medical conditions and Medicaid for more low-income people.

Judge in health care case had blocked other Obama policies

Associated Press

U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor, who ruled the Affordable Care Act "invalid" Friday, is no stranger to the conservative resistance to Obama administration policies.

O'Connor, 53, is a former state and federal prosecutor who was nominated to the federal bench in 2007 by President George W. Bush. He has been active in the Federalist Society, which describes itself as "a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order."

In 2014, the Fort Worth-based judge upheld the constitutionality of an Arlington, Texas, ordinance that bars people from handing out printed material at busy intersections and roads. The lawsuit had been brought by a gun-rights group called Open Carry Tarrant County. Although he upheld the ordinance, O'Connor ordered the city to pay the group's coordinator $42,251 in damages.

That same year, he sentenced a man to more than 15 years in federal prison for kidnapping and severely beating a gay man he met through an online service, concluding the assailant kidnapped the man because of his sexual orientation.

In 2016, though, he blocked a federal directive that required public schools to let transgender students use bathrooms consistent with their gender identity.

He ruled that Title IX, which the Obama administration cited in support of the directive, "is not ambiguous" about sex being defined as "the biological and anatomical differences between male and female students as determined at their birth."

Also in 2016, he struck down new U.S. Health and Human Services regulations that advised that certain forms of transgender discrimination by doctors, hospitals and insurers violated the Affordable Care Act. He declared that the rules placed "substantial pressure on Plaintiffs to perform and cover (gender) transition and abortion procedures." A coalition of religious medical organizations said the rules could force doctors to help with gender transition contrary to their religious beliefs or medical judgment.

Sign-up deadline is Saturday for ACA health law coverage

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saturday is the last day to sign up for health insurance next year under the Affordable Care Act in most of the country.

For 2019, premiums are stable, more plans are available, and millions of uninsured people can still get financial help. But so far sign-ups have been lagging when compared to last year.

Consumers can enroll online at HealthCare.gov or by reaching the federal call center at 1-800-318-2596.

People can also sign up through approved community organizations, online insurance sellers, and insurance companies.

The deadline is 12 a.m. Pacific time in states served by the HealthCare.gov website. A few states that run their own enrollment campaigns may have later deadlines. Consumer advocates say interested customers should check carefully and avoid procrastination.

Coverage takes effect Jan. 1.

The health care law still faces legal challenges. A conservative federal judge in Texas ruled the Affordable Care Act "invalid" Friday on the eve of the sign-up deadline for next year. But with appeals certain, even the Trump White House said the law will remain in place for now.

A look at where the investigations related to Trump stand

Associated Press

A look at where the investigations related to President Donald Trump stand and what may lie ahead for him:

What's this all about?

Trump is facing criminal investigations in Washington and New York.

Special counsel Robert Mueller is looking into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia and whether the president obstructed the investigation. Trump also plays a central role in a separate case in New York, where prosecutors have implicated him in a crime. They say Trump directed his personal lawyer Michael Cohen to make illegal hush money payments to two women as a way to quash potential sex scandals during the campaign.

What do I need to know today?

Shaken and facing a prison term, Cohen said Friday that Trump directed him to buy the silence of two women during the 2016 campaign because he was concerned their stories of alleged affairs with him "would affect the election." He says Trump knew the payments were wrong.

Cohen — who for more than a decade was a key power player in the Trump Organization and a fixture in Trump's political life — said he "gave loyalty to someone who, truthfully, does not deserve loyalty." Cohen spoke in an interview with ABC that aired Friday on "Good Morning America."

So ... did the Trump campaign collude with Russia?

There is no smoking gun when it comes to the question of Russia collusion. But the evidence so far shows a broad range of Trump associates had Russia-related contacts during the 2016 presidential campaign and transition period, and that several lied about the communication.

There is also evidence that some people in Trump's orbit were discussing a possible email dump from WikiLeaks before it occurred. American intelligence agencies and Mueller have said Russia was the source of hacked material released by WikiLeaks during the campaign that was damaging to Hillary Clinton's presidential effort.

Other questions to consider:

■ What about obstruction of justice? That is another unresolved question that Mueller is pursuing. Investigators have examined key episodes such as Trump's firing of former FBI Director James Comey and his fury over the recusal from the investigation of former Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

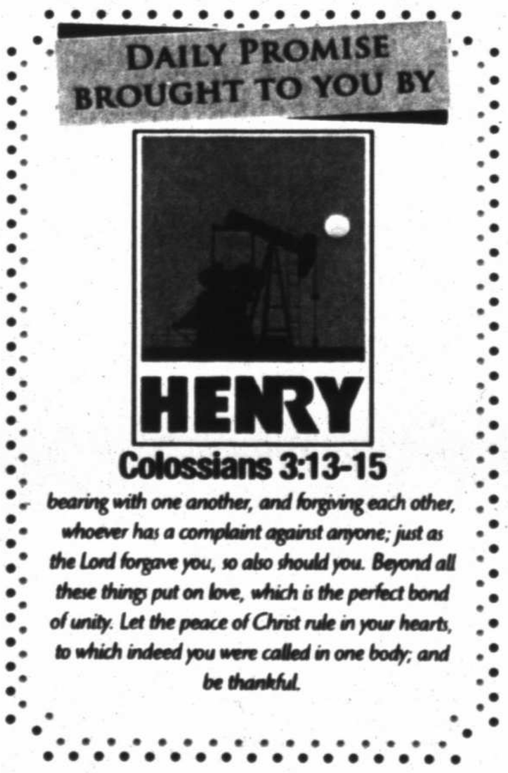
■ What does Trump have to say about all this? Trump has repeatedly slammed the Mueller investigation as a "witch hunt" and insisted there was "NO COLLUSION" with Russia. He also says his now-former lawyer, Cohen, lied to get a lighter sentence in New York. In a Fox News interview Thursday, he also denied directing Cohen to break the law.



Jacquelyn Martin/AP

President Donald Trump attends a ceremony Wednesday in the Roosevelt Room of the White House.







Interior Department via AP

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke arrives for his first day of work March 2, 2017, at the Interior Department in Washington aboard Tonto, an 17-year-old Irish sport horse. Zinke will be leaving the administration at year's end, Trump said Saturday.

Zinke resigning, cites 'vicious' attacks

By Ellen Knickmeyer, Matthew Brown and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, facing federal investigations into his travel, political activity and potential conflicts of interest, will be leaving the administration at year's end, President Donald Trump said Saturday. In his resignation letter, obtained by The Associated Press, Zinke said "vicious and politically motivated attacks" against him had "created an unfortunate distraction" in fulfilling the agency's mission.

Trump, in tweeting Zinke's departure, said the former Montana congressman "accomplished much during his tenure" and that a replacement would be announced next week. The Cabinet post requires Senate confirmation.

Zinke is leaving weeks before Democrats take control of the House, a shift in power that promises to sharpen the probes into his conduct. His departure comes amid a staff shake-up as Trump heads into his third year in office facing increased legal exposure due to intensifying investigations into his campaign, business, foundation and administration.

Zinke's resignation letter, obtained from a Zinke aide on Saturday, cites what he calls "meritless and false claims" and says that "to some, truth no longer matters."

The letter, dated Saturday, said Zinke's last day would be Jan. 2. It was not clear whether Zinke had already submitted the letter when Trump tweeted.

Zinke, 57, played a leading part in Trump's efforts to roll back federal environmental regulations and promote domestic energy development. He drew attention from his first day on the job, when he mounted a roan gelding to ride across Washington's National Mall to the Department of Interior.

Zinke had remained an ardent promoter of both missions, and his own macho image, despite growing talk that he had lost Trump's favor. On Tuesday, Zinke appeared on stage at an Environmental Protection Agency ceremony for a rollback on water regulations. Mentioning his background as a Navy SEAL at least twice, he led the audience in a round of applause for the U.S. oil and gas industry.

Trump never established a deep personal connection with Zinke but appreciated how he stood tall against criticisms from environmental groups as he worked to roll back protections. But the White House concluded in recent weeks that Zinke was likely the Cabinet member most vulnerable to investigations led by newly empowered Democrats in Congress, according to an administration official not authorized to publicly discuss personnel matters who spoke on condition of anonymity.

His tenure was temporarily extended as Interior helped with the response to California wildfires and the West Wing was consumed with speculation over the future of chief of staff John Kelly. But White House officials pressured him to resign, the official said, which he did after his final public appearance at his department's Christmas party on Thursday night.

As interior secretary, Zinke pushed to develop oil, natural gas and coal beneath public lands in line with the administration's business-friendly aims. But he has been dogged by ethics probes, including one centered on a Montana land deal involving a foundation he created and the chairman of an energy services company, Halliburton, that does business with the Interior Department.

Investigators also are reviewing Zinke's decision to block two tribes from opening a casino in Connecticut and his redrawing of boundaries to shrink a Utah national monument. Zinke has denied wrongdoing.

The Associated Press reported last month that the department's internal watchdog had referred an investigation of Zinke to the Justice Department.

Zinke's travels with his wife, Lola Zinke, also had come under scrutiny.

Interior's inspector general's office said Zinke allowed his wife to ride in government vehicles with him despite a department policy that prohibits non-government officials from doing so. The report also said the department spent more than $25,000 to provide security for the couple when they took a vacation to Turkey and Greece.

Trump told reporters this fall he was evaluating Zinke's future in the administration in light of the allegations and offered a lukewarm vote of confidence. Zinke in November denied he already was hunting for his next job.

"I enjoy working for the president," he told a Montana radio station. "Now, if you do your job, he supports you."

"I think I'm probably going to be the commander of space command," Zinke said. "How's that one?"

Zinke outlasted EPA chief Scott Pruitt, another enthusiastic advocate of Trump's business-friendly way of governing who lost favor with Trump amid ethics scandals. Pruitt resigned in July. Trump's first Health and Human Services secretary, Tom Price, also resigned under a cloud of ethical questions.

Democratic leaders in Congress were scathing in response to the news that Zinke was leaving as well.

"Ryan Zinke was one of the most toxic members of the cabinet in the way he treated our environment, our precious public lands, and the way he treated the govt like it was his personal honey pot," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of the New York tweeted Saturday. "The swamp cabinet will be a little less foul without him."

House Minority Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who is set to become speaker in January, said Zinke had "been a shameless handmaiden for the special interests" and his "staggering ethical abuses have delivered a serious and lasting blow to America's public lands, environment, clean air and clean water."

Arizona Rep. Raul Grijalva, the top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee, had warned that after Democrats took control of the House they intended to call Zinke to testify on his ethics issues.

Grijalva spokesman Adam Sarvana said Saturday that committee leaders still intended to ask for Zinke's testimony. "It's safe to say that Citizen Zinke may be leaving, but real oversight of former Secretary Zinke has not even started," Sarvana said in an email.

Earlier this month, Zinke unleashed a jarring personal attack on Grijalva, tweeting, "It's hard for him to think straight from the bottom of the bottle."

Zinke got a warmer send-off from Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, head of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, who said in a statement that he had been a "strong partner for Western states."

Under Zinke's watch, the Interior Department moved to auction off more oil leases, ended a moratorium on new sales of federally owned coal, and repealed mandates governing drilling. Zinke's focus on the president's energy agenda was cheered by oil, gas and mining advocates, who credit the administration with seeking to balance conservation with development on public lands. But his tenure was denounced by most conservation groups.

"Zinke will go down as the worst Interior secretary in history," said Kieran Suckling, executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity, in a statement released Saturday. "His slash-and-burn approach was absolutely destructive for public lands and wildlife. Allowing David Bernhardt to continue to call the shots will still be just as ugly. Different people, same appetite for greed and profit."

Bernhardt, the deputy secretary, is in line to lead the Interior Department on an interim basis. He has spent years in Washington as a lobbyist for the oil and gas industry and has deep ties to Republican politicians and conservative interest groups.

Two outgoing Republican congressmen are said to be interested in the job.

Rep. Raul Labrador of Idaho planned to go to the White House on Saturday to discuss the job with officials, said a GOP congressional aide who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe Labrador's private plans. Labrador, 51, a member of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, who is retiring from Congress after eight years. He lost a bid for his state's GOP gubernatorial nomination last spring.

Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Calif., is also interested in Zinke's job, according to another Republican congressional aide who described the situation only on condition of anonymity. The aide said the White House has made inquiries about Denham to Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., who will be House minority leader next year. Denham, 51, has been involved in water issues in California. He lost his bid for re-election last month.

As head of Interior, Zinke made plans to realign the agency's bureaucracy, trimming the equivalent of 4,600 jobs, about 7 percent of its workforce. He also proposed a massive overhaul that would have moved decision-making out of Washington, relocating headquarters staff to Western states at a cost of $17.5 million.

Zinke was a one-term congressman when Trump selected him to join his incoming Cabinet in December 2016.

An early Trump supporter, Zinke is close to the president's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., and publicly expressed his interest in a Cabinet post when Trump visited Montana in May 2016.

Gun bills could head to Congress next year

By Justine McDaniel
Philly.com

PHILADELPHIA — The November midterm elections will bring a wave of new faces into Congress — 100 new House members who make up a class with more diversity and more women than ever before.

It is also more pro-gun control. That's a byproduct of the new Democratic majority creating what advocates call a gun-sense majority. According to the group Giffords: Courage to Fight Gun Violence, 39 seats that belonged to politicians backed by the NRA were flipped by candidates who support gun control.

"One of my top priorities on day one will be passing common-sense gun legislation to save lives and reduce gun violence in our nation," Rep.-elect Madeleine Dean, D-Pa., tweeted in late November. She and other incoming freshmen from the Philadelphia region have pledged support for gun-related legislation.

"We need federal funding for gun safety research to address this public health crisis," tweeted Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, D-Pa.

Democrats have announced that their first effort will be an anti-corruption bill, including campaign finance overhaul, expanded voting rights, and stronger government ethics rules.

But Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California and others have said a background-checks bill would be among the first orders of business for the new House.

Meanwhile, the last year saw a push for some gun rights legislation, including various school safety measures such as arming teachers. They're likely to come up again this session.

Here are four bills that gun control groups have made a top priority, and one gun rights bill that's more likely than others to resurface in 2019.

Bills to watch for in 2019:

■ **Universal background checks:** Bills to expand background checks would fill in a gap in the current background-check law: They seek to require checks on all commercial firearm sales, including private sales — such as those at gun shows or through the internet. This is a top priority for gun control advocates, who have said they believe this bill has a chance of seeing a vote in the Senate if passed by the House.

■ **Fund gun violence research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** Whether the CDC can research gun violence with federal funding has been an issue for years; now, the Trump administration has indicated that it isn't prohibited from doing so (and Obama signed a 2013 order for the CDC to do the work), but the CDC needs dedicated funding in order to pick up the research.

■ **Ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines:** Gun control supporters have pushed for regulation of semi-automatic weapons since the 1994 assault weapons ban expired 14 years ago.

This is one of the top three legislative priorities of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence; a ban would encompass semi-automatic guns and magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition. An outright ban on certain types of weapon generally has less bipartisan appeal in today's climate than gun issues related to mental health or domestic violence, so this may be the least likely piece of legislation of the five to be passed by the House. Bills were introduced by gun control supporters in the Senate and House in 2017 and never came up for votes.

■ **Extreme risk protection orders:** This law would allow family members to request that a court prohibit people from possessing or buying firearms if relatives demonstrate that they are a danger to themselves or others. Meant to address mental health issues, the idea has gained momentum, with 13 states passing such a law. A scientific study of Connecticut's law estimated that one suicide was averted for every 10 to 20 guns seized.

■ **Concealed-carry reciprocity:** A reciprocity bill passed in the House in 2017 but was not taken up by the Senate this year. Supported by gun rights advocates, reciprocity legislation would allow anyone with a permit to carry concealed weapons in their home state to do so in any other state that allows concealed-carry.

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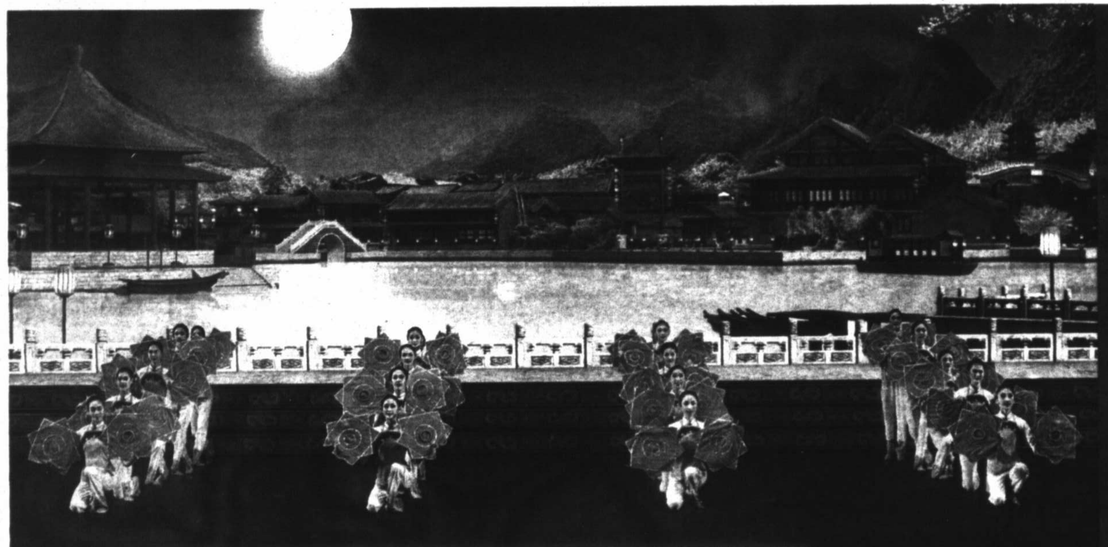
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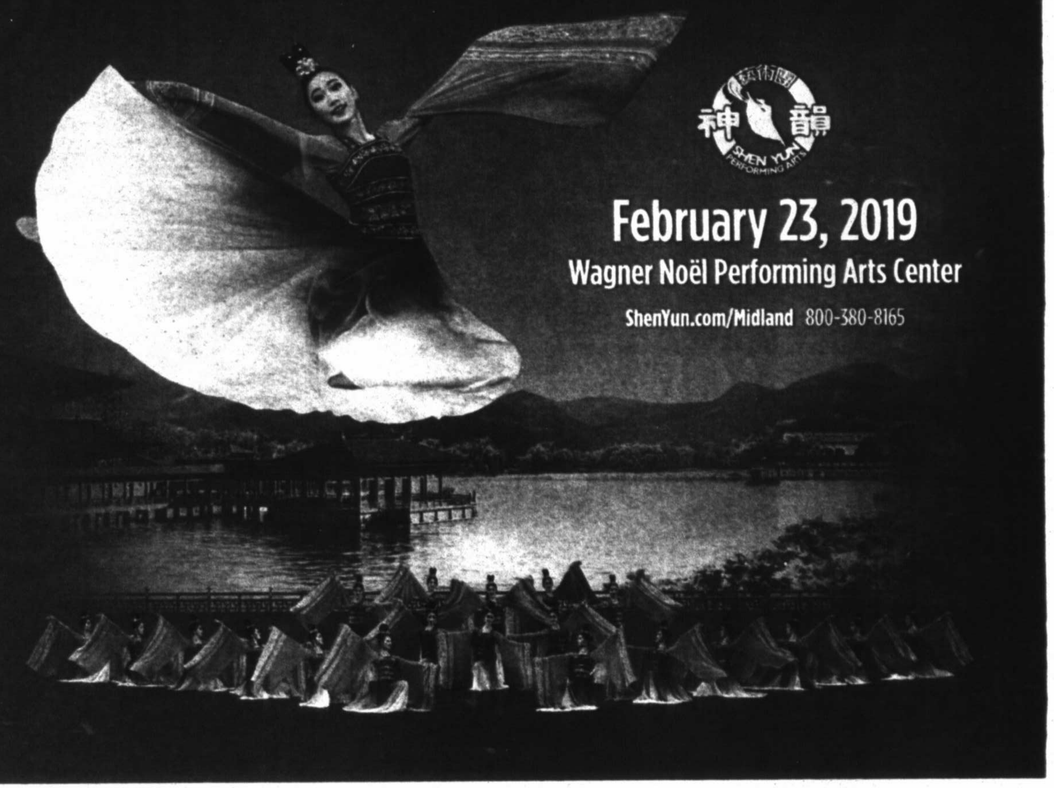
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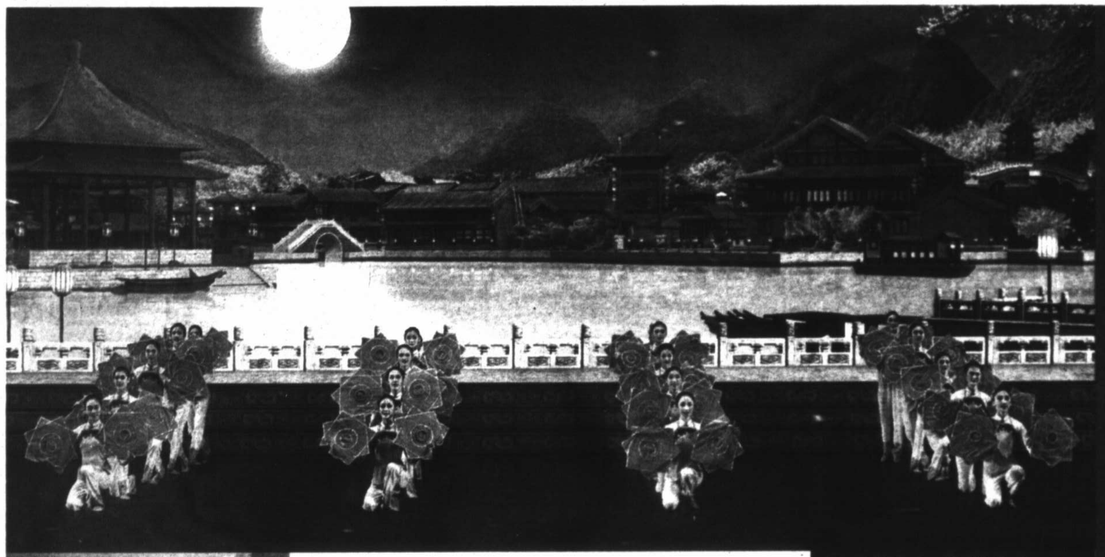
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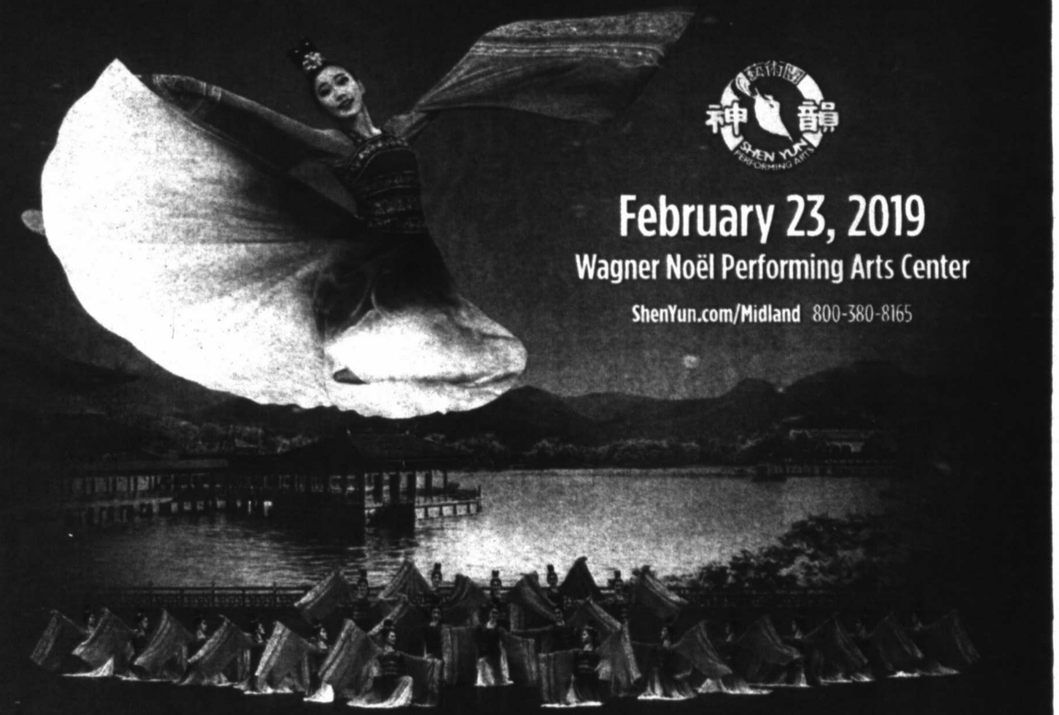
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PAUL & TERESA CAIN
2018 United Way of Midland Campaign chairs

I love Midland every day, but particularly this time of year. Decorations and lights all around the city. Holiday festivities with delicious food and friendship that brings us all together. Seeing the joy, and some tears, on the children's faces as they give Santa their list.

I also love the holiday season because it is a time when our community comes together to help others. Many of us are blessed in Midland, Texas. We have good jobs that can take care of our basic needs. Midlanders embrace the promise of Genesis 12:2, recognizing their blessings and blessing others.

This holiday season, I ask you to think about those around you who need that blessing. Maybe you have a grandparent or parent struggling with Alzheimer's. Or you know a single mother working two jobs and going to school trying to provide a better life for her children. Perhaps it's your coworker that can't find affordable, quality daycare for their child. Chances are, you know someone who needs a little extra support.

So how can you help?

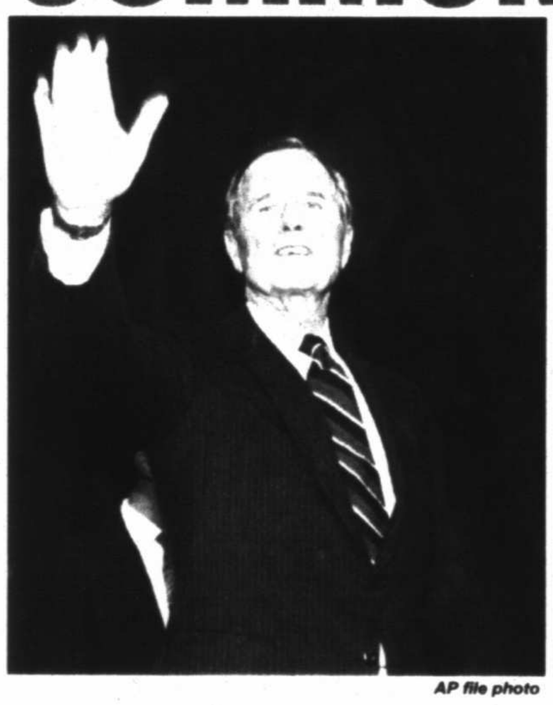
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This holiday season, I ask you to be a blessing to others and donate to the United Way of Midland. $25, $50, or $100 goes a long way when it's combined with other community gifts. You can be the difference for your friends, family, and coworkers.

Thank you!

COMMONGROUND



AP file photo

President George H.W Bush waves Nov. 26, 1991, at a Justice Department ceremony in Washington.



Dallas Morning News file photo

Rep. Beto O'Rourke smiles during a debate Sept. 21with Sen. Ted Cruz at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Voters don't always consider candidate's resume

ROSS RAMSEY
Texas Tribune



It's a funny way to hire someone, isn't it?

The same week we buried one of the Americans most qualified, on paper, to be the president, Democrats were speculating about the electoral attractiveness of an American whose resume is comparatively anemic.

Not that it really matters, historically speaking.

Exhibit A is the late George Herbert Walker Bush. Successful in business. Member of Congress who finished second — twice — in runs for the U.S. Senate from Texas. U.S. envoy to China. Chairman of the Republican National Committee. Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Loser in a presidential run who became vice president.

That is a formidable set of experiences for a nation shopping for a chief executive. He took over the Oval Office, after all of that, in 1989.

Exhibit B has a couple of things in common with him. Robert Francis "Beto" O'Rourke is also the son of an elected official. He also started a successful business. He was a three-term member of Congress who gave up that seat for an unsuccessful run for the U.S. Senate. Like Bush, he wasn't a big player in the U.S. House. Unlike Bush, he doesn't have the markers on his resume that point to some kind of expertise in running a country.

The unusual case, though, is Exhibit A. Run the list in your head. Donald Trump never held elective office. Barack Obama served in the Illinois and U.S. senates before moving to the White House. George W. Bush was a governor — the same qualification for the job that Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton had. Richard Nixon was a former U.S. representative, senator and vice president. John Kennedy served in the U.S. House and Senate. Dwight Eisenhower was the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in Europe in World War II, chief of staff of the Army, and president of Columbia University.

The people who lost to those presidents were, in many cases, just as qualified. Sometimes, more

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School selection doesn't matter; we are in this together

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The low point in the most recent election cycle probably happened for me when I got an email that said one of the school board candidates had taken a child out of public school and enrolled them in a private school.

In this person's eyes, this action disqualified someone from running for school board. Over the course of the next 24 hours, other messages followed. Some people wanted to know if we were going to look into it.

The answer was no. There were two reasons. This parent's decision was not news — not even close. Second, this paper is not going to be part of dividing this education community more than it already is.

Full disclosure: My children attend private schools. Both are happy in their current environments and are getting the most of their educational experience.

In some people's eyes, this would make me ineligible to run for school board. In their view, I would not be invested enough in Midland ISD to make the right decisions. They would say this, even though there are few supporters who have invested as much time in communicating the Midland ISD turnaround as I have.

If Midland really wants to continue along a path of education reform, this attitude must change. Over the years, it was leadership on Midland ISD school boards — and this goes back decades — that created an atmosphere that allowed private schools in Midland to flourish — plain and simple. It was a classic case of actions having consequences. The chaos created by the cluster system had its consequences. The inability to recognize a downward spiral in academic performance had its consequence. This board and current MISD leadership basically has had to start from ground zero.

To their credit, the current board and current MISD administration has had nothing but complimentary things to say about private schools and their place in educating young Midlanders. Even though the number of private schools per capita in Midland rivals just about any other city in the state, trustees and MISD don't use that as an excuse. It would serve some of their supporters well to use the same playbook.

If those who support public education want to widen the chasm between public and private schools, they do so at the risk of the district. It seems like folly, however, to tell me that public school

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MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist



Some gifts can benefit giver as well as recipient

Did I ever tell you about the day I met Craig Stoker, the director of marketing and public relations for the West Texas Food Bank? I was attending the baptism of a precious friend's baby at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. It was hot and still in the sanctuary, and we were all crowded wearing our Sunday best. My eyeliner was running, my heels hurt and I was fanning myself with the program like I was on fire. When suddenly, I smelled the most delicious cologne I had ever encountered. I looked around until I spotted a man who might have fallen out of the pages of Town & Country magazine. He was standing tall in a seersucker suit, wingtips and a bowtie. Now, I am not proud to tell you this, but I literally pushed people out of the way to get a better whiff of him.

I followed him out of the service and to the line of guests waiting to love on the baby. I introduced myself and asked him to forgive me for being intrusive but would he please tell me the name of his cologne. He laughed, introduced himself and told me he wore Aventus cologne by Creed. Now, if you look up the description, the marketing folks will tell you it is a scent of power and distinction, citrus, bergamot and patchouli. But to me, it just smells stalker-worthy, and I have been following Craig ever since.

That was the year that I decided to stop buying the Hubs gifts he liked and began to buy him gifts that benefited me. But don't tell him. I have a good thing going here and don't want to spoil it. You, too, can do the same thing if you play it cool. There are nine shopping days left and I have some amazing gift suggestions.

This year, I asked Craig what was on his Christmas wish list. He told me the half-zip pull-overs from Vineyard Vines were at the top. They are soft, comfortable and perfect for a business casual day. So, Aventus or any of the John Vartavos colognes and a sweater are my picks for the relaxed fashion lover on your list. Having a well-dressed and heavenly smelling husband always makes me look even better. I'm also loving the whiskey barrel watches by Original Grain. They are beautiful pieces of wearable art, and when your husband always knows what time it is, he won't be late to pick you up for date night.

My next gift suggestion is for the caveman or keto fan in your life — an electric pellet smoker. I got the Hubs one for father's day last year and have not cooked since. Traeger makes an amazing pellet smoker, and you can find one for all price points between $500 and $2,000. I'm cheap, so I got the Hubs a Pit Boss pellet smoker at Walmart for about $300. He loves it. He makes all kinds of smoked deliciousness on it — chicken, ribs, brisket that is so tender you can eat it with a spoon. But the Hubs takes it up a notch and also smokes cheese, cobblers and chocolate chip cookies. And a pellet smoker is a gift that just keeps giving you opportunities for upcoming gift

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Democrats' negotiating strategy is insanity

MARC THIESSEN
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Good news for the incoming House Democratic majority! They have something President Trump really, really wants: money to build a border wall. Trump is desperate for this money. Mexico won't give it to him. Only congressional Democrats can. Without their consent, he can't deliver on one of the key promises he made during the 2016 campaign.

There's a name for this in classic negotiating strategy. It's called "leverage." Good negotiators use leverage (something they have, which their adversary wants) to obtain what are called "concessions" (something their adversary has, which they want). The result is what experts call "compromise." This is how the civilized world gets things done.

But in a fit of pique, Democrats are throwing away their leverage, insisting that they will never — under any circumstances — give Trump the wall he so desperately wants. The reason? Because he wants it and they despise him.

There is a name for this in negotiating strategy. It's called "insanity."

It would be one thing if Trump was demanding that Democrats make some great moral compromise. But he is not. Democrats say they are for border security. They may think that a wall is a costly and inefficient way to secure the border, but there is nothing inherently wrong with a wall. In 2006, 26 Senate Democrats — including Sens. Charles Schumer, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton — voted for the Secure Fence Act of 2006, which required the Department of Homeland Security to build two layers of reinforced fencing along 700 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border. Is there some profound moral difference between a fence and a wall? No.

So why not give Trump his wall in exchange for something they want? They could give Trump the $5 billion he is asking for to begin construction of the wall, in exchange for a path to citizenship for the nearly 2 million "dreamers" — illegal immigrants who were brought to the United States as children through no fault of their own. Trump would negotiate on this basis in a heartbeat.

Then, when Democrats take the majority next year, they could offer him the remaining $15 billion to $20 billion he needs to finish the wall, in exchange for legal status for the other 11 million people here in the country illegally. The wall could buy legal status for every illegal immigrant living in the shadows — a longtime Democratic priority.

Again, Trump likely would be willing to cut such a deal. He is on record repeatedly saying that he wants to find a way for the vast majority of illegal immigrants (the "good ones," he calls them) to get right with the law and secure legal status, so long as we get rid of the rapists, murderers and drug dealers (aka the "bad ones") and secure the border. That is what Democrats claim they want to do as well. So take him up on it.

Or, if they don't want to use their leverage to solve the illegal immigration problem, then Democrats could use the wall as leverage to win concessions from Trump on something else. Democrats have laid out an ambitious agenda — from shoring up Obamacare, lowering the cost of prescription drugs and Medicare-for-all to modifying Trump's tax cuts, increasing the minimum wage, strengthening environmental rules, tackling global climate change and enacting paid family leave.

The possibilities are endless. If Democrats don't use the wall as leverage, they won't get any of this.

In their Oval Office meeting, Schumer told Trump that "elections have consequences" — echoing the infamous words spoken by Obama to congressional Republicans in 2009 when they presented him with their ideas for a stimulus package. Back then, however, Democrats controlled not just the House but the Senate and White House, too. Today, Republicans control the executive branch and have an expanded Senate majority. So if Democrats want to get anything done, they can't ram it through over GOP objections, because Trump has leverage, too — in the form of a pen he can use to sign or veto legislation. To get anything done, Democrats have to negotiate — and compromise.

The answer for Democrats is simple: Don't refuse the wall; use the wall.

OUR VIEW

MC, pre-K is another partnership that will be good for community

We found out this year that partnerships are a way to make things happen. It doesn't matter if we are talking about child psychiatry centers or downtown parks. The ability of entities and organizations to work together can make a difference in our community.

Another example is between Midland College and Midland ISD. Pre-K education is an issue that needs to be addressed, and the college has been involved with the school district on a feasibility study to open a pre-K charter. While it is in the conceptual phase, there is a lot to like about MC dipping its toe in the community-wide struggle that is pre-K.

We previously have called for more action to be taken in regard to pre-K. Studies have shown that child development begins even before a student begins kindergarten. Educate Midland reports that 90 percent of a child's brain is developed in his or her first five years. The organization also states that children who attend a Texas public pre-K program for 80 days or more were 68 percent ready for kindergarten.

Community access to pre-K is a worthy goal, and while a charter program at Midland College could start with 20 students and then grow to 40 (20 3-year-olds and 20 4-year-olds), it is another step to get more of our youth in the classroom earlier. MC shows a pre-K charter school as part of its 2018-19 strategic and operational actions, and we are happy the college is getting involved.

Midland College President Steve Thomas said there are still many issues to resolve, including facilities, but the college wants to be part of the solution because a pre-K school is needed. A charter school also would free up capacity in the child care center on the campus.

If 2019 is going to be the year when major strides are taken on the education front, then it seems very appropriate to add pre-K expansion to the needs in the community. Midland ISD has a greater partner with the college (and vice versa). Their early college high school partnership is consistently one of the highest-performing campuses in the city. At last week's board meeting, we heard that more high school students across the city are also getting involved in dual-credit courses. So that is another area where the college is living up to its mission.

We look forward to seeing more collaboration in the name of better education in Midland. Higher education can be an ally to a rebounding school district in preparing our residents to be part of the workforce. We expect Midland College will continue to lead the way there.

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White House brawl over the wall amounts to theater of the absurd

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The media is still buzzing about last week's televised 17-minute confrontation between President Trump and Democratic leaders over a possible shutdown if Congress doesn't approve additional funding for a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Yet, people are talking about the wrong thing.

The narrative is that soon-to-be House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer stood up to President Trump.

But, as absurd as it is, the real story is how the standoff was over something that usually unites the parties: border security.

After leaving the White House, Pelosi was asked by reporters why she kept insisting that the discussion be held behind closed doors and not "in the public view." She claimed that it was to protect Trump from further embarrassment because he didn't know what he was talking about. The reporters seemed to buy it.

But the actual reason that Pelosi didn't want to have that discussion out in the open was probably because she didn't want to publicly oppose the border wall and set up Democrats for accusations of being soft on illegal immigration. She also didn't want to expose the fissure between Democrats who oppose the wall and those who would go along with it because they fear a backlash from voters.

Meanwhile, Schumer seemed pleased that he goaded Trump into claiming the mantle of border-protector-in-chief. To political observers, it looked like Schumer scored a tactical win by getting Trump on tape threatening a shutdown.

But, in truth, Schumer's stunt was a hollow victory. The refugee caravan changed the equation, turning many Americans against a more lenient approach to border enforcement.

Last month, with the caravan story front and center, a Gallup poll found that the number of Americans who think immigration is the top problem facing the United States jumped to 21 percent from 13 percent the previous month.

Schumer told Trump that "experts say you can do border security without a wall." But, of course, these are the same experts who got us to this point by tolerating illegal immigration.

Besides, Pelosi and Schumer could afford to be smug as they exited the White House. Pelosi is from California, Schumer from New York. Those are blue states. They could vote "no" on a border wall, and not pay a price. That's not the case with centrist Blue Dog Democrats, who might conclude the safer course of action is to simply vote for Trump's wall.

Welcome to the politics of immigration, where Democrats are just as likely as Republicans to take a hardline on the border.

The debate is a headache for both parties. Republicans have to make peace between nativists who want fewer immigrants and business, which wants more; Democrats have to referee a tug-of-war between Latinos who are fine with more immigration, and organized labor, which wants less.

No wonder so many politicians avoid tackling immigration for decades at a time.

And no wonder the media clings to familiar narratives. Why not report that, when it comes to erecting barriers on the border, Democrats and Republicans are more aligned than either side wants to admit?

Democrats love imposing structures, and drones in the sky, and extra border patrol agents, and National Guard troops on the border, and what some call "virtual walls" of electronic sensors.

The Democrats' love affair with border security started in 1994 when President Bill Clinton militarized the U.S.-Mexico border through Operation Gatekeeper. It continued to 1996 when Clinton signed the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, which empowered the U.S. attorney general to order barrier construction on the U.S.-Mexico border and authorized the construction of yet another layer of border fencing.

The infatuation continued to 2006 when 26 Democratic senators voted to support the Secure Fence Act, which authorized construction of about 700 miles of double-layered fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border and the use of satellites, drones and checkpoints. Democrats who voted "yes" included Schumer, Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden.

The left says that there is a difference between a fence and a wall. But, actually, when the fence has multiple layers, the difference is negligible.

The Democrats' fascination with border security continued to 2010 when, as a president, Obama signed the Southwest Border Security Bill, which spent $600 million to secure the U.S.-Mexico border. Among the bill's loudest proponents were Pelosi and Schumer.

Now liberals are making a big spectacle of opposing Trump's border wall. They say it won't work. But maybe they're afraid it would.

Besides, who are Democrats kidding? They appreciate a good border barricade as much as the next party.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





N.Y. Times file photo

A Border Patrol vehicle is on duty May 25 along the Rio Grande Border Fence in Brownsville. A planned stretch of wall in Texas may be the first to be built under President Donald Trump, but it's likely to be opposed by landowners, including a wildlife refuge — and possibly SpaceX.

Trump is digging the GOP in deeper — and there's no bottom in sight



GREG SARGENT
Washington Post

In the run up to the 2012 presidential election, allies of then-President Barack Obama hit on a phrase to sum up his first term: "Osama Bin Laden is dead, and General Motors is alive." The latter, of course, referred to Obama's bailout of the auto companies, which were cratering amid the brutal financial recession.

Now, as we approach the two-year mark of President Donald Trump's tenure, it can perhaps be summed up this way: The case against Trump's corruption and criminality is getting built, and his border wall isn't.

The latest developments in two of the biggest ongoing stories right now - the revelations surrounding the hush-money payments allegedly directed by Trump, and the ongoing government-shutdown battle - are all converging on that basic reality as the end point of Trump's fast-approaching two-year mark.

The Washington Post reports that Trump's threat to shut down the government to secure the wall funding he craves has created a "nightmare scenario" for congressional Republicans, who feel boxed in by Trump's demand. In his meeting with Democratic leaders, Trump claimed that a package containing $5 billion in wall funding can pass the GOP-controlled House - an assertion that was supposed to pressure Senate Democrats to agree to help get it through the Senate. Democrats have offered a continuing resolution that would spend $1.3 billion on border security but with restrictions against spending it on Trump's wall.

But as The Post report notes, House Republicans are balking at voting on the $5 billion Trump wants, because it faces certain rejection in the Senate. What's more, some Republicans don't even know if it would pass the House. Why? Politico offers this remarkable explanation: "There's also a concern that the GOP's moderates, many of whom feel that their losses hinged on Trump, will feel zero need to take a final stand on the wall."

And why should they? After all, a key reason Trump brought down so many House GOP moderates in the election revolves around his positions on immigration. Since Election Day, some GOP strategists have concluded that Trump's closing message of xenophobic, nationalist border-fearmongering actually harmed Republicans more than initially thought. They now believe it was a major factor in the GOP wipeout in the suburbs.

This matters going forward. As National Journal's Josh Kraushaar reports, if suburban alienation from Trump remains this deep, it would likely hamper Republicans badly in the next election cycle, complicating both GOP efforts to win back the House and even to hold the White House. Whatever happens in this shutdown standoff — especially if Trump doesn't get his way, but even if Trump manages to squeeze a bit more funding out of Democrats — nothing remotely resembling the wall that haunts his hallucinations is getting built in the near term, and Trump has now left little doubt that the election hasn't chastened him even a little bit.

One big question raised about the election's outcome is whether the shift of white voters toward Democrats - mostly college-educated and suburban whites, but also many noncollege-educated ones — will create the foundations for a coalition that can deliver again for Democrats in 2020. We don't yet know the answer to that. But the latest wall antics do show Trump is doubling down on the xenophobic obsessions and the impetuous, destructive, falsehood-fueled approach to governing that surely helped drive away all those voters from the GOP and will likely continue to do so.

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Meanwhile, Trump has now offered a new defense against the revelations that he personally directed a criminal conspiracy designed to help elect him president, in the form of those hush-money payments. In a series of tweets, Trump blamed former fixer Michael Cohen for failing him, saying he never directed Cohen to commit a crime and that the payments don't constitute a campaign finance violation.

In short, Trump ordered the hush-money payments, but he is essentially claiming that Cohen should have somehow carried them out in a manner that wasn't illegal; in other words, Cohen should have done the deed while insulating him from the legal fallout. Cohen should have "fixed" things for Trump, as fixers do.

But the emerging facts are making that tougher to sustain. Cohen has maintained that the payoffs to women alleging affairs were done "in coordination with and at the direction" of Trump. Now the National Enquirer's parent company has admitted to paying one of the women to suppress her story, "to prevent it from influencing the election."

Election-law experts say this revelation of premeditated electoral motive is crucial to bringing a criminal case against Trump for illegal campaign finance violations, though this might not happen until he leaves office. Importantly, in that regard, it also signals that David Pecker, the chief executive of that parent company, a man who had a longtime relationship with Trump, has "turned on the president" and is of "ongoing use to prosecutors."

We don't know where all of this will end up, but it is obvious that Trump's legal travails are deepening. And it's hard to foresee a scenario in which it doesn't get harder and harder for Republicans to defend him.

Barring unforeseen events, both of these ongoing narratives appear likely to continue placing Republicans in an increasingly difficult position. If the legal case against Trump advances, standing by him could prove increasingly damaging for Republicans, and Trump may increasingly fall back on his base as his eroding bedrock island of support. That, in turn, may prompt Trump to dig in harder behind his base-pleasing, ethno-nationalist agenda, pulling the party further toward a deeply unpopular set of positions - as we're now seeing with the histrionics around the wall.

Why would all of this get better before it gets worse?

Obituaries



Billy Marie Dressler

Billy Marie Dressler, age 92, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at Manor Park, a Nursing Home in Midland Texas. She was born on December 2, 1926 in Sweetwater Texas to Homer and Ollie Young.

Billy was preceded in death by her parents, husband Wilmoth Manley (Beau) Dressler, and her sister Dorothy Jobe.

She married her husband Wilmoth on April 5, 1947 in Sweetwater. They later moved to Midland where she lived for most of her life. She is survived by her two sons, Joe Dressler of Mustang Oklahoma and David Dressler of Midland. In Midland she was first employed by an oil company called Cities Service. Later she worked for the Midland County Welfare office. She returned to once again work for Cities Service which eventually became known as Occidental Petroleum. She was a member of the North A Church of Christ.

She enjoyed traveling and with her husband and family would frequently visit relatives in Sweetwater. She was fond of playing the organ and playing card games with her friends at Manor Park. She was a generous and very loving person who was loved by all of us and she will be greatly missed.

In addition to her two sons she is survived by her grandchildren Joseph Dressler, Morgan Dressler, and Jordan Dressler all of Mustang, OK. Nieces Barbara Bowen of Bertram, TX, Ruth Margaret Parks of Mount Pleasant, TX, Vanesa Barber of Fargo, ND, and Durlene Butler of Midlothian, TX. Nephews Tommy Dressler of Dallas, TX, Mack Dressler of Mesquite, TX, and Michael Jobe of Midland, TX.

A Visitation will be at Ellis Funeral Home the day before on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 from 5 to 7 PM. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 1 PM, at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79701. After which she will be laid to rest at Resthaven Cemetery.

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Danny L. Johnson

Danny L. Johnson, 65, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 in Midland. The family will receive friends on Monday, December 17, 2018 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Danny was born on December 15, 1952 to Nannie Wiles and Benjamin "Bennie" Johnson in Midland. Danny was born and raised in Midland, TX and graduated from Midland High School in 1971. From November 1971 through March 1978 Danny served as a Specialist Five in the United States Army. Decorations awarded were National Defense Service Medal, Two Good Conduct Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Expert Qualification Badge Rifle. Danny loved roping and being around his dad's arena, loved fishing, enjoyed day trips on his motorcycle, and woodworking in his shop. He was an amazing example of a man who truly loved God, his family, and his friends. That example shined through when he was giving a hand to anyone who needed it. Danny was a true example of love in action with his wife Judy. His heart was his wife. His pride was his children. His joy was his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Chapman Johnson; children, Christi Hart and husband, Kevin, Misti Haney and husband, Jason, and John Johnson and wife, Jessica; brother, Floyd "Shorty" Johnson; grandchildren, KC Hart, Keaton Haney, Ben Johnson, Kamdyn Haney, Peyton Johnson, and Mia Johnson. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, James "Curtis Stringer and Tommy Johnson; and sister, Viola Stringer Williams.

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

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Gayland Lynn Simpson

Gayland Lynn Simpson 73 of Midland, Texas passed away December 12th, at Midland Memorial Hospital of complications from heart surgery.

Gayland was born August 27, 1945 in Childress Texas. His parents were P.A. and Mollye Simpson. He attended elementary school in Northfield and graduated from Estelline High School.

He graduated from West Texas State with a degree in geology. Gayland married Jo Williams on September 28, 1968. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970, spending a year in Vietnam. He started his Geology career in Midland Texas working for Texaco. Gayland worked for several other companies through the years before becoming an independent consultant.

He loved his work. He loved spending as much time as possible at his beloved ranch in Northfield, many family fishing trips to South Padre Island. Gaylarld was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Billy Paul Simpson. He is survived by his wife Jo, daughters Melissa and husband Chris McMillen, Susan and husband Jason Dean, Angie Simpson, and grandson Fischer Davis. This extraordinary man will be forever missed. His kindness and quiet generosity has impacted so many.

There will be a visitation at the Johnson Funeral home on Sunday December 16th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

A graveside service will be at the Northfield cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Monday December 17th.

The family requests donations be made to Cal Farley Boys Ranch in Amarillo Texas or Northfield Cemetery, 1712 FM 94 Northfield Texas 79201.



John Greer

John Greer, 61 of Gardendale, TX passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Memorial Service will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

John Greer was born on July 22, 1957 in Fort Stockton, TX to Charles & Ellen Greer. After high school, he went on to proudly serve his country as a member of the Navy. After his military service ended, he spent many of the next years focusing on raising his three children. He had a strong faith in the Lord and political stance and would gladly debate either subject, with any that dared. He was widely known for his lightheartedness and sense of humor after having perfected the all famous "dad jokes". Even in his final days, he found joy in making sure everyone was laughing. He was a loving father and grandfather and will greatly be missed.

