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Oil and gas activity firmly back in growth mode

For first time since late 2014, Permian activity exceeds year-ago levels

By Mella McEwen
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For the first time since crude prices began falling in late 2014, Permian Basin oil and gas activity is exceeding year-ago levels.

The Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index achieved the milestone of year-over-year increases in February, according to Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the index. He said the index was up sharply from January levels and is 2.4 percent higher than the February 2016 levels.

Ingham also cited sharp improvements in crude oil price averages, rig count, drilling permits and oil and gas employment compared to year-ago levels.

February crude prices were just over $50 a barrel, up 84.7 percent from the $27.08 averaged the previous February. This is the first time prices have topped $50 a barrel since June 2015, according to Ingham.

He said activity may slow in the near future barring an unforeseen event that sends prices significantly higher. The rig count, which had more than doubled since last summer, has seen its growth curve flatten over the last couple of weeks, both in the Permian Basin and statewide, Ingham said.

"How far will $50 take us? I don't know the answer but it will take us ahead for the foreseeable future," he said.

While the industry has momentum at the moment, he said the outlook bears watching.

"We'll see where oil prices land," he said. "At some point there will be a plateau. The rig count may already be stalled

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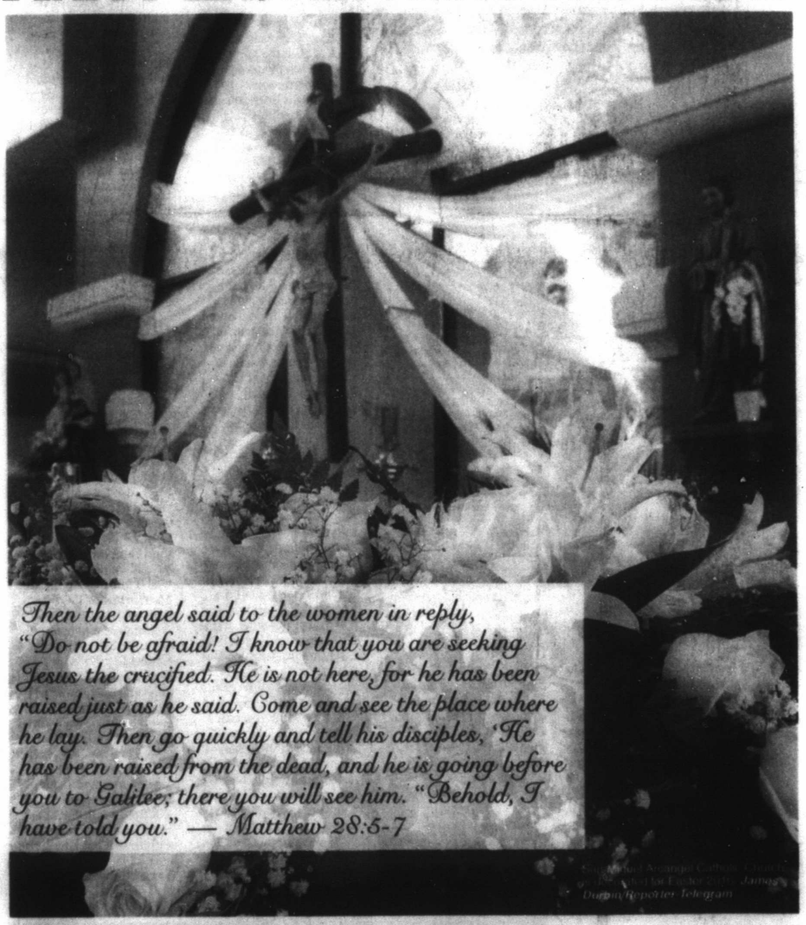

Congregation Assunta Cathedral Sunday, for Easter celebration. James Durham/Reporter-Telegram

Students worry about lack of opportunities in Permian

■ Expo panelist says kids here are taught to leave the region

By Trevor Hawes
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Baby boomers are retiring at a fast clip, and that might have the once-dominant workforce a bit worried as they're replaced by younger folks. There are certainly a lot of questions. Are they capable? Are they interested? Is the burst of technology once only thinkable in the world of "Star Trek" really beneficial? Are they even paying attention?

A panel discussion at the Permian Basin Oil & Gas Conference & Expo on Wednesday featured panelists who are all students at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. They shared their expectations about work life, how they view the culture of employment in the Permian Basin and how they view other generations.

Kathleen McNeil is a 37-year-old in Generation X, defined at the panel as those born from 1965 to 1984. Natalia Ponce, 28, represents the millennials, less commonly referred to as Generation Y, who were born between 1984 and 2000. Joseph Gabaldon, 22, is the on-the-cusp representative of Generation Z. Social scientists are still trying to figure out the date range for Gen Z, though it's roughly the mid-1990s through the early 2000s.

The panelists had a lot in common, particularly about challenges in the work world here in the Permian. "Mostly everything here is oilfield-related," Ponce said.

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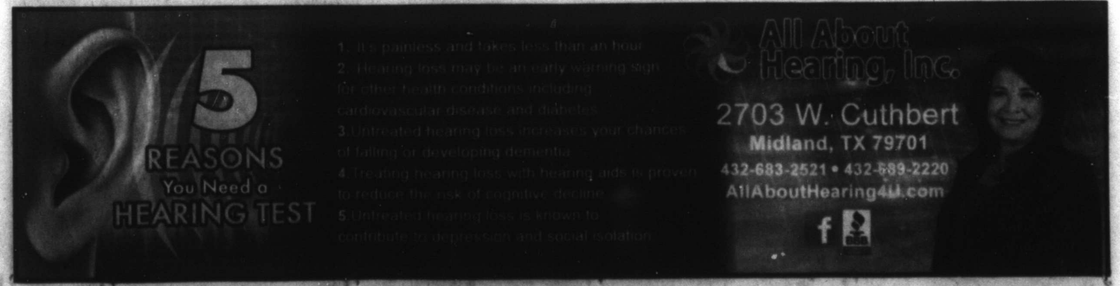

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Zoanthropy
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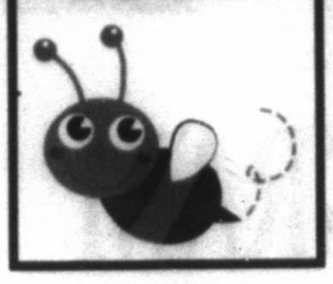
noun
1. a mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal.



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Stronger economy lets Fed get back to normal

The Economist

By M. Ray Perryman

It's been almost a decade, but the Federal Reserve (Fed) is finally confident enough in the economy to begin actions to get back to normal after the "great recession." This is good news, because getting the Fed's balance sheet back in order is essential to future economic performance.

As the global financial crisis unfolded beginning in 2007, the Federal Reserve stepped in to help lessen the fallout for the U.S. economy (and, by extension, the rest of the world). Short-term interest rates were reduced to virtually zero in order to stimulate investment, and unconventional policy measures were also taken to try to drive down longer-term interest rates. To accomplish these objectives, the Federal Reserve (through the Federal Open Market Committee or FOMC) buys securities, thereby injecting money into the economy. Those actions were absolutely essential, as the global financial system was literally on the brink. After the worst of the situation passed, the Fed continued to stimulate the economy through a weak recovery period, a process that came to be known as "Quantitative Easing." The merits of this effort are more debatable, but the time for that discussion (other than within the halls of academia) has long passed.

The combination of lower interest rates and more liquidity helps get the economy going again by stimulating investment. However, it also leaves the Federal Reserve with a large portfolio of securities. Moreover, if interest rates are already low and liquidity is already high, the Fed's options are far more limited if the economy takes another tumble.

It's a delicate balancing act to bring things back to normal. If the Fed acts too quickly, the pace of growth and hiring could be negatively affected. If they act too slowly, inflation could ramp up (in addition to the other problems of a bloated balance sheet). Hence, the move toward normalization of monetary policy, which is the plan for bringing short-term interest rates and the Fed's portfolio back toward more typical patterns, must be managed with care.

Several years ago (September 2014), the FOMC released a very clear statement regarding how the normalization would occur when the economy was strong enough and the time was right, with more insight provided after various meetings. It is important that the Fed be crystal clear with these plans to avoid any nasty surprises for financial markets around the world.

The timing and pace of actions to raise the federal funds rate (and other short-term interest rates) to more normal levels and to reduce the Federal Reserve's securities holdings will be driven by the overarching statutory mandate of the Fed: maximum employment and price stability.

Over time, the stated intention is that the Federal Reserve will hold no more securities than it needs to implement monetary policy efficiently and effectively. Also, the plan is that primarily Treasury securities will be held in order to minimize the effect of Federal Reserve holdings on the allocation of credit across sectors of the economy. At the moment, the Fed has several trillion dollars more than it needs, and many of them are invested in mortgage bonds. So the task is arduous indeed.

In December 2015, economic conditions were sufficiently improved for the FOMC to begin the process of normalization by raising the target range for the federal funds rate for the first time since December 2008. Subsequent mixed results in the economic data led the Fed to keep the rate at the level until the second increase in the target rate which occurred in December 2016. At the most recent meeting in late March, the rate was raised again. To put this in perspective, these three increases total 75 basis points (or 0.75 percent); between September 2007 and December 2008, there were 10 decreases which shifted the target rate from 4.75 percent to essentially zero. In other words, there is still a long way to go to get back to anything approaching pre-recession levels.

This will be a case of "slow and steady wins the race." The approach outlined in September 2014 was reaffirmed at the last meeting and the plan continues to be to reduce the Fed's security holdings in a gradual and predictable way, primarily by phasing out reinvestments of principal received from those securities. Most members of the FOMC agreed that changing the target federal funds rate range should be the primary means of adjusting monetary policy, and that reducing the size of the balance sheet should be accomplished in a predictable way. At the recent March meeting, it was indicated that the balance sheet part of the effort would likely start later this year.

The idea is that this gradual change in monetary policy will allow economic activity to continue to expand at a moderate pace so that labor market conditions will improve further while inflation remains in check. The actions taken by the Fed down the road will depend on incoming data and what it reveals about the current and likely future state of the economy. It is good to see the process of returning to normal underway, and as the balance sheet comes back into line over time, I and many of my peers who watch such things closely will be more at ease. The fact that the process is so transparent will help avoid shocks, and unless the economy experiences a major setback, the Fed's plan will see us back to normal without undue disruption. It should not be forgotten that even bringing up the balance sheet represents an enormous expression of confidence in the economy going forward, which is good news for all of us.

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BBB warns IRS phone scam increases during tax season

Better Business Bureau

With the April 18 tax deadline approaching, Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas is warning people about an IRS phone scam that circulates during filing season. BBB regularly receives reports from people who allege they received calls from scammers impersonating IRS agents.

IRS impersonators make threats of arrest, deportation and license revocation if they don't receive immediate payment. The scammers instruct people to put money on a prepaid debit card, an iTunes gift card or send payment via wire transfer.

Since 2015, BBB Scam Tracker has received more than 48,000 reports of this scam nationwide. More than 4,000 reports of this scam came from Texas. In the last year, Texans reported losing more than $27,000 to this phone scam, according to Scam Tracker data.

BBB offers this advice to avoid getting scammed:

■ **Look out for Caller ID spoofing.**

Part of scammers' tactics include Caller ID spoofing, which happens when the caller masks their own number and causes the number of a well-known service, like the IRS, to appear on Caller ID. Also, the caller might give a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number.

■ **Protect your personal information.**

Don't provide any account number or other financial information over the phone.

■ **Don't be bullied.**

Never trust callers who use threats and hostility to push you into doing what they want. Be skeptical of what a caller claims he or she can do if you refuse to meet their demand.

■ **Hang up.**

Consider joining the Do Not Call Registry to cut down on telemarketing and sales calls. This may not help with scammers, but you'll get fewer calls overall. This may help you more quickly notice the ones that could be fraudulent.

■ **Report it.**

If you're unsure if the call is real, contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 or go to irs.gov. Write down the number, name of the caller and other details, and report it to BBB Scam Tracker and the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) to help warn others. BBB also shares Scam Tracker information with government and law enforcement agencies, so every piece of information is helpful in tracking down scammers.

BBB wants people to remember that the IRS will never contact you by phone or email, and they won't ask for immediate payment in the form of a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The IRS only contacts people by mail.

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Deadline for filing tax returns is Tuesday this year

WASHINGTON — Hey, procrastinators: Don't freak out if you haven't finished your taxes. The IRS is giving you a reprieve until Tuesday.

The usual April 15 deadline falls on today this year. That would normally push the deadline to Monday. However, Monday is a holiday in the District of Columbia, so by law, the filing deadline is extended until Tuesday.

Monday is Emancipation Day in the District of Columbia. It marks the day in 1862 in which 3,100 slaves living in Washington were freed.

All the states that usually have an April 15 deadline have delayed their filing date as well. A handful of states have later deadlines.

The IRS has already processed 101 million individual returns and has issued $229 billion in refunds. The average refund is $2,851.

The tax agency said Thursday that nearly 40 million taxpayers have yet to file their returns. Taxpayers can request an automatic six-month extension.

But there is no extension for paying your tax bill. If you owe additional taxes, they are still due Tuesday.

"With the tax deadline approaching, taxpayers shouldn't panic. The IRS has many options available to help people as they finalize their tax returns or if they need to get extra time to file," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen.

As last-minute filers rush to finish their taxes, their chances of getting audited have rarely been lower.

The number of people audited by the IRS in 2016 dropped for the sixth straight year, to just over 1 million. The last time so few people were audited was 2004. Since then, the U.S. has added about 30 million people.

The IRS blames budget cuts as money for the agency shrank from $12.2 billion in 2010 to $11.2 billion last year. Over that period, the agency has lost more than 17,000 employees, including nearly 7,000 enforcement agents. About 80,000 people work at the IRS.

In 2016, the number of people audited by the IRS dropped by 16 percent from the year before. Just 0.7 percent of individuals were audited, either in person or by mail. That's the lowest audit rate since 2003.

The higher your income, the more likely you are to be audited. The IRS audited 1.7 percent of returns that reported more than $200,000 in income.

Associated Press

Can't pay your taxes? Here are 6 ways to cope

By Tina Orem
NerdWallet

Finding the cash to pay a larger-than-expected tax bill can be tricky, but tax pros say there are ways to deal with the surprise without having to pawn the family heirlooms.

1. Take a deep breath.

Though crimes such as tax fraud or evasion certainly can come with jail time, the IRS probably won't send you to prison simply for being short on cash, said Ken Portera, an enrolled agent in East Brunswick, New Jersey.

"They're going to send you a bill. I mean, it's as simple as that," he said. That bill will include interest and probably late-payment penalties, Portera warns. The IRS generally charges around 4 percent annual interest plus a monthly late-payment penalty of 0.5 percent on unpaid balances.

2. Still file your tax return on time.

"That way, you're not going to be subject to failure-to-file penalties — because they are significantly higher than the failure-to-pay penalties," warns Melinda Kibler, a certified financial planner with Palisades Hudson Financial Group in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

If you're not done preparing your return, get a filing extension by April 18. But take note: An extension gives you more time to file, not more time to pay.

3. Pay what you can right away.

Because the IRS charges interest and failure-to-pay penalties on unpaid balances, sending even a little money with your tax return is better than sending nothing.

"If you can pay down more now, that means less interest and penalties as you scrounge together the rest of the money to cover the bill," Kibler said.

4. Look into a payment plan with the IRS.

Not many people know these exist, Portera said, but they can show the IRS you're making an effort.

If you can pay your tax bill within 120 days, a full payment agreement might come in handy. It won't turn back the clock on interest or late-payment penalties, but there's no fee to set up the plan.

If you need more than 120 days and owe less than $50,000 in combined taxes, penalties and interest, an online payment agreement could be an option. The setup fees can run over $100, but they can be reduced if you establish automatic payments.

If you owe more than $50,000, you can apply for an installment agreement. Sometimes the IRS will even consider settling for less than what you owe in an "offer in compromise."

Set up a plan that leaves you with some financial breathing room in case life gets in the way and you need cash for emergencies, said Lew Hurwitz, an enrolled agent in Petaluma, California. You can always send extra money if you have it, he notes.

5. Think twice about borrowing or raiding your 401(k).

It might be tempting to pay a tax bill with a credit card so that it's done (and so you can get frequent-flier miles or other rewards), but the card's interest rate may be higher than what you'd pay under an IRS payment plan. Plus, the IRS charges a fee to pay with a credit card, Hurwitz said, "It really isn't worth it."

Raiding retirement accounts can trigger early withdrawal penalties, Hurwitz adds. Drawing on a home equity line of credit

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Today is Easter

Many Christians celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. The Easter date depends on the ecclesiastical approximation of the March equinox. Many churches hold special services Easter Sunday, which celebrate the Jesus Christ's resurrection after his crucifixion. Many people also decorate eggs.

Source: timeanddate.com

Things to do

Monday

■ All-Day Skate, noon-5 p.m., KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 A Andrews Highway. $6 admission, $1 skate rental, $5 rollerblade rental. Cash only. kcsnuttyroller.com.

■ U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts center, 1310 N. FM 1788. Free. wagnernoel.com.

Wednesday

■ "Greater Tuna," 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts center, 1310 N. FM 1788. wagnernoel.com.

Friday and Saturday

■ George Lopez and D.L. Hughley Together Live at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

Saturday

■ Bill and Gail Engvall's Pumpjack Paradise benefiting Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center. Golf tournament 7:30 a.m. at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Evening party with music by Aaron McDonnell and the Neon Eagles. 7 p.m. at ClayDesta Atrium. Midlandchildrens.org.

■ Midland Downtown Farmers Market. Earth DayFestival at the market with Keep Midland Beautiful, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

■ MARC's Big Boys' Toys 2017 with Sara Evans, 6 p.m., April 22 at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail.

■ Drew Thomas Magic by the Cowan Performing Arts Series, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St. Free. midland.edu.

■ Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m., Yucca Theater, 208 N. Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

Meetings this week

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

Midland ISD
■ 5:30 p.m. Monday
■ Administration Building - Room 101
■ 615 W. Missouri Ave.

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

349 Campus Informational Meeting
■ 6-7 p.m. Tuesday
■ Bowie Fine Arts Auditorium
■ 805 Elk (Entrance and parking off "A" Street)

Top rains in April

(daily)
1. April 28, 1931 ..... 2 inches
2. April 17, 1979 ..... 1.62 inches
4. April 4, 1932 ..... 1.58 inches
3. April 12, 2017 ..... 1.47 inches
5. April 15, 2004 ..... 1.33 inches

(Monthly)
1. April 1931 ..... 3.59 inches
2. April 1949 ..... 2.85 inches
3. April 1941 ..... 2.6 inches
4. April 2017 ..... 2.46 inches*
5. April 1996 ..... 2.44 inches
*indicates through April 13

Source: National Weather Service

4B election forum

League of Women Voters, 7:30 p.m. April 24, Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room at Midland College. Contact http://lwv.org/local-league/lwv-midland. Note: The date of this forum was changed because of the Easter holiday.

Sales tax figures

April 2017 collection $2,700,652
April 2016 collection $2,420,031
Percent increase 11.6

Fiscal year-to-date total: $20,448,578

Percent decrease from last year: 6.2

Amount dedicated in April to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.: $675,163

Amount dedicated this fiscal year to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.: $5,112,144

This fiscal year

October ..... 15.2 percent decrease
November ..... 16.74 percent decrease
December ..... 0.53 percent decrease
January ..... 0.64 percent increase
February ..... 11.01 percent decrease
March ..... 7.9 percent increase
April ..... 11.6 percent increase

Note: Sales tax collection is generated by sales tax income from two months before.

Source: City of Midland reports

This date in Texas

On April 16, 1947, the cargo ship Grandcamp, carrying a load of ammonium nitrate, blew up in the harbor in Texas City; a nearby ship, the High Flyer, which was carrying ammonium nitrate and sulfur, caught fire as a result and exploded the following day; the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people.

Source: Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-0-6
Pick 3 day: 6-1-2
Pick 3 evening: 1-9-0
Pick 3 night: 4-8-1
Daily 4 morning: 7-7-1-3
Daily 4 day: 7-7-8-7
Daily 4 evening: 7-3-7-1
Daily 4 night: 1-9-9-5
Cash Five: 1-14-30-36-37
Lotto Texas: 2-11-36-40-42-53
Powerball: 5-22-26-45-61 PB: 13
Power Play: 3
Texas Triple Chance: 1-12-20-23-29-34-39-41-46-55
All or Nothing morning: 1-8-9-11-12-13-14-16-18-19-21-24
All or Nothing day: 2-5-8-11-14-17-18-19-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-8-9-10-11-12-15-20-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-5-6-8-9-10-11-13-14-15-18-21

Today in history

Today is Easter Sunday, April 16. the 106th day of 2017. There are 259 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1940, Major League Baseball's first (and, to date, only) opening day no-hitter took place as Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians pitched a no-no against the Chicago White Sox, 1-0, at Comiskey Park.

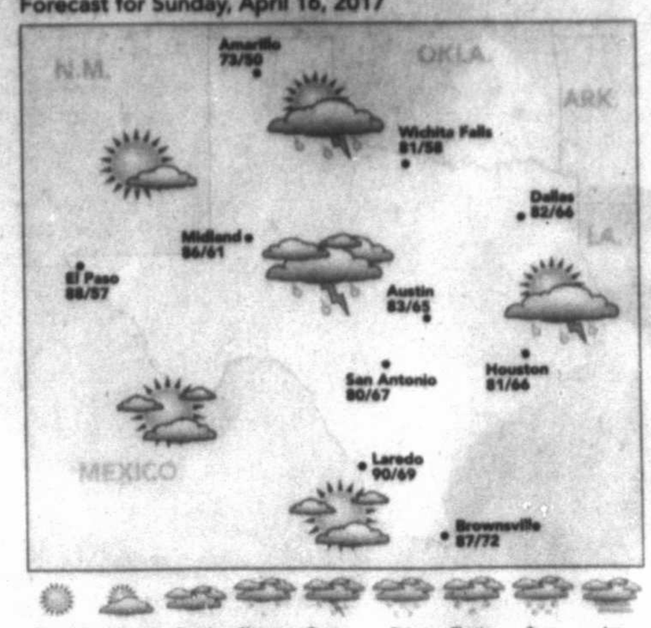
In 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

In 1986, dispelling rumors he was dead, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi appeared on television to condemn the U.S. raid on his country and to say that Libyans were "ready to die" defending their nation.

Ten years ago:

In one of America's worst school attacks, college senior Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

Forecast for Sunday, April 16, 2017



Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice

Saturday's temperatures
High 85
Low 62
Normal high 79
Normal low 49

April 15's records
Record high: 95 set in 2006
Record low: 27 set in 1933

Precipitation
Friday ..... 0.00 in.
Saturday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 2.46 in.
Year total ..... 4.78 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 2.20 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 22 mph
Gust speed: 26 mph

April 16 forecast
High: 85
Low: 63
Conditions: Mostly sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
Winds: 10-15 mph
Chance of rain: 20 percent today/40 percent tonight

Sunrise ..... 7:20 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:18 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

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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 Aries and a Moon in Sagittarius if born before 6:05 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 16, 2017:

This year you are optimistic yet serious. Not everyone can handle inconsistency as well as you can. Your decisions tend to differ according to what mood you're in. If you are single, a potential sweetie finds you very exciting. Don't worry about defining your feelings -- just enjoy being with this person. If you are attached, hopefully your significant other understands that you are in a phase of some sort. Find a special way to let your sweetie know how much you appreciate him or her. CAPRICORN often rains on your parade.

Aries
(March 21-April 19)

★★★ Detach in order to come to a better understanding of where others are coming from. Moving out of your mindset will be critical. A serious talk could relieve some of the stress you feel. Your spontaneity could take over. **Tonight:** Only now can a conversation become possible.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A partner plays a significant role in your day. You might enjoy some of the lightness you share, yet a serious topic demands your attention. Take off for a movie or some other form of entertainment. Give yourself a break from the constant chatter. **Tonight:** Be near good music.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Many people will seek you out. The reasons vary, but the message is clear: Your support means a lot. A serious conversation can be postponed, but make sure that you're OK with that choice. You don't want to ruin a close-to-perfect afternoon. **Tonight:** Let your hair down.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22)

★★★ Try not to wear yourself down by pushing too hard to complete a project. You could find yourself running around doing errands. Take a nap if you can, as plans might pop up from out of the blue. Go out and meet up with a friend. **Tonight:** Finally, you can let off some steam.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might choose to work from home or take the day off. How you structure your free time and decide what to do could vary from person to person. Make the most of this unanticipated personal time. Pursue whatever is your pleasure. **Tonight:** Wind down.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Getting going takes effort, but try not to push yourself too hard. Take a lazy day or a few hours to go off and indulge yourself. Out of a lessening of rigidity emerges some compassion and perhaps even some carefree moments. **Tonight:** Enjoy the laughter that surrounds you.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Make morning calls and enjoy catching up with loved ones. A friend might have some fun news to share. Staying close to certain individuals remains a high priority for you. You could be surprised by a partner's reaction later in the day. Try not to take it personally. **Tonight:** Out late.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You could be in a situation where you feel as if you have to handle a personal and/or financial matter. You might need to end the thought of making a purchase you have been considering for a while. Make plans for later in the day. **Tonight:** Swap news with a friend.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You could be coming off more seriously than you realize. Perhaps your taxes have posed a challenge for you, or maybe you are simply looking at a more serious issue than usual. Decide to indulge yourself a little. **Tonight:** Make dinner an event.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Use the daylight hours to do whatever you want. You might be in the process of renewing your energy and taking a break from the recent hectic pace. Accept an invitation for an evening out with some friends, and you'll be glad that you did. **Tonight:** Full of get-up-and-go.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Your sense of direction emerges in a discussion. Make calls and reach out to someone at a distance. It might fit your schedule perfectly to plan a vacation with a loved one in the near future. Consider meeting this person halfway. **Tonight:** Get a head start on Monday.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Forget finding a free moment. Others seek you out, which leaves barely any time for you to do what you want. Responsibilities call, and you have little choice but to respond. Listen to your intuition. Postpone a visit for later in the day. **Tonight:** Accept a fun invitation.

Get a taste of life in Midland in today's Culture section

May God bless you and your family.

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BUSINESSBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

West Texas National Bank names executive vice president

Mark D. McKinney has been promoted to executive vice president of West Texas National Bank.

He joined the bank in 2009 as a senior vice president in the energy and commercial lending area and in 2011 became the bank's chief credit officer.

McKinney's 40 years of banking experience includes two years at the OCC as a National Bank Examiner and 38 years with both community and national, in scope, banks in various senior lending and management roles.

New executive vice president named at Lone Star State Bank

Garth Wright has been named executive vice president of Lone Star State Bank in Dinero Plaza, 1004 N. Big Spring St.

Wright has been in the banking business for 35 years, all of it in Midland. He most recently was with a community bank located primarily in West Texas, establishing its first Midland branch in 2002. He served as that bank's market president in 2008 until he joined Lone Star State Bank. He began his career with Midland National Bank.

AimBank acquires two branches

David Shipman, Midland Market president of AimBank, has announced the completed acquisition of the Muleshoe State Bank with locations in Muleshoe and Farwell.

Shipman said the two new branches will complement the bank's existing footprint in West Texas.

AimBank serves 18 locations in the Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin and Big Country regions of Texas with locations in Midland, Odessa, Abilene, Amarillo, Farwell, Levelland, Littlefield, Lubbock, Miami, Muleshoe, Pampa, Plains, Shamrock, Snyder and Wolfforth.

Van Pearcy recognized by Barron's

Midlander Van Pearcy, branch manager and financial advisor with Raymond James Financial Services, was recently named to Barron's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors and also the Financial Times Top 400 Financial Advisors (FT 400) lists for 2017.

This is the third consecutive year that Pearcy has been named to the Barron's Top 1,200 Financial Advisors list, and the FT 400 has included him four of the five years the list has been produced.

Pearcy and his team of 11 manage more than $1.5 billion in client assets and offer planning services in the areas of asset allocation, retirement income/accumulation planning, estate issues, asset protection through insurance, trust services, and other complex wealth solutions.

BUILDINGPERMITS

APRIL 3-7

1811 E. Interstate 20	Commercial Alteration
2507 W. Wall St.	Commercial Alteration
4416 Briarwood Ave.	Commercial Alteration
2201 N. Big Spring St.	Commercial Alteration
702 S. Jefferson St.	Fence
6418 Saddle Horn Lane	Swimming Pool
5906 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd	Swimming Pool
6516 Blue Bonnet Ave.	New Residence
2504 Briaroaks Drive	New Residence
5309 Balfour Court	New Residence
2507 Keswick Road	Residential Addition
1221 E. Hamby Ave.	Residence-Detached
5422 Patriot Parkway	Residential Addition
1216 E. Nobles Ave.	Residential Alteration
4502 Versailles Drive	Residence-Detached
1113 Chestnut Ave.	Residence-Detached
4313 Coronado Court	New Residence
1201 Corwair Court	New Residence
1405 Harvest Rain St.	New Residence
1411 Overshine Lane	New Residence
1306 Silverton Drive	Residential Addition
701 S. Lincoln St.	Residential Addition
3313 Stewart Ave.	Residential Alteration
1502 S. Dallas St.	Residence-Detached
3631 Hyde Park Ave.	Residence-Detached
6012 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd	Residence-Detached
4102 Crestgate Ave.	Residential Alteration
1200 Storey Ave.	Residential Addition
5 Hanover Drive	Residential Alteration
1403 Bedford Drive	Residential Alteration
6118 Wichita Court	New Residence
1923 Morgan Way	Residential Alteration
4626 W. Cuthbert Ave.	Residence-Detached
5509 San Saba Court	Residential Addition
6911 Cactus Trail	Residence-Detached
1416 E. Jax Ave.	Residence-Detached
4 Hanover Drive	Residential Alteration
1306 Brand Lane	Residence-Detached
1405 Overshine Lane	New Residence
5120 Andrews Highway	Sign
4519 N. Garfield St.	Sign
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418 Andrews Highway	Sign
2212 Rankin Highway	Sign
2110 Rankin Highway	Sign
1101 Cherry Lane	Sign
921 N. Fairgrounds Road	Sign
1910 N. Big Spring St.	Sign

Source: City of Midland

PLAN

From 2A

does buy time, and the interest can be tax-deductible, but getting a HELOC usually isn't free. Plus, it can create a temptation to overspend and run up the balance, Portera notes.

6. Make sure it doesn't happen again.

For many people, avoiding a surprise tax bill can be as simple as adjusting their W-4 form, which they give to their employers instructing them on how much income tax to withhold from their paychecks. Increasing the amount withheld can help set aside more tax money for next year — "so you're not in the hole," Portera said.

Online:
■ **NerdWallet, "How to File a Tax Extension Online":** https://nerd.me/2kRuqla
■ **IRS Notices and Bills, Penalties, and Interest Charges:** https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc653.html
■ **IRS Tax Payment Options:** https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc202.html

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THE EASTER SCRAMBLE

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COUNTERCLOCKWISE: Children search for eggs Saturday at the Easter Egg Hunt outside Alamo Heights Baptist Church. Cillian Allison hunts for eggs. Charlotte Murphy holds her basket full of eggs after a good haul. Kids receive jelly beans and treats before the hunt. The hunter finds an egg during the hunt.

Fire marshals warn about risks in home workshops, garages

By Simone Jasper
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While working on cars and motorcycles, Gilbert Salgado always kept safety in mind. So it came as a surprise when a fire ignited recently in his home workshop.

The flash fire started when Salgado was transferring gasoline between a gas tank and a motorcycle. A 100-watt drop light bulb caused the fumes to ignite, he said.

"I don't want it to happen to [anybody] else," Salgado said. "I was aware, but I wasn't thinking."

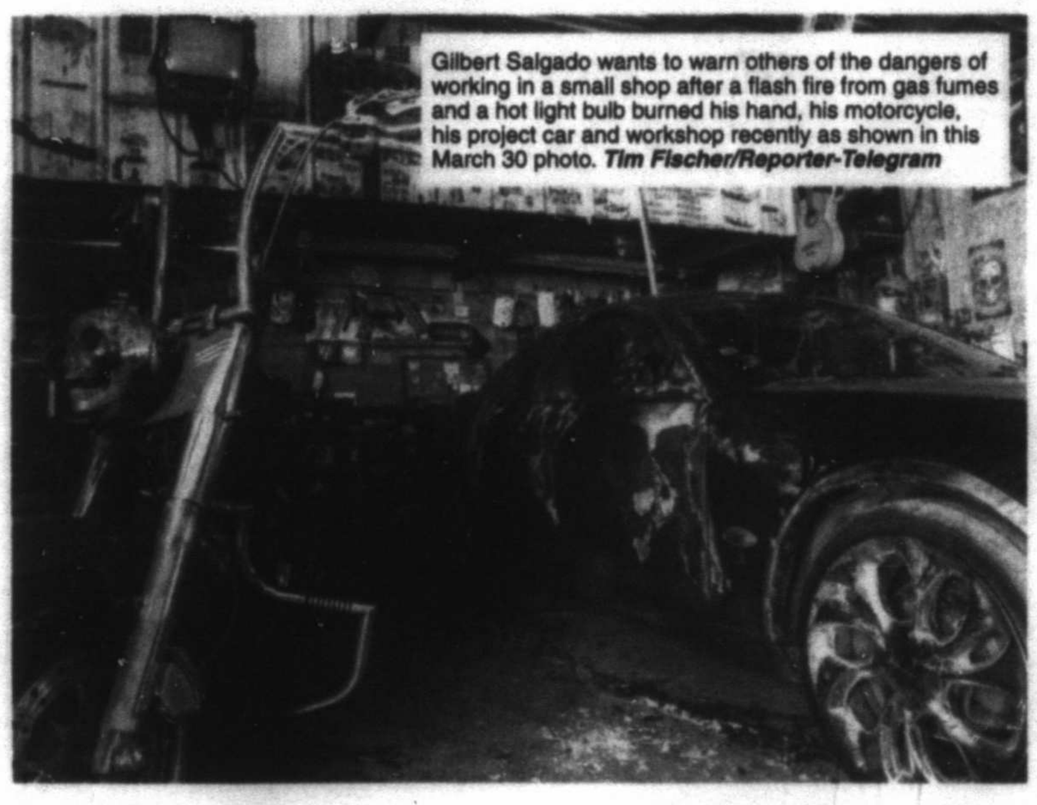
The fire on Salgado's property hasn't been the only one locally. The Midland Fire Department has been dispatched to other incidents at home workspaces, according to Fire Marshal David Hickman.

"Fires in homes and shops are not uncommon," Hickman said. "People miss steps."

Hickman said gasoline has a high vapor release, so people should be aware of their surroundings while working with it at home.

"If you're removing a fuel tank or working on a fuel system, constantly be looking around that there's no [ignition] source," Hickman said. "You don't want to be smoking or have an open flame, or in the winter a heater. If you're working on a motorcycle, remove fuel from the tank and drain the system prior to working on it."

Statewide, 3 percent of residential structure fires start in garages or carports, according to a 2015 report published by the State Fire Marshal's Office. In 2016, the most common known cause of garage or carport fires was electrical distribution, which cost more than $3.8 million in losses, according to Texas Fire Incident Reporting System data.



Gilbert Salgado wants to warn others of the dangers of working in a small shop after a flash fire from gas fumes and a hot light bulb burned his hand, his motorcycle, his project car and workshop recently as shown in this March 30 photo. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy said people shouldn't be deterred from using garages as work or storage spaces. But he advised them to use caution around the materials that may be inside.

"People need that space," Connealy said in a phone interview. "You want to keep the ignition source away from combustibles."

Locally, Hickman suggests Midlanders take a step further by moving items out of their workspaces to reduce the risk of fire.

"Keep the shop orderly and clean," Hickman said. "Remove combustible materials."

For other safety measures, Hickman and Connealy encourage people with in-garage water heaters to elevate them a few inches from the floor. They said water heaters and other ignition sources close to the ground could cause vapors to ignite. The fire marshals also urged residents to maintain adequate ventilation.

After Salgado's incident, he has taken measures to avoid future fires in his workshop.

"All the liquids I had in there are not in there anymore," Salgado said. "They got stored outside the workshop with the fire extinguisher. Transferring gas inside the shop, I'm not doing it anymore. You read in the newspaper and see it on TV, but you're never aware it can happen to you. It can in the moment if you're not thinking."

The fire injured Salgado's hand and damaged his motorcycle and other items stored in the workshop. He said the incident made him more conscious of the hazards in the space.

"For all the people who've got a 'man cave' or a shop in the back, they need to be aware of flammable liquids," Salgado said. "Keep them outside."

After the fire started, another person on Salgado's property soon called for help. Hickman said people should reach out immediately to first responders when they notice fires.

"One of the biggest mistakes people make is they try to fight the fire before calling 911," Hickman said. "It further delays stopping the fire, especially if they're working in the garage and other combustibles are there."

Homeowners can exercise precaution by installing smoke alarms and fire extinguishers in their garages, Connealy said.

Though some Midland home fires originate in workspaces, Hickman said many start when residents cook with oils or fats. Statewide, the kitchen is the most common area of origin for residential structure fires, according to the State Fire Marshal's Office report.

Hickman said his office tries to inform people about fire avoidance throughout the home.

"We try to educate the public," Hickman said. "People get complacent."

ACTIVITY

From 1A

right now, and drilling permits indicate strong activity for now. Assuming we don't get a significantly higher oil price in 2017, at what point do we reach an activity level incentivized by $50 oil?" he said.

As oil prices began their 85 percent surge, so did the rig count, Ingham said. The February rig count averaged 252 rigs, the first time it has topped 250 since March 2015 and was a 66.9 percent rise from the 151 rigs averaged last February.

Reflecting that growth in activity, estimated direct oil and gas employment in Midland-Odessa recorded a year-over-year increase of almost 700 jobs, or 2.4 percent, the first such increase since February 2015.

The Railroad Commission issued 564 drilling permits in February, up 79.6 percent from the 314 issued last February. In the first two months of the year, the commission has issued 1,051 permits, up 84.7 percent from 569 in the same period of 2016.

Operators reported 245 oil completions in February, down 40.8 percent from the 414 reported last February and have completed 489 oil wells so far this year, down 42.9 percent from the 856 completed at this time last year.

Crude production volumes rose 3.2 percent compared to February 2016 and are up 3.5 percent so far this year.

Natural gas continued to mirror crude oil, reporting higher prices and production volumes.

Natural gas averaged $2.61 per Mcf in February, up 45 percent from $1.80 last February. Producers reported only nine natural gas completions in February, down 69 percent from 29 last February and have completed 14 wells so far this year, down 72 percent from 50 a year ago.

Natural gas volumes from Permian Basin wells was up 3.3 percent over last February and is up 4.6 percent so far this year.

STUDENTS

From 1A

Added Gabaldon: "There's no diversification." That includes how interconnected employers are. Everyone knows everyone, and Gabaldon said that could hinder future work prospects if times at a job go awry. "If you're working for an employer, that employer knows other employers, so you have a lower chance of getting employed."

He likened the situation to a burn notice, a practice used by intelligence agencies to alert each other that certain assets or sources are unreliable. "It just burns your chances of getting a job. Whereas in bigger cities, I've seen it's easier to get jobs because you have diversification."

When times are good in the Permian, there's a sense that everyone is hiring and employees can quit one day and work for someone else the next. Ponce challenged that idea.

"I think that's more for the laborers. They have the option to switch from company to company," she said. "For people who work in the office, it's more difficult. Sometimes, you have the older person that has an established job, more credibility and more work experience compared to a younger person who is trying to get their foot in the door. It's a lot harder to try and get a good position."

The three generations represented shared a lot in common about employment.

"A lot of kids younger than me, once they graduate, they don't want to be here. They were taught get out of here. The evolvement here is only oil and gas."

Joseph Gabaldon

Social responsibility is important. Ponce said she wants to know her employer is working to help the community. Gabaldon agreed. "You can make money, but are you actually giving back the community? Are you practicing social responsibility … and demonstrating that to the community?"

They also want frequent evaluations. McNeil said she has experienced both yearly and monthly employee evaluations. "More frequent is more helpful," she said, adding that it makes her feel more comfortable with her boss. Ponce and Gabaldon also said frequent evaluations help them grow in their positions. No one wanted to be stagnant.

Terrible management would lead them to quit their jobs. "It boils down to respect. … Am I working for someone I have respect for and they have respect for me?"

One challenge shared was retaining kids from Midland and Odessa. "A lot of kids younger than me, once they graduate, they don't want to be here. They were taught get out of here," he said. It comes back to limited opportunities. "The evolvement here is only oil and gas."

Gen Xer McNeil is not concerned about the younger generations. "We're different, but the nice part is we can work together. From what I've experienced in my life is we're able to work together. Their strengths help teach me, and my strengths help teach them."

For Millennial Ponce, she's a bit concerned about behavior — and her own evolution. "Sometimes I feel they're overconfident. … I want to give them advice. Sometimes they don't listen. I guess I'm turning into my dad. Dang it."

For Gen Zer Gabaldon, he tells kids coming up to think hard about the perils of student debt. "Look at all your options and look at the bigger picture instead of just thinking you need to get out of here."

As for their perception of boomers, it's nothing but respect. "They were hard workers. I enjoy their work ethic," McNeil said.

Woman charged with endangering child

From staff reports

Portillo

A woman was arrested April 9 after allegedly endangering a child, according to court documents.

April S. Portillo, 31, was released Tuesday on a $10,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child with imminent danger of bodily injury and a $1,000 bond with conditions for a Class B misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated.

Midland police received a report about a disturbance at a business at about 7:40 a.m. April 9. A Midland County sheriff's deputy and Department of Public Safety troopers later responded to a call about a reckless driver.

Portillo allegedly drove a motor home from the business with a man and an unrestrained child as passengers. She then returned the passengers to the business and continued driving, according to her arrest affidavit. Portillo was intoxicated during the incident, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Portillo could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

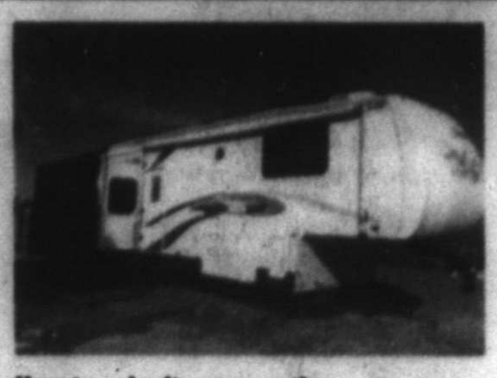
Crime of the week

The Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland Crime Stoppers need help solving a theft.

Sometime between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight March 18, a white 2006 five-wheel Sandpiper travel trailer was stolen from the 1700 block of East County Road 137. The trailer was located behind a business at that location and was hooked up to water and electricity. The trailer was displaying Texas license plate 5BG-633 at the time of the theft.

The trailer is valued at more than $15,000.

The Sheriff's Office is asking that anyone with any information regarding this theft to please all Midland Crime Stoppers. It will be worth a $1,000 cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest and/or case solved. You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is EVER used. Call 432-694-TIPS (8477) or use mobile app *P3 TIPS www.midlandcrimestoppers.com.



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- **Hotline:** 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP
- **Online:** www.midlandcrimestoppers.com
- **Text:** Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- **Mobile app on iPhone or Android phones:** Download free app TIP SUBMIT
- **Facebook:** Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

Crime Stoppers fugitive

JOHN FONDA

DOB: 3-18-76
Height &weight: 6 foot; 245 pounds
Charge: Injury to a Child - Violation of Probation

- Wanted as of April 13.
- Warrant #CR35442.
- $100 reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.

- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself.

Subject may be armed or dangerous.

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GUILTYPLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed by district Judges Robin Darr, George D. Gilliles, Elizabeth B. Leonard, Robert Moore III and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

March 27-31

Kenneth Adaryll Arnett, 33, evading arrest with vehicle, two years TDCJ.

Valmir Bojlica, 20, burglary of a habitation, eight years TDCJ; burglary of a habitation, revoke, eight years TDCJ.

Rosina Renee Britton, 40, forgery of a financial instrument, three years TDCJ; prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility, three years TDCJ; theft of property more than $2,500 with two or more previous convictions, three years TDCJ.

Jennifer S. Cereceres, 21, engaging in organized criminal activity, five years deferred adjudication, fine, restitution, 300 hours community service.

Taylor Denise Cullins, 23, tampering with physical evidence, three years deferred adjudication, fine, 200 hours community service.

Ron Cornelius Coleman, 27, assault family violence as a lesser included offense of assault family violence by strangulation, 90 days county jail.

Phillip Coley, 45, theft of property more than $50 but less than $500 as a lesser included offense of theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, four months county jail, restitution.

Tomas Cruz Jr., 29, tampering with physical evidence, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service.

Irma Linda Fuentes, 41, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, eight years deferred adjudication, fine, anger management, 400 hours community service.

Stephen Joseph Galan, 24, failure to register as sex offender with previous conviction, two years TDCJ.

Tony Cash Glenn, 50, obstruction or retaliation, revoke, two years.

Marissa Dolores Gutierrez, 23, injury to a child, elderly/disabled individual with intent bodily injury, five years TDCJ; assault family violence impeding breath/circulation, revoke, five years TDCJ; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, revoke, five years TDCJ.

Gerald Glen Hendricks, 35, driving while intoxicated third or more time, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, 30 days jail, fine, restitution, 50 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 365 days.

John Paul Jimenez, 42, possession of a controlled substance, 15 months state jail.

Michael Bradley Kelley, 19, possession of a controlled substance, 15 months state jail; burglary of a habitation, revoke, four years TDCJ.

Ricky Dewayne Kidwell, 30, two counts of credit/debit card abuse, five years TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance, five years TDCJ; restitution; theft of property more than $2,500 with two or more previous convictions, five years TDCJ, restitution; theft of property more than $2,500 with two or more previous convictions, five years TDCJ; restitution; credit/debit card abuse, five yes TDCJ; burglary of a vehicle with previous convictions, five years TDCJ.

Lauren Ashley Kinsey, 36, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, four years deferred adjudication, fine, 200 hours community service.

Jacob Lewis, 34, assault family violence by strangulation, continue supervision, SAFTF.

Tiffany Rose Martin, 26, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, fine, 250 hours community service, TAIP.

Kristil Ann Mitchell, 38, assault on a public servant, two years TDCJ.

Nereyda Mora, 33, driving while intoxicated with a child under 15, 180 days state jail, driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Ashley Jill Molina, 22, theft of a firearm, extend supervision two years, TAIP.

Jario A. Morales, 33, two counts forgery, five years TDCJ.

Jose Roman Orozco Jr., 24, tampering with physical evidence, five years deferred adjudication, fine, 100 hours community service.

Tessa Noel Owens, 20, criminal mischief more than $30,000 but less than $150,000, five years deferred adjudication, 350 hours community service, restitution.

Victor Alessander Patton, 20, forgery, revoke, 18 months state jail.

DarteFay Reed, 31, possession of a controlled substance, three years deferred adjudication, fine, restitution, 200 hours community service, CBT, TAIP.

Deborah Ortiz Perez, 37, driving while intoxicated, continue supervision, TAIP.

Rito Ricardo Reyes, 53, driving while intoxicated, three years TDCJ.

Sergio Medina Rodriguez, 33, assault family violence by strangulation, seven years TDCJ; assault family violence with a deadly weapon, seven years TDCJ.

Jordan Keyshawn Sanson, 21, possession of a controlled substance, five years TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance, 15 months state jail; assault family violence by strangulation, five years TDCJ; assault family violence by strangulation, seven years TDCJ; burglary of a habitation, revoke, five years TDCJ.

Stoney Devin Slate, 25, sex offender duty to register 10 years, two years state jail suspended for five years probation, fine, 250 hours community service.

Sang Tin, 38, theft of property more than $50, fine, court cost.

Gregory Charles Walters, 56, assault causes bodily injury family violence as a lesser included by strangulation, 10 days county jail, fine, court cost.

Xavier Lyn Brown Williams, 23, tampering with physical evidence, adjudicate, two years TDCJ.

April 3-7

Josue Lopez Brito, 28, possession of a controlled substance, six years TDCJ.

Stephen Curtis Campbell, 49, theft of service more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, extend supervision two years, fine, 100 hours community service.

Arthur Odis Cooper, 31, possession of marijuana (between five and 50 pounds), deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, fine, 250 hours community service, counseling, drug offenders education program, TAIP, CBT.

Javier Orlando Flores-Leon, 39, forgery, two years TDCJ.

Andres Hernandez Jr., 25, evading in a motor vehicle, two years TDCJ; unlawful delivery/manufacturing with intent simulated, revoke, nine months state jail.

Juan Carlos Ovalle Jimenez, 36, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, four years TDCJ.

Steven Larome Lozano, 32, burglary of a habitation, 12 years TDCJ; stalking, 10 years TDCJ; assault family violence by strangulation, 10 years TDCJ.

Michelle Janet Maxwell, 47, possession of a controlled substance, two years TDCJ.

Chan Tha Or, 24, accident involving injury, five years deferred adjudication, fine, 200 hours community service, AA meetings, interlock device.

Cindy Annette Roberts, 35, forgery, three years TDCJ, restitution; possession of a controlled substance, three years TDCJ.

Stephen W. Shields, 24, possession of marijuana (between four ounces and five pounds), deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, CBT, TAIP.

Richard Small, 40, disorderly conduct discharge/display firearm as a lesser included offense of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, fine, court cost.

Casey Daniel Vassilion, 33, burglary of a building, adjudicate, two years state jail suspended for five years probation, fine, 200 hours community service.

Raymond Earl Williams Jr., 49, criminal negligent homicide, two years state jail suspended for three years probation, fine, 150 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 365 days.

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

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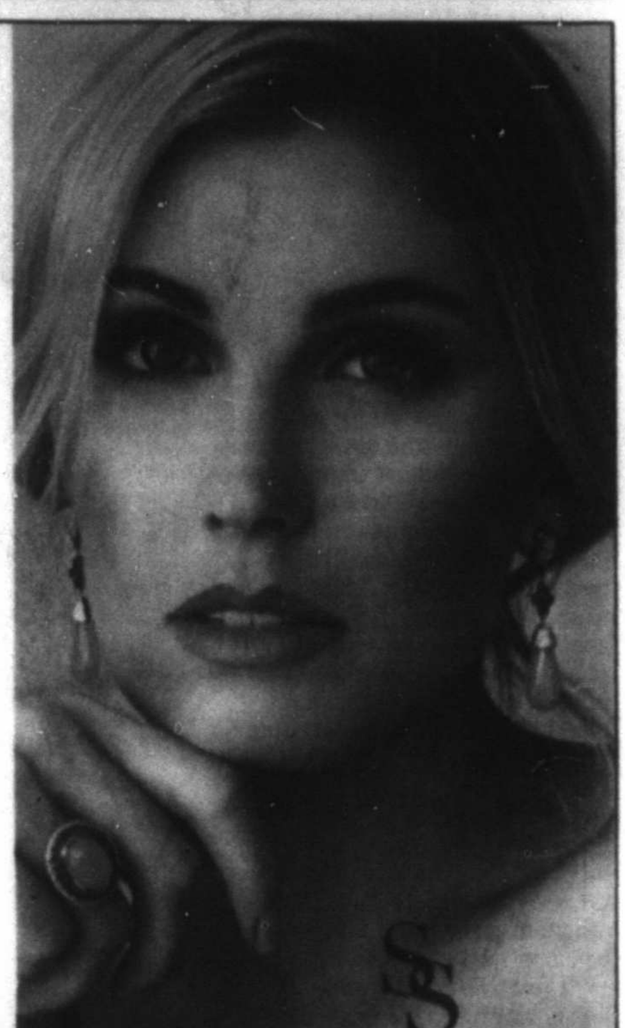

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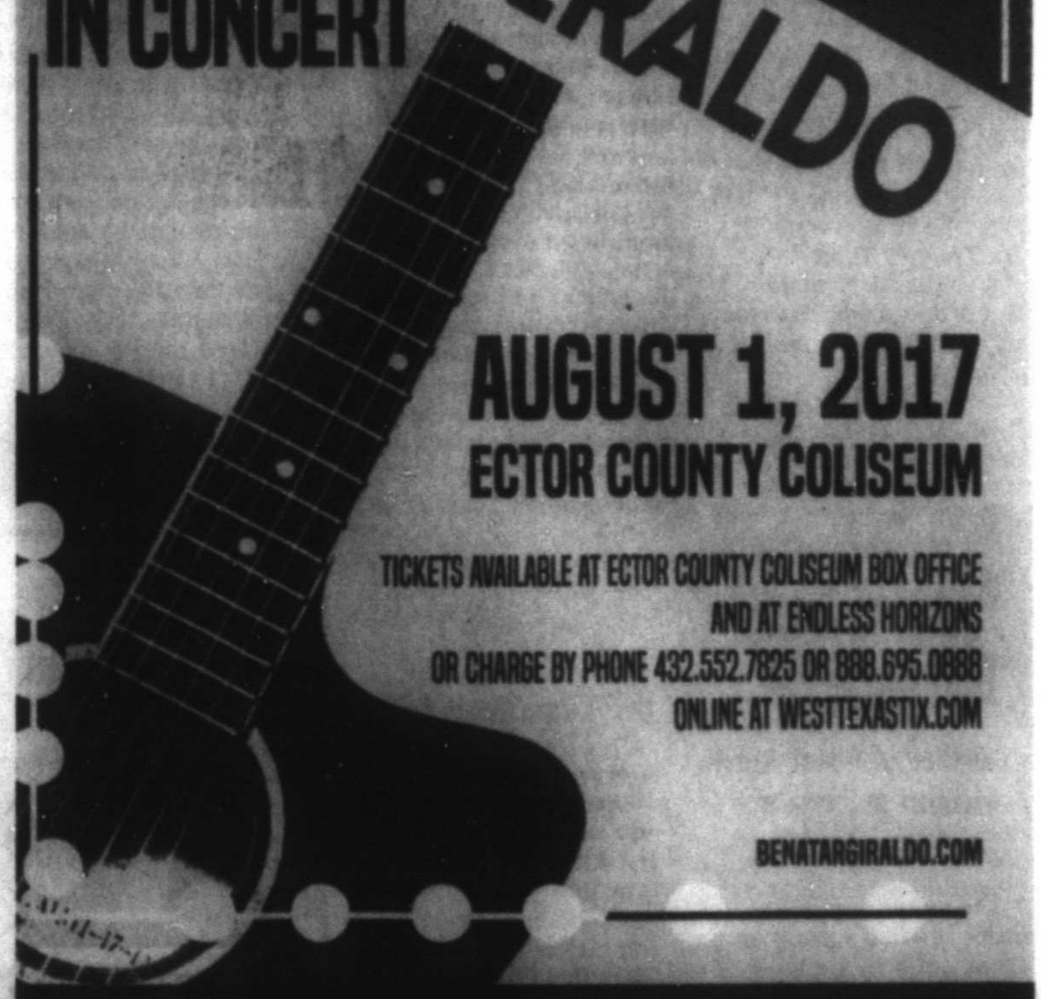

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Private property owners might be biggest obstacle to border wall

By Sean Collins Walsh
Austin American-Statesman

MAVERICK COUNTY — On a cliff overlooking the Rio Grande, Dob Cunningham got out of his four-wheeler, walked across a patch of wildflowers poking out from the rocks and stopped at a small, rough cement block adorned with horseshoes, spurs and a Masons emblem. Under raised letters reading "DOB," the year 1934 was carved into the cement, with a blank space to the right.