John Greer is survived by his parents, Charles & Ellen Greer; sisters, Lisa Williams and Ellen Greer; brother, Bill Greer; son, Tony and his wife Christine Greer, son, Caleb and his wife Leanna Greer, daughter, Amber and her husband Cody Satterfield, and grandchildren, Angela Greer, Levi Thompson, Mila Greer, Calea Greer, Blake Satterfield, Adelaide Satterfield, Natalie Greer, and Axton Satterfield.

John Greer is preceded in death by brother, Robert Greer and 3 grandchildren, Taylor Greer, Anthony Greer Jr. and Dylan Greer.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards Mission Center Adult Day Services of Midland for going above and beyond in their care, while John was an attending member. The program did wonders, giving him a sense of belonging, and the friendships that he built there meant everything to him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mission Center Adult Day Services of Midland.

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Death Notices

Dorothy B. Frix

Dorothy B. Frix, 92 of Stanton, passed away Thursday, December 13, 2018.

Services will be held in Dallas, Texas. Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

She is survived by her care-giver, Ellen Gonzales, and two sisters.

Get ready for the weekend by reading
WEEKENDER
Thursdays in the Reporter-Telegram

Abbott sees no reason to reassess support for Trump



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

Our governor met the press Thursday and addressed a disaster with which we're still dealing.

He also talked about Hurricane Harvey.

Actually, Harvey was the announced subject of the event in the Governor's Reception Room. Specifically, it was to release Texas A&M's "after-action report" on the devastating 2017 hurricane from which we've yet to fully recover. Our best wishes continue to go to the Texans still dealing with the aftermath of that storm.

I, however, found the Thursday event an opportune moment to check in with Gov. Greg Abbott on another topic I like to check in on every so often with our state's GOP leaders. It's another ongoing challenge with which we are dealing.

"Governor," I asked respectfully, "have you heard or learned anything this week that could cause you to reassess or waver in your support of the president?"

Seemed like a reasonable question in the wake of testimony from Donald Trump's former lawyer about "dirty deeds" and a nonprosecution agreement in which the folks at the National Enquirer, one of Trump's favorite sources of "news," said that in concert with Trump's campaign they had paid hush money to hush a woman who claimed she had had an affair with Trump.

Here, according to federal prosecutors, is what AMI, the Enquirer's parent company, agreed to in return for immunity from prosecution: "As a part of the agreement, AMI admitted that it made the $150,000 payment in concert with a candidate's presidential campaign, and in order to ensure that the woman did not publicize damaging allegations about the candidate before the 2016 presidential election. AMI further admitted that its principal purpose in making the payment was to suppress the woman's story so as to prevent it from influencing the election."

So, governor, have you heard or learned anything that could cause you to reassess or waver in your support of the president?

Abbott tossed off the question with a slight shoulder shrug and a quick, "No."

End of discussion.

"Thanks, guys. We gotta go. Appreciate it," gubernatorial aide John Wittman said in ending the event.

I understand, I think, Abbott's loyalty to Trump as several of the president's former men turn on him. There's something to be said for loyalty. It's what got Trump to the White House. And it's what's getting some of his top former aides to the courthouse and the big house.

We haven't heard the end of what we're going to hear about our president. These can't be comfortable days for Republicans like Abbott who've been forced to climb aboard for this bumpy ride one would presume they've never been comfortable about. You fellas might want to tighten up the seat belts a bit in the coming week.

You wonder what it's going to take for them to jump ship. Dirty deeds don't seem enough. Neither does probable adultery and related hush money on behalf of the candidate of the evangelicals.

Nor does flat-out lying about lots of stuff, much less Trump's lack of depth of grasp about any issue. (Best description I've heard of Trump attempting a deep dive on any policy: sounds like a fourth-grader doing an oral book report on a book he hasn't read.)

So what would it take for loyal Repubs to acknowledge the shortcomings of their president? I fear it would be nothing short of sworn, incontrovertible testimony that Trump has committed the only sin that seems to matter to people like Abbott:

Evidence that Trump's still a Democrat.

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Here's why the Texas Lottery's Willy Wonka game and its promised $1 billion prize was a sham

■ The only person to play in the "ultimate round" was from Midland



THE WATCHDOG
By Dave Lieber
Dallas Morning News

Let me be the first journalist anywhere to report the winner of the Texas Lottery's Willy Wonka Golden Ticket with the record-setting $1 billion prize.

Yes, the biggest prize for a solo winner in lottery history.

Remember all the hype a year ago? We're talking a billion dollars here, not a million.

Until now, the winner has not been announced. Ready for this Watchdog exclusive?

Drum roll, please.

And the winner of the largest solo prize in lottery history is ...

NOBODY.

How could that be?

Scam vs. sham

This would be a good place for The Watchdog to note the difference between a scam and a sham.

For me, a scam involves a proven criminal confidence game, often resulting in a felony conviction or civil fine.

I can't call the Willy Wonka game a scam because in this case the lure was backed by the full faith of Texas state government.

But I will call it a sham, which is defined as something that is not what it is purported to be.

The Willy Wonka game was played in Texas and 16 other U.S. lotteries. No one won a billion dollars.

How can you offer a lottery game, sucker people in for millions of dollars in ticket sales with the promise of a record grand prize — and then never award it?

How nobody won

The Watchdog cried foul when this sham was first presented. There were so many flaws.

For $10 you got three scratch-off games on one supersized card. Fifty chances to win. If you win, you're out. That's not a typo. To advance to the so-called billion-dollar "second chance" round, you needed a losing ticket.

Advancing was not automatic. Registration was required. I didn't want to do it on the state lottery commission app because that would capture data off my phone that, theoretically, someone could obtain under the state open records law.

The scratch-off games were a bit of a brain twister with so many numbers to check. I couldn't find the required 13-digit registration number. I had to call the lottery commission.

Turns out the number was hidden under a scratch-off box that was not marked. I bet some players didn't even bother to register to advance in the game.

The drawing for the second round was poorly handled. Dawn Nettles, who runs LottoReport.com, attended the Austin drawing. Afterward, she called it a disgrace because the commission did not immediately release the names of the 20 winners. It was too mysterious, she said.

The chosen 20 Texans moved on to the second round, an all-expenses paid trip to Las Vegas for the "Billion Dollar Challenge." This portion was handled by Scientific Games, the lottery's ticket maker, who ran the rest of the drawings and would pay the remaining prize money.

These eventual winners were among 100 finalists from other states who gathered in April at the LINQ Hotel & Casino. Each of them opened an envelope, but only five people found a golden ticket. The rest won cash prizes.

The final five were called to the stage, where they played games of chance (not skill). Four played for $1 million and only one played for $1 billion.

That's the biggest problem and what's most disturbing: Out of hundreds of millions of tickets sold across the U.S., only one person — one person! — had a chance to win the billion.

By the numbers

Here are some numbers.

Kelly Cripe, the lottery spokesperson, tells The Watchdog that 8,829,912 Golden Tickets were sold in Texas for $88.3 million dollars in sales.

Texas paid the costs, including $3.8 million in advertising. Texas also paid license and promotion fees for the game and the use of Willy Wonka's image.

In addition, Texas paid $62 million in prizes to winners of the scratch-off games (remember those winners couldn't go on to Vegas).

Of the 20 Texas finalists who moved on to the Vegas round, 18 won $1,000 in cash. David Jenkins of Buda won $25,000. Only Shadina Hubbard of Midland moved on to the ultimate round the "Million Dollar Spin." She won $42,500.

The state's take after expenses was $15.7 million, Cripe said.

Let's review. About 8.3 million Golden Tickets were sold in Texas, but only 20 had a chance at the Vegas drawing. Of all the tickets sold everywhere, only one person in the entire U.S. got to play for a billion dollars.

And that's how NOBODY won. NOBODY was always going to win. What a sham.

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Woodcarver creates Nativity scene for community's church



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Columnist

Harry Seurkamp of Whitney enjoys his woodcarving hobby. For him, it's satisfying and even a stress reliever.

"I do enter competition and go to various shows," he says. "Sometimes people come up and say they'd love to learn how to do this. They ask me about tools. If they look like they're interested, I loan them three basic tools, a safety glove to keep from cutting themselves and a leather strap like the old barbers used to use to sharpen their straight razors. I then give them a little book I wrote on how to carve various things."

He lets the people keep the tools, glove and strap for six months.

"If they enjoy carving, I'll tell them where they can buy the tools. If they don't enjoy the carving or can't handle it, they give the tools back to me and they're not out any money."

He carves manger scenes.

"I have 15 students that I teach in our community. We have a church here called White Bluff Chapel. We had a Christmas Eve service one evening and there was no manger scene. So, the following Christmas Eve I presented the congregation with a manger scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus and promised them that I would give them a piece every year to add to this. At this point we have two shepherds, a cow, a donkey, the three kings, the three gifts and three large camels. The camels were challenging. I have one that's standing, one that's semi-reclining and one fully reclining. I gave each of my students the opportunity to carve a sheep, so they have a hand in this, too. There's probably about 52 pieces in there right now."

The manger scene is on a 6-foot table. He made a stable using Velcro so all he has to do to put it up is snap the pieces together.

Harry's house is in a planned community on the outskirts of Whitney.

"The house is designed around my shop. I drew the plans and gave them to the architect and he followed them. It works great. I can enter the workshop from my office. I have air ducts and blowers to get the dust outside so it never gets in the house. I spend a lot of time in my workshop and have some wonderful equipment I've bought over the years. When I'm not carving, I'm reading about carving. I have a large library of woodcarving books and magazines."

He is a member of the Texas Woodcarvers Guild, which has a two-day show in Cleburne every April. There are also five days of teaching woodcarving to anyone who wants to learn. Most of them are older. He wishes more young people would find the hobby interesting but says most of them are electronic-minded.

Harry, a retired druggist, became interested in carving when he was at a crafts show and saw some woodcarvers.

"They looked so contented, just carving some really beautiful pieces that looked like they belonged in a museum or gallery. I stood there a long time admiring their work and asking questions."

Facial recognition technology may bring problems

GUEST VIEW

Dallas Morning News

The promise that technology will lead to greater security is such an accepted truism it's hardly questioned.

But as DFW Airport begins to roll out facial recognition technology, we are skeptical about the plan — first, whether it will lead to greater security; and second, whether appropriate measures can be put in place to give people confidence their privacy will be protected.

After 9/11, the government required airports to ramp up security measures. Now, nearly 20 years later, we are accustomed to the misery of getting on a plane, the lines, the boxes, the machines, the specific indignities in the name of general safety.

While plenty of questions abound about the efficacy of the Transportation Security Administration's practices and procedures, we must acknowledge that terrorists have not repeated the destruction they brought upon us on Sept. 11, 2001.

The expansion of technological scrutiny is sold as a way to both increase our safety and reduce the cattle call experience of getting on a plane.

Still, people have a right and a reason to be concerned about new tools in the hand of law enforcement even when it is meant to protect us — not that we should be surprised its coming.

The technology rolled out to some airports last year under the direction of Customs and Border Protection. Foreign nationals, by law, get their faces scanned when entering and leaving the country. Those images are matched against passport photos or photos submitted with visa applications and stored on what Customs and Border Protection says is a secure cloud system.

The system does have success stories, and that's encouraging. Two people flying into Washington Dulles International Airport were flagged and found to have been traveling with passports that did not belong to them. That's great news, right? Yes, in that case. But perhaps not in others. A General Accounting Office report of the FBI's system found that it misidentified people 14 percent of the time. That's not acceptable.

Beyond the false positives, there are concerns about the use of the technology and whether it is necessary. It's great that using facial recognition can cut the boarding time of a plane holding 350 passengers in half the time it takes to manually review passports, but advocates haven't settled the debate about passenger safety.

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

Rent	26 families	$25,832.69
Medical	1 family	$ 500.00
	TOTAL	$26,332.69

Mark called our helpline last week in need of help moving into an apartment. He asked only for the administrative fee and the deposit which amounted to a few hundred dollars. Part of the move-in enticement for this apartment complex was that the first month's rent was free. He said he had just moved to Midland and secured a job, but his first check would not come in for three more weeks. If we could just help him get moved in he would be able to handle the rent for January.

When we met with Mark we found him to be a very handsome, well-groomed, soft-spoken young man. He said that he had moved here from the Dallas area although he was originally from Midland. He came back to Midland, he said, when he found out that the girlfriend he had left several months before (when he moved to secure a better job) had become pregnant. She did not tell Mark of her pregnancy until the baby was born in November. As soon as he heard he promptly gave his two-week's notice at his job and came to Midland. As we mentioned before, once here he had no problem getting a job and wanted nothing more than to get "settled in."

We were impressed! Did he come to Midland to be closer to his baby? Yes, he said. In this caseworker's line of work, in her 18 years of meeting with those in need, she had never come across this scenario. Sad to say in our line of work the norm is that the father or mother is running away from responsibility and leaving the other mate to find for him/herself. The welfare of the baby rarely comes into the picture.

But he explained that growing up he never had a father in the picture. He had left before Mark was born. Mark did not want that to happen to that son. "I want to be the father to my son that I never had."

We were impressed beyond words! Not only did we help him with the fees needed to move in, but we also covered his January rent. He will have many expenses coming up (deposits for utilities, setting up a household, etc.) and we were grateful to be able to help him. When we told him about the additional rent he actually cried. He did not expect the help.

Mark is only 22 years old but he shoulders responsibilities that many older men will not. We will pray for him and his baby, that he is able to be the father he wants to be. But we have a feeling that with his determination to do the right thing for his son it will happen. We wish them well!

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Blue Dog Democrats are poised to play crucial role in Congress



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The Democratic Party spent enormous amounts of time and money recruiting and supporting moderate, centrist candidates as part of its strategy to take control of the House in last month's midterm elections — and it worked. Now, these very lawmakers are organizing to assert their influence. If they succeed, they might just keep their jobs and save the Democratic majority in the process.

The Blue Dog Coalition began in 1995 after Democrats lost power in the most stunning electoral defeat of that era. Originally made up of mostly older, white, Southern men, their name was inspired by the iconic yellow-eyed blue dog painted by artist George Rodrigue. A post-Reconstruction adage had stated that Southerners would rather vote for a yellow dog than a Republican. But by the 1990s, Southern Democrats said that yellow dog was being "choked blue" by the extreme sides of both parties, hence the name Blue Dogs.

The forming principle of the group was that fiscally conservative, national- security-minded Democrats needed to stick together — and occasionally stick it to their own party's leadership — to survive and get stuff done. But the Blue Dog Coalition will look a lot different in 2019 than it did in 1995: It now includes Northerners, young people and veterans. It is led by an Asian-American woman who served in the Pentagon and just won her first re-election in a purple Florida district that supports both gun control and gay rights.

"The makeup of our coalition has changed," Rep. Stephanie Murphy, D-Florida, told me. "It's not your Southern Democratic Blue Dog Coalition anymore."

Murphy and her co-chairmen, Rep. Luis Correa of California, and Rep. Tom O'Halleran of Arizona, are growing their coalition by recruiting from the incoming freshman class. It is no accident they've signed up Afghanistan war veteran Max Rose of New York, former CIA officer Abigail Spanberger of Virginia and former Salt Lake City Mayor Ben McAdams. Their theory of the case is that competence, pragmatism and experience in public service are attributes voters crave in the age of President Donald Trump.

Republicans have ceded huge territory in the center, Murphy said, by abandoning fiscal responsibility on debt and deficits while following Trump as he takes the GOP toward a nationalist trade and foreign policy.

"We have a unique opportunity," she said. "It is a moment when the Blue Dogs have an opportunity to be a strong, reasonable voice. . . . In contrast to some of the reckless policies we are seeing."

They know the progressive far-left Democrats entering Congress are getting the lion's share of media attention. For example, Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York has a district just miles from Rose's but gets drastically more coverage, in part because of her willingness to oppose party leadership and advocate economic and foreign policy ideas that are outside the mainstream.

The question for likely speaker Nancy Pelosi, of California, will be how she balances the wants of the progressive side of her caucus with the needs of the members from red and purple districts who actually gave Democrats the majority.

Sixty-four percent of the 42 seats Democrats flipped in the 2018 midterms will be held by members of the Blue Dogs or the moderate New Democratic Coalition; only 27 percent of those seats will be held by members of the Progressive Caucus. Of the 20 congressional districts now held by Democrats but that favored Trump in 2016, 11 are Blue Dog or New Dem members; only three are in the Progressive Caucus.

Ocasio-Cortez won with 78 percent of the vote. Rose won with less than 53 percent. If Pelosi still wants to be speaker after two years, Democrats must convince constituents in districts such as Rose's that their party represents them.

"Our districts have a different look to them and a different face to them, and we have to recognize that and the caucus has to recognize that," O'Halleran told me.

The risk for Democrats is that the squeaky wheels will wind up getting the grease — and the loudest voices will become the voice of the party.

"Pragmatism never has been and never will be a sexy message, but these members were elected in part because of their pragmatism," said Democratic strategist Rodell Mollineau, a partner at ROKK Solutions, a Washington consultancy. "The priority is maintaining and expanding the majority. As a bloc, there's a lot of strength in the Blue Dog Coalition."

The Blue Dogs' challenge is not just about marketing. They are preaching moderation, compromise and bipartisanship in an environment characterized by divided government, intense partisanship, the prospect of two years of investigations into the administration and potential impeachment proceedings. Also, another presidential election campaign is right around the corner.

Even if the Democratic leadership gives its centrist and moderate members the opportunities and cover they need to be independent and focus on their districts, greater forces may continue to push both parties to their extremes. Democrats must decide whether they want to assuage their angriest elements or govern from the middle and keep their power.



Sarah Silbiger/The New York Times

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is shown during a news conference Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington. The ruling by a federal judge in Texas that the Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional may not stand, but it will elevate health care as a pressing topic in a divided Washington.

How Pelosi put down a rebellion and allowed everyone to win



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As soon as the rebellion against Nancy Pelosi within the Democratic caucus in the House began to take shape, I (and many others) were highly skeptical that it could succeed. Yes, many members, including some of the newly elected, had said during the campaign that they wouldn't support her bid to continue leading Democrats as speaker of the House.

But Pelosi is the most skilled tactician in Congress, and the rebels couldn't get their act together. They had no real argument against Pelosi other than "It's time for new leadership," none of them wanted to stick their neck out and run against her, and they had no apparent strategy to reach their goal.

So carefully and methodically, Pelosi chipped away at her opposition, offering incentives for those who opposed her to come to her side. Rep. Marcia Fudge was the only opponent who would say she was even considering running against Pelosi, so the two sat down for a meeting. When it was over, Fudge had a promise for a new subcommittee on elections that she'd chair, and Pelosi had Fudge's support. She made deals with one potential opponent after another, or just persuaded them that supporting her was in everyone's best interest.

Now Pelosi seems to have wrapped things up, according to a Washington Post report:

"Rep. Nancy Pelosi clinched the votes for a second stint as House speaker on Wednesday after agreeing to serve no more than four years in a deal with a group of Democratic rebels — a significant concession to their demands for generational change.

"The group of insurgents wanted new blood in the top Democratic ranks and maneuvered for months to deny Pelosi, D-California, the votes she would need. After weeks of behind-the-scenes negotiating, Pelosi backed off her resistance to setting a date for her departure but avoided becoming an immediate lame duck.

"'Over the summer, I made it clear that I see myself as a bridge to the next generation of leaders, a recognition of my continuing responsibility to mentor and advance new members into positions of power and responsibility in the House Democratic Caucus,' Pelosi said in a statement.

"Almost immediately, seven Democratic holdouts said they would back Pelosi. Their support would be enough to secure the House majority that she needs for her election to speaker on Jan. 3 -218 votes if all members are present and voting for an individual."

There are a couple of stories you can tell about this sequence of events. One is that the rebels forgot who they were dealing with, and Pelosi crushed them like bugs. Another is that while they didn't get immediate satisfaction, they accomplished their goal nonetheless by forcing Pelosi to put a limit on her time as speaker and ensuring that the caucus will develop a new generation of leaders.

Both those stories are true to some degree, but what's most important is that Democrats reached a conclusion in which everyone wins. And that shows just how deftly Pelosi played this conflict.

Pelosi will be in charge for the immediate future, and any other outcome would have been ridiculous, like the Lakers deciding that they're going to put LeBron James on the bench because it would be nice to give other people some playing time. Everyone acknowledges that she's the most capable legislative leader in either party, and she has been through precisely the current situation before, twelve years ago. In 2006 Democrats took over the House, and Pelosi led them through two years of opposition to George W. Bush, followed by two years of furious legislating at the beginning of Barack Obama's presidency.

They hope that's what will happen again, and it's also possible that we could see a repeat of the next phase of the Obama presidency: the backlash. That's almost certainly why Pelosi was willing to limit herself to four more years as Democratic leader. If a Democrat becomes president in 2020, Republicans will probably have a strong midterm election in 2022, perhaps strong enough for them to wrest back control of the House. At that point there won't be much more legislating to do, and Pelosi — who will be 82 years old — can pass off leadership of what will then be the minority to someone else and take a well-earned retirement.

As for Pelosi's opponents, they can legitimately say that if they hadn't mounted this rebellion she wouldn't have agreed to put a time limit on her departure, and there will now be more opportunities for younger members to take high-profile positions — which will be good for those ambitious individuals and good for the party as a whole.

The latest ACA ruling is raw judicial activism and impossible to defend

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Late Friday night, a district court in Texas declared the entire Affordable Care Act unconstitutional — lock, stock and barrel. That includes not only the individual mandate and the protections for people with pre-existing conditions, but also the entire Medicaid expansion as well as a host of other ACA rules without any connection at all to health insurance.

The logic of the ruling is as difficult to follow as it is to defend, and it sets the stage for yet another round of high-stakes constitutional litigation over the future of health care in the United States.

To understand the court's decision, you have to see the mandate as consisting of two discrete parts. There's an instruction to buy insurance, and there's a penalty associated with failing to do so.

As part of their 2017 tax reform package, congressional Republicans amended the ACA to eliminate the tax penalty. Because they couldn't summon a filibuster-proof majority necessary to make substantive amendments, they zeroed the penalty out without also eliminating the naked instruction to buy insurance. And they trumpeted to anyone who would listen that they repealed the individual mandate — which, for all practical purposes, is precisely what they did.

But that's not how U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor saw it. In his view, the penalty-free mandate still amounted to a coercive exercise of government power. That meant that two individuals who'd been conscripted by red states as plaintiffs had standing to sue.

To put it bluntly, that makes zero sense. The judge asserted — without any support — that the penalty-free mandate "requires (the plaintiffs) to purchase and maintain certain health-insurance coverage." But that's not right. An unenforceable instruction to purchase insurance is not coercive in the slightest.

But O'Connor didn't pause over standing. Instead, he turned to the merits and held that the penalty-free mandate is unconstitutional. Why? Back in 2012, a conservative majority on the court ruled that Congress lacked the power to adopt the individual mandate — the obligation to purchase insurance or pay a tax penalty — under its authority to regulate interstate commerce. But a different majority, consisting of the liberal justices plus Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., held that the individual mandate could be sustained as an exercise of Congress's taxing power.

Repeal of the mandate penalty, however, means the government is no longer using its taxing power. For O'Connor, then, the penalty-free mandate that remains on the books must be unconstitutional, even though it's not enforceable. (The court doesn't even address precedent from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit that "an unused power to tax" doesn't make an exercise of the taxing power unconstitutional.)

At this point, you should ask: Who cares if a zero-dollar mandate is constitutional or not? Why does it matter in the slightest? And what on earth does it have to do with the rest of ACA?

You might have thought that the right remedy would be to invalidate the penalty-free mandate. Doing so would align with Congress' evident view that an ACA without an individual mandate was preferable to an ACA with it. That's what I argued in an amicus brief with a bipartisan group of law professors.

Instead, the court held that the entire ACA was "inseverable" from the purportedly unconstitutional mandate. To reach that conclusion, the judge leaned heavily on Congress' findings from 2010, where it said that the individual mandate was "essential" to the law.

But the mandate that the 2010 Congress said was essential had a penalty attached to it. The finding is irrelevant to a mandate that lacks any such penalty.

In any event, it doesn't matter what Congress meant to do in 2010. It matters what Congress meant to do in 2017, when a different Congress made a different call about whether the mandate was essential. We know what Congress wanted to do in 2017: repeal the mandate and leave the rest of the act intact. Its judgment could not have been plainer. (I know. I was there! So were you. It wasn't that long ago.)

That's not how O'Connor sees it. In perhaps the most remarkable passage in a remarkable opinion, he wrote that the 2017 Congress "intended to preserve the Individual Mandate because the 2017 Congress, like the 2010 Congress, knew that provision is essential to the ACA."

Your jaw should be on the floor. On no account did Congress in 2017 "intend to preserve" the individual mandate. It meant to get rid of the loathed mandate — and it did, by eliminating the penalty that gave it force and effect.

In his contempt for the ACA, O'Connor blinded himself to all this. Instead, he decided that what Congress "really" wanted was to invalidate the entire ACA.

What happens next? California has already said it will appeal, and the decision won't take effect while that appeal is pending. The constitutionality of the most important piece of social legislation since the advent of Medicare and Medicaid won't be resolved by a single judge in Fort Worth. Nor is the 5th Circuit or the Supreme Court likely to have much patience for this partisan lawsuit.

So nothing changes for the time being. And nothing should change. The legal arguments in previous rounds of litigation over the ACA may have been weak, but they were not frivolous.

This case is different; it's an exercise of raw judicial activism. Don't for a moment mistake it for the rule of law.

Stop ignoring that 21 trillion-pound gorilla

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Do deficits matter? Clearly, the White House and a substantial number of congressional Republicans can't decide. On one hand, they sound like cost-cutting deficit hawks when out on the stump or issuing tweets. But once the TV lights go off, they turn tables to support record spending and deficit-driven borrowing that have left us with an unprecedented burden of national debt — more than $21 trillion today and counting.

So which is it? Do deficits matter or not? Because if they do — and I count myself in that corner — then the U.S. economy and all of us who depend on its well-being are in deep trouble unless we turn things around fast.

It's a mystery to me why political leaders and commentators who fashion themselves as conservatives could think or act otherwise. For as long as I can remember, increasing deficit spending and national debt topped the list of conservative taboos. An even bigger mystery is why deficits and debt were not hotly debated in the recent midterm elections. Every other issue, ridiculous or sublime, got a full airing, but the 21 trillion-pound gorilla sitting there in plain sight was ignored by both parties and the media as well.

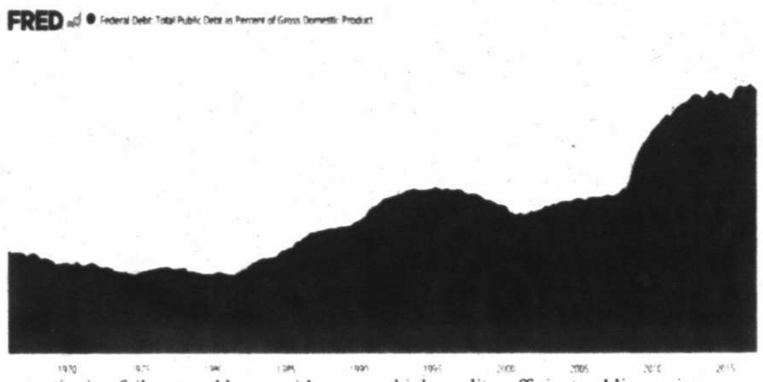
These issues deserve full discussion. Deficits, debt and their root cause - spending - truly matter. Over the long term, deficit spending is detrimental to economic growth and national prosperity. And as deficit spending continues, its adverse effects add up over time.

When workers, businesses and entrepreneurs use savings to pay for increased government spending and borrowing, that leaves them with less to invest in small businesses or initiatives; less for capital improvements and innovations that enhance productivity; and less to put aside for inevitable downturns or unforeseen events. The bottom-line result is less growth and innovation — and pressure to take on even more debt.

Our ability to restrain spending and thus control the nation's debt sends an important signal to financial markets that the United States is a stable, welcoming place for job creation and investment. Deficits and debt made inevitable by overspending send a far different message.

So for those of us who believe that deficits matter, what's our solution? I look back to my days in Congress on the House Budget Committee. As committee chair, I worked with the Clinton White House and leaders in both chambers to hammer out the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which led to slower spending growth, lower capital gains taxes, lower debt held by the public and some first steps toward controlling entitlement costs. That happened because of good-faith, bipartisan collaboration and some honest political give and take.

Sadly, that bipartisan spirit didn't last. After a few more balanced budgets, the old problems of deficit spending returned, driven in large part by the costs of nation-building, unpaid-for tax cuts and



a continuing failure to address entitlement reform. Controlling spending was no longer a bipartisan goal, and it hasn't been for all the years since.

The only way to solve our present dilemma and return some fiscal sanity to Washington is for leaders on both sides of the congressional aisle and both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue to rediscover a way to work together on the problems they were sent to Washington to solve. I know it can be done because I once helped make it happen in Congress, and now we've made it work for eight straight years of structurally balanced, cost-cutting budgets in Ohio.

It won't be easy and it sure won't happen overnight. But step by step, it can work. Those steps: Do it over time; take out the politics; modernize and, if necessary, privatize government programs; eliminate those not meeting 21st century needs; and don't let people stuck in the status quo dictate your agenda.

In other words, find ways to provide high-quality, efficient public services at lower costs. That's something every other sector of the worldwide economy has found a way to do - except a federal government that's unwilling or unable to act. We did it in Ohio when we dramatically reformed our Medicaid program and cut our spending growth from a 9 percent yearly average between 2009 and 2011 to an average of less than 4 percent from 2012 to 2013 — all without denying coverage to those who rely on it.

Do deficits matter? Of course they do. But maybe we're asking the wrong question. Deficits matter because they're a symptom of runaway government spending that weakens investment by businesses and individuals to enhance growth and productivity. The sooner the White House, both parties in Congress and the American people wake up to that reality, the sooner we can all sleep at night without a $21 trillion debt hanging over our children's and grandchildren's heads.

Congress can't cave in to Trump on NAFTA

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The best argument for Congress to pass President Donald Trump's tweaked version of the North American Free Trade Agreement is also the worst argument for it.

It's the argument from stability. It concedes that the new agreement, labeled the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), may not be a vast improvement over NAFTA, or an improvement at all. But it urges passage on the ground that otherwise we might end up with no trade agreement at all, because Trump has been threatening to withdraw from NAFTA.

This is the argument that the editors of the Washington Post are making. They have no illusions about the USMCA. They know that NAFTA was not "the worst trade deal ever," as Trump calls it. Studies have found that the agreement, which first went into effect in 1994, modestly increased American GDP without raising unemployment or significantly reducing manufacturing wages.

The Post editors are aware, as well, that the changes in the new agreement are a mixed bag. (If NAFTA were a disaster, as Trump says, USMCA would be, too.)

On the plus side, American exporters get more access to the Canadian dairy market, and the agreement includes new rules on digital trade and storage.

On the other hand, the agreement also has stricter rules on what counts as a car made within the trade bloc and new wage rules for the Mexican auto industry. Both of these policies were priorities of the Trump administration and are, as the editors note with understatement, "possibly counterproductive."

The Post's argument for congressional passage of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement is not that on balance it's better than NAFTA. It's that passage "would stabilize a hemispheric trade area that Mr. Trump had threatened to destabilize."

Trump is threatening to withdraw from NAFTA so as to leave lawmakers a choice between his version of the deal and no deal at all. With no deal, the more restrictive trade rules that applied before NAFTA would go back into effect. The Post is right to prefer either NAFTA or USMCA to that result.

But think about what its editors are saying: Congress should give the president what he wants, whether or not what he wants is in the national interest, to keep him from doing something destructive. Because the editors are not confident they can persuade Trump to be reasonable, they want Congress to accede to his unreasonableness.

Republican Sen. Patrick Toomey of Pennsylvania has a different perspective. He says that "the old NAFTA is preferable to the new NAFTA" on the whole, although that might change if the Trump administration works with him and like-minded colleagues on amendments.

But Toomey is also mindful of the need for Congress to assert its own constitutional powers. Trump has already imposed tariffs that many in Congress denounced.

In negotiating this deal his administration has not consulted with key members of Congress - as required in legislation giving the administration the authority to engage in those negotiations in the first place. It largely ignored the objectives Congress set for negotiations, such as further liberalization of trade and the protection of American investors abroad.

Trump has refused to lift steel and aluminum tariffs, even for Canada and Mexico, even though he and his aides said that they were in place to secure a better deal and would be lifted afterward. Now Trump is trying to force Congress to back him by withdrawing (or threatening to withdraw) from NAFTA - which it is not at all clear he has the legal power to do.

Senator Toomey puts it this way: "It's bad enough that we have ceded so much authority to the executive branch — maybe nowhere more so than on trade — but now to let the president take an action against Congress, let's be honest, that is not legally permissible? I'd be extremely disappointed if my colleagues in Congress just roll over."

Whether to keep the North American Free Trade Agreement or adopt the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement is not an earth-shattering choice. They are very similar and our economy would not do much better under one or the other.

But Trump's strategy for getting his agreement past Congress ought to change the congressional calculation. What Trump is trying to do is to extort Congress into giving him a political victory on trade. He wants congressmen to worry about the effects of his irresponsibility. At some point, they have to stand up to it.

It's Mueller vs. Trump, and may America win

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Ours is an age of egregious excess, of tearing everything apart to set everything right and then hiding from reality when everything gets worse. So it is that we've got a president often acting as if he is still host of a TV reality show that is, at least, high in its ratings, and a special counsel who figures the guy has to go even if that means justice has to go, too.

"This is not the way our democracy works," said Hillary Clinton in a campaign debate after Donald Trump said he might not accept the outcome of the election. "We've been around for 240 years. We have had free and fair elections. We've accepted the outcomes when we may not have liked them. And that is what is expected of anyone standing on a debate stage during a general election. He is denigrating — he is talking down — our democracy."

Well, we see elections contested all the time, as in the recent midterms, and democracy is not necessarily denigrated. But suppose there's a presidential election, no evidence of campaign wrong-doing is found and yet every other trick in the book – even felonious leaking of classified papers– is used to deny the winner his rights.

Phony means to a possibly chaotic, unjustified end is the real denigration of democracy, especially when the fight is between the high-and-mighty and rule of law. Clinton knows where she stands, hints at running for president again, goes on money-making tours with her husband and can at least count on him to show up at the rallies.

To bring the anti-Trump frenzy together in an organized attack, a special counsel was needed to investigate whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia to beat Clinton. Not just anyone would do. What was needed was someone who was a friend of an important witness, had a steely, gotcha temperament and would happily spend millions, use discredited tactics and thereby intervene fundamentally in the rightly focused conduct of the presidency for a year and a half.

And so we come to Robert Mueller.

A former director of the FBI, he had demonstrated his qualifications when some of its agents were in search of terrorists and acted without probable cause in collecting scads of personal data on private citizens. Keep your mouths shut, these folks were told, and Mueller informed Congress there had only been one or two such abuses when the real number was about 3,000. He held himself accountable.

He also violated separation of powers by authorizing the search of a congressional office and refusing to return ill-gotten material despite urgings from congressional leaders and the attorney general.

The Russian collusion may yet take center stage, but the latest, most threatening move in the Trump investigation is to let us all know that he served his campaign with hush money sent to two women who had served him sexually.

The thing is, it can be a felony not to have reported the expenditures, although these sorts of errors are often pretty much ignored, as in something noted in a National Review article. The Obama 2008 campaign paid a relatively slight penalty for $2 million worth of transgressions.

But restraint is hardly a Mueller mantra. Through the instrument of sentencing threats, critics say he may in effect have bullied or bribed officials into deals about what they say about Trump and friends. Constitutional experts such as Alan Dershowitz also point to how he has twisted client-attorney privilege in such a way that the only privilege belongs to those wearing a prosecutorial grin.

Trump has triumphed with some excellent policies, has fought back with some terrible ones, is losing some good people and still comes across as ignorant, irresponsible, narcissistic, vulgar and bigoted. He hardly seems prepared for the barbarians at the gate. The issue is whether democracy can stand up against denigration.

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We won't allow forgotten Americans to be left behind

The nation's unemployment rate is at a 49-year low, wages are on the rise, and last year, the official poverty rate fell from 12.7 percent to 12.3 percent, with even larger decreases and record lows for Hispanic Americans and African-Americans. While all these indicators are great news, not everyone is benefiting from the improved economy.

Investment in many places in this country has lagged for generations. A mere 20 counties accounted for half the national increase in businesses from 2010 to 2014. Meanwhile, small counties (fewer than 100,000 residents) accounted for only 9 percent of all job growth between 2010 and 2014. Small wonder that frustration is running high among those who feel they have been left behind.

During his inaugural address, President Donald Trump declared that "the forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer." It is critical that we deliver on this promise and ensure the gains of the past two years reach every American.

Last December, Republicans passed the Tax Cut and Jobs Act, which included a powerful new incentive promoting private investment in distressed communities designated as opportunity zones. Building on this success, the president established the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council this past week. I am very proud to chair this council, which consists of members across 13 agencies whose mission it is to jump-start the development of distressed urban and rural communities by streamlining, coordinating and targeting public revitalization programs.

Opportunity zones are home to approximately 35 million Americans. It is estimated that the opportunity-zone designation could attract $100 billion in private investment in these areas, which would go a long way to spurring economic development and creating jobs. This kind of medicine is precisely what any doctor would prescribe to heal communities where the average poverty rate is 32 percent and where the unemployment rate is nearly twice the national average.

In addition to this private investment incentive, Congress last year appropriated nearly $20 billion in grants to state and local governments for economic development, entrepreneurship, safe communities, education and workforce development. Despite this investment of public dollars, 52 million Americans still live in distressed communities. Federal investments like these are often uncoordinated, scattered and unfocused, leading to varying results. This lack of coordination and targeting contributes to waste, as well as widely dispersed and ineffective benefits. The White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council is ready to consider more than 150 actions to better target, streamline and coordinate these federal programs.

Many of the communities located in opportunity zones are the same that the Department of Housing and Urban Development already serves. For example, there are approximately 380,000 public-housing units and approximately 340,000 units in the Project-Based Rental Assistance program within opportunity zones. Many local public-housing agencies are struggling to maintain aging units that are in desperate need of capital repairs. In fact, HUD's budget cannot begin to keep pace with the growing capital needs of public housing.

To confront this imbalance, HUD continues to use a powerful tool to leverage billions of dollars in capital investment for affordable housing, and opportunity zones will allow it to access even more. To date, HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration program has preserved about 100,000 units of affordable housing, offering newly built or renovated homes to 100,000 families. Nearly a third of these homes are located in opportunity zones.

These are still early days for the work of the council and opportunity zones, but the groundwork has been laid. The seeds the president has planted are growing, and the promise they hold will improve places long forgotten and the lives of those who call them home.

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'Is France's rollback of carbon taxes a setback for environmentalists?'



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YES: France's rollback seems like a setback

■ Progressives are determined to impose carbon taxes

DALLAS —

The recent French demonstrations against President Emmanuel Macron's gasoline tax increase may have been the first such uprising, but it probably won't be the last — in France or elsewhere.

Hundreds of thousands of French working-class demonstrators took to the streets of Paris and other parts of the country to protest Macron's 25-cent per gallon gas tax increase, with more increases to follow. The revenue would supposedly be used to fight climate change.

It's not like gasoline in France is cheap. The average price of gas is about $7 a gallon, according to the Associated Press, which adjusted for the European use of liters. That's $140 to fill up a 20-gallon tank. Ouch!

And that's in a country where the average income is about two-thirds that of America's.

Macron didn't care because he, like many progressives, wants to be seen as a leader in the fight against climate change, regardless of how much that legacy costs the working class.

But it turns out his French constituents do care — a lot.

Macron was stunned by the size and determination of the spontaneous revolt. After insisting he wouldn't cave on the gas tax, he did, and he is now promising even more concessions.

France may be the most disruptive, but it isn't the first populist pushback.

Australia became the first country to repeal its tax on carbon emissions. That's where the government imposes a tax on each ton of carbon released into the atmosphere.

Even though it was considered model legislation, the Aussies didn't want it and the Senate repealed it in 2014 — after only two years. Prime Minister Tony Abbott called the tax "a useless destructive tax which damaged jobs, which hurt families' cost of living and which didn't actually help the environment."

Sounds like the French demonstrators.

Closer to home, California raised the state's gasoline tax by 12 cents last year to 55.22 cents per gallon, the second highest in the country.

Instead of rioting like the French, Californians forced a statewide tax-repeal vote last month. The effort failed, with 45 percent voting to repeal, but then gasoline isn't $7 a gallon in California — yet.

But larger battles may be coming.

For example, socialist and Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., recently told an audience, it's "inevitable that we can use the transition to 100 percent renewable energy as the vehicle to truly deliver and establish economic, social and racial justice in the United States of America. That is our proposal and that is what we are here to do."

The federal government currently imposes its own tax on gasoline: 18.4 cents per gallon. Small croissants compared to France.

But the federal gasoline tax hasn't been raised in 25 years and has lost 64 percent of its purchasing power. Look for progressives to seek a significant increase in the near future.

In addition, members of Congress recently introduced a bipartisan tax on carbon emissions, like Australia's, that would force fossil fuel-producing companies to pay $15 for each ton of carbon their products emit. The tax would rise by $10 per ton every subsequent year.

Those two proposals would make driving a car or turning on the lights a lot more expensive, especially for lower- and fixed-income families.

Ironically, gasoline and carbon taxes are very regressive because everyone, regardless of income, pays the same price. Yet progressives support them anyway.

Imposing carbon and gasoline taxes is not about ways to pay for needed government services. It's about progressives, like Macron, trying to fund their climate change agenda.

The lesson from France is that working-class voters have a limit. Push people too far and we may see Paris-like riots in our own backyards.

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NO: Rollback is not necessarily a setback

■ Tax must address needs and concerns of ordinary people

GREEN BAY, Wis. —

In early December, large-scale street protests forced the French government to roll back its newly imposed fuel taxes. The French president later vowed to lower other taxes as well and to increase wages. The protesters won a six-month reprieve on the taxes, which may or may not return.

The unexpected intensity of public reaction in France raises the question of whether any form of carbon tax is now politically feasible. It is, but whether the public views carbon taxes as acceptable depends largely on how they are designed and presented.

Some background is helpful. The French decision came during the same week that the latest U.N. conference on climate change began in Poland. At that meeting, delegates strongly urged nations to accelerate their efforts to reduce carbon emissions as new scientific studies underscored potentially catastrophic effects of a rapidly changing climate.

The latest U.S. study, the 1,600-page National Climate Assessment, written by more than 300 federal agency scientists and released just the week before, argued that we must act aggressively to deal with "substantial damages to the U.S. economy, environment, and human health and well-being," that can be expected over the coming decades.

There is little reason to be complacent. Other scientific reports in the past several weeks indicate that global emissions of carbon dioxide, largely generated by use of fossil fuels, are expected to continue rising this year by about 2.7 percent -- 2.5 percent in the U.S -- driven by strong economic growth in the U.S., China and India.

One inescapable conclusion is that neither the United States nor most of the world is on a sustainable path in energy use, and time is running out to change direction.

While many different policy actions can help to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, there is no doubt that carbon taxes have a major role to play.

France simply got it wrong and its yellow vest protests reflected that.

Carbon taxes are widely and successfully used in Europe and many other nations to reduce energy consumption and promote alternative energy sources. They also are strongly favored by economists and many policy makers as more efficient than other governance tools.

In contrast to what has been done elsewhere, the French fuel taxes were both poorly designed and carelessly imposed.

For example, only about one-fourth of the new tax revenue was directed at environmental actions that might compensate for climate change, such as investing in alternative energy technologies or subsidizing energy efficiency and conservation.

Moreover, gas prices in France already were very high compared to the U.S. The additional tax of 25 cents per gallon was simply too much for many working families, and they were angry.

The French experience nonetheless can help to inform what other nations, and states, choose to do to combat climate change, and especially for how best to design carbon taxes to make them more attractive.

For example, one of the most widely discussed proposals in the U.S. is a carbon fee and dividend system proposed by the Citizens Climate Lobby and embraced by policy makers from both political parties. The fee imposed on carbon sources such as gasoline would be fully and directly rebated on a regular basis.

Alternatively, other taxes could be reduced proportionately so that there is no net increase in taxes.

Or, as California chose to do with it new 12-cent gas tax, the revenue could be dedicated to popular projects such as repairing highways, bridges and other infrastructure.

Polls show that most Americans favor action to mitigate climate change, which they see increasingly as a real threat to their well-being, the economy and the environment.

A well-designed carbon tax is an important tool to that end, but to be broadly acceptable it must visibly and genuinely address the needs and concerns of ordinary people.

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NICHOLAS

From 1B

occasions. Get him a cookbook and an apron for his birthday, an electric thermometer that runs on wi-fi and some fancy meat tongs for Father's Day. You will be set, and you too, can take off the next year from the kitchen.

Since meeting the Hubs, who is a bit of a coffee snob, I have given up my morning Diet Coke for a delicious cup of coffee or three to get the day started. Because, you know, kids require me to have more caffeine. But I have been spending a well-documented fortune on coffee at Starbucks and wondered if there wasn't a better way to do things. So this year, I got the Hubs a super fancy coffee maker for Christmas. I may have given it to him early .... The Saeco PicoBaristo Fully Automatic Espresso Machine from Williams Sonoma makes 11 different kinds of coffees, including my favorite, the latte macchiato — that's coffee lingo for coffee with steamed half and half. And, the best part, it has a built-in water filter guaranteed for 5,000 cups. No more hauling filtered water across the kitchen. I cannot even tell you how proud of myself I am for gifting this to the Hubs, and I applaud myself every time he brings me a cup.

Now, if your main squeeze likes to spend some downtime playing games on the Xbox or the computer after the littles are asleep, I can help you there, too. Nothing says, "Go ahead, I'll be fine just hanging in our room watching the new season of 'Poldark' while you play Halo" like a new fancy gaming headset or a gaming chair. If you need help picking something out, head over to GameStop on Briarwood Avenue. Those clerks are young, geek-savvy and know their stuff. And they're open late. Still not sure? A gift card is always the right color and always fits!

Well, I hope my suggestions have given you some great ideas. If you will trust me, this could be the best Christmas you've had for yourself.

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RAMSEY

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qualified — at least on paper. It didn't matter: It's pretty obvious that resumes aren't the only thing, or even the main thing, that Americans consider when they're voting.

Or the political parties, when you get down to it. The Republican field of presidential candidates in 2016 included current and former governors, senators, business execs, attorneys and cabinet members. You know who won that one, and you might even have a friend or two who predicted the outcome way back in the beginning; more people claim to have seen Trump coming, though, than actually saw him coming. That group includes a lot of Republican candidates.

Democrats now are in a similar situation to the Republicans last time. The next election, like the last one, will be partly a referendum on the current occupant of the White House, and of his political party. If they follow form, the Democratic contenders will be describing themselves as remedies to what they see as the incumbent's deficiencies.

And like the Republicans before them, the Democrats in 2020 enter the race without a favorite candidate. Nobody comes into the race on the first day as the one to beat. The list of potential candidates is both incredible and factual: It's got at least three dozen names on it.

Everybody wants to bust out. The donors want someone to bust out; competition is expensive, and the prospect of backing a loser is unnerving to some of them. Activists want someone to bust out, so long as it's a candidate from their branch of the party.

Lots of prospects meet some or all of those requirements. That's why O'Rourke is getting the looks he's getting: He's a charismatic candidate with a proven ability to draw crowds and to raise lots of money in small, social network-sized contributions. He's enough of an ideological cipher to allow Democrats from different factions to believe he might just be one of theirs. He did better in red Texas than any Democratic statewide candidate has done in decades. But he lost his race for U.S. Senate, and there are some grumblings about that, notably from former Chicago Mayor and former U.S. representative Rahm Emanuel.

"If Beto O'Rourke wants to go and run for president, God bless him, he should put his hat in and make his case," he told MSNBC a couple of weeks ago. "But he lost. You don't usually promote a loser to the top of party and then take a winner and say, 'We're going to cut your knees off.'"

Look back at that list of former presidents for people who lost races on their way up: Nixon, Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush. It didn't seem to stop those guys.

To top all of that, O'Rourke and others are part of a potential field without a frontrunner. Each has reason to think they have a chance — as much chance, anyway, as the tenderfoot Republican who jumped into that party's presidential primaries in 2015.

DOREEN

From 1B

education needs resources, including tax money, from those who send their children to private school, but should a private school parent have the courage to run for school board to make Midland a better place, their assistance isn't welcome.

As it turned out, the school board candidate in question didn't send their child to a private school but to a non-Midland-affiliated charter school. It didn't matter.

Here's hoping 2019 is the year that supporters of Midland ISD do the district justice in the way they promote the district. MISD leaders are setting up a system to compete for students and give parents who otherwise may opt out for private schools and non-affiliated charters a choice — something that should be celebrated in this community. We see the district embracing competition and believe the System of Great Schools will lift all schools to be better.

If you support Midland ISD, promote that.



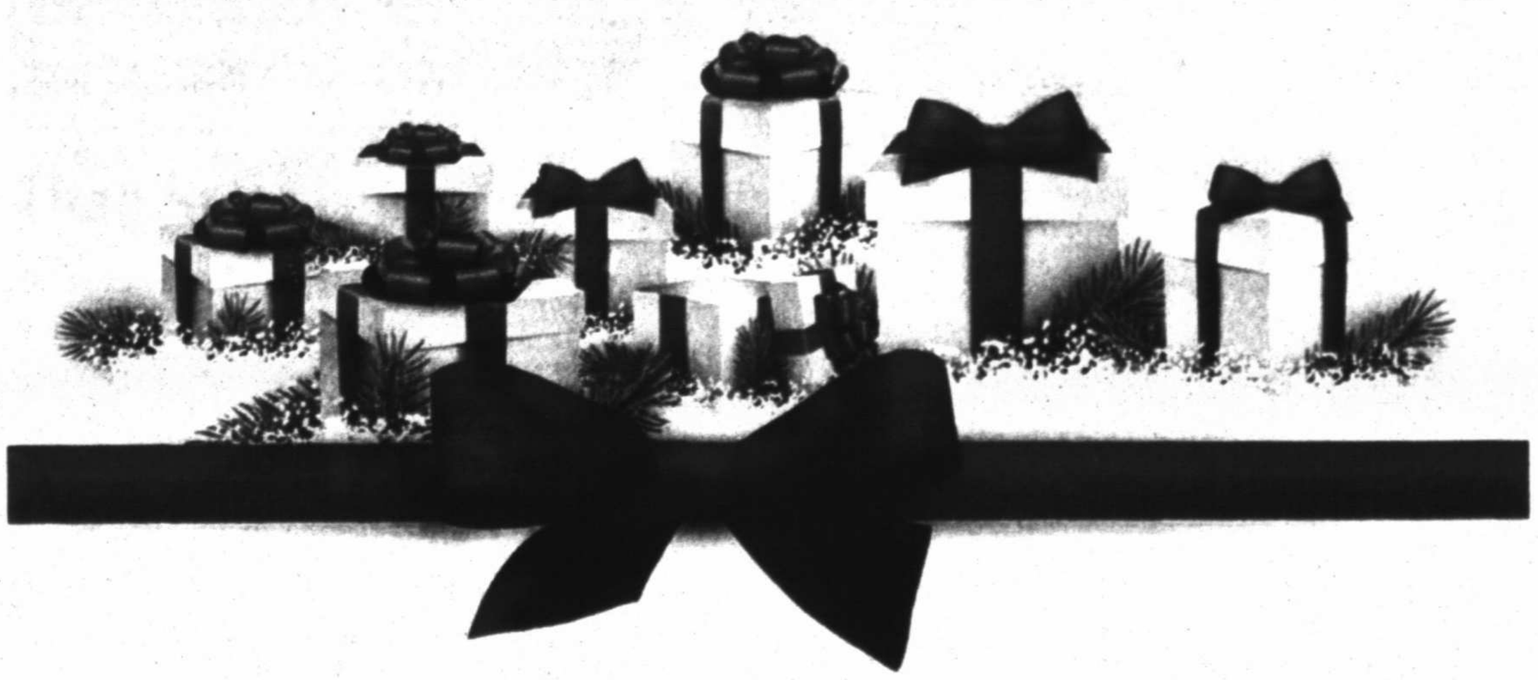


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Watson leads Texans to 29-22 comeback win

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Deshaun Watson threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to DeAndre Hopkins with 2:15 left, lifting the Houston Texans to a 29-22 comeback victory over Sam Darnold and the New York Jets on Saturday night.

After Darnold and the Jets took their first lead of the game on Elijah McGuire's 2-yard touchdown run, Watson and the Texans (10-4) answered right back.

A holding call on cornerback Morris Claiborne on third down prolonged the drive, and Watson completed passes of 20 and 3 yards to Demaryius Thomas and 7 yards to Hopkins to get to New York's 14. Watson then found Hopkins streaking down the left sideline and launched a pass that the receiver somehow came down with despite being tightly covered by Claiborne.

Hopkins appeared to injure a leg on the play, and Watson and Alfred Blue helped him to the sideline as the Texans celebrated. The receiver was OK, though, and finished with 10 catches for 170 yards and two TDs.

Ka'imi Fairbairn's 40-yard field goal — his fifth kick of the game — made it 29-22 with 54 seconds left.

Darnold and the Jets (4-10) had one more opportunity to try to tie — or win — but Houston held on.

The loss ruined what was a terrific night for Darnold, who made plays with his arm and legs all game. The No. 3 overall pick was 24 of 38 for 253 yards and touchdown passes to Robby Anderson and Andre Roberts. He set up an impressive 15-play, 73-yard go-ahead drive late during which he converted three third-down plays and a fourth-down opportunity.

On third-and-10 from the 19, Darnold took off for 14 yards — and a holding call on Aaron Colvin put the ball on the 2. After Darnold was stopped for no gain on a quarterback draw, he handed the ball to McGuire who pushed up the middle — surrounded by a surging mass of blockers who helped shove him all the way into the end zone for the score.

It set off a wild celebration by the Jets. But Watson and the Texans — whose nine-game winning streak was

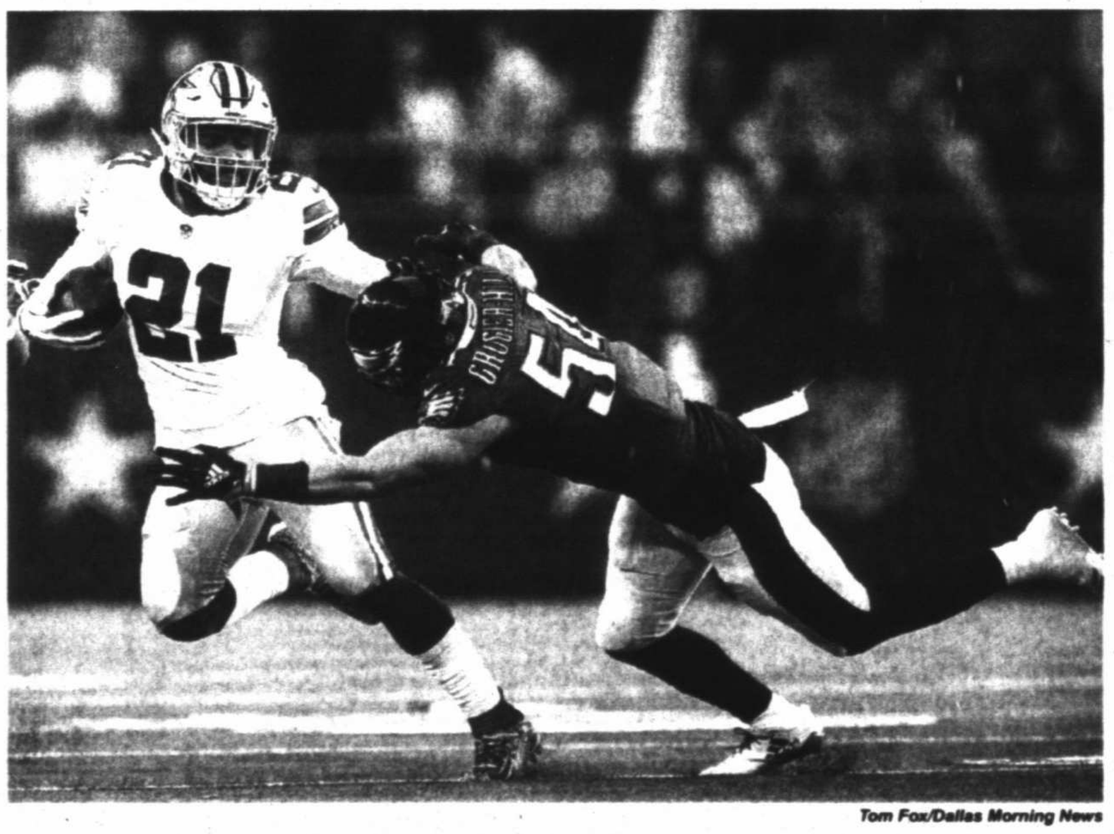
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Bill Kostroun/AP

Houston Texans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins, left, makes a touchdown catch on a pass from quarterback Deshaun Watson, not pictured, as New York Jets cornerback Morris Claiborne (21) defends during the second half Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J. The Texans won 29-22.

Conference calling



Tom Fox/Dallas Morning News

Philadelphia Eagles outside linebacker Kamu Grugier-Hill (54) makes a diving tackle of Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) in the first quarter on Dec. 9 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

Cowboys, Colts ready for high-stakes game

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jason Garrett and Frank Reich understand the high stakes of Sunday's game.

If Dallas wins, it clinches the NFC East. If Indianapolis wins, it stays in the hunt for the AFC's final playoff spot and possibly even a division crown.

The two coaches and their players will get one more precious late-season chance to see how they stack up against another postseason contender and what can be done to keep playing into January.

"Most people call this the dash for cash," Colts tight end Eric Ebron said. "So you just try to win."

Few teams have done more lately than the Colts (7-6) or Cowboys (8-5).

Rather than folding after starting 1-5, Andrew Luck & Co. turned things around with six wins in seven games and tying Baltimore, Miami and Tennessee for the No. 6 seed in the AFC playoff chase.

Luck's comeback has happened during perhaps the best season of his career with 34 touchdown passes, second in the league and six short of his career high, a career-best completion rate of 67.7 percent and he is 241 yards away from the fourth 4,000-yard season of this career.

This time, Luck also is working with an improved defense that has allowed 17.1 points over the past seven weeks and ranks among the league's top third in sacks and negative plays.

The combination has upped the ante for Colts' opponents.

"They attack you a lot of different ways," Garrett said. "It's aggressive, it's attacking and it's a balanced offense. You have to be ready for a lot of different things."

Dallas also made a dramatic midseason turn.

After starting 3-5, the Cowboys made a deal for receiver Amari Cooper and everything suddenly changed.

Running back Ezekiel Elliott has charged back into the NFL rushing lead and quarterback Dak Prescott started making more potent plays.

Dallas' defense has climbed to No. 4 in yards allowed and now people around town believe the Cowboys could win their first divisional-round game since the 1995 playoffs — if they make it.

One thing is clear: Dallas is all-in.

"It will be a great challenge. It's going to take every person over there, but I think defenses like that challenge," Reich said when asked about slowing down Elliott. "I know our defense will like that challenge. It's not going to be easy, they are going to get some runs. If Zeke has 95 yards that might be considered a win."

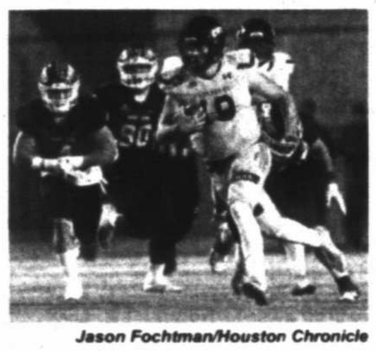
Tackling stars

While much of the focus this weekend will be on high-profile offensive stars such as Luck and Prescott, rookie linebackers Darius Leonard and Leighton Vander Esch will play big roles, too.

The league's official stats show Leonard leading the league with 135 tackles despite missing one game with an injury.

Vander Esch has played well, too. The Cowboys credit him with 136 tackles, tied for the franchise's rookie record, league stats show Vander Esch with 108 — tied for No. 6 overall and second among rookies to Leonard.

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Jason Fochtman/Houston Chronicle

Mary Hardin-Baylor quarterback Jase Hammack (18) picks up a first down Friday during the fourth quarter of the Stagg Bowl NCAA Division III championship at Woodforest Bank Stadium in Shenandoah.

Mary Hardin-Baylor wins D-III title, beating Mt. Union 24-16

Associated Press

SHENANDOAH — After falling to Mount Union last year in the Division III championship game, Mary Hardin-Baylor not only wanted to get back to the title game — and beat the Purple Raiders.

The Crusaders did that Friday night.

Jase Hammack, Andrews grad, threw for 147 yards and two touchdowns, Markeith Miller rushed for 90 yards and a score and Mary Hardin-Baylor won its second title in three years, beating Mount Union 24-16.

Hammack rebounded after losing a fumble in the first that led to the Purple Raiders' lone touchdown by completing 11 of 19 passes and rallying the Crusaders (15-0) from a 10-0 deficit. T.J. Josey caught five passes for 78 yards and a touchdown for Mary Hardin-Baylor, which lost to the Raiders (14-1) 12-0 last year in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl.

"The goal since the beginning of fall camp was to get back here and have a shot at Mount Union just because of the way last year ended," Mary Hardin-Baylor coach Pete Fredenburg said. "I think it says an awful lot about these players and coaches that kept pushing and kept driving. It's incredible."

D'Angelo Fulford was 18 of 37 for 194 yards and rushed for 45 yards, and had a 1-yard touchdown run to put Mount Union up 10-0 — the first time the Crusaders have trailed this season — with 3 1/2 minutes left in the first quarter. Josh Petruccelli added 57 rushing yards and Justin Hill caught five passes for 71 yards for the Raiders. Both teams finished with 303 yards.

"I thought we were fortunate to get some points on the board early," Mount Union coach Vince Kehres said. "We took advantage of the turnover there and extended a

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Utah State routs North Texas 52-13 in New Mexico Bowl

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Utah State walked into the New Mexico Bowl with one of its best records in school history but uncertainty. Its head coach, Matt Wells, left to take the Texas Tech job. Interim coach Frank Maile had to prepare the Aggies with an army of graduate assistants and an announcement a new coach was coming next month.

North Texas, meanwhile, was coming into Albuquerque with experienced coach Seth Littrell and highly touted quarterback Mason Fine.

The Aggies pushed those distractions aside Saturday.

Jordan Love threw for 359 yards and four touchdowns and Jalen Greene had six catches for 151 yards and a score to help Utah State rout North Texas 52-13.

Maile directed the Aggies (11-2) even after Utah State announced former head coach Gary Andersen would return. However, Andersen opted not to attend the bowl game and let Maile finish what he started.

Love completed 21 of 43 passes with one interception. D.J. William had two interceptions, helping Utah State ground high-flying North Texas (9-4).

Aaren Vaughns caught two passes for 109 yards and two scores for the Aggies, Gerold Bright ran for 103 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries, and Darwin Thompson added 93 yards on 21 carries.

Maile said he did his best to get the offense ready. The rest was up the players, he said.

"The guys have lot of efforts to doing their jobs," Maile said. The defense is set up for everybody to make plays."

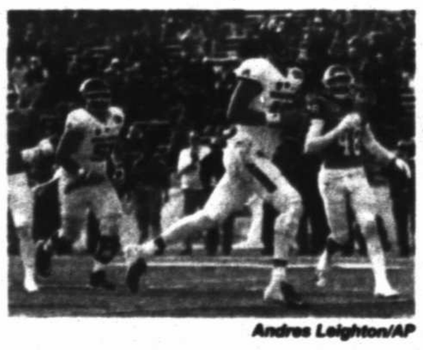
Love said receivers were able to get open, find space and get yards after the catch. "We've been doing that all season," he said.

Fine was injured in the first quarter, and the Mean Green ended up using four quarterbacks. Jalen Guyton had four catches for 103 yards a score.

Littrell said Utah State was the best team the Mean Green faced all season. "We didn't have enough in us today to make more plays to have success," Littrell said.

When Fine came up limping following

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Andres Leighton/AP

Utah State quarterback Jordan Love (10) scores a touchdown against North Texas on Saturday during the first half of the New Mexico Bowl in Albuquerque, N.M.

DAILY RUNDOWN

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ON THE AIR

TV LISTINGS

Alpine Skiing

World Cup: Men's Giant Slalom, 6 a.m., OLYHD

Basketball

Liga ACB: Unicaja vs. FC Barcelona, 12:30 p.m., ELVN

College Basketball

West Virginia vs. Rhode Island, Noon, CBSSN

Central Connecticut State at Providence, 1 p.m., FS1

St. Louis at Houston, 2 p.m., ESPNU

Dayton vs. Tulsa, 2:30 p.m., CBSSN

Central Arkansas at New Mexico, 3 p.m., ATTSW

Wagner at St. John's, 3:30 p.m., FS1

Indiana State at TCU, 4 p.m., ESPNU

Green Bay at Michigan State, 4 p.m., BTN

Chattanooga at Ole Miss, 5 p.m., SEC

Oklahoma State vs. Nebraska, 6 p.m., BTN

Miami-OH at Northern Kentucky, 6 p.m., FCSA

Cross-Country Skiing

World Cup: Women's 10km Interval, 8 a.m., OLYHD

Golf

PNC Father/Son Challenge, Day 2, 10 a.m., GOLF

PNC Father/Son Challenge, Day 2, 2 p.m., NBC

Men's Soccer

PL: Brighton & Hove Albion vs. Chelsea FC, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN

Bundesliga: RB Leipzig vs. 1. FSV Mainz 05, 8:30 a.m., FS1, UDN

PL: Liverpool FC vs. Manchester United FC, 10 a.m., NBCSN

Bundesliga: Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Bayer 04 Leverkusen, 11 a.m., FS1, FXDEP

Liga MX Final, Leg 2: Cruz Azul FC vs. Club America, 6:30 p.m., UNIV, UDN

National Basketball Association

Sacramento at Dallas, 6 p.m., FSSW

NBA G League

Maine at Long Island, 2 p.m., NBAtv

National Football League

Miami at Minnesota, Noon, CBS

Dallas at Indianapolis, Noon, FOX

New England at Pittsburgh, 3:20 p.m., CBS

Philadelphia at LA Rams, 7:20 p.m., NBC

National Hockey League

Vegas at NY Rangers, 11:30 a.m., NHL

Buffalo at Boston, 4 p.m., NHL

Women's College Basketball

South Carolina at Purdue, 2 p.m., ESPN2

RADIO

National Basketball Association

Sacramento at Dallas, 6 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

National Football League

Dallas at Indianapolis, Noon, KQRX 95.1 FM, KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPTX 98.3 FM (Monahans, Pecos, Kermit), KTXC 104.7 FM (Esp)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Traded 1B Yonder Alonso to the Chicago White Sox for OF Alex Call.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES — Suspended F Patrick Berglund indefinitely for failing to report.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Signed D Robert Bortuzzo to a three-year contract extension.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled D Tyler Lewington from Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Manitoba F Tye McGinn one game.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	23	8	.742	—
Boston	18	10	.643	3½
Philadelphia	19	11	.633	3½
Brooklyn	12	18	.400	10½
New York	9	21	.300	13½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	14	15	.483	—
Orlando	14	15	.483	—
Miami	12	16	.429	1½
Washington	11	18	.379	3
Atlanta	6	22	.214	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	19	9	.679	—
Indiana	19	10	.655	½
Detroit	13	13	.500	5
Cleveland	7	22	.241	12½
Chicago	6	23	.207	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	16	12	.571	—
Dallas	15	12	.556	½
San Antonio	15	14	.517	1½
New Orleans	15	15	.500	2
Houston	13	14	.481	2½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	19	9	.679	—
Oklahoma City	17	10	.630	1½
Portland	16	13	.552	3½
Utah	14	16	.467	6
Minnesota	13	15	.464	6

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	20	10	.667	—
L.A. Lakers	18	11	.621	1½
L.A. Clippers	17	11	.607	2
Sacramento	15	13	.536	4
Phoenix	5	24	.172	14½

Friday's Scores

Boston 129, Atlanta 108
New York 126, Charlotte 124, OT
Brooklyn 125, Washington 118
Indiana 113, Philadelphia 101
Milwaukee 114, Cleveland 102
Miami 100, Memphis 97
Denver 109, Oklahoma City 98
Golden State 130, Sacramento 125
Portland 128, Toronto 122

Saturday's Scores

Orlando 96, Utah 89
Boston at Detroit, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers 128, Charlotte 100
Houston at Memphis, late
Chicago at San Antonio, late
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, late
Minnesota at Phoenix, late

Today's Games

Atlanta at Brooklyn, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 2:30 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 4 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 5 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Denver, 7 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	33	25	7	1	51	134	92
Toronto	33	21	10	2	44	117	93
Buffalo	33	19	9	5	43	101	96
Montreal	33	17	11	5	39	108	107
Boston	32	17	11	4	38	88	84
Detroit	34	14	15	5	33	98	115
Ottawa	34	14	16	4	32	112	132
Florida	31	12	13	6	30	101	113

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	32	20	9	3	43	122	100
Columbus	32	17	12	3	37	107	105
Pittsburgh	32	15	11	6	36	110	104
N.Y. Islanders	31	15	12	4	34	89	91
N.Y. Rangers	31	14	13	4	32	91	102
Carolina	31	13	13	5	31	81	93
Philadelphia	30	12	14	4	28	92	111
New Jersey	30	11	13	6	28	93	109

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	32	21	9	2	44	116	90
Nashville	32	21	10	1	43	102	81
Colorado	32	17	9	6	40	115	98
Minnesota	32	17	13	2	36	101	91
Dallas	32	16	13	3	35	88	87
St. Louis	30	12	14	4	28	86	100
Chicago	34	10	18	6	26	96	128

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	33	21	10	2	44	115	91
Anaheim	34	18	11	5	41	89	98
Edmonton	33	18	12	3	39	96	97
San Jose	33	17	11	5	39	105	100
Vegas	34	18	14	2	38	103	98
Vancouver	34	14	16	4	32	101	115
Arizona	31	14	15	2	30	81	86
Los Angeles	34	11	20	3	25	75	106

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Friday's Scores

New Jersey 5, Vegas 4, OT
Pittsburgh 5, Boston 3
Arizona 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT
Ottawa 4, Detroit 2
Washington 6, Carolina 5, SO
St. Louis 4, Colorado 3, OT
Winnipeg 4, Chicago 3, OT
Edmonton 4, Philadelphia 1

Saturday's Scores

Calgary 2, Minnesota 1
Anaheim 2, Columbus 1, OT
Montreal 5, Ottawa 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, Detroit 3, SO
Washington 4, Buffalo 3, SO
Pittsburgh 4, Los Angeles 3, OT
Florida 4, Toronto 3, OT
New Jersey at Nashville, late
Dallas at Colorado, late
Philadelphia at Vancouver, late

Today's Games

Vegas at N.Y. Rangers, 11:30 a.m.
Arizona at Carolina, Noon
Calgary at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
Buffalo at Boston, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Dec. 18

At the Pyramid, Kazan, Russia, Aslambek Idigov vs. Konstantin Pitemov, 10, super middleweights.

Dec. 22

At Manchester (England) Arena, Josh Warrington vs. Carl Frampton, 12, for Warrington's IBF featherweight title; Liam Williams vs. Mark Heffron, 12, middleweights; Nathan Gorman vs. Alex Leapai, 10, heavyweights.

At O2 Arena, London, Dillian Whyte vs. Derek Chisora, 12, heavyweights; Cristofer Rosales vs. Charlie Edwards, 12, for Rosales' WBC flyweight title; Ryan Walsh vs. Reece Bellotti, 12, for Walsh's BBBofC British featherweight title.

At Barclays Center, New York (FOX), Jermall Charlo vs. Willie Monroe Jr., 12, for Charlo's WBC interim middleweight title; Jermall Charlo vs. Tony Harrison, 12, for Charlo's WBC junior middleweight title; Dominic Breazeale vs. Carlos Negron, 10, heavyweights.

Dec. 29

At Tokyo, Masayuki Ito vs. Evgeny Chuprakov, 12, for Ito's WBO junior lightweight title; Ken Shiro vs. Saul Juarez, 12, for Shiro's WBC World junior flyweight title; Tsuma Inoue vs. Petch Sor Chitpattana, 12, for the vacant interim WBC bantamweight title.

Jan. 11

At StageWorks of Louisiana, Shreveport (SHO), Dawn Haney vs. Xolisani Ndongeni, 10, lightweights.

Jan. 13

At the Microsoft Theater, Los Angeles (FS1), Jose Uzcategui vs. Caleb Plant, 12, for Uzcategui's IBF super middleweight title.

Jan. 19

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (SHO), Manny Pacquiao vs. Adrien Broner, 12, for Pacquiao's WBA welterweight title.

Jan. 26

At Barclays Center, New York (FOX), Keith Thurman vs. Josesito Lopez, 12, for Thurman's WBA Super/World welterweight title; Adam Kownacki vs. Gerald Washington, 10, heavyweights.

Basin football teams make nice run, but next goal should be state



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This is the first weekend since August that we didn't have a meaningful high school football game in the Permian Basin.

Although none of our teams made it to Arlington's AT&T Stadium for a state championship game next week, it was still a pretty good run.

The last team left standing was Garden City, which fell to a powerful McLean team in a Class 1A Division I state semifinal game on Monday night.

That very well could have been the state championship game and I wouldn't be surprised to see McLean win the whole thing with the way the Tigers have been playing the entire season.

The Bearkats gave their fans a season to remember as they made their deepest run since the state championship season of 2010 and finished with a 13-1 record.

Garden City has one of the better football programs in the area and even though they will lose some talented players, don't expect the Bearkats to be going away anytime soon.

The Bearkats were a highlight to a football season that also saw Greenwood make its deepest run in six years. The Rangers were the last 11-man team standing in the playoffs from the Permian Basin and they could also have the potential to make more noise in 2019.

Hopefully next season we will see more teams from the Basin make some deep runs with some young talent coming back.

West Texas is being represented in the playoffs by teams from the Panhandle, but it would be nice to see some Basin teams play well into December. It's time to make new history instead of relying on the "Friday Night Lights" days of old.

■ With the high school football season coming to a close, I just want to remind people that our postseason All-MRT Football Team will be coming out around Christmas.

It should be a good list, but if you don't see someone who you think should have been nominated, it's not because we didn't ask.

■ I had no problem seeing Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray winning the Heisman Trophy last weekend. In my opinion, he was the most dynamic player in college football this season and his play make up for a shaky Sooners' defense.

There has been a lot of talk on whether or not Murray should forget about playing for the Oakland A's organization, which made him a first round pick in June, to test the NFL waters.

Murray is no question a great college football player, but I don't know how his game would translate at the NFL level, especially with his size.

No matter what path he decides, he's going to make a lot of paper, but if I was giving him advice, I'd tell him to stick to baseball. Not only will he have the potential to make a lot of money but he could avoid any serious injuries that could prevent him from having a lengthy career.

I wish I had his tough choices.

■ And finally, it was announced that professional indoor soccer and probably pro indoor football would be coming to Odessa.

My question is, does the Permian Basin need another "professional" sports team?

Look, I know this about making money and bringing other entertainment options to the area.

But let's face it, the market is becoming over-saturated. All you have to do is look at the attendance across the board and you'll see what I mean.

The RockHounds have been able to survive for almost 50 years because they continue to put out a good product and you see future major league players come through here all the time.

While the baseball club is not setting attendance records in the Texas League, the number of season ticket holders for this size of a market is pretty good.

What some people fail to understand that in this area, most of the interest lies in either the high school teams or major college athletics such as Texas Tech, Texas, Texas A&M, TCU, etc.

Other people just may care about the pro teams, while the rest of the sports fans will give their support to the local college teams.

You can't force people for their support. It's either there or it's not.

That's what some outsiders just don't get. Just because one thing may have worked in another market, it may not work here. Believe me, I've seen people come and go from this newspaper who tried to say, "Well this works in Dallas or Ohio." Those same people are long gone and so are their ideas.

I wish those who are bringing these teams the best of luck. Maybe things will be different this time. But I've been here long enough to see sports teams and the support come and go as well.

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HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

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Boys

DALHART 93
GREENWOOD 57

Zach Barsalou scored a game-high 36 points to lead Dalhart to a win over Greenwood at the Greenwood Tournament on Saturday.

Dalhart had a 59-47 lead after three quarters before the Wolves went on a 34-10 run.

Logan Jarvis led the Rangers (12-5) with 16 points and Ryan Snodgrass added 10.

DALHART 93, GREENWOOD 57

Dalhart - Xavier Hammett 2, Zach Barsalou 36, Brandon Samaniego 10, Eli Alred 5, Daryl Smith 10, Jaeden Fangman 2, Robby Devries 10, Hugo Davila 11, Will Moore 2, Carson Smith 5

Greenwood (12-5) - Brody Ray 8, Cameron Jones 3, Max Montes 5, Ryan Snodgrass 10, Jordan Riley 6, Omarion Jameson 9, Logan Jarvis 16

Dalhart	24	19	18	34 —93
Greenwood	17	13	17	10 —57

Free throws - Dalhart 19-21, Greenwood 10-14. 3-point goals - Dalhart 10 (Barsalou 6, Samaniego 2, Alred, Davila), Greenwood 5 (Ray 2, Jones, Montes, Jarvis). Total fouls - Dalhart 13, Greenwood 16. Fouled out - None.

Next: Pecos at Greenwood, 6:30 p.m.

Greenwood Tournament
At Greenwood High School
Saturday's scores

Dalhart 93, Greenwood 57
Hondo 57, Monahans 56
Bushland 42, Glen Rose 41
Third place: Fredericksburg 58, Andrews 56
Championship: El Paso Cathedral 59, Levelland 50

MCS 59
ABERNATHY 34

ABERNATHY – The Midland Christian boys basketball team improved to 20-4 on the season with a decisive win at Abernathy on Friday night.

Porter Gotovac scored a game-high 18 points, Daniel Elliott had 13 and Joseph Venzant added 12 for the Mustangs, who are off until Dec. 27 when they play in the Monahans' Sandhills Tournament.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 59, ABERNATHY 34

MCS (20-4) - Mitch McCann 7, Porter Gotovac 18, Jonathan Aguirre 2, Daniel Elliott 13, Joseph Venzant 12, David Beebe 7

Abernathy (3-7) - Joseph Sanchez 4, Ryan Sandoval 2, Malachi Moreno 5, Bryson Bailey 14, Miles Keele 4, Fagan Gonzales 5

MCS	16	12	19	12 —59
Abernathy	8	5	11	8 —34

Free throws - MCS 3-3, AHS 0-3. 3-point goals - MCS 10 (McCann, Gotovac 6, Elliott 3), AHS 2 (Moreno, Gonzales). Total fouls - MCS 14, AHS 7. Fouled out - Venzant.

Next game: Midland Christian at Sandhills Tournament, Monahans, Dec. 27

HS FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SCORES

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Saturday's Scores

PREP FOOTBALL

Class 6A Division I

Semifinal

Duncanville 44, Allen 35

Galena Park North Shore 51, Lake Travis 10

Class 6A Division II

Semifinal

Beaumont West Brook 35, Austin Westlake 30

Class 5A Division I

Semifinal

Dallas Highland Park 43, Denton Ryan 21

Friday's Scores

PREP FOOTBALL

Class 5A Division II

Semifinal

Aledo 63, WF Rider 7

Class 5A DivisionII

Semifinal

Fort Bend Marshall 19, DC Caldwell 17

Class 4A Division I

Semifinal

Liberty Hill 44, Carthage 41

Waco La Vega 53, Decatur 0

Class 4A Division II

Semifinal

Cuero 29, Silsbee 24

Texarkana Pleasant Grove 49, Iowa Park 14

Class 4A Division I

Semifinal

Liberty Hill 44, Carthage 41

Waco La Vega 53, Decatur 0

Class 4A Division II

Semifinal

Cuero 29, Silsbee 24

Texarkana Pleasant Grove 49, Iowa Park 14

Class 2A Division I

Semifinal

Mason 52, San Augustine 8

New Deal 35, San Saba 6

Some high school football scores provided by Scorestream.com, https://scorestream.com/

Jamieson takes 1-shot lead into last round in South Africa

Associated Press

MALELANE, South Africa — Scott Jamieson will take a one-shot lead into the final round of the Alfred Dunhill Championship after a 68 on Saturday moved him to 11 under overall and ahead of overnight leader David Lipsky.

Jamieson's only European Tour win also came in South Africa, at the Nelson Mandela Championship six years ago, and he has had a string of top-10 finishes in the country.

Jamieson made five birdies and an eagle in his third round at Leopard Creek Country Club. His eagle came when he put his tee shot on the par-4 11th to within tap-in range. The Scot did make a double-bogey six on the 14th but recovered from that with two consecutive birdies.

"It's obviously a great place to be but I'm certainly not getting ahead of myself," he said. "There's an awful long way to go and a lot can happen in 18 holes, especially on this golf course, this back nine, where there's so much risk-reward.

"There's a long way to go and hopefully I can do it but let's see what happens."

Lipsky is also looking for just a second European Tour victory and the American is in the hunt one shot back after his 2-under 70, which also included an eagle on the par-5 15th.

South Africans Zander Lombard (68) and defending champion Brandon Stone (69) are tied for third on 8 under and three behind Jamieson.

Alfred Dunhill Championship Leading Scores
Saturday
At Leopard Creek CC
Malelane, South Africa
Purse: $1.7 million
Yardage: 7,287; Par: 72
Third Round

Scott Jamieson, Scotland	71-66-68—205
David Lipsky, United States	70-66-70—206
Zander Lombard, South Africa	71-69-68—208
Brandon Stone, South Africa	69-70-69—208
Raphael Jacquelin, France	68-75-66—209
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	69-73-67—209
David Drysdale, Scotland	69-69-71—209
Marc Warren, Scotland	70-67-72—209
Christiaan Bezuidhrt, South Africa	75-69-66—210
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	71-69-70—210
Niklas Lemke, Sweden	72-68-70—210
Adilson da Silva, Brazil	71-71-69—211
Romain Langasque, France	74-68-69—211
Kim Koivu, Finland	75-65-71—211
Sean Crocker, United States	72-68-71—211
Ben Evans, England	70-70-71—211
Dylan Fritelli, South Africa	69-70-72—211
Oliver Wilson, England	70-69-71—211
Max Orrin, England	71-74-67—212
Adri Arnaus, Spain	71-74-67—212
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	70-72-70—212
Erik van Rooyen, South Africa	70-70-72—212
Darren Fichardt, South Africa	69-70-73—212
Also	
Ernie Els, South Africa	73-67-73—213
Matt Wallace, England	74-71-70—215
Brandon Grace, South Africa	73-72-70—215
Chase Koepka, United States	73-72-75—220

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No. 11 Texas Tech thumps ACU to close out Coliseum

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Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver (23) shoots the ball over Abilene Christian's Payten Ricks (5) during the first half Saturday in Lubbock.

LUBBOCK — Jarrett Culver scored a career-high 30 points, Matt Mooney added 14 and No. 11 Texas Tech raced past Abilene Christian 82-48 on Saturday night in the final game at sold-out Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

The Red Raiders (10-0) called the Coliseum home from 1956-99, and Saturday was the second throwback game in the building. It will close next summer after a rodeo event.

The last time Tech started a season with at least 10 consecutive wins was 1929-30.

Culver added seven rebounds and four assists to one of the best games of his two-season career.

Jalone Friday scored 12 points for ACU before fouling out, and Jaren Lewis added nine. The Wildcats (9-2) fell victim to the same stingy Texas Tech defense that every opponent this season has.

The Raiders are ranked No. 1 in the country in field goal defense and showed why, limiting ACU to 28 percent (15 of 53), 19 percent in the second half (5 of 26). The Wildcats' scoring output was 32 points below their season average.

Tech was efficient offensively, too. With Culver leading the way, the Raiders shot around 60 percent much of the night and grabbed control for good early in the second half by making eight of their 11 floor shots. They finished at 56 percent (30 of 54).

Culver was in the middle of the action most of the time. He made 12 of 13 field goals and consistently beat defenders on dribble drives, which created five three-point play opportunities.

ACU stayed close in the opening 12 minutes. When Trey Lenox made a 3-pointer at the 8:03 mark of the first half, the Wildcats were within 25-21.

The Raiders answered with a 13-0 run, sparked by Culver with five points and two assists. When he spun along the baseline for a reverse layup, Tech was ahead 36-25 on the way to a 41-27 halftime lead.

Big picture

Abilene Christian: The Wildcats showed flashes of being a strong contender in the Southland Conference against the best team they have faced this season.

Texas Tech: After some inconsistency in previous games, the Raiders put together a more complete effort and at the right time with a showdown vs. Duke on the horizon.

Up next

Abilene Christian: The Wildcats head to Southeast Missouri on Friday night for their final game before Christmas.

Texas Tech: The Raiders encounter their biggest test so far when they tangle with No. 2 Duke on Thursday night at Madison Square Garden in New York.

No. 11 Stanford holds off late surge to beat No. 3 Baylor

By Michael Wagaman
Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Stanford's Shannon Coffee didn't give Kalani Brown much room to maneuver in the paint, a defensive effort that helped the Cardinal build a big lead on third-ranked Baylor.

Coffee's rare display of 3-point shooting was just as critical, providing the spark Tara VanDerveer's team needed to close out their most significant win of the season.

Alanna Smith had 21 points and eight rebounds, Coffee made a key 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter and No. 11 Stanford held on to beat previously undefeated Baylor 68-63 on Saturday.

Kiana Williams had 13 points and five assists, DiJonai Carrington scored 10 points, and the Cardinal (7-1) ended the Bears' 36-game winning streak in the regular season.

The 6-foot-5 Coffee set season highs with nine points and 19 minutes.

"Shannon been someone that has been a role player for our team and a lot of times she's led the cheers on the bench," VanDerveer said. "Today people were cheering for her. She made some big shots. Her defense was really good. It was really exciting for her to have such a big game in a big game."

Coffee entered the day averaging fewer than five minutes per game, but she was pressed into extended duty to try to contain Brown and Baylor's inside game.

Brown had a season-low five points on 2-of-7 shooting, and Coffee also came through with her perimeter offense. Seven of Coffee's 12 career 3-pointers have come against Baylor, including three Saturday. She set career highs with 14 points in 27 minutes against Baylor last year.

"When people make big shots like that it's emotional," Smith said. "Shannon's been putting in so much work and it's showing in the games."

NaLyssa Smith and Chloe Jackson had 15 points apiece for Baylor (8-1). The Bears have defeated two Top 25 teams on the road this season but couldn't overcome 15 turnovers against the Cardinal.

"We were not very good today," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "I'm disappointed in several players that didn't show up. Unfortunately it was too deep a hole to overcome."

Stanford led comfortably through three quarters and was up 60-44 early in the fourth, then held off Baylor's best run of the game.

After NaLyssa Smith made back-to-back buckets to pull the Bears within 65-58 with 3:44 left, Coffee brought the Maples Pavilion crowd to its feet with a 3-pointer as the shot clock expired. Officials reviewed the play and it was upheld.

Juicy Landrum's 3-pointer made it 68-61, but she was later called for an offensive foul, and Baylor also committed a costly turnover down the stretch.

Indians send 1B Alonso to White Sox for outfielder Alex Call

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians have made another offseason move, trading first baseman Yonder Alonso to the Chicago White Sox.

Cleveland gets 24-year-old outfielder Alex Call in a deal made official Saturday. Call has yet to make his major league debut. The Indians also rid themselves of Alonso's entire $8 million salary for 2019.

It's been a busy week for the three-time AL Central champions, who traded slugger Edwin Encarnacion and infielder Yandy Diaz and re-acquired first baseman Carlos Santana in a three-team trade on the final day of the winter meetings in Las Vegas.

"We've had a couple of goals going into the offseason and that's foremost trying to make sure we have a team that's capable of winning the American League Central in 2019 but also position the organization for sustained success beyond that," Indians president of baseball operations Chris Antonetti said. "There are a couple ways to do that. One is to infuse young, controllable talent into the organization. The second element of that is to manage our finances. We feel like the series of moves we've made up to this point advances both of those goals."

Cleveland may not be done. The club has considered trading either ace Corey Kluber or All-Star Trevor Bauer. The Indians have outfield needs and are looking to rebuild their bullpen.

Alonso batted .250 with 23 homers and 83 RBIs in his only season with the Indians, who signed him as a free agent last December.

It was the first trade between the AL Central rivals in more than two decades, and it could have broad implications for the rest of the offseason.

"We haven't aligned on trades for a variety of reasons, but this was one of those instances where what they were seeking to do aligned with what we were seeking to do," Antonetti said.

Chicago already has Jose Abreu at first base, but he played in just 128 games last season because of injuries and could see more time at DH with the addition of Alonso. The 31-year-old Alonso also is married to the sister of star slugger Manny Machado, a rumored target for the White Sox in free agency.

Alonso was selected by Cincinnati in the first round of the 2008 amateur draft and broke into the majors with the Reds in 2010. He is a .265 hitter with 90 homers and 389 RBIs in 951 games with Cincinnati, San Diego, Oakland, Seattle and Cleveland.

"We envision both he and Abreu getting the bulk of the at-bats between the first base and the DH spots through the course of the season. How exactly that breaks down in the end will be a managerial decision," White Sox general manager Rick Hahn said, adding that Alonso and Abreu are friends and Abreu was excited about the deal.

MEN'S TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

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NO. 1 KANSAS 74
NO. 17 VILLANOVA 71

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Dedric Lawson had 28 points and 12 rebounds, Lagerald Vick scored 29, and top-ranked Kansas made enough free throws down the stretch to beat No. 17 Villanova 74-71 Saturday in a rematch of last season's Final Four showdown won by the Wildcats.

Devon Dotson added 11 points for the Jayhawks (9-0), including four free throws in the final 1:10 to help Kansas end a three-game losing streak to Villanova — the last two in the NCAA Tournament.

Collin Gillespie's three-point play drew the Wildcats (8-4) within 69-65 with 31 seconds left, and Vick gave them an opening when he threw the ball away on the ensuing inbounds play. But Vick atoned for the mistake by pulling down a defensive rebound, and then calmly made a pair of free throws.

Phil Booth finished with 29 points for the Wildcats. Eric Paschall scored 17 but was rendered ineffective down the stretch because of foul trouble.

NO. 3 TENNESSEE 102
MEMPHIS 92

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Admiral Schofield scored 20 of his 29 points in the second half and added 11 rebounds as Tennessee snapped a three-game skid to its in-state rival.

The Volunteers (8-1) avoided any letdown after a weeklong layoff for finals since upsetting then-No. 1 ranked Gonzaga last weekend in Phoenix. Grant Williams added 19 points for Tennessee.

Kyvon Davenport scored 26 of his career-high 31 points after halftime and had 11 boards. Tyler Harris added 10 points for Memphis (5-5).

NO. 5 MICHIGAN 70
WESTERN MICHIGAN 62

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Charles Matthews made a layup just before halftime to give No. 5 Michigan its first lead, and the smooth-shooting guard matched a season high with 25 points to help the undefeated Wolverines beat Western Michigan.

Michigan (11-0) is off to its best start since it was 16-0 six seasons ago.

The Broncos (5-5) were in control for much of the first half and led by eight points with 2:58 remaining after Michael Flowers scored 11 of his career-high 31 points in just over two minutes.

NO. 14 BUFFALO 73
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 65

AMHERST, N.Y. — Nick Perkins had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and No. 14 Buffalo beat Southern Illinois.

CJ Massinburg scored 14 points, Davonta Jordan had 11 and the Bulls (10-0) continued their best start since 1930-31, when they finished 15-0. They have won 17 consecutive home games dating to last season.

Sean Lloyd Jr. had 14 points for Southern Illinois (7-5) in its second straight loss.

NO. 15 OHIO STATE 73
BUCKNELL 71

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Kaleb Wesson had a career-high 20 points and Ohio State held off a comeback bid by Bucknell.

Ohio State went on an 11-2 run to take an 11-point lead with under 10 minutes remaining, but Bucknell stormed back to within three with a 10-2 run and a late 3-pointer by Avi Toomer. The Bison got the ball with 14 seconds left, but a 3-point try by Bruce Moore hit the front of the rim.

Keyshawn Woods had 13 points on 5-of-9 3-point shooting for Ohio State (9-1). Wesson had 10 rebounds.

Toomer and Kimbal McKenzie led Bucknell (4-4) with 13 points each.

NO. 19 KENTUCKY 88
UTAH 61

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Freshman Keldon Johnson scored 24 points, including five 3-pointers in the first half, and Kentucky beat Utah.

Johnson made a career-high six shots from long range on seven attempts as Kentucky (8-2) made a season-high 12 3-pointers.

Both Gach led the Utes (4-5) with 22 points, followed by Jayce Johnson with 11.

NO. 23 FURMAN 93
UNC WILMINGTON 50

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Clay Mounce tied his career high with 26 points and had 10 rebounds as No. 23 Furman ran past UNC Wilmington, moving to 12-0.

The Paladins long ago surpassed their best previous start to a season (5-0) and have won 19 of their past 20 games.

Devontae Cacok had 11 points to lead UNC Wilmington (4-7).

OLD DOMINION 68
NO. 25 SYRACUSE 62

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — B.J. Stith scored all of his 18 points in the second half, and Old Dominion overcame an 11-point second-half deficit to stun Syracuse.

Xavier Green had 15 points and Marquis Godwin added 11 for the Monarchs (8-3), who trailed by 13 points late in the first half and by 11 early in the second before rallying for their sixth straight victory.

After Elijah Hughes made a 3-pointer to put the Orange (7-3) ahead 39-28, Old Dominion went on a 13-2 run.

Tyus Battle led Syracuse with 23 points on just 5-of-14 shooting.

NO. 25 INDIANA 71
BUTLER 68

INDIANAPOLIS — Rob Phinisee hit a deep, buzzer-beating 3-pointer, and Juwan Morgan scored a career-high 35 points to give the Indiana a victory over Butler in the Crossroads Classic.

The Hoosiers (9-2) barely won their fourth straight, scrambling to get a shot before time ran out. Phinisee eventually wound up with the ball in his hands and threw up the decisive 25-footer.

Sean McDermott made a career-high six 3s and finished with 20 points to lead Butler (7-3), which lost for the first time since Dec. 1.

WOMEN'S TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

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NO. 4 LOUISVILLE 92
NORTHERN KENTUCKY 59

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Dana Evans scored a career-high 21 points to lead Louisville past Northern Kentucky.

The Cardinals (11-0) never trailed and led by as many as 28 points in the first half.

Evans, a guard, came off the bench to score 10 of her points in the first half. Sam Fuehring and Kylee Shook scored 15 points for the Cardinals.

Grayson Rose led the Norse (1-6), who have lost six straight, with 16 points. Kailey Coffey added 15 points and 11 rebounds.

NO. 10 N.C. STATE 84
MAINE 46

RALEIGH, N.C. — Kayla Jones scored a career-high 14 points and No. 10 North Carolina State routed Maine.

Aislinn Konig and Elissa Cunane added 11 points apiece, and Kiara Leslie and Grace Hunter each scored 10 for the Wolfpack (11-0), who had an easy time extending the second-best start in program history.

N.C. State shot a season-best 56.9 percent, forced Maine into a season-worst 27 percent shooting and held the Black Bears without a field goal for the final 6 minutes of the first half while taking a 50-17 halftime lead.

Kelly Fogarty scored a season-best 13 points and Parise Rossignol added 10 for the Black Bears (7-3), who had their five-game winning streak snapped. Blanca Millan, who leads the America East with a 20.2-point average and was coming off a 36-point performance, was held to six points on 2-of-13 shooting.

NO. 18 KENTUCKY 72
MIDDLE TENNESSEE 55

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Maci Morris led a balanced attack with 14 points, and Kentucky used a strong start to beat Middle Tennessee.

KeKe McKinney added 13 points, Taylor Murray had 12 and reserve Blair Green, who was 3 for 3 from 3-point range, scored 11 for the Wildcats (10-1).

Alex Johnson led Middle Tennessee (7-3) with 27 points on 11-of-14 shooting.

NO. 19 MARQUETTE 80
GREEN BAY 54

MILWAUKEE — Natisha Hiedeman scored 18 points, Isabelle Spingola added 17 off the bench and Marquette rolled past its in-state rival.

Allazia Blockton, who became the all-time leading scorer for the Golden Eagles (8-2) in their last game, added 13 points and Erika Davenport scored 10.

Frankie Wurtz led Green Bay (4-5) with 12 points.

SOUTH DAKOTA 74
NO. 22 MISSOURI 61

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Ciarra Duffy scored 20 points and South Dakota beat Missouri 74-61 for the Coyotes' first road win over a Top 25 team in program history.

The Coyotes (10-1) won their eighth straight game, a streak that includes a November victory over then-No. 23 Iowa.

Sophie Cunningham scored 19 points with 11 rebounds to lead the Tigers (8-3), who had a five-game win streak snapped.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

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MEN
Saturday's College Basketball Scores
EAST
Boston U. 75, Nichols 63
Buffalo 73, S. Illinois 65
Colgate 82, Marist 66
Cortland St. 96, Old Westbury 76
Dartmouth 61, Albany (NY) 52
Domincan (NY) 91, St. Michael's 86
Mount St. Mary's 74, Wilson 59
NC State 89, Penn St. 78
Old Dominion 68, Syracuse 62
Penn St.-Brandywine 80, Penn St. Schuylkill 65
Pittsburgh 78, Md.-Eastern Shore 43
Princeton 85, Iona 81
Ramapo 74, Farmingdale 60
Rider 69, Robert Morris 50
SMU 81, Georgetown 73
Seton Hall 72, Rutgers 66
St. Francis Brooklyn 58, St. Peter's 53
Temple 77, Davidson 75, OT
Youngstown St. 58, Binghamton 48
SOUTH
Austin Peay 95, Purdue Fort Wayne 68
Berea 85, Piedmont 64
Bethel (Tenn.) 82, Martin Methodist 78
Christian Brothers 107, Auburn-Montgomery 87
Clemson 74, Radford 68
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Kentucky 88, Utah 61
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Lee 71, Valdosta St. 70
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Albany (NY) 67, St. Francis Brooklyn 60
Bucknell 80, Rider 59
Chestnut Hill 69, S. Connecticut 63
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Kutztown 100, Wilmington (Del.) 86
Niagara 71, Coppin St. 69
Northeastern 65, Providence 59
Princeton 60, Marist 57
Robert Morris 73, Pitt.-Johnstown 53
Rutgers 57, LSU 43
Scranton 65, Ithaca 53
St. John's 83, La Salle 57
St. Thomas Aquinas 93, Concordia (NY) 50
Stony Brook 70, Wagner 45
West Virginia 79, E. Kentucky 29
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Alabama A&M 51, SE Louisiana 48
Auburn-Montgomery 55, Christian Brothers 43
Berea 80, Covenant 72
Bethune-Cookman 76, North Florida 60
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Cent. Michigan 68, Vanderbilt 57
Central St. (Ohio) 88, Clark Atlanta 57
Centre 54, Maryville (Tenn.) 36
Charleston Southern 89, Columbia (SC) 57
Chowan 67, Shaw 43
E. Michigan 64, Longwood 45
Georgetown (Ky.) 75, Alice Lloyd 72
High Point 83, Norfolk St. 51
Howard 69, FIU 62
Jackson St. 88, Millsaps 39
Jacksonville 100, Edward Waters 48
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Benedictine (Kan.) 65, Graceland 60
Bethany Lutheran 83, Northland 52
Bethel (Minn.) 75, Carleton 39
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Indiana-East 85, Ohio Christian 70
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Nebraska 96, Denver 71
North Central (Minn.) 61, Crown (Minn.) 48
Peru St. 67, Culver-Stockton 65
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South Dakota 74, Missouri 61
St. Cloud St. 66, Sioux Falls 41
Thomas More 81, Hope 61
Trinity (Texas) 59, Augsburg 55
Wayne (Neb.) 85, Bemidji St. 71
Wis.-Platteville 73, Cornell (Iowa) 54
Wis.-Superior 80, Martin Luther 42
SOUTHWEST
Rice 66, SMU 52
UTSA 87, San Diego 77
FAR WEST
BYU 51, Colorado St. 42
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Cal Baptist 80, Notre Dame de Namur 47
New Mexico 75, New Mexico St. 50
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Stephen M. Dowell/Orlando Sentinel via AP

Tulane quarterback Justin McMillan (12) leaps over defenders during the Cure Bowl on Saturday in a game against Louisiana in Orlando, Fla.