It was Cunningham's headstone.

"That way it's done," he said. "I didn't want anyone to go and spend a bunch of money on it."

Working as a farm hand in his youth, serving 30 years in the Border Patrol in his prime and tending to an 800-acre ranch with his wife, Kay, in his golden years, Cunningham has spent his whole life on the border, and he's seen it change. Growing up, he would wade across the river to play baseball with kids in Mexico, and those who came north were polite. In recent years, he said, migrants have broken into his house, and drug smugglers traverse his property regularly.

Cunningham voted for Donald Trump — more importantly, he said, he voted "against Hillary" because he and Kay "didn't want to see the country go socialism" — and agrees with the president's desire to secure the border. But he opposes Trump's plan to build a border wall from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, saying it won't work along the Rio Grande because of flooding. If the federal government tries to condemn part of his property to build the wall, Cunningham plans to fight as long as he can afford to.

"The government or the illegals won't run me off," he said. "We've lived here, and we've raised a daughter here, and I've put a lot of sweat and blood in this place. We don't want to just give it away."

If it is built, Trump's wall will have to cross miles of roadless mountains, traverse expansive deserts and parallel a serpentine river. But the biggest hurdle to building a coast-to-coast border barrier may not be the terrain but its inhabitants, especially those in Texas, where property rights are second to none.

There is little question the federal government has the legal justification to use its eminent domain power to build a wall. Condemnation proceedings, however, could nonetheless present a major obstacle because they can drag on for years, drive up the project's price tag and create sympathetic victims.

"It could potentially be the nail in the coffin because the problem that the Trump administration is going to come across is the potential for public opinion backlash," said Gerald Dickinson, a University of Pittsburgh law professor who studies federal eminent domain law.

During George W. Bush's administration, the federal government built nearly 700 miles of fence along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border, but almost all of it was in the other three border states: California, Arizona and New Mexico. Except for small segments in some urban areas, including Eagle Pass, only about 10 percent of Texas' 1,200 miles of border is fortified.

One reason so little was built is the relative lack of federal land along the border in Texas. Much of the barrier built in the other states was on land already owned by Washington, avoiding the need for the government to use its eminent domain authority.

Thanks to Texas' unique history as an independent nation, a vast majority of land in Texas is privately held. In other Western states, all unclaimed land was turned over to the federal government when the states joined the union. Under the terms of Texas' admittance, the state retained the land and, over time, doled it out to private owners.

There are thousands of parcels of Texas land that touch the Rio Grande, county appraisal district data show. In Cunningham's sparsely populated Maverick County alone, there are 209 parcels on the river, including land owned by a Native American reservation and a church, by prominent Texas families such as the Basses and the Briscoes and by a deep-pocketed Democratic state representative who would relish a showdown with the Trump administration.

"I'm somebody who can muster a lot of resources to try to make sure that that doesn't happen," state Rep. Poncho Nevarez, D-Eagle Pass, said while sitting in his living room, about 200 yards from the river. "I'm not going to go quietly into that good night."

Other land owners in the area are wealthier and more influential than him, he said. "I'd be very surprised if part of that wall was ever built through that property," he said of the Indio Faith Ranch owned by the Fort Worth-based Bass family. Lee Bass did not respond to a request for comment.

The Trump administration is readying for the fight. The president's budget blueprint requested funding for 20 new Department of Justice lawyers "to pursue federal efforts to obtain the land and holdings necessary to secure the Southwest border."

U.S. Rep. John Carter, R-Round Rock, said in late March that he has counseled White House officials about the challenges they face in building the wall, which he supports "where barriers will work."

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Reshma Kirpalani/Austin American-Statesman/TNS

Rep. Poncho Nevarez, D-Eagle Pass, discovered clothes, including children's shoes, backpacks and clothes, on a cleared path on his property, located 200 yards from the Rio Grande. Nevarez not only does not want the wall on his private property, but he also does not support Trump's wall. "It's just people trying to get across; the only thing they did wrong is (crossing)," said Nevarez. "What barbarians at the gate do we have?"

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>
> Rep. Poncho Nevarez, D-Eagle Pass

STATEBRIEFS

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AUSTIN

Protesters in Texas seek release of Trump tax returns

Hundreds of demonstrators have rallied in Texas as part of a nationwide effort calling on GOP President Donald Trump to release his tax returns.

Protesters gathered Saturday in Austin outside the Texas Capitol as part of what was dubbed the Tax March in nearly 150 cities.

Some of the hundreds of marchers in Austin held signs with captions including: "What Are You Hiding Mr. President?" and "We The People Want To See Trump's Taxes."

A similar demonstration in downtown Houston also attracted hundreds of protesters.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston was on hand to voice support for the marchers, saying: "We will not be run and ruled by kings."

Tuesday is the deadline for taxpayers to file their returns.

AUSTIN

Number of foster kids without placements in Texas doubles

The number of Texas foster children staying in agency offices or alternate sites because of lack of placement more than doubled from February to March, according to a new report.

The Texas Department of Family Protective Services said Friday that 65 foster children slept at least two consecutive nights in a state office, motel or shelter last month, up from 29 the month before.

Gov. Greg Abbott and Republican legislative leaders have said increasing foster care capacity and improving Child Protective Services investigations are a top priority in this year's session, which ends May 29. Texas is under federal court order to improve its foster care system.

"The numbers are disappointing," as Gov. Abbott has given clear direction to us that it is unacceptable for foster children to live in CPS offices," agency spokesman Patrick Crimmins said Friday.

A 15-year-old foster girl living at a state office in Houston was killed on April 2 after running away from the building and being hit by a vehicle.

CPS officials are working to expand capacity, including appeals for volunteers from faith-based groups. Residential treatment providers in Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico are being invited to build facilities in Texas.

"We are continuing to work closely with providers, practically on a daily basis, to come up with additional strategies to open up placements for high-need children," Crimmins said. "Our work with faith-based providers is also a key component to the drive to build capacity. These partnerships are crucial, because CPS cannot increase capacity on its own."

AUSTIN

Court won't release 'affluenza' defendant from jail

Lawyers who used an "affluenza" defense for a Texas teenager in a fatal 2013 drunken-driving wreck have failed to secure his release from jail.

The Texas Supreme Court denied the request Thursday for 20-year-old Ethan Couch, who was 16 when his crash killed four people near Fort Worth.

Couch received 10 years' probation after pleading guilty to intoxication manslaughter and other juvenile charges. A defense expert used the term "affluenza" during trial, suggesting Couch was coddled into a sense of irresponsibility by his wealthy parents.

After an online video appeared to show Couch at a party where people were drinking, Couch and his mother briefly fled to Mexico in December 2015. A judge then moved the case to adult court, ruled Couch violated his probation and imposed the jail sentence that Couch's attorneys challenged.

It's a boy! Zoo confirms April the giraffe's calf is male

Associated Press

HARPURSVILLE, N.Y. — And baby makes glee.

Before an online audience of more than a million viewers, April the giraffe gave birth to a male calf Saturday at a New York zoo, ending weeks of proverbial pacing by animal lovers in a virtual worldwide waiting room.

The 15-year-old giraffe delivered her calf shortly before 10 a.m. EDT in an enclosed pen at the zoo in Harpursville, a rural upstate village about 130 miles northwest of New York City. The mama giraffe tenderly licked her calf, which began to slowly pick its head up from the floor of the pen. About 45 minutes after it was born, the calf stood on its wobbly legs for the first time while mom helped keep her baby steady.

He began nursing not long after.

At least 1.2 million people watched the Adventure Park's YouTube streaming of the event . A logo on the feed quickly changed from ToysRUs to BabiesRUs following the birth.

Animal Adventure Park owner

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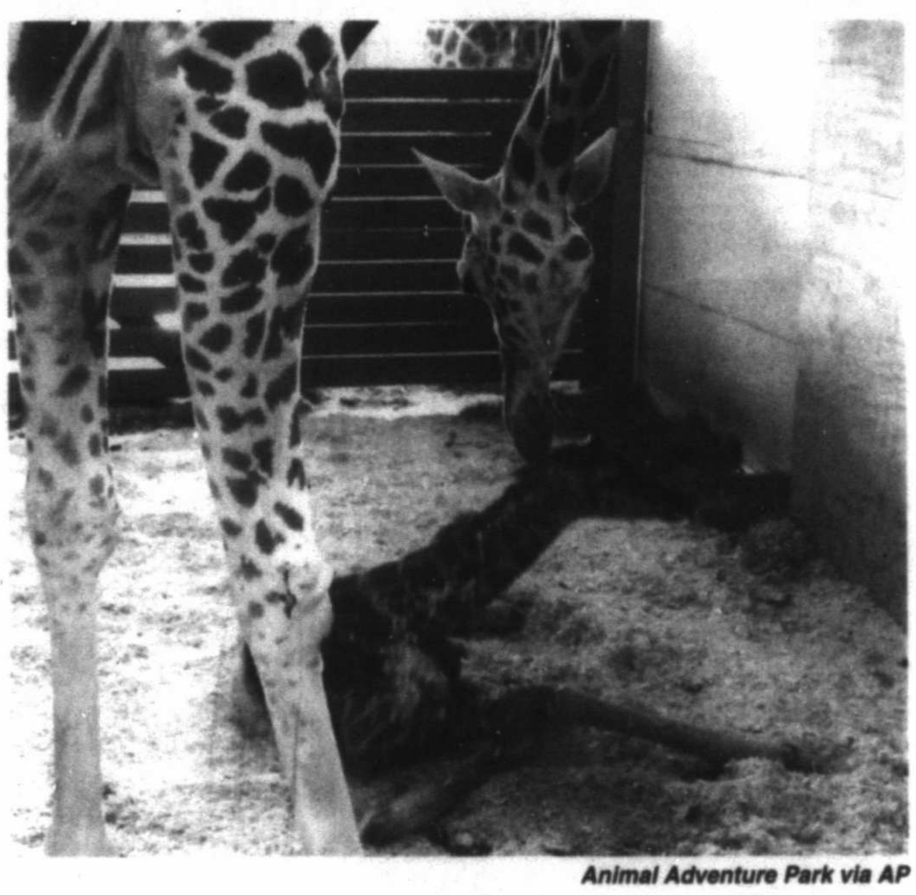
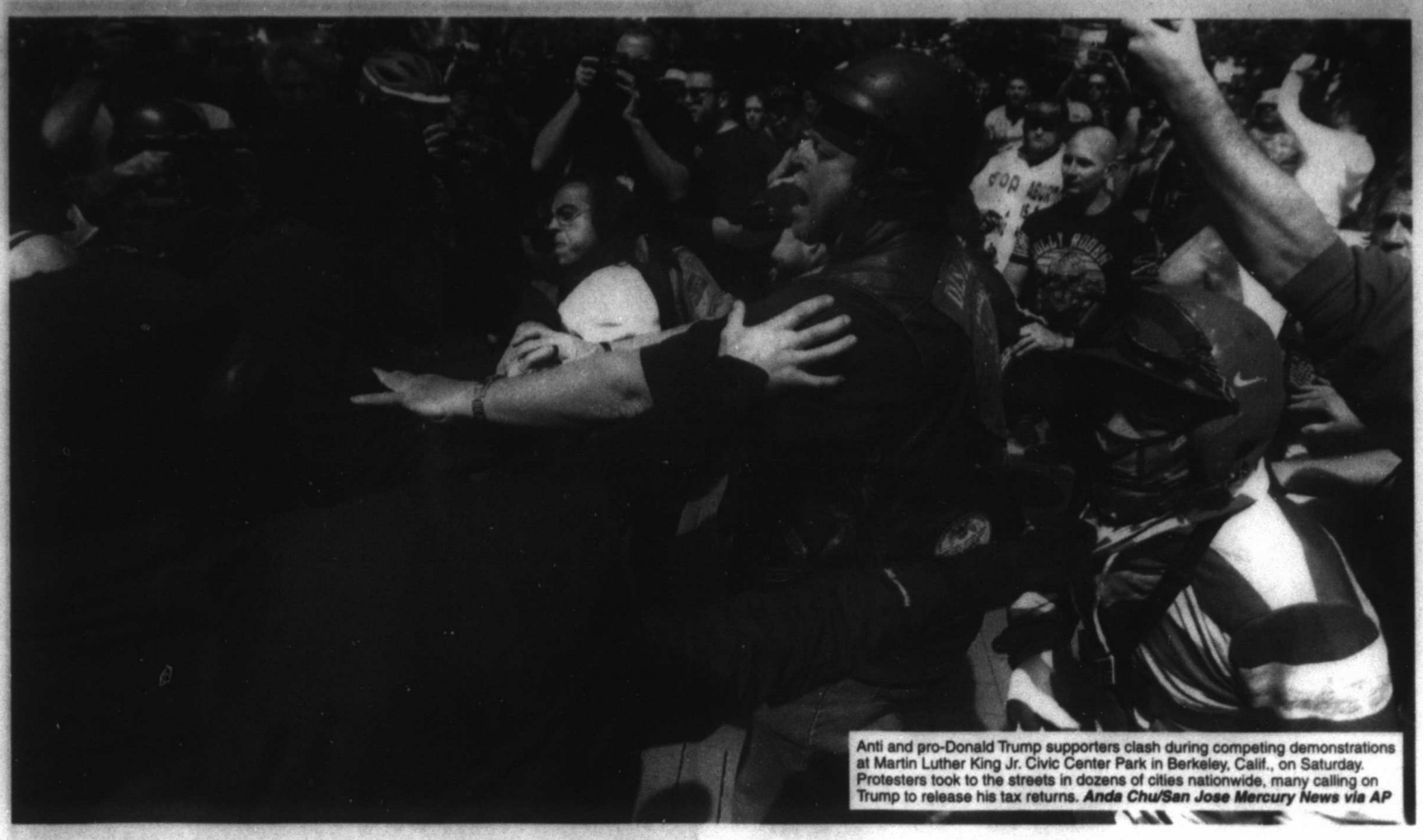


Animal Adventure Park via AP

In this photo provided by Animal Adventure Park in Binghamton, N.Y., a giraffe named April licks her new calf Saturday. Her birth was broadcast to an online audience with more than a million viewers.



Anti and pro-Donald Trump supporters clash during competing demonstrations at Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park in Berkeley, Calif., on Saturday. Protesters took to the streets in dozens of cities nationwide, many calling on Trump to release his tax returns. *Anda Chu/San Jose Mercury News via AP*

Tax Day demonstrators demand that Trump release tax returns

By Tammy Webber
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Thousands of chanting, sign-carrying protesters took to the streets in cities across the nation Saturday, demanding that President Donald Trump release his tax returns so Americans can scrutinize his business ties and potential conflicts of interest.

Trump was the first major-party nominee in more than 40 years not to release his tax returns, saying it was because he was under audit. He later said that voters don't care.

But 71-year-old Ilene Singh said he's wrong. She rode a bus from New Jersey to New York City with her friend Geraldine Markowitz, 83, to take part in protests. "We're here to say we care," said Singh.

Pushing her walker, Karin Arlin, 85, a Holocaust survivor who came to the U.S. from Germany when she was 9, said she's also worried about the direction of the country.

"You don't know which way the country goes," said Arlin next to her 89-year-old husband who fled Czechoslovakia during World War II. "I hope Republicans see it."

Although Tax Day demonstrations were peaceful, at least four people were arrested Saturday in Berkeley, California, after clashes between Trump opponents and supporters holding unrelated rallies in a downtown park. After Trump supporters said they would hold a "Patriot Day" rally, counter-protesters decided to hold a rally at the same place.

Actress and producer Justine Bateman, who addressed several thousand people at a rally in downtown Los Angeles, said Americans need "financial statement proof" that Trump is not beholden to any business interests or country other than the U.S.

In Washington, D.C., one of Trump's sharpest critics in the House spoke to protesters at the U.S. Capitol just before they set off on a march to the National Mall. Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters, of California, said there's nothing to prevent Trump from releasing his income taxes and that "the simple truth is he's got a lot to hide."

"If he thinks he can get away with playing king, he's got another thought coming," Waters said.

For four decades, presidents and major party nominees have released some of their tax returns, with the exception of Gerald Ford. Trump's break with precedent has raised questions about possible conflicts of interest.

Protesters in Raleigh, North Carolina, said they suspect that Trump's returns might show he has paid little or nothing to the government he now heads, or that he was indebted to Russian, Chinese or other foreign interests.

"His reputation ... as a businessman and, more importantly, as a true American, a person who is concerned with American values, would be totally destroyed if all his financial information was made public," said Mike Mannshardt, a retired teacher.

Democrats are pushing for a vote on a bill from Rep. Anna Eshoo, a Democrat from California, which would require the president and all major-party nominees to publicly disclose their previous three years of tax returns with the Office of Government Ethics or the Federal Election Commission.

Republicans also have rebuffed Democrats' efforts to get the House Ways and Means Committee to act. It has legal authority to obtain confidential tax records, and could vote to make them public.

Many demonstrators said they hoped Saturday's marches would convince Trump to voluntarily release them.

"We do care. We want to see his taxes," said Ann Demerlis, who was among hundreds who marched in Philadelphia from City Hall to an area in front of historic Independence Hall, carrying signs and chanting "We want your taxes now!"

OWNERS

From 6A

"I've been trying to preach — and I've kind of got the White House and the Justice Department and other people to realize — that Texas is a very peculiar state, a very blessed state. ... All that land along the river, along the border down there are owned by people and corporations. It's private property," said Carter, who chairs a budget-writing subcommittee that oversees the Department of Homeland Security and will play a key role in determining congressional support for the wall. "If they're building a wall in Texas, it means they are building on private land, which means it's harder, a lot harder."

Carrying a rifle in case he stumbled upon feral hogs, Nevarez, the state legislator, walked down a rocky, dusty road on his 500-acre ranch a day after returning home from Austin for the weekend. The Rio Grande was only a few yards away, but thick carrizo cane obscured it from view.

He stopped at a pile of dirty clothes on the side of the road, most of them for children, and pointed to a narrow path cut through the cane.

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Hours later, Nevarez joined officials from Maverick County and Coahuila on the international bridge in Eagle Pass for the 55th annual "abrazo," or hug. Led by military bands and joined by local notables and school-age beauty pageant winners, American and Mexican politicians marched from their respective sides of the bridge and embraced each other at the international boundary in the middle.

The celebration of cross-border culture took on new meaning during the Trump presidency, and the American speakers, all Democrats, stressed that the bonds they shared with their southern neighbors could not be broken by anyone in Washington.

"In a thousand years it probably won't be Americans or Mexicans, it won't be Texans or Coahuilans, but there will be people who live on this river who will be frontier people," Nevarez said before the event. "This river will still be here."

In Eagle Pass, cross-border relationships are a fact of life, even for those who hold opposite political views from Nevarez. Also on the bridge that evening was Rodney Williams, a Border Patrol employee and Trump voter whose young daughter was one of the beauty queens, "Miss Teen International Friendship," and whose wife, Margarita Rodriguez-Williams, is from Mexico.

When it comes to Trump's goals of "building up our military, building up our Border Patrol, the security aspect of it and tax reform and entitlements reform," Williams said he is on board.

But there's one issue where he diverges from the president: "I support Trump in most of his policies — except for eminent domain," Williams said without being asked about land issues.

Williams' Eagle Pass-area home is likely too far from the Rio Grande to be condemned for the wall, but he nonetheless objects to it being constructed on private property.

"The wall here in Texas, it's not going to happen because of private lands," he said. "When it affects private landowners, then I'm against it because I'm a private landowner, and I don't want the government taking my land away."

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GIRAFFE

From 6A

Jordan Patch said that both mom and calf are doing fine.

Patch said the calf's entrance into the world "was unnerving to even those of us who have witnessed animal births previously."

"Giraffes give birth standing up, which means when the calf is ready to be born, it exits its mother hooves first from six feet off the floor, making for a very exciting event," Patch said in a news release.

This is April's fourth calf, but Animal Adventure Park's first giraffe calf. The proud papa, a 5-year-old giraffe named Oliver, watched from an adjacent pen. This is his first offspring.

The privately owned zoo began livestreaming from April's enclosure in February. People around the world have been tuning in daily.

April has her own website and even an apparel line. A GoFundMe fundraiser page that initially set a goal of $50,000 sat at more than $125,000 on Saturday morning. The money will be used for the care of the animals.

A contest will be held to decide on a name for the calf.

The park's livestream was briefly interrupted in February when YouTube pulled the feed after someone reported the images contained explicit material and nudity. Jordan Patch, owner of the Animal Adventure Park, blamed "a handful of extremists and animal rights activists" for the interruption.

The wait for the giraffe became an anxiety-ridden experience for some. A Farmington, New Hampshire, songwriter even posted a music video on YouTube called, "I'm Going Crazy Waiting (For A Giraffe)."

The reaction on Twitter was ebullient and hopeful: "We did it, internet! We had a giraffe baby together;" "Everybody sticking their neck out for this baby giraffe;" and "On a day where "mother of all bombs" is a trending phrase, I love how the world unites over the birth of a baby giraffe."

No other details on the calf were announced, but they usually weigh around 150 pounds and are about 6 feet tall at birth. Giraffes are pregnant for 15 months on average.

Animal Adventure park is currently closed to the public and will open in mid-May.

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JUMBLE

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

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

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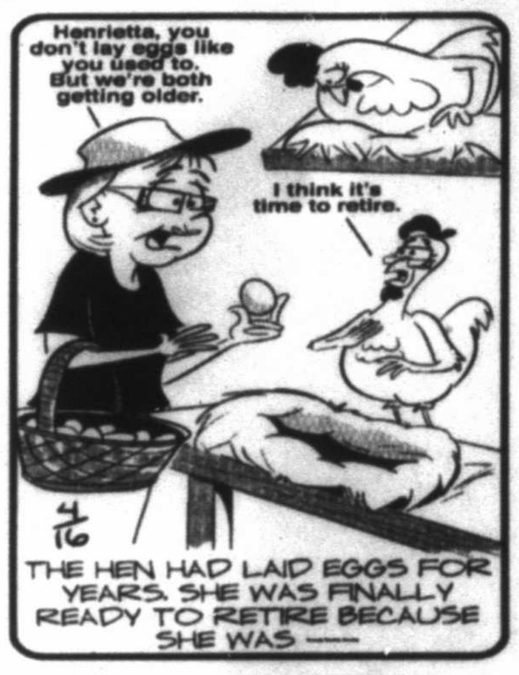

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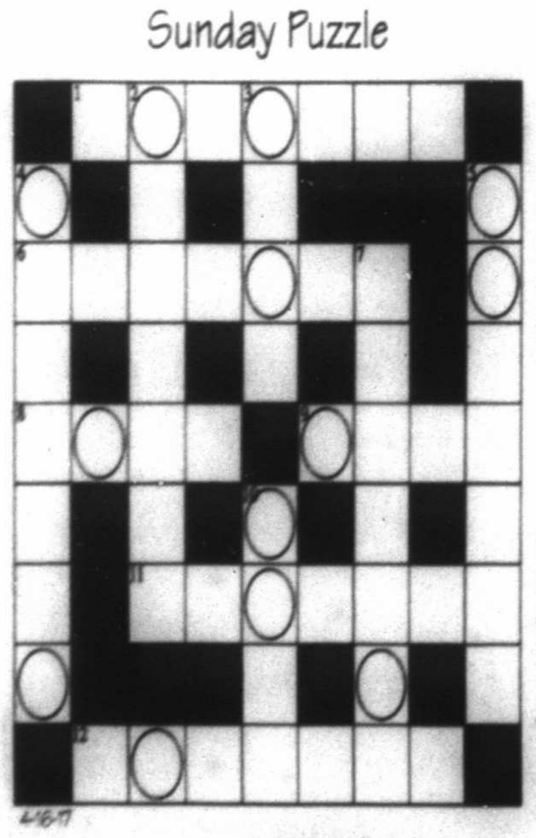

ACROSS

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1. Security ___	NALBTEK
6. Stop	ERIARNF
8. Praise	AHLI
9. King ___	BRCA
11. Hand ___	REUTSEG
12. Stuck	EHAEDDR

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
2. Raising	FILGINT
3. Close	RANE
4. Curved opening	WCHARYA
5. Ignored	DEBBNSU
7. Provide for, support	TRRUNUE
10. Small landmass	SLEI

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ACROSS

1 Quaker in the wind
6 Little bite
11 "House" actor Omar
15 Full house, e.g.
19 Pond flower
20 Navel type
21 Selectively remove
22 Butterlike topping
23 Doris during a workout?
25 Maker of Regererist skin care products
26 Vette roof option
27 Claims
28 Greenwich Village sch.
29 Director Oliver working on pizza dough?
32 Cymbals with a pedal
34 Tire for emergencies
36 Perfect Sleepers, e.g.
37 Yogi class greeting
39 Place for a bud?
41 Deepest, as feelings
44 Tiny bit
46 Many a pizza slice
48 Subj. for Janet Yellen
51 Diaper cream additive
52 Labor day deliveries
54 Quisling's crime
57 1688 coffeehouse founder Edward better known in the insurance world
58 Cause of some lines
59 Comical Samantha busy stitching?
61 Look for
62 Masterful move
64 Ski resort sight
65 Avoid, as an issue
68 Some battered rings
70 Mumbai mister
71 Baker's gluten-free choice
73 JFK : New York :: __ : Chicago
74 Singer Laine
76 Troubles
77 Lara's love
78 Nicolas taking a swing?
80 Big 112-Down
81 Painter of dancers
84 Lacking variety
85 Silkscreen aid
87 Computer with a Magic Keyboard
88 Disc golf obstacle
89 Dürer, e.g.
91 They, in Cognac
92 One typing a's and z's
94 Used a bench, say
97 Certain triathlete
99 French sponge cake
102 Linguine sauce
104 Squalid
106 Singer Al making a strike?
109 Spanish pronoun
111 Provide a bank floor plan for, say
113 Eurasian border river
114 Alpha __
115 Nathan at quarterback?
118 Inconsequential
119 Exiled Roman poet
120 Clashing with, with "of"
121 Sheds
122 Florist's creation
123 State of disarray
124 "Spider-Man" actress
125 Shoelace protector

DOWN

1 Accomplishments
2 2002 skating gold medalist Hughes
3 Sally having fun?
4 Cuthbert of "24"
5 Editor Talese with her own Doubleday imprint
6 Stylish
7 Amen Corner golf course, familiarly
8 Benchmark: Abbr.
9 Pageant sparkler
10 Poohh's mopey pal
11 "Silent Spring" subj.
12 Canines with corded coats
13 Flier
14 Con man's expression
15 Spicy steamed Mexican food
16 "He Was Despised," in Handel's "Messiah"
17 Strip gas
18 Suss (out)
24 In one piece
30 Grassy expanse
31 Amtrak stop: Abbr.
33 "Schoolchildren": Tracy Kidder book
35 Unreleased
38 Google Maps lines: Abbr.
40 Varnish component
42 Tofurky protein source
43 Newsman Koppel
44 Debacle
45 Engaged
47 Hexa- halved
49 Express sympathy (with)
50 Needing to be saved?
53 Ottawa-born songwriter Paul
55 "View of Toledo" painter
56 Yours, in Cognac
57 Romaine bit
59 Tonic ingredient
60 Layered lunches
62 Golf course rental
63 Soapbox user
65 Lucille on a trampoline?
66 Pass good in 28 countries
67 Tailgating fixtures
69 Degs. for writers
70 Something flashed by a catcher
72 The Eagles' "__ Eyes"
75 Prayer supports
76 Following remark?
78 Place for shady transactions
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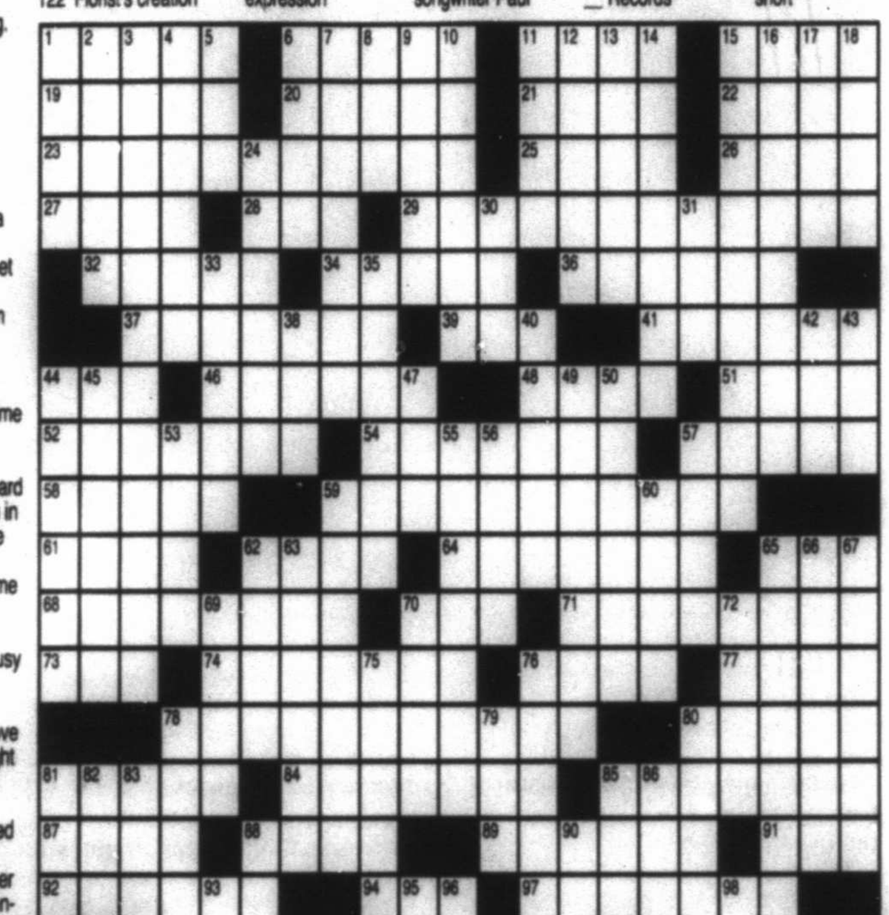

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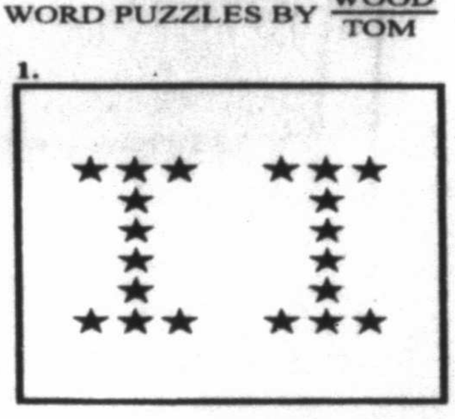

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A Delta Air Lines jet sits at a gate Oct. 13, 2016, at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in Atlanta. Delta is giving airport employees permission to offer passengers up to almost $10,000 in compensation to give up their seats on overbooked flights. Delta's move comes as United Airlines struggles to recover from images of a passenger's forced removal from a sold-out flight.

United broke its contract with frequent fliers

By Noah Feldman
Bloomberg View

■ COMMENTARY

Most of the coverage of the United Airlines bumping debacle assumes something like, "United Airlines had a right to remove that flier. But should it have?" But a close reading of the fine print of the contract included in every ticket purchased from United Continental Holdings strongly suggests that United in fact breached its contract with passenger David Dao.

The contract allows the airline to deny boarding involuntarily in case of overbooking. But that's not what happened; the airplane wasn't oversold. And Dao wasn't denied boarding. As far as we know, he was removed from a seat he had already taken after being assigned to it. The contract's specific provisions for removing travelers or refusing to transport them don't include the airline's desire to free up seats, whether for its own employees, as in this case, or for other passengers.

What's especially interesting about this legal analysis is that it matches what I've always assumed was the airlines' norm.

Every frequent flyer knows that you might occasionally be involuntarily bumped from a flight before you've gotten on, because of overbooking or late check-in or another reason. But I have long believed that, once you're on board, in the seat that's marked on your boarding pass, you're golden — and can't be removed.

I say "long believed" because I have no idea how or when I came to hold that view. I certainly never bothered to read the fine print of the airline contract or the federal regulations about bumping. The most accurate thing would be to say that my belief was based on widespread custom.

Most of the time, such customs are based in some sort of legal norms. We're called "customers" for a reason. Buying and selling takes place in a social framework of mutual expectation based on past practice. We all know the rules of such repeat transactions. Those of us who fly a lot know the customs especially well.

The coverage of the United incident seemed to suggest that the custom as I knew it was different from the written contract. That sent me to the actual contract of carriage, as it's called.

And sure enough, the custom does seem to be reflected in the terms of the contract.

Rule 25(A)(2) of the contract applies to "oversold flights." It says that "no one may be denied boarding against his/her will" until the airline asks for volunteers. Then, "if there are not enough volunteers, other Passengers may be denied boarding involuntarily in accordance with United Airlines' boarding priority."

The contract then explains what that priority order is. Unaccompanied minors and disabled people will be denied boarding last. As for the rest, the airline's decision "may be determined based on a passenger's fare class, itinerary, status of frequent flyer program membership, and the time in which the passenger presents him/herself for check-in without advanced seat assignment."

Presumably this paragraph, with the highly loose language "may be determined," was the basis on which United thought it could remove passengers.

But all this is about "oversold flights," which are defined in the contract as "a flight where there are more passengers holding valid confirmed tickets that check-in for the flight within the prescribed check-in time than there are available seats." That's a grammatically poor definition, but it's pretty clear that it doesn't apply to a situation where the flight isn't oversold, but the airline wants to add its own employees.

What's more, this entire section of the contract is about denial of boarding — which is legally different from "removal," which is discussed in an entirely different section of the contract.

Rule 21 of the contract covers "refusal of transport" and includes involuntary removal of a passenger from a plane. It includes a wide variety of misdeeds, from the serious (deadly weapons) to the trivial (barefoot).

But nowhere does this section authorize removal or refusal to transport for no reason other than that the airline needs the seat.

To be clear, the fact that United seems to have breached its contract with Dao doesn't mean its action was illegal, as the headline of this otherwise helpful article by a nonlawyer on a frequent traveler website suggests. There's nothing illegal about breaching a contract. If you do so, you simply have to pay damages. Dao's lawyer, Thomas Demetrio, said Thursday that he is investigating possible claims against United.

And once United in effect told Dao that it was breaching its contract with him and told him to get off, he was probably under a legal duty to comply.

But the bottom line is that once United broke with accepted custom, it was going to reap the whirlwind. It's always a bad idea to rely on the contractual fine print when the contract is in reality based on mutual trust. And it's a really bad idea to read the fine print wrong, as United seems to have done.

How to ease the pain of airline overbooking

By Cass R. Sunstein
Bloomberg

■ COMMENTARY

Something good might come of the horrible incident involving United Airlines in which a passenger was forcibly evicted to make room for airline personnel. The Department of Transportation, working with the major airlines, should substantially increase the compensation given to passengers involuntarily bumped because of overbooking.

By itself, overbooking is not objectionable. Sometimes passengers miss flights because of late connections. Sometimes they just don't show up. Most airlines occasionally overbook.

Usually that doesn't hurt anyone. Overbooking has probably allowed you to get on flights on which carriers would not otherwise have been able to seat you.

Even when people with reservations are denied boarding, it isn't so bad. The vast majority of the time, those who are denied boarding come away happy, or happy enough, because they find themselves adequately compensated for the trouble (with a substantial voucher). In 2015, for example, more than 500,000 people were voluntarily denied booking on the largest U.S. air carriers because they agreed to the compensation that the airline provided them.

The problem comes when the airline cannot find anyone who will accept the offered compensation. In 2015, 46,000 passengers fell in this category. That's a trivial percentage of annual travelers, and it's much lower than the recent high of 67,000 in 2009. But it's still a lot of people.

The real question, of course, is what kind of compensation those people should receive. Until 2011, the amount was far too low. Bumped passengers were entitled to cash equal to the value of their tickets, with a ceiling of $400, if the airline could get them to their destination within two hours. The travelers were entitled to double the price of their tickets, up to $800, if they were delayed more than that.

In 2011, the amounts were significantly increased. Under the new rule, bumped passengers facing delays of two hours or less get compensation equal to double the price of their tickets, up to $650, while those subject to longer delays get payments of four times the value of their tickets, up to $1,300. (Disclosure: As administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, I was involved in overseeing that regulation.)

That's an improvement, but the amounts are still too low. For many passengers, being bumped is far worse than an inconvenience. It means that they will miss a wedding, a family celebration, the start of a romantic vacation or an important business meeting that cannot be rescheduled. (I know two people who were involuntarily bumped from a flight that was supposed to begin their only vacation of the year — and who could not find any alternative flight during the relevant week.)

True, $650 and $1,300 are a lot of money, but for some passengers, those amounts are not nearly enough. What's worse, many airlines do not offer cash compensation unless passengers explicitly demand it; instead, they just give people the same voucher given to those who are voluntarily bumped.

In 1968, economist Julian Simon offered an ingenious solution. Whenever planes are overbooked, airlines should run an auction, in which passengers specify the lowest amount they would accept to be bumped, and airlines take the lowest bidders.

Simon's approach would have the advantage of ensuring that passengers would not be bumped unless the compensation was adequate by their own lights. And indeed, the current system of voluntary bumping (which starts with low offers, which increase if no one accepts them) draws on his proposal. But a full-scale auction would be difficult to administer, not to mention confusing and stressful for people who are just trying to get from one place to another.

Here are two simpler proposals.

First, the Department of Transportation should make it clear that the figures in the 2011 regulations are just the minimum, and that airlines are free to give higher amounts to involuntarily bumped passengers. That approach would have the advantage of allowing a kind of market competition.

Second, the department should initiate a new rule-making process, asking for public comments on a different approach. The simplest option would be to eliminate the $650 and $1,300 maximums, so that involuntarily bumped passengers get double the cost of their ticket for short delays, and quadruple the amount for longer delays. Another possibility would be to include legal floors, so that passengers would get (say) at least $600 for short delays, and at least $1,200 for longer ones.

Lessons from the United Airlines debacle

By Mohamed A. El-Erian
Bloomberg

■ COMMENTARY

United Airlines is in the midst of a major reputational crisis after it decided to forcefully "re-accommodate" a passenger from a sold-out flight on Sunday. Yet judging from a series of informal conversations I had with passengers at United's Los Angeles terminal and on one of its cross-country flights last week, the airline's frequent fliers don't seem to share the sense of outrage that's ubiquitous on social media. Some of the reasons for this discrepancy speak to important lessons about crisis management and prevention that United, and other companies, should take away from this now-notorious event.

Frequent travelers do not appear as shocked as others. They know that airlines fill their planes to the limit almost routinely, betting that some passengers will change their travel plans at the last minute. They know that airlines offer passengers incentives to give up their seats when flights end up oversold or sold out, that sometimes passengers are involuntarily bumped off a flight, and that the airline has a legal right to do so.

Some of us have even been on flights, seated and ready to leave the gate, when suddenly there is a need to make space and someone has to deplane. I saw it happen when an acquaintance was asked by airline officials to wait for a later flight on a United Express commuter plane that was determined to have a weight issue, given updated information on prevailing winds. And most frequent travelers have witnessed irate passengers in one situation or the other, whether at the gate or on the plane.

As such, and judging from my admittedly limited and far-from-representative survey, frequent fliers seem to be a lot less outraged and surprised about what happened on that flight from Chicago to Louisville than the rest of the world is. Yes, United and law enforcement personnel exercised very poor judgment, and, critically, the use of force was totally and absolutely inappropriate. But planes get sold out, and passengers get irate. It happens, as regrettable and disappointing as that is.

Contrast this with the general sense of outrage and dismay. And it's global: An event on a small U.S. domestic route ended up being the No. 1 trending topic on Chinese social media, raising possible challenges for a company with greater aspirations for its Asian lines of business and beyond.

One of the major reasons for this discrepancy is that customers with different levels of information have different expectations about what "normal" looks like. (Full disclosure: I've flown on United for decades and generally have been very satisfied with its overall service.) And that is something that companies like United should reflect much better in their contingency planning.

In the critical minutes of crisis management following the highly unfortunate incident, United failed miserably in explaining the context for its decisions. It initially said the flight had been overbooked, though it later issued a "clarification" to say that it had been sold out, USA Today reported. The airline then decided that four passengers had to be removed to make space for crew members, United spokesman Jonathan Guerin tells Today in the Sky.

United's first set of communications was not just poor and badly structured. It was also overly ambitious in trying to differentiate between different stakeholders operating on an information playing field that was far from level. With its dismal failure to get the facts out quickly, United actually fueled rather than defused the spread of outrage.

Rather than stumble through the difficult exercise of reconciling multiple constituencies using different messages, United should have initially focused on their most important ones — their customers. The company could (and should) have expressed upfront genuine remorse for a customer who — remember — sadly ended up in hospital, rather than calling him "disruptive and belligerent." Moreover, in this day of rapid video dissemination, it took the airline way too long to counter the awful images of the incident with its own video of genuine apology and proper explanation.

Then there was the biggest failure of all: United should have dealt with the sold-out situation before starting the boarding process. Did they not know about their personnel requirements at that time?

Denying someone a seat on a plane is bad enough; doing so when the person is already sitting in it is a disaster to be avoided at all cost. If anything, it doesn't provide the airline with much of an opportunity to explain to passengers why they were selected. Indeed, the most important takeaway from any crisis-management discussion is the need to strengthen crisis prevention!

Finally, and in what may be the most relevant lesson for the business community as a whole, it seems that United's management had not spent enough time and energy on effective scenario planning. Apparently, there was insufficient focus on the "what ifs," both internally generated (as was the case here) and in response to fake news.

Lacking a clearly anchored tone and a well-established approach, their crisis-management effort came across as unprofessional, disjointed and — especially — lacking in strategic underpinnings. This is a particularly large slippage at a time when companies have to live with a lot more "unusual uncertainty," seeing any mishap easily amplified by social media. And it happened in a world in which companies already have to deal with a much longer list of improbables becoming reality.

While this awful incident is unlikely to change United's business outlook in a material way over the long-term, it carries important lessons. The faster they are absorbed by the business community as a whole, the better it is for customers, too.

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Russia's Assad stance dims hopes for US thaw

By Vladimir Isachenkov
Associated Press

■ ANALYSIS

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin's intervention in Syria has saved President Bashar Assad's government from imminent collapse and raised Russia's global clout. But after the recent chemical weapons attack their relationship is increasingly becoming a burden for Putin, jeopardizing chances for improved relations with the U.S.

Still, the Russian leader has made clear he will not abandon Assad.

It's hard to imagine how Russia and the U.S. could agree on Syria after President Donald Trump called Assad "an animal" over the deadly chemical attack, while Moscow has insisted on the Syrian leader's innocence.

Putin hasn't lost hope of making a "grand deal" with Trump, but the Russian leader's unflinching support for Damascus indicates that he doesn't see dumping Assad as part of it.

The tense talks U.S. State Secretary Rex Tillerson held in Moscow on Wednesday didn't seem to narrow the gap.

Even though the Kremlin said that its support for Assad isn't unconditional and emphasized that it can't control the Syrian leader's every move, such statements sound more like rhetoric aimed at deflecting Western criticism than a signal of Moscow's readiness to bargain over Assad's fate.

The Russian president can't accept the Syrian ruler's demise for a variety of reasons. It would deprive Moscow of its only ally in the Middle East that hosts Russian air force and naval assets. But even more crucially, it would cast Russia as a loser in the six-year Syrian conflict, dealing a blow to its aspirations to regain Soviet-era global clout and prestige.

Putin has now found himself in a trap: Abandoning Assad would amount to recognition that the Kremlin's policy was wrong, while maintaining support for the Syrian ruler could risk destroying any chance for a detente with the U.S. and raise the threat of a military confrontation.

Russia has argued that civilians in the northern Syrian town of Khan Sheikhoun likely died of toxic agents released from a rebel arsenal hit by a Syrian airstrike — a theory categorically rejected by the U.S. and its allies.

Putin cited intelligence he said showed the Syrian opposition was preparing new "provocations" with toxic agents to cast blame on the Syrian government. He likened the U.S. response in bombing a Syrian air base to the 2003 invasion of Iraq, arguing that now just as then Washington relied on false data about chemical weapons.

The Russian leader also accused the West of playing the Syrian card to try to consolidate the solidarity shaken by Trump's election victory by casting Russia as a common enemy.

Putin's statements signal that he doesn't see dropping Assad as a viable option. Just the opposite, Moscow's decision to suspend a vital communications link with the U.S. military in Syria has signaled its readiness to raise the stakes.

Neither Syria nor Russia used their air defense assets to try to fend off the U.S. attack on the Shayrat air base, which Washington said had served as a platform for the chemical attack. The U.S. issued advance notice to Russia to avoid hitting its personnel before unleashing a volley of 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles from U.S. warships in the Mediterranean.

In a paradoxical response to the strike, Moscow froze the military hotline with the U.S. The Russian move amounted to a stark warning: Don't launch any more strikes or risk unpredictable consequences.

Konstantin Kosachev, the head of the foreign affairs committee in the upper house of the Russian parliament said Moscow would only agree to restore the link on condition that the "U.S. abandons any action against the Syrian army."

In another warning to Washington, the Russian military has pledged to help Syria beef up its air defenses.

In some ways, Russia's official military presence in Syria could make the situation potentially even more menacing now compared to what it was during the war in Vietnam, when the Soviet Union never officially acknowledged its military involvement.

If Russia or Syria were to use their military assets to fend off any future U.S. strike, it may put Moscow and Washington on the brink of a head-on confrontation, and the Kremlin's decision to cut the crucial communications link between the militaries could make matters worse.

The Pentagon has insisted that no such danger exists. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said U.S.-Russian tensions over Syria "will not spiral out of control," arguing that Moscow has no interest in allowing the current disagreements over Syria to lead to a broader confrontation. He said that the two countries are maintaining military and diplomatic communications.

Facebook targets 30,000 fake France accounts for election

■ Removal part of broader battle against fake news

Associated Press

PARIS — Facebook says it has targeted 30,000 fake accounts linked to France ahead of the country's presidential election, as part of a worldwide effort against misinformation.

The company said Thursday it's trying to "reduce the spread of material generated through inauthentic activity, including spam, misinformation, or other deceptive content that is often shared by creators of fake accounts."

It said its efforts "enabled us to take action" against the French accounts and that it is removing sites with the highest traffic.

Facebook and French media are also running fact-checking programs in France to combat misleading information, especially around the campaign for the two-round April 23-May 7 presidential election.

European authorities have also pressured Facebook and Twitter to remove extremist propaganda or other postings that violate European hate speech or other laws.

Facebook ramped up its efforts against the spread of false news and misinformation on its service in December, a month after the U.S. presidential election. The company said at the time that it will focus on the "worst of the worst" offenders and partner with outside fact-checkers and news organizations to sort honest news reports from made-up stories.

It was accused of allowing the spread of false news in the months leading up to the U.S. election, which critics said may have helped sway the results in favor of Donald Trump. Since December, the company has broadened its efforts beyond the U.S.

Last week, it launched a resource to help users spot false news in 14 countries including the U.S., France and Germany. It's a notification, available for a few days, that leads users to a list of tips for spotting false news and ways to report it.

Facebook's other efforts include participating with other companies and tech industry leaders to establish a "news integrity" nonprofit organization to promote news literacy and increase the public's trust in journalism. A nascent Facebook Journalism Project, meanwhile, is a lofty effort to work with news organizations to develop products, provide tools for journalists and generally promote trust in news.

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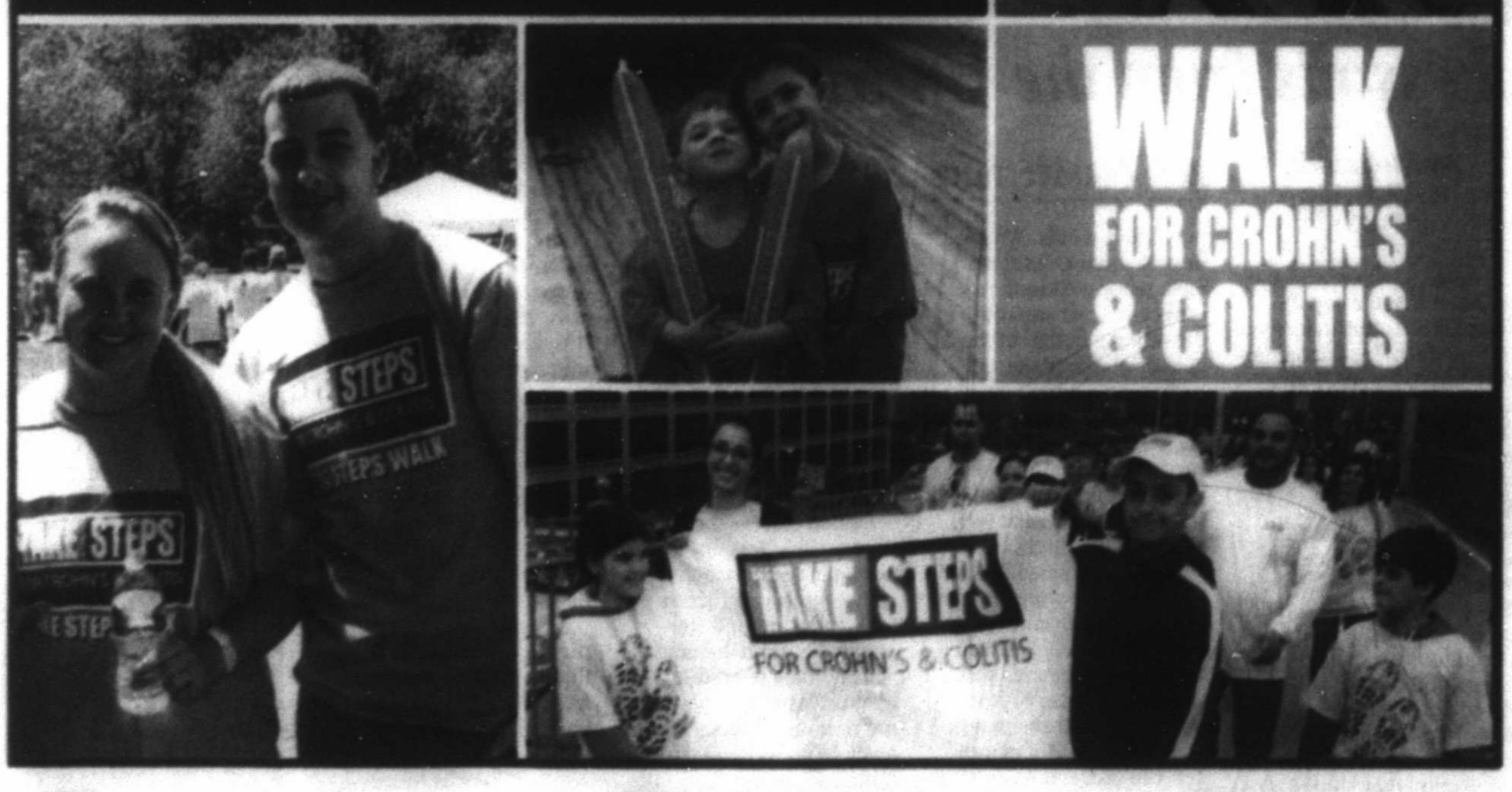

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Fox News' $200M golden goose gives CEO biggest test

By Anousha Sakoui
Bloomberg

It'd solve one problem for James Murdoch if Bill O'Reilly didn't come back from his spring vacation.

O'Reilly is the host of what remains Fox News' most popular show, even after revelations the network and the anchor resolved sexual harassment allegations by paying his accusers a reported $13 million and dozens of advertisers pulled their spots from "The O'Reilly Factor."

The problem for Murdoch, 21st Century Fox's chief executive officer, is perception — that Fox isn't willing to jeopardize the estimated $200 million in advertising revenue the host pulls in every year by sending a message that inappropriate behavior toward women won't be tolerated. The network has an uncomfortable track record as it is: Roger Ailes was ousted as Fox News president last year under similarly embarrassing circumstances.

"All I can say is we want it dealt with," said Brett Harris, an analyst at Gabelli & Co., which holds millions of Fox shares. "Fox is much bigger than O'Reilly."

Women's advocacy groups including UltraViolet and the National Organization for Women have called for O'Reilly to be fired. The uproar is a distraction at a time when Fox is trying to secure regulatory clearance for its $14.6 billion acquisition of Sky Plc, said Brian Wieser, an analyst at Pivotal Research who has a buy rating on Fox shares.

"Wall Street doesn't want to have to think about this," Wieser said. He said Fox News, which has routinely beat competitors for years, is strong enough to withstand a change in anchors. "You could probably put a monkey in the seat, and as long as it spouted appropriately conservative views, there would be decent ratings."

Wieser estimates "The O'Reilly Factor" pulls in about $200 million a year in ad sales, based on the network's total revenue.

O'Reilly, 67, is taking what he called a long-planned holiday and is scheduled to return to the air on April 24. New York magazine reported that James Murdoch wants the break to become permanent. People close to the company said the anchor was due to return. Fox has said it investigates all complaints and that it hired Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison — the same law firm it engaged last summer after Ailes was sued for sexual harassment — to continue to look into the allegations.

The New York Times published a report earlier this month that claimed O'Reilly made sexually charged remarks and overtures to at least five female employees whose complaints the network or the TV host settled out of court. Among his defenders has been President Donald Trump, who in an interview with the Times called him "a good person" and said, "I don't think he did anything wrong."

It's not solely up to the Fox CEO to determine the network star's fate. Rupert Murdoch, James' father and the company's chairman and majority shareholder, has been running Fox News since Ailes left. James' brother Lachlan is also chairman.

The elder Murdoch, 86, is viewed as more politically in line with O'Reilly, a famously combative champion of the right-wing, than his son James. The 44-year-old CEO and his wife Kathryn founded Quadrivium, an organization focused on promoting science, equal opportunities and environmental issues.

One of Fox's biggest investments since he took over as CEO was a $725 million investment in National Geographic, acquiring its TV channels and magazine, and doubling the society's resources for investments in science, research and education. James views the National Geographic network, with its emphasis on nature and ecology, as an ideological counterweight to Fox News, where climate-change deniers are regularly featured, a person with knowledge of his thinking said.

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> **Brian Wieser,** analyst at Pivotal Research

Who could Fox News tap if Bill O'Reilly doesn't return?

NEW YORK — Don't dismiss the idea that Fox could do some shuffling to avoid giving someone the pressure of being Bill O'Reilly's replacement. With that in mind, here are some on Fox's bench.

Dana Perino

President George W. Bush's last White House press secretary is clearly on the ascent at Fox, and was given the leadoff role Wednesday as the first substitute on "The O'Reilly Factor" after O'Reilly left for vacation. Executives will be watching the performance of his subs closely, along with their ratings.

Perino is one of the panelists on the late afternoon show "The Five," and lately has received several opportunities to shine on her own. She filled in for Martha MacCallum recently on the network's 7 p.m. show about President Trump's first 100 days. She had a midafternoon hosting slot on Thursday, and recently interviewed House Speaker Paul Ryan — an indication she's seen as more than a pundit. An article in the Business Insider last week said Perino was "emerging as a go-to host" for Fox.

This would also give Fox the chance to name a woman to the prime-time lineup, no small consideration at a time the network has faced steady criticism for how women are treated in their workplace.

Eric Bolling

This former Pittsburgh Pirates draftee and panelist on "The Five" has been a frequent substitute for O'Reilly in the past few years as he's heightened his profile on Fox News Channel. Formerly at CNBC, he moved to Fox Business Network and then to the news channel.

He's got a book coming out this summer: "The Swamp: Washington's Murky Pool of Corruption and Cronyism and How Trump Can Drain It."

There's no question he's an enthusiastic cheerleader for President Trump, and will appeal to the majority of Fox's audience politically. Bolling tweeted recently that "the border wall will be built and it's going to be beautiful." He declared on one recent episode of "The Five" that "let me phrase it this way: 2,920 days to diminish America's standing on the world stage. 77 days President Trump got it right back to where it should be." Trump fans — and likely Trump himself — would be happy to see him rewarded.

Jesse Watters

This 38-year-old O'Reilly protege would no doubt be the most controversial choice among Fox's critics. He joined Fox News as a production assistant in 2002 and began working on O'Reilly a year later, eventually given an on-air role. He's often O'Reilly's designated hit man, going out on "ambush" interviews to confront people whose views the host has judged questionable.

His "Watters World" man-in-the-street interviews feature him with a bemused smile, comic pieces where liberal orthodoxy is frequently the target of jokes. His segments are so popular with O'Reilly's viewers that he was given his own Saturday night show in 2015, and last month he interviewed President Trump.

One of his interview segments backfired badly last year when he questioned people in New York's Chinatown, asking questions that the Asian-American Journalists Association said were "rife with racist stereotypes."

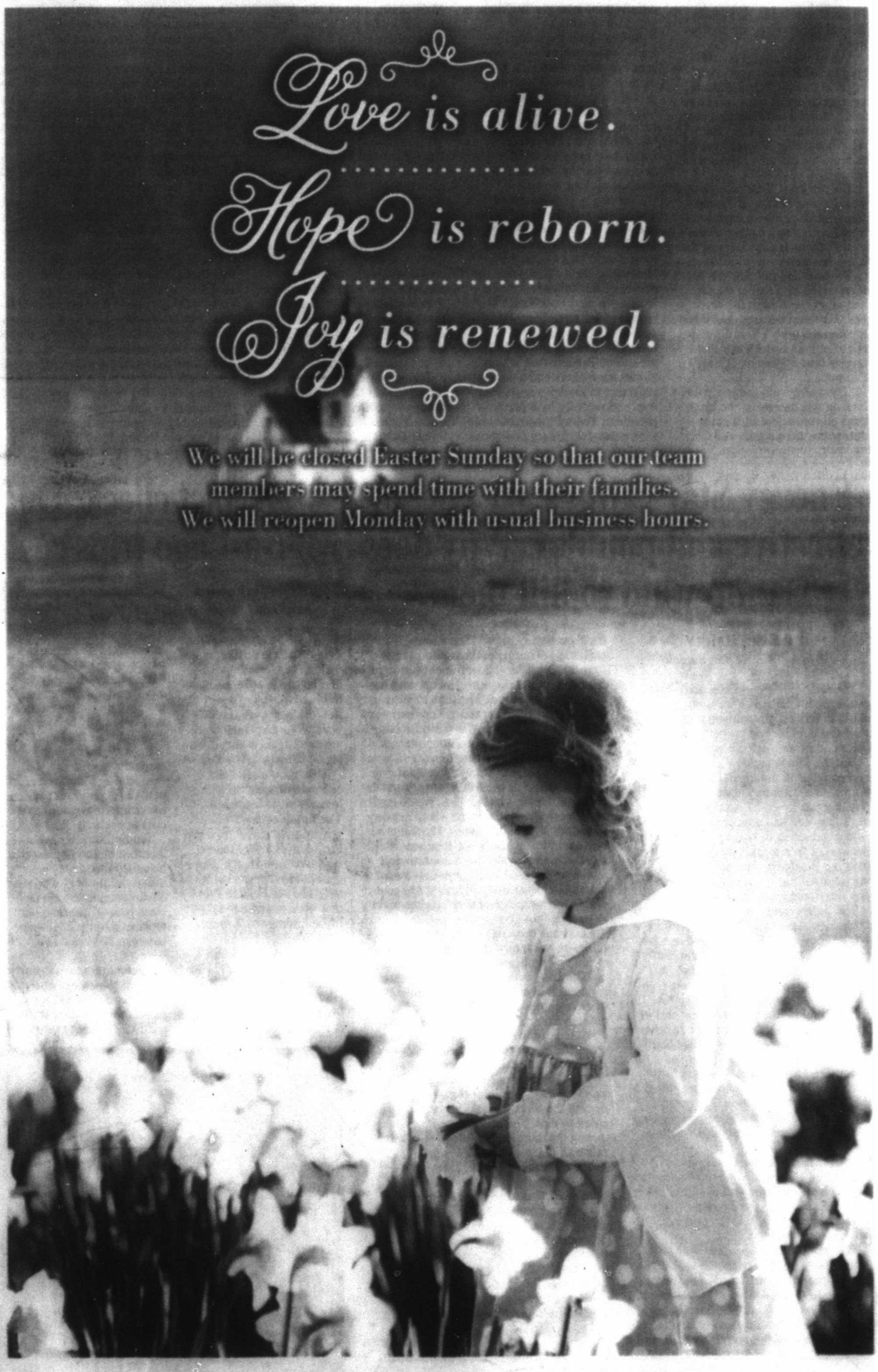
Martha MacCallum

She has the most serious news chops of this bunch. She moved into one of Kelly's roles at Fox after Kelly left for NBC News, co-hosting the network's coverage of Trump's inauguration with Bret Baier. She joined Fox News in 2004 and has been active in the network's coverage of presidential campaigns.

Carlson's path at Fox — moving from the 7 p.m. slot to 9 p.m. to replace Kelly — means MacCallum must be considered part of the mix if a time slot later in prime time opened up. Given the chance at her own prime-time show, it's likely to be less strident politically than some of Fox's other choices.

Even if O'Reilly remains, MacCallum's future isn't completely set: Fox hasn't said what will happen at the 7 p.m. time slot after Trump's first 100 days.

The bitingly sarcastic libertarian already with a show on Fox, Greg Gutfeld, would also likely be a contender if a prime-time slot opens up, along with veteran commentator Laura Ingraham, a radio host who runs her own web site and is well known to O'Reilly's audience as a guest and a substitute host.



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President Trump easing Obama-era gun restrictions

By Anita Kumar
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LEFT: President Donald Trump meets with first responders from the I-85 bridge collapse in Atlanta in the Roosevelt Room in the White House on Thursday in Washington. **RIGHT:** Former President Barack Obama talks about the threat of military action Sept. 10, 2013, with the hope of a diplomatic solution as he works to strip Syria of its chemical weapons during an address to the nation in a live televised speech from the East Room of the White House in Washington.

With little attention, President Donald Trump's administration has been quietly loosening firearms restrictions in the United States after successfully seeking the support of gun owners on the campaign trail.

His agencies narrowed the definition of "fugitive," a change that cuts the number of people who'll be included in a database designed to keep firearms from people who are barred from owning them.

Federal officials have also signaled that they may no longer defend the Army Corps of Engineers' ban on carrying loaded firearms and ammunition on federal lands.

Trump signed a bill behind closed doors that killed an Obama-era regulation that required the government to add to the no-buy list people whom the Social Security Administration has deemed eligible for mental disability payments. He signed another one that lifted restrictions on hunting on federal lands in Alaska.

With Republicans in control of the White House and Congress, gun rights groups are on the offensive for the first time in years, aggressively looking to push a series of new laws on Capitol Hill and regulations in various federal agencies to ease restrictions.

"All of these things considered in isolation may not be a big deal," said Chelsea Parsons, vice president of guns and crime policy for the left-leaning Center for American Progress. "But what is the overall goal, keeping in mind the extreme investments made by the NRA?"

The National Rifle Association was a strong backer of Trump from the start, unlike most traditional conservative organizations, many of which were leery of the brash businessman-turned-reality-TV-host and political novice. It endorsed him earlier than it had other candidates in previous years and became one of his top donors, with $30 million in contributions and TV ads that targeted his opponent, Hillary Clinton.

"Ultimately you judge a politician on whether he or she keeps their promises that they made during the campaign," said Chris Cox, chief lobbyist and principal political strategist for the Institute for Legislative Action, the NRA's lobbying arm. "NRA members and supporters across this country are very pleased with what we've seen out of this administration so far. But there is still a lot of work to do."

Before he hit the campaign trail, Trump, who says he doesn't hunt but does own a gun, had come out in favor of a waiting period for gun purchases and a ban on assault weapons. But after he entered the race, he changed his views, speaking forcefully on behalf of gun rights regularly as he found support in many rural pockets of the country.

"We're gravely concerned and have been all along ... to the extent he was making himself beholden to the corporate gun lobby," said Dan Gross, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. "He is looking to pay them back."

Trump has already rescinded 13 Obama-era regulations through the rarely invoked Congressional Review Act, which allows lawmakers and a new president to reverse regulations imposed recently by a previous president. Two of those reversals were related to firearms — those involving the Social Security Administration and hunting on federal lands in Alaska.

"We inherited, this administration did, the biggest regulatory burden, we believe, of any president in American history," said Marc Short, director of legislative affairs for the White House. "We believe this is fulfilling a campaign promise."

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives referred questions to the FBI, which referred questions to the Justice Department, as did the White House. Justice and the Army Corps of Engineers did not respond to questions for comments.

Gun rights groups have a pair of bills they are pushing in Congress this year: allowing Americans to carry concealed firearms from state to state — bypassing a confusing patchwork of laws — and making it easier and cheaper to purchase silencers. But while those fights will play out in front of cameras on Capitol Hill, others worry about what is being done behind the scenes.

Trump quickly nominated a trio of leaders that gun rights groups supported: Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. By far and away, the NRA's most important goal was to help secure an acceptable Supreme Court nominee.

On his first day as interior secretary, Zinke canceled a ban on the use of lead ammunition on federal lands — leading some to worry that the lead could be ingested by birds — and directed all agencies managing federal lands to identify areas where hunting could be expanded.

The Army Corps of Engineers, which controls 12 million acres of land around lakes and rivers, allows hunting in some of the areas it controls. But it's banned carrying loaded firearms and ammunition on its lands since the 1970s. Courts have disagreed on whether the ban violates the Second Amendment.

The NRA has long advocated that those federal lands be treated the same as national parks, where some guns are allowed or where state gun laws apply. Last year, it supported a bill that would have allowed gun owners to carry firearms on Army Corps of Engineers land.

Last month, the Army Corps of Engineers signaled that it was considering dropping its gun ban in a case now before the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals involving a Georgia couple who objected to the ban. "The Army Corps of Engineers is reconsidering the firearm policy challenged in this case, as well as plaintiff's requests for permission to carry firearms on Army Corps property," the Army Corps of Engineers argued in a motion asking that the couple's case be moved to mediation.

And in February, the Justice Department resolved a longstanding dispute between the FBI and the ATF about who should be called a fugitive — and be barred from buying a firearm.

The ATF considers a fugitive to be anyone subject to an arrest warrant who crossed state lines to avoid arrest. The FBI had a broader definition, describing a fugitive as anyone who'd left the city or county where the warrant had been issued.

In a Feb. 15 memorandum, the FBI agreed to adopt the narrower definition, saying a person must have fled the state to avoid imminent prosecution or court testimony to be considered a fugitive. The NRA did not weigh in on the issue.

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Energy Star ratings are cheap, effective and popular. Why does Trump want to kill them?

By Evan Halper
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WASHINGTON — Commercial real estate giant CBRE is always on alert for shifts in federal government policy that might impact its vast property management and investment business.

But the Los Angeles-based Fortune 500 company never anticipated an effort to eliminate a voluntary, cost-effective initiative that has saved its customers millions of dollars and had almost no critics.

In a reflection of how much influence a handful of free-market think tanks wield over the White House, the Trump administration has decided the immensely popular Energy Star program must go.

The fight centers on the Environmental Protection Agency's 25-year-old effort to boost efficiency in products and services by encouraging companies to compete for coveted, government-issued labels that certify a product or property meets high standards for saving energy and costs.

Functioning like a government seal of approval, the Energy Star program costs taxpayers a pittance and is widely beloved by the 16,000 companies and organizations that participate. Now it is fast becoming a test case of how committed the Trump administration is to pursuing the agenda of once-fringe groups seeking to slash government programs wherever they can.

"Never in my wildest thoughts have I considered something like this," said Dave Pogue, who leads the sustainability efforts at CBRE. He said the program helped the firm cut energy use at its properties by 16 percent over the last decade.

The proposal has been met with shock across party lines. Christie Todd Whitman, who ran the EPA during the administration of George W. Bush said, "not in a million years" would she have targeted Energy Star. "There was no reason to," she said. "It was a no-brainer. It worked, and it hardly cost any money."

But in a Trump administration eager to roll back federal government action to confront climate change, Energy Star has come under scrutiny. The plan to jettison the program from the federal government, now embedded in the White House budget blueprint, emerged after Trump placed Myron Ebell, a prominent climate skeptic, in charge of his EPA transition team.

Ebell's team disbanded in January and did not write Trump's budget plan, which envisions a privatization scheme where industry would set its own definitions for what products are efficient and police standards itself. But the team provided the administration with a confidential list of proposals aimed at helping the president fulfill his stated goal during the campaign of shrinking the agency as much as possible.

Ebell has been one of the most visible critics of voluntary government energy efficiency programs like Energy Star.

"The EPA is meant to improve environmental quality," said Ebell, director of environmental initiatives at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a libertarian think tank in the forefront of disputing the scientific consensus on climate change as well as the health impacts of tobacco. "I'm not sure what that has to do with how much energy consumers use. But a great deal of the work at EPA has been dedicated to that. The president made clear during the campaign he will get rid of as much of that as he possibly can."

The voluntary program's legions of loyalists say Energy Star has everything to with environmental quality. The nation's biggest companies compete aggressively to win Energy Star labels for their products, which signal to consumers that everything from the air conditioners they purchase at Best Buy to the buildings where they lease office space engage advanced technologies to use the least possible amount of power. The eagerness

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AP fact check: Do Trump's Mar-a-Lago trips cost $3 million?

By Julie Bykowicz
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With President Donald Trump making his seventh presidential trip this weekend to his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, government watchdogs and Democrats are once again seeing dollar signs: namely, $3 million.

That's a widely used estimate of what each journey costs taxpayers. The figure comes from a government report on a trip President Barack Obama made to Palm Beach, Florida, but the report's author tells The Associated Press that it's a mistake to apply those findings to Trump's travel.

A conservative group that closely monitors presidential expenses puts the tab for each Mar-a-Lago visit closer to $1 million.

Neither the Secret Service, which protects the president, nor the Department of Defense, which transports presidential vehicles from place to place, has provided a tally of any Mar-a-Lago trip, although a government office is working up estimates that will eventually become public.

So why does anyone care whether Trump is frequenting Florida, and how did $3 million become the common wisdom as the cost of each visit?

Trump himself drew attention to the issue when he called Obama a "habitual vacationer" who was costing taxpayers money. He repeatedly harangued Obama about it on Twitter between 2011 and last year.

The conservative group Judicial Watch estimated that Obama's travel expenses totaled at least $96 million over eight years, based on partial responses to its freedom of information requests. In December, the group's president, Tom Fitton, said Obama had engaged in "notorious abuse of presidential travel perks" and called on Trump to overhaul presidential travel.

But with seven Mar-a-Lago visits in less than three months, is Trump guilty of the same thing? Fitton says he doesn't think so but added, "It's not what we expected from him, given his criticism of Obama."

"The best thing he can do is disclose the numbers and then make the case to taxpayers that it's worth it for him to travel there," Fitton said. "It's a debatable point."

Trump's time at Mar-a-Lago appears to be a mix of business and pleasure.

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Why Trump the trade critic now offers open hand

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — What happened to Donald Trump the "America First" trade warrior?

Last week, Trump abandoned a campaign vow to label China a currency manipulator. Two weeks ago, his administration proposed a mild rewrite of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which he'd previously branded a job-killing "disaster." And his threat to slap harsh tariffs on Chinese goods has given way to a bid to mend fences with Beijing.

This hardly resembles the candidate Trump who sold himself as a pugnacious outsider, hell-bent on upending decades of U.S. support for ever-freer trade to safeguard American jobs from nations that play unfairly.

The recent climb-downs suggest a new president learning that go-it-alone trade policies don't easily work.

"The president is beginning to adjust his policies to economic reality," says Joshua Meltzer, a specialist in international trade and a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

His spokesman, Sean Spicer, has defended Trump's shift on trade issues, explaining that his major promise was to deliver results — not cling to any one policy stance.

"The president's tough talk on a variety of subjects was to get results for the American people," Spicer said.

Nowhere has Trump's shifting trade policy been clearer — or more jarring — than his reversal on China's handling of its currency. On the campaign trail, Trump told voters that on his first day in the White House, he would label China a currency manipulator, a public shaming that could trigger trade sanctions. Not since 1994 has the United States designated China a currency manipulator.

That self-imposed deadline came and went.

As recently as April 2, in an interview with the Financial Times newspaper, Trump had accused China of keeping its currency artificially low to give its exporters an unfair price advantage in world markets.

The charge exasperated economists, who overwhelmingly say that while China did manipulate its currency several years ago, it has not done so anytime recently. Far from undercutting its currency — the yuan — China has instead been spending its foreign reserves to prop up the yuan at a time when many Chinese are pulling money from the country to invest overseas.

"It's absurd to call China a currency manipulator at the moment," says Adam Posen, an economist who leads the Peterson Institute for International Economics, which advocates free trade.

The U.S. Treasury Department had faced an April 15 deadline to submit a report to Congress declaring whether or not China was a currency manipulator. It was clear, under the department's standards, that China was not guilty.

In an interview Wednesday, Trump bowed to reality.

"They're not currency manipulators," he told The Wall Street Journal.

In similar fashion, Trump had vowed to force Mexico and Canada to rewrite NAFTA to better protect American workers — and to abandon the 23-year-old deal if he didn't get what he wanted. Yet when a draft of his administration's plan for NAFTA leaked last month, it appeared to keep much of the agreement intact.

Likewise, during the campaign Trump spoke of slapping a 45 percent tariff on Chinese imports. Even before he took office, though, his aides were already downplaying the tariff threat.

In fact, the president's trade stance on China has taken an even softer tone since he met with President Xi Jinping. Trump is seeking China's help in dealing with an increasingly belligerent and dangerous North Korean regime.

"I think he wants to help us on North Korea," Trump said of Xi, praising China for rejecting shipments of North Korean coal, a move that puts financial pressure on the repressive regime in Pyongyang.

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AP file photo

President Donald Trump shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping as he arrives before dinner April 6 at Mar-a-Lago resort, in Palm Beach, Fla. In recent weeks, Trump has moved away from his tough campaign rhetoric on trade. Trump's threat to slap harsh tariffs on Chinese goods has given way to a bid to mend fences with Beijing.

"The president's tough talk on a variety of subjects was to get results for the American people."

Sean Spicer, White House press secretary

Officials roll out 'Obamacare' fixes with repeal goal

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Tom Murphy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration released limited fixes Thursday for shaky health insurance markets, even as it reaffirmed its goal of dismantling the Obama-era law that created them and now covers millions.

Republicans contend that the Affordable Care Act, or ACA, is beyond repair, but their "repeal and replace" slogan hasn't been easy to put into practice, or politically popular. So the administration is taking steps to keep the existing system going even as it pursues its ambition of a total remake.

Many of the changes announced Thursday follow recommendations from insurers, who wanted the government to address shortcomings with HealthCare.gov markets, including complaints that some people are gaming the system by signing up only when they get sick, and then dropping out after being treated.

But the White House remained mum on the biggest concern. Insurers, doctors, hospitals and the business community have asked President Donald Trump to preserve ACA "cost-sharing" subsidies that pare down high deductibles and copayments for consumers with modest incomes. They're separate from the better-known premium subsidies that most customers receive.

Estimated at $7 billion this year, the future of the cost-sharing subsidies is under a legal cloud. Without them, experts say the government marketplaces that provide subsidized private insurance for about 12 million people will be overwhelmed by premium increases and insurer departures.

In a Wall Street Journal interview last week, Trump raised the possibility of shutting off the money if Democrats won't bargain on health care. But the president also said he hasn't made up his mind yet, and said he doesn't want people to get hurt. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California called that an "appalling threat," and said Trump is trying to "manufacture a crisis." The new administration has continued to make cost-sharing payments to insurers as it weighs options.

The changes announced Thursday include:

■ A shortened sign-up window of 45 days, starting with coverage for 2018. That's about half as long as the current open enrollment season. Some insurers say a tighter sign-up schedule will allow for more focused marketing. Consumer advocates are worried uninsured people may be left out.

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to meet consumer demand for that seal of approval has driven firms to invest big in cutting energy use.

Energy Star has been a pillar of the federal government's effort to fight climate change, with the EPA boasting that it has kept some 2.8 billion tons of greenhouse gas from escaping into the atmosphere — or roughly the equivalent produced from powering 36 million homes with electricity each year. It has enabled consumers and businesses to cut their energy bills more than $30 billion per year.

At an annual cost of $60 million to taxpayers, it is easily the cheapest and least burdensome initiative the federal government runs to help Americans lower their energy consumption. States have latched onto the program, awarding their own rebates and other incentives to utility customers who use Energy Star products.

Until Trump took office, the voices of a handful of free market think tanks that dismissed the program as unnecessary government meddling had barely registered in Washington. Now they have the ear of the White House.

"I just think it is something government should not be doing," Ebell said, "and therefore we should get rid of it. If it has value, private industry can pick it up."

He blames the program for pushing companies to place too much focus on efficiency, saying it leaves consumers with inferior products to choose from. The climate benefits the EPA has boasted about don't impress Ebell, who accuses scientists of exaggerating the threat of global warming.

Groups like Ebell's are targeting Energy Star as part of a broader assault on efficiency. Their bigger concern is with the mandates that agencies place on industries — such as fuel mileage standards for car companies — which the Trump administration was already moving aggressively to ease. But even Energy Star runs afoul of an ideology that holds government should be involved in the marketplace only when absolutely necessary.

"This gets back to what is a legitimate function of government," said Nicolas Loris, a research fellow at the Heritage Foundation, another free market think tank the White House leans on heavily for policy guidance. "I don't see Energy Star as one of those things."

The traction gained in the crusade against Energy Star is touching off a counter movement of companies and environmental organizations scrambling to protect the quarter-century-old program. They have many allies in Congress.

"Singling this out for elimination was a senseless act," said Kateri Callahan, president of the Alliance to Save Energy, an advocacy group that is lobbying against the Trump plan. "It is really difficult to see the logic."

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He's twice hosted foreign leaders there, twice used the resort as a home base for presidential or campaign events in the area and made 15 visits to his nearby golf courses. The White House doesn't say whether he's golfing.

One way Trump is saving presidential travel money: He hasn't yet journeyed overseas, though next month he plans to make a stop in Brussels.

With a Republican in the White House, liberal groups are joining Judicial Watch in keeping an eye on travel costs.

Before Trump's Mar-a-Lago meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, the group Public Citizen blasted him for spending another "estimated $3 million."

Public Citizen said it is quoting the $3 million figure from Politico and CBS. CNN has also used that number. Those estimates all trace back an October 2016 report by the Government Accountability Office.

The facts

As fate would have it, the estimate for Trump's Mar-a-Lago trips is based on a 2013 weekend golf trip Obama took to Palm Beach.

Sen. John Barrasso, a Wyoming Republican, asked the GAO to probe the Obama outing, and its report finally came out last fall.

The GAO's bottom line for that trip, not including regular White House personnel costs as well as some classified expenses, was $3.6 million. But the author of that report, Brian Lepore, says that figure shouldn't be applied to Trump's travel.

"It's hard to substitute one trip for another, even if the destination is the same," Lepore said. Each time a president travels, the Defense Department must airlift equipment such as the protective limousines, security vehicles and occasionally helicopters from various military bases around the country.

A base in Illinois is charged with moving the inventory around, and costs vary widely depending on which base it comes from, he said.

Another problem with extrapolating from the October 2016 GAO report is that it included a leg from Washington to Chicago, where Obama gave an economic speech before heading to Palm Beach for a long weekend of golf.

Obama was only in Chicago for a few hours, but costs pile up because each destination triggers the need for the Secret Service to prepare and protect the site and the Defense Department to move the equipment involved.

Another significant cost-driver, GAO noted, is the per-hour cost of military aircraft, such as the president's plane, Air Force One. So it's not just a matter of slicing off a few hundred thousand dollars to come up with the $3 million estimate.

"If you take out Chicago, that just means the equipment is going to have to come from other bases," Lepore said. Sometimes that means more money, sometimes less.

Judicial Watch arrives at its $1 million figure by estimating flight time and typical Secret Service costs, leaving out airlifting equipment such as the presidential limousines. Those costs also aren't fully included in Judicial Watch's $96 million total for Obama.

More clarity is coming, eventually.

The GAO agreed to a Democratic request to price out a few of Trump's Mar-a-Lago trips, and its forthcoming report promises a more accurate estimate. The research could take months or, if the Obama report is any guide, years.

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■ Curbs on "special enrollment periods" that allow consumers to sign up outside the normal open enrollment window. Insurers say these have been too easily granted, allowing some people to sign up only when they need costly treatment.

■ Allowing an insurer to collect past debt for unpaid premiums from the prior 12 months before applying a consumer's payments to a new policy.

■ Giving insurers more flexibility to design low-premium plans that can be tailored to young adults.

"While these steps will help stabilize the individual and small group markets, they are not a long-term cure for the problems that the Affordable Care Act has created in our health care system," Seema Verma, the Trump administration official responsible for the markets, said in a statement.

The changes come as insurers are figuring out their plans for 2018.

Consumers likely won't know for certain what sort of choices they will have until late summer or early fall, a couple months before open enrollment begins.

This year saw premium increases averaging 25 percent for a standard plan in states served by HealthCare.gov. Some insurers say they've lost hundreds of millions of dollars, and many have pulled back or are considering it.

Most communities will have competing insurers on the public marketplace next year, but a growing number will be down to one, and some areas may face having none.

Humana Inc. said it would leave the marketplaces next year, a decision that would leave 16 counties in Tennessee with no insurers selling HealthCare.gov coverage.

Aetna and Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield have announced they'll leave Iowa's individual insurance market.

All eyes are now on Anthem, a big Blue Cross-Blue Shield insurer operating in several states that has yet to announce its intentions. CEO Joseph Swedish has said his company would not commit to participating next year. Swedish and other insurance officials have said the government has to stabilize the marketplaces.

Dave Dillion of the Society of Actuaries says growth in underlying medical expenses could drive coverage prices up another 10 percent or more.

Nonetheless, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says the ACA markets will be stable next year in most areas.

In Washington, Republicans are trying to resolve an impasse between hardliners and moderates that has prevented them from getting their own health care bill through the House.

TRADE

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Asked whether the administration's decision on China's currency was part of an agreement over North Korea, Trump said Wednesday, "We're going to see about that."

Regardless, the president appears to have decided that "needlessly antagonizing China over an issue that doesn't exist is not a particularly fruitful strategy," Brookings' Meltzer said.

Trump has also flip-flopped on the U.S. Export-Import Bank, which helps exporters by making and guaranteeing loans and providing insurance. As a candidate, Trump attacked the agency as useless, and many conservatives have called it a hub of crony capitalism.

But Trump told the Journal that he'd learned that the Export-Import Bank serves small businesses and helps U.S. firms compete with foreign companies that receive help from their governments. Trump also noted that the bank "actually makes money" for taxpayers.

It's possible that Trump could still turn more confrontational on trade. He's already withdrawn from an ambitious Asia-Pacific trade pact negotiated by the Obama administration. And his nominee to be U.S. trade representative, Robert Lighthizer, has advocated more aggressive use of trade laws to fight unfair foreign competition, especially from China.

Still, free-trade advocates would feel far more encouraged if the administration worked within existing trade pacts rather than tearing them up.

Trump's confrontational talk about America's trade partners had played well on the campaign trail, especially in Midwestern and Southern towns that lost jobs to Chinese and Mexican competitors. But plenty of other Americans have a vital stake in preserving cordial trade relations. U.S. farmers, for example, have mostly benefited from NAFTA: Their exports to Mexico, for instance, have risen nearly five-fold since the deal took effect in 1994.

And American auto manufacturers have spent two decades building complex supply chains that ferry components and finished cars back and forth across the U.S.-Mexico border. A NAFTA overhaul would likely disrupt their operations.

Posen of the Peterson Institute says Trump might be starting to recognize that trade is part of America's enormously complicated relationship with the rest of the world. Posen says he is reminded of some advice the fictional President Josiah "Jed" Bartlet offered on chess and geopolitics on television's "The West Wing":

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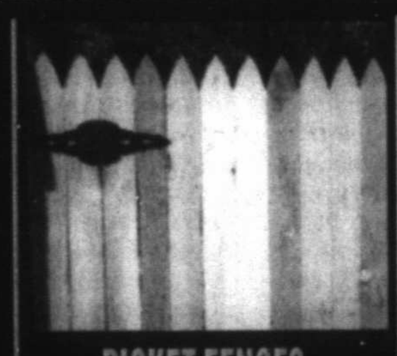

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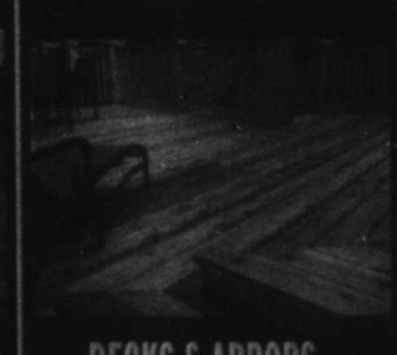

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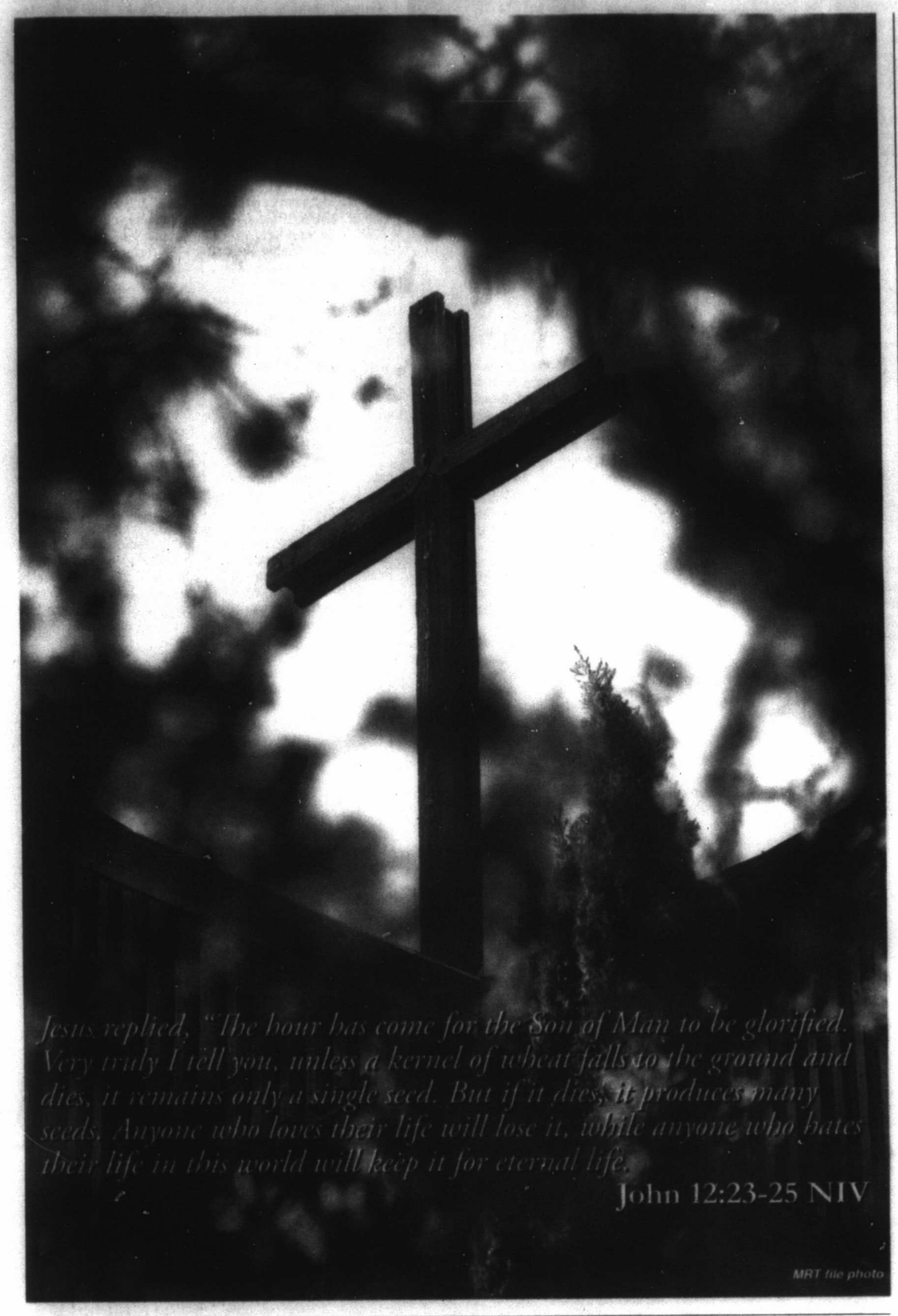

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MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

Season offers the chance to live as 'Easter people'

Easter blessings! This is one of my favorite holidays, and not just because of the outfits and the candy. Easter is one of my favorite stories. Like all good stories, it is filled with beauty and mystery. There is pain, sacrifice, death. Our hero is triumphant. But above all, to me, Easter is a perfect love story.

One of my favorite Easter memories involves my son Parker. He was about 3 when he heard the crucifixion story at his pre-school. He could not wait to share his news with me. He threw everything into the car, breathless and wide-eyed.

"Mom! Mom! Did you know they killed Jesus?"

I was a little taken aback, I was not aware he would be learning the passion story at daycare. We're Methodists, so we don't generally start and end with just the scary part.

"Well, yes, Son. They did. But … there's more to this story. Did they tell you how it ended? The most important part of this story is that Jesus got back up! He loved you, and me, and God so much that he was able to get back up. Now he lives in heaven, where he watches over us."

In the words of my sweet pastor, the Easter story is the story wherein Death did not get the final word. Love did. Christ loved us so much, that he died for us. He died so that we may have life everlasting as well! As I see the grass turning green and leaves budding on trees, I am reminded of that new life all around me.

As Christians, spring is a time of renewal for our hearts as well. We have a chance to live as Easter people. But what does that mean, really? I read a

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THE REV. LARRY LONG
Fellowship Community Church

Resurrection of Jesus satisfies greatest thirst

"Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.'"

John 19:28-30

John tells us that Jesus' announcement of thirst from the cross was to fulfill Scripture. But let there be no doubt his thirst was real. Next to the air we breathe (and without which we will die in a matter of minutes), water is our most basic need. Without food we can live a little more than a month. Without water we will die in a matter of days. But long before death ends our misery, the agony of thirst will taunt us to the bitter end.

We've all experienced thirst to a degree, of course. But Jesus' thirst was more than just an extended pass between drinks. Consider the circumstances that caused his thirst: The long hours of nervous tension during prayer in the garden as sweat poured from his brow like drops of blood; the physically and emotionally brutal interrogations in three kangaroo-courts; the extreme trauma and shock of physical injury and loss of blood caused

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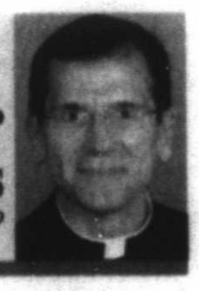
Life is revealed when situations viewed through perspective of Christ's resurrection



BISHOP MICHAEL J. SIS
Diocese of San Angelo

When I was a child, Easter Sunday was a day for receiving a basket full of candy from the Easter Bunny, dressing up extra special for Mass and enjoying a good meal with my family. From my young perspective, the best part was the hollow chocolate rabbit. I especially enjoyed biting off the ears.

As the years went by, I came to learn that the real meaning of Easter is not about Peter Cottontail, chocolate bunnies or marshmallow Peeps.

The meaning of Easter is that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. He was abandoned by most of his followers, publicly humiliated, tortured, killed on the cross and placed in the tomb. From all appearances, it seemed like everything was lost. Everybody thought that the Christian experience was finished — lifeless tomb; story over.

But God is a God of surprises. Jesus Christ was resurrected to new life on Easter morning.

Mary Magdalene was one of the very few followers of Jesus who had remained faithful to him until the bitter end. She never ran away, denied him or betrayed him.

She had the courage to remain faithful to Jesus during his suffering and death, even if it would cost her tremendous sacrifice. And she had the privilege of being the very first disciple to encounter the risen Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday morning. So Mary Magdalene is the first witness of the Resurrection.

One of the most important forms of Christian art is the icon. Icons are typically flat boards that have been prayerfully painted with sacred images of Christ or the saints. It's very curious that, when Mary Magdalene is depicted in icons, she is traditionally shown holding an egg. Why an egg?

The egg comes from a pious tradition concerning Mary Magdalene. According to the story, in the days of the early Christian church in the first century, Mary Magdalene somehow managed to attend a banquet given by the Emperor Tiberius Caesar.

One of the things being served at the banquet was eggs. At a certain point, the emperor happened to come near Mary Magdalene while she was holding a plain white egg in her hand. When she met the emperor, she boldly proclaimed, "Christ is risen!"

The emperor laughed and said that Christ rising from the dead was just about as likely as that egg in her hand turning red while she held it. Before he finished speaking, the egg in her hand turned a bright red, and she continued to proclaim the Christian faith to everybody at the party.

Our custom of coloring Easter eggs finds its origin in that ancient story. As it turns out, the egg is actually an excellent symbol of the true meaning of Easter — much better than a bunny or plastic grass or chocolate.

Think about it. If you look at the outside of the egg, it looks pretty dead.

It has a hard, lifeless shell, like a rock. From the outside you can't tell, but there's actually life in there. Eventually, the little chick pecks its way through, and emerges full of life.

Thus, the hard shell of an egg symbolizes the tomb of Christ, and the cracking of the shell and emergence of new life symbolizes his resurrection from the dead on Easter morning.

As we experience the Easter season this year, I propose that we learn to look at reality with "Easter eyes." What I call Easter eyes is the ability to view any situation, no matter how seemingly problematic, through the perspective of the Resurrection, and see that there is life hidden in that situation. Here are some examples:

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Obituaries

Albert J. Tisdale

Albert J. Tisdale, also known as A.J. Tisdale, departed his earthly home on April 11, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. He ascended to his Heavenly Home where he expects to spend eternity with Jesus, the saints, the angels, his family, and friends.

A.J. was born March 31, 1921 in Caldwell Parish, North Louisiana, near the small village of Kelly. He was the first son of Albert C. Tisdale and Stella Allbritton Tisdale, and was blessed to grow up with five sisters (Velma, Eunice, Mildred, Marie, and Geneva) and two younger brothers (Donald and Bill.) In A.J.'s early years, the family was engaged in farming; however, after a few years, his father decided to re-enter the oil business, so they moved to El Dorado, Arkansas. There, he got his first experience in the oil fields, helping his Dad with minor repairs to his oil properties.

In the late 1920's, his father drilled a number of dry holes in Louisiana, narrowly missing a major discovery, the East Texas oil field, which was discovered near Joinerville, Texas, in 1931. H.L. Hunt, the well-known oil man, asked A.J.'s dad to take a position looking after Hunt's first producing property in East Texas, so the family moved to a small village named Wright City, located between Henderson and Tyler. A.J. and the other school-aged family members entered Gaston School in Joinerville, where he graduated in 1938.

At the age of 13, A.J. was converted at the Selman City Baptist Church and was baptized by the Reverend Fox in a creek behind the church. A couple of years later, he and other family members chartered the Turnertown Baptist Church. This church became the dominant church in the area. A.J. attended church and Sunday school regularly, and he was active in many church functions.

During his teens, he worked in the oilfield as well as agricultural projects, such as raising chickens, growing corn and pea crops, and tending to dairy cattle and hogs. These projects earned him the title of Outstanding Vocational Student in Gaston High School.

The year he graduated from high school, he met the love of his life, Dorothy Jo Schillings. They were married September 7, 1941 in Turnertown Baptist Church by the pastor, the Reverend Harvey Elledge. A. J. and Dorothy Jo joined a church and attended regularly whenever they moved to a new city. Religion was a vital part of their lives.

A.J. entered Baylor University in the fall of 1938 as a pre-med student, but he changed his major after two years to business administration.

After World War II started, he delayed entering Baylor University for his third year to work in defense in Mobile, Alabama, and Houston, Texas, before entering military service in 1943. He served with the Air Force's first jet-propelled group in the Mohave Desert. During his military years, his first daughter, Dana Sue, was born in 1944.

After his discharge from the military in 1946, he returned to Baylor. His second daughter, Judith Ann, was born that year. He graduated from Baylor in 1947. During his last year, he was the student assistant and grader for the Business Law Professor and was an honor student. In his last year of Business Administration studies, he enjoyed a close relationship with the Dean of the Business School, Dr. Monroe Carroll, and he even kept Dr. Carroll's classes on a number of occasions.

After graduation from Baylor, he accepted a position with Humble Oil and Refining Company, which later became Exxon-Mobil, and the family moved to McCamey, Texas. From McCamey, the family moved to Midland, then Houston, Los Angeles, and then back to Midland in 1967. A.J. retired as the Division Services Manager over Production, Exploration, and Marketing with 35 years of service. After his retirement, A.J. and Dorothy Jo moved to the East Texas city of Jacksonville and then Tyler. They returned to live in Midland in 2004.

A.J.'s favorite pastime was Bass Fishing. While in Midland, he helped charter and named the High Sky Bass Club which had monthly tournaments that he entered and often won. He was always proud of his beautiful bass boat. He taught his grandchildren how to fish, and they still talk about many memorable trips. He also enjoyed visiting hunting camps, with the camaraderie as well as the hunting.

A.J. and Dorothy Jo enjoyed traveling in our country, as well as overseas and on cruises. One of their best trips was a historical tour through Virginia, where they enjoyed many historical sites, as well as Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello. From Virginia, they traveled through Maryland to Washington, D.C., where they visited many of the Capitol's attractions, such as Congress, the White House, the Supreme Court, the Smithsonian, and many monuments, and on to Pennsylvania's battlefields and Philadelphia with its many historical sites. They ended the trip in New York City with its attractions and a trip to a Broadway play.

Other trips in America included the World's Fair in New Orleans, the French Quarter and dining in its famous restaurants, and on to Florida and Disney World with its Epcot Center. Since they lived in California for six years, they enjoyed many of the wonderful sites the state had to offer. On an extended trip to Europe, A.J. and Dorothy Jo saw many wonderful places. The two-week cruise on the original "Love Boat" through the Caribbean was a great experience. In celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, they took a cruise to the Hawaiian Islands.

On their last trip, A.J. and Dorothy Jo flew to Fairbanks, Alaska, toured the inland and the great Denali Park, and then cruised Alaska's inland passage back to Vancouver. Their greatest regret was that every time they planned a trip to the Holy Lands, the trip was cancelled due to outbreaks of hostilities.

A.J. was active in the Lions Club, the United Way, the Permian Oil Show, the First Baptist Church, and others. He was a 60-year Master Mason. A.J. was a devoted husband for 75 years, and a loving and generous father to his daughters, Dana Sue and Judith Ann. He doted on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many of his friends and relatives will remember him by his sense of humor and his ability to tell funny stories.

He is survived by his wife of 75 years, Dorothy Jo Tisdale; daughter, Dana Sue and her husband William M. Holland; daughter, Judith Ann and her husband Michael J. Canon; and by seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Crawford A. Crim Chapel in Henderson, Texas, on April 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., with the Reverend Donald James Tisdale presiding.

Pallbearers will be his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His grandchildren include Michael Canon, Joanna Holland Thiele, Stephen Canon, Murrie Holland, Christopher Canon, Elizabeth Canon Moore, and Allison Holland.

His great-grandchildren include William, Lawrence, and Olivia Thiele, Jackson, Lenore, and Noah Canon, Clare and Cate Moore, Caroline and Eloise Canon, and James Canon.

Honorary pallbearers, the spouses of his grandchildren, include Meredith Canon, Honor Canon, Cory Canon, and Todd Moore.

Memorial donations may be made in Albert J. Tisdale's name to the First Baptist Church Missions at 2104 West Louisiana Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at *www.crawfordacrim.com* and *www.npwelch.com*.

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Linda Rust

Linda Rust was born Linda Gay Hummel on October 26, 1954 in Tokyo, Japan to Army Sergeant First Class Gordon Edward Hummel and Gay Jeannette Rowles.

As a child, Linda got to see the world, including living in Italy and Germany. Her family eventually settled in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, where Linda was a top-ranked student at Clearfield High School. She graduated from Penn State University and then received an MBA from the University of Tennessee.

In 1978, she went to work for the Exxon Corporation in Houston, Texas as an accountant. While working at Exxon, Linda met a fellow accountant from Virginia named Ken Rust. In May 1984, they were married in Grand Junction, Colorado. On February 11, 1985, their first son, Owen Patrick Rust, was born. Shortly thereafter, the young family moved to Denver. On August 21, 1986, their younger son, Colin Matthew Rust, joined the family. In October of that year, they relocated to Midland, Texas.

In Midland, Linda continued her career as an accountant. She and her husband worked hard to make the best lives possible for their family. As a team, they volunteered at their children's schools, as Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders, and with St. Ann's Catholic Church. In addition to their two sons, they raised dogs, cats, gerbils, beta fish, and an entire herd of desert box tortoises.

Linda enjoyed spending time in the mountains, attending the theater, and volunteering at her church. She was an avid reader and supported the arts. She focused on being healthy and protecting the environment. Over the years, she touched many lives and enjoyed making the world a better place. She was an excellent wife, mother, volunteer, parishioner, and friend.

On April 6, 2017, with the loving support of her family, Linda Rust entered Heaven after battling cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Alan Rust; sons, Owen and Colin; sister, Laurel Hummel of Anchorage, Alaska; and mother, Gay Hummel of Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

She is also survived by two grandsons, Aiden Rust, son of Owen and Brittany Rust of Midland, and Theodore Rust, son of Colin and Porschia Rust of Sugar Land, Texas.

Instead of sending flowers to the family, please donate to Hospice of Midland, Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts of America, or any charity or nonprofit that supports medical research, counseling, or environmentalism.

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

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Maxine Belt

Maxine Belt was born January 10, 1928 on a farm near Fairfax, Oklahoma to parents William Ezra Wann and Florence Boyer Wann. She grew up there, and graduated with the 1945 Class of Fairfax High School. Maxine then attended Oklahoma A&M College (now Oklahoma State University), where she met her future husband, Bill Belt. They were married May 16, 1948 in Fairfax.

Following Bill's employment by Gulf Oil, Maxine and Bill lived in Odessa, Electra, Archer City, Wichita Falls (three times), and Fort Worth, Texas, while Maxine worked in various secretarial and bookkeeping jobs while Bill earned his geology degree from Midwestern University and worked for Gulf Oil.

Maxine and Bill were blessed with two children during this time, eventually settling in Midland, TX, in 1960. Following Bill's death in 1978, Maxine continued to live and work in Midland. During this time, she enjoyed volunteering, researching genealogy, traveling (especially with her sisters-in-law), and making a welcoming and loving second home for her children and grandchildren to visit. Maxine was a member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class at First Methodist Church of Midland for many years, the Chevron Retirees Association, the Santa Rita Club, and she did volunteer work at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum for over 23 years.

In 2013, she moved to an independent living community in Spring, TX, where she made many new friends and participated in the many activities sponsored there until her death on April 13, 2017.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four sisters, and two brothers. She was the youngest and last surviving member of the Wann family.

She is survived by her son, Gregory W. Belt and wife Paula of Tuttle, Oklahoma and her daughter, Nancy K. Medley and husband Hal of Spring, TX, and her seven grandchildren, Bill Medley and wife Beth of Kansas City, KS, Elizabeth Medley, Esq. and Husband Dr. Rohan Joseph of Tallahassee, FL., Ellen Funderburg and husband Josh of Midland, TX, Trey Medley and wife Sarah of Houston, TX, Dr. Melissa Medley and husband Connor Hughett of San Antonio, TX, Emily Belt of Yukon, OK, and Sam Medley and wife Beth of Bryan, TX, and also by her 12 great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, Barbara Belt and Birdie Duniphin of Oklahoma City, OK and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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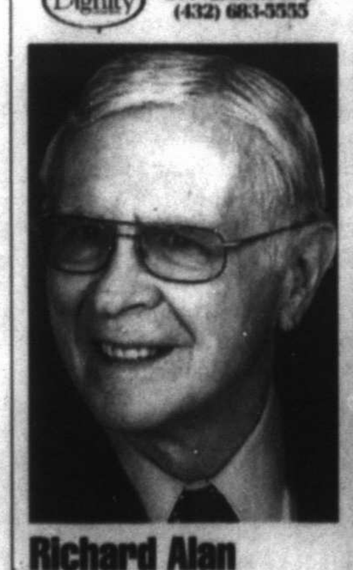

Richard Alan Richey

Richard Alan (Dick) Richey was born to Marvin and Ruth Richey on May 18, 1929 in Thorntown, Indiana. He graduated from high school in Lebanon, Indiana where he was an outstanding basketball player and an honor student.

Upon graduation, he attended Indiana University for one year, and then transferred to McMurry College (now McMurry University) in Abilene, Texas to play basketball under his former high school coach. While at McMurry, Dick was named team captain and All Texas Conference player for two seasons.

During his college years he was elected class favorite, class president, student council president, and Chief McMurry. He was inducted into the McMurry Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991.

While at McMurry, Dick met Era Jane (Andy) Anderson from Colorado City. They were married in 1953. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree from McMurry and an M.Ed. degree from Abilene Christian College (now Abilene Christian University) and did post graduate work at the University of Hawaii.

Dick Richey worked in several school districts including Brownfield, Coleman, Ballinger, Eldorado, and Andrews. His assignments included teaching algebra, coaching, serving as principal, and for 14 years he was Superintendent of Ballinger ISD. When Dick became superintendent of Ballinger ISD, he was the youngest public school superintendent in Texas! While there, he guided the district through a successful bond election and the building of a new high school. He served as President of District XV Texas State Teachers Association, was on many school district committees, and was an active Rotary Club member.

Retiring after 36 years in public education, Dick and Andy moved to San Angelo where he was an active member of Sierra Vista Methodist Church.

Dick Richey always had a song in his heart, singing in Methodist Church choirs where ever he lived. A highlight for him was performing with the Sierra Vista Methodist Church Choir at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

A special pleasure for Dick and Andy was taking family vacation trips around the country in their RV, visiting every state including, Alaska and Hawaii. Dick took great pleasure in living to see all his grandchildren graduate from college, and he always enjoyed their many activities.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and by his son-in-law, David Farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Era Jane (Andy); his daughter, Sharon Farmer of Midland; his son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Karen Richey of Ovalo; four grandchildren, Heather Thetford and husband, Adam and their three children, Sawyer, Mabrie and Sterling all of Sunset, Texas; Heath Richey and wife Bre of Sulphur Springs; and twins, Jace Farmer and fiancée, Tara Williams of Midland, and Jordan Farmer of Livingston, Texas; by his brother, Dave and wife, Patty of Indianapolis, Indiana; and by nieces and nephews.

Richard Alan Richey was a shining example of integrity and devotion to his faith and his family, and his legacy will live on the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service at Sierra Vista Methodist Church will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 17, 2017.

A private burial at the Colorado City Cemetery will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sierra Vista UMC 4522 College Hills Blvd., San Angelo, Texas 76904 or to The Alzheimer's Association at *alz.org*

Family and friends can sign the online register book at *harper-funeralhome.com*.

Wilda Jean Drake Scott

Wilda Jean Drake Scott, 89, passed away Thursday, March 9, 2017 from complications of pneumonia after a brief hospital stay.

Wilda was born in Colorado City, Texas on July 18, 1927. She was born to Vester Roy Drake and Willo Mae Strain Drake, the eldest of four children. Wilda graduated from Midland High School in 1944 and attended Oklahoma Baptist University for one and a half years. She moved to Austin in 1960 and graduated from the University of Texas in 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. She received her Master's degree in Reading from Southwest Texas State University in 1973, something that she was extremely proud of because she was the only person in her family to receive a Master's degree.