Rose Baca/The Dallas Morning News via AP

Valdosta State wide receiver Lio'undre Gallimore (6) scores a touchdown against Ferris State cornerback Adrian Green (12) Saturday during the first quarter of the NCAA Division II National Championship in McKinney.

Valdosta State beats Ferris 49-47 for Division II title

Associated Press

MCKINNEY — Rogan Wells broke tied an NCAA Division II championship game record with five touchdown passes and Valdosta State won its fourth national title with a 49-47 victory over Ferris State on Saturday.

Ferris' rally from an 11-point deficit fell short when Jevon Shaw's two-point conversion pass sailed wide of Keyondre Craig at the back of the end zone with 1:37 left.

Sophomore Wells, the runner-up for the Harlon Hill Trophy for Division II's outstanding player, outplayed Ferris State junior Jayru Campbell, the Hill Trophy winner.

Wells passed for 349 yards, ran for 39 and caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Ivory Durham IV.

Campbell ran for 122 yards and a touchdown and had 99 yards passing and another TD.

Ferris couldn't stop Valdosta's championship-game-record 374-yard passing attack, and the champions gave up 270 rushing yards to Ferris.

The lead changed hands seven times before Valdosta (14-0) overcame a 34-31 deficit with two consecutive third-quarter touchdowns on passes from Wells to Joe Fortson Jr. and Travis Taylor.

In winning their first title since 2012, the Blazers overcame a missed field goal, a muffed punt, 114 penalty yards and a Ferris pass that VSU cornerback Cory Roberts batted back into the end zone to Keyondre Craig for a touchdown that pulled Ferris to 42-38.

Valdosta stretched the lead back to 11 points when Wells lateraled to Durham and ran to the left sideline for a return pass and his touchdown.

Ferris (15-1) missed a chance to become the first college team since 1899 to win a record 16 games in a season at any level.

Amos Alonzo Stagg's University of Chicago team went 16-0-2 in 1899.

Yale had two 16-win seasons in the 19th century.

In the first quarter of its first championship game, Ferris set records for the longest passing touchdown, 80 yards from Shaw to Craig, and longest field goal, 52 yards by Jackson Dieterle.

Craig and Valdosta's Lio'undre Gallimore each caught two touchdown passes.

Gallimore had 111 yards on four catches.

BOWL ROUNDUP

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LAS VEGAS BOWL
FRESNO STATE 31
ARIZONA STATE 20

LAS VEGAS — Ronnie Rivers rushed for 212 yards and two touchdowns, Anthoula "Tank" Kelly had a 70-yard interception return for a touchdown and No. 19 Fresno State beat Arizona State 31-20 in the Las Vegas Bowl on Saturday.

Marcus McMaryion rushed for a touchdown and was 15-of-29 passing for 176 yards to help the Bulldogs (12-2) set a school record for wins in a season. He also threw two interceptions.

Eno Benjamin rushed for 118 yards a one touchdown for the Sun Devils (7-6) in their third straight bowl loss. Manny Wilkins threw for 129 yards, with a 3-yard scoring pass to Kyle Williams and two interceptions.

Rivers put Fresno State back in front 24-20 with a 68-yard touchdown run up the middle in the third quarter and had a 5-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter to seal Fresno State's second win over a Pac-12 opponent this season.

Wilkins sustained an apparent knee injury on the final pass of his college career, which was intercepted by Juju Hughes.

Arizona State took a 20-17 lead on Brandon Ruiz's 44-yard field goal in the third quarter after Asashan Cross-well intercepted McMaryion at the Fresno State 39.

McMaryion's pass was intercepted by Chase Lucas on his next throw, an ill-fated heave downfield after reversing field under pressure. The senior had thrown three interceptions in 398 pass attempts during the regular season and Mountain West title game.

With the teams tied at 17 after the first half, it looked as if Fresno State was going to go back in front on its first possession of the third quarter on a throwback screen from McMaryion to Dejonte O'Neal but video review showed the senior wide receiver lost possession of the ball diving for the pylon and Shannon Forman recovered in the end zone.

Benjamin set the record with a 13-yard run in the second quarter, passing Woody Green's mark of 1,565 yards rushing in 1972. Benjamin scored his 16th rushing touchdown of the season on the following play from scrimmage, giving Arizona State its first lead at 14-10.

CURE BOWL
TULANE 41
LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 24

ORLANDO, Fla. — Darius Bradwell rushed for a career-best 150 yards and two touchdowns to lead Tulane to its first postseason victory in 16 years, a 41-24 win over intrastate rival Louisiana-Lafayette in the Cure Bowl on Saturday.

Justin McMillan improved to 5-1 as the Green Wave's starting quarterback, tossing a first-quarter TD pass to Terren Encalade and running for a late score while accounting for 217 yards total offense — 145 passing and 72 rushing.

Bradwell scored on runs of 15 and 4 yards while setting bowl records for rushing attempts (35) and yards for Tulane (7-6), which won a bowl game for the first time since the 2002 Hawaii Bowl.

The Green Wave also got a rushing TD from Amare Jones and outgained the Ragin' Cajuns 337 yards to 84 on the ground.

Lousiana-Lafayette (7-7) rallied from a 24-7 deficit to pull within three points on Jarrod Jackson's 15-yard TD reception with just over 10 minutes remaining.

McMillan put the game away, leading a 75-yard drive Bradwell finished with his second TD and later scoring himself on a 16-yard run that put Tulane up 41-24.

Andre Nunez completed 8 of 17 passes for 136 yards and one TD, however Louisiana-Lafayette's productive running tandem of Trey Ragas and Elijah Mitchell were not a factor after falling behind early.

Tulane won four of five down the stretch in the regular season to not only qualify for its first bowl berth in five years, but also finished with a winning record (5-3) in conference play for the first time since 2014.

McMillan was one of the keys, providing consistent quarterback play while throwing for more than 1,100 yards and accounting for 13 touchdowns — nine passing and four rushing.

The graduate transfer from LSU, where he appeared on only two games from 2015-17, was 11 of 18 passing with one interception Saturday.

CAMELLIA BOWL
GEORGIA SOUTHERN 23
EASTERN MICHIGAN 21

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Tyler Bass kicked a 40-yard field goal as time expired to give Georgia Southern a 23-21 victory over Eastern Michigan in the Camellia Bowl on Saturday night.

Shai Werts kept the winning drive alive with a 29-yard scramble on fourth-and-10. Bass came on for his third field goal after Wesley Fields' two runs pushed Georgia Southern (10-3) 7 yards closer.

Werts also made a 50-yarder on the final play of the first half.

Eastern Michigan (7-6) had delivered its own big fourth-down play to take the lead for the first time.

Mike Glass threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Arthur Jackson with 3:33 left on fourth-and-4, followed by Chad Ryland's extra point.

Georgia Southern took over at its own 25 with a triple-option offense that attempted fewer passes than every FBS team but Army. Werts completed a 15-yard pass to tight end Ellis Richardson, but Georgia Southern fittingly covered most of the 52 yards with runs.

Werts ran for 79 yards and two first-half touchdowns while completing 4 of 7 passes for 33 yards to receive Most Valuable Player honors. Wesley Kennedy III gained 107 yards on nine carries.

Eastern Michigan's Glass completed 17 of 25 passes for 204 yards and three touchdowns, including a 75-yarder to Jackson on the opening play of the second half. He had missed the final two games of the regular season with a right leg injury and had only two previous starts.

Glass found Jackson in the back of the end zone to cap a 16-play, 75-yard drive that consumed more than six minutes. As it turns out, it left too much time on the clock.

CELEBRATION BOWL
NCA&T 24
ALCORN 22

ATLANTA — Lamar Raynard passed for 292 yards and two touchdowns and Malik Wilson returned a kickoff for the game-sealing touchdown Saturday as North Carolina A&T held off Alcorn State to win the Celebration Bowl 24-22, and the Aggies captured their second straight HBCU national championship and third in four years.

The Celebration Bowl kicks off the bowl season by matching up the champions of two historically black leagues, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Southwestern Athletic Conference, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

Raynard, a senior who finished his career with a 35-2 record as a starter, did most of his damage in the first half with touchdown passes of 17 yards to Zachary Leslie and 27 yards to Elijah Bell as North Carolina A&T (10-2) built a 17-3 lead in the second quarter.

Alcorn State (9-4) stormed back in the third quarter. De'Shawn Waller tallied 116 of his 167 rushing yards on just four carries in the period while playing about six miles east of where he grew up.

The Braves pulled within 17-16 on a 30-yard touchdown run by quarterback Noah Johnson, the SWAC Offensive Player of the Year, and a 29-yard field goal with 51 seconds left in the quarter. Johnson rushed for 120 yards and passed for 128.

Wilson countered immediately, fielding the short kickoff on the left side of the field. He took off diagonally toward the middle and then cut up the right sideline for a 79-yard score.

It was the senior's school-record fourth kickoff return for a touchdown this season alongside scores of 98, 99 and 100 yards.

Johnson scored on a 59-yard option keeper early in the fourth quarter to pull the Braves within 24-22.

Johnson rolled out on the ensuing two-point conversion try, and his pass to a sliding Chris Harris was ruled incomplete. Alcorn State punted on its next possession with 5:55 remaining and didn't get the ball back as North Carolina A&T put together a game-ending 11-play drive.

2018-19 BOWL GLANCE

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Saturday, Dec. 15

Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta
N.C. A&T 24, Alcorn State 22

Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Tulane 41, Louisiana-Lafayette 24

New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
Utah State 52, North Texas 13

Las Vegas Bowl
Fresno State 31, Arizona State 20

Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
Georgia Southern 23, Eastern Michigan 21

New Orleans Bowl
Middle Tennessee (8-5) vs. Appalachian State (10-2), late

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
UAB (10-3) vs. North Illinois (8-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Frisco (Texas) Bowl
San Diego State (7-5) vs. Ohio (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 20

Gasparilla Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Marshall (8-4) vs. South Florida (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 21

Bahamas Bowl
Nassau
Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Boise
Western Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 22

Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
Memphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6), 11:00 a.m. (ESPN)

Armed Forces Bowl
Fort Worth, Texas
Houston (8-4) vs. Army (10-2), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Dollar General Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Hawaii Bowl
Honolulu
Louisiana Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5), 9:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 26

SERVPRO First Responder Bowl
Dallas
Boston College (7-5) vs. Boise State (10-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5), 4:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Cheez-It Bowl
Phoenix
California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 27

Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Pinstripe Bowl
Bronx, N.Y.
Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 4:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Texas Bowl
Houston
Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28

Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Camping World Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
West Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 4:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
Iowa State (8-4) vs. Washington State (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29

Peach Bowl
Atlanta
Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
South Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5), 11 a.m. (ABC)

Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
Arkansas State (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5), 12:15 p.m. (CBSSN)

Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington, Texas
CFP Semifinal, Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
CFP Semifinal, Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31

Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (6-6), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
El Paso, Texas
Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Redbox Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
Michigan State (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4), 2 p.m. (FOX)

Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma State (6-6), 2:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4), 6 p.m. (FS1)

Gator Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
NC State (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn State (9-3), Noon (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0), Noon (ESPN)

Rose Bowl
Pasadena, Calif.
Washington (10-3) vs. Ohio State (12-1), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2), 7:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 7

College Football Championship
Santa Clara, Calif.
Cotton Bowl winner vs. Orange Bowl winner, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 19

East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 2 p.m. (NFLN)

NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
American vs. National, TBA (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 26

Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (NFLN)

NM Bowl

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a nine-yard run in the first quarter, the whole complexion of game changed. "I don't ever want to put him in harm's way and he is so tough," Littrell said. "He wants to do everything he can for his teammates. But as the head coach, sometimes enough is enough."

After the game, North Texas officials announced that Fine had a severe left strained hamstring. This is the second time in three years that Fine most of or all of the Mean Green's bowl game after a shoulder injury kept him out of the 2016 Heart of Dallas Bowl.

Littrell said Fine left with a "pretty bad" hamstring injury but couldn't give more details.

Cornerback Kemon Hall said it was painful to see his teammates injured but players are trained to always be on standby. "You've always got to stay ready," he said. "You hate to see guys do bad or people get hurt."

The takeaway

Utah State: Maile was tasked with preparing the Aggies with a staff of graduate assistants in coordinator spots. Players had to handle the distractions and constant questions over the future leadership of the Aggies and how it would affect their chances in the bowl game.

North Texas: Coach Seth Littrell announced this week he would stay with the Mean Green to build on what he started when he took over a team that was 1-11 in 2015. Since then, he has a 23-17 but has yet to win a bowl game in three straight appearances.

Division III

From 1C

drive with the fake punt. They have a great defense. Nobody's scoring a lot of points on that defense. They executed pretty well down the stretch, and we couldn't quite finish a couple of plays."

Trailing 24-13, the Raiders cut the lead to eight on Cory Barnett's third field goal with seven minutes left. After stopping Mary Hardin-Baylor a yard short on a fourth- and-2 at the Crusaders 40, Mount Union's drive stalled at Mary Hardin-Baylor 16 with two straight incompletions with a minute left.

Following a three-and-out by Mary Hardin-Baylor, Mount Union had one last chance, but Fulford was sacked by Khevon Shepard and injured on third-and-10. Mount Union's lateral play on fourth down failed.

Hammack found Josey for a 36-yard touchdown pass, which Josey caught falling into the end zone with 1:27 remaining in the first quarter. Miller gave the Crusaders a 14-13 lead with a 2-yard touchdown run right before halftime.

"We always felt like that when you get into a game like this with so much significance, the key thing was to maintain the confidence level that we have, don't panic," Fredenburg said. "Everything is going to take care of itself. We felt like we could play with Mount Union. We felt like our team was a team of destiny."

After Anthony Avila's field goal in the third quarter, Hammack upped the lead to 24-13 midway through the fourth, finding K.J. Miller for a 16-yard touchdown pass.

Cowboys grab for NFC East title

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

If the Dallas Cowboys are for real, they will win their sixth straight game and clinch the NFC East at Indianapolis on Sunday.

If the Colts are for real, they will knock off the Cowboys and stamp themselves as true contenders for the AFC playoffs.

With three games remaining, Dallas (8-5) is in control of its division, thanks to a staunch defense and a revived air game with the addition of Amari Cooper. Has any veteran been more worth a first-round draft pick in a midseason trade?

"I didn't know we were going to get all that, honestly," says NFL rushing leader Ezekiel Elliott about Cooper, acquired from Oakland. "But when I finally saw him in person, when I saw him catch the ball, I saw him run around and run after the catch, that's when I really realized he's truly special."

A Cowboys win does the trick in the NFC East, as would losses by Philadelphia and Washington. Dallas has almost no chance at a first-round playoff bye, though.

So what? The Cowboys were 3-5 and sinking and now look where they are.

Talking about sinking, Indianapolis was 1-5 two months ago. Then the Colts (7-6) won five straight before that string ended with an awful performance at Jacksonville. So they went to AFC South leader Houston, winner of nine in a row, and won.

In his comeback from a 2017 season lost to a shoulder injury, Andrew Luck has been sensational, working behind an offensive line that has gone from sieve to sturdy. Luck has been sacked 16 times, second fewest in the league.

Indy is in a four-way tie for the second AFC wild-card slot with Baltimore, Tennessee and Miami.

"Most people call this the dash for cash," Colts tight end Eric Ebron says. "So you just try to win."

The weekend began Thursday night with the Los Angeles Chargers' 29-28 comeback victory at Kansas City.

Philip Rivers led the Chargers to a pair of touchdowns in the final minutes, then hit Mike Williams for the go-ahead 2-point conversion with 4 seconds remaining. The Chargers (11-3) trailed 28-14 before Justin Jackson scored with 3:49 to go.

Not only did the Chargers clinch a playoff berth, they forged a first-place tie with the Chiefs (11-3) in the AFC West while ending a nine-game losing streak to their longtime division rivals.

New England (9-4) at Pittsburgh (7-5-1)

Tampa Bay (5-8) at Baltimore (7-6)

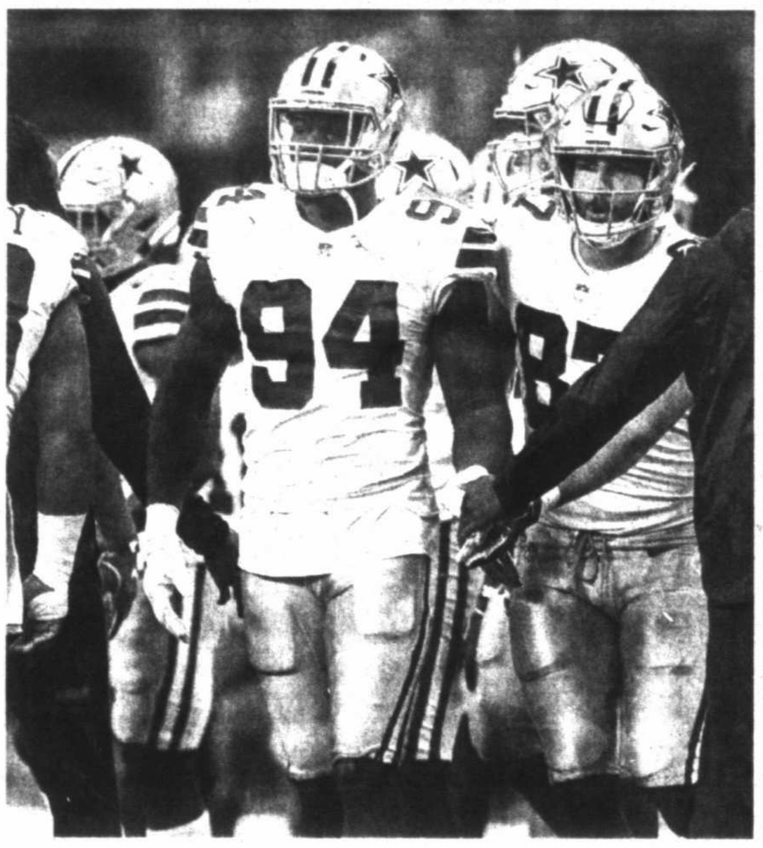
The AFC North has become a jumble with Pittsburgh's slump (three successive defeats) and Baltimore's resurgence. These matchups don't bode well for the Steelers, especially if Ben Roethlisberger's rib and James Conner's ankle are factors.

The Patriots have won the past five meetings. Of course, the 2017 version is unforgettable: Roethlisberger threw an interception in the end zone with 5 seconds remaining after tight end Jesse James' apparent go-ahead touchdown with 29 seconds left was overturned on review. Officials ruled the catch did not "survive the ground;" James jostled it after stretching across the goal line.

So the league amended the rule in the offseason to allow some movement by the ball if a receiver maintains possession.

New England can clinch its 10th straight AFC East title with a win or tie and a Miami loss or tie.

Baltimore, meanwhile, will sit the now-healthy Joe Flacco behind first-round pick Lamar Jackson, who has won three of his four starts with Flacco (hip) sidelined. The Ravens' ground game has been sensational with the rookie behind center.



Steve Nurenberg/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Dallas Cowboys defensive end Randy Gregory (94) takes the field against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 30 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

Jackson has 336 yards rushing over the past four games, the most by any NFL quarterback in his first four starts during the Super Bowl era. Baltimore also is allowing an NFL-low 18.5 points per game.

Philadelphia (6-7) at Los Angeles Rams (11-2)

New Orleans (11-2) at Carolina (6-7), Monday

Top seed in the NFC is what it's all about for the Saints and Rams, who lost to New Orleans this season.

The Rams and Saints each clinch a first-round bye with a win and a Chicago loss or tie, or a tie and a Chicago loss.

New Orleans has struggled offensively the past two weeks, but this is a matchup Drew Brees enjoys. The Saints beat the Panthers three times last season, including the playoffs. Brees has completed 76.7 percent of his passes for 2,714 yards with 21 touchdowns and four interceptions in the past 10 NFC South games and has 46 TDs and 20 INTs vs. the Panthers, who have lost their past five overall. But Carolina is 5-1 at home.

With the Rams coming off the lowest-scoring performance under Sean McVay, a 15-6 loss to the Bears, they try to avoid falling in consecutive games with McVay in charge. Indeed, he has won at least two straight after all seven of his career defeats.

Eagles QB Carson Wentz is battling a back injury. He tore up his knee at LA last year and missed his team's run to the championship.

Houston (9-4) at New York Jets (4-9), Saturday

Despite flopping at home against Indy, the Texans are in solid position, closing in on the division crown, with a playoff berth almost certain at the least. Houston also has an outside chance at a first-round playoff bye, but probably needs to win out and get some help.

QB Deshaun Watson has thrown at least one TD pass in 18 straight games, while top target DeAndre Hopkins has caught at least one TD pass in five straight road games. He and Watson have connected for 16 TD passes in 20 games they've played together.

New York got back rookie quarterback Sam Darnold and he put together his first fourth-quarter comeback to beat Buffalo last week and end a five-game slide.

Tennessee (7-8) at New York Giants (5-8)

The other weekend game at MetLife Stadium; notice the neutral end zones.

New York once was 1-7, yet has a very long shot at making the playoffs. A retooled offensive line has provided time for Eli Manning to show he isn't over the hill, and for rookie running back Saquon Barkley to go wild.

Tennessee has had at least 400 yards in each of the past two games, and hasn't managed three straight since Oct. 1-16, 2000. It has allowed the fewest touchdowns in the league this season, 27.

Green Bay (5-7-1) at Chicago (9-4)

Miami (7-6) at Minnesota (6-6-1)

Chicago's last-to-first climb in the NFC North could be finalized against its biggest rival. A win over Green Bay, which leads the NFL's longest series 97-94-6, gets it done. So does a Minnesota loss or tie.

The Bears lead the NFL in turnover differential (plus 13) and interceptions (25).

Green Bay, under interim coach Joe Philbin, must win out for any chance to play in January. The Packers have won eight in a row at Soldier Field and nine of the past 10 meetings overall. But with a win, Chicago would finish 7-1 at home for the first time since 2005.

Miami's stunning "Drake Escape" victory against New England kept it viable in the AFC playoff chase. The Dolphins are second in the NFL with 19 interceptions and tied for third with 25 takeaways.

Minnesota was overwhelmed last Monday night at Seattle, and fired offensive coordinator John DeFilippo. In their past three losses, all on the road, the Vikings have averaged just 274 yards and 12 points per game. But they're at home and the Dolphins are 0-5 on the road since beating the Jets in Week 2.

Seattle (8-5) at San Francisco (3-10)

Surging Seattle has won four straight and its defeats are to opponents who are a combined 36-16, with two of losses to the 11-2 Rams. The Seahawks have the league's top rushing team and have become as stingy as anybody on defense despite being in a rebuild.

A win gets them into the postseason, and they have won 10 straight in this NFC West rivalry, starting with the conference title game in January 2014. Linebacker Bobby Wagner, making a hefty statement for NFL Defensive Player of the Year, seeks his eighth straight game with at least eight tackles. Wagner had 12 tackles, one sack, one forced fumble, two passes defensed and a 98-yard interception return for a TD in the Week 13 win over San Francisco.

Cleveland (5-7-1) at Denver (6-7), Saturday

Yes, both clubs have outside shots at the postseason as they meet in prime time.

Denver has won the past 11 meetings, going back to 1990. But these Browns are spunky, led by top overall draft choice Baker Mayfield. He has 1,406 yards passing, 11 TDs, four interceptions since interim coach Gregg Williams supplanted coach Hue Jackson on Oct. 29.

He needs to watch out for DE Bradley Chubb, the fifth overall selection in April. Chubb's 12 sacks are a rookie franchise record and 2½ shy of Javon Kearse's 1999 NFL rookie record.

Detroit (5-8) at Buffalo (4-9)

Don't look for much scoring here.

With 3,187 yards passing, Detroit QB Matthew Stafford is in jeopardy of ending his seven-season streak of topping 4,000 yards. His counterpart, first-round pick Josh Allen, has a combined 335 yards rushing in the past three games. He's the second NFL QB to top 90 yards rushing in three consecutive games, joining Green Bay's Tobin Rote in 1951.

Arizona (3-10) at Atlanta (4-9)

Atlanta might do some scoring here, while Arizona ranks at the bottom in most offensive categories. Its pitiful 178 points are 23 lower than the next-worst team, Buffalo. The Cardinals started five rookies on offense last week.

After being held without a TD catch in the first seven games, Atlanta WR Julio Jones has five in the past six games. Jones leads the NFL with 1,429 yards receiving and has topped 100 yards in nine games.

Oakland (3-10) at Cincinnati (5-8)

Banged-up Cincinnati has been in freefall, dropping five in a row and seven of eight. This is its final home game. The Bengals have averaged 51,673, the second-smallest attendance since Paul Brown Stadium opened in 2000. They're 3-4 at home.

The Raiders fired GM Reggie McKenzie on Monday, one day after a stunning upset of Pittsburgh.

Washington (6-7) at Jacksonville (4-9)

What does a team do when its top two QBs have broken legs and the third guy has a broken career? In Washington's case, it turns to someone who hasn't started since 2011, is 0-5 in the NFL and recently had a contract with the startup Alliance of American Football, Josh Johnson.

Redskins RB Adrian Peterson needs 112 yards rushing to pass Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson (13,259) for eighth most in NFL history.

Cowboys

From 1C

Line dance

While Colts starting center Ryan Kelly could return after missing three straight games with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee, Cowboys right guard Zack Martin will miss a game for the first time in his career in what would've been his first trip to his hometown.

Martin, a four-time Pro Bowler and 2014 All-Pro, sprained the MCL in his left knee during the preseason and left both games against defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia after aggravating the injury. He returned to the first Philadelphia game, but didn't come back in last week's victory and has been declared out for Sunday.

Kelly, meanwhile, was limited in practice Wednesday. He said he hopes to play through the pain with a brace.

Before he was injured, the Colts allowed one sack in six games. Indy has given up six sacks in the three games he missed.

Rejoining the youngsters?

Cowboys linebacker Sean Lee practiced this week for first time since leaving a game Nov. 5 against Tennessee with his second hamstring injury this season and he could be rejoining the linebacker rotation Sunday.

If he does, the focus will be on how it works.

Vander Esch and Lee play the same position and 23-year-old Jaylon Smith, a former Notre Dame star, also played well this season. The two youngsters have embraced playing big roles while Lee, a 2014 All-Pro choice, was on the mend.

Fancy feet

Eight Colts players will wear special cleats this weekend to promote various charities.

Luck will wear shoes bearing Indianapolis' renown Riley Hospital for Children, which he has worked with since being drafted No. 1 overall in 2012.

Three players — Leonard, linebacker Anthony Walker and safety Mathias Farley — are using their cleats to draw attention to the Edwin Jackson 53 Foundation. Jackson was killed in a traffic accident in February.

Texans

From 1C

snapped by Indianapolis last Sunday — weren't going to go down for the second straight game.

Watson finished 22 of 28 for 294 yards and the two scores to Hopkins.

Fairbairn gave the Texans a 3-0 lead with a 41-yard field goal with 9:23 left in the opening quarter — after the Jets appeared to catch a bit of a break. On third-and-7 from the 9, Henry Anderson grabbed hold of Watson, who somehow slipped out of the defensive end's grasp and had some room to run. But the officials called the play over because they ruled Watson's forward progress had been stopped, and Anderson was credited with a 13-yard sack and forcing Houston to settle for the field goal.

Jason Myers tied it at 3 for the Jets with a 26-yard field goal with 2:01 remaining in the first quarter. Houston regained the lead on Fairbairn's 32-yarder early in the second quarter.

The Texans got the ball back a few minutes later when J.J. Watt forced the ball out of McGuire's hands and Angelo Blackson recovered it. Two plays later, Watson launched a deep pass for Hopkins, who got past Darryl Roberts — who was turned around on the play — and adjusted to the ball in the end zone for a touchdown that made it 13-3 midway through the second quarter.

Fairbairn's 53-yarder with 4:35 left made it 16-3 for the Texans.

Darnold gave the Jets some life just before halftime with a terrific drive during which he made plays with his legs — a 10-yard run on third-and-3 — and arm — passes of 16 yards to Chris Herndon and 26 to Robby Anderson. On first-and-goal from the 5, Darnold scrambled a bit before stepping up in the pocket and zipping a pass to Anderson for a touchdown to make it a 16-9 game.

But, Myers then missed his second extra point of the season — and 14th of his career.

Darnold picked up where he left off in the first half, leading the Jets on another touchdown drive, driving New York down the field and capping another impressive possession with a 13-yard toss to Andre Roberts. Darnold kept the drive alive on third-and-10 from the Jets 40 with a laser-like throw to Robby Anderson for 20 yards.

Myers followed by missing his second straight extra point as Houston remained ahead 16-15. Fairbairn's 49-yarder increased the Texans' lead to 19-15 with 12:33 left.

Injuries

Houston running back Lamar Miller left with an ankle injury in the second quarter and didn't return. He was initially hurt early in the first quarter Saturday when he went down after a 1-yard run. He tried to get up and walk it off before going back down to the turf and being attended to by trainers.

TEXANS 29, JETS 22

Houston	3	13	0	13—29
New York	3	6	6	7—22

First Quarter
Hou—FG Fairbairn 41, 9:23
NYJ—FG Myers 26, 2:01

Second Quarter
Hou—FG Fairbairn 32, 12:51
Hou—Hopkins 45 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 8:14
Hou—FG Fairbairn 53, 4:35
NYJ—R.Anderson 5 pass from Darnold (kick failed), :30

Third Quarter
NYJ—A.Roberts 13 pass from Darnold (kick failed), 8:39

Fourth Quarter
Hou—FG Fairbairn 49, 12:33
NYJ—McGuire 2 run (Myers kick), 5:00
Hou—Hopkins 14 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 2:15
Hou—FG Fairbairn 40, :54
A—77,982

	Hou	NYJ
First downs	15	21
Total Net Yards	286	318
Rushes-yards	17-47	31-90
Passing	239	228
Punt Returns	3-17	2-22
Kickoff Returns	1-28	3-71
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-28-0	24-38-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-55	3-25
Punts	3-45.7	4-49.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-43	9-60
Time of Possession	24:56	35:04

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Houston, Watson 4-26, Miller 3-8, Carter 1-7, Blue 9-6. New York, McGuire 18-42, Darnold 6-35, Cannon 7-13.

PASSING—Houston, Watson 22-28-0-294. New York, Darnold 24-38-0-253.

RECEIVING—Houston, Hopkins 10-170, D.Thomas 6-59, Carter 2-55, Blue 2-9, J.Thomas 1-2, Griffin 1-(minus 1). New York, R.Anderson 7-96, Herndon 3-53, McGuire 3-29, Cannon 3-24, A.Roberts 3-16, Kearse 2-9, Tomlinson 1-11, Leggett 1-8, Matthews 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

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	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
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Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	201	320
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286	292	359

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	10	4	0	.714	352	281
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	349	300
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	251	254
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	212	273

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	5	1	.577	357	306
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	321	241
Cleveland	5	7	1	.423	292	332
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	307	397

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Kansas City	11	3	0	.786	499	360
x-L.A. Chargers	11	3	0	.786	385	298
Denver	6	7	0	.462	290	282
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	244	388

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	279	246
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	281	295
Washington	6	7	0	.462	249	297
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	307	331

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	11	2	0	.846	447	283
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	324	332
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	332	383
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	316	367

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	4	0	.692	359	247
Minnesota	6	6	1	.500	282	291
Green Bay	5	7	1	.423	315	307
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	271	319

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-L.A. Rams	11	2	0	.846	425	313
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	340	268
Arizona	3	10	0	.231	178	327
San Francisco	3	10	0	.231	275	350

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L.A. Chargers 29, Kansas City 28

Saturday's Games
Houston 29, N.Y. Jets 22
Cleveland at Denver, late

Sunday's Games
Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Green Bay at Chicago, Noon
Detroit at Buffalo, Noon
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, Noon
Arizona at Atlanta, Noon
Oakland at Cincinnati, Noon
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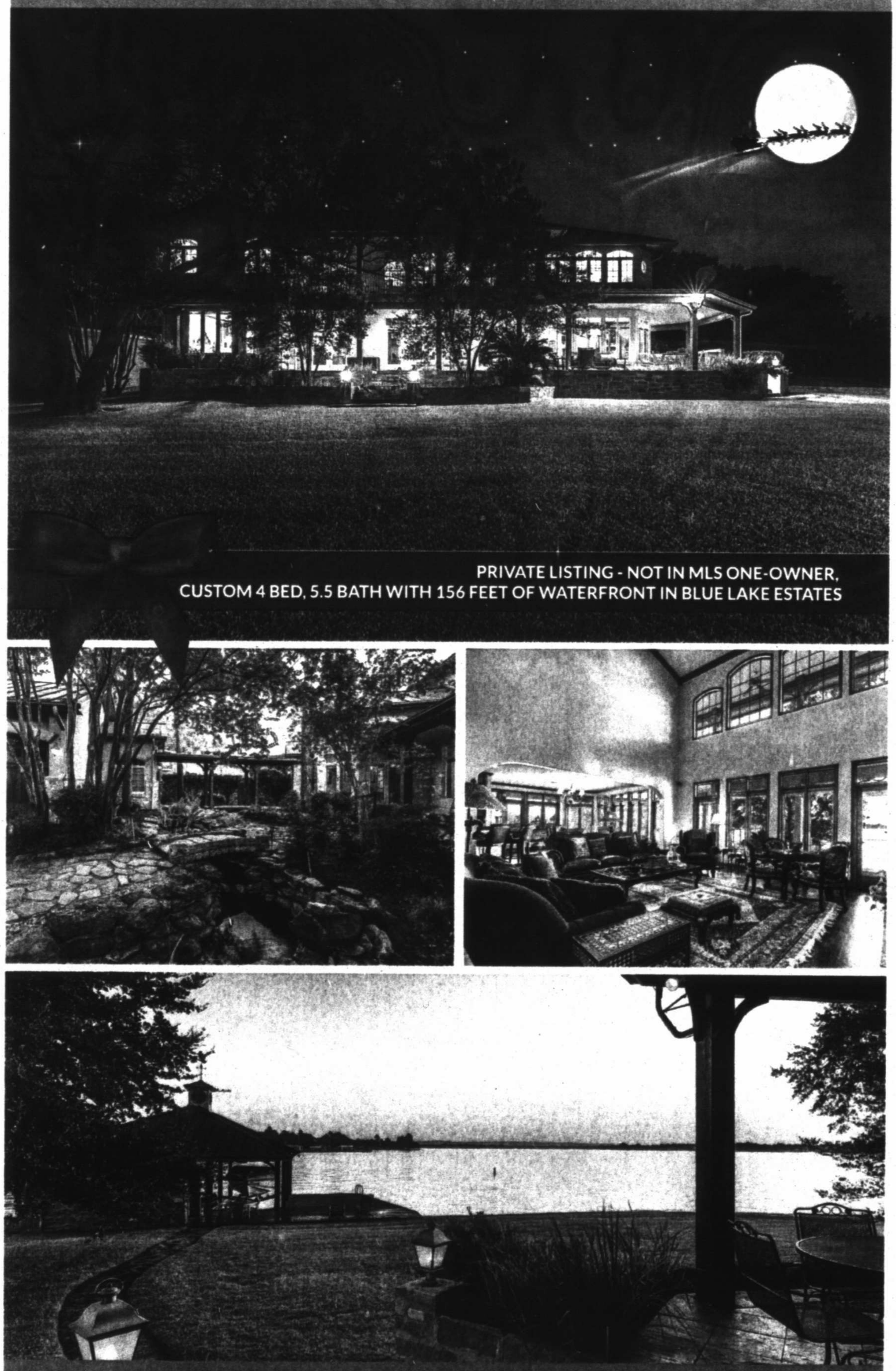
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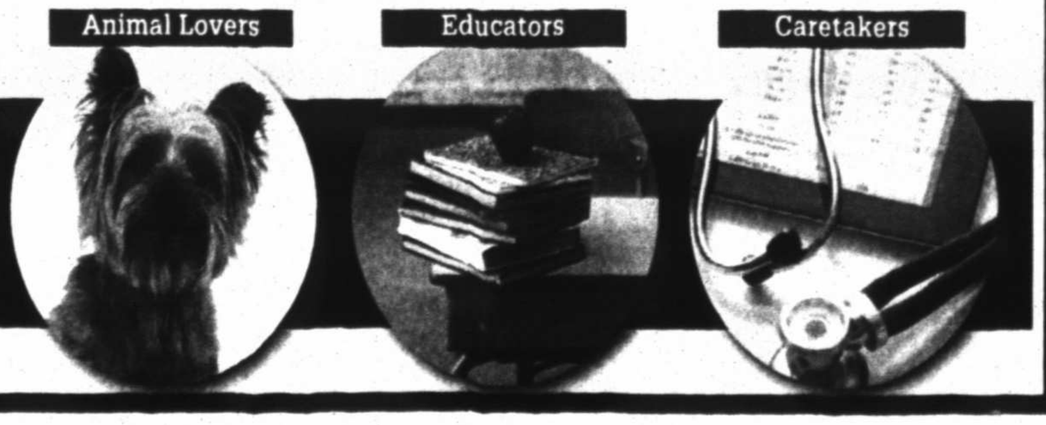
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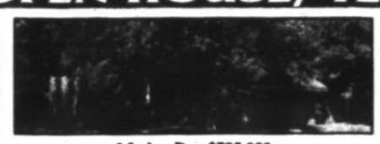
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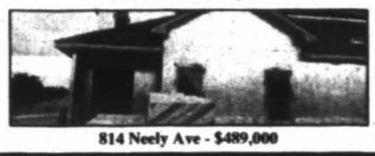

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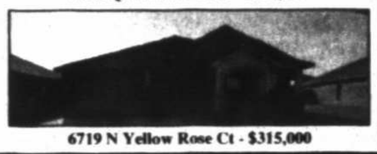

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814 Neely Ave - $489,000


1423 Ainslee St - $415,000


6719 N Yellow Rose Ct - $315,000

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New and Reduced Listings

1700 Fort Worth - Commercial building w/4827 sq. ft. Previously used as St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission **$695,000**
5312 Quicksand Cove - Beautiful Glen Miller Low Maintenance patio home. Large custom kitchen, w/stainless appliances & granite/ Kitchen opens to living & dining, spacious bedrooms! **$579,000**
810 Kansas Ave - Beautiful Old Midland property w/beautiful hardwood flooring throughout, kitchen w/great entertainment space! **$379,000**
6719 Yellow Rose Ct - New construction, never lived in 4BR/2BA, open floor plan to include fireplace, granite, blinds, carpet, covered patio and low maintenance rock front yard **$315,000**
2911 Seaburd Dr - Fabulous 3 Bedroom/2 Bath home in Wydewood Estates **$279,000**

Two Bedrooms

4700 Boulder #607 - Updated bright kitchen with appliances included, updated bathrooms, fresh paint, downstairs corner unit w/fenced in yard ..... U/C...**$87,000**
4700 Boulder #1111 - Bottom floor 2 bedroom condo w/fenced yard area w/ great updates!! Sequestered master and inside connections for washer and dryer **$84,000**

Three Bedrooms

1011 Seaboard Ave- Luxurious traditional southern beauty in heart of Old Midland. Custom built in 2010 on a lot w/mature trees! Open plan, gourmet kitchen and each bedroom has private bath. Just spectacular! Move in condition!! **$995,000**
1000 W Ohio - Unique Old Midland English Tudor style home w/3 Bedrooms/3 Full baths and 2 half baths. Must see to appreciate! **$799,500**
3 Lakes Dr - Charming two story 3/3.5 with many updates and charm in this Frank Welch design **$795,000**
221 Whebridge Circle - Wonderful custom Patio Home in coveted location. Perfect kitchen, sequestered master, sparkling pool, 3 LA 2 offices/Hobby room, Grand attached workshop w/multiple uses **$695,000**
11 Saddle Club Dr- Wonderful in Saddle Club! Fresh paint and new carpet! New AC in May 2018! **$675,000**
909 Canoncro - Saddle Club Townhouse! Outdoor kitchen, fire pit, 3 car carport/ pergola. New windows in 2013, HVAC is high efficiency with Space guard filters. One outdoor unit replaced in 2016 ..... **$610,000**
5312 Quicksand-Beautiful Glenn Miller Low Maintenance patio home now under construction, Completion: late Summer! 10'-12' ceilings, crown molding, large windows, Large custom kitchen w/stainless appliances & granite! Kitchen opens to living & dining, Spacious MBR with tremendous bath & walk thru closet! **$579,000**
914 Keely Ave- Beautiful low maintenance townhome in old Midland. Wonderful open floorplan! First floor is the master suite w/huge walk-in closet, powder bath & utility. 2nd floor has 2 guest BR's w/jack & jill, office and x-mas closet **$499,000**
5310 Oak Valley Dr - Wonderful in Greathouse! Spacious kitchen w/plenty of storage, granite, double ovens, office nook, beautiful wood burning fireplace, Gorgeous Pergola! **$458,000**
612 E County Rd 130 - Well maintained home w/Workshop/3rd car garage/RV carport behind main house. Lovely detached guest house in rear of the 2 acre tract with 3 BR's & 2 baths ..... SOLD...**$398,500**
5711 Los Patios - Beautiful Carrasco resale in Los Patios! This home offers so much-high ceilings, oversized bedrooms, & HUGE great room. Great kitchen and wonderful landscaped backyard w/plush grass, covered back patio and plenty of space for kiddos or pets ..... SOLD...**$395,000**
2005 Seville St - Top quality workmanship! Custom finishes! Beautiful granite selection, chef's kitchen w/great work space & pantry. Extra storage! Plus so much more!..Odessa ..... U/C...**$389,000**
1600 Boyd Ave - Fantastic and updated Ranch style home in Old Midland. Open floor plan w/wood and tile flooring throughout. Backyard has turf and lots of space for entertaining ..... U/C...**$379,500**
810 Kansas Ave - Beautiful Old Midland property w/beautiful hardwood flooring throughout, kitchen updated w/stainless appliances & granite countertops, Open flowing plan ,low maintenance back yard w/great entertainment space! **$379,000**
3221 Patrick- Open flowing plan w/large breakfast bar, custom cabinetry, large island, double ovens & granite countertops! ALL BR's are large enough to accommodate king size beds! Yards are +/-acable- Large 2 car garage w/ great storage--simply perfect! ..... SOLD...**$374,500**
5609 Los Patios-Wonderful Kohler resale in Los Patios w/open floor plan! Formal Dining Room plus breakfast nook! Open Kitchen w/granite & lots of storage! Sequestered Master Bedroom w/vaulted ceiling! Two fabulous size bedrooms share bath! Perfect sized yard! 2 Car Garage! ..U/C...$368,500**
3700 County Rd 1260- AS IS WHERE IS SALE. CASH ONLY. Investor special. 2.5 acres to do what you want with, house needs T.L.C. Garage apartment with kitchen and bath has income potential too. 4 car garage **$295,000**
2911 Seaburd Dr - Fabulous 3 Bedroom/2 Bath home in Wydewood Estates **$279,000**
1008 Kansas-Great old Midland location on the corner! Wonderful mid century architecture. Needs some T.L.C **$275,000**
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Three Bedrooms

2632 Garfield Dr-Low maintenance 3 Bedroom/2.5 Bath Town Home with nice courtyard. Many possibilities! ..... U/C...**$215,000**
3001 Pointer Ln.-(Bldg. 6 Unit D) East side of Odessa just off of Billy Hext. Beautifully designed, quality constructed brand new townhomes. Too many amenities to list ..... U/C...**Each Unit $210,000**
3001 Pointer Ln- (Bldg. 5, Unit A and C and Bldg. 9 Unit A)--Under Construction completion date est.9/2018. Superior quality, high-end amenities, BEAUTIFUL Townhomes on the far East side of Odessa off of Billy Hext, ...U/C...**Each Unit $210,000**
5310 Lenora Ave- Beautifully updated 3 Bedrooms/2 Bath home w/every possible amenity! Wood-look tile floors, Wowzer kitchen! Fabulous Master Bath redo! Gorgeous tile! Huge Outdoor patio w/scored concrete flooring! Beautiful tree in front! So so much newness & awesomeness! ..... SOLD...**$325,000**
3211 Montana Ave - Darling house in great condition. 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, large living and dining area, Kitchen Stove and refrigerator stay. Large yard and beautiful front yard ..... SOLD...**$199,500**

Four Bedrooms

907 Citation - Beautiful in Saddle Club Townhomes! Many updates throughout. Lots of light! Wood and tile flooring, Bathrooms updated with travertine tile and new fixtures, Fantastic Chef's kitchen w/double ovens, updated counter tops and lots of storage **$785,500**
2901 Seaburd Dr - Updated family home w/so much character, space to entertain and pool. White kitchen is obviously the hub of home, Bar, built-in nook and workstop, New windows, steel doors! **$635,000**
810 Harvard – One of the best views of the duck pond in Midland! Renovated in 2017. Beautiful 4/3 .3 car garage on corner lot in coveted Old Midland. Gourmet kitchen. Separate mother-in-law suite and tons of storage **$575,000**
2511 Shuler Ave - Wonderful town house in central Midland! 4BR/3BA/2LA or 3BR/3BA/3LA, great storage, 2 car garage plus circle drive, Saddle tile, large gallery kitchen, 2 fireplaces, small pool, Spacious, yet low maintenance! **$540,000**
5007 Castleford Rd. -Like New with so many beautiful updates throughout this premier home in coveted location! Inground pool and spa w/large covered and open patio spaces, secondary grilling patio, Living /family room w/double FP. Wow! ..**$530,000**
2200 Ninety Ave- LOTS OF EXTRAS! 4BR, 2 ½BA in main house and 1 ½BA in pool house, .47 acre lot w/patio, cabana, pool, hot tub and yard, in "old Midland", Great for family or entertaining ..... U/C...**$495,000**
4707 Cherrywood Ct- Bridgewood Beauty! 4 Bedrooms/3 Baths on cul-de-sac. Move in ready with great yard and community POOL! ..... U/C...**$482,000**
3009 Deering Dr.-Beautiful 4BR/3.5BA home in Country Club North in Odessa. Open floor plan, nicely updated, all within a gated private drive on 1/2 acre. Sun Room, patio and Sparkling POOL! **$469,000**
4707 County Rd 69 - SPECTACULAR 2018 custom built 4BR/2.5BA on approx.1 acre, Open Floor Plan, large sequestered master, Nice size bedrooms w/huge closets, entertaining area & custom grill **$439,000**
1423 Ainslee St - Terrific 4BR/4BA, 2 living area, 2 dining area home in central Midland! Low maintenance exterior, but lots of space inside! Updated kitchen,nice covered patio in back, granite, tile! Hardwood and tile floors, you'll love this +versatile plan! ..**$415,000**
2107 Honolulu Ave - Lovely spacious 4 Bedroom/2.5 Bath home in Ola Mae Terrace! **$395,000**
7010 W Shandon Ave- MUST SEE! "OLD MIDLAND" HOME! Amazing family home w/traditional charm. Perfect 4BR/3BA, great floors, fabulous trees, updated kitchen, covered outdoor patio w/ lots of grass ..... U/C...**$375,000**
3024 San Pedro Dr-Located in Missouri Estates, Wonderful 4BR/3BA home w/open floor plan,lots of windows, natural light & hardwood floors! Huge Family Room w/wood burning fireplace! Large & open kitchen, Formal Dining! Both covered and open patio! Midland or Odessa schools! ..... SOLD...**$345,000**
6719 Yellow Rose Dr- New construction, never lived in 4BR/2BA, open floor plan to include fireplace, granite, blinds, carpet, overed patio and low maintenance rock front yard **$315,000**

Five or More Bedrooms

2800 Southwood Dr - Spectacular family home! 6BD/6BA, Sequestered master and sequestered guests, tier tons of storage, flagstone pergola patio and fabulous pool! **$599,000**
3409 Brentwood Dr - ODESSA-Multi use property! Zoned commercial but can be residential. Currently is office but could be 6 or 7 BR/5BA so many possibilities! **$295,000**

For Lease

1323 NE Corral Dr- Brand new, never lived in, 4BR/2BA on large corner lot, Fee lease ..... **Monthly $3,200**
1211 Godfrey St - Fully furnished super cute & spacious home on quiet street. Small backyard w/a patio and grill. Spacious rooms, stainless appliances & tons of storage ..... **Per lease monthly $2,000**
1201 Florida, Midland- 1,800 sq. ft., 1,800 sq. ft. each unit, recently updated carpet, paint, fixtures, Ready for lease .. **per unit monthly $2,500**
1201 Garden City Hwy- Two spaces available, both are 1800 sq ft, perfect for retail or office use. Recently remodeled w/fresh paint and carpet, Each whose (1) RR Terrific high traffic location on Garden City Hwy in SE Midland, Convenient to downtown, Ranson Hwy and Interstate 20 and many restaurant and retail businesses ..... **$2,500 each monthly...Call BB Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111**
1409 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... **Call BB Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111**
E Loop 250 W - 5 acre tract off loop 250 near CR 1150 ..... **Call BB Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111**

Lots, Land and Acreage

I-20, West Rankin & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1116.76 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111 ..... **$2,000,000**
6101 E Hwy 349- Once in a lifetime opportunity for building a dream home or 2 on his ! 39 ac tract of land @ Midland Country Club **$790,000**
3006 Cardinal Ln- Rare chance at acreage in the city! 3.5 acres of pure heaven. Build your dream home in this wonderful neighborhood. Just drive by and take a look! To see it is to love it! **$550,000**
5703 E. Co. Rd. 80-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan **$399,900**
1600 E Taylor Ave, Midland - 3.440 acres of vacant land zoned commercial **$185,000**
7701 S. County Rd. 1110-Prime location 1.336 acres, to build a home that could face either South County Road 1110 or East County Road 90 ..... **$87,000**