Wilda met Bobby, her husband, in 1960, at the newly formed singles department of Hyde Park Baptist Church. Wilda taught with AISD, at Allison, Walnut Creek, Lucy Reed, and at Hill Elementary as one of the teachers that helped open that school where she taught both first and third grade. She retired in 1987 but continued teaching as a substitute with AISD and Hyde Park Baptist Schools. She was a proud member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Tau chapter, a teaching sorority, where she cultivated many sweet friendships.

Wilda dedicated herself to service in God's work, in whatever way she was led. Because of this dedication, she active in youth work at Hyde Park for more than 38 years before she moved into Brookdale Northwest Hills.

Wilda leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Tami Pharr and husband Brad. Her two grandchildren, Abby and Drake Pharr, were her pride and joy. She loved going on field trips with their classes, attending all their sporting events and even tailgating with them this past fall at Texas A&M University alongside many close family friends.

She is survived by one sister, Tiny Drake Alderson, and two sisters-in-law, Julia Edith Drake and Nathalie Drake Sims. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 41 years, Bobby Scott; parents, VR Drake and Willo Mae Strain Drake; as well as two brothers, Glenn Drake and Norman Drake; and one brother-in-law, Gene Alderson.

Wilda moved to Brookdale Northwest Hills in Austin two and a half years ago and quickly made her mark. The family would like to express deep appreciation for the care and love received by all staff from Brookdale Northwest Hills, as well as the many friends she made while at Brookdale Northwest Hills.

There was a memorial service held in her honor, Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Hyde Park Baptist Church in the chapel.

In lieu of the usual remembrances, nothing would make Wilda happier than for contributions to be made to Hyde Park High School Annual Fund in her name with the address of P.O. Box 4486, Austin TX 78765.

Death Notices

Bonnie Lou Prickett

Bonnie Lou Prickett, 62, of Seminole, TX passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Memorial services will be privately held at a later date in Steamboat Springs, CO.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, Stanley "Stan" Prickett; two brothers; and three sisters.

Mary Van Veghel

Mary Van Veghel, 90, Midland, passed away on Friday, April 14, 2017.

Memorial services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Easter services

This is a limited listing of area Easter services.

TODAY

- Easter Worship services, 6:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m.and 10:50 a.m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas Ave. stlukesumcmidland.org.
- Easter services, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.
- Easter Egg Hunt, 9:15 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.
- Easter Sunday service with egg hunt to follow, 9:30 a.m. at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N. stnicksmt.org.
- Children's Easter Festival and Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas Ave. stlukesumc-midland.org.
- "The Resurrection of Our Lord" Easter service, 10:30 a.m. at Midland Lutheran, 2705 W. Michigan Ave.
- Easter service, 10 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 Midland Drive.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Interior of San Miguel Archangel catholic church decorated for Easter is shown March 26, 2016.

Easter is the power of a world-moving narrative

JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Servive

It's Holy Week and I want to tell a story related to its meaning, a true one, a story I recently told in a piece for an association at a Christian university. I think it's worth repeating because of what is says about rescue, renewal, hope and love, and so please meet Joaquin, the assistant of a great handyman.

The handyman is an essential ingredient in maintaining the Ambrose household, and, as a cheerful sidekick, Joaquin has been exceptional at helping make restorative things happen. I am someone who loves to talk, have never shaken my reportorial urge to interview and thus discovered how Joaquin had for years helped to build houses, had done weil and then experienced a crash.

He once came home, found a fellow with his girlfriend, got in a fight, then got into legal trouble and suffered major losses. Relying on the wisdom of an evangelical grandmother, he began to rebuild, and one of his efforts was at a charter school for students whose behavior had caused their ejection from other schools. He coached basketball and young, struggling guys there and sometimes wanted to reach beyond the secular advice the public school allowed on school time.

When the students were suicidal — and some were — Joaquin would also talk to them after school, sharing his Christian faith. He is convinced he saved lives.

Because of disagreements about the school's operations, Joaquin left, but has still reached out to help the needy in a number of other ways. What impresses me most is what he and his wife do every Saturday.

They go to downtown Denver, a home, if you can call it that, for hundreds of the homeless. The two of them will sit down with someone who is in a sad, lonesome, wandering, unsheltered state and talk with the person, try to help him or her figure out an answer for life and give the person food. They also visit dollar stores to secure other odds and ends to aid the homeless in fundamental coping.

All of us know of people calling themselves Christians who do or have done horrible things, sometimes with little sign of regret. We know of hypocrites and religious opportunists, such as those who appear to confuse God with commercial success. We know of historical disgraces, such as the Inquisition and the devastating, long-lasting European religion wars. But then there are people like Joaquin who know that error can be corrected by grace and loving growth.

Though in many ways exceptional, he is not a lone wolf, and in fact we have a whole civilization that was mightily shaped by the force of this faith contending with other forces, reshaping so much that was evil while bestowing enormous good. This figure Jesus appeared and said the chief among you are those who serve. Love of God and neighbor are the foremost commandments. Care for the poor. Self-righteousness be gone. Acknowledge your transgressions, repent for them — that is, turn in a godly direction — and know newness of life.

During Holy Week, we see rituals in which his walk to the cross is understood as a spiritual path others can follow in different ways. In some churches, there is a washing of feet as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, a lesson in humility that helps others. We have Good Friday, the blackness of the crucifixion sacrifice, and then Easter, the resurrection that speaks to so many of joyous hope, of uplift, of rising high and in which all blooms anew. Theologically, there is much more, of course, but the non-religious who are also open-minded can surely see the power of a world-moving narrative and the moral good that has spread so far.

As a reminder of that good, I would point to my rescued friend Joaquin.

Happy Easter.

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devotional recently that focused on ways we can do that. In it, the writer says, "the best way to be a witness is by sharing our personal story; by telling others how the living Christ has shone the light in our darkness; by explaining the difference that letting go and letting God has made in our lives; by testifying how our lives have been touched by resurrection love; and to always do this with gentleness, respect and courtesy."

These words spoke to me. One, because the passage encourages us to think about the ways God is working in our lives. Two, it tells us to be encouraging to others with sensitivity and kindness. That is how we as Christians can get it right. Not with threats and hellfire, not with cruelty, but through LOVE.

Parker and I had a little couch time this week to talk about how sad we have been feeling lately. Like me, his misses his grandfather who passed away in January. He misses his sweet Marley dog, his best friend for the last eight years. Things are not quite the same without them here. I loathe that my little son has experienced so much hurt at such an early age. I was 26 before I lost anyone that I truly loved, and it was still so hard to wade through.

I held him and cried. I told him that I think we are grieving. Our hearts hurt because they are gone. That hurt is proportional and a reflection of how much love we have for the ones we lose. I told him my heart's secret, that there were days when I felt so very selfish, because I just wanted them back. Even though they hurt, even though their bodies didn't work as well as they should. I know in my heart they are at peace, fishing and swimming in the lake all day. But that doesn't mean I wouldn't do anything to have them here with us again. Selfish.

"But Mommy, that wouldn't be fair. If they caught a disease, asking them to live with it and hurt forever instead of dying and going to heaven."

Sweetest boy. And just like that, I see God working in my life.

Parker reminds me that my life is filled with so much good, that the bad things really stick out. I have so much joy, that pain is almost unbearable. I have built up no tolerance for grief.

For me, spring is coming a little more slowly this year. But it is coming. And my son, my precious gift from God, well, he is already living as an Easter person.

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SIS

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prison and see the walls, the fences and the barbed wire, and it looks like a pretty dead, lifeless place. Of course, things are not easy in a prison. There is loneliness, abandonment, despair and even abuse. However, my experience of ministering in prisons has shown me that, within the confines of those walls, there is also much life inside.

Those in prison are human beings with hearts and souls and minds. God's grace is at work in their lives, especially through the dedicated service of the chaplains and volunteers who go to pray with them there. Conversion happens, God touches hearts, friendships are made, and lives are changed. Many prisoners put their time to good use through spiritual reading and Bible study. Some serve as mentors for fellow inmates who are searching for meaning. I have met plenty whose lifetime of actively practicing the Christian faith began while they were incarcerated.

Because of this experience of the positive fruits of prison ministry, when I see a prison, I can say, "There's life in there," behind those lifeless walls. That's looking through Easter eyes.

Here is another example. Throughout our region there are nursing homes and assisted living centers. There are many faithful volunteers and clergy who regularly visit the residents there. This work of mercy calls for much love and patience, but I highly recommend giving it a try.

In my experience of visiting the residents of nursing homes, I have found that, even though they are carrying many burdens of aging and illness, we can look into their eyes and honestly say, "There's life in there!" Beautiful, unique and precious. That's looking with Easter eyes.

I'd like to offer one more example. One evening I was attending a charitable fundraising banquet in a luxury hotel. At the table next to me was a middle-aged couple with their adult daughter. She had a serious medical condition, and she was unable to speak or smile or even feed herself. Her parents lovingly spoon-fed her, wiping off her face after each bite.

In the midst of that crowded banquet, it appeared that, for their daughter, just being there was a tremendous struggle. Her mom and dad patiently, attentively, peacefully fed her in a high-society event full of lots of people decked out in tuxedoes and evening gowns.

Why would they go to all that trouble? Because they could look at her with the Easter eyes of a Christian, and know that, deep inside her palsied body, hidden behind her expressionless face, silent yet real, was their wonderful, beloved daughter.

There's life in there.

Because of the victory of Jesus Christ on Easter morning, you can look at the situations of your life with a new perspective — your family, your marriage, your teenagers absorbed in their smartphones, the homeless guy on the corner and your own pain.

If you look long and hard enough, still and quiet, patient, with enough faith, hope, and love, God will allow you to discover that there is a spark of life even in seemingly dire circumstances. That's a very Christian way of understanding things, and that's looking with Easter eyes.

LONG

From 1B

by skin-tearing lashes from the whip, the nails, and the crown of thorns. All of this — coupled with Jesus' exposure to the weather and then amplified by pain-undoubtedly conspired to generate a raging thirst.

Two Scriptures prophesied this thirst. Psalm 69:19-21 foretold it this way:

You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; all my enemies are before you.
Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless;
I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none.
They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

Psalm 22:15 prophesied Jesus' thirst like this:

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

So Jesus, knowing Scripture as he did, knew this thirst was coming. He embraced it just as he did the cross itself, because he didn't have to be thirsty, just as he didn't have to suffer the torture of crucifixion. The one who could have called a legion of angels to rescue him from the cross, who could have turned stones into bread, who did multiply two small fish and five barley loaves to satisfy the hunger of thousands-surely this one could have ordered up a tall cup of cool, refreshing water if he wanted to. After all, isn't death by crucifixion bad enough without adding the torment of such an intense thirst? Surely Jesus didn't have to be thirsty if he didn't want to.

Do you see the irony? The very one who, in John's Gospel, is said to be the Word who was in the beginning, who was with God, and who was God, and through whom all things were made, so that without him nothing was made that has been made (John 1:1-3) — this one who created the heavens and the earth, who set the sun and moon and stars in their place, and who gathered the water so as to separate it from the dry land (Genesis 1:1-9) — this very one who created all this, including water itself, was thirsty.

He was the one who, in 1 Corinthians 10:4, is called the very spiritual rock that accompanied the children of Israel in thewilderness, and out of whom they drank-and yet he was thirsty. He was the one who had miraculously turned water into wine (and not some cheap, sour, wine vinegar like the kind the soldiers gave him in his moment of great misery) — but still he was thirsty. He was the one who described himself as the very source of a spiritual water that could become a spring of living water welling up to eternal life, so that anyone who drank of it would never thirst again (John 4)-and yet Jesus was thirsty. Jesus-that very spiritual refreshment and nourishment to the human soul-was "dying of thirst."

But why? Scripture had to be fulfilled, of course, but why did Scripture have to be fulfilled in this way? Why add thirst to an already unbearable physical and spiritual deprivation? Why was this a necessary part of his torturous death?

There are several good answers to this question, but one of the reasons Jesus had to be thirsty is because Jesus' work on the cross was vicarious. Jesus died in our place, bearing upon himself the wrath of God against our sin, so that we could be forgiven. As such, he endured the most extreme forms of spiritual and physical suffering possible. Mentally, spiritually, and physically he suffered death, so that, according to Hebrews 2:9, "by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." In the words of the Prophet Isaiah (53:4-5):

"... he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows.
yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.",

Jesus' agony on the cross was for our salvation. Through his death we have life, by his wounds we are healed, and by his thirst our greatest spiritual need is quenched.

Because of all Jesus suffered on the cross, including his thirst-and more importantly, because he arose from the dead-our Lord, though his Spirit and his bride, calls us today, saying, "'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life" (Revelation 22:17). Ours is not a dead sage who gives empty promises of living water unto eternal life, he is a risen Savior who makes it real right now. Jesus died thirsty so that in resurrection our greatest spiritual thirst could be quenched.

Are you thirsty for Living Water? Is your soul spiritually parched? Come; come to Jesus. Jesus understands your spiritual thirst. Because of his resurrection from the dead, he alone can give you the drink that will quench your thirst forever. Come to Jesus, the water of life.

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The leader of an Indian tribe encamped at the base of a mountain was dying. The chief summoned his three sons and said, "I am dying and one of you must succeed me as the head of our tribe. I want each of you to climb our holy mountain and bring back something beautiful. The one whose gift is the most outstanding will succeed me." After several days the sons returned. The first brought his father a flower that grew near the summit and was extremely rare and beautiful. The second son brought his father a stone that was colorful, smooth and round, having been polished by the rain and sandy winds. The third son's hand was empty.

He said, "Father, I have brought nothing back to show you. As I stood on top of the holy mountain, I saw that on the other side was a beautiful land filled with green pastures and a crystal lake. And I had a vision of where our tribe could go for a better life. I was so overwhelmed by what I saw and by what I was thinking that I could not bring anything back." And the father replied, "You shall be our tribe's new leader, for you have brought back the most precious thing of all – the gift for a better future."

We are so proud of our volunteers at Helping Hands for their vision of a better future for the poor and underprivileged. We are also honored that all of you who support Helping Hands have chosen us to be your arms and hands in helping to provide a better future for the poor of Midland. God bless you and happy Easter!

Man tells story of the toe that almost got away

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Columnist

Bobby Weddle loves to tell family stories. Weddle, who lives between Stanton and Lamesa, has one story, however, that is so popular he even gets requests for it.

"My mother and dad were farming up close to Key, a little old farm community outside of Lamesa. My three older siblings were my sister Frances, my brother Marvin and my sister Dolly. It was their chore to bring in firewood every day before it got dark. They chopped wood and grubbed stumps with a sharp ax."

One day at sundown, Weddle's father was in the field and his mother kept telling the children to collect firewood before their daddy gets in.

"Well, they went out there."

The eldest sibling, Frances, always did the chopping. But Dolly loved to have a good time and sometimes played pranks on the family. In this particular instance, they had the log down there and were fixing to chop it and Dolly stuck her foot on that log and said, "Chop my toe off."

Frances was already coming down with the ax and it fell across Dolly's big toe and the next one to it. The big toe was barely hanging on but the one next to came completely off.

There happened to be a rooster out there and he grabbed the toe and took off.

"Well, of course they were screaming and hollering. My mother came out and said, 'What in the world?' Well, Dolly was bleeding and Frances said, 'I chopped her toes off and the rooster got a toe.' Their mother said, 'Catch that rooster, catch that rooster.' So my brother got after that rooster, tackled him and took that toe out of his mouth and brought it back."

Weddle's mother told the other two to fetch their dad.

"Daddy came and loaded Dolly in the old farm truck and took her to Lamesa. The old doctor sewed that big toe back on and attached the other toe next to it and told my mother to soak Dolly's foot in kerosene twice a day. So they did.

"Those two toes had no feeling, neither one of them. But she had the toes. And they never gave her any problem."

Dolly was about 7 years old when all that happened. She died last February at the age of 92.

"She still had those scars," Bobby said. "You could see them when she went barefooted in the house. But you never did see her outside the house without shoes. Her feet were always covered. We used to pinch those two toes. She couldn't feel anything. Frances died in January of this year at age 96. Marvin died two years ago. He was 92.

"When that happened, Momma told Dolly, 'You better get down on your knees and pray those toes stay on there.' I guess she did."

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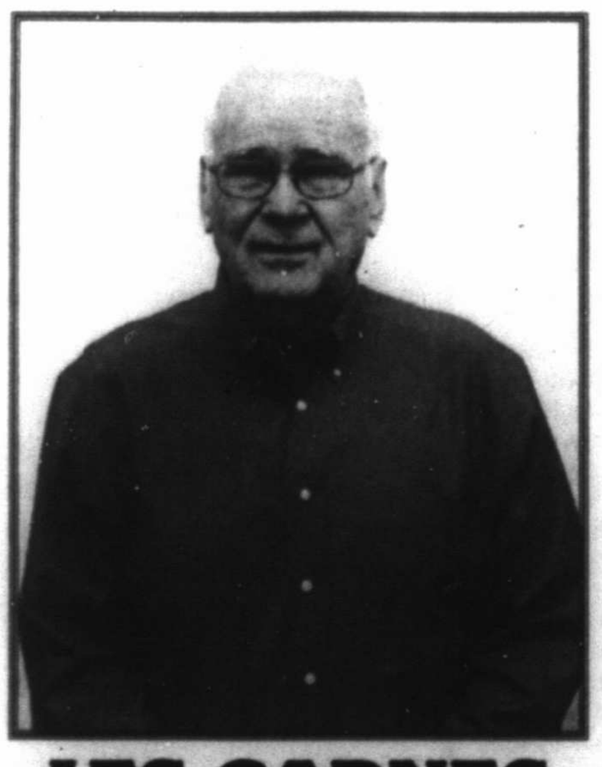

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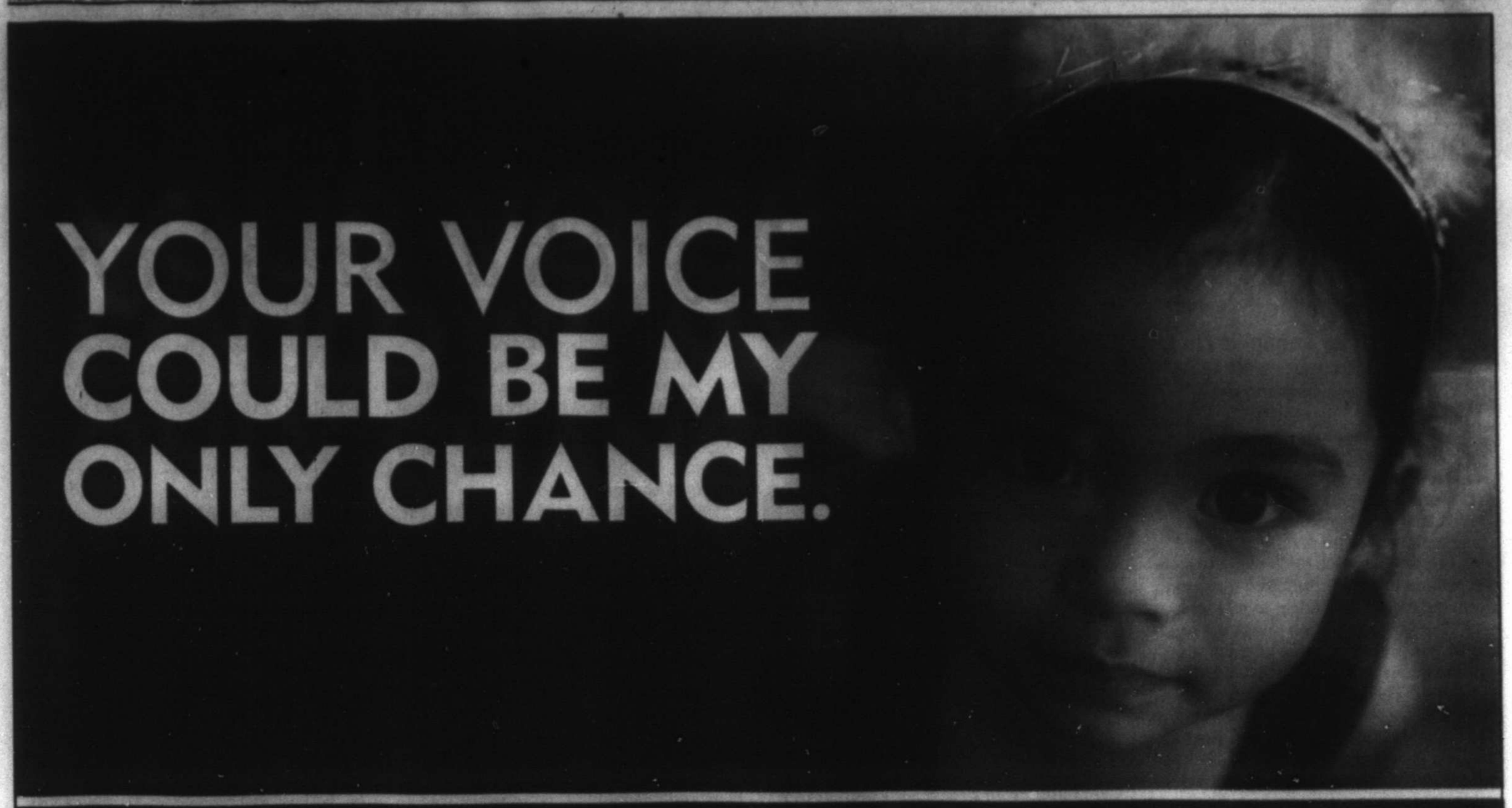

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Trumpism is not ideology; it's a state of mind

■ 'Let Trump be Trump' is not the same as 'Let Reagan be Reagan;' the two are literally opposites

JONAH GOLDBERG
Tribune News Services

Like a passenger on a sinking ship, the president has been throwing one longstanding position after another overboard like so much dead weight. His closest advisors, biggest boosters and some members of his family are at war with one another, in a pitch battle to steer the president in their preferred direction. From balancing the budget to relations with Russia, each faction thinks it's fighting for the president's true convictions and the issues that got him elected. "Such incidents," The New York Times put it, "indicate that the struggle for the President's mind between two camps, pragmatists and purists, has intensified."

This might sound familiar. But that quote comes from 30 years ago. Then-New York Times reporter Steven Roberts was writing about the great battle between the Republican establishment types and the true-believing conservatives who'd been with Reagan for decades.

The true believers had a rallying cry: "Let Reagan be Reagan!"

The phrase harks back to the earliest years of Reagan's presidency. (It was actually inspired in part by an anti-Communist documentary called "Let Poland Be Poland," but that's a story for another day.)

James Watt, Reagan's first secretary of the interior, said at a rally in 1982 that the solution to all the problems facing the administration was simple. "As I pondered that question from the depths of my soul, I felt these words," Watt told the crowd. "Let Reagan be Reagan. Let Reagan be Reagan."

In the last week, Donald Trump has found himself in a seemingly similar position. He has defenestrated large chunks of the agenda that his biggest boosters insist got him elected. As Ann Coulter, author of "In Trump We Trust," tweeted after the Syria attack, "Those who wanted us meddling in the Middle East voted for other candidates."

Trump has embraced NATO, praised Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen, scrapped his tax plan, backed off his vow to eliminate the debt, reversed his claim that China is a "currency manipulator," came out in favor of the Export-Import Bank and lifted his freeze on federal hiring. He also seems to have relegated his senior adviser and chief ideologist, Steve Bannon, to a bit player, describing him as "a guy who works for me."

I welcome most of these reversals, but it's hard not to sympathize with those who feel betrayed. They made a simple mistake: They thought Trumpism was a coherent ideological program, akin to Reaganism. Indeed, during the 2016 election cycle, a great number of prominent conservatives went to remarkable lengths to compare Trump to Reagan. At times I feared the strain might give some of my friends hernias.

The problem is that Trumpism is real, but it's not an ideology. It's a state of mind. Or, to be more accurate, it's a constantly changing state of mind. Trump himself admits as much, saying that he won't be bound by ideology or doctrine, preferring "flexibility" not just on means, but on ends.

This should have been obvious by the way people used the phrase "Let Trump be Trump." It's usually used to scold the scolds who want Trump to be more "presidential." Corey Lewandowski, the onetime manager of the Trump campaign, often told reporters he was the head of the "Let Trump be Trump" faction in Trump's inner circle. This meant not worrying about his outrageous claims and indefensible insults against competitors, judges, the media, etc.

In February, "Fox News Sunday" host Chris Wallace interviewed Dan Scavino, the man who handles the rhetorical nuclear football of this administration, Donald Trump's Twitter account. Wallace asked Scavino if he ever cautioned Trump against tweeting something. "There's been times, but not too often," Scavino replied. But, he added, "I've always believed, in being with the man from Day One, 'Let Trump be Trump.'"

When conservatives said "Let Reagan be Reagan," they were referring to a core philosophy that Reagan had developed over decades of study and political combat. When people said "Let Trump be Trump," they meant let Trump's id run free. The former was about staying true to an ideology, the latter about giving free rein to a glandular style that refused to be locked into a doctrine or even notions of consistency.

That's why saying "Let Trump be Trump" is almost literally the opposite of saying "Let Reagan be Reagan."

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OUR VIEW

Community has much to celebrate on this day of great news

Here are some Sunday thoughts as we celebrate the greatest news of all on this Easter day.

■ **RIP Marvin Wynn.** The former Midland Chamber of Commerce president passed away last week, but his legacy will live on in the community. Wynn was a leader in economic development, and we appreciate his passion, especially in this community where it is so easy to write off economic development due to the ups that happen in the oil business. Wynn continued to put the focus back on economic development, and in 2001 that determination paid off as Midland voters passed an economic development tax that has raised tens of millions of dollars. That legacy and his life are worth celebrating.

■ **Police honor their own.** The Midland Police Department honored their best on Thursday with awards given out to nearly 20 officers and some civilians who work along side police to make our community a better place (a full list of winners will run in next week's Names and Faces section). We wanted to point out a few winners — Supervisor of the Year, Sgt. Ed Marker; Officer of the Year, Officer Reico Patrick; and Detective of the Year, Detective Geo Mitchell. Congratulations to all winners, and thank you to MPD for the work you do making our community feel safer.

■ **Mother Nature comes through.** Sure, the past nine months have been as warm as any year on record. Today, however, we say thank you for the abundant rain. In fact, April is barely half over, and it is already one of the wettest months of April on record. The National Weather Service is also reporting a year-to-date total that is around 2 inches above normal. We prayed for rain, and Mother Nature delivered. Thank you.

■ **COM Aquatics in the Hall of Fame.** COM Aquatics is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and there is much to celebrate, including its induction into the Texas Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame earlier this month.

The Texas Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame includes Olympians and world record holders, so for COM to be on this list says a lot about how lucky this community is to have such a fine organization and COM's incredible facilities (privately funded, by the way).

We congratulate COM, its hall-of-fame worthy staff (including longtime executive director Brad Swendig) and the teams of swimmers and divers of all ages.

■ **Good week for data.** Our economic indicators are showing positives for the community. Home sales are at record levels, and the city's sales tax collection showed double-digit percentage growth for the first time in more than two years. Lastly, our friends at the Houston Chronicle report the return of drilling rigs and roustabouts to U.S. shale fields could lift the nation's daily crude output to 10.1 million barrels by the fourth quarter of 2018, just 30,000 barrels under the November 1970 record, according to information from the Energy Information Administration. Drink it in, Midland.

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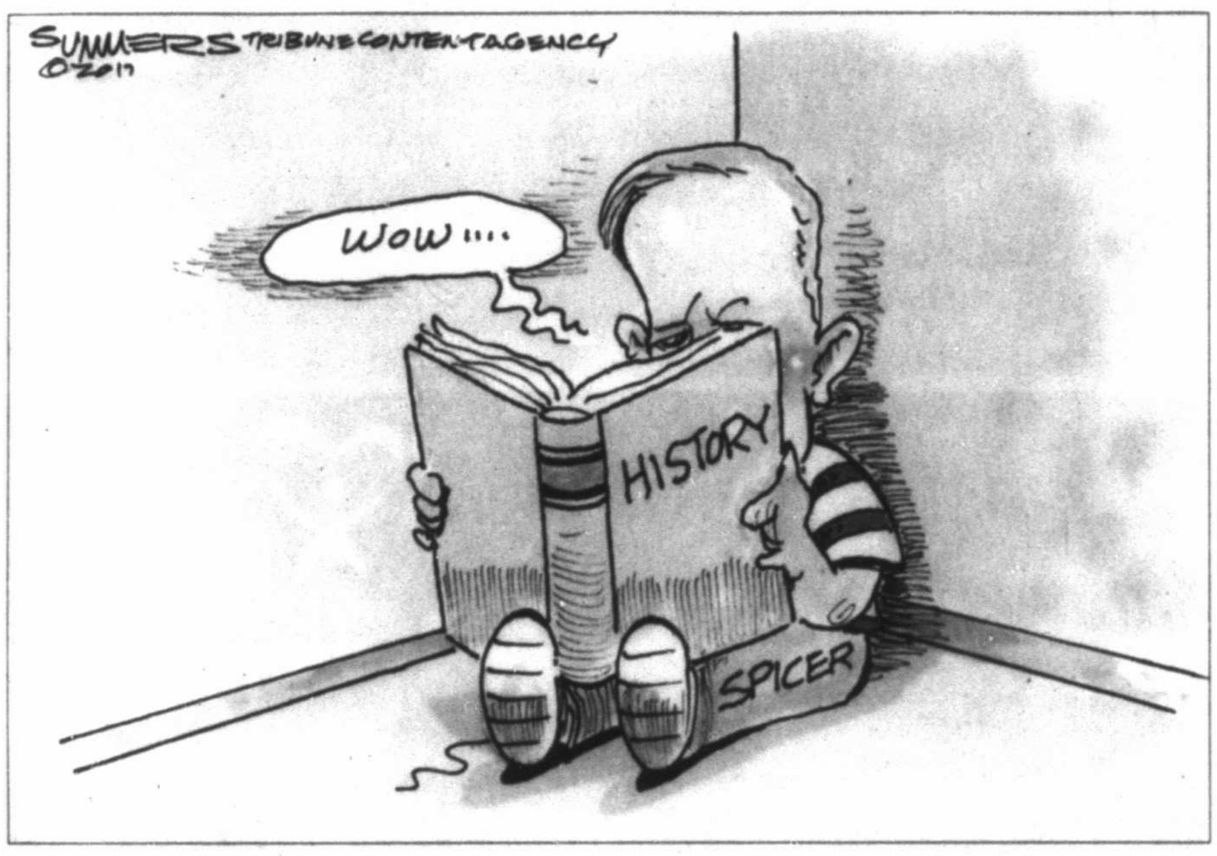

Trump becomes unrecognizable

■ For some, when Bannon loses power, those who spent too much time at Manhatten cocktail parties take over the White House

RICH LOWRY
King Features Services

Can someone reacquaint President Donald Trump with Steve Bannon, his ideologist whom the president now professes barely to know?

Trump's jaw-dropping public distancing from Bannon is the latest twist in a struggle that is astonishing even by the standards of a White House that deserves its own Chris Buckley novel.

For Bannon, the internal fight with the president's son-in-law Jared Kushner is going about as well as could be expected, which is to say it couldn't be going much worse.

No one can know for sure how this ends. Perhaps it's all papered over, or maybe Bannon keeps his head down to fight another day. But it's hard to see how Kushner doesn't prevail in one form or other, together with the faction including his wife, Ivanka Trump; the influential economic adviser and former Goldman Sachs president Gary Cohn; and deputy national security adviser Dina Powell.

Who says bipartisanship is dead? With the exception of Dina Powell — a nonideological Republican — this group is all Democrats who have marinated for decades in the financial and social elite of Manhattan.

Their ascendancy would potentially represent Trumpism's Thermidor. If Jared and Ivanka end up running the joint, it'd be hard to overstate the turnabout from last year's campaign.

A candidacy whose supporters reviled so-called RINOs may produce a White House run by people who aren't even RINOs. A populist revolt that disdained people who allegedly spend too much time at Georgetown cocktail parties may result in a White House run by people who have spent too much time at New York cocktail parties. The biggest middle finger the mainstream media has received in modern American politics may empower people who care deeply about what's written about them in The New Yorker and Vogue.

For his part, Gary Cohn could have been the totem of everything Donald Trump was running against in 2016. To put it in Jacksonian terms, it would be like Andrew Jackson inveighing against the Second Bank of the United States and then handing his domestic-policy portfolio over to its president, Nicholas Biddle.

How did we get here? Bannon is saddled with the failed first travel ban, and (fairly or not) the rocky first several months that have seen Trump's numbers sink while the Republican Congress spins its wheels.

Bannon hasn't sought out self-glorifying media when presumably gobs of it were on offer, yet he has been hurt by the narrative, driven by the press and used against him by internal enemies, that he is Trump's Svengali.

None of this is endearing to President Trump. He doesn't like attention-hounds besides himself, and wants victories and popularity. As for Jared and Ivanka, they must worry that the family patriarch is being ill-served in ways that may hobble his presidency and damage their brand. So a shake-up looms.

If Bannon goes, it could be a sign that everything is up for grabs. President Trump could begin to react to political pressures from the world of Jared and Ivanka that so far haven't affected him.

Trump's views on immigration, climate change, abortion and policing are socially embarrassing, sometimes even in Republican elite circles, let alone in liberal ones. All of them would potentially be subject to softening or reversal in a White House that cares too much about "polite opinion."

The weakness of Trumpism in Washington is that it doesn't have a congressional wing and it represents only a faction within the White House, and apparently not even the dominant one. Perhaps Trump's genuine, if inchoate, populism and Vice President Mike Pence's conservatism would be enough for the administration's basic orientation to survive any constellation of White House aides.

Certainly, there are all sorts of ways to try to moderate Trump's image while still staying true to a tempered version of his populism. But a sensible recalibration would seem out of character, and it's not the next chapter Buckley would write.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council doesn't exhibit good stewardship

On the 4B tax, I am concerned at the poor prioritization of the money earmarked for improvements. A more urgent priority is the improvement of roads around the city. We have a pro-growth council pushing for and funding the Fairgrounds Road-Loop 250 interchange because of a large housing project underway north of Loop 250 and east of Fairgrounds. Why not put in traffic signals at the intersection for the new traffic and fix existing issues first?

We have traffic backing up onto Loop 250 at Highway 191 every day. Nothing is being done. Little is being discussed. We have traffic backups at Midland Drive, Holiday Hill and Midkiff. Our city and TxDOT officials has done little to fix the issues. There is a MOTRAN focus on extending and finishing the loop east of Midland. I support that initiative but we need to focus on immediate needs first.

Regarding the Tradewinds extension, there was a city improvement project sign announcing the project was funded and coming soon. Then the sign disappeared. Now the 4B tax is going to be the funding source for this project? The mayor and council should publicly explain how this perceived shell game with our tax money is being played. Tradewinds should already be completed, but the needs of the oil industry drilling wells in the area put the project on hold.

The hotel debacle is only the latest bad decision to come to fruition. Let's look at the Mid America building conversion. Started and stopped several times with incentive monies, and now it appears dead. The Building of the Southwest still sits when it was promised to be torn down for parking. Why is the MRT not looking into this perceived failure? Our council is now zero for 3 in hotel projects downtown. This is not good stewardship or leadership.

Jim Gerety

MMH nurses' care was greatly appreciated

In each of the patient's rooms at Midland Memorial Hospital, there is a shelf containing literature about the hospital. There is also a card where the patient can list the names of nurses to thank them for their services. It might be a verbal tip, if you will.

The couple of weeks that I sat with my wife during the last weeks of her life were just a blur. All of the nurses and doctors were just exceptional. All were very kind, professional and sensitive to my wife's circumstances. I stand in awe of all the knowledge the nurses must have to be a nurse in our modern hospital.

Thanks to all, and even though I did not list your names, you were greatly appreciated.

Bud Lindsey
Stanton

Not all companies need 'pickle pledge' as motivation

What kind of company would subject its employees to make a pledge to a "pickle"? Most people would laugh and think "what a joke." This pledge is to promote "faith principles without religion or morals." So without religion and morality, you have nothing but hypocrisy.

Over the years, by promoting the "pickle pledge," this kind of company has caused blaming and complaining of older employees. They have been asked to step down from their jobs, forfeit any unemployment, retirement or PTO on the basis of not being "discharged."

Even more ludicrous is the online employment application in countless languages to choose from and called "culture of diversity." How sad and confusing, unlike a great corporation that has only one language.

This kind of company probably has too many chiefs and not enough Indians and has lost its vision. But thank God there are good companies of high moral integrity and truth and that are truly committed to putting God first. This kind of company doesn't need a pickle pledge to motivate its employees.

So before making a pledge to a "pickle," just know God will not overlook, and a corporation divided against its self will not stand.

Faye Russell

Readers' views on: 4B tax referendum

ELECTION LETTERS HAVE A 200-WORD LIMIT.

4B tax would improve neighborhood parks

When the 4B sales tax was created to construct the Scharbauer Sports Complex, Midlanders rallied, realizing the potential this investment had for our community. The same can be said for individual neighborhoods in our community with the continuation of the 4B.

Though creating tournament facilitates is considered the "big ticket" item on the 4B plan, I was really happy to learn that all neighborhood parks are part of the initiative, too. Not every child plays sports, but it was nice to see that children as a whole are being taken into account with the new ballot wording.

Our neighborhood parks need a boost from the city. As a parent, I want to know that there is a safe, fun place for my children to play within our neighborhood. It's important to me to know that I don't have to worry about rusty equipment, unsafe playgrounds or other hazards that could hurt my kids. I've seen some of the parks the 4B has helped to improve, and I think that all Midland kids deserve to have playgrounds that nice.

As a parent, I'm voting "yes" for 4B.

Cynthia A. Maes

Reduced sales tax would be beneficial

In the election scheduled for May 6, I plan to vote "against" continuing the 4B sales tax for the following reasons:

- Thousands of Midland adults and children are dependent on food stamps, Medicaid and other state and federal aid programs for their livelihood. A reduction in the sales tax rate from 8.25 percent to 8 percent would be beneficial to them.
- Scores of Midland senior citizens have a fixed income. A reduction in the sales tax rate would enhance their quality of life.
- Many of the single mothers in Midland are experiencing financial difficulties in meeting the basic needs of their families. A sales tax reduction would be welcome.
- Many young people, both married and single, are experiencing financial challenges as they work to pay off their student loans and meet their living expenses.

A former mayor, J.D. Faircloth, in his letter to the editor on April 2, included the following personal statement: "I believe leaving $150 million in the pockets of Midland taxpayers has a far greater economic impact to our community than spending $150 million on parks that will only be used occasionally."

Please vote "against" the 4B sales tax extension.

Ed Moses

4B tax to be used for baseball facilities

Midland Junior Baseball Association is a volunteer organization that provides affordable baseball leagues for children ages 4-16. Many of our fields need to be upgraded and repaired for the safety of our players. I have witnessed injuries resulting from parks that need new infields, proper lighting, repaired fencing, etc.

The cost of these projects exceeds the ability of MJBA's revenue and volunteer base even with the excellent support we receive from David Sanchez, Sam Rodriguez and the parks department. The 4B money will be used on facilities for local players during weekdays and weekends, not just teams visiting Midland for weekend tournaments. I see parents, grandparents and extended families at our games, so the investment would be for Midlanders of all ages.

In addition to sports fields, the money will also help to upgrade facilities at city parks and playgrounds. It was asked in a previous letter, "How will this 4B tax affect me?" The answer depends on its passage. If it passes, your taxes stay the same. If it doesn't pass, it is unknown what affect it will have on our taxes, knowing that the facilities must be maintained by some means.

Todd Hullender
Midland Junior Baseball Association

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Time to do away with state vehicle inspections?

KEN HERMN
Austin American-Statesman

Quiz du jour: What do Texans spend more than 9 million hours a year doing with questionable return on investment of time?

A. Sitting in MoPac traffic awaiting completion of the toll lanes.

B. Arguing about who should start as QB for the Longhorns.

C. Sitting in MoPac traffic awaiting completion of the toll lines while arguing about who should start as QB for the Longhorns

D. None of the above.

It's D. The Texas Department of Public Safety says Texans — collectively, not each one — spend that much time annually getting their vehicles inspected. You know, that annual ritual that, thanks to the new system, no longer gets you a sticker. (Somehow we never outgrow our desire for stickers.)

Ponder this passage from the Texas Senate Research Center's analysis of Senate Bill 1588 by vehicle inspection abolitionist state Sen. Don Huffines, R-Dallas: "In Texas, the (vehicle inspection) mandate forces an average of 50,000 trips to inspection stations every day of the year and consumes more than nine million hours of time from those complying with the requirement, based on Texas Department of Public Safety data."

That's a lot of hours (and Huffines, in pushing his bill at a Tuesday committee hearing, said it's actually more than 10 million hours a year) spent sitting on uncomfortable chairs while somebody pokes around and checks our headlights, brakes and other stuff.

Texas has required annual safety inspections (new cars get two years) since 1951. In the mid-1970s — an era the bill analysis calls "the height of the safety inspection's popularity" (though I still think of it as the Disco Era) — 31 states required passenger vehicle safety inspections.

By next year, that number will be down to 15, including Texas unless we go the abolition route.

"Since the federal government ended the program requirement in 1976, states have begun eliminating their antiquated programs because they have been unable to identify a correlation between the presence of state-mandated passenger vehicle safety inspection programs and any benefit to road safety," says the bill analysis. "In fact, there are dozens of peer-reviewed studies demonstrating that vehicle safety inspections have no discernible impact on reducing accident, injury or fatality rates."

Which is odd because it says this on DPS website: "Motorist's safety is a top priority in Texas; as a result, vehicles registered in Texas are required to pass an annual inspection to ensure compliance with safety standards."

I guess if Huffines' bill is approved, that section could be changed to "Y'all be careful out there and make sure your horn works."

Fun fact about vehicle inspections: Passenger cars get 20 things checked, including lights, brakes, horns and other stuff. Pickups get 21 things checked. The extra one is the gun rack.

No, it's not. It's "Safety Guards or Flaps (if four tires or more on rear-most axle)." More? As in more than four tires on the rear-most axle? Texas!

Huffines' bill, which was left pending in the Senate Natural Resources and Economic Committee hearing at which we learned that Chairman Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, once owned a Plymouth Volare (reason enough to question his judgment), has bipartisan support, with seven Senate Democrats and one Republican as co-authors.

It's important to note the Huffines bill wouldn't eliminate the emissions inspections required in major metro areas.

The committee hearing was pretty much what you'd expect. Guys in the exciting auto inspection biz insisted inspections are crucial and (brace yourself for columnist exaggeration) we'd all be dead within a week if inspections are eliminated. Much of the testimony came from officers of the Texas Safety Inspection Association — "Protecting the Safety of Texans by Removing Dirty Vehicles from Texas Roads."

Dirty, we'll assume, means polluting, not just, you know, dirty.

There also was the usual battle of the expert studies, with folks on both sides of the issue claiming to be buoyed by studies proving them right. In cases like this, I like to look to folks without an economic stake in the battle.

Anne O'Ryan of AAA Texas testified in favor of abolition. "The fact is that there is no definitive proof that a motorist spending money and suffering the inconvenience of getting their vehicle inspected actually makes their vehicle safe and reduces crashes," she told the committee.

And she cited National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 2015 statistics showing vehicle failure was a "critical reason" for crashes in only 2 percent of crashes. Ninety-four percent were the result of "driver behavior."

Maybe Huffines' bill needs an amendment mandating annual driver inspections.

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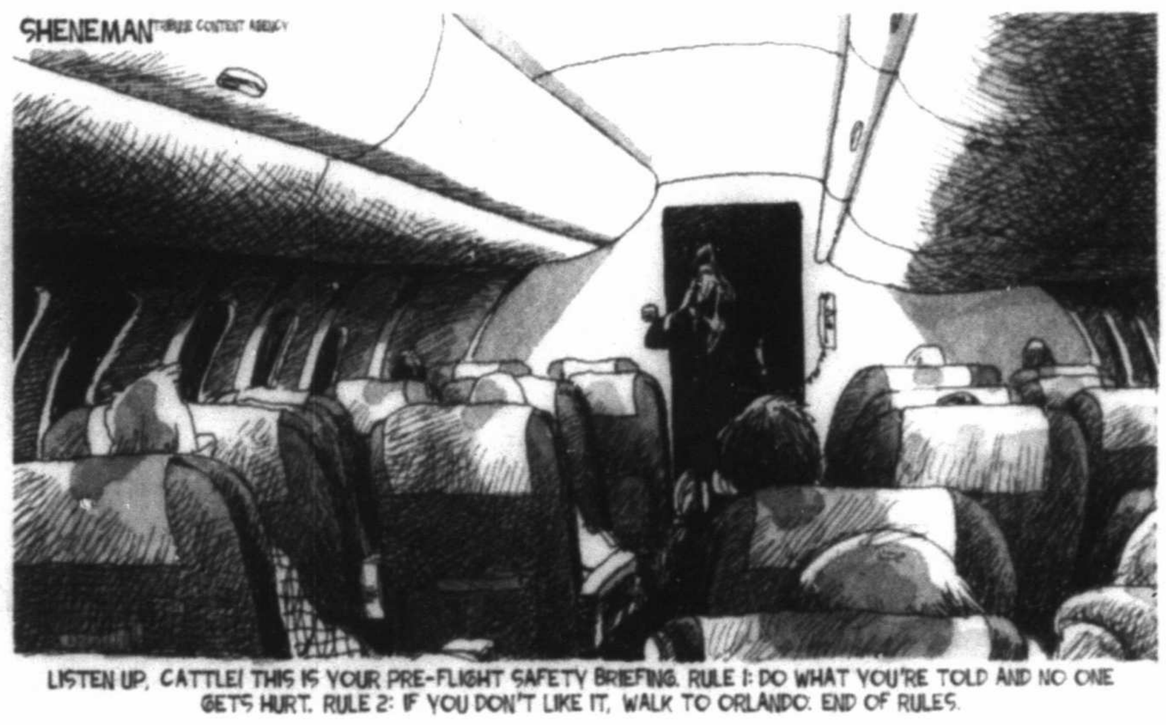

Complacency is economic kiss of death

By Tony Bennett and Dale Craymer

Texas can't take growth for granted. Texas has been an economic powerhouse for so long that many have become complacent about all that makes Texas attractive to major capital investment, the foundation of our economic might.It's not by accident that Texas has been the nation's number one exporting state for manufactured goods for 14 years running.

Unfortunately, smart policy like the Texas Economic Development Act (also known as Chapter 313) is in the crosshairs. Senate Bill 600 would eliminate Chapter 313 outright and several other bills would significantly harm the program. Lawmakers should oppose these proposals because Chapter 313 is the state's single most important economic development program. Without it, the state cannot compete for many new industrial and energy-related projects.

Other states are falling all over themselves to out-compete Texas to land major industrial projects and the thousands of jobs that come with them.It's smug to suggest that Texas doesn't need to compete and can afford to disarm itself at a time when other states are becoming more aggressive with investment incentives.

Chapter 313 helps new projects overcome Texas' crippling property taxes by allowing school districts to offer temporary tax reductions on a portion of their investment.For a project to be eligible for a Chapter 313 limitation, the State Comptroller must certify that the tax reduction is a determining factor in the company's decision to invest in Texas and that the project will generate more new tax revenue than the amount of tax benefits the project receives.

Chapter 313 is invaluable because Texas ranks among the top five states with the highest property tax rates on industrial property in the nation. According to the Council on State Taxation (COST), Texas businesses and industries pay 62 percent of all state and local taxes while the national average is 44 percent,. That's almost 50 percent higher than the national average.

In addition, Chapter 313 is the most transparent economic development program in the nation. To be considered for a reduction, a project must file an application detailing the scope of the project, its investment, hiring and the tax benefits it seeks. The project must file an annual report to determine if it is still eligible and a progress report every two years - even after it is operational. These reports are open records and available on the Comptroller's website.

Misinformation surrounds Chapter 313.Despite claims to the contrary, Chapter 313 agreements make money for state and local governments.Like all industrial projects, Chapter 313 projects pay property taxes (the reduction is temporary), sales taxes, franchise taxes, motor fuels, motor vehicles sales and several other taxes — revenue that would not exist without Chapter 313, because the projects would not exist without Chapter 313.

When a project locates in a school district, it becomes "wealthier" from a property perspective, which in turn saves the state precious school finance funds.

If Texas takes jobs for granted by eliminating tax incentives, other states will pounce. Louisiana, South Carolina, New York, Michigan and many other states already have aggressive programs designed to attract projects.Company CEOs cannot ignore significant tax savings and will consider other locations if Texas eliminates Chapter 313.

Texans should fight for manufacturing jobs because they're among the best jobs in the state. Texas manufacturing employs 860,000-plus workers who earn an average compensation of $82,400 a year.According to the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, for each direct manufacturing job, additional related jobs are created — an effect known as a "direct-effect employment multiplier." The multiplier ratio can be as high as 5-to-1 with five indirect jobs supported by each manufacturing job created in sectors like the petrochemical, aerospace, or automotive industries.

Texas is not immune to competition.Without smart economic development policy, Texas loses its competitive edge. Other states have more than sufficient infrastructure to accommodate new investment — ports, pipelines and refineries. Other states have natural resources.Other states have a ready workforce. Other states have aggressive investment incentive programs — and lower property taxes. Texas is not so mighty to think we can walk off the field and remain a champion. Complacent players might get lucky once in a while but they can't sustain a winning streak.Texans deserve policies that maintain and create quality jobs and economic progress.

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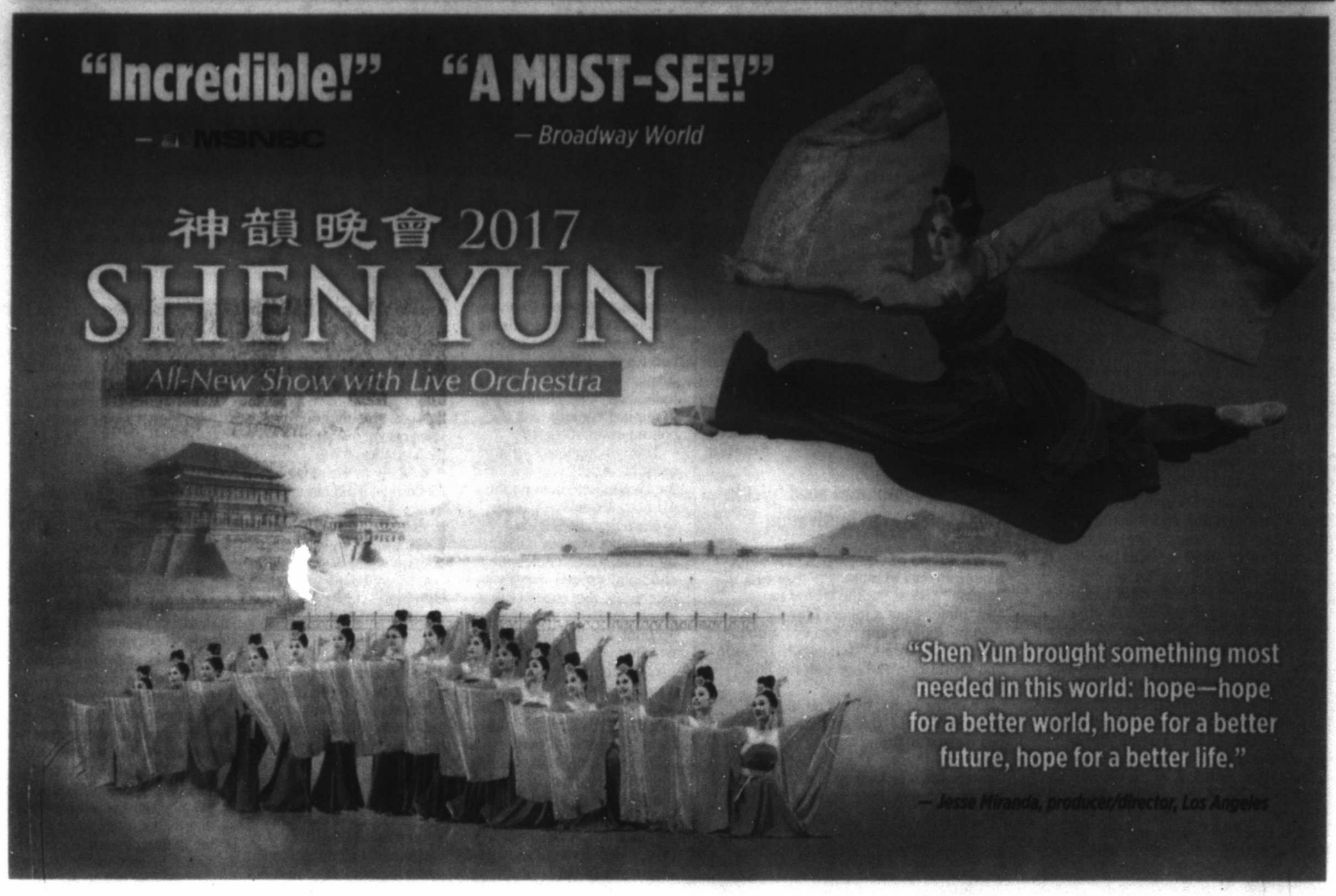

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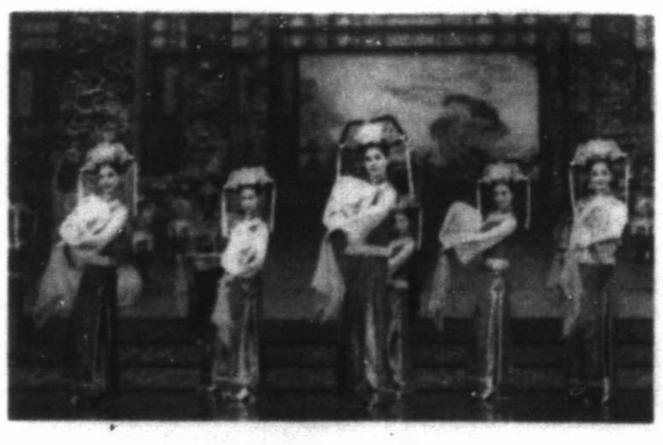

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— Christine Walevska, world-renowned musician, "Goddess of Cello", saw Shen Yun 7 times

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— Joe Heard, former White House photographer, saw Shen Yun 6 times

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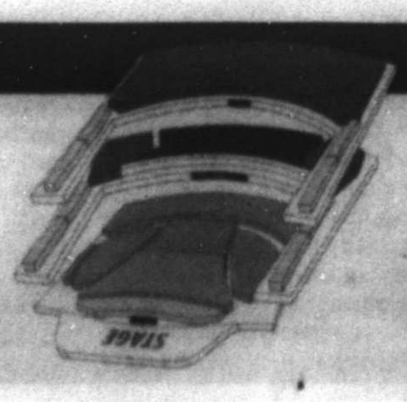

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Spurs rout Grizzlies 111-82 in Game 1

By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard matched his postseason high with 32 points and the San Antonio Spurs rolled to a 111-82 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Saturday night in Game 1 of the first-round playoff series.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 20 points, and Tony Parker added 18 to help San Antonio win its ninth straight over Memphis in the postseason.

Marc Gasol had 32 points, but only seven in the second half as the Grizzlies fell behind by as many as 36 points. Mike Conley was the only other Grizzlies player in double figures, finishing with 13.

Memphis was without defensive lynchpin Tony Allen. He's out indefinitely with a calf injury, and Leonard took advantage for his fourth career playoff game of 30-plus points.

Game 2 is Monday night in San Antonio.

Leonard has emerged as the Spurs' primary offensive threat and they needed his ability to score in traffic against the Grizzlies.

Amid chants of "MVP! MVP!" Leonard scored 15 points in the third quarter as the Spurs built a 20-point lead. His pull-up jumper off an isolation against James Ennis III gave San Antonio an 84-64 lead to close the third, erasing a 13-point deficit in the first half.

Leonard was 4 for 5 from the field in the third quarter and made all seven of his free throws in the third.

The Grizzlies made their first five shots and first four 3-pointers in racing to an 18-7 lead. Gasol hit a turnaround jumper and 3-pointer on Dewayne Dedmon to open the game.

San Antonio would not take its first lead until there was 8:53 remaining in the second quarter, but raced to victory once it did.

After falling behind 28-15 with two minutes left in the first quarter, the Spurs outscored the Grizzlies by 42 points over the next two quarter, including a 19-0 run to bring the third and fourth periods.

Tip-ins

Grizzlies: Allen is out indefinitely with a strained right calf. The 13-year

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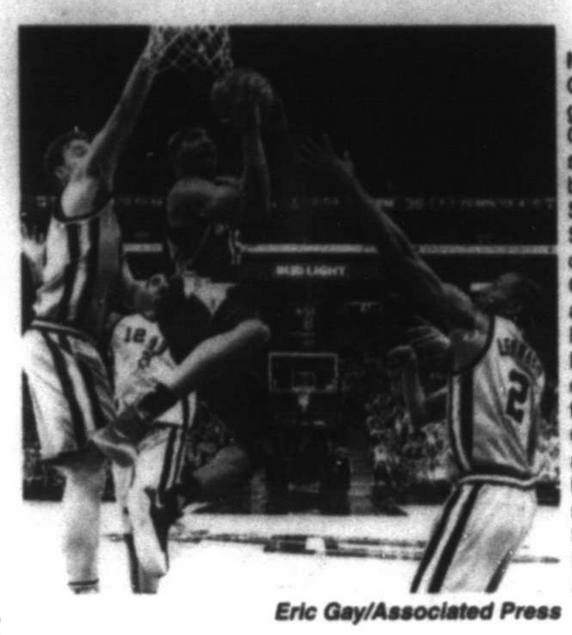

Memphis Grizzlies guard Vince Carter (15) shoots between San Antonio Spurs center Pau Gasol, left, and forward Kawhi Leonard (2) during the first half of Game 1 in a first-round NBA playoff series Saturday in San Antonio.

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Recognized impact

MRT file photo

The Olympic-size pool at COM Aquatics' FMH Foundation Natatorium photographed March 15, 2016.

COM Aquatics gets Hall of Fame induction honor

By Christopher Hadorn
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Last weekend was an awe-inspiring experience for Brad Swendig, City of Midland Aquatics executive director/president, at the University of Texas at Austin.

Swendig's beloved COM Aquatics was being inducted into the Texas Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame, as the 2017 recipient of the Wally Pryor Distinguished Team Award.

COM Aquatics joined Olympic gold medalist Ian Crocker, former Olympic diver and national team coach Ken Armstrong, Olympic bronze medalist Jim Henry, current 200 backstroke world record holder Aaron Peirsol and longtime swimming official Dee Hollar among the Class of 2017 inductees.

The weekend was a thrilling time for Swendig, who began his affiliation with COM Aquatics as a youth swimmer in 1972.

"There were a lot of gold medals sitting there in that room, it was pretty cool," said Swendig, who attended the ceremony with longtime COM Aquatics supporter Charles Koch.

"It's pretty amazing, the number of the Olympians, the number of world records, it's impressive," Swendig added.

The induction demonstrated the imprint on swimming and diving that COM Aquatics has made since its inception in 1967.

COM has produced five national champions in swimming and diving, has

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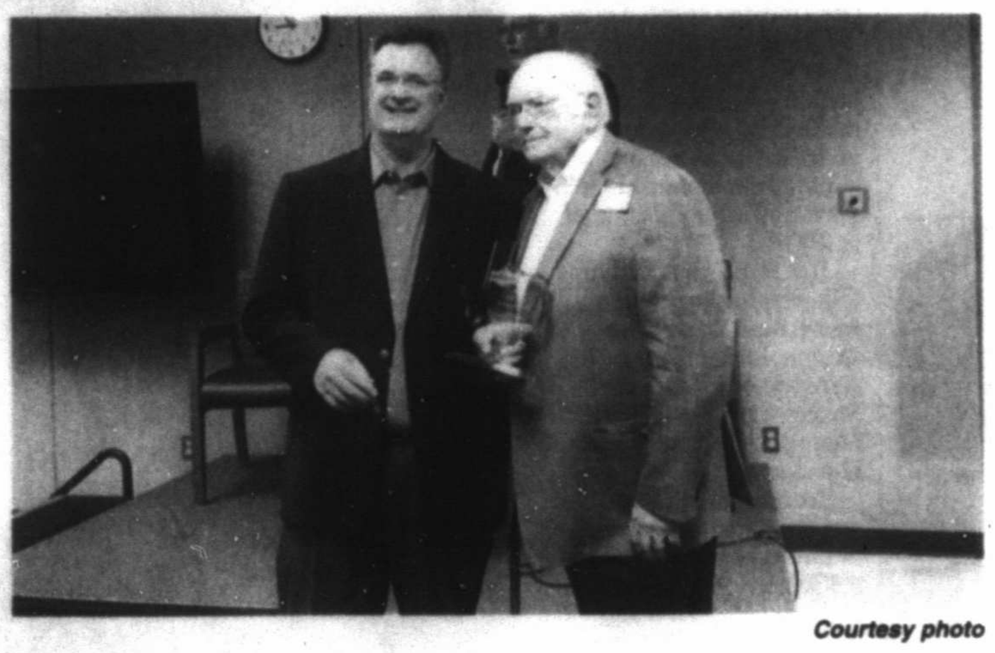

Courtesy photo

Brad Swendig, City of Midland Aquatics president/executive director, left, and longtime COM supporter Charles Koch at the presentation, which inducted COM Aquatics into the Texas Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame in Austin on April 8.

Running pioneers Switzer, Gibb took own paths to change

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — One is a neuroscientist-turned-sculptor, the other an activist and organizer. Taking different paths to the same goal, Bobbi Gibb and Kathrine Switzer outran Boston Marathon tradition and trampled the notion that women were too frail for a 26.2-mile race.

"When you're trying to overcome a prejudice and do something you're not allowed to do, how do you do it?" Gibb said this week as she prepared to serve as grand marshal for the 121st edition of the race, which Switzer will run again on the 50th anniversary of her landmark entry.

"I was hacking through the jungle. There was no path at all," said Gibb, who actually hid in the bushes before becoming the first woman to run Boston, a year before Switzer strutted up to the starting line as the first official female entrant. "But I think we need all kinds of people. She's an extrovert, I'm an introvert. Everybody has a gift to give."

The Boston Marathon traces its origin to an ancient Greek battle and has a rich history of its own, filled with war heroes and Medford milkmen who persevered through oppressive heat, blinding rain and the occasional fox terrier that strayed onto the course.

But the story of the race's distaff division didn't begin until 1966, when it was still a fringe footrace of amateurs running only for an olive wreath and a bowl of beef stew.

Told she was too pretty for medical school — "the boys in the lab," and all that — Gibb trained for the race in solitude while on a cross-country road trip in her Volkswagen Microbus , then persuaded her mother to drive her to the starting line by saying: "This is going to help set women free." Jumping out of the forsythia bushes after the gun, she joined a field of 425 men and began what has only recently been recognized as the "unofficial era of women's participation."

A year later, Switzer told her coach at Syracuse, Arnie Briggs, about Gibb and said she also wanted to run Boston.

His response: "No dame ever ran no marathon."

But Briggs struck a deal with her: If Switzer could complete the distance on a training run, he would bring her himself. They ran 26.2 miles together three weeks before the race, and Switzer suggested they go five more — just to be sure.

He passed out.

"And when he came to, he was so impressed," she said. "He was like an evangelist and helped me sign up."

The two pored through the race's entry rules — Briggs insisted that Switzer, "a card-carrying member of the (Amateur Athletic Union)," could not be a bandit and would have to register — and found nothing about gender. Switzer, an aspiring journalist who thought her first name didn't sound writerly enough,

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After years of losing, Herman trying to change Texas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Tom Herman had barely accepted the job at Texas when he sent a strong message to his new players and those who had been fiercely loyal to Charlie Strong.

Change was coming. It was going to make some of them uncomfortable, but after three years of losing, why not embrace it?

"The definition of insanity is repeatedly performing the same act, expecting different results," Herman said at his introductory news conference, then set about ripping up just about the entire program from the spring workouts to the demolition of the locker room for a high-tech and very expensive upgrade.

Herman

About the only thing that hasn't changed at Texas is the burnt orange color of the jersey.

Herman publicly challenged some of his players in a blistering preview of spring practice when he worried about some of his "fat" defensive linemen. He set up a workout rewards system where the winners ate steak and the losers got burnt hot dogs.

He aggressively hired new staff to produce an updated and dazzling social media presence. When Texas set up live video to watch the team smash up the old lockers to make way for the new, Herman swung a sledge hammer for the first blow. It created more laughs than splintered wood when Herman barely made a dent and nearly fell down. Then the razzle-dazzle: the new high tech lockers — each comes with a 43-inch video screen — cost more than $10,000 each.

"We're committed to providing out athletes with the best. We're going to make this facility state of the art and as first class as we can," Herman said Saturday as Texas wrapped spring drills with its annual Orange-White intra-squad scrimmage.

Even a trip to the public restrooms in the athletic complex provides a glimpse into the details of Herman's program in the form of charts demonstrating what color urine a properly hydrated athlete should have. Clear is good. Anything trending toward dark yellow draws a rebuke.

"There's no such thing as just another day in this program, When you walk in those doors, it's fourth-and-inches," Herman said. "Whatever it is, a meeting, a workout, a practice, you should be mentally, physically and emotionally exhausted. If you're not, you're doing it wrong. I think our guys understand it. They believe it ... The buy-in is probably the most difficult part and we've gotten it from most of the guys."

So what will it all mean on the field?

Texas fans got their first real look at the football all of this is supposed to improve in Saturday's scrimmage. There were bright spots such as sophomore quarterback Shane Buechele passing for 369 yards and two touchdowns to Collin Johnson. There was a defensive stand late.

But true to his keeping his players on edge approach, Herman still won't name Buechele his No. 1 over freshman Sam Ehlinger. Never mind that Buechele started all 12 games last season and set a school freshman passing record with 2,958 yards.

"No way. A healthy fear of losing your

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Australian Football League
Hawthorn vs. Geelong, 12 a.m., FSP

Basketball
ACB: Valencia Basket Club vs. FC Barcelona, 11:30 a.m., ELVN

College Baseball
Kentucky at Missouri, Noon, SEC
Iowa at Nebraska, 2 p.m., BTN
Mississippi State at South Carolina, 3 p.m., SEC

College Lacrosse
Maryland at Rutgers, 6 p.m., BTN

College Softball
Michigan at Maryland, Noon, BTN
Missouri at Auburn, 2 p.m., ESPN
Alabama at Tennessee, 6 p.m., SEC

Golf
EPGA: Trophee Hassan II, Final Round, 8:30 a.m., TENNIS
PGA: RBC Heritage, Final Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: RBC Heritage, Final Round, 2 p.m., CBS
Champions: Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

Hockey
KHL Gagarin Cup, Game 5: SKA at Metallurg MG, 7 a.m., ELVN

Major League Baseball
Tampa Bay at Boston, 12:30 p.m., MLB
Texas at Seattle, 3 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Oakland, 3 p.m., ROOT
St. Louis at NY Yankees, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
Scottish Premier: Ross County FC vs. Celtic FC, 6:20 a.m., FSP
PL: West Bromwich Albion vs. Liverpool, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN, NBCU
Bundesliga: VfL Werder Bremen vs. Hamburger SV, 8:30 a.m., FS1, GolTV
La Liga: Valencia vs. Sevilla, 9:10 a.m., beIN, beIN2
PL: Manchester United vs. Chelsea, 10 a.m., NBCSN, TELE
Bundesliga: SV Darmstadt 98 vs. FC Schalke 04, 10:30 a.m., FS1, FXDEP
La Liga: Betis vs. Eibar, 11:20 a.m., beIN2
Liga MX: Deportivo Toluca FC vs. CF Monterrey, 11:50 a.m., UNIV, UDN
La Liga: Granada vs. Celta, 1:40 p.m., beIN2
Ligue 1: Marseille vs. AS Saint-Etienne, 1:50 p.m., beIN
Brazil: Vasco vs. Botafogo, 2 p.m., GolTV
Brazil: Sao Paulo vs. Corinthians, 5 p.m., GolTV
Liga MX: Puebla vs. Cruz Azul, 5:30 p.m., UDN
Uruguay: Penarol vs. Danubio, 7 p.m., GolTV

Motorsports
FIA World Endurance: Silverstone, 6 a.m., FS1
FIA World Endurance: Silverstone, 8 a.m., FS2
F1: Bahrain Grand Prix, 9:30 a.m., CNBC, UniMas, UDN

National Basketball Association
Eastern Quarterfinal, Game 1: Atlanta at Washington, Noon, TNT
Western Quarterfinal, Game 1: Portland at Golden State, 2:30 p.m., ABC
Eastern Quarterfinal, Game 1: Chicago at Boston, 5:30 p.m., TNT
Western Quarterfinal, Game 1: Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m., TNT

NBA D-League
Eastern Conference Finals, Game 1: Raptors 905 at Maine, 4 p.m., ESPNU
Western Conference Finals, Game 2: Rio Grande Valley at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU

National Hockey League
Western Quarterfinal, Game 3: Minnesota at St. Louis, 2 p.m., NBC
Eastern Quarterfinal, Game 3: Pittsburgh at Columbus, 5 p.m., CNBC
Eastern Quarterfinal, Game 3: Montreal at NY Rangers, 6 p.m., NBCSN
Western Quarterfinal, Game 3: Edmonton at San Jose, 9 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis
ATP: Grand Prix Hasan II, Finals, 8:30 a.m., TENNIS
ATP: US Men's Clay Court Championships, Finals, 2 p.m., TENNIS
ATP: Monte Carlo, 4 a.m., TENNIS

Track and Field
CARIFTA Games: Day 2, 1:30 p.m., ELVN

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Houston at Oakland, 3 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas at Seattle, 3 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Springfield, 4 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

MC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MC'S BUNN EARNS ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Midland College sophomore Janea Bunn was named as NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Honorable Mention All-American.

The 6-foot-3 post from Springfield, Massachusetts, averaged a team-high 11.7 points and 9.6 rebounds per game for the 17-10 Lady Chaparrals.

Odessa College's freshman guard Mariah McCully was named as a second team All-American.

Bunn

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

ALLEN'S GEM LEADS MHS PAST LEVELLAND

Deandra Allen tossed a two-hitter and struck out 16 to lead the No. 23-ranked Midland High softball team to a 5-3 win over Levelland in non-district play, Saturday at James R. "Buddy" Martin Memorial Softball Field.

MHS (22-7, 6-2) visits Lee (18-9, 2-6) in District 2-6A play at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MIDLAND HIGH 5, LEVELLAND 3

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W — Deandra Allen. L — C. Covarrubias. 2B — LHS: Covarrubias. 3B — LHS: A. Lopez. MHS: Ashley McClellan.
Record: Midland High 22-7
Next: Midland High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Stefan Crichton to Norfolk (IL). Traded RHP Oliver Drake to Milwaukee for cash. Designated RHP Parker Bridwell for assignment. Recalled RHP Alec Asher from Norfolk.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed OF Melky Cabrera on paternity leave. Recalled OF Willy Garcia from Charlotte (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Joe Jimenez to Toledo (IL). Recalled RHP Warwick Saupold from Toledo. Optioned RHP William Ceuvas to Toledo.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Daniel Wright to Salt Lake (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Deolis Guerra from Salt Lake. Transferred LHP Andrew Heaney to the 60-day DL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned OF Mark Canha to Nashville (PCL). Selected the contract of OF Jaff Decker from Nashville. Transferred OF Jake Smolinski to the 60-day DL.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Traded LHP Paul Fry to Baltimore for 2016-17 international signing bonus slot 105. Optioned LHP Dillon Overton to Tacoma (PCL). Reinstated RHP Tony Zych from the 10-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed OF Mallex Smith on the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of OF Shane Peterson from Durham (IL). Transferred RHP Brad Boxberger to the 60-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Nick Martinez to Round Rock (PCL). Reinstated RHP Andrew Cashner and RHP Tanner Scheppers from the 10-day DL and assigned Scheppers outright to Round Rock.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed 3B Josh Donaldson on the 10-day DL. Designated C Juan Graterol for assignment. Selected the contract of OF Chris Coghlan from Buffalo (IL).
National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHP Barrett Astin to Louisville (IL). Recalled OF Jesse Winker from Louisville.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP Jon Gray on the 10-day DL. Placed OF Gerardo Parra on paternity leave. Recalled OF Raimel Tapia and RHP Shane Carle from Albuquerque (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Josh Fields to Oklahoma City (PCL). Reinstated RHP Pedro Baez from the 10-day DL.
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHP Nick Wittgren to New Orleans (PCL). Recalled LHP Jarlin Garcia form Jacksonville (SL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Designated RHP David Goforth for assignment.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Re-signed LB Sam Acho to a one-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Suspended Columbus Blue Jackets F Matt Clavert one game for cross-checking Pittsburgh Penguins F Tom Kuhnhack.
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Reassigned LW Ondrej Kase to San Diego (AHL).
ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed G Hunter Miska to an entry-level contract.
ECHL
READING ROYALS — Signed G Evan Cowley to an amateur tryout agreement.
COLLEGE
ARIZONA — Named Lorenzo Romar men's associate head basketball coach.

Dykes touched lives, was a one of a kind

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It's never easy to say goodbye to someone who meant so much.

But West Texans had to do that this week with passing of Spike Dykes at the age of 79.

They said goodbye to a West Texas icon.

They said goodbye to their coach.

It's no secret that Dykes touched many lives during his stops at the high school level, from Ballinger to Big Spring, from Alice to Coahoma, and from San Angelo to right here in Midland.

"We're all in mourning," said Midland mayor Jerry Morales, who played for Dykes at Lee and was on the 1983 state finalist team.

And he touched many lives during his time as assistant coach and then head coach at Texas Tech.

Even former University of Texas coach Mack Brown made the trip to Lubbock on Thursday to speak at Dykes' memorial service. And he even wore a red and black tie to honor his friend.

It's also no secret that Dykes made more friends than enemies, and I'm not sure how many of the latter even exist.

And a large part of the coaching world respected him.

When Mike Leach surpassed Dykes as the all-time winningest coach at Texas Tech, he got choked up during a postgame press conference talking about the accomplishment because of what Dykes meant to him as a friend and mentor.

There were also condolences from coaches all over the Big 12.

And from new Texas coach Tom Herman, he wrote on Twitter, "Our great state, the coaching profession, the game of football and the world lost a great one with the passing of Spike Dykes.

He is a legend not just for all of the success his teams had but how he did it, with a unique combination of grit, wit and charm. He is a man we will all dearly miss."

Having covered most of his last 11 years in Lubbock with the Red Raiders, I got a close look at the coach and I heard many of his one-liners that would make me shake my head in confusion.

As a city boy from El Paso, I admit I didn't know what in the world he was talking about at times or where he would come up with that stuff.

And oh yes, he would make me shake my head at the some of the decision making in games and some of his team's blunders.

But he had this way of smoothing things over with his charm, while others would be simmering with frustration.

That's who he was.

I've run into a few high school coaches like that, but you can forget about ever running into a guy like that at the college level these days.

These days, most college coaches are all business. The only time they tend to turn on the charm is when they're recruiting a five-star athlete or asking for a donation to their new weight room.

Now that he's gone, coaches like Spike Dykes don't exist anymore.

He was one of a kind.

He was a West Texas guy through and through.

■ It looks we're going to finally get an early signing period for college football after the NCAA Division I Council approved an early signing date to be held in late December.

That means that recruits would no longer have to wait until the first Wednesday in February to sign with a Division I program.

For programs who load up on early commitments, it's going to be huge for them because the risk of a recruit changing his mind just prior to the February signing date will be reduced greatly.

Any time you cut the thinking process for a teenage boy and his parents down, the better for college coaches and their programs.

So if you're a college football recruit wanting to go to an FBS, just remember to take your time and don't commit until you're absolutely sure.

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

DUTCHOVER WINS 4TH BOUT BY TKO

OXON HILL, Md. — Midland High grad Michael Dutchover defeated Eder Amaro Fajardo by technical knockout in the fourth round of Friday's junior lightweight bout at MGM National Harbor.

Dutchover improved to 4-0, all wins by knockout, in his professional career.

COM DIVER FINISHES 5TH AT NATIONALS

ATLANTA — City of Midland Aquatics' Chloe McKnight, teamed with San Antonio's Sydney Joiner, to finish fifth with a score of 418.92 points in Saturday's girls' 13-and-under synchronized 3-meter final at the USA Diving Synchronized Diving Championships.

The COM tandem of Nicholas Stone and Trever Cheung finished sixth in the boys' 13-and-under synchronized 1-meter final with a score of 458.79.

HERMAN

From 1C

job is just that, healthy. Shane knows we have a lot of confidence in him ... but to say he's won the job in 12 padded practices when he doesn't even get hit—that would be premature," Herman said.

Texas has waited patiently for positive results from change agents before.

Strong was supposed wake up a program that had quietly slipped into mediocrity after a decade of 10-win seasons, a national championship in a 2005 and a shot at another in 2009.

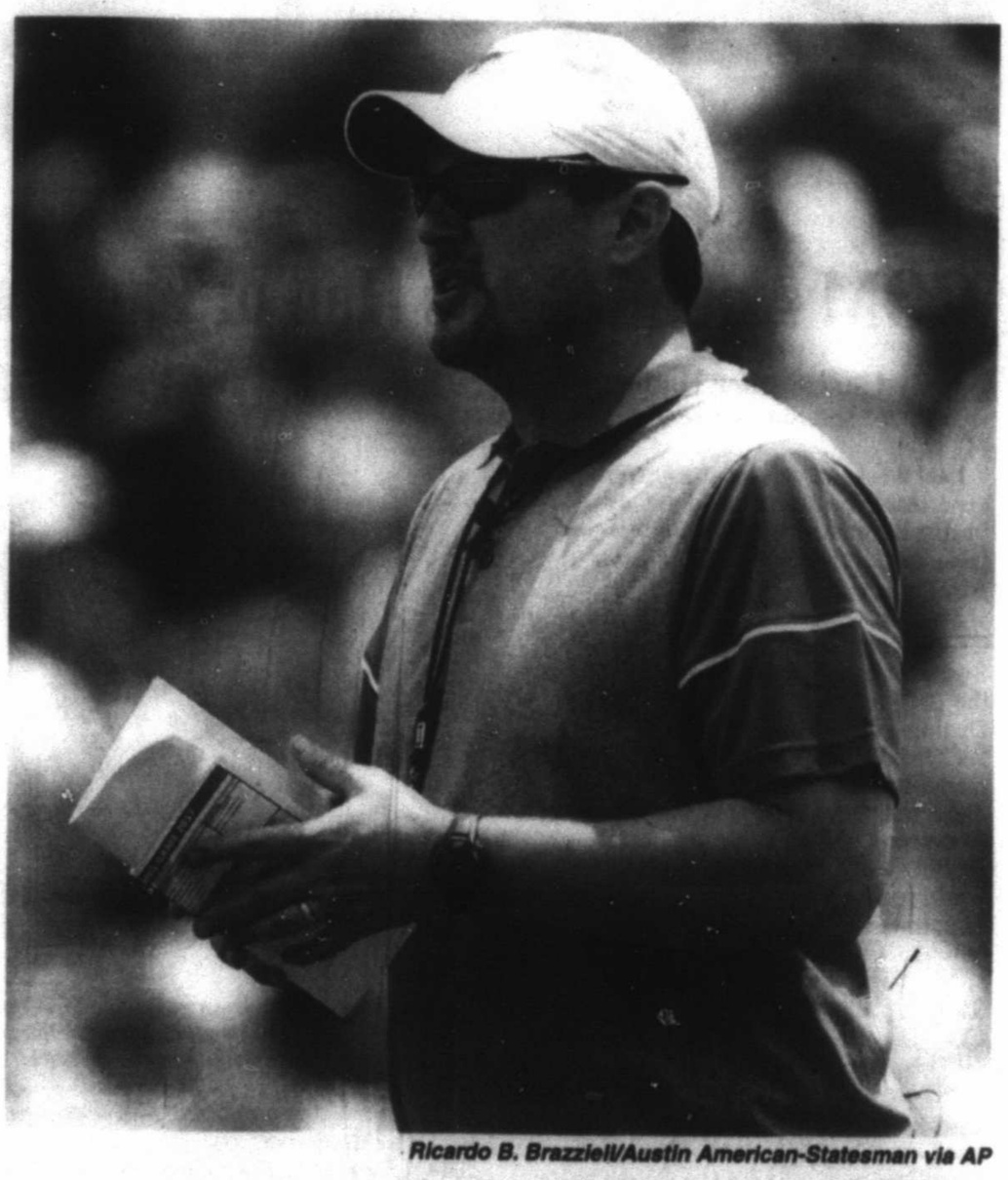
But Strong's Longhorns fell even further behind in the Big 12 and three straight losing seasons were too much to bear. Strong was fired and Herman was hired away from Houston.

Herman inherited a program that lost 21 games in three years, had one of the worst defenses in the country last season and was losing its 2,000-yard rusher to the NFL. He also has 17 returning starters.

Against that losing backdrop, even some of the players who were most loyal to Strong have been quick to embrace the emerging Herman era of Herman.

Older players such as senior defensive end Naashon Hughes are playing through their second coaching change and say the team is ready to do what it needs to in order to win.

"We know how to deal with a new coaching staff and embrace it and not being defined as a team by an individual," Hughes said.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Texas head coach Tom Herman looks on during the Orange and White spring NCAA college football game Saturday in Austin.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS
4/22 9:00-12:00 Shot & Chip Clinic at MLK Center
5/04 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
6/24 3rd Annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1K

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Springer's homer finishes Astros comeback vs A's

By Rick Eymer
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — George Springer hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning after Nori Aoki put Houston ahead with one of his two RBIs, and the Astros rallied from a five-run deficit to beat the Oakland Athletics 10-6 on Saturday.

Sean Manaea and Ryan Dull combined to pitch six hitless innings for Oakland, which led 5-0 before allowing two runs on two errors in the sixth to start Houston's rally.

Carlos Correa left the game after being hit by a pitch in his right hand in the ninth inning. He appeared in significant pain before being visited by a trainer and exiting.

Correa got an X-ray after the game, which came back negative. The team said he has a hand contusion.

Aoki singled against Liam Hendricks leading off the seventh for Houston's first hit of the game and later scored on Alex Bregman's single. Springer also scored that inning on a fielder's choice.

In the eighth, Josh Reddick scored on Sean Doolittle's wild pitch to make it 5-5 and Aoki hit a sacrifice fly for a one-run lead. After Jake Marisnick's infield single, Springer homered to left for an 8-5 edge.

Will Harris (1-0) struck out two in a scoreless seventh to pick up the win. Santiago Casilla (0-1) took the loss.

The game featured a combined 12 pitchers, 12 walks, 20 strikeouts, two costly errors on the same play and a wild pitch.

Manaea walked his first three batters in the sixth, then allowed two runs when Correa's bouncer glanced off the glove of shortstop Adam Rosales and center fielder Jaff Decker overran the ball for a second error.

It marked the ninth straight game with an error for Oakland, which leads the majors with 15.

Manaea walked five and struck out six in five-plus innings. Dull struck out Carlos Beltran, reloaded the bases with a walk to Brian McCann and got pinch-hitter Marwin Gonzalez to ground into an inning-ending double play.

Lady Chaps split with Western Texas College

From staff reports

SNYDER — The No. 12-ranked Midland College softball team was on both the winning and losing end of two run-rule games against Western Texas College in Saturday's Western Athletic Junior College Conference doubleheader.

In the early game, MC clobbered the Lady Westerners, 17-2, in five innings, but WTC bounced back with a 10-1 win over the Lady Chaparrals in five innings in the series finale.

MC (30-11, 15-5 in WJCAC) still managed a 3-1 series win against the Lady Westerners (20-24, 8-10) in the four-game series.

The Lady Chaps had noteworthy offensive performances in the early game, as Anna Sherburne went 3-for-3 with two RBI, two runs and a walk; Kayla Shaw was 2-for-3 with two doubles, four RBI, two runs and a walk; and Elizabeth Chastain went 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI.

MC leadoff batter Melina Martinez had two hits, three runs and two stolen bases.

Lady Chaps starter Crystine Kistner was victorious after holding WTC to two runs (none earned), four hits and a walk, while striking out seven over five innings.

In the second game, Midland High alum Aryn Flores got the win for the Lady Westerners after holding MC to only one run on two hits. Flores also doubled and drove in two runs.

GAME 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 17, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 2, 5 INNINGS

Midland	3	10	76	–17	14 1
WTC	2	0	00	–2	4 1

Chrystine Kistner and Kayla Shaw. Bailey McAlpine, Rachel Gaudun (4) and Breanna Jacob. W — Kistner. L — McAlpine. 2B — MC: Kassie Maddox, Shaw 2. 3B — WTC: Alyssa Adames. HR — MC: Elizabeth Chastain.

GAME 2
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 10, MIDLAND COLLEGE 1, 5 INNINGS

Midland	0	00	10	–1	2 0
WTC	2	01	52	–10	9 0

Haleigh Leusch, Julia Clark (2), Chrystine Kistner (3) and Kayla Shaw. Kiani Telles (3). Aryn Flores and Breanna Jacob. W — Flores. L — Leusch. 2B — MC: Elizabeth Chastain. WTC: Tobi Bonifacio, Flores. HR — WTC: Alyssa Adames.

Records: Midland College 30-11, 15-5 in WJCAC; Western Texas College 20-24, 8-10

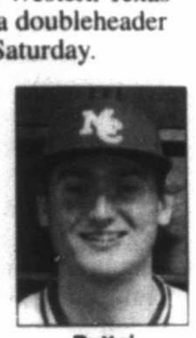
Next: Howard College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. Friday

Chaps win series against WTC

From staff reports

SNYDER — The No. 12 Midland College baseball team swept Western Texas College in a doubleheader played on Saturday.

The Chaparrals held on for an 8-7 win in the first game, before rolling to a 9-3 win in the second game to take three out of four games in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference series.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In the first game, MC (32-11, 21-3) jumped out to a 5-0 lead before Western Texas (19-19, 11-13) stormed back and eventually took a 7-6 lead after five innings. But the Chaps took the lead for good with two runs in the sixth inning.

Nolan Rattai led MC by going 3-for-3 with a triple, three RBI and two runs scored, while Jordan Dray homered and drove in two runs. Eric Senior also had two RBI, including the game-winning sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Jonathan Nicholson got the win after allowing seven runs (three earned) on eight hits with one walk and five strikeouts in a complete-game effort.

The Chaps broke a 2-2 tie with six runs in the fourth inning of the second game.

Senior led the MC offense by going 2-for-4 with a double, three RBI, a walk and two runs scored. Ethan Barker was 2-for-5 with a double, RBI and two runs scored.

Brock Barger returned from suffering elbow tightness on Friday to get the win on the mound. The right-hander allowed two runs (one earned) on four hits, with three walks and five strikeouts over seven innings.

MC next hosts WTC in a non-conference game at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

FIRST GAME
NO. 12 MIDLAND COLLEGE 8, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 7

Midland	2	30	102	0	–8 7 2
Western Texas	0	04	120	0	–7 8 2

Jonathan Nicholson and Alex Salcido, Kody Bullard, Pablo Ortiz (6) and Garrett Scott. W — Nicholson. L — Ortiz. 2B — MC: Riley King, WTC: Luis Diaz, Dalton Castillo. 3B — MC: Nolan Rattai. HR — MC: Jordan Dray.

SECOND GAME
NO. 12 MIDLAND COLLEGE 9, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 3

Midland	2	011	061	000	–9 9 2
Western Texas	0	02	000	010	–3 7 3

Brock Barger, Noel Solis (8) and Cameron Meicher. Ricky Arevalo, Brandon King (6). Mark Trimble (8). Justin Rumley (9) and Luke Cullum. W — Barger. L — Arevalo. 2B — Eric Senior, Hill Alexander, Ethan Barker. WTC: Donivan Lopez.

Records: Midland College 32-11, 21-3 in WJCAC; Western Texas College 19-19, 11-13

Next: Western Texas College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	7	3	.700	—
New York	7	4	.636	½
Boston	6	5	.545	1½
Tampa Bay	6	6	.500	2
Toronto	2	9	.182	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	7	4	.636	—
Minnesota	7	4	.636	—
Chicago	5	5	.500	1½
Kansas City	5	6	.455	2
Cleveland	5	6	.455	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	4	.667	—
Los Angeles	6	6	.500	2
Oakland	5	7	.417	3
Texas	4	6	.400	3
Seattle	3	8	.273	4½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	7	5	.583	—
Miami	6	5	.545	½
Washington	6	5	.545	½
Atlanta	4	6	.400	2
Philadelphia	4	7	.364	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	8	4	.667	—
Chicago	6	5	.545	1½
Milwaukee	6	6	.500	2
Pittsburgh	5	6	.455	2½
St. Louis	3	8	.273	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	7	4	.636	—
Colorado	8	5	.615	—
Los Angeles	6	5	.545	1
San Diego	5	7	.417	2½
San Francisco	5	8	.385	3

Scores and Schedules

American League
Saturday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 3, St. Louis 2
Toronto 2, Baltimore 1
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 0
Boston 2, Tampa Bay 1
Houston 10, Oakland 6
Cleveland 13, Detroit 6
Kansas City 3, L.A. Angels 2
Texas at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Baltimore (Bundy 1-1) at Toronto (Happ 0-2), 12:07 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 1-1) at Cleveland (Carrasco 1-0), 12:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-1) at Boston (Pomeranz 1-0), 12:35 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 0-1) at Kansas City (Kennedy 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Houston (Morton 0-1) at Oakland (Cotton 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Shields 1-0) at Minnesota (Santiago 1-1), 3:10 p.m.
Texas (Hamels 0-0) at Seattle (Iwakuma 0-1), 3:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

National League
Saturday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 3, St. Louis 2
Philadelphia 4, Washington 2
Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 6
Pittsburgh 6, Chicago Cubs 7
Colorado 5, San Francisco 0
Atlanta 4, San Diego 2
Miami 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee (Peralta 2-0) at Cincinnati (Romano 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 2-0) at Miami (Straily 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 0-1) at Washington (Gonzalez 1-0), 12:35 p.m.
San Diego (Cahill 0-1) at Atlanta (Colon 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Taillon 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 0-0), 1:20 p.m.
Colorado (Senzatela 1-0) at San Francisco (Samardzija 0-2), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Walker 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 1-0), 3:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Texas box

ASTROS 10, ATHLETICS 6

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	4	3	1	2	Joyce rf	4	0	0	1
Bregman	3	1	1	1	Pinoffe 3b	3	1	1	1
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	1	Lowrie 2b	4	0	1	0
Correa ss	3	0	0	0	K.Davis lf	5	2	3	1
Fiers pr	0	1	0	0	Vogt c	5	1	1	0
Grgrson p	0	0	0	0	Alonso 1b	3	1	1	1
Beltran dh	3	0	0	0	Healy dh	4	0	0	0
Reddick	1	1	0	0	Decker cf	4	1	3	1
Gattis c	2	0	0	0	Rosales ss	3	0	0	1
B.McCann ph-c	1	1	1	1					
Y.Grml 1b	2	0	0	0					
Ma.Grnza	2	0	0	0					
Aoki lf	4	1	2	2					
Marisnick cf	3	1	2	0					
Totals	**32**	**10**	**8**	**7**	**Totals**	**35**	**6**	**10**	**6**

Houston	000	002	242	–10					
Oakland	030	030	010	–6					

E—Decker (1), Rosales (1). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Houston 7, Oakland 8. 2B—Alonso (2). 3B—Decker (1). HR—Springer (8), Pinoffe (2), K.Davis (6). SB—Bregman (2), Altuve 2 (5), Reddick (1), Aoki (1), Decker (1). SF—Aoki (1), Joyce (1). S—Ma.Gonzalez (1), Rosales (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
McCullers	4 1-3	8	5	5	1	6
Sipp	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	2
Gustave	1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Harris W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Giles	1	1	1	1	0	1
Gregerson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oakland						
Manaea	5	0	2	1	5	6
Dull H,2	1	0	0	0	1	1
Hendriks H,2	1-3	3	2	2	0	0
Casilla L,0-1	1	0	2	2	2	1
Doolittle BS,1	2-3	2	2	2	0	0
Montas	1	3	2	2	0	1

Manaea pitched to 4 batters in the 6th
HBP—by Manaea (Bregman), by Montas (Correa). WP—Doolittle.
T—3:55. A—20,140 (37,090).

Saturday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 2, ORIOLES 1

Baltimore	000	000	01	–1	6 0
Toronto	000	000	01	–2	6 0

Asher, Hart (7), Wilson (8) and Castillo. C.Joseph; Estrada, Biagini (8), Osuna (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Osuna 1-0. L—Wilson 1-1. HRs—Toronto, Morales.

TWINS 6, WHITE SOX 0

Chicago	000	000	00	–0	1 0
Minnesota	500	000	1x	–6	11 0

Quintana, Ynoa (6) and Narvaez. E.Santana and Gimenez. W—E.Santana 3-0. L—Quintana 0-3.

RED SOX 2, RAYS 1

Tampa Bay	001	000	00	–1	3 0
Boston	010	000	1x	–2	6 0

Odorizzi, Hunter (6), Cedeno (7), J.Diez (8) and Norris; Sale, Barnes (8), Kimbrel (9) and Leon. W—Sale 1-1. L—Hunter 0-1. Sv—Kimbrel (4). HRs—Boston, Moreland.

INDIANS 13, TIGERS 6

Detroit	000	310	200	–6	11 0
Cleveland	332	000	4x	–13	19 0

Verlander, Greene (5), A.Sanchez (8) and J.McCann; Kluber, A.Miller (7), Allen (9) and Gomes. W—Kluber 1-1. L—Verlander 1-1. HRs—Detroit, Upton. Cleveland, Ramirez 2, Chisenhall, Santana.

ROYALS 3, ANGELS 2

Los Angeles	100	000	100	–2	6 0
Kansas City	100	10	001x	–3	6 0

Shoemaker, B.Norris (6), B.Parker (7), Alvarez (8) and Maldonado; Karns, Minor (7), Soria (7), K.Herrera (9) and S.Perez. W—Soria 1-0. L—Alvarez 0-1. Sv—K.Herrera (2). HRs—Kansas City, Moustakas, Moss.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILLIES 4, NATIONALS 2

Philadelphia	000	200	20	–4	6 0
Washington	001	000	100	–2	4 0

Hellickson, Neris (8), Benoit (9) and Knapp; Roark, Blanton (8), Albers (9) and Lobaton. W—Hellickson 2-0. L—Blanton 0-2. Sv—Benoit (1). HRs—Philadelphia, Hernandez. Washington, Heisey.

REDS 7, BREWERS 5

Milwaukee	201	001	100	–5	7 0
Cincinnati	030	0310	0x	–7	11 0

Davies, Torres (6), Hughes (7), Martinez (8) and Bandy; Finnegan, Stephenson (2), R.Iglesias (5), Cingrani (7), Storen (7), Lorenzen (9) and Barnhart. W—R.Iglesias 1-0. L—Torres 0-1. Sv—Lorenzen (1). HRs—Milwaukee, Perez, Thames 2. Cincinnati, Schebler.

PIRATES 6, CUBS 7

Pittsburgh	011	001	500	–6	10 1
Chicago	402	000	01	–7	9 0

Glasnow, Williams (6), Nicasio (7), Hudson (8), Watson (9) and Cervelli; Arrieta, Duensing (6), Strop (7), Uehara (8), W.Davis (9) and Contreras. W—Williams 1-0. L—Strop 0-1. Sv—Watson (4). HRs—Pittsburgh, Harrison, Marte. McCutchen. Cervelli. Chicago, Bryant 2.

ROCKIES 5, GIANTS 0

Colorado	001	310	000	–5	11 0
San Francisco	000	000	00	–0	2 0

Chatwood and Garneau; Moore, Ramirez (8), Kontos (8), Blach (9) and Hundley. W—Chatwood 1-2. L—Moore 1-2. HRs—Colorado, Arenado.

BRAVES 4, PADRES 2

San Diego	020	000	00	–2	8 1
Atlanta	002	002	0x	–4	9 0

Richard, J.Torres (7), Hand (8) and Hedges. Dickey, Jose Ramirez (7), Vizcaino (8), Johnson (9) and K.Suzuki. W—Dickey 1-1. L—Richard 1-2. Sv—Johnson (3). HRs—San Diego, Hedges. Renfroe. Atlanta, Garcia, Phillips.

MARLINS 5, METS 4

New York	100	000	210	–4	5 0
Miami	020	000	3x	–5	6 0

deGrom, Salas (8), Blevins (8) and Rivera. Conley, McGowan (7), Tazawa (8), Ramos (9) and Ellis. W—Tazawa 1-0. L—Salas 0-1. Sv—Ramos (2). HRs—New York, Cabrera. Miami, Yelich. Ozuna, Bour, Stanton

INTERLEAGUE
YANKEES 3, CARDINALS 2

St. Louis	000	000	11	–2	5 2
New York	100	002	00x	–3	5 0

C.Martinez, Cecil (6), Socolovich (7), J.Broxton (8) and Molina; Sabathia, Warren (8), Clippard (9) and Higashioka. W—Sabathia 2-0. L—C.Martinez 0-2. Sv—Clippard (1). HRs—St. Louis, Piscotty, Gyorko.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

BLUE JAYS 2, ORIOLES 1

TORONTO — Kendrys Morales homered off Tyler Wilson leading off the bottom of the ninth inning, and the Toronto Blue Jays stopped a seven-game losing seven-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday.

ROYALS 3, ANGELS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mike Moustakas hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning Saturday night, lifting the Kansas City Royals over the Los Angeles Angels 3-2.

Moustakas connected off Jose Alvarez (0-1) for his fifth home run this season.

INDIANS 13, TIGERS 6

CLEVELAND — Jose Ramirez was 4 for 4 with a pair of three-run homers for Cleveland, and Detroit Tigers ace Justin Verlander matched a career high by allowing nine runs Saturday in a 13-6 loss to the Indians.

Ramirez had a career-high six RBIs with home runs in the first off Verlander (1-1) and in the eighth against Anibal Sanchez. The switch-hitter also had singles in the third and fifth innings

RED SOX 2, RAYS 1

BOSTON — Chris Sale was dominant with 12 strikeouts over seven innings for his first victory with Boston, Mitch Moreland hit a solo homer and the Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-1 on Saturday.

Sale (1-1) allowed one run on three hits with three walks, striking out seven of the last nine batters he faced.

TWINS 6, WHITE SOX 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Ervin Santana pitched a one-hitter for the first complete-game victory by a pitcher in the major leagues this season, and the Minnesota Twins beat the White Sox 6-0 Saturday to stop Chicago's three-game winning streak.

Santana's (3-0) won his third straight start, striking out eight, walking one and retiring his final 18 batters as he lowered his ERA to 0.41. Chicago had just two runners: Omar Narvaez singled with one out in the third and Avisail Garcia walked leading off the fourth.

National League

PHILLIES 4, NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Cesar Hernandez hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer off Joe Blanton in the eighth inning, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Washington Nationals 4-2 Saturday to stop a four-game losing streak.

MARLINS 5, METS 4

MIAMI — Christian Yelich and Giancarlo Stanton hit back-to-back homers to cap a three-run eighth inning, and the Miami Marlins rallied past the New York Mets 5-4 Saturday night.

BRAVES 4, PADRES 2

ATLANTA — Winless at Turner Field, R.A. Dickey got a victory in his first appearance at SunTrust Park as the Atlanta Braves beat the San Diego Padres 4-2 Saturday night behind home runs from Brandon Phillips and Adonis Garcia.

Atlanta has won three straight following a five-game losing streak, including its first two games at SunTrust Park.

ROCKIES 5, GIANTS 0

SAN FRANCISCO — Tyler Chatwood pitched 5 2/3 perfect innings before Chris Marrero's single and finished with a two-hitter for the Colorado Rockies in his first big league shutout, a 5-0 win over the San Francisco Giants on Saturday.

PIRATES 8, CUBS 7

CHICAGO — Andrew McCutchen hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in a five-run seventh inning that led the Pittsburgh Pirates over the Chicago Cubs 8-7 on Saturday.

Pittsburgh has won two straight against the Cubs after going 4-14 against Chicago last season, including 1-8 at Wrigley Field. Francisco Cervelli and Starling Marte also homered for Pittsburgh on a hot, windy afternoon.

REDS 7, BREWERS 5

CINCINNATI — Jesse Winker doubled home the go-ahead runs with his first major league hit, and the Cincinnati Reds overcame two more homers by Eric Thames for a 7-5 victory on Saturday, ending the Milwaukee Brewers' four-game winning streak.

Interleague

YANKEES 3, CARDINALS 2

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees hardly hit a ball square against Carlos Martinez and the St. Louis Cardinals.

The way he was pitching, they didn't need to.

Looking like both an All-Star ace and a wayward journeyman, Martinez put on a historically uneven performance, walking a career-high eight while striking out 11 and handing CC Sabathia and the Yankees a 3-2 win Saturday.

'HOUNDSREPORT

DRILLERS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 3
At ONEOK Field, Tulsa, Oklahoma

TOP HITTERS: Tulsa clean up hitter Edwin Rios went 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBI... Midland's Brett Vertigan was 4-for-5 with a double, a run and a stolen base.

TOP PITCHERS: Rockhounds starter Corey Walter spun four scoreless innings of two-hit ball. Walter walked none, while lowering his season earned run average to 0.82... Yaisel Sierra was the only Drillers' pitcher not to allow a run, tossing a scoreless ninth to pick up his first save.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland took a 2-0 lead through 4 1/2 innings, scoring one run in the second and another run in the fifth, both on RBI groundouts by Jordan Tarsovich... Tulsa responded with a game-defining, six-run fifth inning when it sent 10 batters to the plate. Drillers catcher Kyle Farmer had a two-run single during the frame, and Rios followed with a two-RBI double. Tulsa had four hits, two walks and a hit-by-pitch in the bottom half of the inning.

NOTES: Tulsa took the three-game series, 2-1, and tied the season series at 3-3... Midland begins a three-game series at Springfield, starting at 4:10 p.m. today... Rockhounds' Lou Trivino threw 1 1/3 perfect innings Saturday, and has yet to allow a run in four innings this season... Midland hit 1-for-13 with runners in scoring position.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:
Midland — RHP James Naile (0-0, 0.00). Springfield — TBD

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	5	4	.556	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	5	4	.556	—
Arkansas (Mariners)	3	6	.333	2
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	3	6	.333	2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	6	3	.667	—
San Antonio (Padres)	6	3	.667	—
Frisco (Rangers)	4	5	.444	2
Midland (Athletics)	4	5	.444	2

Saturday's Scores
Springfield 6, Frisco 5
Tulsa 6, Midland 3
Northwest Arkansas 2, San Antonio 1
Corpus Christi 5, Arkansas 0

Today's Games
Arkansas at San Antonio, 2:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 3:05 p.m.
Midland at Springfield, 4:10 p.m.

DRILLERS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Tulsa	ab	r	h	bi
Vertigan cf	5	1	4	0	Locastro 2b-cf	2	1	0	0
Schrock 2b	5	0	1	0	Beaty rf	3	1	0	0
Sportman lf	4	0	1	0	Farmer c	4	1	1	2
Rosa 1b	4	0	0	0	Rios 3b	4	0	3	2
Manrique rf	4	1	0	0	Sawyer dh	4	0	0	0
Bennie 3b	4	0	1	0	Hoenecke 1b	4	1	2	0
Paz c	4	0	0	0	Mieses cf	2	0	0	0
Martin ss	3	1	1	0	Frendz pr-2b	2	0	0	0
Tarsovich 3b	4	0	0	2	Alle lf	2	0	0	0
					Ahmed ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	37	3	9	3	Totals	29	6	7	4

Midland	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0

E — Rios 2 (2). DP — Midland 2. Tulsa 1. LOB — Midland 8. Tulsa 4. 2B — Martin (2), Vertigan (3), Sportman (1), Hoenecke (1), Rios 2. 4. SB — Vertigan (1), Ahmed (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Walter	4.0	2	0	0	0	4
Manr	0.2	4	6	4	1	1
Trivino	1.1	0	0	0	0	2
Finnegar	1.0	1	0	0	2	1
Tulsa						
Velez	4.0	3	2	2	3	4
Kowalczyk	3.2	3	1	1	1	4
Hynes W, 2-0	3.1	2	0	0	0	4
Sierra S, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

WP — Kowalczyk. HBP — by Manr (Locastro).
T — 2:47. A — 6,402.

COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 12, Kansas State 8
Texas 5, Baylor 3
TCU 8, West Virginia 6
Michigan 6, Oklahoma 2
Texas A&M 3, Alabama 2
Citadel's Ridge 13, Rust 6
Freed-Hardeman 9, Central Baptist 5
Houston-Victoria 4, Wiley 3
Missouri St. 8, New Mexico 0
Texas Rio Grande Valley 12, Seattle 9

SOUTH
Auburn 8, Tennessee 1
Austin Peay 14, E. Kentucky 10
Barton 19, Southern Wesleyan 6
Boston College 15, Duke 6
Brescia 4-7, Albury 2-2
Bryan 7-8, Milligan 2-0
Carson-Newman 13-3, Wingate 11-1
Catawba 7-5, Tusculum 3-3
Charlotte 3, W. Kentucky 1, 11 innings
Christopher Newport 9, Penn St.-Harrisburg 0
Clemson 12, Florida St. 10
Collier 10, Brevard 1
Cumberland (Tenn.) 4-7, Pikeville 2-2
ETSU 8, William & Mary 6
E. Illinois 7, Belmont 3
Edward Waters 1-0, Trinity Baptist 0-5
Faulkner 9-14, Bethel (Tenn.) 6-2
Florida 20, Vanderbilt 8
Florida Gulf Coast 11, S.C. Upstate 6
FIU 4, UTSA 3
Gardner-Webb 7, Charleston Southern 5
Guilford 11, Washington & Lee 5
Hampden-Sydney 15, Shenandoah 7
Houston 9, Memphis 8
IL-Springfield 4-9, Bellarmine 2-9
Jacksonville St. Lipscomb 3
Kentucky St. 12, Lane 6
Kentucky Wesleyan 11-12, Davis & Elkins 2-5
King (Tenn.) 11, Limestone 3
Lee 6-4, Christian Brothers 3-5
Lincoln Memorial 16-11, Newberry 10-8
Lindsey Wilson 5-3, Georgetown (Ky.) 2-2
LSU Alexandria 9, Huston-Tillotson 4
Louisville 5, Georgia Tech 4
Malone 6-18, Trevecca Nazarene 2-6
Mercer 17, VMI 5
Miami 5, Pittsburgh 3
Middle Tennessee 13, UAB 3, 8 innings
Morehead St. 28, SIU-Edwardsville 15
Mount Olive 7, Erskine 4
Nicholls 9, Incarnate Word 6
North Carolina 7, NC State 1
N.C. A&T 5, N.C. Central 2
North Florida 8, NJIT 3
North Greenville 6, Pfeiffer 3
Point Park 4-6, Midway 3-3
Radford 7, Campbell 4
Reinhardt 4, Tennessee Wesleyan 1
Savannah 9-1, Centre 6-9
South Florida 4, Cincinnati 2
S. Virginia 13, St. Mary's (Md.) 11
Spring 1-6, Webster 0-1, 1st game, 9 innings
Stetson 10, Kennesaw St. 4
Stillman 14, Tougaloo 2
Tennessee Tech 14, Murray St. 10
Tulane 6, UConn 5, 12 innings
Tuskegee 7, Le Moyne-Owen 3
UCF 7, East Carolina 0
UNC Asheville 3, High Point 1
UNC Greensboro 13, Wofford 12
Virginia Tech 7, Virginia 5
Wake Forest 13, Notre Dame 7
Washington & Jefferson 14, Thomas More 9
William Carey 10, Martin Methodist 0
Winston-Salem St. 7, Anderson (S.C.) 2

MIDWEST
Baker 8-6, Missouri Valley 5-4
Bellevue 18, Jamestown 3
Benedictine (Kan.) 5-7, Mount Mercy 3-6
Bethel (Ind.) 6, Spring Arbor 5
Cedarville 2, Albion/Brandeis 1
Central Methodist 14, Evangel 5
Concordia (Mich.) 16, Lourdes 7
Dakota St. 15, Winnipeg 14
Doane 9, Briar Cliff 3
Friends 11, Saint Mary (Kan.) 2
George Mason 8, Dayton 6
Graceland 7, Clarke 0
Harris-Stowe 4-8, Park 2-3
Hastings at Concordia (Neb.), 2, ppd
Indiana Southeast 17, Ohio Christian 8
Indiana St. 15, S. Illinois 2
Indianapolis 7, Wis.-Parkside 1
Kansas 4, Oklahoma St. 2
Lawrence Tech 16, Aquinas 9
Luther 17, Simpson (Iowa) 2
Manchester 8, Hanover 7
Marian (Ind.) 8, Huntingdon 2
Michigan St. 8, Ohio St. 5
MidAm Nazarene 8, Avila 4
Missouri S&T 8, Truman 0
Missouri Valley 13, Baker 6
Mount Vernon Nazarene 6, Grace 5
Oberlin 14, Hiram 4
Olivet Nazarene 15, Calumet 9
Oral Roberts 12, Omaha 1
Peru St. 11-17, William Penn 10-12
Robert Morris-Chicago 8, Roosevelt 2
Saginaw Valley St. 14, Hillsdale 6
St. Francis (Ill.) 5, Trinity Christian 4
Saint Xavier 27, Trinity International 6
S. Indiana 4, McKendree 1
Taylor 7, St. Francis (Ind.) 4
UIC 7, N. Kentucky 2
Valley City St. 5, Presentation 0
Waldorf 12, Viterbo 6
Wayne (Mich.) 3, Northwood (Mich.) 1
W. Illinois 8, S. Dakota St. 4
William Jewell 5, Maryville (Mo.) 4
Wooster 15, Kenyon 1
Xavier 9, Seton Hall 0

EAST
Adelphi 9, Saint Rose 3
Assumption 11, St. Michael's 6
Bryant 8, LIU Brooklyn 6
Canisius 7, Siena 2
Castleton 11-3, Maine-Farmington 1-2
Catholic 11, Elizabethtown 2
CCSU 11, Mount St. Mary's 3
Charleston (W.Va.) 5, Glenville St. 3
Clark U. 6, Springfield 3
College of N.J. 9, Montclair St. 3
Cortland 7, Plattsburgh 1
Creighton 11, Georgetown 9
Curry 7, Gordon 0
Drew 3, Montvale 1
E. Connecticut 15, UMass-Boston 7
Eastern Nazarene 7, Maine-Presque Isle 0
Fairfield 3, St. Peter's 2
Felician 18, Concordia (N.Y.) 2
Fordham 2, Saint Joseph's 1
Franklin & Marshall 5, Swarthmore 1
George Washington 8, Villanova 3
Gwynnedd Mercy 8, Centenary (N.J.) 1
Husson 8, New England Coll. 5
Ithaca 12, SUNY Canton 3
John Jay 12, SUNY Maritime 10
Keuka 8, William Paterson 1
Keene St. 9, W. Connecticut 1

Stephan Savoia/ Associated Press

Kathrine Switzer holds up her original bib number as she answers a question during a media availability at the Copley Plaza Hotel near the Boston Marathon finish line Thursday in Boston. In 1967 Switzer was the first woman with a bib issued by the Boston Athletic Association to cross the Boston Marathon finish line.