Commercial Investment Property

1207 S Garfield St - One story office w/2 story 2 bay shop/warehouse. 5,712 sq ft. ..... **Call BB Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111**
604 Hwy 163 S- Industrial warehouse of 4,560 sq ft on 4.18 acres (for lease) ..... **Call BB Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111**
3909 S. Co. Rd. 1298, Midland, Tx.-Includes 5 buildings on 9.852 acres. Total of 50,035 sq. ft. ..... **Call BB Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111**
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2900 W Louisiana Ave-Location...Location...Location this 45 room locally **originally built** in 1954 w/new additions once ... U/C...**$2,900,000**
3501 Lamesa Rd-4550sf 50X75 4B/3750 of main floor w/lobby and 2 bathrooms. 900 sf. Is being used as apartment w/1 bath Kitchen, living and BR space. Currently Midland Gymnastics center **$750,000**
406 Illinois Ave- An approximately 8,924 sf Office Building, Built in 1982 and previously used as the City of Midland Municipal Court Building **$700,000**
10001 W CR 72, Midland- 5,020 acres, 4,200 sq. ft. office built in 2015. 2 modular buildings to house overnight drivers. Perfect truck yard **$750,000**
1708 Fort Worth- Commercial building w/4827 Sq. ft. Previously used as St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission **$495,000**
11525 W Hwy 158, Gordon City- 20 acres of Ranch/Pasture land w/a 2,390 sq. ft. home 4 bed, 3 bath, whole house generator **$400,000**
1625 Florida Ave - Great access to I-20/Bus. 80/Front St. 3 private offices, lobby/office, kitchen & bath. Warehouse w/two overhead doors - heated & insulated-not cooled, additional storage in loft area plus a private office **$200,000**
600 Broadway St- Light Industrial facility located on the South service road of Interstate 20 at the intersection of First Street or FM 826, Coahoma, TX. FM 826 connects to the Snyder Hwy on the north side of Coahoma **$200,000**
3400 Brentwood Dr- Odessa- Multi use property! Zoned commercial but can be residential. Currently is office but could be 6 or 7 BR/5BA so many possibilities! **$295,000**

Out of Town Properties

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2024 San Pedro Dr- Located in Missouri Estates, Wonderful 4BR/3BA home w/open floor plan,lots of windows, natural light & hardwood floors! Huge family room w/wood burning fireplace! ,large & open kitchen, formal dining! Both covered and open patio! Midland or Odessa schools! SOLD...**$345,000**
3400 Brentwood Dr- ODESSA-Multi use property!* Zoned for commercial but can be residential. Currently is office w/at least 6 offices-Storage area, kitchen, dining & 4 restrooms. 2 utility rooms and BONUS 432 sf upstairs studio apartment w/bedroom bathroom & separate outside entrances, Parking pad, courtyard, sunroom & enclosed patio! **$295,000**
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6010 RIO GRANDE ..... **OPEN SUNDAY 2:30-3:30**
3216 SENTINEL DR ..... **OPEN SUNDAY 3:30-4:30**

4+ BEDROOMS

3410 Bluebird Ln - Absolutely spectacular updated 5 bed/4.5 bath/1 living (great room, formal, study)/2 dining/6 car garage estate on 4 fenced acres in prime location! Dazzling Pool! Outdoor shop/6th car gar/RV parking! Water well+city water/septic! **$1,895,000**
1001 Humble - Absolutely Spectacular 5 Bed/5 Bath/4+Flex Living/2 Dining/4 Car Gar On Landscaped Corner Lot In Heart Of Desirable Old Midland! Unbelievable Re-Model From Ground Up! Gleaming Hardwood, Slate & Marble Flooring Thru-Out! **$1,500,000**
5901 N Midland Dr - Amazing location on n.midland dr near glcc! home and barn sit on 8 acres. 2 other tracts available to purchase equaling 14.87 acres! 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 liv!(basement+sunroom)/2dining updated top-to-bottom! **$1,500,000**
4524 Corsair Ct - Sweeping golf course views with 5 bed/4 full bath/2 half bath/4 living/2 dining! Gleaming hardwood floors, soaring ceilings, gourmet kitchen w/large island! All the bells and whistles! Extra long pool in backyard complete with a cabana, outdoor kitchen and fireplace! **$1,495,000**
401 Sir Barton Pkwy.- Stunning custom (by Woodruff)- to be completed 5/18! 6-7 bed/4-5 living/2 dining/5.5 bath+ guesthouse w/kitchen & bath! Top appliances, all hardwood floors, upstairs game room & plumbed for pool/water well! **$1,350,000**
6200 Dunbone - Spectacular private Mediterranean home on 2.5 acres! 4 bed/3 bath/4 living (finished 140 sq.ft. basement)/2 dining/oversized 3 car garage w/fabulous patio & beautiful lush landscaping! Large patio w/pergola & outdoor kitchen & living! **$995,000**
1005 Country Club Dr - Spectacular find in the heart of Old Midland! Very spacious (4461 sq.ft.) 5 bed/3 bath/3 living/4 dining home on a lovely (huge) landscaped lot! Two fireplaces and large closets! **$749,900**
5604 Drexel Ct - Fabulous 4 bed/3.5 bath/3+living (study, great room, formal, huge game room, sitting area-master, 2 more office areas)/2 dining/3 gar home on lushly landscaped (lg) lot on cul-de-sac! Many updates! **$729,900**
2109 Deeanna Ln.-Dramatic one-of-a kind 6 bed/6 bath+ 2 1/2 bath/2 dining/9 living (studies, theater, formals, great room, game room, gym)/2 kitchens! Soaring ceilings, lovely marble flooring, theater w/equipment! In-ground pool! **$715,000**
6312 Prairie Ridge - Spectacular 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living/2 dining/4 car garage home on beautifully landscaped lot! Gourmet kitchen, soaring ceilings, crown molding & designer color pallet! Outdoor living area & kitchen w/huge backyard! **$645,000**
4212 Timberglen Pl - Absolutely Spectacular & Updated-To-The-Minute! Very Recent "Hardwood" (tile) Flooring! 5 Bed/3.5 Bath/2 Living /2 Dining/3 Car Home On Lovely Lush Landscaped Lot--Fantastic Patio & 3-Tra High Privacy Fence! **$585,000**
10310 SCR 1210 - Fantastic unique property! 1.2 acres w/runway, hangar, office & living accommodations! 50x76 hangar w/retractable door! 2-story w/5 bedrooms/4 full baths/3 living/3 dining/2 car garage w/workshop! **$549,000**
5610 S County Rd 1213 - Fabulous Country Property 4Bed/3Bath/2Dining/1Living/2 Oversized Garage/Plus A 1BD/1 Workshop, Miles Of Tile & Walls Of Windows! High Ceilings Throughout Home. Gourmet Kitchen Has Gas Cooktop & Granite Counters **$429,000**
4013 Roosevelt - Fabulous Mark Payne resale completed in 2016! 4 bed/2 bath/2 living (great room+game room)/dining area/2 gar on lovely street! High ceilings, walls of windows, gas fireplace & gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances! Lovely, pristine landscaped grounds! **$415,000**
1010 Hereford Blvd. - Fantastic 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living/2 din/2 gar (+extra parking pad) home on lovely landscaped lot w/outdoor kitchen (grill, cooktop, fridge, sink, electricity wired)! In-law plan w/spacious beds & large closets! Tile/brick privacy fence & covered patio! **$415,000**
5709 San Miguel Ave.-Rare gem in Adobe Meadows! One of the largest & most incredible landscaped backyard! Stunning 4 bed/2.5 bath/1 living (great room, game room,media room)/2 dining home w/super living concept! Granite thru-out! **$380,000**
6016 Rio Grande - Spectacular Mark Payne home in desirable neighborhood! Open concept 3 bedroom / 2 bath home. Dual fireplace in living & dining area, high ceilings and beautiful stained concrete flooring! **$359,900**
2511 Culpeper - Centrally located on quiet cul-de-sac, this home is perfect for large families w/ plenty of room for all! 5 Bd/3 baths w/ 2 living areas (3,267sq ft) featuring ofroute in the heart of the house, light & bright living room, cozy den w/ wood-burning fireplace! **$359,000**
3011 Bermuda Ct - Absolutely fabulous 4 bedroom/2.5 Bath 2 living areas and 2 dining, 2 car gar! Gorgeous kitchen w/granite countertops! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, crown molding, lovely tile and stained concrete flooring! **$345,000**
2216 SCR 1080 - Gorgeous home on 1 acre in highly desired greenwood school district perfect for large family w/ room for animals & play! 4 bed/2 bath (2016) home offers a modern contemporary style, open living-kitchen-dining concept light & bright w/ vaulted ceilings! **$337,000**
613 W Golf Course Rd - Ranch style home great for entertaining! 4 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining/2 car gar home on landscaped lot! Huge kitchen! Recent updates: interior paint, new pergola, new roof, a/c's, water heaters, windows & new insulation! **$329,900**
1515 San Francisco-absolutely fantastic 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 living/2 garage home w/ low maintenance xeriscape front yard & landscaped back! Gourmet kitchen w/ stainless appli, granite, island, pantry & skylight **$295,000**

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

11003 W County Rd 58 - Fabulous spacious home in the country w/gigantic shop. 3 bd/3 bath 3148 sq ft home w/attached 2-car gar includes 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, huge sequestered master bed & suite, & office on 2.45 Acres **$499,900**
5212 Elton Joyce Way - Spectacular Lance Friday home! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage home w/large open living/kitchen, professional grade appliances, buyers still have time to pick finishes! Completion date August 2018! **$429,900**
3216 Sentinel Dr - Cute 3 bed/1 full bath on low maint. corner lot w/circle drive! Front courtyard w/covered patio & lg back covered/open patio! Great room w/floor-to-ceiling brick fireplace, tile flooring & walls of windows! New carpet, interior paint, metal roof! **$310,000**
414 E Oak - Fantastic 3 bed / 2 bath completely updated with custom finishes! Move in ready! Great kitchen with granite and large island! Hardwood / tile flooring throughout! Great fenced backyard with large concrete patio! **$300,000**
2701 SCR 1223 - Great property! this land includes 2701 & 2703 for a total of 2.109 acres! mobile home (3 bed / 2 bath -approx 2100 sqft) pass with sale of the property! home has great stone fireplace! **$275,000**
508 Dallas St (Coleman) - Quant 2 bed/2 bath home nicely maintained (age unknown) in fabulous location in coleman! Easy access to downtown! Located on quiet cul-de-sac! Large living & dining area w/ nice-size kitchen! Central heat & cooling system, gas range, & dishwasher! **$49,900**
1015 W Cedar (Coleman) - 2 bed/1 full bath and 1 three quarter bath/2 living/2 dining/one car-carport home on large lot in Coleman, TX! Huge back & front yards w/lots of trees for shade, covered patio & chain-link fenced yard! **$30,000**

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

6000 HCR 1150 - Acreage minutes away from Midland! 12.20 acre tract located in the city limits of Midland on HCR 1150! Residential development or building your dream home in the country! 2 water wells & overhead electricity lines on three sides! **$300,000**
1004 W Front - Absolutely great business opportunity with office space included. Fully functional laundry mat with all equipment less than 3 years old. 6 Offices up front can be used for separate company or convert the whole building to a full service laundry facility **$300,000**
4002 Spring Meadow Ln - In town residential development opportunity! Four lots to be sold as one package! See Meadowpark covenants & restrictions for building requirements for single family residences. Located in center of the subdivision! **$250,000**
1414 Tejas - Development potential- can be subdivided! 7.9 acres in 349 Ranch Estates on W Big Spring across from Midland Country Club! **$200,000**
2701 SCR 1223 - Great property! Land includes 2701 & 2703 for a total of 2.109 acres! AS-IS 3 bed/2 bath mobile home pass with sale of property! 30 mature trees, 2 trailer hook ups, boat/RV parking, 2 storage bldgs w/electrical! 2 water wells & 2 septic tanks! **$295,000**
2722 S Commercial Dr (Coleman) - Fantastic commercial building multi-purpose! Over 3100 sq.ft. - fabulous space & rooms on huge corner landscaped lot w/large paved parking lot! 3 dining areas/2 baths & bright front entry! **$160,000**
3013 Jaden Kate Rd - Located in Timber Wolf Estates, this residential lot is 8.9 acres in Martin County. Buyer must use Anderson Construction as builder. Sharyland Electric, Septic with Broken K and Marks Water Well. Deeds and Restrictions available **$133,500**
Timber Wolf Estates, North - Brand new subdivision. approx. 2-3 acre lots, plat available. Water/septic/fence can all be added at buyer's expense. Sharyland electric company, Builder specific: Robert Anderson. Minimum size home 2,500 square ft. ..... **$70,000 - $130,000**
1301 Dunn Way, Snyder, TX 79549 - 6 Acres perfect for industrial use located in industrial park southeast snyder! Approximately 1 acre yard fenced with caliche pad. Includes a metal office building 288 sq.ft. and small storage building! **$65,000**
6001 Elkins Rd - 5 acre residential lot in fast growing subdivision in Timber Wolf Estates. Builder Exclusive with Anderson Construction, minimum 2800 sq.ft. home. Must use Broken K for septic and Marks Water Well Service. Deeds and Restrictions apply **$65,000**
6011 Elkins Rd - 5 acre residential lot in fast growing subdivision in Timber Wolf Estates. Builder Exclusive with Anderson Construction, minimum 2800 sq.ft. home. Must use Broken K for septic and Marks Water Well Service. Deeds and Restrictions apply ..**$65,000**
2001 Timber Wolf Trail - 4.3 acre residential lot in fast growing subdivision in Timber Wolf Estates. Builder Exclusive with Anderson Construction, minimum 2800 sq.ft. home. Must use Broken K for septic and Marks Water Well Service. Deeds and Restrictions apply **$73,100**
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3303 Feldspar Ln ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
9503 E 90th Ct ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
4705 Cindy Pl ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
7902 Sienna Dr ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
5709 San Saba ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
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Legal and Public Notices

Public Notice
Bid #2019-002

Midland College is accepting competitive sealed bids for a turbo-prop engine to be used in a training environment. Bid packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 North Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2018** in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. For bid information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

Legal and Public Notices

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Proposal - Internal Connections

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP Internal Connections.** Additional information is available at www.crwconsulting.com/rfp. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the Purchasing Department located at 615 W Missouri Ave, Suite 707, Midland, TX at **1:30 pm, Tuesday, January 15, 2019.** For any questions, contact MISD Purchasing department at (432) 240-1965.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Replacement Automated Weather Observation System

Sealed bids for the installation of Automated Weather Observation System III with Present Weather Sensor, Thunder Strike Alert (AWOS III PT) need to be addressed and delivered to City Secretary's Office, 300 N Loraine, Midland, TX 79701. Bids will be accepted until January 31, 2019, at 2:30PM, then publicly opened and read. Any bid proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened.

In general, the Aviation Construction work consists of: Installation of Automated Weather Observation Systems III. The system shall be installed in accordance with this specification and as approved in Federal Aviation Administration Advisory Circular 150/5220-16, latest version and FAA Order 6560-20B, or latest version.

Bidding documents may be examined at: www.flymaf.com

Technical questions concerning the specifications should be directed to Aaron Easton, Deputy Director of Airports, at aeaston@midlandtexas.gov.

Legal and Public Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO. CV54107

TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper printed in Midland County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law of Kenneth M. Blaylock, Deceased, Defendants, GREETINGS:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 385th Judicial District Court of Midland County, described below, at the Courthouse being located at 500 N. Loraine St., Suite Number 801, in the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas, by filing a written answer with the Clerk of the Court at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being filed in said court, on the docket of said court and styled,

LIVE WELL FINANCIAL, INC.
Plaintiff,
v
WILINDA M. BLAYLOCK, KENNETH JAMES BLAYLOCK, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF KENNETH M. BLAYLOCK, DECEASED,
Defendants
Cause No.: **CV541076**
Court: **385th Judicial District Court, Midland County, Texas**
Pleading: **Plaintiff's Original Petition**
Date of Filing: **December 22, 2017**
Nature of Suit: **Suit involving land: Plaintiff, Live Well Financial, Inc., its successors in interest and assigns, by and through its attorney of record, Thuy Frazier of McCarthy Holthus, LLP, 1255 West 15th Street, Suite 1060, Plano, Texas 75075, brought suit against Defendants Wilinda M. Blaylock, Kenneth James Blaylock, the Unknown Heirs at Law of Kenneth M. Blaylock, and any other person claiming any subordinate right, title, interest in 217 N. Eisenhower Drive, Midland, Texas 79703 and legally described to wit: LOT THIRTEEN (13), REPLAT OF BLOCKS 122,123 & 125, BLOCK ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (125), WILSHIRE PARK, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN CABINET B, PAGE 170, PLAT RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.**

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any Judgment or Decree which will be binding upon you.
The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, at Midland, Midland County, Texas.

Issue Date: November 8, 2018
ATTEST: Alex Archuleta, District Clerk
500 N. Loraine St.
Suite Number 300
Midland, Midland County, Texas 79701

(SEAL) By _____
Angela L. Gardea

NOTICE
You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and the above pleading, a default judgment may be taken against you.
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Plaintiff's Attorney

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Time 10:00am

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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Midland, Texas, will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701, until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 24, 2019, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence, and labor for constructing certain improvements at Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas. These improvements are contained in plans and specifications entitled, "Midland International Air & Space Port, Terminal Building Ramp Side Exit Stairs Demolition, " dated November 2018.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of proposals, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Principal items of work are set forth in specific detail in the proposal section of these specifications; however, work items may be generally described as demolition of four existing ramp side exit stairs and doors, installation of exterior glass system, demolition of existing stair foundations, installation of concrete pavement, installation of concrete sidewalk, and modifications to existing water service points at aircraft boarding bridge piers.

Work will also include other miscellaneous materials, equipment, machinery, superintendence, and labor for constructing these improvements for the Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas.

A proposal security/bid bond guaranty is to accompany the proposal, thereby guaranteeing the good faith of the proposer and that proposer will enter into the written contract. The guaranty is to amount to 5 percent of the total proposal amount and must be in the form of cash or certified check, issued by a bank satisfactory to the City of Midland, or a bid bond.

Proposers are expected to inspect site of work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders/proposers, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file in the office of the Director of Airports, Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas, at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., (PSC), Consulting Engineers, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432 697 1447.

Paper copies of plans and specifications may be secured at the PSC, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1447, at a cost of $100.00 for a set of specifications and full size plans. Cost for plans and specifications is refundable. Download documents (PDF file extension format) can be obtained from the PSC Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with the office issuing paper copies. No cost or deposit required for this option.

CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION ISSUES BY THE DISTRICT CLERK OF MIDLAND COUNTY TEXAS, ON THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST 2017, IN A CERTAIN CAUSE NUMBERED CC19507 OUT OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2 OF MIDLAND COUNTY TEXAS, STYLED LINE QUEST, LLC VS RWI CONSTRUCTION INC. RECOVERED A JUDGEMENT AGAINST RWI CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE ACTUAL DAMAGES IN THE AMOUNT OF $25,650.00, PRE-JUDGEMENT INTEREST AT THE CONTRACT RATE OF 5% IN THE AMOUNT OF $175.68, REASONABLE AND NECESSARY ATTORNEY'S FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,000.00 FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THIS CASE THROUGH JUDGEMENT, POST JUDGEMENT INTEREST ON ALL THE ABOVE AT THE RATE OF 5%, COMPOUNDED ANNUALLY FROM THE DATE THIS JUDGEMEMT IS ENTERED UNTIL ALL AMOUNTS ARE PAID IN FULL.

TO ME, AS SHERRIF GARY PAINTER DIRECTED AND DELIVERED, I HAVE LEVIED UPON THIS 6TH DAY DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018 AND WILL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM AND 4:00 PM AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 AM ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN JANUARY, 2019, IT BEING THE 2ND DAY OF SAID MONTH, JANUARY 2ND 2019, AT MIDLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE OF MIDLAND, COUNTY, PROCEED TO SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, FOR CASH IN HAND, ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, IF ANY, WHICH THE DEFENDANT RWI CONSTRUCTION HAD ON THE 2ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2019, OR AT ANY TIME THEREAFTER, OF IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

BEGINNING at reinf rod found for the southeast corner of said 11.36-acre tract of land and in the southwest corner of a 60 foot right of way dedicated to the public in Volume 4142, Page 183, Official Public Records of Midland County, Texas and in the south right of way line of State Highway 191 from which the southeast corner of Section 31, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas bears N 75° 18' 28" E. a distance of 1230.55 feet, S 14° 06' 35" E. for a distance of 200.01 feet;

THENCE, S 75° 18' 28" W with the north right of way line of State Highway 191 for a distance of 200.04 feet to a reinf rod set for the southwest corner;

THENCE, N 09 22- 23" W departing north right of way line of State Highway 191 for a distance of 381.42 feet to a reinf rod set for corner;

THENCE, N 18° 23' 29" W for a distance of 326.43 feet to a reinf rod set for the northwest corner and in the south right of way line of a 50-foot private road;

THENCE, N 75° 15' 03" E with the south right of way line of a 50 foot private road for a distance of 192.68 feet to a reinf rod set for the northeast corner and in the northwest corner of and in the southwest corner of a 60 foot right of way dedicated to the public in Volume 4142, Page 183, Official Public Records of Midland County, Texas;

THENCE, S 14° 07' 46" E with the southwest corner of a 60 foot right of way dedicated to the public in Volume 4142, Page 183, Official Public Records of Midland County, Texas and being a common line with the east line of said 11.36 acre tract of land for a distance of 705.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 128791 square feet or 2.96 acre of land. (the "Property")

SAID PROPERTY IS LEVIED ON AS PROPERTY OF RWI CONSTRUCTION INC. AND WILL BE SOLD TO SATISFY THE JUDGMENT, INTEREST, COURT COST, FEES AND OTHER COSTS OF SUIT.

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Interested applicants can email their resumes to the attention of Patti Gonzalez at pgonzalez@gsdsw.org.

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An innovative OB/GYN practice that has been serving patients in the area since 1951, the Midland Women's Clinic has a dedicated staff on hand that are dedicated to providing the highest quality of women's health services and comprehensive gynecology and obstetric care for every stage of life.

The clinic, located at 2500 W. Illinois Ave., Suite #100, is currently looking for a Medical Records Clerk to join their team. The job hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Previous experience is preferred.

Interested applicants can email in their resumes to ckuzmichmwc@gmail.com.

For more information about the Midland Women's Clinic, visit their website at www.mwcobgyn.com.

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Since its beginning over 89 years ago, the Midland Reporter-Telegram has been a strong supporter of the first amendment, striving hard in taking the responsibility to be the top trusted news source for providing information about the people, places and happenings in the Permian Basin on a daily basis.

The newspaper is currently looking to fill an opening for a Circulation Clerk.

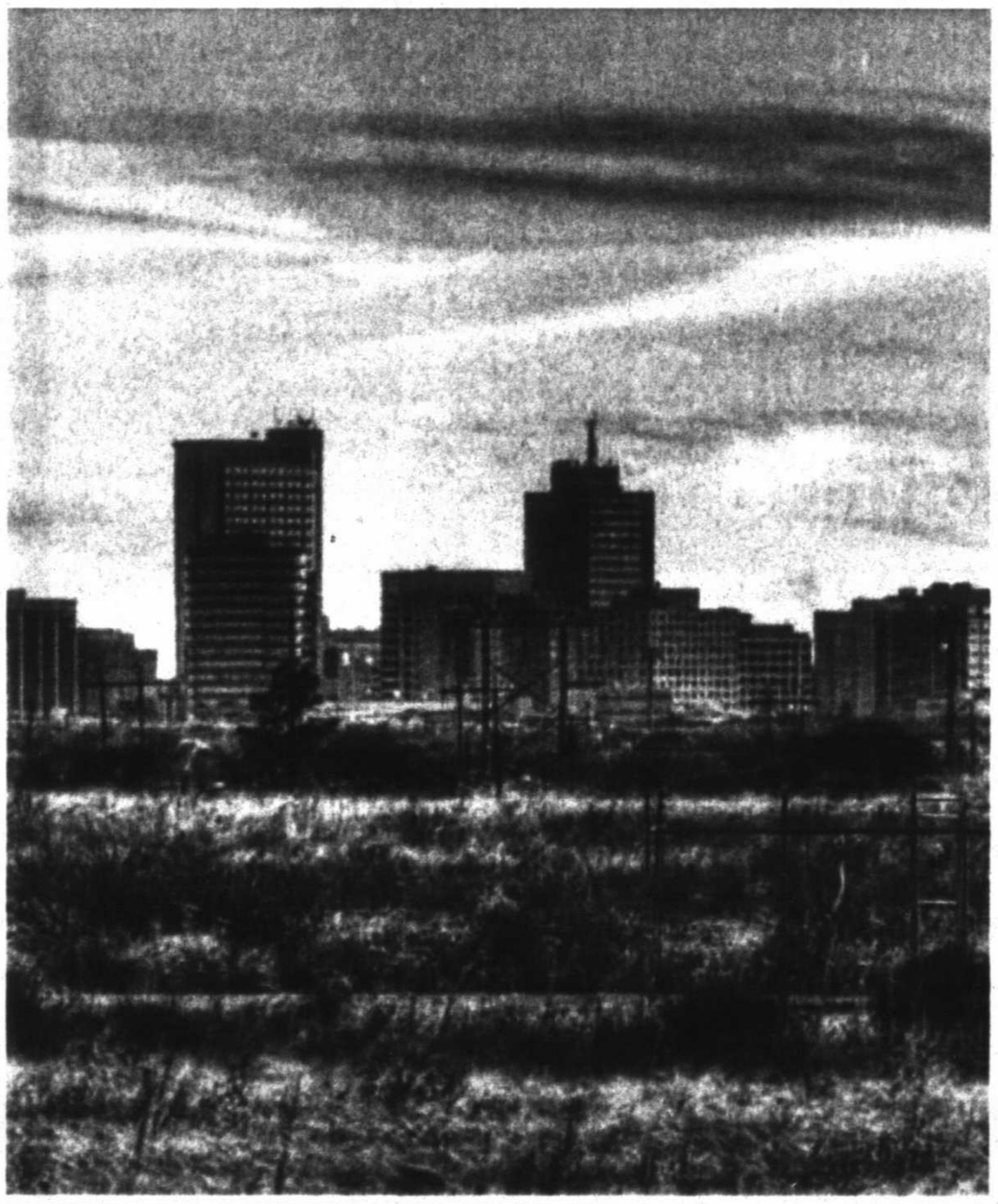
Responsibilities for the position include assisting the circulation department in reaching goals for start pressure, volumes, retention, single copy, and customer service. The primary of the position is to handle administrative functions of the department including tracking and analysis.

Other responsibilities include maintaining reports for circulation including tracking of start pressure, volumes, service and collection statistics, and retention for all properties in West Texas primarily the Plainview Herald and Midland Reporter-Telegram and reporting return information to the accounting department on a timely basis for both papers. Other duties include processing customer and DSM written and email correspondence, and respond to their phone inquiries; work with the call center to resolve customer complaints as well as helping walk in customers in reference to their account; working with customers and delivery staff to resolve delivery questions and service issues for our West Texas properties; working on special projects and administrative support tasks assigned by circulation managers as needed; serving as the designated back-up for other circulation & finance support staff members as needed; being able to react to change productively and handle other essential tasks as assigned. English speaking skills are vital to communicate with company personnel and customers.

Requirements for the job including having a college degree or equivalent years of experience in office management or related areas required; possessing proficient computer skills including Microsoft Office package (Excel, Word, PowerPoint and Access); experience in data entry and typing speed minimum 35 wpm required. Costumer service, computer, analytical skills are needed, as well as being goal oriented, energetic and have good time management and organizational skills. Applicants must also be able to react to change productively as this position is instrumental in analyzing data, interacting with all department personnel and resolving customer problems.

A sign-on bonus is available with the position.

Interested applicants can send their resumes by email to Circulation Director Sharon Heckler at sheckler@hearstnp.com.



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ACE A 30-MINUTE INTERVIEW



By Kim Thompson

It's no surprise that preparing for an interview combined with your desire to be the best candidate can be somewhat stressful. The pressure builds when your interview is scheduled to last 30 minutes and you need to make a lasting impression.

Recently a friend of mine was invited for an interview, and even though he was excited about the opportunity, he had concerns over the amount time to discuss his background and skills. The 30-minute time slot seemed to create more angst for him than a half-day of interviews.

We discussed a new strategy he could use to help him focus on the questions being asked rather than the clock ticking behind him. The pressure he was feeling was getting him off-focus. Instead of ramping up his answers he was worried about trying to cram his whole career history into 30 minutes.

He is not alone in admitting the same dilemma that other candidates face – "How do you make a good impression in 30 minutes or less?" The biggest mistakes job candidates make during short, structured interviews is failing to prepare and overwhelming the interviewer(s) with too many details.

Here are some tips we discussed that could help you feel less anxious and more confident the next time you are invited for a 30-minute interview.

- Answer questions in terms of broad strokes, overarching contributions that lend credibility to your skills. Stay away from getting too involved with details. When every accomplishment is explained word-by-word you run the risk of losing the interviewer's attention and the momentum.
- Break your career into themes, look for the common problems you solved throughout your career. Identify the skills you used and make sure they relate to the job description.
- List your accomplishments on a sheet of paper and use the job position as a guide to address the employer's needs. Since you only have 30-minutes each answer counts.
- Listen to the questions asked, if you aren't sure you understand, ask for clarification before answering. Mistakes happen when candidates ramble.
- Highlight your contributions. It's better to leave the interviewer(s) with a handful of significant skills than to overwhelm them with everything you can do.
- Prepare and practice with your introduction. Don't memorize it, just be comfortable in talking about your background with the emphasis on matching the needs/requirements the employer is looking for.
- Know why you want the job and what interests you in working for the employer.
- Have at least three or four questions to ask that pertain to the job and employer's needs. Time is valuable and the questions you ask need to send a perception that you have researched the company and are interested in contributing.
- Take some deep breaths before the interview and smile. Non-verbal language always speaks louder than words. Even if your interview is over the phone, people can sense smiling versus being uptight and anxious. Your goal is to make yourself distinguishable from other candidates by having clear answers that convey you are the right candidate for the job. Always inquire about the next steps.

How do you prepare for 30-minute interviews? What have you learned from your interview experiences?

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NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JACK ROBERT SWAN, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of December, 2018, Letters Testamentary were issued to Stacy L. Schroeder as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Jack Robert Swan, Deceased", being Cause No. P19660 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Stacy L. Schroeder, c/o Alan H. Meyers, Law Offices of Alan H. Meyers, P.C., 505 N. Big Spring, Suite 104, Midland, Texas 79701, within the time prescribed by law.

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Request for Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM local time, January 16, 2019, in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

RFP 19000866 Request for Proposals for Apparent Water Loss Detection Software Services

To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or email us at purchasing@midlandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 01/16/19 at 2:00 PM local time to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

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.

City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0316637
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec. 3, 2018 Status/Permit No. 841580
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan. 7, 2019
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COG OPERATING LLC, [RRC Operator No. 166150] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission **Statewid'e-Rule 37 (16 ofeX.- Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease** line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 2, Blk. 39, T&P RR CO/ DUNN, WM Survey, A-724, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 21 miles E direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD C SSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	JOHNSON, TED
Lease/Unit Well No.	**303H**
Lease/Unit Acres	**1296.88**
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	**100.0**
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	**30.0**
Lease Lines	**225.0** F North L, **890. 0** F West L
Survey Lines	**225.0** F North L, **90. 0** F West L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 225.0 F NORTH L
890.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: MARTIN
Section: 11 Block: 39 TIN Abstract: 303
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
1600.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F South L
1600.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Teresa Clark, at (432)638-7443.

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RESIDENTIAL

800 Duke Ave	Odessa/3Bdrm/2Ba	U/C
3301 Stewart Ave	3Bdrm/2Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
2905 Sand Hill Circle	3Bdrm/2Ba/2Car Garage	U/C
1704 English Drive	3 Bdrm/ 2 Ba	$199,900
3307 Durant Drive	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$319,900
1908 Fringewood Drive	4 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	U/C
2511 Colonial Oaks Court	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$775,000
5417 Secretariat Street	5 Bdrm/4 Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,375,000
4225 Tanforan Ave	5 Bdrm/ 6.5 Ba/ 4 Car Garage	$1,949,101

NEW CONSTRUCTION

5113 Tremwood Dr	Black Brush Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
1203 Rhett Dr	Midland Gallery Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5207 Balfour Ct	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5303 George Yard Ct	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
7311 E. Co. Rd. 113	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/3 Car Garage	$798,500

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

12044 E. Goldenrod	Gardendale/Beautiful 14 Acre Home Site	U/C
2800 S. Co. Rd. 1080	6.879 Acres	$80,000
2372 Co. Rd. 2631	Stanton/3Bdrm/2Ba	U/C
14021 N. Loyola	Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
7005 E. Co. Rd. 90	Greenwood/4Bdrm/3Ba	$259,900
1504 N. Co. Rd. 1060	Greenwood/ 4Bdrm/2Ba/10 Acres	$307,500
7000 S. Co. Rd 1105	3Bdrm/3Ba/2 Car Garage	$329,000
626 E. Co. Rd 135	2Bdrm/2Ba/4 Car Garage	$349,000
1901 N. Co. Rd. 1110	Greenwood/ 4Bdrm/ 3Ba/2 Car Garage	$419,900
12215 E. Co. Rd. 101	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$540,000
Co.Rd. 190	160 Acres	$800,000
10715 FM 307	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$895,000
10 FM 307	12.17 Acres	$895,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

110 E 29th St	Odessa/7420 Sq.Ft/3 Unit Strip	$695,000
302 S. Marienfeld	11,980 Sq. Ft.	$750,000
3400 Thomason Dr	6,512 Sq. Ft./2 Buildings	$1,800,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

Lot 22 C 2300	Stanton/1.16 Acres	$88,500
Lot 23 C 2300	Stanton/1.16 Acres	$88,500
Lot 24 C 2300	Stanton/1.16 Acres	$88,500
Lot 25 C 2300	Stanton/1.16 Acres	$88,500
Tract C E. Co. Rd. 3501	Stanton/8.75 Acres	$84,000
Tract 5 E. Co. Rd. B 3501	Stanton/8.75 Acres	$87,500
4112 LCR 254	Colorado City Lake/3Bdrm/3Ba/1Car Garage	$145,000
Tract 1 E. Co. Rd. B 3501	Stanton/24.76 Acres	$148,500
0 Co. Rd. B 4101	Stanton/322 Acres	$900,000
Co. Rd. A 4301	Ackerly/320 Acres	$1,280,000
I-20 Service Rd	Stanton/66.26 Acres	$1,300,000
0 FM 2951	Lamesa/531 Acres	$2,656,000

FEATURED PROPERTIES



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24501 S COUNTY RD 1210 - $1,800,000
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Sherrie Vogler (432) 553-8571



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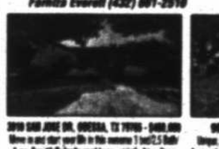
12715 W 3RD ST, ODESSA, TX 79763 - $895,000
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309 SAN JOSE DR, ODESSA, TX 79765 - $499,000
Move in ext star! over 2k+ in this awesome 3 bed/2.5 Bath/ 2 gar. Beautifully landscaped home w/castle drive. Open living, kitchen, extra parking pad, plus one outdoor by the house with shiny n gate! Roof replaced 2016 w/class 4 hail resistant shingles. Plumbing: 2 water heaters, triple, reversing and reverse osmosis pure! Big backyard, 2 cage for host guests & more! See neighbors!
Vicki Barton (432) 528-4717



901 DOUGLAS AVE - $499,000
Unique, cute find in Old Midland -endless possibilities with 2 separate houses w/ 3 large rooms. Main house is 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with updated master bath, granite in the kitchen, massive living room and large dining room with built in cabinets. Also one of a kind property has large entertaining spaces, endless storage, guest house with access from the main house or by its private entrance.
Sherrie Vogler (432) 553-8571



7915 E COUNTY RD 82 - $450,000
Another gorgeous home by Crown Home Construction! Country living close to Midland. Greenwood ISD. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, on 1 acre of land, open floor concept, tile throughout, carpet in bedrooms, large master bedroom & a dream master bath, lots of closet space, framed bathtub, custom kitchen cabinets, granite counter tops and much more! You don't want to miss it!
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3600 S COUNTY RD 1107 - $370,000
Spacious country home on 4 acres. Soaring ceiling & eye lights in the living room. Large kitchen with island & granite counters. 3 bedrooms & 2 additional home rooms. Spacious front porch, 30x40 shop w/ electric & oil change pit. New windows & French doors 2021. New metal roof 2014. All carport beams, siding & fascia encased in metal, rebuilt exterior hallway, new carport & bedrooms 2018.
Laura Camp (432) 559-1369



407 SPRINGBROOK COURT - $370,000
Wonderful 4 bed/2.25 bath well gar PLUS Flex room for home office, formal dining, 2nd living or currently being used as 5th bedroom!! Full granite throughout!!! High ceilings, Quiet cul-de-sac. Walk to community pool, playground and clubhouse. Don't miss..... this is a beauty!!
Rod Knight (432) 559-5858



1222 MAVERICK LANE - $344,900
Walk in & drive on! Like new home, Light & bright with neutral colors throughout, open concept floorplan with no carpet in kitchen. Stainless appliances, granite counters & large dining area, Master bath has dual sinks, shower, garden tub & huge master closet. Covered walkway to main living & spare. Front & back yard fully landscaped & auto sprinklers. Close to neighborhood playground.
Laura Camp (432) 559-1369



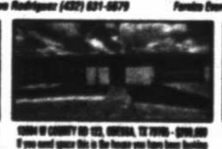
110 E COUNTY RD 210 - $325,000
Great place to escape the City Life. 1500 sq ft 2 Bed/ 2 Bath house on 51 acres of land. Also has a 1200 sq ft Workshop and a 1000 sq ft 3 car garage. Endless possibilities on what you could do here. Great place to escape the rat race or could serve as a Field Office for a Company.
Jerry Thomas (432) 631-1679



1424 FRENCH AVE, ODESSA, TX 79761 - $266,000
Vicki Barton (432) 528-4717



3500 ACER SPRINGS LANE, SAN ANGELO, TX 76904 - $280,000
This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom home has an excellent location in Southland on an established street with great trees. This home has tons of space, great porches, and office in the back and a fantastic upstairs setup. Don't miss the extra parking in the back and amazing tree house in the backyard!
Benjamin Beaver (325) 230-2929



5304 W COUNTY RD 123, ODESSA, TX 79765 - $350,000
If you need space this is the house you have been looking for. One of a kind 5522 on .46 acres. The living room features high ceilings, fireplace, and built-ins for storage. The kitchen has newer appliances and overlooks the pool and deck. This is a one owner custom built with many unique features. Sellers have the original builder plans showing initial cost when building this home.
Sherrie Vogler (432) 553-8571



3217 WHITTLE WAY - $250,000
Look & Love!! Low maintenance!!! NEW INTERIOR PAINT, NEW CARPET, Stainless Kitchen appliances & sink, disposal, light fixtures/fans, plumbing fixtures, paint inside and out, new sweeping & deck, irrigation system. Sit New Orleans deck w/shut many hallway. Open floor plan. Large bedrooms and closets, bonus/office. Low maintenance exterior and roof!!! This is a real family-Don't miss!
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3210 TANGLEWOOD DR - $230,000
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Jennifer Jones (432) 940-0866



101 LAS LOMAS, SAN ANGELO, TX 76904 - $249,000
This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom home in Las Lomas Estates is spacious, well cared for and totally move-in ready! All rooms are spacious. The back porch overlooking the landscaping and sprinkler system are well maintained. The property is close to Lake Nasworthy and sits on a corner lot. Check out the pictures and Youtube video and see for yourself!
Benjamin Beaver (325) 230-2929



4705 W COUNTY RD 134 - $312,500
Lovely corner home. Step thru your entry to find an open floor plan with tons of natural light. 3 beds, 2 baths, breakfast dining area, large pantry, good sized bedrooms & lots of closet space, extra storage area, backyard gazebo, & kitchen refrigerator, washer & dryer all stay. Fresh paint throughout, new carpet in bedrooms, tile in kitchen and dining room, counter tops and sink, new paint, and updates. New HVAC placed in May of 2018, Water Heater 2017. Two yards and RV hookup are recently completed all new. Kitchen Landscaping includes a beautiful xeriscape backyard.
Rhonda Rodriguez (432) 631-5579



4500 BRENDA AVE - $312,500
Cute 4 bedroom/2 bath home in solid neighborhood close to schools. Lots of storage built ins, and separate recreation room which could make 4th bedroom. Or a 4th kitchen and dining room, counter tops and sink, new paint, and updates. New HVAC placed in May of 2018, Water Heater 2017. Two yards and RV hookup are recently completed all new. Kitchen Landscaping includes a beautiful xeriscape backyard.
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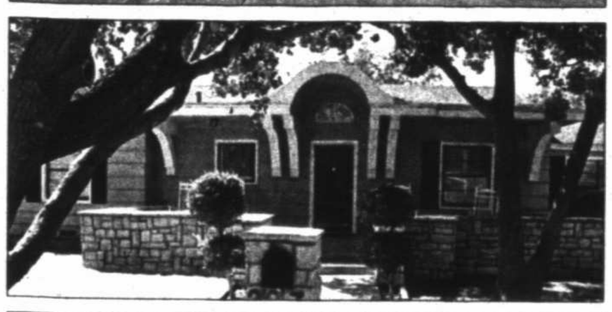
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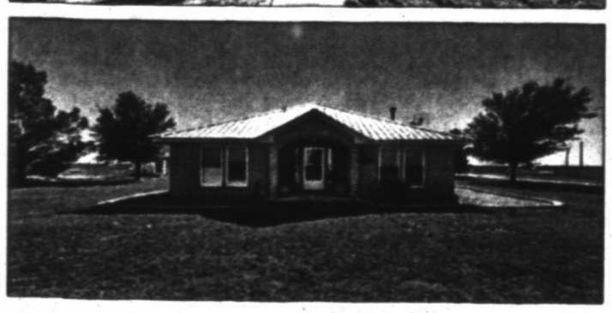
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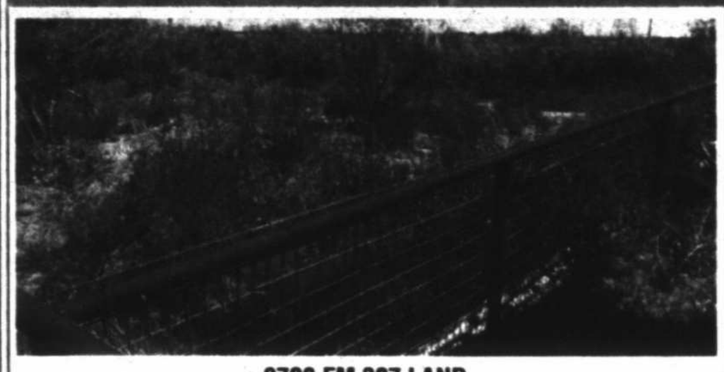
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9708 FM 307	Residential or Commercial Land, 8 acres, owner finance	MLS #50005743		$430,500
5709 E. Co. Rd. 60	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3+ acres in Greenwood	MLS#50018555	UNDER CONTRACT	$364,900
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Find a fresh tree. A fresh Christmas tree with bright green needles is less likely to catch fire. The tree shouldn't be shedding its needles before you bring it home.

Light it right. Not all holiday lights are built the same. Before purchasing lights or stringing your tree, check the box to make sure all your Christmas lights have been tested in a lab by the UL or ETL/ITSNA. If a string of lights is damaged, toss it out.

Safe setting. Of course, to avoid a fire, set your tree in a safe spot away from radiators, candles, fireplaces, vents or lights. Always keep the tree base filled with water to keep your tree healthy and a fire at bay.

Don't over-decorate. While it can be tempting to load your tree with every decoration, an overloaded tree is more likely to come crashing down. Decorate lightly if possible, especially if you have small children or playful pets in the house.

Power down at night. Even though it can seem appealing to leave your tree lights on all night, power them down when you turn in for the night to ensure safety.

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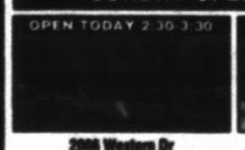
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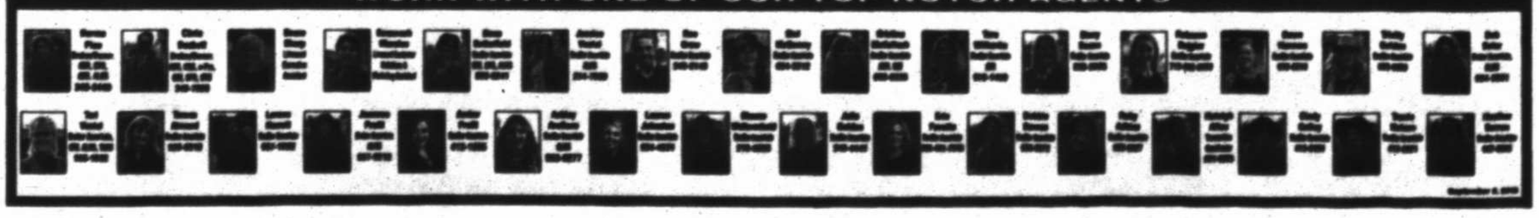


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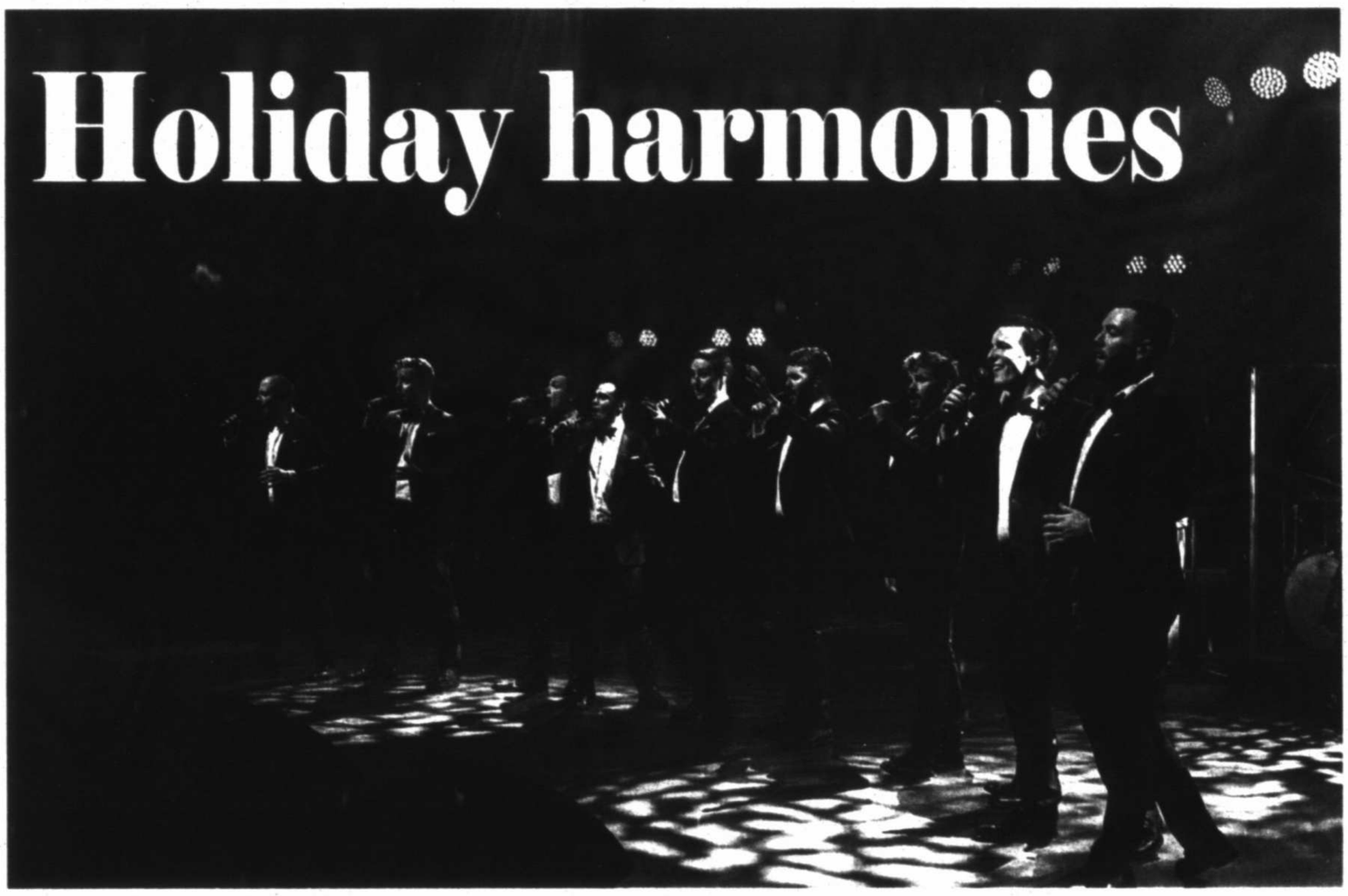
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The Ten Tenors perform during their 2018 tour.

The Ten Tenors return to West Texas to headline annual symphony fundraiser

By Rich Lopez
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The Midland Odessa Symphony Chorale is in the holiday spirit. Following up last weekend's "Sounds of the Season" concert, the MOSC will host "Silverbells and Tumbleweeds" today with the Lone Star Brass at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall. But MOSC tops it all off Wednesday with Home for the Holidays, a fundraising concert featuring the popular Australian vocal group, The Ten Tenors.

"MOSC is so excited to bring The Ten Tenors back to the Basin," executive director Jeanette Kolokoff said in an email. "They are extraordinary singers and their holiday show will be filled with lots of fun surprises."

One tenor is looking forward to the show for particular reasons.

"I love burgers and the other thing I love is barbecue. Whenever we're in Texas, I will take any opportunity to eat some," said Michael Edwards, who also serves as the group's touring music director.



Michael Edwards

The Ten Tenors will perform a night of Christmas music in their signature vocal delivery. The group has a tenure of more than 20 years of performing and have turned harmonies into a fusion of sounds that blend seamlessly from genre to genre.

YouTube videos show off their renditions of eclectic choices including Ed Sheeran's "Perfect," Broadway showtunes, Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" and classical staples such as "Nessun Dorma and "Ave Maria." For Edwards, though, Christmas music is in a class by itself.

"Everyone knows Christmas tunes, but we have to keep them fresh," he said.