RUN

From 1C

signed up using her first initial, K.

"I generally am pretty law-abiding. I don't speed in my car," Switzer said. "But am I bold? I'm also bold. And am I the type of person who asks for permission or begs for forgiveness? I ask for forgiveness."

Although Gibb was also in the race for the second year in a row, it was Switzer in official Bib No. 261 that so offended race director Jock Semple that he ran after her, in his blazer and slacks, and tried to pull her off the course.

"We thought we were following the rules," Switzer said. "And Jock thought we were trying to pull a fast one."

Switzer's boyfriend shouldered him out of the way, and Switzer ran on. (Semple, who died in 1988, maintained he was trying to protect his race from international rules that sanctioned only men's marathons; by 1972, when women were first admitted to Boston, he and Switzer had become friends.)

Semple couldn't knock Switzer off the course, but he did change her path: After the pictures of the scuffle were splashed across newspaper front pages , she found herself an unintended — but eager — spokeswomen for her gender.

"I wasn't there to prove anything," she said. "It wasn't until Jock Semple attacked me did everything changed."

Switzer went to work in PR and helped create the Avon International Running Circuit of 400 women's races that showed the IOC there were enough women to fill out an Olympic field. When the women's marathon was added to the Summer Games in 1984, the qualifiers at the U.S. Olympic trials were given trophies of a girl running.

It was sculpted by Gibb.

'Bobbi doesn't like us to call her the hippie love child of the '60s," said 1968 Boston Marathon winner Amby Burfoot, noting that she was a serious student who switched from medicine to law after her path to med school was blocked. "But nevertheless, she's a spirit child.

"And perhaps it's an exaggeration to call Kathrine the corporate one, but there you are," said Burfoot, whose book "First Ladies of Running" profiles some of the key women in the sport. "They just proved that they're all unique and wonderful and there are different ways to get to the finish line."

Gibb is working on a new sculpture — a life-sized bronze that she hopes will be the first of a woman along the Boston Marathon course. Switzer credits her for starting a movement, and Gibb acknowledges that it probably needed someone else to carry it forward.

"She (Gibb) said, 'I'm not an activist or an organizer.' Well, I am an activist and an organizer," Switzer said. "It takes all kinds."

Switzer went on to win the 1974 New York City Marathon and provide TV commentary in Boston for the last 37 years. In 2015, she created 261 Fearless, a nonprofit that uses running to empower women around the world; its logo is a rendering of her original bib, with one corner torn off from the struggle.

COM

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the envy of many larger metropolitan areas and has hosted noteworthy events such as the United States Diving National Championships in 1995 and the Diving U.S. Open in 2005.

COM was established among humble beginnings in 1967. COM had only 20 swimmers, no coach, no pool and three members on its board of directors when a group of parents wanted to expand its Midland ISD and YMCA swimming programs into a much larger scale club program.

Despite its humble origins, COM Aquatics always had grandiose visions from the beginning.

From day one, the goal for the club was to become the Green Bay Packers of swimming, during a time when head coach Vince Lombardi's franchise was a dynasty in professional football.

That desire to be the best was reflected when the club hired Terry Gathercole, a former Olympic swimmer and then coach of the Australian Olympic women's swimming team, to be coach in 1967.

Gathercole even got assistance from U.S. Attorney General Bobby Kennedy to help enter the country with his family in 1968.

"They needed somebody that could come here and do the job here in a big way," Swendig said.

"They got the best coach in the world," Swendig added.

Following Gathercole's five-year stint with COM, the club made another home run hire when it lured George French to the Tall City in 1973. French was known in the swimming world for coaching John Naber, who claimed four gold medals at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

After a standout collegiate swimming career at Texas A&M and Auburn, Swendig was hired as a COM swim coach in 1984, and has been with the club ever since.

Swendig said the club has doubled in size every seven years since its inception.

In 1993, the Abell Hanger Pool opened, which is known for its Olympic diving apparatus.

COM expanded by opening up the Greathouse Aquatic and Rehabilitation Center in 2000, which consists of pools used for water aerobics and water therapy. COM's latest grand addition is the FMH Foundation Natatorium that launched in 2016 and is known for its Olympic-sized swimming pool.

The Olympic-sized pool helped COM land the United States Swimming Southern Zones event in 2018.

Swendig said the Tall City's benevolent community deserves the credit for providing kids world class swimming and diving facilities.

"There's a huge support for swimming and diving in Midland, Texas," Swendig said. "Living in Midland, Texas, it gives you some opportunities that are you're not going to find in any city in the United States. We are the beneficiaries of a very generous community and a community that cares about its kids.

"You look at the people that have involved that have been at COM, there are a lot of inspirational people and hard working people that have set high goals for COM," Swendig added. "They are visionaries that really make COM unique, not only in Midland, but in the United States."

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Dufner eagles twice to lead RBC Heritage through 3 rounds

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Jason Dufner took more than a solid showing away from the Masters last week. He took inspiration from winner Sergio Garcia.

Dufner finished 33rd in the year's first major, things getting away from late in the final round a week ago. But he took something from Garcia managing his expectations and letting his game show through. And Dufner believes that's why he had got a one-shot lead heading to the final round of the RBC Heritage.

Dufner had two eagles on the way to a 6-under 65 to move in front of Graham DeLaet (69).

Dufner, at 13 under, said he entered Harbour Town Golf Links with low expectations, deciding that he gone through too many tournaments over-thinking how he was supposed to play or whose expectations he was supposed to live up to.

"That really gets in the way of playing well to be honest with you," said Dufner, the 2013 PGA Championship winner. "So I think I maybe learned a little bit from the champion last week, where he kind of lowered his expectations, and got out of his way, so to speak, and let his talent and his game plan take it from there."

Dufner's talent was on display, particularly on Harbour Town's par-5s.

He blasted a 215-yard approach on the second hole to 11 feet for his first eagle. He was short of the fifth green in two, then chipped in from about 100 feet for his second eagle. On the 15th, the course's final long hole, Dufner settled for birdie, part of three in a row on the back nine that took him into the lead.

Dufner plays Harbour Town often, but without much success. His best finish was a tie for 14th and only once in seven previous fourth rounds has shot in the 60s. He is chasing his fifth PGA Tour title — and just the second since winning the Wanamaker Trophy at Oak Hill four years ago.

Dufner said he took confidence from his Masters performance and has carried that into this week.

"I feel like this golf course has always been a good set up for me," Dufner said. "I haven't had amazing results here, but I've been pretty consistent. We'll see how it goes tomorrow."

DeLaet was tied with Dufner heading into his final hole, but three-putted No. 18 from 35 feet to fall back. Still, it was the Canadian's third straight sub-70 round after having just five in five previous appearances here.

DeLaet is seeking his first tour win and knows it will take a mental effort to keep him straight. "Obviously, this is the one thing that's kind of missing," DeLaet said. "So there's going to be some battles (inside) that I'm going to have to deal with."

Kevin Kisner and Webb Simpson were at 11 under. Kisner shot a 66, and Simpson, the former U.S. Open champ, had a 68.

Kisner followed up his 64 with a second straight bogey-free round at Harbour Town. The last of his five birdies — a 30-footer on No. 17 — pushed him into the tie with Simpson.

Simpson was the hottest player on the course when the round began, going 4-under over his first six holes including an eagle-3 at the par-5 fifth. Then Simpson cooled off, with 11 pars and a bogey on the 16th that dropped him two shots behind.

Ian Poulter, in a chase to stay on tour, shot 69 to stay in fifth. He had three birdies on the final five holes before the turn to share the lead with Simpson for a time. On the 10th hole, however, he hit his drive left in the water, then landed his second tee shot along the water line where an alligator — perhaps miffed by the first water ball — stared down the Englishman known for his colorful outfits. Poulter tried to set up, but the gator would not relent until the caddie of playing partner Simpson charged the reptile.

RBC Heritage
Saturday
At Harbour Town Golf Links
Hilton Head, S.C.
Purse: $6.5 million
Yardage: 7,099; Par 71
Third Round

Jason Dufner	68-67-65—200
Graham DeLaet	65-67-69—201
Kevin Kisner	72-64-66—202
Webb Simpson	66-68-68—202
Ian Poulter	66-68-69—203
Wesley Bryan	69-67-68—204
William McGirt	68-68-68—204
Luke Donald	65-67-72—204
J.J. Spaun	67-72-66—205
Ollie Schniederjans	68-68-69—205
Tyrrell Hatton	69-68-68—205
Nick Taylor	69-66-70—205
Billy Hurley III	69-71-66—206
Patrick Cantlay	70-66-70—206
Bud Cauley	63-72-71—206
Brian Harman	71-70-66—207
Peter Malnati	71-69-67—207
Chad Campbell	69-69-69—207
Brian Gay	69-70-69—207
Ryan Palmer	69-73-67—209
Blayne Barber	71-68-69—208
Branden Grace	68-71-69—208
Rafael Campos	69-70-70—208
Sung Kang	69-69-70—208
Francesco Molinari	67-71-70—208
Patton Kizzire	72-66-70—208
Cameron Smith	67-70-71—208
Adam Hadwin	71-66-71—208
Brandt Snedeker	69-68-71—208
Russell Knox	70-66-72—208
Keegan Bradley	75-66-68—209
Tyrone Van Aswegen	70-70-69—209
Graeme McDowell	72-68-69—209
David Hearn	70-70-69—209
Andrew Johnston	68-71-70—209
Jason Bohn	67-72-70—209
Harold Varner III	67-72-70—209
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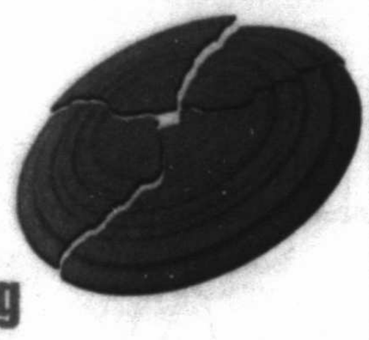

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Cleveland Cavaliers' Deron Williams (31) drives past Indiana Pacers' Kevin Seraphin (1), from France, in the first half in Game 1 of a first-round NBA playoff series Saturday in Cleveland.

LeBron, Cavs edge Pacers 109-108 in Game 1

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Their regular-season issues followed the Cavaliers into the playoffs. They didn't win their postseason opener as much as survive it.

The champions remain puzzling.

LeBron James scored 32 points and Cleveland, looking to flip a switch after a shaky-and-streaky regular season, began the postseason by escaping with a 109-108 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Saturday.

C.J. Miles could have won it for Indiana, but a player whom Cleveland's players and coaches call a "Cavs killer," missed a 14-foot jumper just before the horn.

Following the game, Miles sat silently at his locker in full uniform for 30 minutes before Larry Bird, the team's president of basketball operations, came in and patted him on the shoulder.

James refused to acknowledge how different things would be if Miles' shot had dropped.

"He missed," James said. "We won."

Playing in his 200th playoff game, James added 13 assists and six rebounds while winning his 18th consecutive first-round game.

However, it was anything but easy as the Cavs, who had a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter, had to withstand a strong comeback by the Pacers.

After a foul, Indiana inbounded with 10 seconds left and tried to run a play for star Paul George.

But James came over to help J.R. Smith and double-teamed George, who was forced to pass to Miles. His jumper was on line, but short and the Cavs avoided a disastrous loss.

George was adamant that he should have gotten the ball back.

"I talked to C.J. about it," George said. "In situations like that, I gotta get the last shot. C.J. took it upon himself. I'm confident with all of my guys taking shots. That's not the issue. In that situation, I need the ball."

Miles didn't make any excuses.

"Obviously, we wanted to get the ball to Paul to be able to get the shot to win the game," he said. "I got the ball at four (seconds), so I had to take it myself. I got a good shot. I just didn't make it."

James said the Cavs' plan on the final play was not to let George beat them.

"We wanted to get the ball out of his hands, make somebody else try to beat us and live with the results," he said.

Kyrie Irving added 23 points and Kevin Love had 17 for Cleveland, which has won 12 straight playoff games at home.

George scored 29 points and Lance Stephenson had 16 for the seventh-seeded Pacers, who will try to even the series on Monday night.

Cleveland had several bad offensive possessions down the stretch and the Cavs went only 14 of 27 from the free-throw line.

After dropping their last four and going 10-14 since March 1, the Cavs entered the postseason appearing very vulnerable.

It's too soon to say whether they have their act together, but for three quarters they looked more like a team capable of reaching its third straight Finals.

Irving dismissed the idea that Cavs feel vulnerable.

"Hell, no," he snapped. "Not going into the game with the group that we have."

Indiana played a solid all-around game, matching the Cavs at both ends and even out-rebounding them.

But, as usual, the Pacers couldn't contain James, who improved to 45-7 in the opening round and got the Cavs their first win — warts and all.

"I'm happy we go the victory," he said. "I'm happy how emotional we was. I'm happy with the energy and the effort. They made some big shots and some big plays, so I'm excited about that."

Right decision

James has been on the receiving end of criticism for not taking the final shot, and was not about to criticize George for passing to Miles.

"If you're the best player on the floor, that doesn't mean you have to take the shot," James said. "I think he made the right play and you live with the results."

Super sub

Stephenson was huge off the bench, providing points and attitude.

He rejoined the Pacers on March 30 and was pivotal in them going 5-1 to make the playoffs.

"I just try to be a guy who makes smart decisions in attack mode, and take some of the pressure off Paul," said Stephenson, who previously played with Indiana from 2010-2014. "I think I did that today."

McMillan said he has no immediate plans to move Stephenson into the starting lineup.

Tip-ins

Pacers: Indiana was knocked out in the first round by Toronto last season. ... This is G Jeff Teague's third straight postseason facing the Cavs. He was previously with Atlanta, which was swept by Cleveland in 2015 and 2016. ... Indiana has been in playoff mode for weeks and George carried the Pacers down the stretch go to get them into the postseason by averaging 32.8 points, 8.2 rebounds and 4.5 assists during a 5-1 April.

Cavaliers: James (5,604) needs 37 points to pass Kobe Bryant (5,640) for third place in playoff points. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (5,762) is second and Michael Jordan (5,987) is first. ... James has scored more than 30 in 85 postseason games. ... Still just 25, Irving is now third in team playoff scoring. ...

Up next

Game 2 is Monday night at Quicken Loans Arena.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
FIRST ROUND
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago vs. Boston
Sunday, April 16: Chicago at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18: Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 21: Boston at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 23: Boston at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 26: Chicago at Boston, TBA
x-Friday, April 28: Boston at Chicago, TBA
x-Sunday, April 30: Chicago at Boston, TBA
Atlanta vs. Washington
Sunday, April 16: Atlanta at Washington, noon
Wednesday, April 19: Atlanta at Washington, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 22: Washington at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, April 24: Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 26: Atlanta at Washington, TBA
x-Friday, April 28: Washington at Atlanta, TBA
x-Sunday, April 30: Atlanta at Washington, TBA
Milwaukee 1, Toronto 0
Saturday, April 15: Milwaukee 97, Toronto 83
Tuesday, April 18: Milwaukee at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 20: Toronto at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 22: Toronto at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.
x-Monday, April 24: Milwaukee at Toronto, 6 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 27: Toronto at Milwaukee, TBA
x-Saturday, April 29: Milwaukee at Toronto, TBA
Cleveland 1, Indiana 0
Saturday, April 15: Cleveland 109, Indiana 108
Monday, April 17: Indiana at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 20: Cleveland at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 23: Cleveland at Indiana, noon
x-Tuesday, April 25: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA
x-Thursday, April 27: Cleveland at Indiana, TBA
x-Saturday, April 29: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Portland vs. Golden State
Sunday, April 16: Portland at Golden State, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19: Portland at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 22: Golden State at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Monday, April 24: Golden State at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 26: Portland at Golden State, TBA
x-Friday, April 28: Golden State at Portland, TBA
x-Sunday, April 30: Portland at Golden State, TBA
San Antonio 1, Memphis 0
Saturday, April 15: San Antonio 111, Memphis 82
Monday, April 17: Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 20: San Antonio at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 22: San Antonio at Memphis, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 25: Memphis at San Antonio, TBA
x-Thursday, April 27: San Antonio at Memphis, TBA
x-Saturday, April 29: Memphis at San Antonio, TBA
Houston vs. Oklahoma City
Sunday, April 16: Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19: Oklahoma City at Houston, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 21: Houston at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 23: Houston at Oklahoma City, 2:30 p.m.
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x-Thursday, April 27: Houston at Oklahoma City, TBA
x-Saturday, April 29: Oklahoma City at Houston, TBA
Utah vs. L.A. Clippers
Saturday, April 15: Utah at L.A. Clippers, late
Tuesday, April 18: Utah at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Friday, April 21: L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 23: L.A. Clippers at Utah, 8 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 25: Utah at L.A. Clippers, TBA
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x-Sunday, April 30: Utah at L.A. Clippers, TBA

NBA PLAYOFFS ROUNDUP

BUCKS 97, RAPTORS 83

TORONTO — Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 28 points, rookie Malcolm Brogdon had 16 and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Toronto Raptors 97-83 on Saturday in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series.

Playing in his second career playoff series, Antetekounmpo made 13 of 18 shots, and added eight rebounds and three assists. Greg Monroe added 14 points, Tony Snell had 11, and Khris Middleton finished with 10 points and nine assists.

DeMar DeRozan led Toronto with 27 points, and Serge Ibaka had 19 points and 14 rebounds. The Raptors have lost the opening game in eight consecutive playoff series.

Toronto's Kyle Lowry made only two of 11 field-goal attempts, missing all six 3-point efforts, and finished with four points. Jonas Valanciunas had nine points and nine rebounds.

SPURS

From 1C

veteran suffered the injury when he was kicked in the calf during the first quarter of Memphis' regular-season finale against Dallas. ... The Grizzlies last postseason victory over the Spurs was a 99-91 victory April 29, 2011. The victory knocked the then top-seeded San Antonio out in six games in the opening round. ... Gasol's previous high against the Spurs was 28 points in a 107-101 loss on Dec. 15, 2014. ... Vince Carter has played in 83 career postseason games over 11 seasons, starting 61 times. He has played in four games or less in four of those postseasons.

Spurs: San Antonio is 15-4 against Memphis in the postseason. ... Manu Ginobili suffered a small cut under his left eye late in the first half that forced him to the locker room, but he returned for the second half. ... The Spurs have opened the postseason on the road just twice in 15 years since moving into the AT&T Center in 2003. ... Ginobili has 309 3-pointers in his postseason career, third behind Ray Allen (385) and Reggie Miller (320) in league history.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, April 12
N.Y. Rangers 2, Montreal 0
Boston 2, Ottawa 1
Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 1
St. Louis 2, Minnesota 1, OT
San Jose 3, Edmonton 2, OT
Thursday, April 13
Washington 3, Toronto 2, OT, Washington leads series 1-0
Nashville 1, Chicago 0
Anaheim 3, Calgary 2, Anaheim leads series 1-0
Friday, April 14
Montreal 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT, series tied 1-1
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 1, Pittsburgh leads series 2-0
St. Louis 2, Minnesota 1, St. Louis leads series 2-0
Edmonton 2, San Jose 0, series tied 1-1
Saturday, April 15
Ottawa 4, Boston 3, OT, series tied 1-1
Toronto at Washington, late
Nashville 5, Chicago 0, Nashville leads series 2-0
Calgary at Anaheim, late
Sunday, April 16
Minnesota at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
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Ottawa at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 20
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6 p.m.
x-Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS ROUNDUP

SENATORS 4, BRUINS 3

OTTAWA, Ontario — Dion Phaneuf scored at 1:59 of overtime and the Ottawa Senators rallied for a 4-3 victory over the Boston Bruins on Saturday.

The Senators rallied from a 3-1 deficit with a two-goal third period to force overtime. The Eastern Conference series is tied 1-1 and Game 3 is Monday night in Boston.

Clarke MacArthur, Chris Wideman and Derick Brassard also scored for the Senators and Craig Anderson made 26 saves.

Drew Stafford, Tim Schaller and Patrice Bergeron scored for the Bruins. Tuukka Rask stopped 25 shots.

The Senators started the overtime with the man advantage as the Bruins took a delay of game penalty with 12.5 seconds remaining in regulation

PREDATORS 2, BLACKHAWKS 0

CHICAGO — Pekka Rinne made 30 saves in his second straight shutout and picked up two assists, helping the Nashville Predators pound the Chicago Blackhawks 5-0 on Saturday night for a 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Ryan Johansen had a goal and two assists as Nashville added a dominant performance to its taut 1-0 victory in Game 1 on Thursday night.

Ryan Ellis, Harry Zolnierczyk, Colton Sissons and Kevin Fiala each scored their first career playoff goal.

Game 3 is Monday night in Nashville.

Chicago coach Joel Quenneville shuffled his lineup, inserting rookie Vinnie Hinostroza and Dennis Rasmussen and benching veteran Jordin Tootoo and John Hayden. But it was more of the same for the Blackhawks, who once again looked out of sync against the Predators' active defense.

Bottas beats Hamilton to take pole position at Bahrain GP

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

SAKHIR, Bahrain — Valtteri Bottas beat Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton right at the end of qualifying on Saturday to take pole position for the Bahrain Grand Prix. It was the first pole in Bottas' career.

Hamilton took pole in the first two races of the season, and had the leading time until Bottas beat him on the last lap.

"It took a few races, but hopefully it's the first of many," said Bottas, who is competing in his 80th F1 race but only his third with Mercedes. "I'm getting better with the set-up of the car. Feeling more comfortable."

Bottas became the first Finnish driver to take pole since Heikki Kovalainen at the British GP in 2008 — the race after Kimi Raikkonen's pole at the French GP — and the fifth overall. Keke Rosberg and Mika Hakkinen also qualified first during their careers.

"It's a lot of races without a Finn on pole," Bottas said.

Bottas also denied Hamilton his 64th pole.

"That's how close qualifying should always be, it forces us to be on the limit," said Hamilton, who had taken pole in Bahrain for the past two years. "I'm genuinely happy with the job I did."

Bottas clocked a leading time of 1 minute, 28.769 seconds over the 5.4-kilometer (3.3-mile) track in Sakhir, compared to 1:28.792 for Hamilton.

Hassan Ammar/Associated Press

Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas of Finland, left, and Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain pose after the qualifying session for the Bahrain Formula One Grand Prix, at the Formula One Bahrain International Circuit on Saturday in Sakhir, Bahrain. The Bahrain Formula One Grand Prix will take place on Sunday. Bottas clocked the fastest timeand Hamilton was second.

Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel was a bit disappointed with third.

"I crossed the line, looked up and saw both were ahead," said Vettel. "When I got the time I was a bit down to be honest. Four tenths was a lot more than I expected, given how good the lap felt."

The 27-year-old Bottas will now aim for his first win.

"I feel I'm now in the game," he said.

Bottas left Williams to join Mercedes this season as an emergency replacement for German driver Nico Rosberg — Keke Rosberg's son — who quit F1 just days after winning the title last year. Bottas has 10 podiums with a best finish of second.

Moments after they had climbed out of their cars, Hamilton grabbed Bottas, hugged him and shook him firmly by the hand.

"Valtteri found some great pace," Hamilton said.

Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo was fourth, with Ferrari's Raikkonen fifth ahead of Max Verstappen's Red Bull.

Although not as hot as Friday, drivers still had to deal with afternoon track temperatures of 37 degrees Celsius (99 degrees Fahrenheit) during P3. By the evening, the heat had dropped off to a more comfortable 30 C (86 F) — similar conditions to Sunday's race, which starts at dusk and ends under floodlights.

Hamilton and Vettel are level at the top of the championship standings. In an exciting start to the season, both have one win and one second-placed finish each, with Vettel winning in Melbourne and Hamilton responding in Shanghai.

"It's great how close it is between the teams, it brings out the best in each driver," Hamilton said. "The more drivers you have in the mix, the more intense it gets."

Hamilton won in Bahrain in 2014 and 2015, on his way to his second and third world titles with Mercedes. Vettel won in 2012 and 2013 during a glittering run of four straight titles with Red Bull.

Five drivers are eliminated from the first two parts of qualifying — Q3 and Q2 — to leave the best 10 in Q1. Hamilton topped Q3 and Q2.

In a boost for Renault, both drivers made the top 10, with German Nico Hulkenberg seventh and Briton Jolyon Palmer 10th.

But McLaren's frustrations continued.

The team struggled last year after switching back to Honda engines and it looks like things are getting worse. Fernando Alonso and teammate Stoffel Vandoorne have not scored a point yet.

Alonso, a two-time world champion, did not even make it into Q2 after his engine's power unit broke down. He will start from 15th and needs a new engine for the race.

"It's a shame," the Spanish driver said.

Vandoorne starts from 17th, making it unlikely that McLaren will get in the points here.

Carlos Sainz Jr. had shown good speed during practice, but qualified 16th as his Toro Rosso was hit by a power failure late in Q1.

In the third and final practice, Verstappen narrowly beat Hamilton — but the 19-year-old Dutchman could not carry that into qualifying.

Still, starting from sixth on the grid will not faze him.

Last weekend, Verstappen started from 16th on the grid and finished third.

"It was definitely possible to be a bit further forward," Verstappen said. "But last time I started a bit further behind and ended on the podium so anything is possible."

F1 Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Bahrain International Circuit
Sakhir, Bahrain
Lap length: 3.36 miles

1. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 1:28.769.
2. Lewis Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes, 1:28.792.
3. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 1:29.247.
4. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 1:29.545.
5. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 1:29.567.
6. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 1:29.687.
7. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 1:29.842.
8. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams Mercedes, 1:30.074.
9. Romain Grosjean, France, Haas Ferrari, 1:30.763.
10. Jolyon Palmer, Britain, Renault, 1:31.074.
11. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 1:30.923.
12. Lance Stroll, Canada, Williams Mercedes, 1:31.168.
13. Pascal Wehrlein, Germany, Sauber Ferrari, 1:31.414.
14. Esteban Ocon, France, Force India Mercedes, 1:31.684.
15. Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren Honda, 1:32.054.
16. Carlos Sainz, Spain, Toro Rosso, 1:32.118.
17. Stoffel Vandoorne, Belgium, McLaren Honda, 1:32.313.
18. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India Mercedes, 1:32.318.
19. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber Ferrari, 1:32.543.
20. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas Ferrari, 1:32.900.

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For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m, Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Elite Training Soccer Camp
When/where: June 12-16, Hobbs, N.M.
Fee: $150 before April 1, $200 after
For more info: elitetrainingcoach@yahoo.com

Midland College 2017 Girls Basketball Camps
Session I: Beginners FUNdamental Camp
For: Grades 1st-5th
When/where: 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 17-20, Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Cost: $75 (includes camp T-shirt)
Session II: FUNdamental & Competition Camp
For: Grades 6th-11th
When/where: 1-5 p.m., July 17-20, Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Cost: $125 (includes camp T-shirt)
For more info on either camp: Call Ron Jones at 432-685-4581 or email rjones@midland.edu

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse Spring 2017 Learn 2 Play Clinics & Games
What: Learn the lacrosse basics, rules and play scrimmage games.
For: Boys 3rd through 8th grades
When: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays, March 19-April 23 (except April 16)
Where: Scharbauer Sports Complex-Auxiliary Turf Fields
For more info: Go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call F...corn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
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What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
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Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
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Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
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COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults: 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtenniscluba@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0622 or email jmalcolmtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email gary.petersen@mygrande.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com

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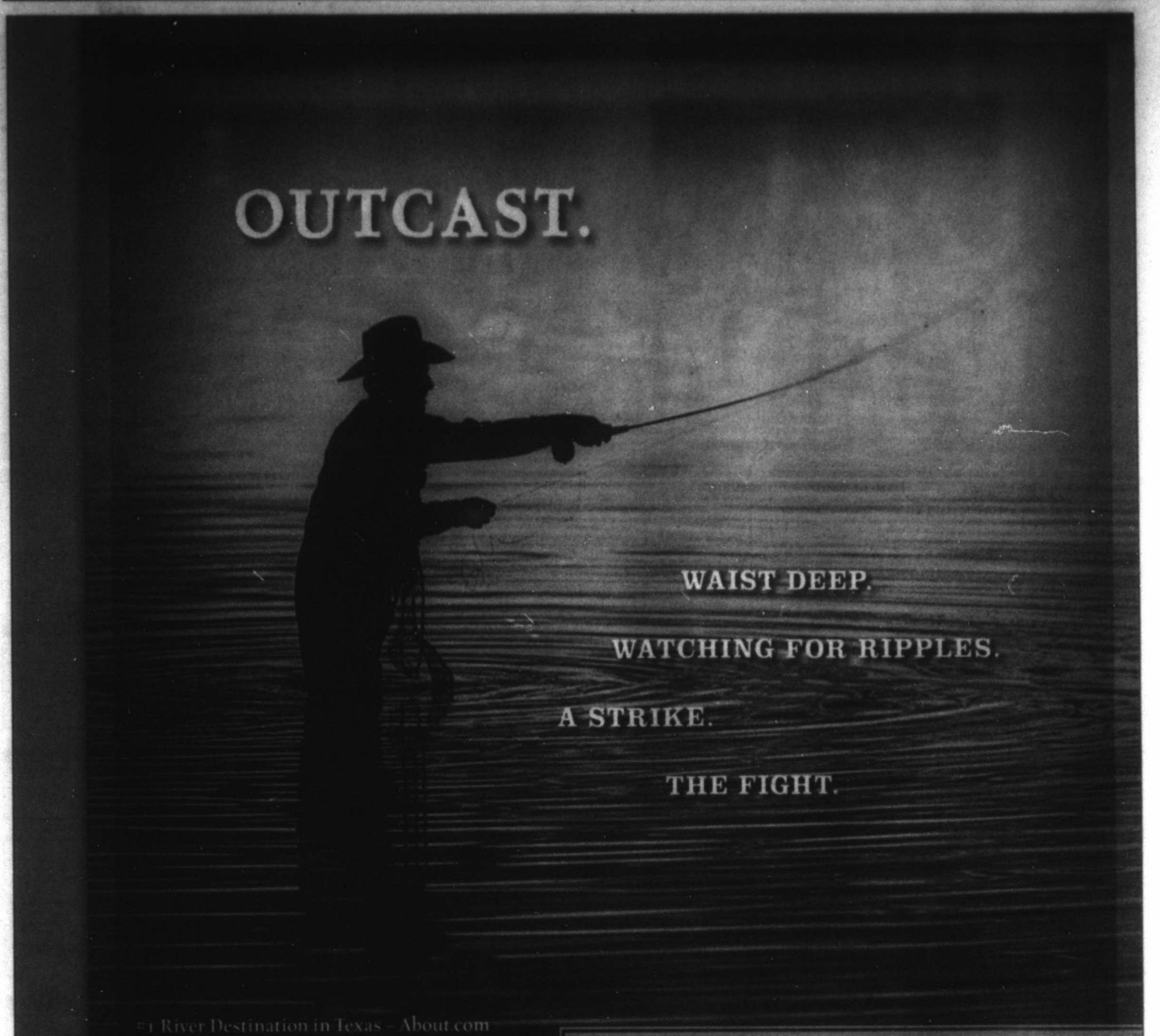

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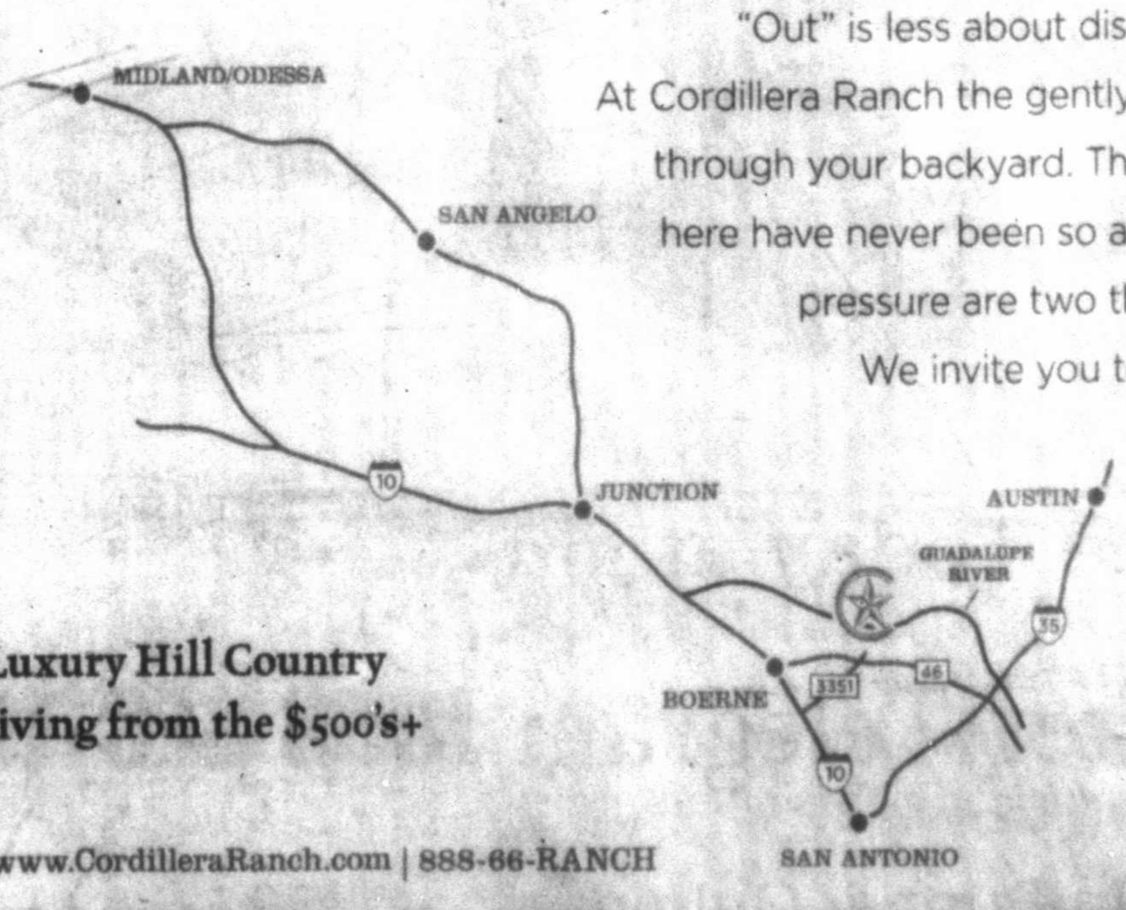

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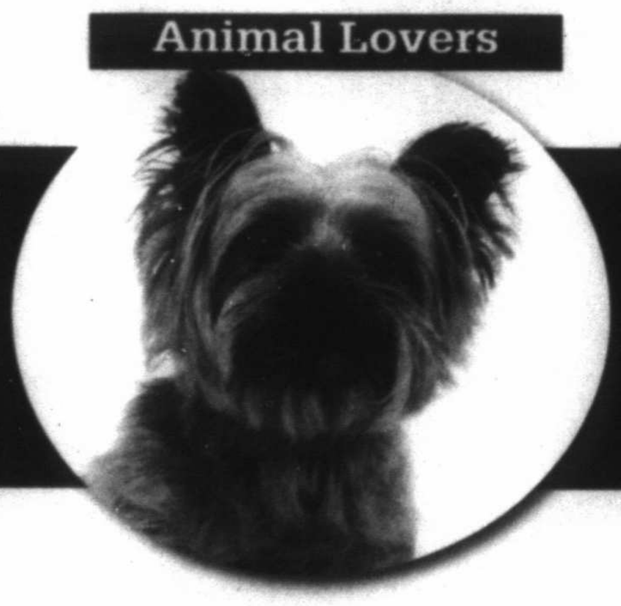

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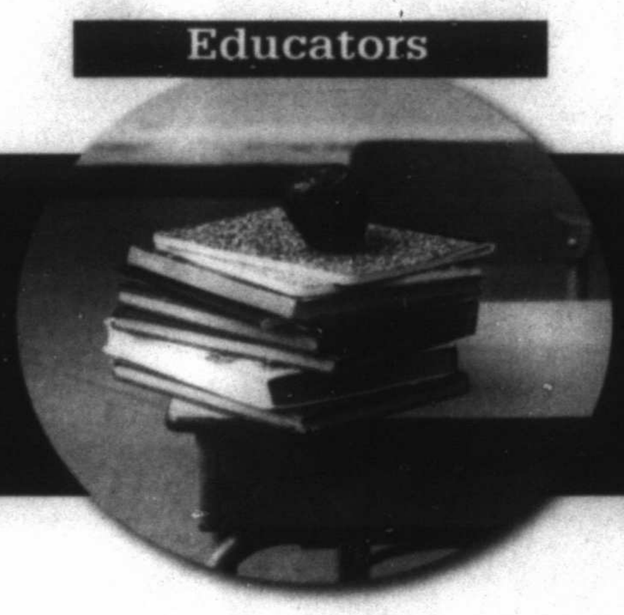

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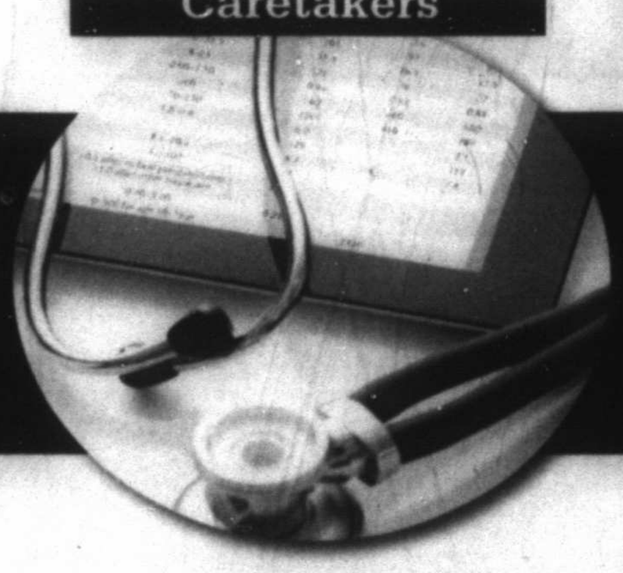

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- Maintain vehicle and tools to CDM standards
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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

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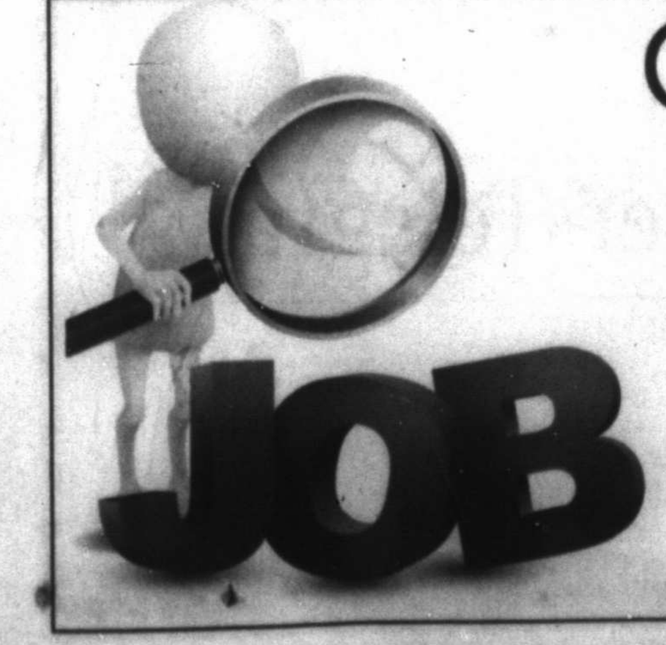

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GORGEOUS!! 4 bedroom, 3 bath home in Lone Star Trails. Beautifully maintained home with granite throughout!! Spacious bedrooms with tons of closet space!! Landscaped front and backyard!!

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4309 MERRILL COURT
$209,110

North location & great schools! Don't miss this wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 living area and many updates on a cul-de-sac. Large living room boasts high ceilings, wood beams & beautiful wood burning fireplace. Sequestered master bedroom with large walk in closet. Large bedrooms and added sq. footage (236) sun room that has heat & air. Nice size landscaped yard with rear parking.

Shown by Sharon Horton, 432-853-7875

1300 CONNELL STREET
$185,000

Lovely newer construction 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a ton of upgrades. Open floor plan boasts beautiful tile flooring, plantation shutters, nice size kitchen with granite, gas cook top, breakfast bar and dining area. Bedrooms are spacious with nice size closets. Master suite has dual closets and a nice size bathroom. Landscaped yard with back covered patio. Come see this well maintained home!

Call Sharon Horton, 432-853-7875

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4702 TATTENHAM COURT	FACT ID #1016	$620,000
6106 BARTON SPRINGS CT	PRICE REDUCED	$488,500
4805 DYER CIRCLE		SOLD
4609 SHADY OAK COURT		SOLD
1901 N. COUNTY RD 1110	FACT ID #1041	U/C
1406 W. INDIANA AVE	FACT ID #1013	U/C
5714 GABINE DR	FACT ID #1053	$335,000
6718 BOOT DRIVE	FACT ID #1067	$335,000
5600 E. CR. RD. 80	FACT ID #1068	PRICE REDUCED $300,000
3206 BOARDWALK	FACT ID #1062	$264,000
4579 GLENEAGLES DR	FACT ID #1042	SOLD
5803 MILE HIGH		SOLD
3301 CORD DR	FACT ID #1059	SOLD
1507 MCDONALD		SOLD
3506 STANGLIND AVE	FACT ID #1032	U/C
1306 UPLAND ST	FACT ID #1065	$149,900
1320 FAIRGROUNDS RD	FACT ID #1049	$85,000

3 BEDROOM

2215 S. COUNTY RD. 1110	FACT ID #1060	$569,500
2215 COUNTY RD. 1122		$546,900
5029 BELLA PLACE	FACT ID #1089	$395,000
4607 N. CO. RD. 1130	FACT ID #1130	PRICE REDUCED $394,900
3106 HAYNES AVE	FACT ID #1013	$385,000
564 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1080	$314,990
3613 COUNTY RD. 1185	FACT ID #1040	U/C
2109 BRADFORD COURT	FACT ID #1011	$299,999
4064 VERSAILLES		SOLD
4205 NELSON	FACT ID #1006	$259,900
1067 DENTON RD		$239,000
5408 SAN TABA COURT		SOLD
2604 HIGGINS ST	FACT ID #1089	SOLD
1722 E. SCHARBAUER DR	FACT ID #1096	$235,000
3315 FANNIN AVE	FACT ID #1072	$225,000
706 BOYD ST	FACT ID #1005	$225,000
4309 MERRILL COURT	PRICE REDUCED	$209,110
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1116 E. LAN AVE	FACT ID #1070	$204,900
1300 CONNELL STREET		U/C
200 W. GLENWOOD DR	FACT ID #1082	SOLD
3349 CR C 2400	FACT ID #1085	$165,000
4709 THOMASON	PRICE REDUCED	$152,000
300 WILLOWOOD DR	FACT ID #1076	PRICE REDUCED $145,000
1404 W. KENTUCKY AVE		PRICE REDUCED $140,000
4015 STOREY AVE		SOLD
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1211 Shirley - $375,000

1207 W Kansas - $487,500

5310 Quicksand Cove - $479,500

1800 Huntington - $625,000

2810 Metz Dr - $350,000

1703 E Pine - $175,000

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New and Reduced Listings

15 Lakes Dr - Wow! This custom-built home in Saddle Club Lakes will truly "wow" you! $849,500
1509 Huntington - Exquisite! 4/3.1 house on one of Midland's beautiful tree lined streets in the heart of Midland $625,000
3401 Hartfield Dr-Beautiful home in Trinity Meadows w/large living area, gourmet kitchen w/granite and custom island! $499,000
3004 Indiana Ave- Beautiful Remodeled home in Old Midland! Quiet neighborhood/museum district w/a very unique mature yard $399,000
2010 West Dr-Great house! Great price! Great neighborhood! Wonderfully updated home in the perfect central location! $395,000
1703 E Pine-Updated, upscale and utterly pristine condition on this home with a view of the golf course $175,000

Two Bedrooms

410 W Pine -Wonderful Duplex! Each side has 2BR/1BA.Each has storage room off patio & nice fenced yard .SOLD $170,000

Three Bedrooms

1509 Bedford Dr -Wonderful 3/2 in the heart of Old Midland!! Beautiful master suite and garage addition! ..... U/C $750,000
11 Saddle Club Dr.-Spacious 3 bedroom/2.5 bath in Saddle Club Estates ..... U/C $599,000
2010 Hazelwood Cove - Beautiful custom Glenn Miller home on cul-de-sac in Greenwood. $479,500
1200 Cuthbert Ave-Gorgeous spacious 3BR/2.5BA home w/wonderful updates in Old Midland ..... U/C $499,900
11207 W County Rd 90 -Lots of space here! 3/2 on 5 acres with a barn, stable w/tack/man cave and roping arena! $425,000
4708 Green Tree Blvd-Beautifully updated home located next door to the club w/ a gorgeous view of the golf course from almost every room! ..... U/C $399,000
604 Cuthbert Ave -Great home in private area of Cuthbert! 3/2 w/2 Living & dining areas. Beautiful hardwoods and tile throughout ..... U/C $375,000
5400 Ridgewood Ct - Lovely 3BR/2.5BA on quiet cul-de-sac in Grasslands. Spacious w/great plan and pretty yard $329,000
2004- A Shell - Lovely 3 Bedroom/2 Bath townhome $319,900
4007 Polo Parkway - COOL & SOPHISTICATED 3/2 contemporary w/amazing amenities ..... U/C $319,000
4103 Fresno Ave-Lovely 3/2 Townhome w/lots of NEW! Great location, immaculate w/large rooms and good floor plan ..... U/C $299,000
4002 Meadowwood Ct.-One of the nicest patio homes we've seen! 3/2 in great condition. Good plan, neutral colors ..... U/C $294,900
2600 Boise-Great neighborhood! Corner lot, open floor plan! 3/2 w/so much storage! Low maintenance yard! $289,900
2009 Hope Dr- Totally upgraded 3/2 in Arbor Park! Move in ready ..... U/C $289,000
2010 Sheridan Ave -Charming house in Fannin neighborhood! So much updates & replaced-move-in ready! ..... U/C $284,900
1600 S I St -Nice neighborhood, convenient location, good plan pretty yard, move in and make it your own! ..... U/C $249,000
2009 Hope Dr- Beautiful move in ready 3/2 home with many updates! ..... U/C $239,900
1109 Hollywood St.-Great drive up appeal! Updated kitchen. Spacious play room/den. Large yard and workshop ..... U/C $239,500
4021 Shenandoah -Great 3/2 home w/bonus room off kitchen plus great improvements; HVAC, fence,security system,roof project,insulation, New dishwasher,water heater ..... U/C $227,000
2004 A Shell- Beautiful Don Miller built town home in pristine condition. Open floor plan, great storage, well maintained ..... SOLD $219,000
2300 Haynes Dr -Really nice 3BR/2BA Townhome in move in condition. Beautiful floors and updated kitchen ..... U/C $219,000
1703 E Pine-Updated, upscale and utterly pristine condition on this home with a view of the golf course $175,000
211 Walker Dr-Lovely barn home w/open floor plan, large interior upgrade counters. Low maintenance yard and large 2 car garage ..... U/C $169,000
2007 Ohio Ave -Wonderful 3/2 home w/fabulous kitchen. Large master, nice backyard w/covered patio. Great update, great price! ..... U/C $165,000
410 Bentwood Dr - Great investment property!!! Fabulous floor plan with tons of space just needs work! ..... SOLD $89,000

Four Bedrooms

3215 Palo Verde Glen-Amazing property on 2 acres in town!! Open kitchen, wet bar! Huge patio for entertaining w/outdoor grill, Pool and spa! $1,100,000
6000 Saddle Horn Lo-Gorgeous Los Ranchos estate! 4 BR, 3 Bath, 40X60 workshop/RV garage, sparkling pool, fabulous open plan w/ great room and amazing kitchen! $999,000

Four Bedrooms

11 Hialeah Dr -Exquisite 4/4.5 home w/much updating in exclusive gated Saddle Club Estates ..... SOLD $824,000
6000 Glenwood Dr-Fabulous 4BR/4BA home with great amenities in Woodingford Heights $775,000
2600 Legacy Oaks - Beautiful 4/3.5 MR Lary home w/ so many extras! Painted cabinets throughout $725,000
1600 Huntington Ave -Exquisite 4/3.5 home on one of Midland's beautiful tree-lined streets in the heart of Midland $625,000
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2010 Cove Grande Trail-Beautiful custom Almond resale w/4BR/3BA. Two yards-side & back w/ a big, covered back patio $499,000
2004 W County Rd 140 - Beautiful custom home w/incredible woodwork throughout! Huge 35' x 70' insulated w/elec! So much more! On 5 acres $429,000
2300 Parton Way - Less than 4 yr old home w/4br/2.5ba,3CG. Granite, Alderwood cabinetry, plantation shutters, tile and wood flooring plus water well for yard! ..... U/C $399,000
6000 Oak Creek Dr- Stunning Kahler custom 4/3 w/walls of windows, miles of tile, tremendous open kitchen! Must see!! ..... U/C $399,000
713 Gerrit Ct -Desirable custom built home in sought after Saddle Club East neighborhood. This spacious, 4/3 w/well laid out floor plan $380,000
1211 Shirley - Really nice townhome w/real mother in law house. Brand new roof! All new floors $375,000
2004 Indiana Ave- Beautiful Remodeled home in Old Midland! Quiet neighborhood/museum district w/a very unique mature yard $399,000
2010 West Dr-Great house! Great price! Great neighborhood! Wonderfully updated home in the perfect central location! $395,000
4404 San Saba Ct -Beautiful custom home built by & for the builder in 2013. Located in a cul-de-sac w/wonderful upgrade ..... U/C $344,900
4000 Timber Dr-Great location at the end of a cul-de-sac! Fabulous updates!!! 4 Generous BR/2.5 BA! Move in ready ..... U/C $329,000
2010 Wescott Dr-Very nice 4BR w/dentro large, beautiful back yard! great plan w/many updates-ready for the new owner! SOLD $275,000
2303 W Cuthbert Ave - Large 4BR/3BA is AWESOME location (corner) location! It is gorgeous!! Has Bonus rooms and office space $270,000
3212 Hazelwood Dr -Gorgeous 4/2 home on a large lot. Open floor plan w/large bedrooms, closets and high vaulted ceilings! ..... U/C $249,000
3000 S. County Rd. 1080-Great opportunity to have an acre of land in Greenwood. 4br/3 bath w/lots of space $149,000
2101 S County Rd 1210 - 4 Bedroom plus office mobile home on 774 acre $110,000

Five or More Bedrooms

3101 Palo Verde Glen - Wonderful family home on 1.5 acres. Positive condition, great floorplan $1,200,000
15 Lakes Dr - Wow! This custom built home in Saddle Club Lakes will truly "wow" you! $849,500
4007 Island Dr. - Gorgeous 5/4 on the course in Green Tree w/beautiful travertine tile and wood floors ..... U/C $699,000
4000 Island Circle - Exquisite 5/5.5 estate on the lake in Greenview North! Elegant property extensively remodeled in past 3 years, and gorgeous $699,900
4002 Island Circle - Outstanding home on the water in Green Tree! Well maintained dream home ..... U/C $799,000
604 Silverton Dr - Custom home by Tom Woodruff at his best. Great open plan! Top of the line everything ..... SOLD $669,000
1207 W Kansas -Open and spacious 5Br/4ba/3Ba 3/garage of room to spread out and tons of updating $487,500
2101 S. County Rd 1210 - Lots of space here in this 5 bedroom/3 bath home on 1 acre $399,000

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1400 Connell St.-4,000 sq. ft. industrial/other w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111

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2300 Sinclair Ave.-Wonderful, old Midland corner lot. Cleared and ready for construction $100,000
2701 S. County Rd. 1110-Prime location 1,200 acres, to build a home that could face either South County Road 1110 or East County Road 90 ..... $87,000
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2007 Legacy Oaks-Residential lot in Woodingford Oaks. Building Restrictions ..... U/C $84,000
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Total of 50,000 sq. ft. ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
301 S. Lark Hwy., Odessa, Tx.-includes 3 tracts with 3 buildings. Total square footage of 74,582 with both office buildings, warehouses, and a truck maintenance shop ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
1400 Connell St.-4,000 sq. ft. industrial/other w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
Centennial Tower-Downtown Subleases, approx. 2,729 sq. ft., Class A Bldg., with covered parking ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
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2211 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $700,000
1001 N. County Rd. 1130-Approx. 11,800 sq. ft.shop or industrial space, a 7,000 sq. ft. shop & 4-4 - 1,250 sq. ft. lockable spaces. Great main cave. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall @ 682-1111 ..... $725,000
4112 E. Industrial Loop-Midland, TX 11,470 sq. ft. warehouse or distribution center $625,000
0000 Block of E. Middle-2.5+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
Faulkner Rd.-4.02 acres with city utilities in the Lasco Industrial Addition. Call Bill or Brandee $290,475
1700 FM 1936-Odessa, TX Two warehouse/shop buildings, fenced yard, city water. 480 sq. ft. office space $270,000
1410 N. Big Spring-Midland, TX Approximately 3,354 sq. ft. retail building $130,000
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Legal and Public Notices

Competitive sealed proposals addressed to Mr. Ariel Elliott, Superintendent of Schools for the Greenwood Independent School District, 2700 FM 1379, Midland, TX 79706 for roofing and repairs of certain areas, located in Midland, TX, will be received at the above address no later than 1:30PM, on Thursday, April 27, 2017.