"We sing these brilliant versions that rearrange the songs in unique ways. The most important thing with those songs is trying to make them different but also better than the versions in people's heads."

The Ten Tenors have been on tour supporting its latest release, "Wish You Were Here," an homage to singers lost such as David Bowie, Michael Jackson and others. But since Thanksgiving, the group has switched into holiday mode.

"Our shows are really fun and high-energy," he said.

He's aware that "high energy" isn't often a term associated with a vocal concert.

"It really is. Even some of my friends don't understand it," he said. "But I think that's part of our secret, if you will. The audiences are constantly surprised by the variation we do and what they recognize."

While certainly a part of local holiday festivities, the concert is a boon to the symphony.

"MOSC relies on our annual fundraiser to help defray the costs of producing quality concerts throughout the season," Kolokoff said.

The night also has another beneficiary.

"The Christmas album 'Our Christmas Wish' is an ongoing fundraiser," Edwards said. "So, when we released the album in America, we partnered with St. Jude's Children Research Hospital."

The album is expected to be on sale with the group's other merchandise; 100 percent of net sales of the album is donated to St. Jude's, Edwards said.

And then the tenors will all head home soon after this show and subsequent stops for Christmas.

"We land back home on Christmas Eve just in time for the holiday," he said. "But then we'll be back in the studio soon after. We should have a new album out somewhere in the next year, but I should keep those details under wraps."

IF YOU GO

The Ten Tenors: "Home for the Holidays" benefiting the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale. 8 p.m. Wednesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $23-$68. MOSC.org.

Midland's Susan Graham enjoys a family affair in new opera

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

Sydney Brakeley's stepmother really is quite the witch.

The 12-year-old is a gingerbread child in the chorus of the Los Angeles Opera's production of Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion through this weekend.

Her stepmother, Grammy Award-winning mezzo-soprano Susan Graham, portrays The Witch.

"It's really fun!" Sydney said. "We get to throw gingerbread cookies and run and dance!"

Sydney is in her fifth year with the Los Angeles Children's Chorus and has sung Orff's "Carmina Burana" at the Hollywood Bowl and Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker."

"She has sung with (Gustavo) Dudamel. I have not sung with Dudamel, but she has," Graham said, referring to performances of Puccini's "La Boheme" two years ago led by the acclaimed conductor.

Graham, now 58, grew up in Roswell, New Mexico, and met Clay Brakeley at Texas Tech in 1983. He was separated when they reconnected in 2010. They got married two years ago and bought a house in Burbank, California. She became artistic adviser to the L.A. Opera's young artist program starting with the 2017-18 season.

"I was joking around one day with some of the administrative staff and I said, 'OK, you guys, I live out here, I have a job with the young artists program, would you please just hire me to sing something? And preferably something that has a kids' chorus because I have kids?'"

Graham is known for her Mozart, Strauss and Handel, for world premiere roles in Jake Heggie's "Dead Man Walking" and Tobias Picker's "An American Tragedy." She sang at George W. Bush's second inauguration and Sen. Edward Kennedy's funeral.

Graham had performed with Sydney in the Los Angeles Children's Choir but had never before sung The Witch. Sam Gelber, then the L.A. Opera's artistic administrator, cast her in the role.

"It's a little bit out of my comfort zone," she said.

Rehearsals began in October. Sydney's twin brother, Finn, dropped chorus this year.

When they see each other in the corridors, Sydney and Susan giggle.

"Normally the children's chorus members, they're told to really not interface with the solo artists unless the solo artists initiate," Graham said. "But because of Sydney I'm always down in their little dressing rooms and I bring them candy. I guess I'm sort of the fairy stepmother of all of them."

James Conlon, the L.A. Opera's music director, leads the performances.

"He's very nice, and what I'm very proud of is that he knows me by name," Sydney said.

Conlon recalled singing in the chorus of "Hansel" when he was 12.

"It brings me all the way back there, and it's astounding how deeply you make a connection to a piece that is part of your

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Raquel Bianchini/LA Opera via AP

Sydney Brakeley, left, poses with her stepmother Grammy Award-winning mezzo-soprano Susan Graham. Brakeley plays a gingerbread child in the chorus and Graham plays The Witch in the LA Opera's production of Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles.

OUT&ABOUT



by Julie Donnelly



WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Rodney Robinson, from left, Cathy Eastham and Mark Eastham

CATHY EASTHAM HONORED AS WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

MD Anderson was the beneficiary of the annual National Business Women's Week banquet at the Petroleum Club. Uptown Midland Business and Profession Women honored Cathy Eastham as Woman of Achievement and Stacey Nelson as Woman of the Year.

City Council member Sharla Hotchkiss, a former Woman of Achievement honoree, gave a proclamation for Cathy Eastham Day. After being introduced by Realtor Victoria Printz, Eastham told amusing stories of about starting her jewelry business by traveling all over West Texas and Eastern New Mexico selling jewelry out of friend's homes. She also touched on the topic of philanthropy and the importance of giving back to the local community.



WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Sierra Rebbetoy, from left, Jessica Vestal and Stacy Nelson



WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Sarah Podorsky, from left, Tyler Castillo, Tacoma Morrissey and Michelle Ellwood



WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Misty Stewart, from left, Laura Collins, Kristi Hennessey and Kayce Hyatt



WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Eva Howell, back; and Breanna Richardson, front row from left, Ashley Williams and Tara Rodgers



WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Jaime Alexander, from left, Roger Alexander, Wright Cowden and Melanie Cowden

MUSEUM FUNDRAISER INCLUDES CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

Food, drinks, music, dancing and corn hole were the highlights at the Ellen Noel Art Museum's third annual West Texas Fest at the Willows.

The night kicked off with attendees pairing up with a partner for the corn hole tournament. The evening continued with drink tastings that included craft beer, wine and spirits. Local food trucks provided dinner.

The fundraiser, which included dancing to live country music, was to help support the museum's exhibitions and community programs.



MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Amanda Loftin, from left, Chelsea Waters, Lacye Martinez, Joany Salter and Crystal Graham



MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Zach Voithofer, left, and Josh Walker



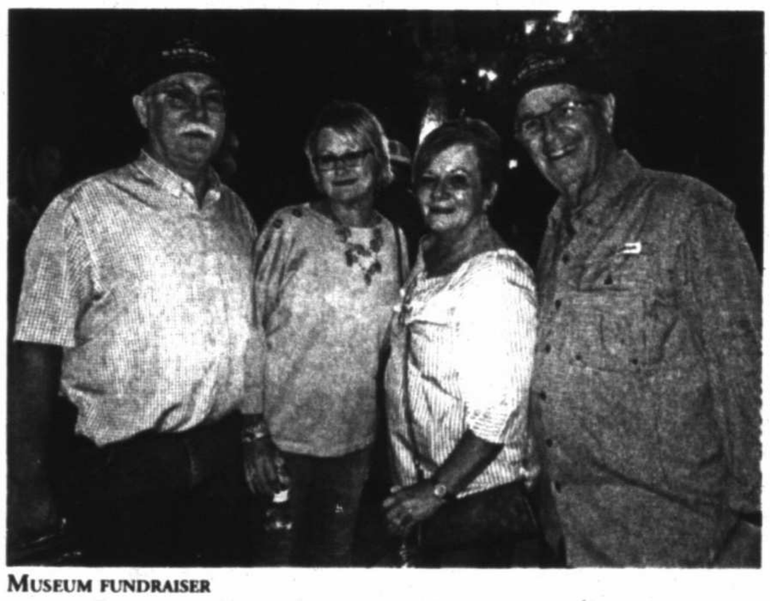
MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

John Latimer, from left, Debi Hays and Dwayne Hays



Courtesy photo

Dorothy Ames Hoover, right, celebrated her 106th birthday Dec. 9 with family, friends and patrons of The Moon Garden, her favorite local restaurant. Hoover was born on the family's farm near Chase, Kansas on Dec. 9, 1912, the oldest of four children. She moved to Midland from Kansas several years ago to be near her youngest sister, Helen Woodruff, 91, right.



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Sandy Patrick, from left, Bruce Patrick, Melody and Jim Cameron



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Comical-looking American badger is fierce fighter

MICHAEL PRICE
Wild About Texas



Courtesy photo

American badger

While in the field observing wildlife, I have had the opportunity to encounter some intimidating creatures such as mountain lions, black bears and alligators. But one that has made stand on end what little hair I have remaining is the robust America badger, a close relative of the small and uncommon weasel.

The American badger (*Taxidea taxus*) inhabits the western two-thirds of this continent, from central Canada southward through the western United States to the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. In Texas, it can be observed in all but the very eastern-most counties of this great state, although it prefers the grassland prairies of the Panhandle and Trans-Pecos regions. It is reportedly expanding its known range as land-clearing operations continue throughout the southeast.

Badgers are comical in appearance, with disproportionately short legs and a broad and rotund torso. Males are the larger of the two sexes, achieving lengths of more than 2 1/2 feet. Females are slightly smaller, reaching only 2 1/3 feet. Healthy adults weigh anywhere from 18 to 22 pounds, although the average is slightly over 15 pounds. The fur is colored gray and brown with an undertone of yellow and is very shaggy. The tail is short (roughly 5 inches) and is thick, bushy and colored the same as the body fur.

There is a distinctive white line that runs from the tip of the nose over the head to just past the shoulders, where it fades into the grizzled fur. A white patch behind each eye is set off by a black shark-fin shape between the patch and the ear. The front claws are extremely long and are used for digging in the soil.

The diet of the badger is very consistent throughout its known range and should come as no surprise when considering their propensity of habitat selection. It is by no mistake that the range of the badger coincides with that of the multiple species of ground squirrels that inhabit this state. Ground squirrels, and their larger counterpart, prairie dogs, make up much of their diet, although other critters such as kangaroo rats, cottontails and other burrowing rodents also are occasionally eaten. Badgers are expert diggers, and these prey typically are dug out of their burrows as the badger utilizes the long front claws and powerful front legs.

Badgers are solitary creatures other than when it comes time to reproduce. Males are polygamous and will mate with up to four females every year. Breeding season is usually in the late summer and early fall, although the fertilization of the egg does not occur until January.

The one to five young are born in early spring, and like most mammals, are born covered in a light fur and totally blind. The eyes open in about one month, and weaning begins to take place at about month number two. By this time, the young are almost half-grown. They will stay with the mother for an additional five months until they are ready to venture out on their own.

Do not underestimate badger's fighting skills just because they are comical in appearance. They have few natural enemies, and many domesticated dogs have succumbed to the fiery personality, teeth and claws of a healthy adult badger. There is even a record of a badger that successfully fought off two coyotes, so this animal is not one to be confronted. If you are lucky enough to observe this skilled digger and fighter in the wild, take a few quick photos, but be wise enough to leave well enough alone.

Insects evolve to survive lower winter temperatures

KAREN MILLER
Permian Basin Master Gardener

You might notice that there are fewer bugs during the cold weather. That's because insects are not able to generate significant heat internally to keep them from freezing. They have evolved to survive the lower temperatures.

One way bugs avoid cold weather, is to migrate to warmer climates. As we know, this is the strategy used by the monarch butterfly, which will fly from the eastern United States and Canada to winter in Mexico — more than 2,500 miles. If you think you're seeing more butterflies than usual in these parts, perhaps in late summer or early fall, you are catching them in mid-migration.

Another method insects survive the cold is to burrow into the soil or under leaf litter. Generally, the soil is much warmer than the surface. Being under the soil or beneath leaf litter keeps insects out of the wind and hidden from hungry birds. Some insects burrow beneath the frost line in large numbers. Termites and ants are examples of these. They also store food to keep themselves comfortable until spring.

Honey bees cluster together to keep themselves and their brood warm, and ladybugs will hibernate by stacking one on top of another on stumps and under rocks to share the heat and protect themselves against the lower temperatures.

Some insects use a method of hibernation called "diapause" to survive the winter. A long-term state of suspension, diapause synchronizes the insect's life cycle with changes of the seasons in its environment.

There are many answers to the question: "Where do the bugs go in winter?" In Texas, many insects do not die off. Texas does not stay cold enough to totally kill many insects. Some do die from the shock of cold weather, but this will not eliminate whole populations.

But, when the sun comes out again, you will see them out and moving around again in your lawns and gardens.



Kim Curtis/AP

A courtyard garden is shown in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico. Step off the dusty cobblestone streets and peek behind nondescript, weather-worn brick facades and encounter the startlingly beautiful courtyard gardens of the central Mexican town of San Miguel de Allende. These oases of beauty and calm claim their roots in the traditional Moorish gardens of ancient Spain.

Courtyard gardens: a kind of paradise behind faded walls

By Kim Curtis
Associated Press

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, Mexico — Step off the dusty cobblestone streets and peek behind nondescript, weather-worn, faded, even grimy brick facades, and encounter the startlingly beautiful courtyard gardens of this central Mexican colonial town.

These oases of beauty and calm claim their roots in the traditional Moorish gardens of ancient Spain. Those, in turn, were inspired by Persian, Roman and Islamic gardens even earlier. The word "paradise" itself means "walled garden."

Alfonso Alarcon, a landscape architect in San Miguel de Allende for nearly 30 years, says monasteries were among the first to design and plant courtyard gardens. Perhaps it was an attempt to replicate paradise.

"Life was directed inside" initially for safety reasons, he explained. "No one saw you. It looks like nothing from the outside, and then you get into this beautiful patio."

Traditionally, such gardens are built in a cross-shape with the corners, usually anchored by large trees, pointing north, south, east and west. A pond or fountain often serves as a central focal point. Fruit trees and fragrant plants provide further respite from the sun, humidity, even the noise and dirt from outside the walls.

In the 16th century, the conquering Spaniards left behind their outdoor sanctuaries, and they continue to be embraced in Mexico today.

Markus Luck has been designing gardens in San Miguel since 2006. "You want something that looks good year-round," he explains. "Put in things that aren't too big, don't block too much light, aren't too cluttered."

In smaller spaces, the entire courtyard can even be filled with plants in pots.

Mexican walls are often painted bold reds and yellows and oranges, so trees and plants tend toward simple, wide, leafy greens, or crawling ivy and simple white blooms.

Because of its mild, Mediterranean climate, just about anything can grow — and quickly — in San Miguel. Popular choices for courtyard gardens include citrus trees, including oranges, limes and kumquats, olive trees, bougainvillea, ferns and lavender.

"I would see something in front of someone's house and I'd knock on the door and ask for a cutting," Luck said. "You'd see the ones over time that do well."

Modern designers and property owners also are paying more attention to how much water their gardens will use and how much work will be required to maintain them.

San Miguel uses well water stored in ancient aquifers, so it's chock full of salt and other minerals, Luck said.

Jeffry Weisman and Andrew Fisher first fell in love with the three jacaranda trees on the property they bought here in 2011.

"I grew up in L.A. with a jacaranda outside my window. It was minuscule compared to these that are 110 years old," Weisman said. "Nothing like an ancient tree to give scale and sculptural quality to a garden."

The main building on the couple's property was originally built in the 18th century as a tannery, so it's more open and less claustrophobic than most, Weisman explained. He said they designed the courtyard as a series of rooms, each with a theme and purpose, from the pool area to the dining terrace to the outdoor living room with fireplace.

"For the planting, it was critical that everything be easy to grow and native," he said.

"In our youth, we spent a lot of time trying to grow things that didn't want to grow, and we've learned better."

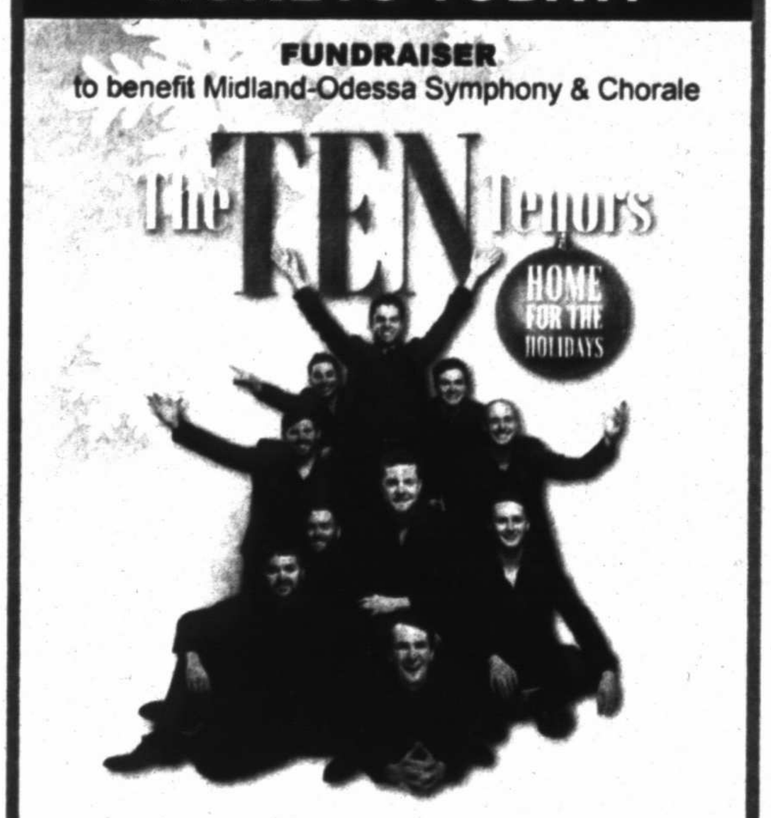
Alarcon said he still meets clients who want what they can't — or shouldn't — have.

"Gardens work as a dynamic unit. Everything should work with everything else," he said, adding that he encourages property owners to think past their immediate enjoyment to the mid- or long-term.

"Gardens don't remain the same. Even if you try to control it. Plants grow old, they die, they change."

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To lose weight, skip second helpings, snacks

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate



Dear Heloise: I have a diet hint for folks who are trying to lose weight but find it hard to keep their hands off those delicious second helpings.

First, use a salad plate rather than a dinner plate. Fix your plate in the kitchen, taking only the amount your plate will hold. Then sit at a table, not in front of the TV or computer and eat slowly. Taste your food. Put down your fork between bites, and do not go back for seconds.

Whatever you have on your plate is all you can eat at that meal. No snacking, no cheating, no kidding! — Vera S. in Dallas

The cut of the pineapple

Dear Heloise: What is the correct way to carve up a pineapple? My wife slices it down the sides and gets too much of the pulp and skin. We read you daily in the Los Angeles Daily News. — George I., Panorama City, Calif.

George, using a sharp knife, you can slice down the sides, so your wife is using one of the correct methods. There also is a pineapple-slicing device that cores and quarters the pineapple by placing it on top of the pineapple (after removing the bushy stalk) and pushing or pulling it downward. — Heloise

Chocolate Philly Fudge

Dear Heloise: You once had a recipe for Chocolate Philly Fudge that I loved! Would you repeat that recipe in your column? — Roxanna R., Williston, N.D.

Roxanna, here it is:

- Chocolate Philly Fudge
- 4 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Dash of salt

Add the sugar to the cream cheese, then mix the warm chocolate thoroughly into the sugar and cream cheese mixture. Stir in the nuts, vanilla and salt. Spread into an 8-inch square greased pan and chill. When firm, cut into bite-size squares. This recipe makes about 1 3/4 pounds of fudge.

You'll enjoy the ease of making these treats for your family and friends. — Heloise

Food labels

Dear Heloise: I've heard that on newer food labels, the serving sizes will be larger. With an obesity epidemic being so prevalent, it doesn't seem to be helping things. — Beatrix C., Pueblo, Colo.

Beatrix, some serving sizes will increase, while others may decrease, and this is because of the amount people typically consume, not the amount anyone thinks they should eat. — Heloise

Storing eggs

Dear Heloise: How long can I store eggs in my refrigerator? — Bianca J., Newport, Vt.

Bianca, you can store them in their carton in a refrigerator for about five weeks. Be sure to store them in the main section of the refrigerator, not in the door, which may be warmer than the rest of the fridge. — Heloise

Affair with a married man earns sister's disapproval

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My sister has been having an affair with a married man. When I asked if he was going to leave his wife, she said no, and it was fine with her. She claims his wife is fat and that they have a son with severe disabilities, and she (my sister) wouldn't want the responsibility of that, even though I'm sure the boy would stay with his mother.

She refers to him as her "honey," and he buys her things. (She has always been materialistic.) She stays in contact with him constantly on her iPad and says how much he loves her.

I would want to be open and have everyone get to know about my honey instead of sneaking around. When I say I don't believe he loves her, she gets mad and accuses me of being jealous. I also told her that if I loved someone, I'd want to be with him and not communicate via email. Gifts wouldn't make up for the person not being with me, especially if I claimed to love him.

I was in a relationship with a married man once, but I wasn't happy about it and ended it. Am I off base because I feel the way I do? — SNEAKING AROUND IN MAINE

DEAR SNEAKING: You're not off base. But you're also not your sister. The two of you appear to have very different values. While you want a full relationship, the "crumbs" and goodies she's getting from her honey may be enough for her, and she may regard their stolen moments as exciting. If she were hoping for more than the status quo, I would say she's wasting her time. But she seems to know the score.

DEAR ABBY: I know three people who have cancer. One is terminal, one is probably terminal and the other is possibly terminal. The second and third individuals I've known for a long time. The terminal person, however, is a social acquaintance — someone I met through a close friend.

Over the last two years we have socialized a half-dozen times, but we've never had an extended conversation, and I don't especially like her. As her condition has worsened, she has withdrawn from most socializing. I receive updates from my friend, who takes her to appointments, shopping, etc. when she can't drive herself or when she feels the woman needs company. Officially, I don't know anything. But I was told her oncologist has informed her she's got six months.

My question is: Should I contact her? I'll feel like an idiot and like I'm invading her privacy if I do, yet somehow guilty if I don't. The only thing I would say to her is that I'm sorry this has happened to her. My gut tells me I should keep quiet, but my guilt is getting in the way. — FRIEND OF A FRIEND IN NEW YORK

DEAR FRIEND: I assume you know as much about this woman as you do because your good friend is confiding in you. If you don't know anything "officially," I assume your friend was sworn to secrecy and chose to tell you because she receives emotional support from you. I see nothing to be gained by inserting yourself at this point, and you should not feel guilty for keeping your distance. Listen to your gut.

Holiday cookies that don't taste like cardboard

By America's Test Kitchen

Making holiday cookies — the rolled, cutout, and glazed butter-cookie variety — is everyone's favorite December activity. Unfortunately, these cookies either look good but taste like cardboard or have buttery, rich flavor but lack visual appeal.

We wanted a simple recipe that would produce cookies sturdy enough to decorate yet tender enough to be worth eating. Superfine sugar helped to achieve a delicate texture, and using the reverse-creaming method — beating the butter into the flour-sugar mixture — prevented the formation of air pockets and produced flat cookies that were easy to decorate.

Looking to make our dough a bit more workable without adding more butter — at 16 tablespoons, we'd maxed out — we landed on the addition of a little cream cheese, which made the dough easy to roll but not too soft. Baking the butter cookies one sheet at a time ensured that they baked evenly. Do not reroll the scraps more than once; it will cause the cookies to be tough.

This recipe can easily be doubled. You can decorate the cooled cookies with Easy All-Purpose Glaze (recipe follows) for a sweet, festive touch.

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Foolproof holiday cookies

Servings: 36
Start to finish: 2 hours

- 2 1/2 cups (12 1/2 ounces) all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup (5 1/4 ounces) superfine sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 16 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and softened
- 1 ounce cream cheese, softened
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Using stand mixer fitted with paddle, mix flour, sugar, and salt on low speed until combined. Add butter, 1 piece at a time, and mix until dough looks crumbly and slightly wet, 1 to 2 minutes. Add cream cheese and vanilla and beat until dough just begins to form large clumps, about 30 seconds.

Transfer dough to counter; knead just until it forms cohesive mass and divide in half. Form each half into disk, wrap disks tightly in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 2 days. (Wrapped dough can be frozen for up to 2 weeks. Let dough thaw completely in refrigerator before rolling.)

Working with 1 disk of dough at a time, roll dough 1/8 inch thick between 2 large sheets of parchment paper. Slide dough, still between parchment, onto baking sheet and refrigerate until firm, about 10 minutes.

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 375 F. Line two baking sheets with parchment. Working with one sheet of dough at a time, remove top piece of parchment and cut dough into shapes with cookie cutters. Using thin offset spatula, transfer shapes to prepared baking sheet, spacing them about 1 inch apart.

Bake cookies, one sheet at a time, until light golden brown, about 10 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through baking. Let cookies cool on sheet for 3 minutes, then transfer to wire rack. Let cookies cool completely before serving.

Easy All-Purpose Glaze:

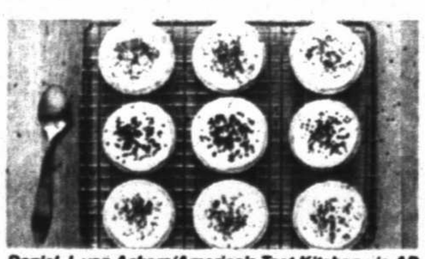
Makes about 1 cup

We decorate our Foolproof Holiday Cookies with this easy-to-make glaze, but feel free to use it, dyed or not, on any flat cookie that could use a festive flourish. The cream cheese in the glaze gives it a slightly thicker consistency that's good for spreading, and it cuts the sweetness of the glaze with its tang.

- 2 cups (8 ounces) confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 ounce cream cheese, softened
- Food coloring (optional)

Whisk all ingredients in bowl until smooth.

Nutrition information per serving: 125 calories; 51 calories from fat; 6 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 15 mg cholesterol; 23 mg sodium; 17 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 11 g sugar; 1 g protein.



Foolproof Holiday Cookies. This recipe appears in the cookbook "The Perfect Cookie."

Daniel J. van Ackere/America's Test Kitchen via AP

Yukon Gold potatoes are the gold standard for this gratin

By America's Test Kitchen

Potato gratin is a notoriously heavy side dish, laden with cream and gooey cheese. We wanted to shift the focus of this classic side dish to the potatoes.

We chose Yukon Gold potatoes for their rich flavor and moderate starch content, which helped them hold their shape when cooked. Tossing the potatoes with fruity, flavorful extra-virgin olive oil heightened the flavor of the potatoes but didn't overpower them.

For a crisp, cheesy topping, we mixed more olive oil with panko bread crumbs and sprinkled the dish with sharp, salty Pecorino-Romano. For added depth, we added sauteed onions, fresh thyme, and garlic.

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Olive oil potato gratin

Servings: 6-8
Start to finish: 2 hours

- 2 ounces Pecorino-Romano cheese, grated (1 cup)
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup panko bread crumbs
- Salt and pepper
- 2 onions, halved and sliced thin
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 3 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/8 inch thick, preferably with a mandoline

Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position and heat oven to 400 F. Grease 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Combine Pecorino, 3 tablespoons oil, panko, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in bowl; set aside.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in 12-inch skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add onions, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper and cook, stirring frequently, until browned, about 15 minutes. Add garlic and 1/2 teaspoon thyme and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add 1/4 cup broth and cook until nearly evaporated, scraping up any browned bits, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat; set aside.

Toss potatoes, remaining 3 tablespoons oil, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, and remaining 1/2 teaspoon thyme together in bowl. Arrange half of potatoes in prepared dish, spread onion mixture in even layer over potatoes, and distribute remaining potatoes over onions. Pour remaining 3/4 cup broth over potatoes. Cover dish tightly with aluminum foil and bake for 1 hour.

Remove foil, top gratin with reserved Pecorino mixture, and continue to bake until top is golden brown and potatoes are completely tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 313 calories; 160 calories from fat; 18 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 15 mg cholesterol; 545 mg sodium; 30 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 11 g protein.

BRIDGERESULTS

Permian Bridge Club

Dec. 3

Belle Harris-Patricia Lawrence/Ann Servatius-Charles Grimes/Linda Buzan-Rajiv Kapadia/Kay Sewell-Greg Keys

Dec. 4

James Hawkins-Betty Dickerson/Buzan-Bill Brooks/Servatius-Tommie Strack/Marilyn Higgins-Brenda Brauner

Dec. 5

Marlene Blumentritt-Flo Curry/Servatius-Grimes/Paula Baggett-Dorothy Brenneman

Dec. 6

Brenneman-Baggett/Servatius-Buzan/Michael Melson-Mike Robinson Nancy Ward-Belle Harris/Kay Sewell-Greg Keys/Ann Parish-Sonja Hopkins

Overall: Brenneman-Baggett/Ward-Harris/Sewell-Keys/Servatius-Buzan/Nelson-Robinson/Parish-Hopkins

Dec. 7

Iris Warren-Judy Wilde/Sewell-Gloria Jackson/Hawkins-Shirley Davenport/Lena Nichols-Marilyn Matthews/Hopkins-Buzan

Vicki Fisher-Peggy Jackson/Parish-Harris/Curry-Blumentritt/Kathryn Evans-Debbie Conly/Ann Smith-Baggett/Linda Scarpelli-Lonnie Yee

Overall: Fisher-Jackson/Warren-Wilde/Parish-Harris/Curry-Blumentritt/Sewell-Jackson/Conly-Evans/Hawkins-Davenport/Smith-Baggett/Hopkins-Buzan

Dec. 9

Baggett-Blumentritt/Kay Arrell-Evans/Bonnie Hubbard-Ricki Perry

Card Bridge

With Bob Jones

Odd defense

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 7 3 2
♡ Q
◇ Q 9 8
♣ A K Q J 4

WEST
♠ 5
♡ 9 8 3
◇ J 9 8 6 3
♣ 9 8 6 3 2

EAST
♠ K J 10 6 4
♡ J 10 6 4
◇ A 5 2
♣ 10 5

SOUTH
♠ A J 9
♡ A K 10 7 6 2
◇ K 7 4
♣ 7

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♠*	Pass	7♡	All pass

*Two of 3 legwards, among the four aces and the king of hearts

Opening lead: Five of ♠

South's moderately aggressive rebid sent North off to the races and North-South ended up on a marginal slam. A diamond lead might have defeated the slam, as it would have required clairvoyant play from South to set up the needed trump coup.

The opening spade lead went to declarer's nine. A heart to dummy's queen was followed by three top clubs. East ruffed the third club and was over-ruffed by South. South drew trumps and led the king of diamonds from his hand, trying to force an entry to dummy.

East held off with his ace, so South ran off the rest of his trumps, coming down to a three-card ending. East was unable to keep two spades and two diamonds, so he bared his ace of diamonds. South promptly threw him in with that card to force a lead away from East's king of spades.

Declarer inserted his jack and brought home his slam. Nicely played?

Note that East could have defeated the slam with an unusual defense. East had to refuse to ruff a club and allow South to discard all three of his diamonds. The best South could then do would be to play a spade to his jack. West would ruff and East couldn't be prevented from taking the setting trick with his jack of trumps.

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childhood," he said.

Sydney doesn't appear onstage until following The Witch's demise.

"After she's pushed in the oven," Sydney said with excitement.

Graham watches from the wings.

"At then at end they do a big dance to celebrate The Witch's death," Graham said, "which I tend to take personally."

SUDOKU

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit ***sudoku.org.uk***

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JUMBLE

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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DOSWAH

PRACEN

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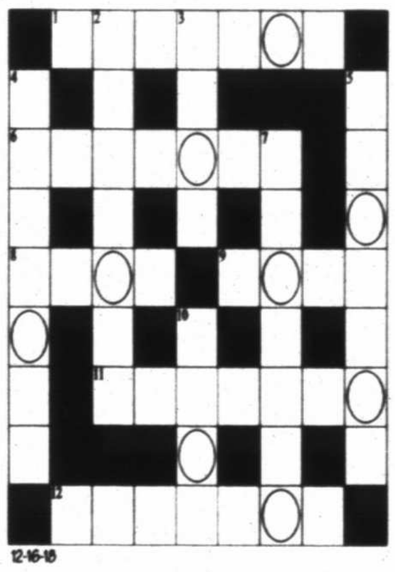
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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

Sunday Puzzle



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Mixed	RTSIDER
6. South ___	RLFDOIA
8. Pig sound	NIKO
9. Matured	ADEG
11. Viewing, presentation	HIXIETB
12. Certain driver's target	RYAAIFW

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
2. Wallop	NUTRCEO
3. Split-___ fence	AIRL
4. Yields, grants	RDSOFAF
5. Decree	ATADENM
7. Branch of mathematics	RGABAEL
10. Scorch	HACR

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

BONUS

CLUE: With an area of 1,073,500 square miles, this is the eighth-largest country in the world.

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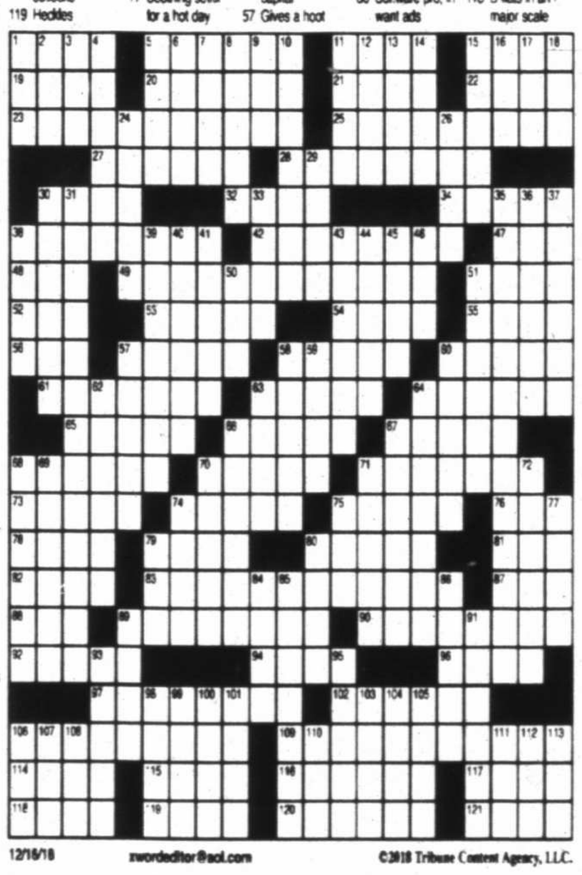
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15 Moonwalker Shepard
19 Pad starter
20 Stir up
21 Early sci-fi captain
22 Travels randomly
23 EARTH
25 AIDE
27 Muss up, as hair
28 Soup kitchen service
30 Leave slack-jawed
32 Shrub with a purple fruit
34 Lab dish eponym
38 Workout aftermath, often
42 Grizzled sealarers
47 Harmless cyst
48 Eastern path
49 CRANED
51 You take them at your own risk
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55 "Strange __ may seem . . ."
56 Impediment
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58 Bookstore adjuncts
60 Inscription on a spine
61 Tickled pink
63 Tijuana toast
64 Nursery rhyme girl
65 "Snowy" sight in Florida
66 Edible pockets
67 Carried on
68 Starts over
70 Fixed looks
71 Vague discomfort
73 They aren't pros
74 More fetching
75 Some court pleas, for short
76 Forbes rival
78 Hindu titles of respect
79 Party or movie ending
80 City on the Ruhr
81 Weekly talk with a mug
82 "Mad Men" actor Jon
83 MISO
87 La-la lead-in
88 Clothing dept. size
89 Like many an injured arm
90 Fall big-time
92 Simple type of question
94 La., once
96 Less than hardly
97 Like much FM radio
102 Keats and Shelley
106 AMOUNT
109 FIENDISH
114 Aviation-related prefix
115 Troll's cousin
116 No longer fastened
117 Region
118 Like positive outlooks
119 Heckles
120 Tennis wear
121 Oz. and lb.

DOWN
1 Hospital reminder, perhaps
2 Protected side
3 In the way of
4 Patience, they say
5 House of Dana fragrance
6 Rink star and a "Catch-22" pilot
7 Backyard party centerpiece
8 Pickled veggies
9 Enzyme suffix
10 Like an increase from six to sixty
11 At some former time
12 "__ we go"
13 Mosque leader
14 Move like molasses
15 Deft
16 Bloke
17 Soothing suffix for a hot day
18 Code-breaking org.
24 Metric weight
26 Sounds at pounds
29 Hawthorne cover image
30 Get all sudsy
31 SMITE
33 El Pollo __, southwestern restaurant chain
35 RESIST
36 Stack again
37 Boor part
38 Take the main part
39 They may be lame
40 Between-courses serving
41 Silver, for one
43 Goof-ups
44 Made a scene?
45 "Why don't we?"
46 Crack
50 Some entrance requirements
51 Asian island capital
57 Gives a hoot
58 Do wedding work
59 Word said with a sigh
60 Senate wear
62 Conceit
63 Concern for a tailor
64 "Horsefeathers"
66 Security guard's duty
67 Solidarity leader Lech
68 Without thinking
69 Cause to turn red, maybe
70 Stab
71 Iraqi city on the Tigris
72 "E" in a classic equation
74 Extended time out?
75 Abbr. on a bounced check
77 Rocky outcropping
79 Collins ingredient
80 Software pro, in want ads
84 Name in a footnote
85 A trusted friend
86 "Inferno" poet
89 New Rochelle college
91 Tech-heavy exchange
93 "In Search of..." host
95 Lively movement
98 Pretentious sort
99 Like drive-thru orders
100 Mark's replacement
101 Fwys., e.g.
103 Couture giant
104 "It __ my 'suit'"
105 Hens and heifers
106 Galley need
107 __ volente
108 Hosp. personnel
110 Press agent's goal
111 Scrap for Rover
112 "30 Rock" creator
113 B-flats in an F major scale



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WUZZLES

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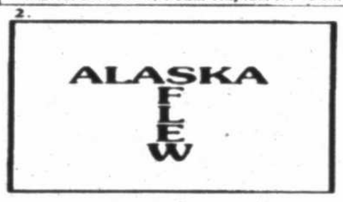
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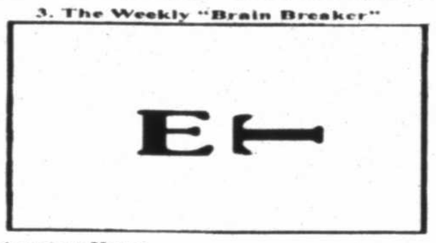
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		G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday (N)		The Truth	J.Jones	Texas	This Week (N)		Church	First Baptist Odessa	
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	First Baptist Church		CBS Sunday Morning			Face the Nation		Mission	The NFL Today (L)	
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hunters	Hunters	Beatzman	Beatzman	Bill Nye	Bill Nye	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Extra	Paid	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday (N)		Odessa	Garrett	NFL Kickoff (L)		Fox NFL Sunday (L)	
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Light of Southwest		Essentials	Mission	In Touch Ministries		On Wings	Messiah	Shepherd's Heart		Nueva Vida	
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Minute	Secrets	In Search	Support	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Victory	Paid	Southern Weekend	
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	D.Tiger	PinkaPet	C.George	Let's Go Luna!		Jet Go!	Wild K.	O. Squad	Arthur	Cyberch.	Fitness
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa	pagado	Dr. Juan		Al punto		Aquí y ahora		Como dice el dicho	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		LatiNat.	Latino	Spaces	Homeo.	Green	Hazelton	Sm.Town	Garden	First Baptist Church		Wonderama	
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575		165		(5:30) Extreme Ops		(:35) ★★ Stinkwaters			Separat.	★★ A Beautiful Mind Russell Crowe.				(:15) Bloody Su...	
	HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:54) Four Chris...		(:24) VICE				(:55) ★★ Ready Player One Tye Sheridan.				(:15) MomentumGen.	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:30) ★★★ Sherlock Holmes		(:45) ★★★ Underworld Kate Beckinsale.				(:45) Tomb Raider ('18, Act) Alicia Vikander.				Movie	
	HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:24) ★★★ Dances With Wolves Kevin Costner.						(:25) ★★ The Mask Jim Carrey.		(:14) ★★ I Heart Huckabees			
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(:05) ★★★★ The Last of the Mohicans						★★ Shakespeare In Love Joseph Fiennes.		(:05) The Hitman's Bodyguard			
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:04) Roll Bounce		(:55) ★★ The Closer You Get				★★★ Atomic Blonde Charlize Theron.			★★ The Italian Job		
	PLEX			96			Movie	★ Casper & Wendy's Ghostly ...			(:55) ★★ Kid Cotton				(:40) ★ Baby Geniuses		(:15) ★ & So It Goes	
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:14) What's Eat...		(:10) Inside the NFL		(:10) ★★ The Break Up Vince Vaughn.				Home Again			Movie
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) First Sunday		(:15) ★★ Are We There Yet? Ice Cube.				(:55) ★★ Are We Done Yet?		A.I.: Artificial Intelligence			
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders	
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:30) A Holiday to Remember		★★ The Sons of Mistletoe				★★ Joyful Noise ('12, Com) Dolly Parton.					
	BET	58	-		40		BET Rejoices		Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	(:05) Martin	(:35) Martin	(:05) Martin	(:35) Martin
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		VanderR "Lost Cause"		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules	
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Redfish	Angler's	Fishing	Water (N)	The Last Alaskans		Alaskans "Two Kills"		Homes "Escapes"		Homes "Waterfront"	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Milo Law	DuckTales	BigCity	Gravity	CoopCami	CoopCami	Raven's.	Blizzard.	★ Good Luck Charlie, It's Ch...		Under	
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(5:25) Serie A Soccer CVO/SPAL (L)		WojkLowe		E:60 (N)		Fantasy Football Now (L)					
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		America's News HQ	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Heart	Bob./Do.	Cooking	Holiday	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	GirlFarm	Holiday	Martha	Barefoot
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★ A Belle for Christmas ('14, Fam) Dean Cain.				★ Jingle All the Way II Larry the Cable Guy.				Santa Claus		★ Toy Story	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Paid (N)	Football	Cowboys	Mavricks	Paid	Paid	H.S. Scoreboard		XPoints	Texans	Focus. (N)	Xterra (N)
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	Mike&Mi.	Mike&Mi.	Mike&Mi.	★ Turbo ('13, Ani) Ryan Reynolds.					★★★ X-Men: Days of Future Past Hugh Jackman.			
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) ★ Every Chris...		★ Miss Christmas ('17, Rom) Brooke D'Orsay.				★ It's Christmas, Eve ('18, Dra) LeAnn Rimes.		★ A Gift to Reme...			
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Flippers	Desert Flip	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Top Gear		Get There	Get There	Counting Cars: Drive		"You Never Forget Your First 228" (N)				Counting	Counting
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch	Transfor	Amazing	David Jor.	J.Osteen	Paid	★ A Twist of Christmas Vanessa Lachey.				★ The Road to Chr...	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	News (N)	Business	Up w/David Gura (N)		Up w/David Gura (N)		AM Joy (N)				MSNBC Live (N)	
	NBCSN	38	43				MatchDay	PL Mornings (L)		(:25) EPL Soccer Chelsea vs Brighton (L)				PLMmg	(:55) EPL Soccer Man. Utd. vs Liverpool (L)			
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	PAW	PAW	P.Ranger	TMNT	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	★ The SpongeBob...	
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid	Paid	E. Power	Off-Road	Truck Y.	D.Muscle	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	★★ The Haunting In Connecticut				★★ Planet of the Apes ('01, Sci-Fi) Mark Wahlberg.				Movie	
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ The Hunger Games ('12, Act) Jennifer Lawrence.						★ The Hunger Games: Catch...		
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Shop A...		★★★★ In the Good Old Summertime				★★ Talk About a Stranger			★★★ She Done Him Wrong		
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Liga extra	(:55) EPL Fútbol Man. Utd. vs Liverpool (L)			
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Dr. Pimple Popper	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:20) ★ Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of ...						(:25) ★★ Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith Ewan McGregor.				Movie	
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Christine	Christine	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid	T.Point	In Touch	J.Osteen	Chrisley	SVU "Chasing Theo"			(:59) Law&Order: SVU	(:59) SVU "Net Worth"	(:59) SVU	
	WGN	19	85				Lord	Crello	Leading	Beyond	★★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs							

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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
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Taste Buds		X Games	X Games	Katie Nolan		American Ninja War.		News (N)	Paid
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football (L)								(:25) NFL Football New England vs Pittsburgh (L)			
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	HappyD.	HappyD.	The Love Boat	
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Indianapolis Colts (L)						The OT	Red Bull Signature Rampage (N)			Paid	Paid
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	News	Shofar	Master	Creation	Light of Southwest		Light of Southwest		Heritage	Beingsent	Isaiah 9	Mission
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Paid	Paid	Swimming		Golf FatherSon Challenge Site: Ritz-Carlton Golf Club -- Orlando, Fla. (L)						Inside Ed.	News (N)
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	W.L.Yoga	Wildflow	Cook's	Martha	Martha	Chef's	Great British Baking		Nova		News. (N)	Japan
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	★ El Coyote y la Bronca Vicente Fernández.				República deportiva		Rose Guadalupe		Rose Guadalupe		Política	Horticiero
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Grill	Bucket List	Green	Homes	Cars.TV	A.Athlete	Entertainers		Missing	Carrasco	Alaska	ChanSun
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575		165		(11:15) ★ Bloody Su...		(:40) ★ Romy & Michele's Hig...		(:40) ★★★ Carlito's Way ('93, Cri) Al Pacino.						(:15) ★ Carlito's ...	
	HBO	300	550	14	14		(11:19) Mom.Gen.		VICE	(:40) Brilliant Friend	(:40) My True Brilliant Friend				(:20) ★★ Annabelle: Creation		Movie	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(11:48) ★★★★ Wonder Woman				(:15) ★★★ Hard Candy Patrick Wilson.			Room104	My Brilliant Friend		Brilliant	
	HBO5	304	552	16	102		★★ The Full Monty				(:20) ★ Ghosts of Girlfriends ...		(:10) ★★ Vanilla Sky ('01, Dra) Tom Cruise.				Movie	
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	1ourBus	(:20)	★★★★ Logan ('17, Act) Hugh Jackman.				(:55) ★★★ The Bourne Identity				(:20) ★ Die Hard II: ...	
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:20)	★★ 50 First Dates		(:40) ★ Snatched Amy Schumer.		(:40) ★★ Out of Sight George Clooney.				Movie	
	PLEX			96			Movie	(:50)	★★ Teaching Mrs. Tingle			★ Song of Freedom	(:40) ★★ The Hunter				(:25) ★ Baby Geni...	
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(11:40) ★ Bridget Jones's Baby				★★★ The Bridges of Madison County				(:20) Enemies: President "You're Fired"			
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(10:50) ★ A.I.: Artific...		★★★ Breakdown				(:40) ★ Queen of the Desert ('17, Bio) Nicole Kidman.				★ Extraordinary ...	
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	★ To Be Announced										★★ Ocean's Twelve ('04, Act) George Clooney.	
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★ Sister Act ('92, Com) Whoopi Goldberg.						★★ Last Holiday ('06, Com) LL Cool J, Queen Latifah.				★ National Lamp...	
	BET	58	-		40		(:05) Martin	(:35) Martin	(:05) Martin	(:35)	★ Madea's Witness Protection ('12, Com) Tyler Perry.					★ Baggage Claim Paula Patton.		
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Real Wives Dallas		Real Housewives		Married to Medicine		Married to Medicine	
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Homes "Tiny Houses"		Ultimate Homes		Homes "Hawaii"		Homes "Alaska"		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	CoopCami	(:45) Bunk'd	(:15) Bunk'd	Raven's.	Raven's.	Raven's.	(:15) ★ ★★ Wreck-It		Ralph Jack McBrayer.		★ Finding Nemo	
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		SportsCenter (N)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Poker World Series		Poker World Series		NCAA Basketball South Carolina at Purdue (L)				30 for 30 '42 To 1'		M. Tyson	Poker
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal Editorial R.		America's News HQ		Greg Gutfeld Show		FOX Report Sunday	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Cookie Challenge		Cookie Challenge		Cookie Challenge		Cookie Challenge		Gingerbread	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(11:00) ★ Toy Story		★★★ Toy Story 2 ('99, Ani) Tom Hanks.						(:00) ★★★ Toy Story 3 ('10, Ani) Tom Hanks.			Movie
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Colorado Avalanche		UFC Unleashed (N)				Champions Tennis Hopfnd Cup				Mavricks	Mavs Pre
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(9:30) ★ X-Men: Day...		★★★ X-Men: Apocalypse ('16, Act) Jennifer Lawrence.						★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man			
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(11:00) ★ A Gift to ...		★ Homegrown Christmas Lori Loughlin.				★ Christmas Joy Danielle Panabaker.				★ Entertaining C...	
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Life	Caribbean	Life	Life	Life	Life	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting	Counting	American Pickers		American Pickers		Pickers "The Big Bet"		American Pickers	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00) ★ The Road ...		★ Love at the Christmas Table				★ Last Chance for Christmas Gabriel Hogan.				★ Jingle Belle	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		PoliticsNation (N)		Meet the Press	
	NBCSN	38	43				League Goal Zone (L)		EPCR Rugby Champions Cup RM92/Loic.				PIL Logo				PIS Alpine Skiing	
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Movie	(:40) Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Sponge	Sponge
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(11:30) ★ Van Helsing Hugh Jackman.				(:05) ★★★ Colombiana Zoe Saldana.				★★ Enemy of the State Will Smith.			
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(10:20) ★ The Hunger Games: C...		★ The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1						★ The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2			
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	★ ★★★★ The Best Years of Our Lives ('46, Dra) Myrna Loy.						★ ★★★★ It Happened One Night				★ The Third Man	
	TELE	20	-	10	20		La Liga Premier		★ Un Niño Llamado Jesus (1987, Drama)								Decision	Noticias
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	(11) Pimple	My Crazy	90 Day Fiancé "Flirting With Disaster"				90 Day Fiancé "Ready to Run"				90 Day Fiancé (N)	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(11:20) ★ Star Wars: Episode IV - A New ...						(:15) ★ ★★★★ Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back				★ Star Wars: Episo...	
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Nebo	Nebo	Nebo	Nebo	Nebo	Nebo
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	(11:40) SVU	(:40) Law&Order: SVU	(:50) Law&Order: SVU		(:50) Law&Order: SVU		(:50) SVU "Betrayal's Climax"		(:00) Law&Order: SVU		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
	WGN	19	85				★ ★★★ Shrek the Third Mike Myers.				Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man