A Walk-Through Conference will be held at 10:30 AM, on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at the Greenwood ISD Administration Building. The proposal forms and specifications may be obtained at the Walk-Through Conference.

Legal and Public Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP

The State of Texas § **R. SHAUN RAINEY**, Applicant's Attorney
County of Midland § **PO BOX 2776**
§ **MIDLAND, TX 79702**

To all persons interested in the estate of

ROY D. STOCKTON, Deceased
Cause No. **P19051**
in COUNTY COURT, Midland County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship in this estate on 4/05/2017, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **ROY D. STOCKTON**, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. **4/17/2016**, which is the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of posting this citation, at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court **by filing a written contest or answer** to this Application should they desire to do so. **To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing** with the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas **on or before the above-noted date and time.**

Given under by hand and seal of the COUNTY COURT of Midland County, Texas at the office of the Midland County Clerk in Midland, Texas on April 07th 2017

Alison Haley
County Clerk, Midland County, Texas
Box 1350, Midland, Texas 79702

By: SHON BRENT, Deputy

Legal and Public Notices

FM-52109

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

To GABRIEL FOSTER ESPINOSA, Respondent:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and Motion to Transfer, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Motion to Transfer of AMY R. ELLIS, Petitioner, was filed in the 318th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, on January 10, 2017 against GABRIEL FOSTER ESPINOSA, Respondent, numbered FM-S2109 and entitled "In the Interest of ZACHARY METIS ESPINOSA, a child." The suit requests transfer of this proceeding. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
ZACHARY METIS ESPINOSA	06/1312005	Midland, Texas

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including transfer of this proceeding to its proper venue.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland County, Texas, on April 4, 2017.

Ross Bush
Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas

By: Leticia Gutierrez, Deputy

Legal and Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEASE FOR OIL, GAS AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT
MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MIDLAND, TEXAS

Proposal must be received by:
5:00 P.M., April 18, 2017

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400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway
Midland, TX 79701

Attn: Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Supply Chain

Proposal must be labeled "RFP # 1211-040317"

Pursuant to Texas Natural Resource Code Chapter 71, Midland County Hospital District herein provides public notice of its intent to lease the following properties for oil and gas development:

2504 Delano Avenue:

Acres	Property ID	Geo ID	Legal Description
0.170	R000036604	00068800.022.0030	Lot 3, Blk 22, Parklea Addition

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0.170	R000036605	00068800.022.0040	Lot 4, Blk 22, Parklea Addition

2508 Delano Avenue:

Acres	Property ID	Geo ID	Legal Description
0.170	R000036606	00068800.022.0050	Lot 5, Blk 22, Parklea Addition

The Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors shall accept bids for all or a part of the properties listed above, to the extent it owns an interest in said properties. Bids will be reviewed at the Board of Directors Meeting on April 27, 2017. On that same date at 11:45 A.M., the Board of Directors will hold a hearing at the Administrative Board Room of Midland Memorial Hospital, located at 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, to consider the bids and the award of a lease. If the Board of Directors determines that the bids submitted do not represent the fair value of the lease, it may reject the bids, give notice, and call for additional bids. For more information about the bidding process and Midland County Hospital District's requirements in the lease of the property described above, refer to Texas Natural Resource Code Chapter 71.

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Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, Respondent, Greeting:
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Petitioner's petition at or before 10' oclock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 20 days from the date of issuance of the Citation, before 10 o'clock A.M. before the Honorable District Court of Midland County, at the courthouse in Midland Texas. Said Petitioner's Petition was filed on the 10TH day of January 2017, in this case, numbered FM-61,803 on the docket of said court, and styled, IN THE INTEREST OF E.J.S., A CHILD, IN THE DISTRICT COURT, 318TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: DANA JEAN SAENGER is the Petitioner and UNKNOWN FATHER, is Respondent. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: PETITIONER PRAYS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITATION AND NOTICE. THAT THE COURT GRANT PETITIONER'S SUIT AS REQUESTED AND FOR OTHER RELIEF REQUESTED HEREIN, as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas this 29th day of March, 2017.

Attest: ROSS BUSH, Clerk 318th District Court,
Midland County, Texas

By: Denna Valles, Deputy

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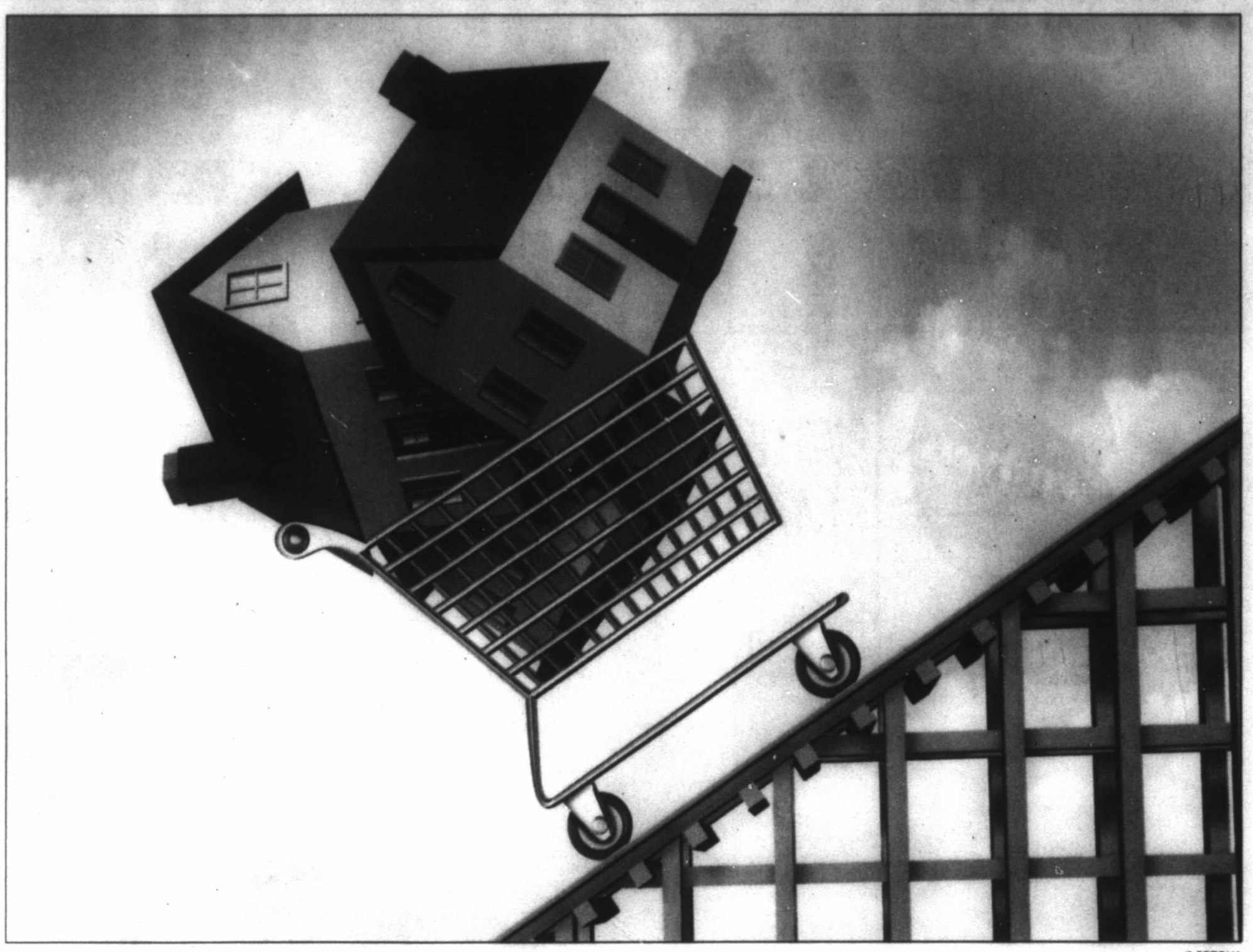

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Looking to make a buy in a housing market poised for progress? Forbes lists 20 metro areas where you might find an investment opportunity in the coming year.

How to Spot a Deal

By ANNA CHANG-YEN | Green Shoot Media

The housing market continues to peek further out of the lows of the Great Recession, but investors and bargain hunters who know where to look can still find deals.

Forbes analyzed markets across the country for its list of Best Buy Cities for 2016. It found 20 metro areas it believes to be on the cusp of a housing boom, with Grand Rapids, Mich., at the top.

Grand Rapids' diverse economy and growing labor markets propelled it to the top of the list, according to Forbes. Employment expanded by 3.9 percent in the year leading up to November, Bureau of Labor Statistics numbers showed — the highest rate among the 100 metro areas Forbes studied.

Florida notched up 7 cities on the list, including No. 2 Orlando. Forbes' experts reasoned that Florida's popularity with vacationers and retiring seniors made it particularly vulnerable to the market downturn of the mid-2000s, an event from which it is proving slow to recover.

Texas, where energy investment has kept real estate markets out of the gutter, also landed three cities on the list: San Antonio, Dallas and Austin.

KEEP AN EYE ON JOBS

So how can you spot a market poised to boom? Forbes looked for job markets and populations that were growing, where depressed housing prices could have the fuel they need to catch fire.

Plenty of markets have shown strong recoveries in the past few years, and there's no shortage of professional opinions about how and when recovery will happen. But it may be wise to follow the jobs.

In October 2015, the National Association of Home Builders said the current recovery "is all about jobs."

"If people can get good jobs that pay decent incomes, the housing market will continue to move forward," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe.

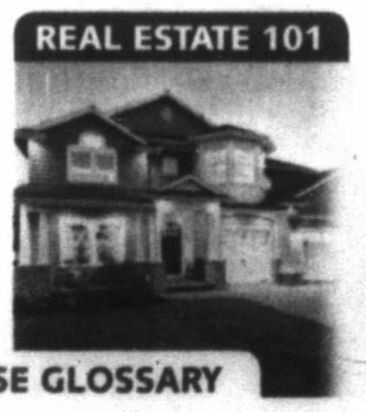
He pointed out that nationwide, labor markets are better than they were in 2008 — 142 million vs. the 2008 peak of 138 million.

FIELDS TO WATCH

Service jobs, in particular, are fueling growth, NAHB said.

In 2014, the Bureau of Labor Statistics marked health aides, nurses, food service workers and retail workers as the jobs favored for the most growth by 2024.

While the idea of keeping tabs on the intricacies of labor markets in your desired markets may not sound like your idea of fun, one thing is for sure: the best way to find a bargain is by doing your homework. And of course, a little luck never hurts.



Know the Limits

Read Forbes' list of Best Buy Cities for 2016 and watch a slide show about cities on the list at **http://onforb.es/1OYV5XX**.

HOMEWISE GLOSSARY

Market value: The most probable price that a property should bring in a competitive and open market, provided that all conditions requisite to a fair sale are present, the buyer and seller are knowledgeable and acting prudently, and the price is not affected by any undue stimulus.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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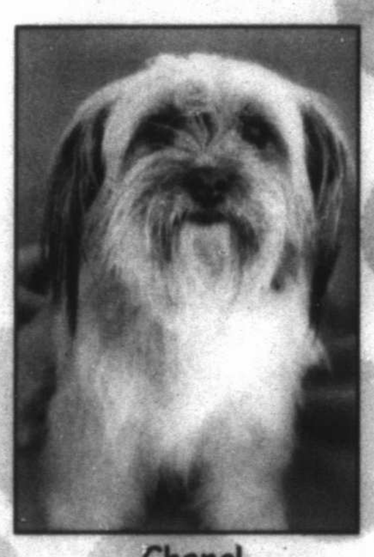

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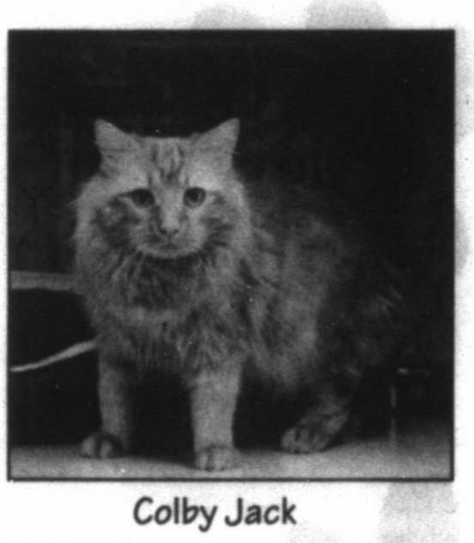

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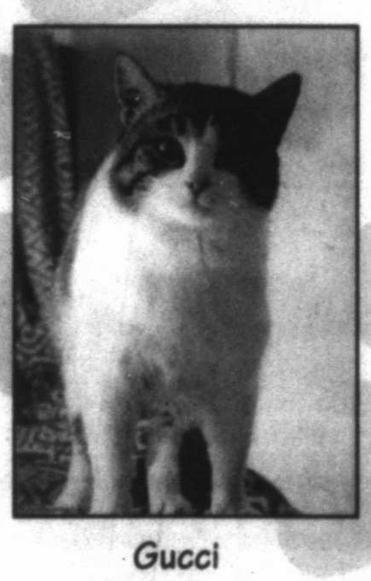

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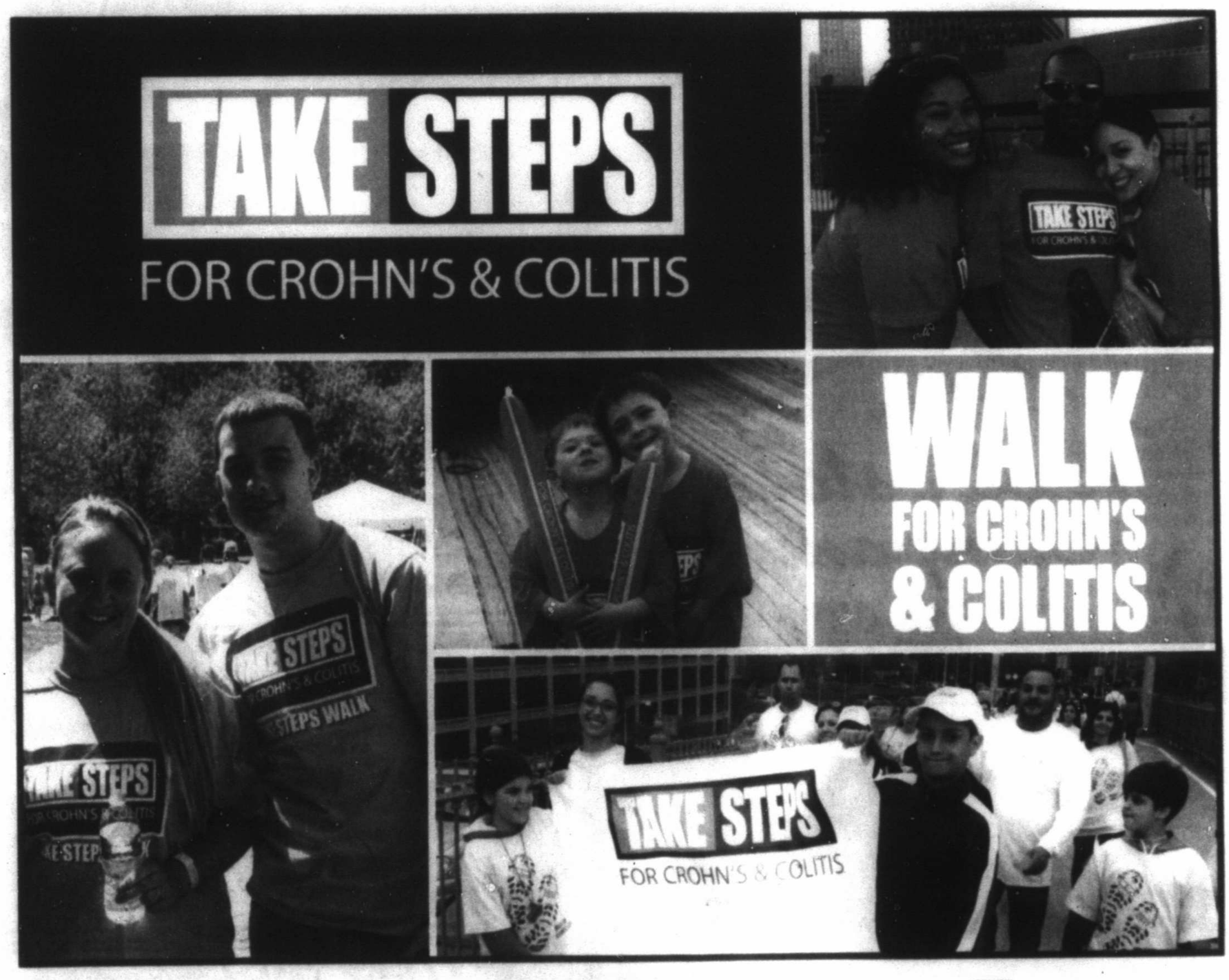

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4+ BEDROOMS

410 Sir Barton Pkwy–Absolutely fabulous 3 bed/3 bath/2 half bath in living 2 dining 1 w/fireplace, great room, media or game room! one-story w/attractive curb appeal, columns & spectacular outside living space w/kitchen & fireplace! Gorgeous granite throughout! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances, warming drawer, ice maker & custom cabinets! Sep main dn overlooks pool & grounds w/hidden lot, heated floors & huge closet! $1,400,000

3201 Lantana Lane–Stunning mi lan 1-owner estate on 2 acres! 4 bed/3.5 full bth+formal living/dining/great room/study/mahogany/wrnt/fl gal! Fabulous pool/waterfall, fire mag & secluded fm grounds! 12-ft ceilings, walls of windows, all that surround flooring, designer faux finishes & granite! Sep main dn w/skylight hall, high closet & travel warming drawer! All bedrooms downstairs w/private baths! Water well $1,299,900

401 Affirmed–Stunning custom home w/gleaming hardwood floors, soaring ceilings, walls of windows & gorgeous cabinetry! 4 Beds each w/private baths + 2 Half baths! 4 Living, 2 dining & 3 car gar! Sep master dn w/fl sinks, jetted tub & huge closet! Gourmet kitchen w/sub-zero & fabulous granite! Beautiful dazzling pool/spa! $999,900

86 Muirfield Dr.–Beyond spectacular estate w/incredible open floor plan–4 bed/4.5 bath+living/2 dining w/gorgeous landscaped grounds! Covered bride drive, 4 car gar & service driveway! Dazzling pool & spa, outdoor grill, sep dog yard & outdoor shower! Soaring ceilings & walls of windows! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, butlers pantry & stainless appliances! 2 Utility rooms! Fabulous secluded master dn! $969,000

4310 Coyote Trail–Absolutely stunning home on 0.32 Acres–country living w/city convenience! 4 Spacious bed/3.5 Bath/2 garage/living great room, media room, formal living, study/lib or gym+working (1220 sqft) will gym dunes & + perfect! Fantastic swim spa recently added. Lovely pergola & fenced grounds. City water well for grounds, septic. Gourmet kitchen w/granite, stainless appliances, island & pantry! Splendid outdoor living spaces around outdoor kitchen! 4 fireplaces, walls of windows (home surrounds pool), soaring ceilings, gourmet kitchen, water well $949,900

4 Bay Meadows Lane–One-of-a-kind & absolutely fabulous classic Hacienda in sought-after neighborhood! 4 Acres! Dazzling pool & spa! 4 Bed/3.5 Bath! Living/formal/great room, media, game, media room+ great parlor, workshop & delightful cantina (which is kitchen)! Splendid outdoor living spaces around outdoor kitchen! 4 fireplaces, walls of windows (home surrounds pool), soaring ceilings, gourmet kitchen, water well $895,000

6701 EGR 110–Spectacular home in greenwood (built 2014), low 1 acre! 3 bed/3 bath/expansive 3-4 group + 30x40 workshop w/1 overhead door! 13 acres lovely landscaping & recent fencing! Soaring ceilings, crown molding, plantation shutters, rounded corners, gourmet kitchen w/granite, premium cabinets & stainless touch appliances! Lovely tile throughout (carpet in beds), water softener, rain & energy garage! Super nice! $685,000

4705 Green Tree–Spectacular 2-story open floorplan home–4 bed/3.5 Bath/4 living/2 dining/3 car garage/circle drive–on incredible golf course lot! Miles of tile, soaring ceilings, walls of windows & sweeping course views thru-out! Abundant storage! Upstairs master suite! $625,000

4007 Rustic Trail–Absolutely fabulous 4 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining/3 car gar home on beautiful golf course lot! Perfect open floorplan! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, pantry, stainless appliances & breakfast bar–open to lovely family room w/ walls of windows & brick fireplace! Master suite w/dual sinks, granite, tub & walk-in shower! Covered patio & gorgeous landscaped grounds! Sweeping course views! $435,000

4207 Greenbrier Dr–Absolutely stunning home w/remarkable updates! 4 bed/3.5 bath 2 living (formal+den) 2 dining 2 car garage! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows & miles of tile thru-out! Kitchen w/cozy fireplace, huge island, stainless appl & lots of storage space! Master suite w/sitting, built-ins & fireplace! Low maintenance backyard w/covered patio! Hot/+ & exterior paint, dishwasher, oven & microwave updated in 2017! $399,900

1113 Overshine Lane–Fantastic premier estates 5 bed/3 bath two-story home located 2010! 3339 Sq ft! Vaulted entry was made into bright living area w/fireplace! Open concept to kitchen & dining! Gorgeous granite in kitchen & bathrooms, walk-in pantry! In-law guest room; sep master dn w/fabulous nature spot! Gigantic wrap-around closet! Upstairs huge play area or 2nd or 3rd guest! Covered patio perfect for entertaining! $395,000

3601 Trinity Meadows–Spacious 4 bedrooms/3 bath/2 dining area home w/3 car garage near trinity school! Sequestered master & guest suites. Absolutely huge bedrooms & great closets! Open floor plan w/large greenhouse w/built-ins–soaring ceilings, crown molding & walls of windows! Updated kitchen has granite countertops & exceptional cabinet space! Quiet location...Mature trees! $369,900

1205 Wranger Lane–Absolutely fantastic 4 bed/3 full bath/2 car garage home in new sub–Lone Star Trails! Perfect open floor plan with walls of windows, soaring ceilings! Gourmet kitchen with rich dark cabinets, granite & huge breakfast bar open to spacious den! Sequestered master with separate garden tub, walk-in shower & walk-in closet! Landscaped backyard with covered patio! $299,900

1313 E. Spruce Ave.–Wow! What a fantastic find of this price! 4 Bedrooms/2 baths/2 car garage w/gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave, pantry & furniture! Inviting master bedroom! Custom finishes in cabinets & tension fixtures! High ceilings, granite countertops & furniture! Inviting + both baths & 2-inch blinds throughout! Covered patio–super nice! Still time to make some selections! $219,900

1317 E. Spruce Ave.–Wow! What a fantastic find of this price! 4 Bedrooms/2 baths/2 car garage w/gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave, pantry & furniture! Inviting master bedroom! Custom finishes in cabinets & tension fixtures! High ceilings, granite countertops & furniture! Inviting + both baths & 2-inch blinds throughout! Covered patio–super nice! Still time to make some selections! $219,900

3352 County RD. C 2300, Stanton–Fantastic 4 bed/3 bath modular home built 2007 w/2 acres! Country living north of stanton! 2 Living areas w/wood-burning fire place! Bright kitchen w/breakfast bar, large island, dining area & lots of cabinets! Inside utility room w/toilet! 2 Car carport, circle drive! $185,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

4000 Trinity Court–Fantastic 3 bed/3.5 bath townhome at end of cul-de-sac in trinity square! 3 Living areas & 2 dining areas featuring double-sided gas log fp in den & 6'6" Beautiful gleaming wd wood floors in formal living & dining room! Bonus room perfect for play! Tons of cabinets & counters in open style kitchen! Sep master w/huge bathroom featuring sep jetted tub, walk-in shower & whirlpool closets! Cul-de-sac! $340,000

1201 Overshine Lane–Stunning skylined estates home w/3 bed/2 bath+ living & dining/2 car garage built in 2010! Open floor plan featuring soaring ceilings, gleaming hardwood flooring in part + bedrooms, walls of windows, gourmet kitchen w/granite, stainless appl, double oven & breakfast bar open to spacious living area! Sep master suite w/2 sinks, garden tub & huge walk-in closet! Covered patio w/landscaped yard! $319,900

4607 43 Pine Meadow Dr.–Beautiful & completely updated home! Wed 2/26th w/ hot! Hardwoods thru-out! Spacious floor plan w/extravagant lighting, built-ins & plantation shutters! Kitchen w/new stainless steel appliances, granite counters & gorgeous rustic backsplash! Brand new bathrooms w/ large walk-in showers & glass panels! Oversized 2 car gar w/built-in cabinetry & wind-side yard! Spacious pergola covered patio! $214,900

1600 Todd Rd.–Spacious 3+story home w/lots of charm features 3 bedrooms/3 baths/2 living areas/2 car garage on 1.5 Acres. Tal, beautiful trees create the home & trees of cedar trees line the property. Located in the city limits, city water is available but home uses water well & septic system now. Gigantic living area & den w/bonus room, roomy kitchen w/island, & large master w/fireplace! Fenced in yard! $239,900

5605 Helen Ryan–Terrific 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 garage home w/hardwood tile flooring, high ceilings, crown molding, 2-inch blinds & fireplace! Sequestered master on w/jetted tub & 2 closets! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances, granite, cherry cabinetry & ss! Nicely landscaped grounds w/sprinkler system! Covered patio in back...Nice drive-up appeal! $235,000

10302 County Rd 58–40x60 Shop. 400 Square foot apartment with 24x24 living (heated and cooled) Kitchen, shower. 3 car garage with a RV Bay on the side, 36x40 storage, 1.6 Acres-Shop only $235,000

1327 E. Spruce Ave.–What a find on this gorgeous new construction by lance friday homes–incredible price! 3 Spacious bedrooms/2 full baths/formal dining area plus great room & 2 car garage! Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances–microwave, dishwasher & gas range & oven! Fenced yard! $192,500

603 W. Nobles Ave.–Cute cute cute! 2 Bedrooms/2 bath w/ office & dazzling pool! Great size den w/ built-ins & cozy wood burning fire place! Master bedroom w/ study, built-ins & two separate closets! Huge backyard with covered patio, fully fenced in pool & sliding RV gate! $145,000

709 Aimeless St.–This home is an estate, and heirs have no information regarding condition. Sale to be as is only. Recently treated for termites, painted & carpets removed to reveal hardwood flooring. Cool area & cute brick home w/detached garage. $115,000

600 Liddon #48–Remarkably low maintenance remodeled 2 bed/1.5 bath town home with huge corner yard! Open living room w/wood look tile flooring and custom designed wood burning fireplace w/mantle wired for surround sound! Perfect for entertaining! Crown molding thru-out! Both bedrooms have oversize walk-in closets! Front door opens to gated yard! $99,900

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

Sun Garden Village, Section 4 ..... Lance Friday Homes

Timber Wolf Estates–Fast-growing subdivision-timber wolf estates–city of midland, martin co. Appr 5 acre lots @ $13k/acre, plat available. Water well/septic system/fence can be added to price but @ buyers expense. Sharyland electric. Can attend midland isd or stanton isd. Min home 2,800 sq ft ..... $13,000 per acre ..... $56,000-$65,000

000 FM 1212–So much acreage for a great price!!! Many opportunities with this land. $30,000

Cutter Estates–Fabulous subdivision conveniently located in porterdale-cutter estates-16 lots (appr .75 Acres) plat available. Roads will be paved by developer. Water well/septic sys/fence can be added to sales price but @ buyers exp, min home 2800 sq ft, buyer has choice of builder, plans approved by developer $25,000

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5409 Unbridled Trail ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
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401247 Spring Meadows Lane ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
2001 N. County Rd 1270 ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
2010 Stanolind Ave. ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
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3005 Vermont ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
1201 E. Chestnut ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
1002 Adams Ave ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
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1115 Aimeless St ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
3700 Timber Wolf Trail ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
3600 Timber Wolf Trail ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
6001 Clarewood Dr ..... SOLD!
5405 Sequoia Dr ..... SOLD!
2602 North L St. ..... SOLD!
3929 Baybrook Court ..... SOLD!
3409 Trinity Meadows ..... SOLD!
4426 Humble Ave ..... SOLD!
4106 Stratton Dr. ..... SOLD!
5800 Grassland Blvd ..... SOLD!
5905 W County Rd 60 ..... SOLD!
4716 Storey Ave ..... SOLD!
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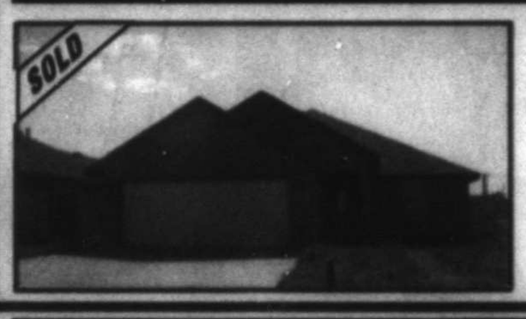

303 S. Mineola Street
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Ashingdon Homes

5103 Binney Cove
3 bedrooms, 2 baths,
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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

3210 Roosevelt Avenue ..... 3 Bdrm/1 Ba ..... S/C
4210 Tanner Dr. ..... 3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage ..... S/C
410 Hickory Avenue ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba $109,000
704 Alpine Street ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage $142,500
710 Mugford Street ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Carport $175,000
3206 Mark Lane ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $219,900
5600 Highland Court ..... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... S/C
2202 Maxwell Dr ..... 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage $274,000
1201 N. Co. Rd. 1084 ..... Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $304,000
19 Lafayette Place ..... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... S/C
2102 Deserne Lane ..... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage ..... S/C
2513 Legacy Gate ..... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... S/C
4916 Tottenham Corner ..... 5 Bdrm/5.5 Ba/9 Car Garage ..... S/C

NEW CONSTRUCTION

4117 Aansted Dr ..... Sonches Diamond Homes/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... S/C
1122 E. Pine Ave. ..... Valencia Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $223,000
16377 N. Western ..... Arondo/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage $285,900
1608 S. Mineola St ..... Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... S/C
6303 Balfour Ct. ..... Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... S/C
6305 Dunraven Ct. ..... Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... S/C
6315 Half Moon Circle ..... Sonches Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... S/C
7208 E. Co. Rd. 112 ..... Tallwood Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $579,900

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12000 E. Co. Rd. 89 ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/4.72 Acres $174,000
2303 Co. Rd. 2091 ..... Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage $179,000
13011 W. Co. Rd. 170 ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Carport $245,000
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3316 Cedera Blvd. #223 ..... 1 Bdrm/1 Ba $900

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Denise Brasher
Realtor Associate
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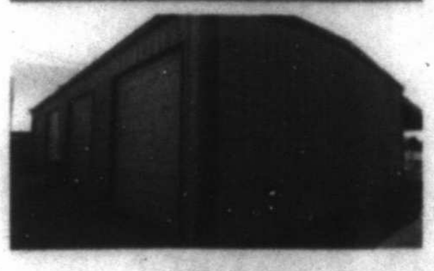
3351 FM 3113
Stanton, Tx
Offered at $339,500

NO RESTRICTIONS on this beautiful country property located on one acre West of Stanton. This lovely 3 BD 2BA, 2 car garage and 2407 sq ft home is spacious and offers a large utility room with plenty of cabinets and a built in desk area. If you need extra office space or a playroom, the 2nd living area can easily be used as either. The brick island in the kitchen adds more work space for the busy cook and opens to the nice size breakfast area. The large insulated shop has a 10x8 overhead door. No restrictions, open spaces, and the stars above make this an ideal property.



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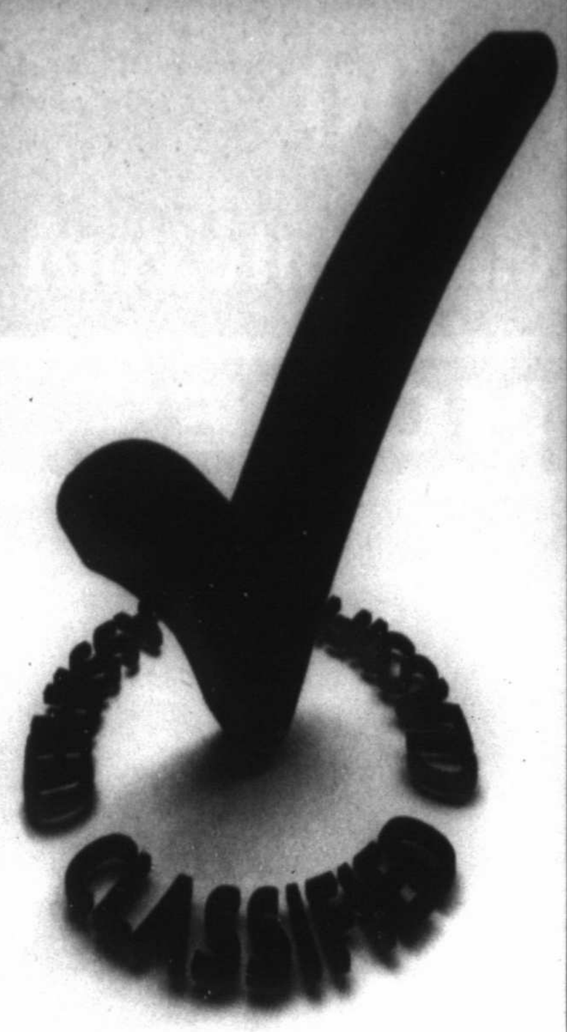

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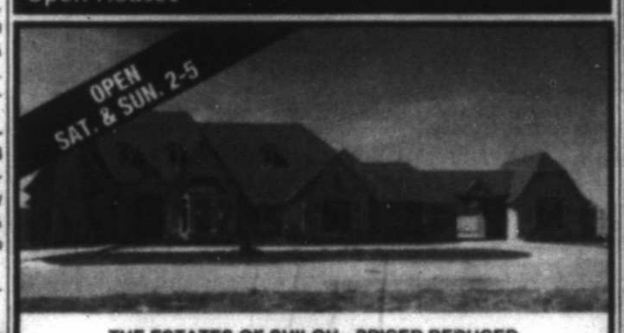

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"Do Lived In Homes Sell Faster?"

Real Estate Brokers are often asked – is selling a vacant home more difficult than selling one that is lived in? Most Brokers will answer yes to that question. Walking into a vacant house is like looking into a jewelry box that is empty. Some can imagine how wonderful it would be if it were filled up – some can't. Most home buyers will fall into the latter category. It is tough for most to imagine how their household belongings and furniture will look in a vacant home, unless it is laid out very similarly to the one they are currently in. If it is a different size wise buyers will have trouble relating to the space. Although this is true in most cases, some buyers like vacant homes – they can take time to slowly scrutinize the home and not run the risk of running into the seller. An empty home might seem brighter and more spacious than one your furniture is in, but proportions can be out of whack. Buyers may not be able to accurately judge if their sofa, chairs, and Grandma's armoire will fit in the room. While your furniture and décor may be totally different from any prospective buyers, your furniture helps define the space in a room. Carpets, rugs and artwork help absorb sounds like footsteps, which in a vacant house will reverberate. Smells of dinner cooking, perfume in a bedroom, and soap in a bathroom give a home a nice feeling of "Real people live here and so could you."

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This story was submitted by Norma Pine, Broker/Owner Chris Beckett, Broker/Owner Pine & Beckett, REALTORS www.pineandbeckett.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Eight do's and don'ts for buying your first home

Being a first-time homebuyer is a huge learning experience, but it doesn't have to be overwhelming or stressful. With the right preparation, you can go into the process with enough knowledge to take on potential hiccups. Here's a list of eight do's and don'ts to consider as you purchase your first home.

Do know your budget. You can waste a lot of time if you view homes without knowing what you can really afford. There are many factors to consider when deciding on your price range, including how much money you have for a downpayment, monthly mortgage payments you can afford in your budget, the amount of property taxes and insurance you'd pay and other outstanding debts you have. Your Permian Basin Realtor can help you determine your price range by discussing the expenses associated with buying and owning a home.

Don't forget to get pre-approved. Pre-approval is a step beyond pre-qualification. You share your financial information with a lender and get that lender's approval for a loan of a certain amount. Pre-approval gives you the comfort to search for homes in the price range you've identified, can show the seller you're a serious buyer and enables you to proceed quickly when you make an offer.

Do factor in your lifestyle. The lender may approve you for a loan higher than what you expect, but that doesn't mean you should borrow it all. Examine your financial situation and future plans before you proceed. You know your financial situation and future plans better than the lender. For example, you may know that your spouse plans to leave the workforce to go back to school, which means you might want a lower mortgage than what the lender says you can have.

Don't overlook assistance programs. Many homebuyer-assistance programs exist, and the qualifying criteria vary. Some programs also have different criteria based on the city or county in which you plan to buy. Visit TxHomePrograms.org to find out if you qualify for an assistance program. This site, sponsored by the Texas Association of Realtors, takes basic information you provide and returns a list of applicable programs.

Do be realistic. You may have to make a concession on the home's location, size, price, or another factor. You don't have to set low expectations about your home purchase—just know that you may need to give a little on one of your search criteria.

Don't get hung up on small stuff. Negotiations between buyers and sellers can get emotional, but you don't have to let that happen to you. Consider what's worth fighting for. While it would be nice if the sellers were leaving that new refrigerator, is it really a deal-breaker for you?

Do get a professional inspection. You're putting a lot of money into this purchase, not to mention the emotional and lifestyle factors that hinge on where you live. You should have a professional inspector take a look at any home you want to put an offer on to see what might need to be repaired or replaced. And if that inspector recommends a specialist to further inspect the property, you should make the investment to find one.

Don't assume that all agents are the same. Many people think that the terms Realtor and real estate agent are synonymous. They're not. Only agents who belong to the National Association of Realtors and pledge to adhere to a strict code of ethics may call themselves Realtors. Your Permian Basin Realtor will look out for your best interests and help you find your ideal first place while helping you avoid making mistakes you could later regret.

In fact, the Permian Basin Board of REALTORS® Young Professionals Network will be hosting a First Time Home Buyer Seminar on **April 25 at 6pm at our Board office at 3114 Sunburst Drive.** We will have a panel with industry experts speaking on mortgages, homeowners insurance and several other topics. It is our vision to come together to educate the public on what is often the biggest financial transaction of many people's lives; this is not an effort to solicit business. We hope to see you there! Call Rob Leatherwood at 432.689.0086 for more information.

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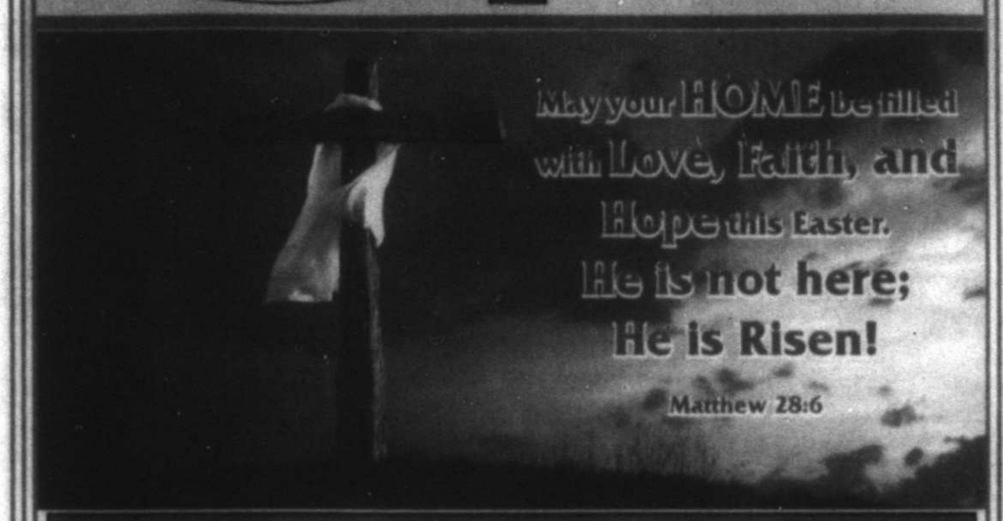

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2020 Maplewood Dr.	5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2 living, 4 car garage	MLS #50007631	NEW LISTING	$889,000
6708 FM 307	Residential or Commercial Land, Will subdivide into 1 Acre Tracts	MLS #50005741		$860,000
7000 Abney Court	5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 LA, 2 DA, outdoor kitchen, pool	MLS #50005649	SOLD	$614,900
2940 FM 829	Near Stanton, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2 half baths, 2 garage, pool	MLS #50006617		$595,000
5912 Dunbarton Oaks	4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage	MLS #50007748	NEW LISTING	$499,900
1606 Bedford Dr.	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage, Pool!	MLS #50006364	SOLD	$489,000
3600 WCR 143	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, 20x20 shop	MLS #50006882	NEW CONSTRUCTION	$420,000
9600 FM 307	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, on 4 Acres in Greenwood	MLS #50007405	NEW LISTING	$411,000
2809 Shanks	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, on 1.25 Acres	MLS #50007396	NEW LISTING	$369,000
2200 Evans Lane	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #50006641	UNDER CONTRACT	$357,000
4301 Reading	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50007086	NEW LISTING	$349,000
4102 Stratton	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50005399	UNDER CONTRACT	$319,900
5507 Sundance Court	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage	MLS #50006667	SOLD	$321,000
5601 SCR 1214	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #50006573	UNDER CONTRACT	$318,600
5605 SCR 1214	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #50006572	SOLD	$299,900
3004 Bayridge Ct.	3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1 living	MLS #50004576		$298,900
3802 Placid Ct.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living, just installed wood like vinyl strip flooring!	MLS #50005220	UNDER CONTRACT	$245,900
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2304 Apperson	3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 car garage	MLS# 50005472	UNDER CONTRACT	$212,000
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #106038	OWNER CARRY	$99,400
11070 Graham Way	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1LA on 1.3 Acres near Lake Ivie	MLS #50006064		$99,000
6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	.97 acres RESIDENTIAL LOT	MLS #102876	SOLD	$140,000
6714 FM 715	22 Acres	MLS #108863	UNDER CONTRACT	$365,000
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6401 WCR 41	Lot 1, Block 8, 3.658 Acres	MLS #50003662		$119,000
6407 WCR 41	Lot 2, Block 8, 3.548 Acres	MLS #50003661		$119,000
6607 WCR 41	Lot 6, Block 8, 3.548 Acres	MLS #50003660		$119,000
6400 WCR 44	Lot 14, Block 8, 3.655 Acres	MLS #50003659		$119,000

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STUNNING!!

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SPECTACULAR!!

5919 Shadyview Place
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$825,000

PHENOMENAL!!

4910 Rustic Trail
A "Jewel" in Green Tree North with 5 bedrooms/4 full baths/2 half baths, high ceilings, plantation shutters, 2 fireplaces! Travertine flooring, a sparkling 10-ft deep pool! Game-room w/kitchen & bath. Water well! Separate putting green! Fish pond!
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$489,900

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KIA CUSTOM HOMES, LLC
7211 E. CO. RD. 112 ...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #5006071 ..... $707,850
7301 E. CO. RD. 93 ...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... SALE PENDING

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6501 E. CO. RD. 110 ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5007100 ..... SALE PENDING

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

9401 W. CO. RD. 44 ...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #5005628 ..... $3,300,000
3010 CYNTHIA ...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ..... MLS #5000707 ..... $1,200,000
4800 RUSTIC TRAIL ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5007665 ..... $1,180,000
3114 PALO VERDE GLEN ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5003404 ..... SOLD
911 CITATION DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007504 ..... $995,000
913 KEYSTONE CT ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007799 ..... $995,000
4805 RUSTIC TRAIL ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #5007116 ..... $980,000
4937 RUSTIC TRAIL ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006801 ..... $875,000
2820 MOSSWOOD DR ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5007031 ..... $849,000
8112 HOMESTEAD BLVD ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... $825,000
6328 PRAIRIE RIDGE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007705 ..... $635,000
3400 MEADOWRIDGE ...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #5007777 ..... $618,000
2711 SHANKS ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #5005451 ..... SALE PENDING
2700 CALLAWAY ...Mark Phillibar ..... MLS #5000498 ..... SOLD
7800 ALREY CT ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5005649 ..... SALE PENDING
1211 CASTLE ROCK COURT ...Kay Bivens 934-5295 ..... MLS #5003742 ..... SALE PENDING
2012 FRINGEWOOD DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5002343 ..... SOLD
1909 PAGEWOOD DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5003580 ..... SALE PENDING
1302 SILVERTON DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006300 ..... SOLD
4449 DOGWOOD CT ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007240 ..... $568,000
9407 SEQUOIA DR ...Laurel Merrell 557-4114 ..... MLS #5007110 ..... $549,900
4001 FAIRWOOD ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #107438 ..... $549,900
5013 DREXEL CT ...Karen Foster ..... MLS #5000749 ..... $535,000
3807 WEDGWOOD CT ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007171 ..... SALE PENDING
910 DOUGLAS AVE ...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #5006161 ..... SOLD
5108 WIDEMERE STRIP ...Danny Norwood ..... MLS #5004532 ..... $499,900
5012 DUMBARTON OAKS ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5007748 ..... $499,900
1908 BEDFORD DR ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS# 5006364 ..... SOLD
4705 S. CO. RD. 1172 ...Kelli Moss 661-904-7715 ..... SALE PENDING
2803 SENTIMEL DR ...Paul Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #5004878 ..... $469,000
5804 LINCOLN GREEN CT ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... MLS #5006934 ..... SALE PENDING
2112 EVANS LN ...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... $435,000
4803 RUSTIC TRAIL ..... MLS #5003407 ..... $429,000
6001 OAK CREEK DR ...Kelli Moss 661-904-7715 ..... MLS #5007451 ..... SALE PENDING
5613 CROWLEY BLVD ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5000749 ..... SALE PENDING

5313 OAK VALLEY DR ...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #5006904 ..... SOLD
2902 PARTON WAY ...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ..... MLS #5007639 ..... $411,500
4125 FOX HOLLOW ...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #5005054 ..... SALE PENDING
6515 GLADIOLA AVE ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5007487 ..... $399,900
6308 DRIFTWOOD ...Karen Foster ..... MLS #5007725 ..... $384,900
4509 BREEZEWAY CT ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006118 ..... SOLD
2106 WINDRIFT ...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ..... MLS #5006140 ..... SOLD
5712 GRASSLAND BLVD ...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #5007050 ..... SOLD
4009 CRESTWOOD AVE ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5007747 ..... SALE PENDING
3210 STANOLIND ...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS # 5005989 ..... $375,000
3300 STANOLIND CT ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007676 ..... $374,000
4309 CORDADO CT ...Melody Carroll 325-330-1182 ..... MLS #5006934 ..... $369,000
2909 SHANKS ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5007396 ..... $369,000
3124 PATRICK ...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..... MLS #5002486 ..... $360,500
5004 LINCOLN GREEN COURT ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... MLS #5006934 ..... SALE PENDING
5401 LOS PATIOS ...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #5003605 ..... SALE PENDING
3204 SHELL ...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ..... MLS #5006800 ..... $360,000
3912 COLEMAN CT ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006734 ..... $350,000
4913 ANGELINA DR ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5007697 ..... $349,900
4301 READING ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5007086 ..... $349,000
5300 WERNER STRIP ...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #5004530 ..... SALE PENDING
4208 EDGEBROOK ...Skye Farris 294-3336 ..... MLS #108022 ..... SALE PENDING
2908 PRINCETON ...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ..... MLS #5002294 ..... SALE PENDING
1211 CONQUISTADOR CT ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006274 ..... $331,000
5507 SUNDANCE CT ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5006067 ..... SOLD
4102 STRATTON ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5005389 ..... SALE PENDING
2715 FRIO DR ...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #5006924 ..... SALE PENDING
2906 EMERSON LANE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5004974 ..... SOLD
800 LAWSON AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5003381 ..... SOLD
4506-10 FAIRGATE DR ...DUPLEX ...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #5006189 ..... $310,000
2904 CALDERA ...Kim Mehrit ..... MLS #5007441 ..... $307,000
1506 CERRILLOS AVE ...Tina Atkins 661-0062 ..... $302,000
2806 CALDERA BLVD ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007304 ..... $300,000
6116 CANDLESTICK ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5004777 ..... SALE PENDING
1587 RIDGLEA DR ...Gina Reyes ..... MLS #5006101 ..... $299,000

4500-10 FAIRGATE DR ...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #5006189 ..... $299,000
6118 CRYSTAL SKY LN ...Leah Watkins ..... MLS #5006829 ..... $290,000
3412 PINEMOUNT DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007359 ..... $290,000
3111 STANOLIND CT ...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #5001703 ..... SALE PENDING
7 STUTZ COURT ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #5004707 ..... SALE PENDING
3302 DURANT ...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ..... MLS #5006037 ..... SALE PENDING
4012 NORWOOD ST ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... MLS #5004883 ..... SALE PENDING
2609 DURANT ...Pam Dodd $280,000
418 MAHNOR COURT ...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #5006418 ..... $278,100
2825 DURANT DR ...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ..... MLS #5007843 ..... $275,000
1210 W. GOLF COURSE ...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ..... MLS #5002353 ..... $275,000
3002 NORTHTOWN ..... MLS #5002032 ..... $275,000
2500 STUTZ PLACE ...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #5005955 ..... SOLD
6204 MILE HIGH ...Kim Merrill ..... MLS #5007468 ..... $265,000
4811 TIMBER LN ...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ..... MLS #5006837 ..... SALE PENDING
2513 MAXWELL ...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #5007056 ..... SALE PENDING
1112 MILLTOWN RD ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006057 ..... SALE PENDING
5017 SHELAIN ...Donna Omar ..... MLS #5006298 ..... $240,000
604 S. JACKSON ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5000740 ..... SALE PENDING
6102 KING KELLY CT ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5005637 ..... SOLD
1502 HEELY ...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ..... MLS #5006778 ..... SALE PENDING
1917 HUNTINGTON ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #5003883 ..... $229,900
1607 HUGHES ...Donna Omar ..... MLS #5007855 ..... $218,500
500 S. LINCOLN ST ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5005719 ..... $189,900
1107 CEDAR CREEK RD ...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #5004598 ..... SOLD
1102 PORTERFIELD RD ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5005546 ..... SALE PENDING
3210 CARVER ...Ronda Gilmer ..... MLS #5006031 ..... SALE PENDING
604 W. KANSAS AVE ...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #108203 ..... $189,900
3316 HEELY ...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #5003764 ..... $189,000
708 UPLAND DR ...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #5006399 ..... $185,000
1305 E. PARKER AVE ...Pam Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #5005347 ..... SOLD
2409 HOLLY AVE ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #5004558 ..... SALE PENDING
601 BECKLEY ...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ..... MLS #5006778 ..... SALE PENDING
3500 S. CO. RD. 1223 1/2 ...Kim Merrill ..... MLS #5005825 ..... $92,000
3806 AVONDALE ...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ..... MLS #5000402 ..... SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

3701 CARDINAL LN ...Pam Dodd $850,000
1803 MAGERRY ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $649,900
609 TRINIDAD PLACE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007702 ..... $459,000
4612 WOODBAR CT ...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #5006505 ..... SALE PENDING
3007 LOCKHEED DR ...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ..... MLS #5000245 ..... SOLD
1607 PEUBLO ...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... MLS #5000705 ..... $375,000
809 WOODLAND PARK ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006446 ..... SALE PENDING
2209 EVANS LANE ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5006641 ..... $357,000
4108 CYNTHIA DR ...Lisa Russell $330,000
5011 CARMEL COURT ...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ..... MLS #5000511 ..... $315,000
2610 COUNTRY CLUB DR ...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ..... MLS #5003851 ..... SALE PENDING
6008 FRIO DRIVE ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5006626 ..... SOLD
3219 W. SHANDON AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006640 ..... SOLD
5909 LLANO COURT ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #108536 ..... SALE PENDING
3004 BAYBRIDGE CT ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5000476 ..... $299,900
2602 HUGHES ST ...Kelli Moss 661-904-7715 ..... $297,000
6001 MEDINA DR ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... SALE PENDING
5400 RIO GRANDE ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5000709 ..... $295,000
1404 MANOR ST ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007629 ..... $267,500
4629 ANGELINA DR ...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #5007003 ..... SOLD
413 O'ROURKE ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5006734 ..... SALE PENDING
2905 DOUGLAS AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5004042 ..... SALE PENDING
5405 LOS PATIOS ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5004402 ..... SALE PENDING
2812 STUTZ ...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #5006533 ..... SALE PENDING
6069 KING RANCH RD ...Pam Dodd $260,000
304 KOUFAX CT ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5007758 ..... $259,000
1200 PRAIRIE LANE ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #1000034433 ..... $255,000
1002 N. K ST ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5000587 ..... SOLD
3013 MOSS AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #108982 ..... SOLD
5306 CANADIAN ...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... SALE PENDING
6206 SHEA LANE ...Tina Atkins 661-0062 ..... MLS #5005636 ..... SOLD
6060 KING RANCH RD ...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ..... $250,000
610 MEMORIAL CT ...Tina Atkins 661-0062 ..... MLS #5007460 ..... $250,000
4606 BISHOPS CASTLE DR ...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... MLS #5000188 ..... $249,900
3601 CLAREMONT DR ...Daria Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #5001061 ..... $249,000
6006 SPAHN ST ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006822 ..... SOLD
3902 PLACID CT ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5006220 ..... SALE PENDING