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BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	★ ★★★ The Sound of Music ('65, Mus) Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker, Julie Andrews. A woman leaves an Austrian convent to become a governess to a widower's seven children.								Big 2 News (N)	(:35) Madam "The Long Shot"		(:35) Extra Weekend
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(5:30) NFL Football	60 Minutes			And Friended Me "17 Years" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Joyride" (N)	FBI "Pilot"		CBS 7 News (N)	Falcon Focus	(:35) Last Man St.
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	(5:00) The Love Boat "The Christmas Cruise"		Columbo "Agenda for Murder" Columbo solves a murder that looks like a suicide.				Touched by Angel "Such a Time as This"		Night Gallery	Night Gallery	The Twilight Zone "Death Ship"	
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Miss Universe Pageant The most beautiful women in the world compete to become the next Miss Universe. (N)						Big Bang Theory	Mom	2 Broke Girls	NFL Game Day Prime		Inside the Game
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	David Barton: Wallbuilders		Walls of Jerusalem	The Essentials	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	Cowgirl Logic	Building on the Rock	Hope Today
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America (L)		(:20) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Los Angeles Rams Site: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)						Nova&W-ost 9 (N)		Texas Reporter	Film Pitchers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Mystery. "Downton Abbey: Season Six"		Masterpiece Classic "Victoria: A Soldier's Daughter/ The Green-Eyed Monster"						Painting Yoes		Jamestown	
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y ahora		NFL Fútbol (L)				Crónicas		Mario de Todos	Noticiero Univision	República deportiva	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Mother	Mother	Rizzoli & Isles		Bones		Major Crimes		Leverage		Wipeout	
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575		165		(5:15) ★ Carlito's ...		★★ The Spanish Prisoner Steve Martin.				★★ Bowfinger Steve Martin.		(:40) ★★ Anger Management			
	HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:45) ★ There's Something Ab...		(:45) ★★★ Bladerunner ('82, Cri) Harr Ford.				Lethal		(:20) Dirty Clean		Lethal	Movie
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:00) Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth		(:45) ★★ The Prestige Christian Bale.				Lethal		★★★ Goodfellas ('90, Cri) Joe Pesci, Ray Liotta.			
	HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:00) ★★ Eloise at the Golden Circle				★★ He's Just Not That Into You				(:10) ★★ The Mask ('94, Com) Jim Carrey.			
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:05) ★ Die Hard II: ...		★ The Hitman's Bodyguard Ryan Reynolds.				★★ Pawtucket ('03, Sci-Fi) Ben Affleck.				★ Girls Trip	
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:40) ★ Alien: Alien vs. Predator	Your Bus	★★★ King Arthur: Legend of the Sword						(:10) ★★ Alien: Covenant			
	PLEX			96			(5:20) ★ Baby Geni...		★★ Teaching Mrs. Tingle		(:40) ★ Long Way Home				(:20) ★★ The Confidential Bible			
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Donovan "The 1-2-3"		Escape "Part Four"		Ray Donovan (N)		Escape "Part Five" (N)		Escape "Part Five"		Ray Donovan	
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:40) ★ Extraordin...		★★ A.I.: Artificial Intelligence Haley Joel Osment.						★ The Space Between Us Asa Butterfield.		Movie	
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	★★★ Ocean's Eleven ('01, Cri) George Clooney.						★★ Ocean's Thirteen ('07, Com) George Clooney.				(:05) ★ Ocean's El...	
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ National La...		(:10) ★★★ Elf ('03, Com) Will Ferrell.				(:10) ★★★ Elf ('03, Com) Will Ferrell.				(:10) ★ Mondo	
	BET	58	-		40		(5:00) ★ Baggage C...		★★ Barbershop: The Next Cut ('16, Com) Ice Cube.				Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta	Housewives Atl. (N)	Vanderpump (N)				Dirty J. "Dragged" (N)		Welsh (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Vanderpump
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal		The Profit "Quest"		The Profit	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		The Eighties "Raised on Television"				The Nineties "The One About TV"			
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska: Exposed (N)		Alaska/Frontier (N)		Last Alaskans (N)		Bush "Duty Calls" (N)		Alaska: Exposed	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Movie	(:40)	★ Finding Dory Ellen DeGeneres.				(:05) Money	CoopCami	Raven's.	Another	Blizzard.	Blizzard.
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		30 for 30 '42 To 1'		Sunday Classics		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(5:00) Poker	Poker World	Series	Weightroom	MLS Cf	MLS Cf	MLS Cf	MLS Cf	Drone Racing Lg.		Drone Racing Lg.	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	Fox News Sunday		Scandalous		The Next Revolution		Life, Liberty & Levin		Scandalous		The Next Revolution	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Gingerbread	"If"	Gingerbread		Gingerbread (N)		Holiday Baking		Cookie Challenge		Gingerbread	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole C...				(:05) ★★★ A Christmas Carol Jim Carrey.				(:00) ★ A Miracle on Christmas Lake			
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Dallas Mavericks (L)				MotorFuel		WPT Poker		Cowboys	School (N)	WPT Poker	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ The Amazin...		★★ The Amazing Spider-Man 2 ('14, Act) Andrew Garfield.						★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man			
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) ★ Entertain...		★ A Homegrown Christmas Jill				★ A Royal Addict's Christmas				★ Reunited at Chr...	
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Hunters	Hunters	Home	Home	Fabulous	Fabulous	Home	Home	Home	Home	Fabulous	Fabulous
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pickers "Hot Rod Hero"		American Pickers: Bonus Bags "Rockin' Picks" (N)								Pickers	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ Jingle Belle		★ Hometown Christmas Jennifer Nettles.						(:00) ★ Christmas Around the Corner		★ Hometown Chr...	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Celtic BC (N)				MSNBC Documentary				MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary	
	NBCSN	38	43				BMX Freestyle		NASCAR Xfinity Series Award Show (N)				8 Person of Year		PBR Unleashing World		Championship	
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	★ The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	(:40) Mom	
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		★ ★★ Bad Santa Billy Bob Thornton.				★ ★★★ Bad Santa Billy Bob Thornton.			Bar Rescue		
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Enemy of t...		★ ★★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr.						(:20) ★ Marvel Super Hero Ad...		★ Iron	
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(5:00) ★ The Hunger...		Fighting	Fighting	Fighting	Fighting	Fighting	Fighting	Fighting		★ Another Perfect Wedding...	
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Third M...		★ ★★★★ Meet Me in St. Louis				★ ★★★★ Little Women				★ The Passion of J...	
	TELE	20	-	10	20			★ Rango (Animated Western) ('11, Animated)			★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Chris...				Wildness	Decision	Sin Rostro	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	(5:00) 90 Day Fiancé (N)	90 Day Fiancé (N)					To Be Announced		Amer. Gypsy Wed.		90 Day Fiancé	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) ★ Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of ...				★ ★★★★ Star Wars: The Force Awakens (PG, Act) Daisy Ridley.						★ Star Wars: Episo...	
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Nebo	Nebo	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Million	Million	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Promised Guilty"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		SVU "Info Wars"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
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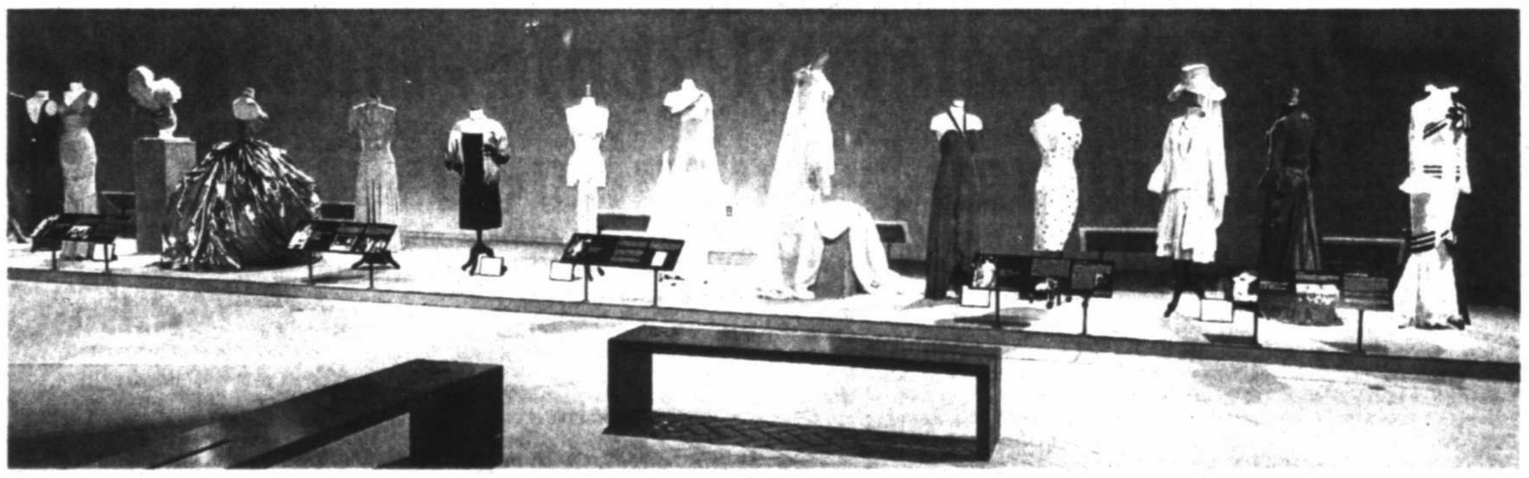
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See more than 50 costumes, accessories and personal wardrobes of some of vintage Hollywood's biggest stars at "The Golden Age of Hollywood: Costumes from the Gene London Cinema Collection." The multi-gallery show at the Ellen Noel Art Museum features gowns worn by Joan Crawford, Elizabeth Taylor and Grace Kelly among many others. The exhibition is on display through March 10.

CALENDAR

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DEC. 16-22

TODAY

West Texas North Pole Village will feature Santa's House, reindeer barn, Santa's workshop, the North Pole Post Office, hayrides, live music and more. Through Dec. 23 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $20. wtxnorthpolevillage.com.

"Jim Henson's Holiday Special" includes "Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas" and "The Bells of Fraggle Rock" with a new featurette. 1 and 4 p.m. at Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $9.05. fathomevents.com.

Miss Cayce's Santa Experience includes a personal visit and picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus as well as crafts, cookies, story time and more. 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway. $40. misscayceschristmas.com.

MOSC Chamber Series: "Silverbells and Tumbleweeds" with the Lone Star Brass. 3 p.m. in the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

Brian Wilson presents "The Christmas Album Live" with Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin. 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $55-$125. VIP packages $255-$504. wagnernoel.com.

Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m. today, 6:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 1 p.m. Tuesday; 10:30 a.m. Saturday; Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

MONDAY

Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

Drumline Live Holiday Spectacular. 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35.50-$75. wagnernoel.com.

TUESDAY

Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m.to noon at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series: Christmas Music Celebration. Drinks and dessert provided. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 W. Free. pbpetro.org.

Adult Coloring Group. Participants can take their pencils, markers and books for a relaxing session among those with similar interests. 3:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Knit a Bit Club. Meet up with fellow knitters or join to learn how. 4:30-6 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. at Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. $8. For more information, call 432-638-3707.

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.

Merry-achi Christmas with Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez. 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $29.50-$49.50. wagnernoel.com.

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, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children. 11 a.m. weekly at Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 432-218-8322.

The Ten Tenors: "Home for the Holidays" benefiting the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale. 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $23-$68. MOSC.org.

THURSDAY

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event will feature the book "A Letter to Santa" with copies given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m. at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free. bushchildhoodhome.org.

FRIDAY

Voices Dei. Noon at Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. Free.

Winter Solstice Social Ceremony. 6:30 p.m. at Earth, Body and Soul, 333 N. Midkiff Road.

The Eighty-Eights Dueling Pianos Show. 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. $40-$60.

SATURDAY

Winter Market by the Midland Downtown Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa, 10 a.m.-noon at Opal's Table, 223 W. Wall St. $20. opalstable.com.

"The Nutcracker" by Midland Festival Ballet. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $20-$59. midlandfestivalballet.org.

ON DISPLAY

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DEC. 9-15

"Golden Age of Hollywood: Costumes from the Gene London Cinema Collection." This exhibition features more than 50 costumes and personal effects of vintage movie stars such as Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, Doris Day, Tallulah Bankhead, Greta Garbo, Judy Garland, Katharine Hepburn, Grace Kelly, John Wayne, Tyrone Power, Elizabeth Taylor and Marilyn Monroe. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. Runs through March 10 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

"A Legacy of Leadership: Winston Churchill" through Jan. 19. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

"Into the Great White Sands: Photographs by Craig Varjabedian. On display through Jan. 29. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

UTPB Freshmen & Sophomore Juried Exhibition in the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery at UTPB, 4901 E. University Blvd. Odessa.

Blakemore Planetarium at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays-Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave. 685-1112.

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Free admission. highskywing.org.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St. 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. 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. 683-4403. pbpetro.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

SEISMICITY SHAKE-UP



AP file photo

Five-year-old Logan Devereaux walks past some of the bricks that fell from three sides of this home Nov. 6, 2011, in Sparks, Okla., following two earthquakes in less than 24 hours. The home owners have placed plastic around the home to try and protect what is left. Researchers at Stanford University and in Texas are studying injection-induced earthquakes, which have shaken up Oklahoma over the last seven years, and are being felt between Fort Stockton and Pecos, the Midland-Ector county line and near Snyder around the Cogdell Unit. Rules relating to water injection wells, their depth and injection pressures, could shake up the energy industry as regulators seek to mitigate the induced earthquakes.

Researchers study Permian for answers on injection-induced earthquakes

■ Concerns about seismicity could shake up energy activity

By Mella McEwen
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Concerns about human-caused earthquakes could shake up water disposal in in the oil patch.

Seismicity and research into injection-induced earthquakes were the focus of a recent visit to Midland by researchers with Stanford University's Stanford Center for Induced and Triggered Seismicity.

Mark Zoback, Benjamin M. Page professor of geophysics and director of the Stanford Natural Gas Initiative, is co-director of Stanford's seismicity center. In his presentation, Zoback listed three factors to be studied in assessing potential fault slips related to injection-induced earthquakes: state of stress, fault orientation and pore pressure perturbations.

"Occurrences of reservoir-induced seismicity indicates very small pore pressure perturbations can trigger seismicity," he said. "In retrospect, the faults responsible for every significant earthquake in Oklahoma could have been identified as being problematic if the fault itself had been identified in advance."

It is possible to take proactive steps to prevent the occurrences of injection-induced seismicity, he said.

"The ability to pre-identify pre-existing faults is the most challenging element of applying this technology."

The center offers software, Fault Slip Potential, to help identify potentially active faults. But Zoback said this software should be thought of as a screening tool and some potentially active faults will be missed. Still, he said, the software can be helpful in preventing injection near potentially active faults.

Jens-Erik Lund Snee, a doctorate candidate at Stanford, said, "across the planet, no places are more 'highly stressed' than others. Earthquakes are possible pretty much everywhere; they just occur in some places more often than others due to how rapidly tectonic activity is happening. Industry activity can simply make

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Natural gas coalition exceeds methane emission cuts 7 years early

By Mella McEwen
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Amid the intensifying debate over climate change, the role of fossil fuels and what form energy sources should take, some energy companies are showing they can be part of the solution.

Our Nation's Energy Future (ONE Future) has 16 members: natural gas produces, transmission and distribution companies, many active in the Permian Basin. The coalition has issued a report saying it far exceeded its goal of 1 percent methane intensity across the natural gas value chain and did so ahead of its 2025 deadline.

In its recently released initial report of methane intensity numbers, the coalition registered a 2017 methane intensity number of 0.552 percent.

"We were surprised we were that good," Richard Hyde, ONE Future executive director, said in a phone interview from his Houston office.

He said the number was determined using uniform Environmental Protection Agency-approved reporting protocols that were independently reviewed by the National Energy Technology Laboratory and Innovative Environmental Solutions.

Hyde attributed the success to allowing member companies the flexibility to deploy their capital where it would be most effective -- whether upgrading and replacing pipeline infrastructure or actively seeking and repairing system leaks.

"The key principal is we're performance-based," Hyde said. "Companies can pick and choose the technology that works on their systems. They get results more quickly and get results that are better."

Currently, ONE Future membership accounts for approximately 10 percent of total natural gas production, 32 percent of natural gas transmission miles and 9 percent of natural

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Goodnight Midstream settles into new Permian Basin regional office

By Mella McEwen
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With demand flowing into its offices, Goodnight Midstream decided it was time to build a Permian Basin headquarters. Company officials celebrated the grand opening of its new office at 11612 Tower Road this week.

"We've been in the Permian Basin for two years; most of our capex (capital expenditures) is spent in the Permian," said Patrick Walker, Goodnight's chief executive officer.

Dallas-based Goodnight owns and operates a network of produced water-gathering pipelines and saltwater disposal wells in the Permian Basin.

"(There's been) a ton of growth," Walker said.

While the company's facilities can accept trucks bearing flowback water that's not appropriate for pipes, "the majority of our money is spent on pipelines. When we think of the value we bring to our customers, it's pipelines, their reliability and safety," he said.

Walker estimated the company disposes of 400,000 barrels of water a day -- 250,000 barrels in North Dakota, 130,000 barrels in the Permian and 20,000 barrels in the Eagle Ford. About two-thirds is moved by pipeline, he said.

Underground pipelines are the best long-term option, Walker said.

"What's new about the Permian Basin is the volume, particularly in the Delaware, where the water cut is so high," he said. "We're building a system that can handle 100,000 barrels a day. We're now putting pipe in the ground to handle that volume. It's a totally different scale."

The Midland Basin is a little more mature with more infrastructure, whereas the Delaware has little to no existing infrastructure, he said.

"I think it's convincing land owners and producers they don't want trucks on the road. Building these pipelines will keep trucks off the road and let the industry develop its resources in the most efficient way possible," he said.

Walker said the pipelines can handle 100 times the volume of trucks; the volumes would require a truck on the road every 3 1/2 minutes.

"You would need to build a truck stop that looks like a refinery," he said.

If, as a number of experts predict, the Permian Basin adds 3 million barrels of production a day, Walker said that will translate into an additional 10 million to 15 million barrels of water that will have to go to disposal.

Water handling "is really a brand-new industry, a $10 billion-plus industry," he said.

Goodnight is making adjustments to its operations to expand beyond disposal. Walker said within six months, the company will be able to deliver water from one customer to another. He anticipates increases in water recycling and reuse.

With such large volumes of water, he said exporting is the solution because if operators can't move the water, they can't produce the oil. But the question of where to export that water brings challenges.

"The ideal is a depleted field," Walker said. In the New Mexico portion of the Permian, the company is challenged because there is evidence of interference between shallow disposal wells and the Avalon Shale formation.

"The option there is a deep target," but that brings the possibility of triggering earthquakes," Walker said.

He said the company has been using the modeling software from Stanford's Center for Induced and Triggered Seismicity.

"I believe seismicity can be predictable," he said.

The company is also watching new rules regarding injection pressures coming from the Railroad Commission. He said they aren't affecting Goodnight a whole lot and he finds them reasonable.

Addressing the issue "is in everybody's best interest. The challenge is that additional 10 to 15 million barrels of produced water," Walker said.

He acknowledged there are competitive pressures in the industry but believes companies will be willing to share data to help advance seismicity knowledge.

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Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: January 3, 2019; End Date: January 30, 2019; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., January 2, 2019
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 — the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Oil & Gas Law and Its Impacts on Land Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: January 3, 2019; End Date: January 30, 2019; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., January 2, 2019
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: January 8-9, 2019 – Tuesday - Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625, Out of State $650

Production Operations
Instructor: Rolph A. Sankar
Start Date: January 14-18, 2019 – Monday – Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $2,750; Out of State: $2,775

Petroleum Geology for Non-Geologists
Instructor: Paul Pausé
Start Date: January 21-24, 2019 – Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1835, Out of State $1860

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: January 21-23, 2019 – Monday – Wednesday -8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1,095; Out of State $1,120

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: January 22-23, 2019 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State $455

IHS: Enerdec Browser Training
Instructor: Keith Ina
Start Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 - 9 a.m. to Noon
Cost: Complimentary

Introduction to Well Completion Design
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: January 24-25, 2019 – Thursday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. to Noon, Friday
Cost: $695; Out of State $720

Well Control Drilling/ Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: January 28 – Feb 1, 2019 – Monday – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

IHS: Kingdom Geology – Getting Started
Instructor: Amber King
Start Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2019 – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Cost: Complimentary

IHS: Kingdom Geophysics – Getting Started
Instructor: Amber King
Start Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2019 – 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.
Cost: Complimentary

4 Day CO2 EOR and ROZ School – Includes Field Visit
Day 1 of 4: Residual Oil Zones and Commercial Exploitation
Day 2 of 4: Horizontal Well Reservoir Depressuring of the ROZ
Day 3 of 4: Field Visit plus CO2 Recycle Processing for CO2 Flooding
Day 4 of 4: CO2 EOR Fundamentals
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, David Vance, Mark Nicholas, Russell K. Hall, Bryan Hargrove
Start Date: January 29, 2019 – February 1, 2019 – Tuesday – Friday – see website for times and instructors
Cost: $2000; Out of State $2025

CO2 EOR and ROZ School – Day 1 of 4 Only
Day 1: Residual Oil Zones and Commercial Exploitation
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, David Vance
Start Date: January 29, 2019 – Tuesday – 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $550; Out of State $575

CO2 EOR and ROZ School – Day 2 of 4 Only
Day 2: Horizontal Well Reservoir Depressuring of the ROZ
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Russell K. Hall
Start Date: January 30, 2019 – Wednesday – 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $550; Out of State $575

CO2 EOR and ROZ School – Day 3 of 4 Only (Field Visit Included)
Day 3: Field Visit plus CO2 Recycle Processing for CO2 Flooding
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Mark Nicholas
Start Date: January 31, 2019 – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $575; Out of State $600

CO2 EOR and ROZ School – Day 4 of 4 Only
Day 4: CO2 EOR Fundamentals
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Bryan Hargrove, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, David Vance, Ron Wackowski
Start Date: February 1, 2019 – Friday – 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $550; Out of State $575

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Oil & Gas Law
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 5, 2019; End Date: February 28, 2019; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., February 4, 2019
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Legally Enforceable Oil & Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 5, 2019; End Date: February 28, 2019; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., February 4, 2019
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Completions and Workovers
Instructor: Rolph A. Sankar
Start Date: February 11-15, 2019 – 8 a.m. to 5 pm.
Cost: $2,750; Out of State: $2,775

Basic Oilfield Operations
Instructor: Albert Garza
Start Date: February 12-13, 2019 – Tuesday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $475, Out of State: $500

Managing Sucker Rod Lift Well Failures
Instructor: Albert Garza
Start Date: February 14, 2019 – Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State: $375

Basic Drilling for Non-Drilling Engineers
Instructor: Tommy Lent, Jr
Start Date: February 19-20, 2019 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

Gas Lift Design and Operations
Instructor: Michael K. Johnson
Start Date: February 18 – 21, 2019 – Monday – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1800; Out of State: $1825

SQL
Instructor: Mark Edgar
Start Date: February 26, 2019 – Tuesday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State: $400

Advanced SQL
Instructor: Mark Edgar
Start Date: February 27, 2019 – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $450; Out of State $475



Quakes

From 1F

earthquakes happen sooner than they would have happened elsewhere, but nowhere — including the Permian Basin — is 'overstressed' or 'understressed.'

"I emphasize this because I want to be clear that, at least from the stress data, there is nothing especially dangerous — or unusually safe, either — about the Permian Basin from an earthquake point of view," he said.

Lund Snee said most of the Delaware Basin and Northwest Shelf are in a normal faulting stress state, meaning faults of certain orientations to allow extension when they slip will be potentially active. Further east, in the Central Basin Platform and Midland Basin as well as southeast parts of the Delaware, he said the stress state is normal/strike-slip, meaning pre-existing faults that are oriented correctly for extension — normal faulting — as well as those oriented correctly for side-to-side offset — strike-slip faulting — are potentially active.

"The other piece for understanding the stress state is the orientation of the maximum horizontal stress direction. This is a measure of the direction of maximum horizontal compression that one would feel at depth in the Earth's crust. These measurements are routinely collected by oil and gas companies, some of which have contributed these data to SCITS," Lund Snee said.

He said researchers were surprised to see the remarkable change in the orientation of maximum horizontal stress direction from north to south across the Delaware Basin, from rotating smoothly about 150 degrees clockwise southward, from north-south in the northern Delaware Basin to southeast-northwest in the southeast. However, he said, further east, maximum horizontal stress direction is more or less east-west over much of the Central Basin Platform and the Midland Basin, including under Midland and Odessa.

"This has implications for understanding which faults are of concern for wastewater injection and production, and which faults are not of concern. Using both the faulting regime and the orientation of maximum horizontal stress direction, we can predict those problematic and non-problematic fault orientations. Our FSP program allows operators and regulators to do just that. If they know their fault orientations and they use our map, they can estimate the chances that wastewater injection could make a fault potentially problematic," he said.

He said stress orientations and faulting regimes also help operators decide which directions to drill their wells.

Peter Hennings, research scientist and lecturer at the Bureau of Economic Geology and Center for Integrated Seismicity Research (CISR) — the research arm of the BEG's TexNet seismic monitoring program — said the center is pursuing many branches of study in the Permian Basin and in the Delaware Basin, specifically "with the technical disciplines involved at the University of Texas and with our partnering institutions in Texas and elsewhere."

"We are actively studying the entirety of the Delaware Basin for the studies that need to be conducted at that larger scale to gain a better understanding of the subsurface characteristics of the earthquakes, including the monitoring of seismicity, geological studies and more," Hennings said.

"Detailed modeling studies need to focus on more local area; therefore, we are currently working on the shallower levels now, including the intervals being currently used for most of the saltwater disposal wells, the Delaware Mountain Group stratigraphy. In 2019, those studies of the shallow levels will continue, and we will add more detailed modeling studies of the deep levels where most of the earthquakes are occurring."

He reported good progress in developing a new tectonic model and map of the Delaware Basin that will become available in a preliminary status next year. Hennings said many new faults are being identified.

"Earthquakes, for better or worse, are helping us to locate previously unidentified faults, but that's not really how we prefer to map faults. It would be better to have greater access to active-source seismic reflection data for mapping of potentially problematic faults but that economically valuable data is mainly held as proprietary by seismic vendors and industry," he said. "However, even reflection seismic data has limits on the size of faults that can be resolved; many of the earthquakes occur on smaller faults."

Hennings said that many of the CISR sponsors – Anadarko, Apache, Chevron, Cimarex, ConocoPhillips, Devon, EOG Resources, ExxonMobil and its XTO Energy subsidiary, Marathon, Occidental Petroleum, Pioneer Natural Resources, QEP Resources, Shell and SM Energy — also are members of Stanford's seismicity center and are providing valuable assistance. He said member companies aid in placing seismometers in key areas and have indicated they intend to help CISR technically in other ways as research evolves.

Placing those seismometers in key areas to better monitor earthquakes will help researchers get a better handle on the exact depth of the earthquakes, which Hennings said is a key concern.

"The subsurface environment of induced earthquakes in West Texas and the operational influences that may be contributing to them (are) far more geologically and geomechanically complex than in other areas such as north-central Oklahoma and the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and that makes it especially interesting, scientifically," he said. "It's possible that each of the dozen or so small magnitude earthquake clusters identified to date in West Texas may have its own particular mix of factors, both from human and natural influences. In the coming months and years, we will learn a lot about induced and natural earthquakes that will better enable us to mitigate their occurrence. The Texas Railroad Commission and our partner companies are closely watching our work, and we are doing everything in our power to advance our data and studies to provide what they need, as quickly as possible, given the complexity of the problem."

TexNet, the state-funded network of both permanent and mobile seismometers, has identified several clusters of activity in the Permian Basin, according to Alexandros Savvaidis, manager of TexNet and principal investigator in seismology at CISR.

Since TexNet began providing data in January 2017, there have been about 40 earthquakes with magnitude of 1.5 or less along the Midland-Ector county line.

The Snyder area, primarily around the Cogdell area, has had a higher number of higher-magnitude earthquakes, about 20 of 2.5 magnitude. The area between Pecos and Fort Stockton has reported earthquakes with the highest magnitude, five of 3 magnitude or higher.

Savvaidis said TexNet is utilizing different methods, including geophysical, seismological and geomodelling, to identify faults. He said the center is currently working on research to find a correlation between oilfield activity — from water injection, saltwater disposal wells or hydraulic fracturing — and seismic events.

Like Hennings, he said producers who are members of CISR are supportive of the research efforts, providing access to land to deploy seismometers or access to proprietary seismic data.

Cuts

From 2F

gas distribution and spans the value chain, from the wellhead to the burner tip.

Hyde said the coalition doesn't have specific limits on how many companies can become members, or how high a percentage of production, transmission and distribution are represented in ONE Future.

But as the coalition grows, it will gain critical mass and that will help create momentum for others to join as they see that the performance-based approach successfully drives down methane intensity numbers, he said.

ONE Future was formed in 2014 when eight natural gas companies came together with the goal of implementing a performance-based approach to the management and mitigation of methane emissions. Hyde said the initial goal of 1 percent was based on studies from the Environmental Defense Fund, which utilized 2012 data from the EPA, the most recent available at the time. He said the first year was focused on putting a program in place, and then it doubled in size over the next two years.

"We want everything we do to be science-based. A well-known peer-reviewed study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences entitled, 'Greater focus needed on methane leakage from natural gas infrastructure' suggested that in order for natural gas usage to provide immediate greenhouse gas reduction benefits -- as compared to any other fossil fuel in any other application -- the industry would have to achieve a leak/loss rate of 1 percent or less. While ONE Future members do not unequivocally accept every conclusion of that paper, we believe it is sufficiently robust to serve as a guidepost for our targets," he said.

Asked if the coalition might set even lower thresholds or even a zero emissions threshold, Hyde said, "Eliminating all emissions would be both technically unfeasible and economically untenable. However, ONE Future believes that targeted investment in abatement technologies today can yield both significant improvements in environmental performance and supply-chain efficiency, which is just good business. We believe that the industry can cost-effectively achieve an average emissions intensity rate of 1 percent, and ONE Future companies have already achieved a rate of 0.552 percent. We will continue to work to lower our emissions and encourage other companies in the natural gas industry to join our coalition to ensure that natural gas remains the fuel of choice."

ONE Future's information and reports are shared with environmental groups and the coalition has not received any pushback yet, he said. He said the group publicizes its numbers and may be the only group that reports actual results.

"The key thing we believe in is, transparency is vital. We have our data independently looked at by NETL to make sure we're on the right track," he said. "We have to be a credible organization. If people don't believe our numbers, we've missed a golden opportunity to move the ball."

Another key belief is that natural gas is the foundation fuel for a low-carbon economy, and Hyde said research is being done in ways to break down methane into hydrogen for use as a power source.

"We think natural gas will be around a long time," he said. "We have to work on methane emissions to be competitive. We have to reduce them as low as we can. We want to go lower.

"There's a long way to go but we think we're trending in the right direction."

COMPLETIONS

Courtesy Drilling Info

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Lime Rock Resources IV-A LP
UL 14 Triton #4H
Shafter Lake North (San Andres)-Horizontal; 553 fsl, 2210 fel, Sec 18, Blk A-33, Abst. 480, PSL, 12.7 nw Andrews; TD 4715 TVD, 10218 MD; Comp 11/11/2018; producing from 5229-10129, fracture stimulated; pump 105 BO, 67 MCF, 1611 BW, 29.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47905

Midland County

Apache Corporation
June Tippett 1213 HZ Unit #16HS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 479 fsl, 2148 fel, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-4-S, Abst. 391, T&P RR, 20.5 w Midland; TD 8936 TVD, 17087 MD; Comp 11/23/2018; producing from 9461-16992, fracture stimulated; flow 960 BO, 720 MCF, 2049 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 328 psi, 42 Oil Gravity, API #42-329-42214

New Mexico

Eddy County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Davinci 7 18 Federal Com #6
Purple Sage; Sec 6 T25S R27E; 350/S & 1190/W; EL 3281 GL, TD 18854 MD, 10655 TVD, PBTD 18765; Spud 10-12-17, Comp 1-12-18; production is through treated perfs: 9162-18760. Treat: 448868 bbls total fluid, 22559015# sd. IP: 2-1-18 Flow 24 hrs 360 BO, 5091 BW, 987 MCF, 24 Ch, TP 1168, CP 657, GOR 2741. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 435 w/831 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1998 w/840 sx, 7 @ 8830 w/775 sx, 4 ½ @ 7206-18854 w/775 sx, 3 ½ @ 7182; API #30-015-44220

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
North Brushy Draw Federal 35 #5
Purple Sage; Sec 35 T25S R29E; 175/S & 2390/W. BHL: 231/N & 2531/W; EL 2997 GL, TD 15411 MD, 10593 TVD, PBTD 15234 MD, 10583 TVD; Spud 2-23-17, Comp 4-14-17; production is through treated perfs: 10818-15194. Treat: 8,415,541# proppant, 8,046,109 gals fluid. IP: 4-20-18 Flow 24 hrs 1048 BO, 2694 BW, 2095 MCF, 34 Ch, 1650 TP, 145 CP, GOR 1999. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 633 w/550 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3173 w/805 sx, 7 @ 10971 w/850 sx, 4 ½ @ 10028-15411 w/335 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10026; API #30-015-42291

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Salado Draw 9 W1B0 Federal Com #2
Sanders Tank; Sec 9 T26S R33E; 310/N & 2310/E. BHL: Sec 16 332/S & 2192/E; EL 3312 GL, TD 22240 MD, 12275 TVD, PBTD 22206 MD, 12275 TVD; Spud 3-3-18, Comp 9-25-18; production is through treated perfs: 12445-22196. Treat: 24,547,404 gals slickwater carrying 15,024,582# local 100 mesh sd & 8,856,555 local 40/70 sd. IP: 9-27-18 Flow 24 hrs 589 BO, 1876 BW, 1891 MCF, 22/64" Ch, CP 4260, GOR 3210, Gty 49.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 990 w/900 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4905 w/1100 sx, 7 @ 11526 w/1050 sx, 4 ½ @ 11325-22196 w/650 sx; API #30-015-44497

Lea County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Lea 7 Federal Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 7 T20S R35E; 379/S & 1730/W. BHL: 331/N & 1992/W; EL 3672 GL, TD 15732 MD, 11175 TVD, PBTD 15729; Spud 2-9-18, Comp 7-24-18; production is through treated perfs: 11453-15704. Treat: 168,146 bbls of total fluid & 8,666,914# sd. IP: 8-14-18 Flow 24 hrs 1443 BO, 712 BW, 1468 MCF, 44 Ch, CP 825, GOR 1017, Gty 44.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1845 w/1360 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5822 w/3765 sx, 5 ½ @ 15732 w/2500 sx; API #30-025-42546

COG Operating LLC
White Falcon 16 State #13
Wildcat; Sec 16 T25S R35E; 226/N & 772/W. BHL: Sec 21 200/S & 684/W; EL 3257 GR, TD 16912, PBTD 16800; Spud 10-18-17, Comp 7-19-18; production is through treated perfs: 12439-16770. Treat: Acdz w/42,588 gals 7 ½%, Frac w/9,075,806# sd & 7,891,002 gal fluid. IP: 7-25-18 Flow 24 hrs 69 BO, 45 BW, 0 MCF, 18/64" Ch, TP 4200. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1148 w/1050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 11718 w/2775 sx, 5 ½ @ 16912 w/2950 sx, 2 7/8 @ 11753; API #30-025-43698

COG Operating LLC
Bobwhite 12 State Com #12
North Berry; Sec 12 T21S R33E; 200/N & 1300/E. BHL: 210/S & 1306/E; EL 3773 GR, TD 15620, PBTD 15495; Spud 3-24-18, Comp 7-20-18; production is through treated perfs: 1152-15470. Treat: Acdz w/56,832 gals 7 ½%, Frac w/8,563,115# sd & 9,309,158 gals fluid. IP: 8-20-18 Flow 24 hrs 499 BO, 1997 BW, 732 MCF, 16/64" Ch, TP 500, CP 884. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1808 w/1450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5756 w/2400 sx, 5 ½ @ 15610 w/23250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10289; API #30-025-44270

EOG Resources Inc.

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MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	**$48.10**	**Shell Trading**	**$47.80**
Energy Transfer Partners*	**$47.75**	**Nymex futures**	**$51.58***
Flint Hills Resources*	**$47.50**	***Net price without transportation charge**	
Phillips 66	**$47.77**		
Plains*	**$47.50**	**Note: Posted prices as of December 12**	

WILDCATS

Courtesy Drilling Info

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

Smith Energy Operating Company
Shannon Estate #401
Wildcat; 1326 fsl, 3032 fel, Sec 4, Abst. 1869, Archer CSL, 34 nw Ozona; TD 9000; API #42-105-42466 Permit issued 12/4

Smith Energy Operating Company
Shannon Estate #301
Wildcat-Directional; 7619 fsl, 906 fsel, Sec 3, Abst. 1871, Archer CSL, 34 nw Ozona, TD 9000; API #42-105-42468 Permit issued 12/7

Runnels County

The Window Operating Co.
Colburn #4
Wildcat; 1109 fsl, 1000 fwl, Sec 88, Blk 64, Abst. 831, H&TB RR, 3.3 nw Winters, TD 5000; API #42-399-35551 Permit issued 12/3

Upton County

Discovery Operating Inc.
Holzgraf 34 #11
Wildcat; 2090 fnl, 670 fel, Sec 34, Blk 41, T-4-S, Abst. 764, T&P RR, 21 w Midkiff; TD 10600; API #42-461-41039 Permit issued 12/6

Texas RRCD 8

Ward County

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
E.W. Estes #2030
Wildcat; 660 fnl, 1980 fel, Sec 27, Blk B-19, Abst. 741, PSL, 5.65 sw Wickett; TD 11500; API #42-475-37754 Permit issued 12/3

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2008
Wildcat-Directional; 424 fsl, 4737 fel, Sec 20, Blk F, Abst. 6, G&MMB&A, 6.47 se Monahans, TD 12000; API #42-475-37759 Permit issued 12/7

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2009
Wildcat-Directional; 3078 fel, 1650 fsl, Sec 20, Blk F, Abst. 6, G&MMB&A, 0.45 ne Wickett; TD 12000; API #42-475-37760 Permit issued 12/7

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2046
Wildcat; 3340 fel, 9837 fsl, Sec 19, Blk F, Abst. 5, G&MMB&A, 1.6 ne Wickett; TD 12000; API #42-475-37761 Permit issued 12/7

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2076
Wildcat-Directional; 3399 fel, 13652 fsl, Sec 18, Blk F, Abst. 4, G&MMB&A, 2.34 nw Wickett; TD 12000; API #42-475-37763 Permit issued 12/7

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2048
Wildcat-Directional; 4682 fel, 2966 fsl, Sec 20, Blk F, Abst. 6, G&MMB&A, 0.32 ne Wickett; TD 12000; API #42-475-37762 Permit issued 12/7

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2092
Wildcat-Directional; 601 fel, 19019 fsl, Sec 17, Blk F, Abst. 3, G&MMB&A, 3.45 ne Wickett; TD 12000; API #42-475-37764 Permit issued 12/7

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2093
Wildcat; 741 fel, 20406 fsl, Sec 17, Blk F, Abst. 3, G&MMB&A, 3.69 ne Wickett; TD 12000; API #42-475-37765 Permit issued 12/7

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Fat Goblin Fed Com #11
Wildcat; Sec 11 T17S R29E, 300/N & 245/E; 4 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 14000 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-45340

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit D1 1 BS2B SE #214
Wildcat; Sec 21 T22S R30E, 1512/N & 1530/E; 14 mi SW Halfway; Rot 18668 Bone Spring; API #30-015-45351

Oxy USA Inc.
Iridium MDP1 28 21 Fed Com #174
Wildcat; Sec 33 T23S R31E, 249/N & 2439/W; 20 mi SW Halfway; Rot 21644 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45332

Oxy USA Inc.
Iridium MDP1 28 21 Fed Com #175
Wildcat; Sec 33 T23S R31E, 276/N & 599/E; 20 mi SW Halfway; Rot 21672 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45333

Oxy USA Inc.
Iridium MDP1 28 21 Fed Com #176
Wildcat; Sec 33 T23S R31E, 276/N & 564/E; 20 mi SW Halfway; Rot 21666 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45334

Lea County

Advance Energy Partners Hat Mesa LLC
Merchant State Unit #504
Wildcat; Sec 35 T21S R33E, 150/N & 1335/E; 14 mi SE Halfway; Rot 21063 Bone Spring; API #30-025-45267

Advance Energy Partners Hat Mesa LLC
Merchant State Unit #505
Wildcat; Sec 35 T21S R33E, 150/N & 1305/E; 14 mi SE Halfway; Rot 21063 Bone Spring; API #30-025-45268

XTO Energy Inc.
Mis Amigos State #108
Wildcat; Sec 31 T23S R33E, 364/S & 453/E; 11 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17826 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-45263

EOG Resources Inc.
Yarrow 32 State #701
Wildcat; Sec 32 T23S R33E, 394/S & 561/E; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17484 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-45269

EOG Resources Inc.
Yarrow 32 State #702
Wildcat; Sec 32 T23S R33E, 394/S & 594/E; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17495 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-45270

EOG Resources Inc.
Yarrow 32 State #703
Wildcat; Sec 32 T23S R33E, 393/S & 1700/E; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17480 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-45271

EOG Resources Inc.
Yarrow 32 State #704
Wildcat; Sec 32 T23S R33E, 393/S & 1733/E; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17474 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-45272

EOG Resources Inc.
Yarrow 32 State #705
Wildcat; Sec 32 T23S R33E, 393/S & 1766/E; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17488 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-45273

COG Operating LLC
FEZ Federal Com #601
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R35E, 280/S & 1750/W; 6 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22147 Wolfbone; API #30-025-45274

COG Operating LLC
FEZ Federal Com #602
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R35E, 280/S & 1690/W; 6 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22148 Wolfbone; API #30-025-45275

COG Operating LLC
FEZ Federal Com #603
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R35E, 280/S & 1055/W; 6 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 21156 Wolfbone; API #30-025-45276

COG Operating LLC
FEZ Federal Com #701
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R35E, 280/S & 1720/W; 6 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22396 Wolfbone; API #30-025-45277

COG Operating LLC
FEZ Federal Com #702
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R35E, 280/S & 1115/W; 6 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22320 Wolfbone; API #30-025-45278

COG Operating LLC
FEZ Federal Com #703
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R35E, 280/S & 990/W; 6 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22475 Wolfbone; API #30-025-45279

COMPLETIONS

Courtesy Drilling Info

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Condor 32 State #603
Hardin Tank; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 8433/N & 2490/W. BHL 344/S & 2609/W; EL 3319 GL, TD 17,155 MD, 12,480 TVD, PBTD 17,111 MD, 12,480 TVD; Spud 4-30-18, Comp 9-15-18; production is through treated perfs: 12650-17111. Treat: Frac w/11,272,162# proppant, 173,035 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-18-18 Flow 24 hrs 2615 BO, 9198 BW, 4439 MCF, 40 Ch, CP 1902, GOR 1698, Gty 46. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1005 w/880 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5216 w/795 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11915 w/520 sx, 5 ½ @ 17140 w/485 sx; API #30-025-44670

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #712-Y
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 325/N & 2597/W. BHL Sec 29 2539/S & 2311/W; EL 3340 GL, TD 20,294 MD, 12,596 TVD, PBTD 20,183 MD, 12,596 TVD; Spud 8-21-18, Comp 9-14-18; production is through treated perfs: 13101-20183. Treat: Frac w/17,352,330# proppant, 241,516 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-21-18 Flow 24 hrs 3398 BO, 7803 BW, 5408 MCF, 52 Ch, CP 1623, GOR 1592, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1010 w/930 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5155 w/1500 sx, 7 5/8 @ 12010 w/650 sx, 5 ½ @ 20284 w/905 sx; API #30-025-44904

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #713
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 260/S & 2027/W. BHL Sec 29 2297/S & 1821/W; EL 3340 GL, TD 20,050 MD, 12,582 TVD, PBTD 20,001 MD, 12,582 TVD; Spud 4-24-18, Comp 9-16-18; production is through treated perfs: 12881-20001. Treat: Frac w/17,889,681# proppant, 259,429 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-21-18 Flow 24 hrs 2932 BO, 8151 BW, 4672 MCF, 30 Ch, CP 2256, GOR 1593, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 900 w/835 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5198 w/1575 sx, 7 5/8 @ 12055 w/515 sx, 5 ½ @ 20034 w/805 sx; API #30-025-44577

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #740
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 259/S & 2597/W. BHL: Sec 29 2408/S & 2267/W; EL 3341 GL, TD 20,551 MD, 13,076 TVD, PBTD 20,440 MD, 13,076 TVD; Spud 5-01-18, Comp 9-14-18; production is through treated perfs: 13389-20440. Treat: Frac w/17,047,550# proppant, 306,975 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-18-18 Flow 24 hrs 1767 BO, 15,351 BW, 3274 MCF, 52 Ch, CP 3262, GOR 1853, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1005 w/880 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5196 w/1495 sx, 7 5/8 @ 12038 w/630 sx, 5 ½ @ 20536 w/890 sx; API #30-025-44580

EOG Resources Inc.
Orrtanna 20 Federal #707
Sanders Tank; Sec 20 T26S R33E; 768/S & 468/E. BHL: 109/N & 828/E; EL 3240 Gl, TD 17282 MD, 12261 TVD, PBTD 17250 MD, 12261 TVD; Spud 5-23-18, Comp 8-28-18; production is through treated perfs: 12500-17250. Treat: 11,419,100# proppant, 184,191 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-12-18 Flow 24 hrs 2906 BO, 2350 BW, 6001 MCF, 68 Ch, CP 727, GOR 2065, Gty 44. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 909 w/840 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4810 w/1635 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11670 w/945 sx, 5 ½ @ 17261 w/554 sx; API #30-025-43747

EOG Resources Inc.
Ophelia 22 Federal Com #708
Sanders Tank; Sec 20 T26S R33E, 798/S & 443/W. BHL: 233/N & 350/E; EL 3240 GL, TD 17259 MD, 12259 TVD, PBTD 17089 MD, 12259 TVD; Spud 5-23-18, Comp 8-28-18; production is through treated perfs: 12470-174089. Treat: 11,409,361# proppant, 186,714 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-2-18 Flow 24 hrs 3410 BO, 982 BW, 4941 MCF, 52 Ch, CP 2283, GOR 1449, Gty 44. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 913 w/840 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4822 w/1635 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11739 w/931 sx, 5 ½ @ 17100 w/539 sx; API #30-025-43748

EOG Resources Inc.
Ophelia 22 Federal Com #710
Sanders Tank; Sec 22 T26S R33E; 200/N & 1199/W. BHL: Sec 27 2525/N & 649/W; EL 3306 GL, TD 20494 MD, 12921 TVD, PBTD 20463 MD, 12921 TVD; Spud 7-21-18, Comp 9-4-18; production is through treated perfs: 13066-20453. Treat: 17,729,439# proppant, 335,030 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-8-18 Flow 24 hrs 1740 BO, 8867 BW, 2953 MCF, 64 Ch, CP 1409, GOR 2272, Gty 43. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 968 w/980 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4908 w/1650 sx, 7 5/8 @ 12505 w/995 sx, 5 ½ @ 20464 w/760 sx; API #30-025-44643

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Courtesy Drilling Info

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

The Eastland Oil Company
Shannon Hospital 1 #6
Noelke (Lower Wolfcamp); 467 fnl, 805 fel, Sec 1, Abst. 1872, Archer CSL, 11.6 nw Iraan; TD 6300; API #42-105-42467 Permit issued 12/7

Reagan County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Cauble 21-30 #221
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 415 fnl, 1105 fwl, Sec 21, Blk A, Abst. 270, L&SV RR, 26.9 n Big Lake, TD 11000; API #42-383-40488 Permit issued 12/7

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Cauble 21-30 #231
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 415 fnl, 1080 fwl, Sec 21, Blk A, Abst. 270, L&SV RR, 26.9 n Big Lake, TD 11000; API #42-383-40489 Permit issued 12/7

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Cauble 21-30 #241
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 415 fnl, 1055 fwl, Sec 21, Blk A, Abst. 270, L&SV RR, 26.9 n Big Lake; TD 11000; API #42-383-40490 Permit issued 12/7

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Cauble 21-30 #242
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 415 fnl, 1030 fwl, Sec 21, Blk A, Abst. 270, L&SV RR, 26.9 n Big Lake, TD 11000; API #42-383-40491 Permit issued 12/7

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
University 9-31 #0628HK
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 51 fsl, 1480 fel, Sec 6, Blk 8, Abst. 141U, ULS, 6.7 nw Big Lake; TD 9000, API #42-383-40478 Permit issued 12/3

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
University 9-31 #0633HK
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 34 fsl, 1471 fel, Sec 6, Blk 8, Abst. 141U, ULS, 6.7 nw Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40476 Permit issued 12/3

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
University 9-31 #0632HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 16 fsl, 1461 fel, Sec 6, Blk 8, Abst. 141U, ULS, 6.7 nw Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40477 Permit issued 12/3

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Tucker RE 1 194 Alloc 06 #17HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 295 fnl, 1713 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 1, Abst. 906, T&P RR, 8.8 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40479 Permit issued 12/3

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Tucker RE 1 194 Alloc 05 #15HC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 295 fnl, 1693 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 1, Abst. 906, T&P RR, 8.8 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40480 Permit issued 12/3

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Tucker RE 1 194 Alloc 07 #16HS
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 295 fnl, 1733 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 1, Abst. 906, T&P RR, 8.8 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40481 Permit issued 12/3

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Tucker RE 1 194 Alloc 03 #08HK
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 295 fnl, 1653 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 1, Abst. 906, T&P RR, 8.8 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40482 Permit issued 12/6

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Tucker RE 1 194 Alloc 05 #13HK
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 295 fnl, 1673 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 1, Abst. 906, T&P RR, 8.8 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40483 Permit issued 12/6

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Tucker RE 1 194 Alloc 07 #18HK
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 294 fnl, 1753 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 1, Abst. 906, T&P RR, 8.8 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40484 Permit issued 12/6

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Tucker RE 1 194 Alloc 04 #12HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 595 fnl, 1713 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 1, Abst. 906, T&P RR, 8.8 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40485 Permit issued 12/6

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Tucker RE 1 194 Alloc 03 #06HS
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 595 fnl, 1693 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 1, Abst. 906, T&P RR, 8.8 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40486 Permit issued 12/6

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Tucker RE 1 194 Alloc 05 #11HS
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 594 fnl, 1733 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 1, Abst. 906, T&P RR, 8.8 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40487 Permit issued 12/6

Upton County

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #1403H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 20884 fsl, 2655 fel, Sec 1, Abst. 542, Throckmorton CSL, 19.9 n Rankin; TD 10715; API #42-461-41040 Permit issued 12/3

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Mercury Operating LLC
Texas University -G- #18
Fullerton (San Andres); 4638 fsl, 42 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 13, Abst. 395U, ULS, 13.9 nw Andrews, TD 6000; API #42-003-47954 Permit issued 12/4

Crane County

Blackbeard Operating LLC
W.N. Waddell et al #2075
Armer (6350); 1803 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 7, Blk B-21, Abst. 1242, PSL, 12.1 se Monahans; TD 7500; API #42-103-36627 Permit issued 12/7

Blackbeard Operating LLC
W.N. Waddell et al #2076
Armer (6350); 1980 fnl, 1980 fel, Sec 7, Blk B-21, Abst. 1242, PSL, 11.9 se Monahans; TD 7500; API #42-103-36628 Permit issued 12/7

Blackbeard Operating LLC
6 Pounder NW #11
Armer (6350); 330 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 4, Blk B-21, Abst. 1111, PSL, 10.8 se Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-103-36624 Permit issued 12/7

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Landlubber #5
Armer (6350); 1650 fsl, 2310 fwl, Sec 26, Blk B-17, Abst. 1107, M.C. O'Neal, 10.8 se Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-103-36625 Permit issued 12/7

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Landlubber #15
Armer (6350); 1650 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 26, Blk B-17, Abst. 1107, M.C. O'Neal, 11.3 se Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-103-36626 Permit issued 12/7

Ector County

ConocoPhillips Company
J.F. Cowden #0702H
Andector (Wichita Albany)-Horizontal; 909 fnl, 2027 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 44, T-1-N, Abst. 610, T&P RR, 20.6 sw Andrews; TD 9000; API #42-135-43655 Permit issued 12/7

Glasscock County

Diamondback E&P LLC
Ray 3427 E #3WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1020 fwl, 4515 fsl, Sec 39, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 410, T&P RR, 14.67 w Garden City; TD 9520; API #42-173-38044 Permit issued 12/3

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Currie 41-32-A #4301H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1550 fsl, 950 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 332, T&P RR, 10.6 w Garden City; TD 8865; API #42-173-38046 Permit issued 12/3

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Currie 41-32-A #4201H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1580 fsl, 950 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 332, T&P RR, 10.6 w Garden City; TD 8715; API #42-173-38047 Permit issued 12/3

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Currie 41-32-A #2801H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1610 fsl, 950 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 332, T&P RR, 10.6 w Garden City; TD 8260; API #42-173-38049 Permit issued 12/3

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Brunson 42-6-G #4313H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1037 fnl, 235 fel, Sec 42, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 915, T&P RR, 11.5 w Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-173-38048 Permit issued 12/3

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Brunson 42-6-F #4212H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1067 fnl, 235 fel, Sec 42, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 915, T&P RR, 11.5 w Garden City; TD 8800; API #42-173-38050 Permit issued 12/3

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Brunson 42-6-G #4214H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1007 fnl, 235 fel, Sec 42, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 915, T&P RR, 11.5 w Garden City; TD 8800; API #42-173-38051 Permit issued 12/6

Howard County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Black Pearl "A" 11-14 #211
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 262 fnl, 528 fel, Sec 11, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 397, T&P RR, 16 nw Big Spring; TD 11000; API #42-227-39876 Permit issued 12/3

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Black Pearl "C" 11-14 #132
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 262 fnl, 628 fel, Sec 11, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 397, T&P RR, 16 nw Big Spring; TD 11000; API #42-227-39880 Permit issued 12/4

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Black Pearl "C" 11-14 #231
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 265 fnl, 1240 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 397, T&P RR, 16 nw Big Spring; TD 11000; API #42-227-39881 Permit issued 12/4

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Black Pearl "C" 11-14 #233
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 265 fnl, 1215 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 397, T&P RR, 16 nw Big Spring; TD 11000, API #42-227-39882 Permit issued 12/4

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Black Pearl "D" 11-14 #241
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal, 265 fnl, 1190 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 397, T&P RR, 16 nw Big Spring; TD 11000; API #42-227-39883 Permit issued 12/4

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Black Pearl "D" 11-14 #142
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 265 fnl, 1165 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 397, T&P RR, 16 nw Big Spring; TD 11000; API #42-227-39884 Permit issued 12/4

Rover Petroleum Operating LLC
Granville M. Dodge Estate #247
Iatan (East Howard); 635 fwl, 635 fsl, Sec 3, Blk 30, T-1-S, Abst. 248, T&P RR, 4.5 sw Coahoma; TD 3000; API #42-227-39904 Permit issued 12/7

Rover Petroleum Operating LLC
G.O. Chalk #56CF
Howard Glasscock (Consolidated); 591 fsl, 1365 fel, Sec 114, Blk 29, Abst. 1131, W&NW RR, 7.2 ne Forsan; TD 4300; API #42-227-39903 Permit issued 12/7

Sabalo Operating LLC
The King 45-04 C #3AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 380 fnl, 1029 fel, Sec 45, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 297, T&P RR, 7.25 se Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39771 Permit issued 12/4

Sabalo Operating LLC
The King 45-04 C #3SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 380 fnl, 1009 fel, Sec 45, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 297, T&P RR, 7.2 se Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39888 Permit issued 12/4

Sabalo Operating LLC
The King 45-04 B #2AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 380 fnl, 1069 fel, Sec 45, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 297, T&P RR, 3.82 se Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39886 Permit issued 12/3

Sabalo Operating LLC
The King 45-04 B #2SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 380 fnl, 1049 fel, Sec 45, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 297, T&P RR, 3.82 se Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39887 Permit issued 12/3

SM Energy Company
Vizzini #2745WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2212 fwl, 400 fnwl, Sec 6, Blk 31, T-1-N, Abst. 1487, T&P RR, 9.6 ne Big Spring; TD 9500; API #42-227-39894 Permit issued 12/7

SM Energy Company
Buttercup #2744WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2182 fswl, 400 fnwl, Sec 6, Blk 31, T-1-N, Abst. 1487, T&P RR, 9.6 ne Big Spring; TD 9500; API #42-227-39895 Permit issued 12/7

SM Energy Company
Tackleberry 43-42 A #4242WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 467 fnl, 1036 fel, Sec 42, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 1434, T&P RR, 10.7 nw Big Spring; TD 10500; API #42-227-39698 Permit issued 12/7

Surge Operating LLC
Stanley Unit 48-01 #1AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2300 fsl, 500 fwl, Sec 48, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 994, T&P RR, 3.6 s Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39889 Permit issued 12/6

Surge Operating LLC
Stanley Unit 48-01 #1SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2275 fsl, 499 fwl, Sec 48, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 994, T&P RR, 3.6 se Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39890 Permit issued 12/6

Surge Operating LLC
Stanley Unit 48-01 #2AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2232 fsl, 1077 fwl, Sec 48, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 994, T&P RR, 3.58 se Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39891 Permit issued 12/6

Surge Operating LLC
Stanley Unit 48-01 #2SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2207 fsl, 1076 fwl, Sec 48, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 994, T&P RR, 3.58 s Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39892 Permit issued 12/6

Surge Operating LLC
Stanley Unit 48-01 #3AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2182 fsl, 1075 fwl, Sec 48, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 994, T&P RR, 3.58 s Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39893 Permit issued 12/6

Surge Operating LLC
Garrett-Snell Unit A 25-36 #1SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 341 fnl, 460 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 330, T&P RR, 11.6 nw Big Spring; TD 9000; API #42-227-39901 Permit issued 12/7

Surge Operating LLC
Garrett-Snell Unit A 25-36 #1BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 366 fnl, 459 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 330, T&P RR, 11.6 nw Big Spring; TD 9000; API #42-227-39902 Permit issued 12/7

Loving County

COG Operating LLC
Revolver C #410H

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Courtesy Drilling Info

From 3F

Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 269 fnl, 1211 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 75, Abst. 1242, PSL, 16 nw Kermit; TD 14000; API #42-301-34232 Permit issued 12/7

COG Operating LLC
Revolver C #402H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 269 fnl, 1251 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 75, Abst. 1242, PSL, 16 nw Kermit; TD 14000; API #42-301-34234 Permit issued 12/7

Matador Production Company
Toot D 17-TTT-C24 NL #212H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 310 fnwl, 1310 fswl, Sec 18, Blk C-24, Abst. 1030, PSL, 21.5 ne Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-34235 Permit issued 12/7

Matador Production Company
Toot D 17-TTT-C24 NL #226H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 280 fnwl, 1310 fswl, Sec 18, Blk C-24, Abst. 1030, PSL, 21.5 ne Mentone; TD 13500; API #42-301-34236 Permit issued 12/7

Mewbourne Oil Company
Kentzel State 42 #W101BO
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 507.6 fnl, 1523.8 fel, Sec 42, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 943, T&P RR, 9.2 ne Orla; TD 11350; API #42-301-34228 Permit issued 12/6

Mewbourne Oil Company
Kentzel State 42 #W102BO
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 498.3 fnl, 1552.4 fel, Sec 42, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 943, T&P RR, 9.2 ne Orla; TD 11150; API #42-301-34230 Permit issued 12/7

Martin County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Toe Nail F #8HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1250 fel, 485 fsl, Sec 2, Blk 38, T-1-S, Abst. 750, T&P RR, 12 nw Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-41937 Permit issued 12/3

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Toe Nail F #9LM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 485 fsl, 1220 fel, Sec 2, Blk 38, T-1-S, Abst. 750, T&P RR, 12 nw Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-41938 Permit issued 12/4

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Toe Nail F #10LL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 485 fsl, 1190 fel, Sec 2, Blk 38, T-1-S, Abst. 750, T&P RR, 12 nw Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-41939 Permit issued 12/4

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Toe Nail F #11JM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 485 fsl, 1160 fel, Sec 2, Blk 38, T-1-S, Abst. 750, T&P RR, 12 nw Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-41940 Permit issued 12/4

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rosalie F 6-3 #261
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 368 fsl, 435 fel, Sec 6, Blk 38, T-2-N, Abst. 903, T&P RR, 6.6 sw Tarzan; TD 12000; API #42-317-41943 Permit issued 12/3

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rosalie G 6-3 #271
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 390 fsl, 961 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 38, T-2-N, Abst. 903, T&P RR, 6.6 sw Tarzan; TD 12000; API #42-317-41944 Permit issued 12/6

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rosalie H 6-3 #281
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 390 fsl, 936 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 38, T-2-N, Abst. 903, T&P RR, 6.6 sw Tarzan; TD 12000; API #42-317-41945 Permit issued 12/6

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rosalie H 6-3 #282
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 391 fsl, 911 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 38, T-2-N, Abst. 903, T&P RR, 6.6 sw Tarzan; TD 12000; API #42-317-41946 Permit issued 12/6

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rosalie E 6-3 #251
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 368 fsl, 2289 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 38, T-2-N, Abst. 903, T&P RR, 6.6 sw Tarzan; TD 12000; API #42-317-41941 Permit issued 12/3

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rosalie E 6-3 #252
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 368 fsl, 410 fel, Sec 6, Blk 38, T-2-N, Abst. 903, T&P RR, 6.6 sw Tarzan; TD 12000; API #42-317-41942 Permit issued 12/3

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Woody C36A #101H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2267 fnl, 2686 fel, Sec 36, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 911, T&P RR, 3.7 sw Tarzan; TD 9263; API #42-317-41919 Permit issued 12/7

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Woody C36B #102H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2267 fnl, 2656 fel, Sec 36, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 911, T&P RR, 3.7 sw Tarzan; TD 11020; API #42-317-41920 Permit issued 12/7

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Woody C36C #103H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2267 fnl, 2626 fel, Sec 36, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 911, T&P RR, 3.7 sw Tarzan; TD 11020; API #42-317-41921 Permit issued 12/7

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Woody C36D #104H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2267 fnl, 2596 fel, Sec 36, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 911, T&P RR, 3.7 sw Tarzan; TD 9263; API #42-317-41922 Permit issued 12/7

QEP Energy Company
Hall A2 #08LA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 435 fnl, 370 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 682, T&P RR, 2.73 ne Tarzan; TD 8700; API #42-317-41875 Permit issued 12/4

QEP Energy Company
Hall A3 #08JM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 410 fnl, 370 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 682, T&P RR, 2.73 ne Tarzan; TD 8800; API #42-317-41876 Permit issued 12/4

QEP Energy Company
Hall A5 #07WD
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 360 fnl, 1155 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 682, T&P RR, 2.73 ne Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-41877 Permit issued 12/7

QEP Energy Company
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Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 460 fnl, 370 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 682, T&P RR, 2.73 ne Tarzan; TD 9850; API #42-317-41878 Permit issued 12/7

QEP Energy Company
Hall A7 #06SB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 410 fnl, 1155 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 682, T&P RR, 2.73 ne Tarzan; TD 8999; API #42-317-41879 Permit issued 12/7

QEP Energy Company
Hall A6 #06LB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 435 fnl, 1155 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 682, T&P RR, 2.73 ne Tarzan; TD 8750; API #42-317-41880 Permit issued 12/7

Midland County

Chevron USA Inc.
SOA Scharbauer SE #0125LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 577 fnl, 2450 fel, Sec 28, Blk 40, Abst. 753, T&P RR, 9 sw Midland; TD 9800; API #42-329-42978 Permit issued 12/3

Chevron USA Inc.
SOA Scharbauer SE #0126LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 577 fnl, 2430 fel, Sec 28, Blk 40, Abst. 753, T&P RR, 9 sw Midland; TD 9800; API #42-329-42979 Permit issued 12/3

Chevron USA Inc.
SOA Scharbauer SE #0127LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 577 fnl, 2410 fel, Sec 28, Blk 40, Abst. 753, T&P RR, 9 sw Midland; TD 9800; API #42-329-42980 Permit issued 12/3

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Pegasus 1 #1
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 591 fwl, 1001 fsl, Sec 1, Blk 37, T-4-S, Abst. 1365, T&P RR, 8 se Spraberry; TD 12000; API #42-329-43002 Permit issued 12/7

Discovery Operating Inc.
Windham 40 #15
Spraberry (Trend Area); 765 fsl, 760 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 1317, T&P RR, 16 s Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42960 Permit issued 12/6

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Arick-Stout 36M #13H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 692 fsl, 1240 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 1403, T&P RR, 6.9 se Midland; TD 10600; API #42-329-42933 Permit issued 12/4

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Arick-Stout 36N #14H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 692 fsl, 1260 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 1403, T&P RR, 6.9 se Midland; TD 10600; API #42-329-42934 Permit issued 12/4

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Arick-Stout 36O #15H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 692 fsl, 1280 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 1403, T&P RR, 6.9 se Midland; TD 10600; API #42-329-42935 Permit issued 12/4

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Arick-Stout 36P #16H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 692 fsl, 1300 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 1403, T&P RR, 6.9 se Midland; TD 10600; API #42-329-42936 Permit issued 12/4

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Arick-Stout 36Q #17H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 692 fsl, 1320 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 1403, T&P RR, 6.9 se Midland; TD 10600; API #42-329-42937 Permit issued 12/4

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Arick-Stout 36R #18H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 692 fsl, 1340 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 1403, T&P RR, 6.9 se Midland; TD 10600; API #42-329-42938 Permit issued 12/3

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Beal-Snyder W35H #8H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 955 fsl, 1485 fwl, Sec 35, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 189, T&P RR, 12.2 ne Midland; TD 9350; API #42-329-42989 Permit issued 12/3

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford-Tank Farm NW7M #13H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 582 fsl, 1320 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10525; API #42-329-42993 Permit issued 12/3

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford-Tank Farm NW7N #14H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 582 fsl, 1302 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10525; API #42-329-42994 Permit issued 12/3

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford-Tank Farm NW7O #15H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 582 fsl, 1282 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10525; API #42-329-42995 Permit issued 12/3

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford-Tank Farm NE7M #113H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2560 fsl, 1330 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10525; API #42-329-42996 Permit issued 12/3

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford-Tank Farm NE7N #114H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2560 fsl, 1310 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10525; API #42-329-42997 Permit issued 12/3

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford-Tank Farm NE7O #115H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2560 fsl, 1290 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10525; API #42-329-42998 Permit issued 12/3

Summit Petroleum LLC
Carmanita #10WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 1355 fel, Sec 12, Blk 42, T-4-S, Abst. 1161, T&P RR, 25.2 sw Midland; TD 9800; API #42-329-43000 Permit issued 12/7

XTO Energy Inc.
BTB Unit 1 #1201BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 316 fwl, 515 fnl, Sec 24, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1109, T&P RR, 20 se Midland; TD 9900; API #42-329-42963 Permit issued 12/4

Pecos County

Diamondback E&P LLC
State Neal Lethco 29-28 C #3WA
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2639 fwl, 2076 fnl, Sec 29, Blk 142, Abst. 3547, T&STL RR, 10.4 se Coyanosa; TD 11067; API #42-371-39908 Permit issued 12/4

Diamondback E&P LLC
Canyonlands 15-16 A #1WA
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 465 fsl, 300 fel, Sec 14, Blk C-2, Abst. 8415, PSL, 4.5 sw Coyanosa; TD 11816; API #42-371-39917 Permit issued 12/4

Diamondback E&P LLC
Canyonlands 15-16 B #2BS
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 595 fsl, 300 fel, Sec 14, Blk C-2, Abst. 8415, PSL, 4.5 sw Coyanosa; TD 11396; API #42-371-39919 Permit issued 12/4

Diamondback E&P LLC
Neal Lethco 39-37 Unit #5WA
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2228 fel, 2643 fnl, Sec 39, Blk OW, Abst. 4909, TT RR, 7.4 s Coyanosa; TD 11000; API #42-371-39921 Permit issued 12/6

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around the oil patch

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Steam process completely cleans paraffin from pipe

Are you frustrated with continual paraffin buildup in flow lines or downhole? Is that paraffin buildup costing you money in lost production and workovers?

What if there were a way to completely clean paraffin from pipe—a method that's safe, cost-effective and environmentally friendly?

Odessa-based ParaffinPro, LLC uses a closed-loop steam system that guarantees the extraction of up to 99.9 percent of the paraffin lodged in pipes—without using any chemicals. Ever.

Their system cleans 2-3/8" and 2-7/8" pipe. It is safe for internally coated and uncoated pipe.

This method is extremely cost effective, environmentally friendly and is relatively quick, to minimize production delays.

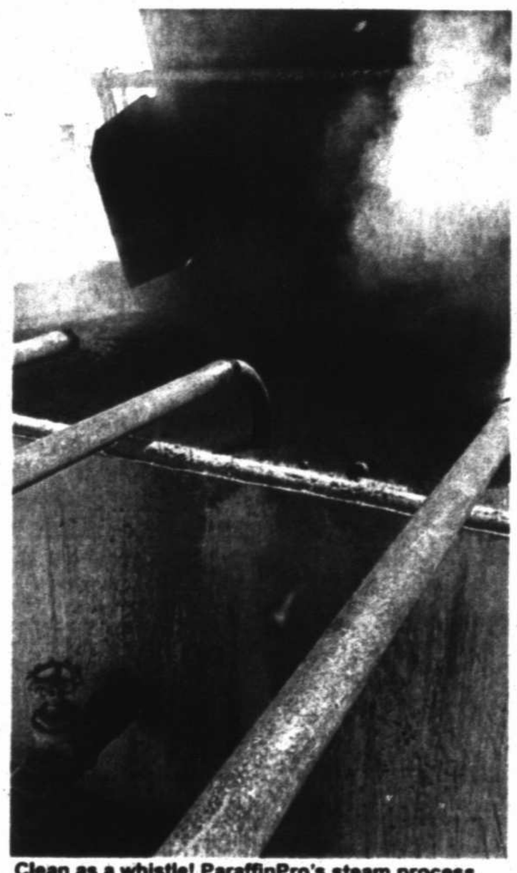
The cleaning process is environmentally controlled throughout. Disposal is carried out in accordance with regulations and safety norms.

When all paraffin is removed over the full length of the pipe, new buildup is delayed because there's no residue for new paraffin to stick to. So pipes stay cleaner longer.

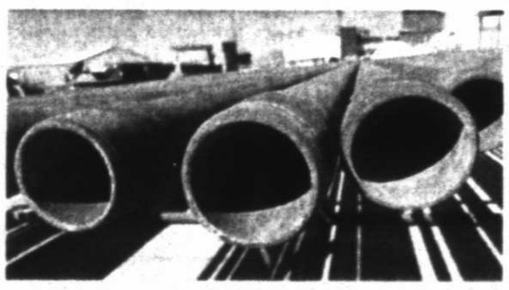
With tubing and pipe prices and availability fluctuating these days, ParaffinPro's clients are more inclined than ever to re-use and extend pipe life by steaming paraffin out and returning their tubing to the field.

You probably have questions. That's great! Call ParaffinPro this week to learn how this process can boost your production and reduce downtime.

ParaffinPro LLC, a Branco company, is located at 2715 W. 40th, Odessa, TX 79764. The company is dedicated to the extraction of paraffin (wax) from flowlines. Call them at 432-889-5434. Their web address is www.paraffinpros.com



Clean as a whistle! ParaffinPro's steam process cleans 99.9 percent of paraffin buildup from tubing. So these treatments keep flow lines producing much longer between treatments than other methods. Call ParaffinPro this week at 432-889-5434 to learn more.



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Diamondback E&P LLC
Neal Lethco 39-37 Unit #6WA
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2228 fel, 2613 fnl, Sec 39, Blk OW, Abst. 4909, TT RR, 7.4 s Coyanosa; TD 11000; API #42-371-39923 Permit issued 12/6

Diamondback E&P LLC
Neal Lethco 34-33 B Unit #11BS
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 236 fsl, 370 fwl, Sec 12, Blk OW, Abst. 8346, J Donovan, 10 s Coyanosa; TD 11700; API #42-371-39922 Permit issued 12/6

Diamondback E&P LLC
State Neal Lethco 7-8 E #5WA
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 382 fel, 5115 fnl, Sec 2, Blk 203-1/2, Abst. 8410, Mrs. E. Price, 12.6 se Coyanosa; TD 10811; API #42-371-39920 Permit issued 12/6

Diamondback E&P LLC
Neal Lethco 34-33 B Unit #12BS
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 266 fsl, 370 fwl, Sec 12, Blk OW, Abst. 8346, J Donovan, 10 s Coyanosa; TD 11700; API #42-371-39924 Permit issued 12/6

Diamondback E&P LLC
State Neal Lethco 7-8 F #6WA
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 382 fel, 5145 fnl, Sec 2, Blk 203-1/2, Abst. 8410, Mrs. E. Price, 12.6 se Coyanosa; TD 10811; API #42-371-39925 Permit issued 12/6

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Pecan State Unit #4109AH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 3168 fwl, 8080 fnl, Sec 65, Blk OW, Abst. 4569, GC&SF RR, 5.4 ne Coyanosa; TD 11000; API #42-371-39931 Permit issued 12/7

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Pecan State Unit #4310H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 3176 fwl, 2722 fnl, Sec 65, Blk OW, Abst. 4569, GC&SF RR, 5.4 ne Coyanosa; TD 11200; API #42-371-39918 Permit issued 12/4

Siltstone Resources Operating II LLC
State-Hayter Unit 34/43S #3HA
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 2200 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 51, T-10-S, Abst. 8455, T&P RR, 30 w Fort Stockton; TD 10000; API #42-371-39927 Permit issued 12/7

XTO Energy Inc.
Karino 48-19-30 #712H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 261 fsl, 606 fel, Sec 18, Blk 48, T-8-S, Abst. 5269, T&P RR, 23.7 nw Fort Stockton; TD 11750; API #42-371-39916 Permit issued 12/6

Reeves County

APR Operating LLC
Orange Crush Unit #928WB
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizonal; 2270 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 16, Blk 53, Abst. 2650, PSL, 18.27 sw Orla; TD 20800; API #42-389-37833 Permit issued 12/3

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Red Rock M #U 30H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 992 fsl, 1146 fel, Sec 19, Blk C-7, Abst. 4654, PSL, 5.7 se Pecos; TD 10900; API #42-389-37797 Permit issued 12/4

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Red Rock N #T 34H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 993 fsl, 1116 fel, Sec 19, Blk C-7, Abst. 4654, PSL, 5.7 se Pecos; TD 10900; API #42-389-37798 Permit issued 12/4

Cimarex Energy Co.
Sky Pilot 57-46 East Unit A #1H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizonal; 412 fsl, 1106 fel, Sec 46, Blk 57, T-2, Abst, 2210, T&P RR, 4.52 sw Orla; TD 15000; API #42-389-37836 Permit issued 12/7

Cimarex Energy Co.
Sky Pilot 57-46 East Unit B #2H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizonal; 412 fsl, 1126 fel, Sec 46, Blk 57, T-2, Abst. 2210, T&P RR, 4.52 sw Orla; TD 15000; API #42-389-37837 Permit issued 12/7

Cimarex Energy Co.
Sky Pilot 57-46 East Unit C #3H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizonal; 412 fsl, 2364 fel, Sec 46, Blk 57, T-2, Abst. 2210, T&P RR, 4.64 sw Orla; TD 15000; API #42-389-37838 Permit issued 12/7

Cimarex Energy Co.
Sky Pilot 57-46 East Unit D #4H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizonal; 412 fsl, 2384 fel, Sec 46, Blk 57, T-2, Abst. 2210, T&P RR, 4.64 sw Orla; TD 15000; API #42-389-37840 Permit issued 12/7

COG Operating LLC
Sandstorm Unit #4202H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnl, 2638 fsel, Sec 42, Blk 51, T-8-S, Abst. 4507, T&P RR, 7.88 se Verhalen; TD 11000; API #42-389-37766 Permit issued 12/6

COG Operating LLC
Sandstorm Unit #4203H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnl, 2696 fsel, Sec 42, Blk 51, T-8-S, Abst. 4507, T&P RR, 7.86 se Verhalen; TD 11000; API #42-389-37767 Permit issued 12/6

COG Operating LLC
Sandstorm Unit #4272H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal, 330 fnl, 2667 fsel, Sec 42, Blk 51, T-8-S, Abst. 4507, T&P RR, 7.87 se Verhalen; TD 11000; API #42-389-37768 Permit issued 12/6

Energen Resources Corporation
Benton 3-12 #602H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 527 fswl, 900 fsel, Sec 12, Blk 3, Abst. 2480, H&GN RR, 13.3 n Pecos; TD 12500; API #42-389-37847 Permit issued 12/7

EOG Resources Inc.
State Mayfly Unit #10H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 237 fnl, 4987 fel, Sec 10, Blk 54, T-5-S, Abst. 2183, T&P RR, 12.3 nw Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-37841 Permit issued 12/7

Oxy USA WTP LP
White East 30-31 #24NH
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2295 fsl, 950 fel, Sec 31, Blk 50, T-8-S, Abst.

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around the oil patch

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Hybrid mechanical/chemical lift system reduces well downtime & production costs

Earlier this year (2018), Production Lift technicians encountered a Permian Basin well that ran only about three days per week due to iron sulfide scale that kept the plunger stuck in the lubricator at the surface. Constant shut-ins and lost production were the rule.

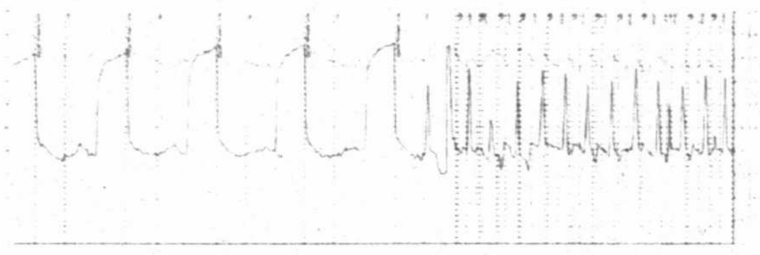
A traditional chemical treatment program was in place, but it was not tailored to the problems of this well.

Production Lift turned to their in-house Chemical Solutions Team to analyze the well and formulate a treatment that addressed iron sulfide and other issues pertaining to this well.

Results were dramatic and immediate. In the months thereafter, the well has not failed a single time. Production is up and downtime costs have been eliminated.

Thus was born the "well-specific hybrid program" for Production Lift, which combines chemical and mechanical solutions to solve iron sulfide, paraffin, corrosion, bacteria and scale induced problems.

By controlling the iron, paraffin and scale proactively, the chances of those compounds impeding production are greatly reduced. For chemical treatment there are multiple methods that Production Lift utilizes.



This graph shows the difference in the number of plunger lift trips in an untreated or incorrectly treated well (left side) and a well-specific hybrid tailored chemical well (right). It means more production, less downtime and greater profits. Call Production Lift this week at 699-1200 to learn more.

One method is a continuous injection system that inserts small amounts of tailored chemicals each day. The second option is a routine batch treatment with aqueous, solid, and/or gel chemicals. The continuous injection method works best, making the treatment more like taking a daily preventative vitamin than letting issues build up to the point where surgery is the only option.

Another benefit of their well-specific hybrid program is that the treatment is not limited to the well itself—those paraffin, iron sulfide, bacteria and other problems are solved through the entire system, from separators, pumps, piping and tanks, all the way to the sales line.

The accompanying graph illustrates results from Production Lift's case study. The left side shows number of plunger lift trips before treatment and on the right are trips after chemical treatment. Basically, it demonstrates <1 percent failure rate of plunger cycles and a 20 percent increase in production. The results are attributed to the chemical solutions removing tubular buildup and managing formation skin damage so that the mechanical lifting device operates as designed.

With their success on plunger lift, Production Lift technicians are confident the system will also solve issues in gas lift, ESP, rod pump or other systems.

It's true—this is not just new, it's revolutionary--the idea of combining mechanical and chemical treatments to solve well problems. Everywhere the hybrid program has been applied, it's been extremely successful, but there's always hesitancy to embrace change. But there is little risk with this system—you can always go back to increased downtime and production loss.

But before you do that, call Production Lift and find out how this could save you thousands every year.

One call to Production Lift Companies is the solution to your production goals 800-594-3887 or 432-699-1200.

Make shorter oilfield disposal trips with Buchanan Disposal Solutions' centrally-located facility

Finding a location to dispose of produced water, along with solid waste such as expended frac sand, oil-and-water-based-drill mud, tank bottoms and more—how much drive time would that save your company? How many more trips could your trucks and drivers make if they were emptying their loads in the middle of the Midland Basin—near Greenwood—instead of driving miles out of the way?

Buchanan Disposal Solutions is already accepting SWD loads, cleaning tanks and refilling them with brine or fresh water. This already saves drivers time, making them more efficient.

Starting in January of 2019 they will add Class One non-hazardous oilfield solid waste to their disposal capabilities.

To accomplish this, they're adding a 300' by 300' solid waste drying pad that will give them tremendous capacity to accept your Class One non-hazardous waste while minimizing wait times. Here's what they'll be accepting:

- Expended Frac Sand
- Oil and Water Based Drill Mud
- Drill Cuttings
- Tank Bottoms and BS&W
- Gel Material

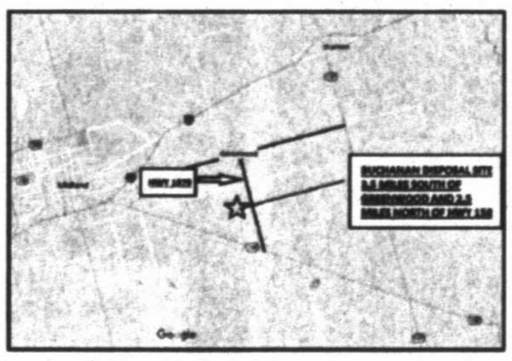
They'll also be washing out sand boxes.

This pad is basically two football fields, just over two acres, and it's the biggest pad of its kind in the area. This gives Buchanan plenty of capacity to accept massive amounts of energy waste also known as "solids" so your trucks can get back on the road as quickly as possible.

They're already offering quick turnaround in salt water disposal, vacuum truck washouts and reloading with fresh or brine water for the return trip. For drivers in both SWD and solids disposal, Buchanan staff does all the work, allowing those drivers to call their dispatcher, complete reports and grab a quick snack while stretching their legs.

Buchanan's goal is to get this done in 15 minutes so drivers can get back on the road refreshed and ready for their next trip. This is truly a "One Stop Shot" out of the cannon.

Here's the efficiency—if drivers get one more trip per day with shorter drive times to the facility (at 5118 FM 1379, three miles south of Greenwood) and with shorter turnaround times once they get there, a mid-to-large size company can save hundreds of thousands of dollars per year—and help solve the Permian Basin's critical shortage of drivers.

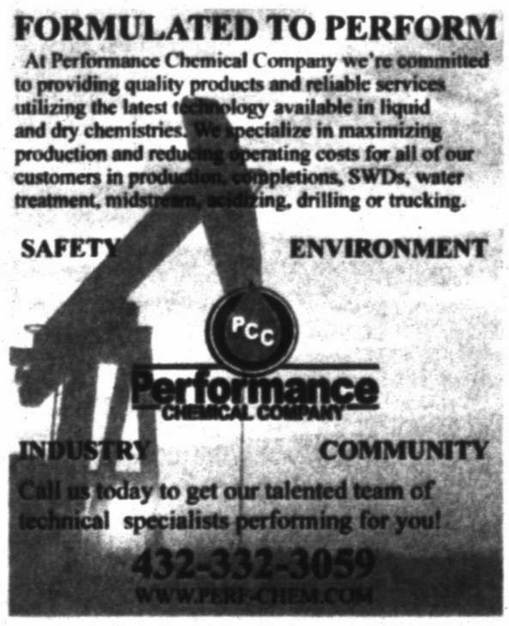


IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PATCH This map makes it easy to see how Buchanan Disposal Solutions' SWD and (soon to be added) solids facility saves drive time. It's central to a large percentage of Midland Basin wells. Call J. P. Boisse at 325-716-7701 to arrange a tour.

Buchanan's staff would love to give you a tour. They've opened their doors to people from the largest to the smallest companies, with the cleanliness of this waste facility. It's not often one can use "clean" and "waste facility" in the same sentence—but Buchanan customers can. That's the Buchanan standard.

With all this elite-level service, it's no surprise that Buchanan's motto is, "We Love Our Truckers." Your company will love Buchanan's fast, clean service as well.

Buchanan Disposal Solutions' One Stop Shot is located at 5118 FM 1379, three miles south of Greenwood High School. Their web address is www.buchanandisposal.com. Call J. P. Boisse at 325-716-7701 to arrange a tour.







DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Courtesy Drilling Info

From 5F

4594, T&P RR, 23.5 s Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-37839 Permit issued 12/6

PDC Permian Inc.
Stinger 1716 #A 2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 473 fnl, 578 fel, Sec 5, Blk 56, Abst. 2379, PSL, 23.71 nw Toyah; TD 13000; API #42-389-37842 Permit issued 12/7

PDC Permian Inc.
Old Monarch State 12 #B 2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 845 fsl, 723 fel, Sec 12, Blk 57, T-3, Abst. 5182, T&P RR, 5.9 sw Orla; TD 13000; API #42-389-37843 Permit issued 12/7

PDC Permian Inc.
Old Monarch State 12 #A 3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 845 fsl, 738 fel, Sec 12, Blk 57, T-3, Abst. 5182, T&P RR, 5.9 sw Orla; TD 13000; API #42-389-37844 Permit issued 12/7

PDC Permian Inc.
Old Monarch State 12 #A 4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 845 fsl, 753 fel, Sec 12, Blk 57, T-3, Abst. 5182, T&P RR, 5.9 sw Orla; TD 13000; API #42-389-37845 Permit issued 12/7

PDC Permian Inc.
Old Monarch State 12 #C 5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 845 fsl, 768 fel, Sec 12, Blk 57, T-3, Abst. 5182, T&P RR, 5.9 sw Orla; TD 13000; API #42-389-37846 Permit issued 12/7

Winkler County

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Sealy Smith Foundation -A- #167
Monahans North (Clearfork); 4619 fnl, 1980 fwl, Sec 51, Blk A, Abst. 43, G&MMB&A, 9.18 nw Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-34259 Permit issued 12/7

Champion Lone Star Operating LLC
CLS Walton #0836NE
Kermit; 459 fel, 6162 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 74, Abst. 1843, PSL, 6.1 nw Kermit; TD 3700; API #42-495-34260 Permit issued 12/7

Texas RRCD 8A

Borden County

Surge Operating LLC
Pamola Unit A 35-23 #2AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 30 fsl, 579 fwl, Sec 35, Blk 31, T-3-N, Abst. 232, T&P RR, 10.4 e Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-033-32502 Permit issued 12/7

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #10-21H
Kelly-Snyder-Horizontal; 6203 fnl, 5744 fel, Sec 449, Blk 97, Abst. 2067, H&TC RR, 10.29 n Snyder; TD 7800; API #42-415-35447 Permit issued 12/3

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #10-22H
Kelly-Snyder-Horizontal; 6897 fel, 11311 fnl, Sec 440, Blk 97, Abst. 1532, H&TC RR, 9.31 nw Snyder; TD 7800; API #42-415-35448 Permit issued 12/3

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #11-27H
Kelly-Snyder-Horizontal; 7585 fnl, 9292 fwl, Sec 449, Blk 97, Abst. 2067, H&TC RR, 9.9 nw Snyder; TD 7800; API #42-415-35449 Permit issued 12/3

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Palmillo 14 15 State #302
SW Palmillo; Sec 15 T19S R28E; 1775/S & 300/W; 12 mi NE Lakewood; Rot 18573 Bone Spring; API #30-015-45341

Apache Corp.
Palmillo 14 15 State #304
SW Palmillo; Sec 15 T19S R28E; 1750/S & 200/W; 12 mi NE Lakewood; Rot 18617 Bone Spring; API #30-015-45342

Apache Corp.
Palmillo 14 15 State #305
SW Palmillo; Sec 15 T19S R28E; 1720/N & 200/W; 12 mi NE Lakewood; Rot 18627 Bone Spring; API #30-015-45343

CL&F Operating LLC
Crazy Horse 0304 Fed Com #1
Gatuna Canyon; Sec 2 T20S R30E; 110/S & 436/W; 12 mi NW Halfway; Rot 18851 Bone Spring; API #30-015-45338

CL&F Operating LLC
Crazy Horse 0304 Fed Com #2
Gatuna Canyon; Sec 2 T20S R30E; 119/S & 465/W; 12 mi NW Halfway; Rot 19150 Bone Spring; API #30-015-45339

Caza Operating LLC
Alisa Ogden 15 #1
Purple Sage; Sec 15 T23S R27E; 1300/S & 258/E; 3 mi S Otis; Rot 14185 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45349

Caza Operating LLC
Alisa Ogden 15 #3
Purple Sage; Sec 15 T23S R27E; 1330/S & 258/E; 3 mi S Otis; Rot 14186 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45350

Kaiser-Francis Oil Co.
Wright Fed 2524 WC #2
East Loving; Sec 25 T23S R28E; 2490/N & 1500/E; 3 1/2 mi SE Loving; Rot 18178 Brushy Canyon; API #30-015-45352

Oxy USA Inc.
Sterling Silver MDP1 334 Fed #1
Ingle Wells; Sec 33 T23S R31E; 90/N & 834/W; 20 mi SW Halfway; Rot 20098 Bone Spring; API #30-015-45335

Oxy USA Inc.
Sterling Silver MDP1 33 4 Fed #171
Purple Sage; Sec 33 T23S R31E; 90/N & 869/W; 20 mi SW Halfway; Rot 21596 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45336

Oxy USA Inc.
Sterling Silver MDP1 33 4 Fed #172
Purple Sage; Sec 33 T23S R31E; 90/N & 904/W; 20 mi SW Halfway; Rot 21591 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45337

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Rick Deckard State 25 28 4 WA #2
Purple Sage; Sec 4 T25S R28E; 820/N & 1682/W; 5 mi SW Malaga; Rot 14261 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45344

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Rick Deckard State 25 28 4 WD #3
Purple Sage; Sec 4 T25S R28E; 820/N & 1622/W; 5 mi SW Malaga; Rot 15282 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45346

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Rick Deckard State 25 28 4 WXY #6
Purple Sage; Sec 4 T25S R28E; 820/N & 1652/W; 5 mi SW Malaga; Rot 14263 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45347

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Rick Deckard State 25 28 4 WXY #8
Purple Sage; Sec 4 T25S R28E; 820/N & 1712/W; 5 mi SW Malaga; Rot 14163 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45348

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Rick Deckard State 25 28 4 WA #9
Purple Sage; Sec 4 T25S R28E; 820/N & 1742/W; 5 mi SW Malaga; Rot 14270 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45345

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Fuller 13 12 W1GB Fed #4
Purple Sage; Sec 13 T26S R29E; 2500/N & 1830/E; 14 mi SE Malaga; Rot 17817 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-45331

Lea County

Matador Production Co.
Northeast Kemnitz 27 St #233
Kemnitz; Sec 22 T16S R34E; 155/S & 2369/E; 7 mi NW Buckeye; Rot 11457 Cisco; API #30-025-45284

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Inland 26 23 B2ML St #1
NE Grama Ridge; Sec 26 T21S R34E; 285/S & 270/W; 11 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 17733 Bone Spring; API #30-025-45281

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Inland 26 33 B3ML St #2
NE Grama Ridge; Sec 26 T21S R34E; 285/S & 300/W; 11 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 18562 Bone Spring; API #30-025-45282

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Inland 26 23 B2PI St #1
NE Grama Ridge; Sec 26 T21S R4E; 205/S & 450/E; 11 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 1782 Bone Spring; API #30-025-45283

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Flager 8 Fed #39
Red Hills; Sec 8 T25S R33E; 380/S & 2570/W; 9 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 23852 Bone Spring; API #30-025-45261

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Flager 8 Fed #40
Red Hills; Sec 8 T25S R33E; 380/S & 1710/E; 9 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-45262

Centennial Resources Production LLC
Duck Hunt 1 State Com #301
North Antelope Ridge; Sec 1 T23S R34E; 2340/S & 801/E; 10 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 17108 Bone Spring; API #30-025-45264

Centennial Resources Production LLC
Duck Hunt 1 State Com #501
North Antelope Ridge, Sec 1 T23S R34E; 2340/S & 771/E; 10 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 17857 Bone Spring; API #30-025-45265

Centennial Resources Production LLC
Duck Hunt 1 State Com #601
North Antelope Ridge; Sec 1 T23S R34E; 2340/S & 741/E; 10 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 18150 Bone Spring; API #30-025-45266

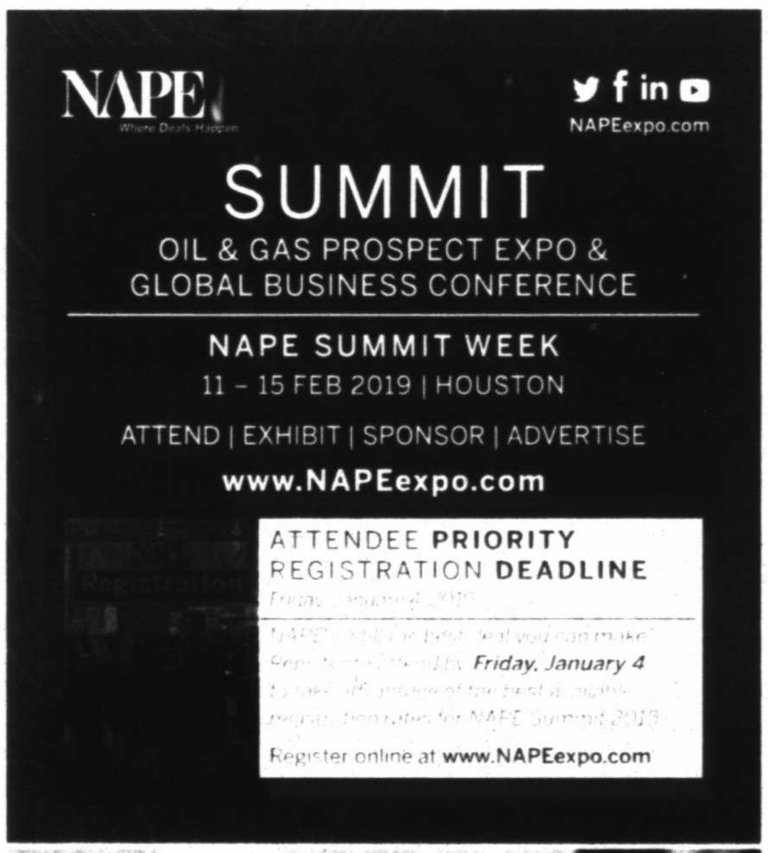
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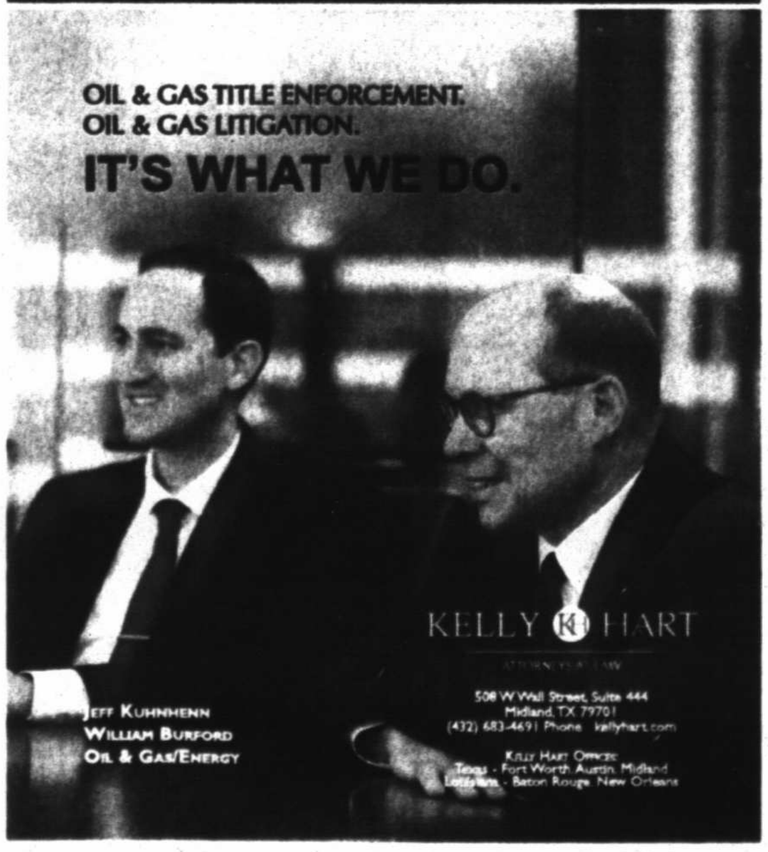
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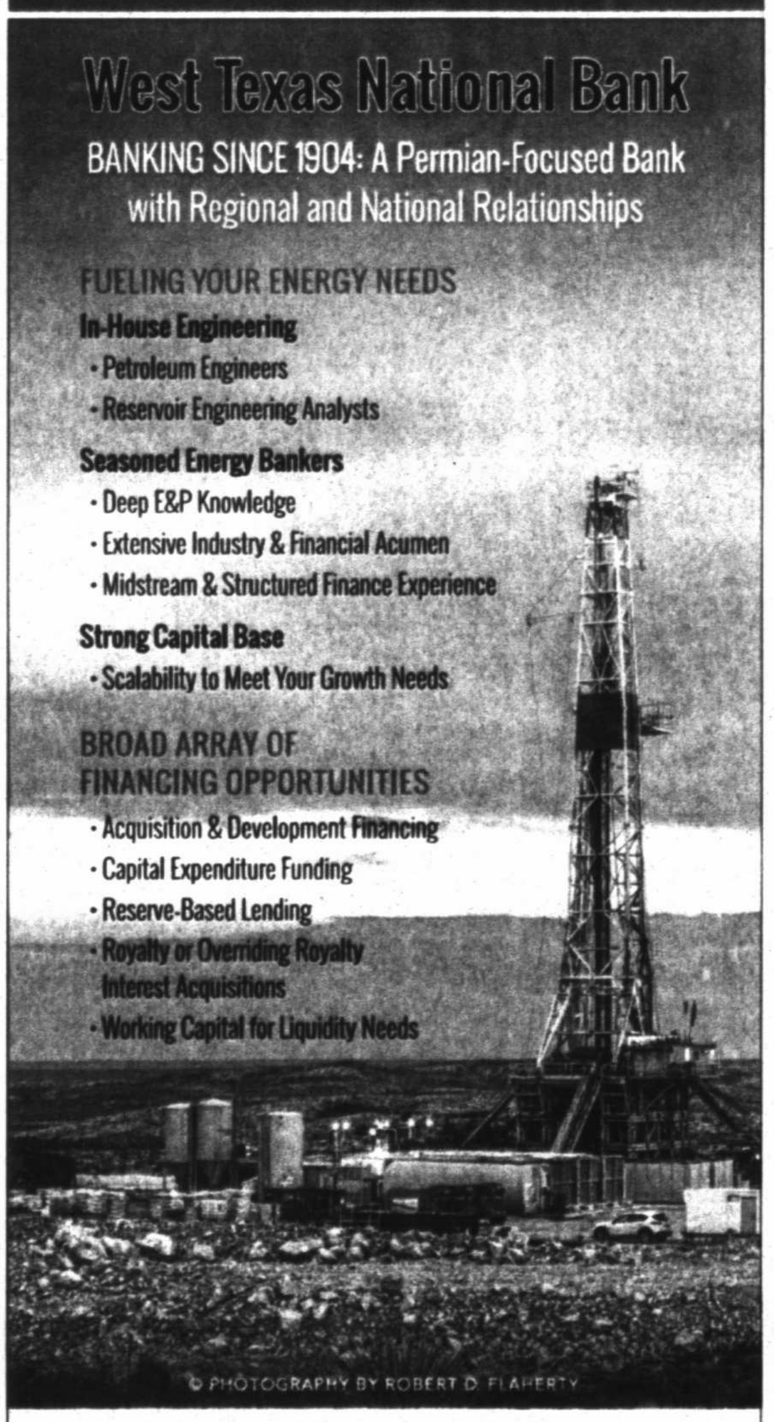
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