6403 HALL OF FAME ...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #5007306 ..... SALE PENDING
4703 PRESTON DR ...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #5006749 ..... SALE PENDING
5004 MILE HIGH ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #5007421 ..... $244,500
4102 DYER CIRCLE ...Lana Flores 385-5843 ..... MLS #4020433 ..... $244,000
3208 BOYD AVE ...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ..... MLS #5006900 ..... SOLD
3708 CASADY COURT ...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..... MLS #5001122 ..... $238,500
3305 EDGEMONT DR ...Leah Watkins $230,000
6026 SPAHN ...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #5007438 ..... SALE PENDING
1417 SAN MIGUEL ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5007011 ..... SALE PENDING
2801 DOUGLAS ...Pam Dodd ..... SALE PENDING
1600 SHELL ...Pam Dodd ..... SOLD
3304 CLAIRMONT ...Donna Omar 349-1458 ..... MLS #5005493 ..... SALE PENDING
1003 HEELY AVE ...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #5004091 ..... $232,500
4501 AMISTAD DR ...Sue Lytle 661-5338 ..... SALE PENDING
604 S. JACKSON ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5000740 ..... $230,000
2505 EMERSON ...Betty Hicks ..... MLS #5004711 ..... $225,000
6700 E. COUNTY RD 90 ...Brittany Boyd 978-7202 ..... MLS #5005426 ..... $225,000
2602 SPARTAN DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5005507 ..... SOLD
405 GRENSHAW DR ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #5004711 ..... $225,000
3601 STANOLIND ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $225,000
2405 BOYD AVE ...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #5006703 ..... $223,000
6207 CROSLEY DR ...Betty Hicks ..... MLS #5007120 ..... SALE PENDING
908 SHEA LN ...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #5003252 ..... $223,000
5210 CANADIAN ...Donna Omar ..... MLS #5003775 ..... $220,000
3203 W. SHANDON ...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #5001315 ..... $215,000
3605 JORDAN AVE ...Skye Farris $213,000
3002 PRINCETON AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5003430 ..... SALE PENDING
615 NOLAN RYAN DR ...Betty Hicks ..... MLS #5007549 ..... SALE PENDING
2304 APPERSON ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5005472 ..... SALE PENDING
1213 TEJAS ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007156 ..... SOLD
3600 BERMUDA CT ...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #5006667 ..... SALE PENDING
4501 W. CUTHBERT ...Karen Foster ..... MLS #5005489 ..... SALE PENDING
506 WAVERLY DR ...Skye Farris ..... MLS #5006416 ..... $200,000
513 SHELL AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5003941 ..... SALE PENDING
3310 FANNIN AVE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006619 ..... SALE PENDING
3341 PROVIDENCE DR ...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ..... $199,900

911 SHEA LANE ...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #5006975 ..... $199,000
2506 HOYA DR ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #5002192 ..... $195,000
3205 FANNIN AVE ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... MLS #5007360 ..... SALE PENDING
4814 STOREY ...Lance Murrell 349-7242 ..... MLS #5006863 ..... SALE PENDING
3306 DENGAR ...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ..... MLS #5004072 ..... $185,000
2602 FRONTIER ...Karen Foster ..... MLS #5004090 ..... SALE PENDING
RAINBOW RD ...Donna Omar ..... MLS #5001365 ..... SALE PENDING
2500 PRINCETON ...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ..... MLS #5001320 ..... SALE PENDING
4515 LANHAM STREET ...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ..... SALE PENDING
1005 E. MAGNOLIA ...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #5007391 ..... $175,000
1910 N. JACKSON ST ...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #5002736 ..... SALE PENDING
3318 STOREY AVE ...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #5000176 ..... SALE PENDING
3220 WHITTLE WAY ...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ..... $169,000
3299 ORIENTAL ...Susan Palmer ..... MLS #5007302 ..... SALE PENDING
305 S. DALLAS ST ...Darla Davis ..... MLS #5002162 ..... $167,000
4609 GRACELAND ...Andrea Snell ..... MLS #5007561 ..... $165,000
5200 SUNNYSIDE DR ...Martha Manulik ..... MLS #5004108 ..... $165,000
5204 SAN ANTONIO ...Danny Norwood ..... MLS #5004827 ..... $160,000
1704 N. MAIN ...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #5007162 ..... $159,900
3100 DELEWARE AVE ...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..... MLS #5005353 ..... $159,000
707 GODFREY ST ...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ..... MLS #5000611 ..... $155,000
1402 W. TENNESSEE ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5007431 ..... SALE PENDING
1000 W. GOLF COURSE RD ...Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #5005296 ..... SALE PENDING
3008 W. OHIO ...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #5006730 ..... $140,000
4702 COMANCHE ...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #5006821 ..... $140,000
3704 CEDAR SPRINGS DR ...Stephanie Rogers ..... MLS #5001488 ..... $139,000
3307 THOMAS ...Andrea Snell 559-4086 ..... MLS #5005233 ..... SOLD
4403 STOREY AVE ...Pam Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #5005371 ..... SALE PENDING
1510 E. SCHARBAUER DR ...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #5004057 ..... $128,000
4405 PARKDALE ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $124,500
402 S. TILDEN ...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ..... SALE PENDING
703 RUBY ...Donna Omar ..... MLS #5000293 ..... SALE PENDING
309 E. PINE ...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... MLS #5003468 ..... SALE PENDING
801 NEELY ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5005468 ..... SOLD
308 CEDAR STREET ...Karen Foster 559-4086 ..... SALE PENDING

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

3706 CASADY CT ...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ..... MLS #5001122 ..... $249,900
4520 LANHAM ST ...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #5004808 ..... SOLD
4306 THOMASON DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006766 ..... $135,000

104 HOLLY ...Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #5004592 ..... $133,500
2510 COLLEGE AVE ...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #5006136 ..... SALE PENDING
3330 CALDERA #146 ...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #5006609 ..... $110,000

2105 W. WASHINGTON ...Sue Lytle ..... MLS #5000294 ..... $93,500
1212 MCKENZIE ST ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #1000034540 ..... $79,000

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4409 E. CO. RD. 63 ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #108422 ..... $999,000
5283 S. CO. RD. 1005 ...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #5005087 ..... 32 Acres/$900,000
2711 SHANKS ...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ..... MLS #5000451 ..... SALE PENDING
5806 E. CO. RD. 109, GREENWOOD ... Tracy Farrow 413-441 ..... MLS #5007180 ..... $750,000
7008 E. CO. RD. 108, GREENWOOD ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS #5007715 ..... $695,000
10310 S. CO. RD. 1210 ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5006926 ..... Home w/Hangar/$589,500
2101 S. CO. RD. 1087 ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006430 ..... $535,000
2215 S. CO. RD. 1122, GREENWOOD ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5006136 ..... SALE PENDING
7001 W. CO. RD. 44 ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006620 ..... $495,000
12107 W. CO. RD. 52 ...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #108236 ..... $484,900
6001 E. CO. RD. 118 ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5007100 ..... SALE PENDING
3600 W. CO. RD. 143 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5006892 ..... $426,000
10500 E. CO. RD. ...Lana Flores $410,000
8600 FM 307, GREENWOOD ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5000405 ..... $411,000

12110 E. CO. RD. 101, GREENWOOD ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5007787 ..... $398,500
1903 S. CO. RD. 1140 ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5002151 ..... SOLD
10506 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD ...Lana Flores ..... MLS #5002338 ..... $370,000
2202 S. CO. RD. 1085, GREENWOOD ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS #5003930 ..... SOLD
12119 E. CO. RD. 102 ...Lana Flores 385-5843 ..... MLS #5000129 ..... $365,000
3315 W. CO. RD. 105, SKYWEST AIRPORT ...Madison Shaw 528-4640 ..... $365,000
1300 S. CO. RD. 1120 ...Josie Rendon 889-6394 ..... MLS #5007854 ..... $360,000
3006 S. CO. RD. 1185 ...Kim Merrill ..... MLS #5007558 ..... $325,000
3104 S. CO. RD. 1067, GREENWOOD ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS #5007544 ..... $325,000
5601 S. CO. RD. 1214 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5006573 ..... SALE PENDING
10603 FM 307, GREENWOOD ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5005495 ..... $305,000
3700 W. CO. RD. 145 ...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $309,900
10412 S. CO. RD. 1138 ...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #5007027 ..... SALE PENDING
5600 S. CO. RD. 1214 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5006572 ..... SOLD

3600 FM 1379 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5006535 ..... SOLD
3200 S. CO. RD. 1223 ...Pam Messer 349-3075 ..... MLS #5005884 ..... SALE PENDING
10909 E. CO. RD. 108 ...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #108961 ..... 8.51 Acres/$295,000
9103 W. CO. RD. 160 ...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #5000157 ..... $285,000
14000 E. CO. RD. 101, GREENWOOD ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5007658 ..... $254,000
4007 S. CO. RD. 1177 ...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #5005740 ..... $249,000
10907 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5006317 ..... SOLD
4463 N. CO. RD. 1130 ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... SALE PENDING
5001 S. CO. RD. 1138 ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006563 ..... $168,500
5600 S. CO. RD. 1136 ...Andrea Snell 559-4417 ..... MLS #5003799 ..... SALE PENDING
3308 S. CO. RD. 1216 ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... MLS #5003260 ..... SOLD
3600 S. CO. RD. 1223 1/2 ...Kim Merrill ..... MLS #5005825 ..... $99,000
3714 S. CO. RD. 1192 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... SOLD

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

401 4TH ST., STANTON, TX ...Lisa Russell ..... MLS #5000454 ..... SALE PENDING
1001 NW 11TH ST., ANDREWS, TX ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5005859 ..... $739,900
2940 FM 829, NEAR STANTON ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5006617 ..... $595,000
6850 DRIFTWOOD DR ...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ..... MLS #5006949 ..... $425,000
3351 FM 3113, STANTON, TX ...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ..... MLS #5000228 ..... 1.0 Acre/$339,500
3016 SAN PEDRO, ODESSA ...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #5005362 ..... $315,000
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503 W. 3RD, STANTON ...Lana Flores $250,000
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604 VASSAR, ODESSA ...Lana Flores $196,500
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8706 FM 307 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5005743 ..... $860,000

907 E. 2ND ST ...ODESSA ...Sue Lytle ..... MLS #103382 ..... $560,000
PANDALE RESORT w/PECOS RIVER FRONTAGE ...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ..... MLS #109135 ..... 18+ Acres/$549,000
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1108 W. HWY. 80, STANTON ...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ..... MLS #109426 ..... 8.743 Acres/$150,000
401 MIDLAND DR ...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ..... MLS #103887 ..... $90,400

LAND AND LOTS

8708 FM 307 ...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ..... MLS #5005743 ..... $860,000
3701 CARDINAL LN ...Pam Dodd $850,000
3000 N. CO. RD. 1278 ...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ..... MLS #5002830 ..... 48 Acres/$629,000
N. CO. RD. 1250 ...Reannah Glover ..... MLS #107925 ..... 70.5 Acres/$493,500
CO. RD. 1130 ...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ..... MLS #5007560 ..... $250,000
2900 S. CO. RD. 1200 ...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ..... MLS #5000167 ..... 2 Acres
CO. RD. 60 W. AND 1283 ...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ..... MLS #5000744 9 ..... 3 Acres/$180,000
1121 E. DORMARD AVE ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5005314 ..... $175,000
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2607 W. CO. RD. 140 ...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #5005801 ..... 10 Acres/$140,000
MARTIN CO ...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ..... MLS #5000714 ..... 10 Acres/$125,000

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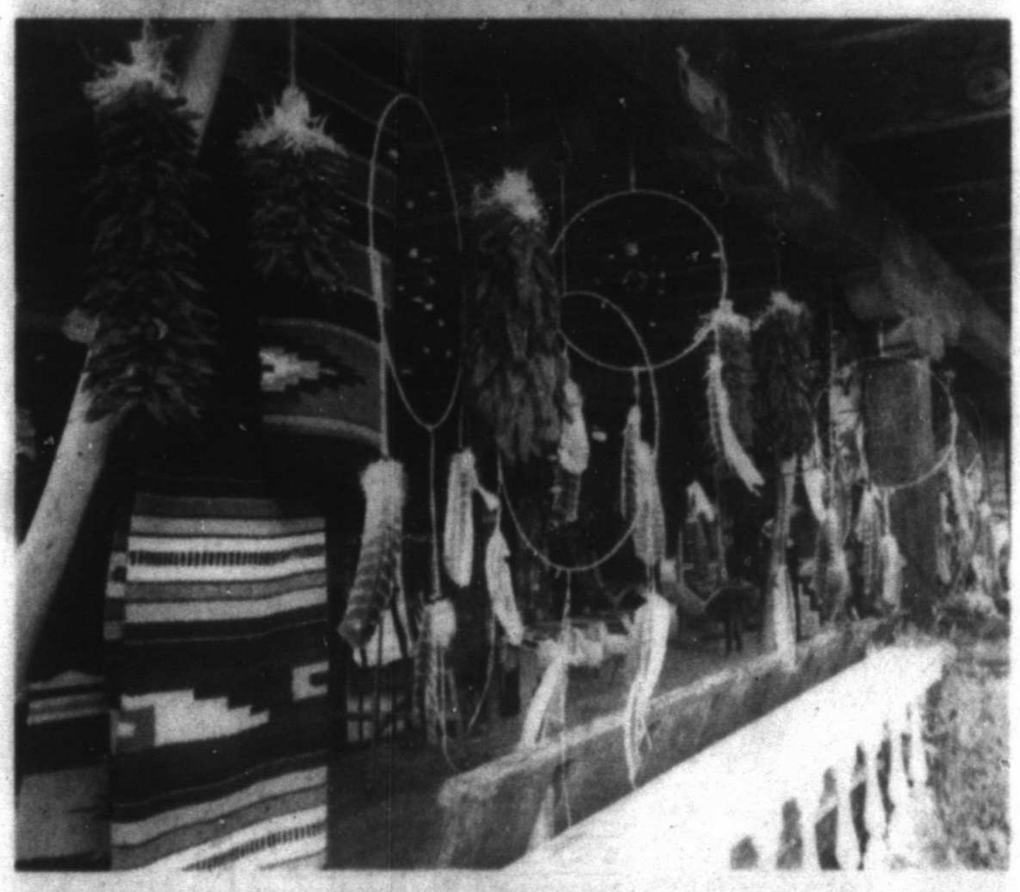
0000 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX ...Sand

Photos by Jessica Kwong/Orange County Register/TNS

Counter clockwise: Bandelier National Monument's Main Loop takes visitors up a trail that offers a view of its civilization. A member of the Taos Pueblo sells artisan crafts and goods inside one of the adobe buildings. Old Town Plaza in Albuquerque, N.M. is lined with chiles, dream catchers and other touches of the city's rich culture. Visitors are free to roam Taos Pueblo, with multi-storied adobe buildings that have been continuously inhabited for more than 1,000 years.



Whirlwind tour of New Mexico proves enchanting

By Jessica Kwong
The Orange County Register

Having traveled through much of the American Southwest, from the golden California coast to the red deserts and majestic forests of Nevada, Arizona, Utah and Colorado, I had one state left to see.

But when I proposed a tour of New Mexico, all my California friends asked, "What's in New Mexico?" I wasn't exactly sure myself, but I'd heard of the white sands and adobes and I was able to convince my dad, who was not too thrilled at first, except for enticingly cheap flights.

My proposed itinerary was to spend the first day in the south at White Sands National Monument and see anything else along the way. The second day would be split between Santa Fe and Taos, and our final day would be between Taos and Albuquerque.

Soon, after doing his own research, my dad added a handful of other places to explore.

When we landed in Albuquerque International Sunport, we were greeted by a mostly empty but beautifully adorned, turquoise and tan building. Ground transport was easy — free shuttles to the rental car area, with audio welcoming us to the "Land of Enchantment."

We drove south straight to our Comfort Inn & Suites at a town with the most unusual name I'd heard of. Interstate 25 was flawlessly smooth compared with the highways Southern Californians are used to, the sky vast and full of stars.

At the crack of dawn, we had a continental breakfast and took pictures at the Truth or Consequences sign before hitting the road. The town with a population of about 6,500 is known for its spas, but with our lightning itinerary, we had no time for that.

After an hour and 45 minutes south on I-25 and east on U.S. Route 70, we reached White Sands. As we drove through the gates of the national monument, the landscape around us faded from generic brown to white so bright it looked like snow.

There were dunes of snowy sand as far as the eye could see — equally photogenic, minus the ice cold. On a longer trip, I would definitely have gone sledding.

Very Large Array

Time was of the essence, though, and we had a three-hour drive ahead so we hit U.S. Route 54 and continued west on U.S. Route 380 past the small towns of San Antonio and Socorro, then west on U.S. Route 60 to New Mexico State Road 52 south to the Very Large Array, a must for my dad, who's an astronomy enthusiast.

Driving up the dirt road, with a fleeting GPS signal, we trusted our paper maps and weren't sure we were going in the right direction until we saw several very large radio antennas in the distance. The thought of them was spooky — 27 antennas in a Y-shaped configuration in the

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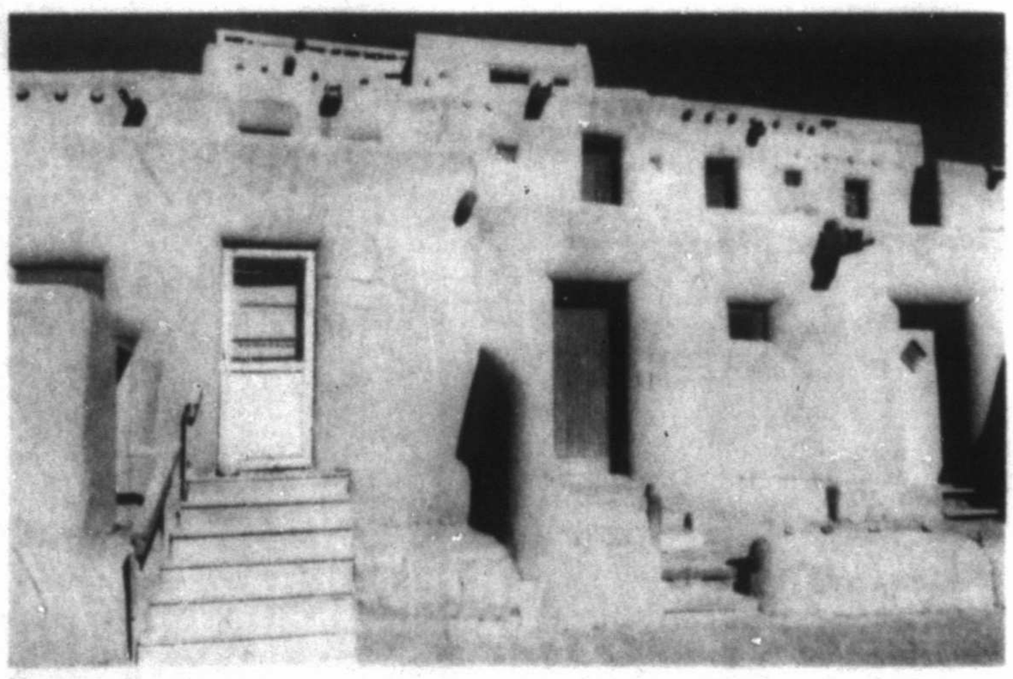


5 QUESTIONS

With Erica Reagan | actor

Native Midlander Erica Reagan teaches math and reading at Alamo Junior High School. Her master's degree, however, is in forensic science, and she is currently working toward her doctorate in forensic psychology. You might be familiar with her in a different capacity. She closed her recent show, "Rex's Exes," by the Maverick Players on Saturday.

MRT: What's been your proudest achievement in theater?

Reagan: Well, as a director I have had three shows earn first place in the local non-varsity contest. As an actor, I would say being part of Summer Mummers for the first time last year.

Reagan

MRT: What would you say is your best quality?

Reagan: I actively try to find solutions to problems, and I don't give up easily.

MRT: Who is a real-life and fictional hero and why?

Reagan: My fictional hero is the Wicked Witch ("The Wizard of Oz," "Wicked"). She faces adversity from her skin color head first and fights for what she believes in.

MRT: Your secret indulgence.

Reagan: My secret indulgence is cotton candy. The plastic tubs it comes in make up my Tupperware cabinet.

MRT: What book do you always recommend?

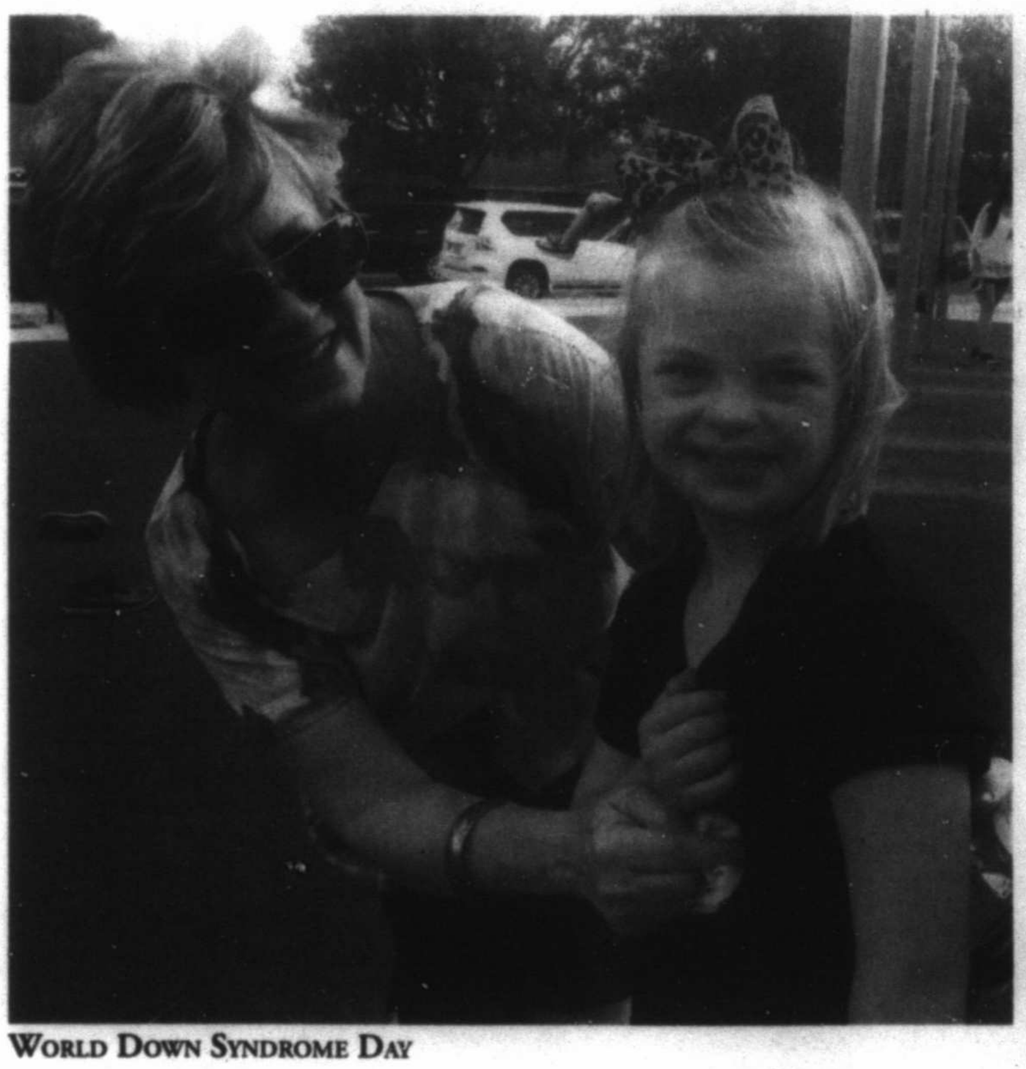
Reagan: Any cheesy romance story.

OUT&ABOUT

BY JULIE DONNELLY

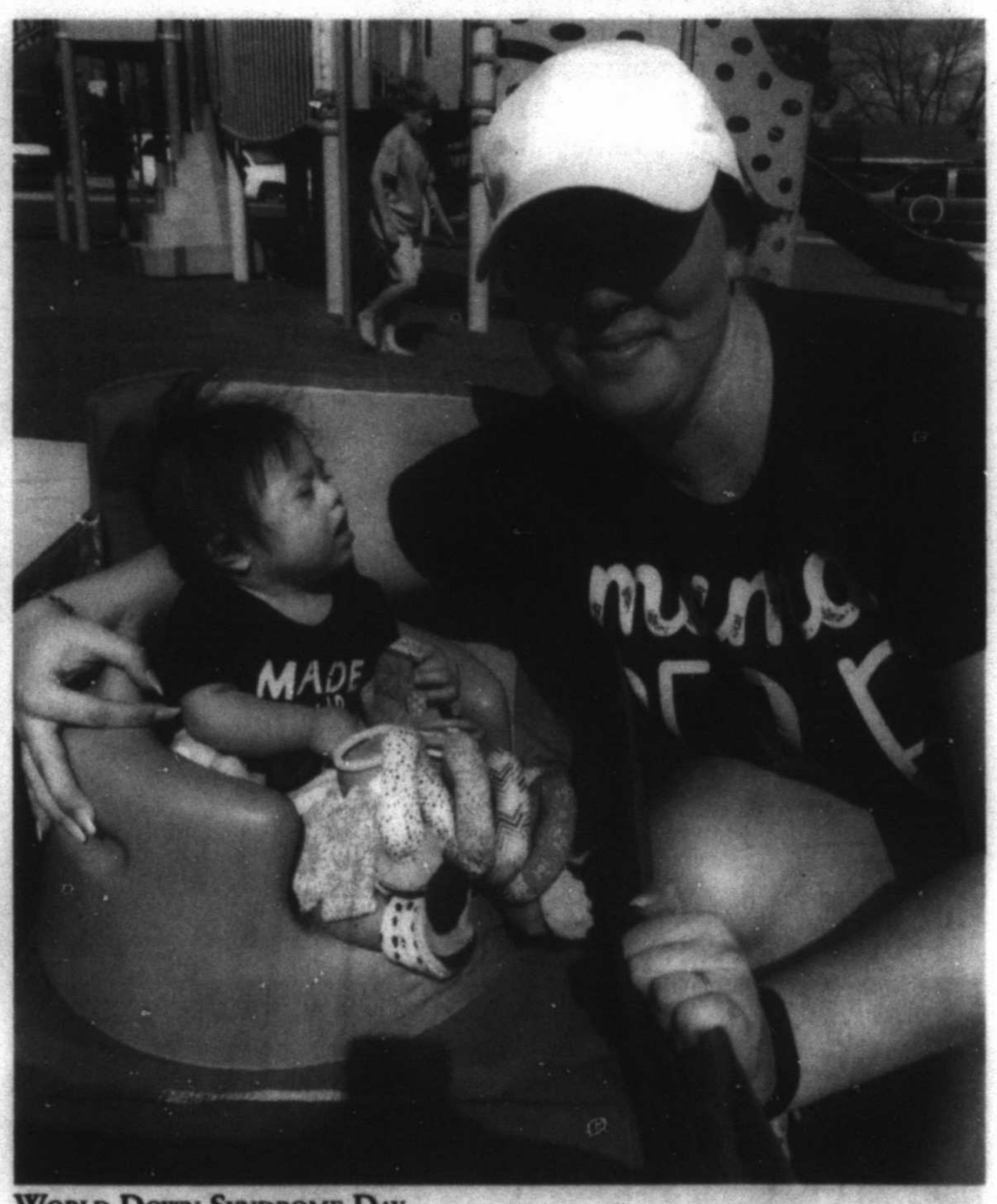
World Down Syndrome Day

Kingston Lewis, from left, Beckham Knight, Miles Stotts, Cooper Johnston, Carson Ham, and Hayes Johnston



World Down Syndrome Day

Nancy Ham, left, and Emery Ham



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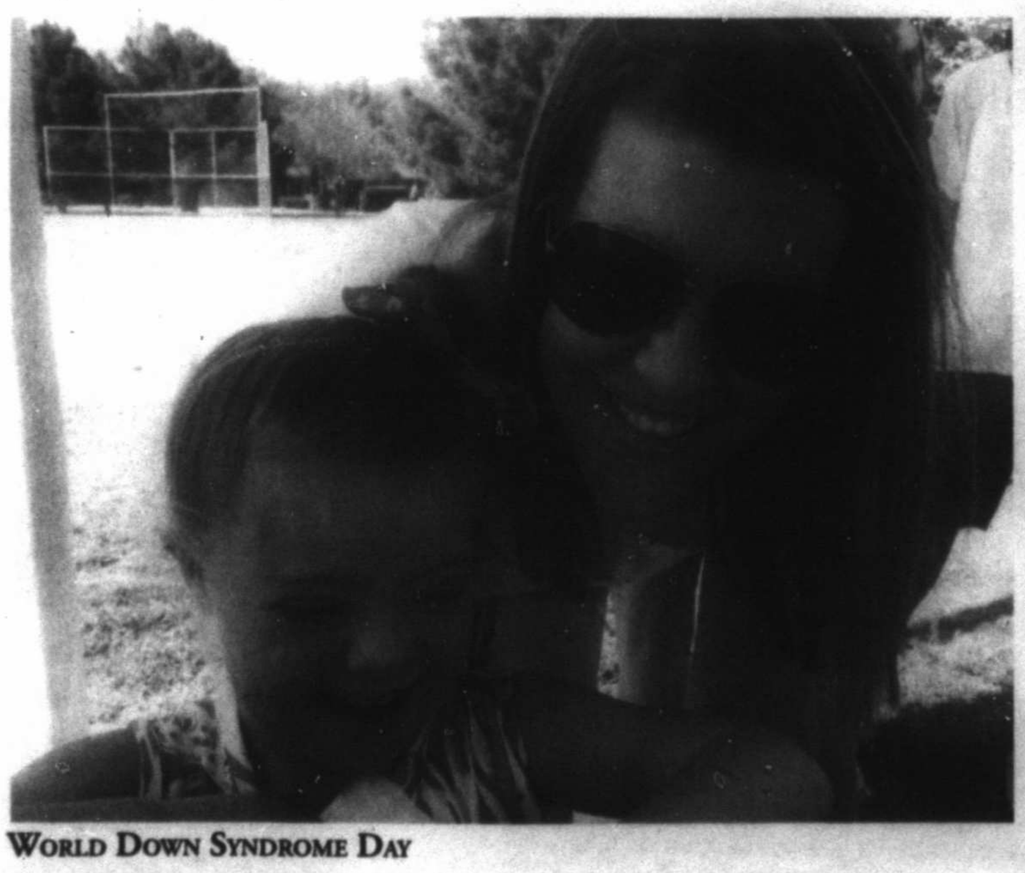
Charliee Escoto-Reyna, left, and Sunne Escoto-Reyna



World Down Syndrome Day

Sophia Lewis, left, and Lana Lewis

World Down Syndrome Day

Cylee Joy Conyers

World Down Syndrome Day

A group of Midland parents hosted a party on March 21 — World Down Syndrome Day — at Fasken Park to honor their children who were born with "that little something extra." Kids rode bikes; played basketball, football and soccer; and snacked on cookies, cake and brownies.

Hostesses for the party were Lana and Jae Lewis, Kim and Shane Stokes and Jill and Justin Ham.

March 21 was selected as WDSD "to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome," according to worlddownsyndromeday.org.

Stewards of the Wild

It didn't take long for the Stewards of the Wild (SOTW) Midland Chapter to become the largest chapter in the state. It happened during the group's launch party last month to showcase its mission. Advisory council members of the newly formed group hosted the gathering at KD's BBQ to kick off the chapter and highlight what the organization does.

SOTW is a young professionals program supporting the mission of Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and engages 21- to 45-year-old outdoor enthusiasts by hosting exclusive events to raise awareness of conservation issues facing future generations. More than 300 people showed up and joined the Midland chapter.

In addition to barbecue, the celebration included dancing to Gary P. Nunn. Also on hand was Ben Masters of "Unbranded," who previewed clips from his latest film.

For more information about the Midland chapter, visit www.tpwf.org/sotw/midland.

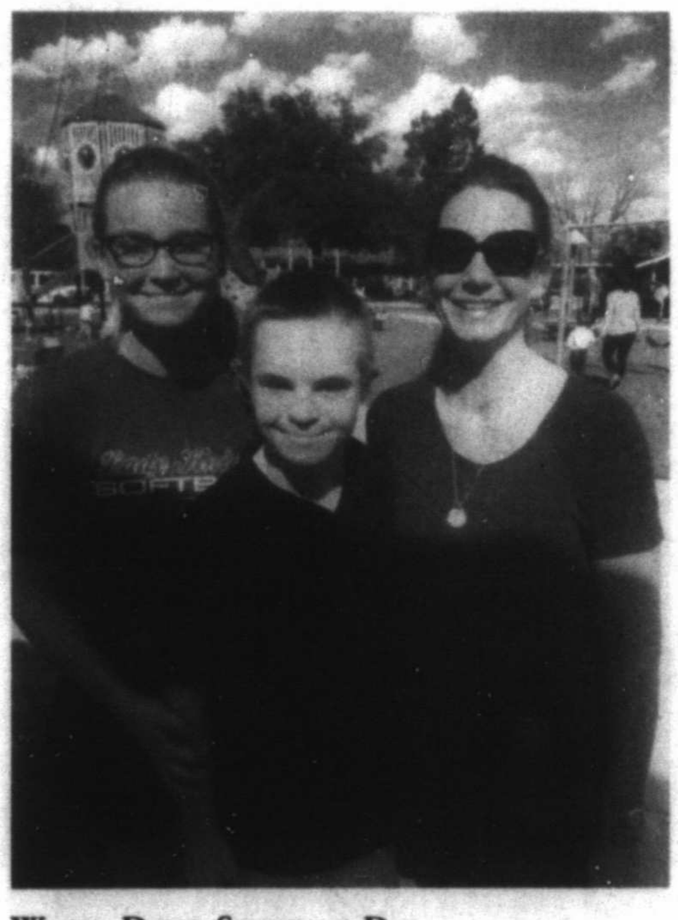
To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.

STEWARDS OF THE WILD

Chris Ryan, front row from left, Regan Winstead, Sharon Yacob, Barton Irby, and Neel Huey; and Walker Netherton, second row from left, Clay Arrington, Thomas Favrot, Chase Gardaphe, Matt Etheredge, Charles Carson, Houston Scarborough and Deaver Alexander.

STEWARDS OF THE WILD

Mary Amelia Maxwell, left, and Savannah Davis



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Cammie Stokes, from left, Adley Stokes and Kim Stokes

NAMES IN THE NEWS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Scott M. Waddle recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio.

He is the son of Geoffry and Diondrea Greer of Fort Worth and the grandson of Thomas and Mae Jackson of Midland. Greer graduated from Lee High School in 2010 and from Midland College in 2013.

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AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott recently appointed or reappointed local residents to state boards.

■ Saul Herrera, project director for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program at Senior Link Midland, was appointed to the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

He is a former gubernatorial appointee to the State Independent Living Council and the Rehabilitation Council of Texas.

The committee recommends changes in disability policies and programs and supports a network of committees on people with disabilities, issues awards to promote greater awareness, and promotes compliance with disability related laws.

Abbott also reappointed five to the board: Elizabeth Dickey, Archer Hadley and Linda Millstone, all of Austin; Marilou Fowler of Katy and Dylan Rafaty of Plano.

The six members will serve terms ending Feb. 1, 2019.

■ Clayton Black of Stanton was reappointed to the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. He is owner and manager of Lazy Leven Ranch.

The board performs duties relating to the education, ethics and certifying or licensing of real estate appraisers or appraiser trainees.

James Jeffries of Georgetown also was reappointed. Both men will serve terms set to expire Jan. 31, 2023.

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Hinterlong - Hilburn

Heidi Luisa Hinterlong and Michael Edward Hilburn were married March 4, 2017 at Dollye-Neal Chapel in Midland, Texas. Reverend Gene Hilburn officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Greg and Suzanne Hinterlong of Midland. Heidi earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas and a Master of Letters in Creative Writing from the University of Aberdeen, King's College in Aberdeen, Scotland. She is currently a Senior Geoscience Technician at Diamondback E&P LLC in Midland.

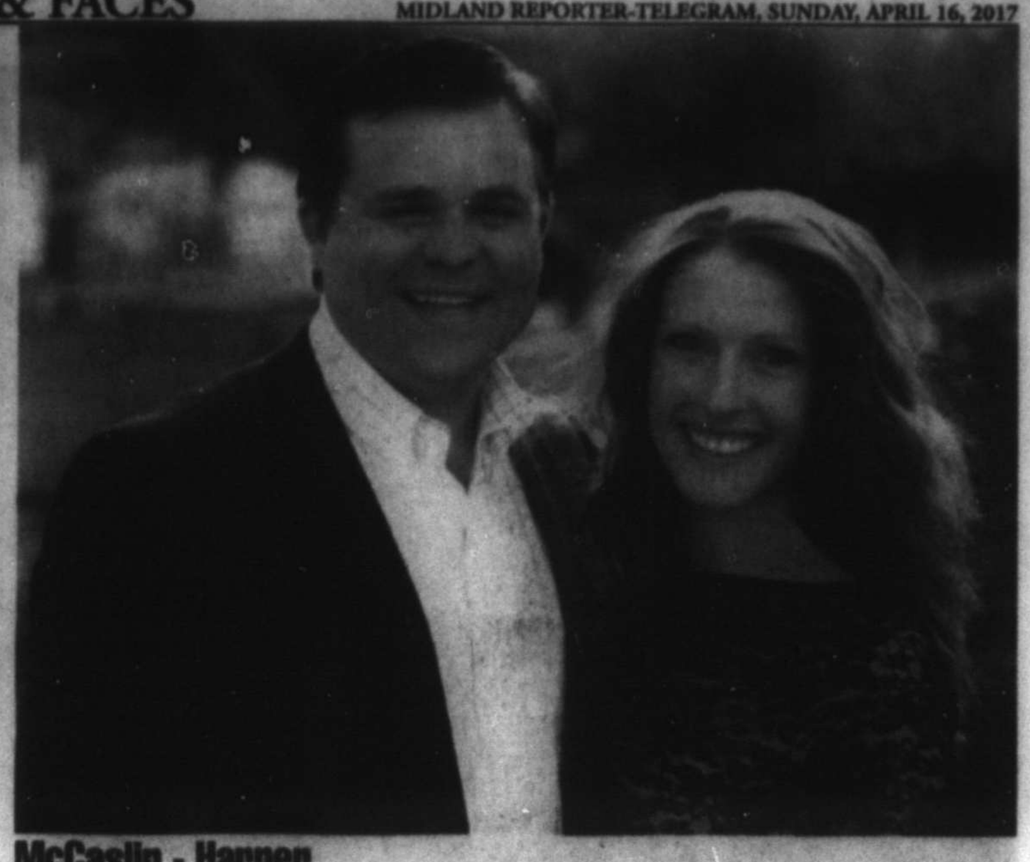
The groom is the son of Gene and Phyllis Hilburn of Midland. Michael earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Business from Dallas Baptist University in Dallas, Texas, where he also performed the lead role in his school's production of Phantom of the Opera. He is currently the Music Minister for Christ Church Anglican in Midland.

Heidi's bridesmaids were her close friends, Sharon Smead and Annie Parnell.

Michael's best man was his best friend, Cody Kullman. His groomsmen were his close friends, Gabor Nicholson and Jonathan Davis.

The reception was at Christ Church Anglican in Midland.

After the happy couple honeymooned in Colorado Springs, Colorado, they came home to live in Midland.



McCaslin - Harper

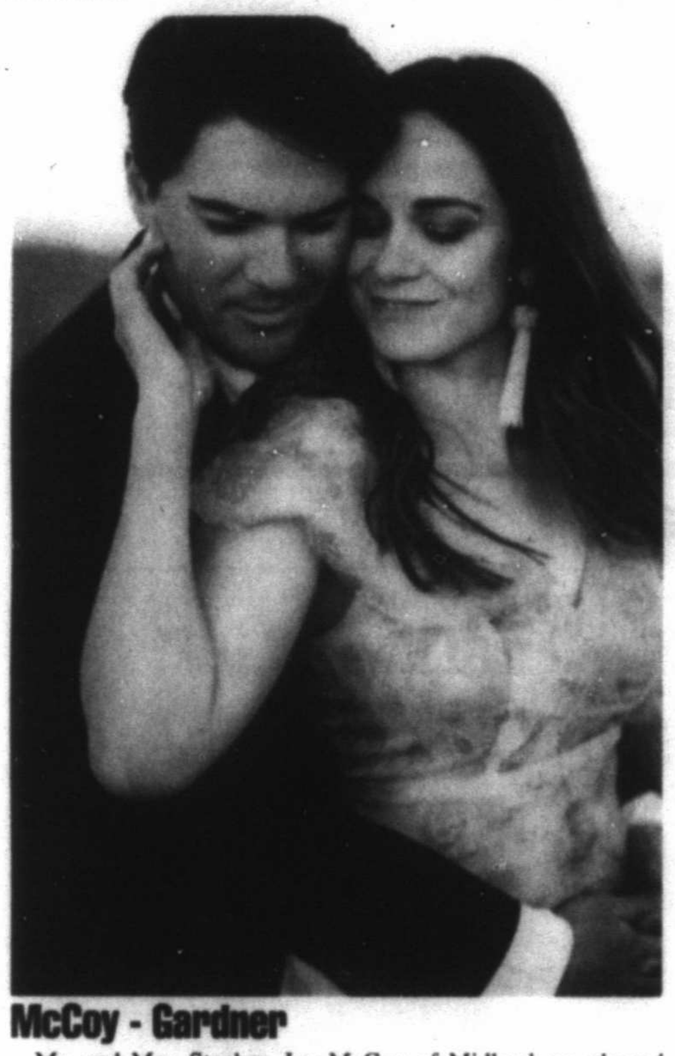
Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Thomas McCaslin are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Gwen, to Mr. Scott Stephens Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens Tucker Harper.

Miss McCaslin is the granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Earl Jolly of Midland and the late Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas McCaslin of Richardson. Mr. Harper is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis Dill of Houston and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harper, Jr., of Austin.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University where she received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing. She is an alumna of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Jessica is the owner of Prickly Pear Press, an invitation and stationery business.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Midland High School and a 2005 graduate of Texas Christian University where he received Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in both Accounting and Finance, along with a certificate from TCU's Ranch Management Program. He is an alumnus of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Scott is a landman for Element Petroleum Operating.

The couple plan to marry July 8, 2017 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



McCoy - Gardner

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Jay McCoy of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Mr. Matthew Reed McCoy, to Ms. Jessica Faye Gardner, daughter of Ms. Sally Anne Gardner and Ms. Ruth Mary Ramonis of Austin. Matthew proposed last July at the family's private ranch, surrounded by friends and family.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mrs. Pauline "Polly" and the late Richard Lee Porter of Daingerfield, Texas and Mrs. Lorraine Myers McCoy and the late Dave Sylvester McCoy, Jr. of Refugio, Texas. Matthew is a 2005 graduate of Midland High School where he was a three-year varsity letter winner on the MHS Men's Golf Team and a 2010 graduate of Texas A&M University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. In his time at A&M, he was an active member of the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta where he served as the Social Chair and Chapter Historian. He is currently employed by Element Petroleum Operating as an Operations Engineer in Midland, Texas.

Jessica is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. In her spare time, Jessica serves as a board member on the Southern Methodist University Letterman's Association board; she is also a new student recruitment volunteer for Southern Methodist University and a member of the Midland Junior League. Jessica is employed as a marketing representative for Hearst Digital Media in Midland.

The wedding will take place at the Lajitas Golf Resort in May.

SCOUT EARNS EAGLE AWARD

Ryan McDaniel received his Eagle Scout rank in a ceremony on April 9. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 160, which is sponsored by St. Luke's United Methodist Church. His Eagle project involved landscaping five flower beds at the front of Hillcrest School. McDaniel, the son of Sean and Stacey McDaniel, is a ninth-grader at Hillcrest, where he serves on the Student Council and is a member of the basketball team.

Courtesy photo

BRIDGE RESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Permian Bridge Club

April 4

Martha Poss-Marlene Blumentritt, Bob Bacon-James Hawkins, Audie Brooks-Bill Brooks, Bonnie Hubbard-Janet Stoltz, Ricki Perry-Tommy Strack, Kay Arrell-Patti Heard

April 6

Peggy Cook-Sandy Hill, Jean Pistole-Scott Vaughan, Marilyn Higgins-Georgia Temple, Sonya Hopkins-Dorothy Brenneman, Helen Davis-Terri Melton

Greg Keys-David Hudson, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Jody McLane-Belle Harris, Kay Sewell-Linda Farrar Keys-Hudson, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Cook-Hill, Pistole-Vaughan, Higgins-Temple, McLane-Harris, Brenneman-Hopkins, Sewell-Farrar

April 7

Irene Oppenheim-Charlie Grimes, Betty Dickerson-K.C. Evans, Linda Buzan-Betty Moore, Blumentritt-Strack, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Sally Reeder-Stoltz, Heard-Poss, Hubbard-Frances Mills

April 9

Deborah Brookins-Marilyn Matthews, Perry-Strack, Bacon-Ann Servatius, Poss-Blumentritt, Buzan-Nancy Ward

GOREN BRIDGE

BOB JONES

Esther's routine play

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ 7 4 2
♡ J 3 2
♢ 6 5
♣ K 10 8 6 2

WEST
♠ K Q J 9 8 3
♡ Q 8 4
♢ 8 4
♣ J 3

EAST
♠ A
♡ 10 7 6 5
♢ K Q J 9 2
♣ Q 9 4

SOUTH
♠ 10 6 5
♡ A K 9
♢ A 10 7 3
♣ A 7 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

Once again Esther had sweet-talked Fred into a game at the local duplicate. Fred had been helping her with her card play and Esther was determined to show Fred how much she had improved. Esther, sitting West, didn't want to risk an overcall at this vulnerability, and Fred wasn't sure how Esther would interpret a two-diamond bid by him. He wasn't willing to risk it, so they ended up defending one no-trump while many in the field were bidding and making two spades.

Esther led her king of spades and was happy to see Fred produce the ace. Fred, for some reason, switched to the king of diamonds. She kept her composure, remembering that Fred usually knew what he was doing. South won with the ace of diamonds and realized that his only hope was to bring in the club suit for four tricks. Declarer led a low club, intending to play dummy's 10 to duck a club into Fred. Esther promptly followed suit with the jack! South couldn't duck now or the defense would cash all their spades plus a couple of diamonds. He rose with dummy's king and led a diamond. Fred won with the jack and shifted to a low heart. South won with the ace and cashed the ace of clubs, hoping the queen would fall, and conceded down two when it didn't.

"Lovely play, Esther," said South. "I would have made it if you had played your low club." "Credit to Fred," said Esther. "I was just playing high-low with a doubleton like Fred taught me."

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Jailbird helping turn the compost pile

How to get the compost with the most in West Texas

JEFF FLOYD

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Given enough time and the right conditions, almost anything will decay into a crumbly brown loam.

For example, it only takes about three weeks for the human body to decay to the bones. Kitchen scrapes and grass clippings disappear in just a couple of weeks. Styrofoam requires 500 years or more to deteriorate into its basic elements. OK, no one really knows but it takes a long time.

The point is that everything will break down into substances that plants can use.

Fungi, bacteria and other miniscule creatures chomp away at anything when it lands on the soil. What these primary decomposers lack in individual size, they make up for in numbers by reproducing at a pace that matches their food availability. Collectively, microbes have the capacity to break down an enormous amount of leaf litter, lawn clippings, and other rubbish every year.

Microorganism populations increase in both variety and quantity as organic soil matter increases.

Beetles, springtails, mites and other insects get in on the action as they devour the hardworking microbes. The population of these secondary decomposers parallels that of the microbes first on the scene. The entire cycle eventually peaks, then declines, liberating a bountiful supply of minerals and generating a dark, sweet-smelling material called compost.

The most broken down state of compost is a stable, carbon-rich substance known as humus.

Like the clay and silt particles that help make up a large portion of soil, humus has a negative charge. Soil particles, compost and humus hold on tightly to the positively charged ions of nitrogen, potassium, phosphorous and other nutrients. When the grip is loosened by rain or irrigation water, nearby plant roots siphon them up into a stream of water flowing toward the leaves. Along the way, they combine with carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and other elements to create building blocks used in plant growth.

The unweathered plains of West Texas don't contain much soil organic matter. From a plant's perspective, an ideal soil would have about 5 percent organic matter. Permian Basin soils average less than 1 percent. But there is good news.

By adjusting a few lawn maintenance practices, homeowners can raise their organic matter in their soil and dramatically improve their gardening success. One method is to till compost directly into vegetable and flowerbeds a few weeks before to planting. Garden centers offer bagged compost, while entire truckloads can be gotten from companies that recycle landscape waste.

For lawns, try mulching, rather than bagging when you mow. Alternatively, you can catch the clippings and place them in a composting bin along with kitchen scraps. You'll have homemade compost in no time.

To learn more about composting or register for the educational programs offered by Texas A&M AgriLife, visit westtexasgardening.org, call 432-686-4700 or email me at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

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The Easter lily

Celebrate the holiday with the Easter Lily

By Roger Corzine

Permian Basin Master Gardener

The Easter Lily, *lilium longiflorum*, is one of those plants we specifically associate with today's holiday the same way we do the poinsettia with Christmas.

Research found that these beautiful white flowers have several religious associations particularly with Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

There are old masters paintings showing the angel Gabriel offering Mary a stem of pure white lily flowers while telling her of the forthcoming birth of the baby Jesus.

Another legend indicates that lilies once grew in the Garden of Gethsemane supposedly sprouting from the drops of sweat from Jesus' brow as he prayed before his crucifixion.

In the early 1900s, most of our lily bulbs came from Japan but that ended abruptly in 1941 with the Pearl Harbor attack. At present, most of our lily bulbs are produced in a small area of northern California and the adjoining area of Oregon.

This flower is shaped like the bell of a trumpet in that it has a tubular body that flares into six petals like the bell of a trumpet.

In selecting a plant to buy there are some of the criteria to look for. The foliage should appear to be healthy and have a dark green color. The plant should not have any wilted or spent flowers. If the plant is in bloom only the first one or two buds should have opened. The remaining buds on the stem above the open flower should be in various stages of development and opening.

These lilies can also be planted in your garden.

The plant should be left in its pot and be given good care until it begins to show signs of aging. The stem should then be cut off about1 or 2 inches above the bulb. Remove the bulb and soil that clings to its roots and plant it in a hole with the top of the bulb about 2 inches below ground level. Lightly pack the soil around it, water it and cover it with mulch for the winter and you could have lilies again come spring.

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middle of nowhere, purposely planted to explore the universe outside our own.

This adventure brought us to the late afternoon, and time to book it to our last sightseeing destination. The weekend before Thanksgiving happened to be the Festival of the Cranes at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Luckily it wasn't far — just south of San Antonio.

There are two times to see thousands of sandhill cranes take flight — half an hour before dawn or half an hour before sunset. We narrowly missed the latter, but still saw hundreds of cranes flying home after a day of foraging.

An hour and a half back up I-25, we reached Albuquerque Old Town, where we had dinner at the High Noon Restaurant & Saloon, a suggestion from a travel guidebook. The ambiance was rustic and the Southwestern cuisine impressed — we started with brie empanadas with apple pecan chutney and chipotle raspberry crema and I ordered the "plaza" platter with a boar belly blue corn enchilada, braised short rib chili relleno, pork tamale, spiced chicken taquitos and creamy hominy. Definitely not Cal-Mex food!

After dinner, we continued north on I-25 to our motel in Santa Fe. In the morning, we made a short drive to Santa Fe Plaza, the center of arts and culture. We strolled adobe-lined streets, took in the artisan crafts for sale on the sidewalks and passed more museums than we could keep track of.

On our way out of town, we drove up Canyon Road, which has more than 100 art galleries and studios within a mile.

We got to our next destination, Bandelier National Monument, driving an hour north on U.S. Route 285 to New Mexico State Road 502 to New Mexico State Road 4. The main loop trail, a 1.2-mile path, was an easy, hourlong hike through human-carved alcoves. Ladders allowed us to climb up and experience what it was like for people who lived there beginning more than 10,000 years ago.

From Bandelier, we backtracked to the White Rock overlook, an unobstructed view of the Rio Grande. By the time we got to the town of Los Alamos, which boasts the Bradbury Science Museum, it was closed and dark. Next time.

Taos stop

The roughly hour-and-a-half drive to Taos mostly on New Mexico State Route 68 felt long but was scenic, with multiple changes in elevation. We treated ourselves to a nice dinner at a modern northern New Mexico restaurant in the El Monte Sagrado spa and resort. I ordered a chipotle maple-glazed elk tenderloin, rich and filling, and my dad got red chili spiced halibut.

Taos was small and easy to get around. After breakfast at the cozy World Cup Cafe, we drove 15 minutes on U.S. Route 64 to the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, which gave us another perspective of the river — a queasy one for those afraid of heights.

Going back the direction we came from and taking a slight detour, we took a step back in time at the Taos Pueblo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Puebloan people still thrive in the well-preserved reddish-brown adobe structures and didn't seem to mind tourists too much. We saw children playing and little girls picking up slabs of ice from a stream. Many doors were open to visitors, especially if they wanted to buy souvenirs.

Back in town, we checked out Taos Plaza, which was very quiet, and had lunch at Five Star Burgers, which served up big, bold-tasting patties made of bison, lamb and beef.

The drive back to Albuquerque to catch our plane that night took just under 2 1/2 hours. We spent a few hours enjoying the historic Old Town Plaza area, which had a different feel from Santa Fe. The downtown was relatively small and mostly sleepy on a Sunday. I made a note to visit the city during the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in October.

It was a whirlwind road trip, but with more sights than I've seen within relatively short distances of each other. So what is in New Mexico? More enchanted places than you can imagine.

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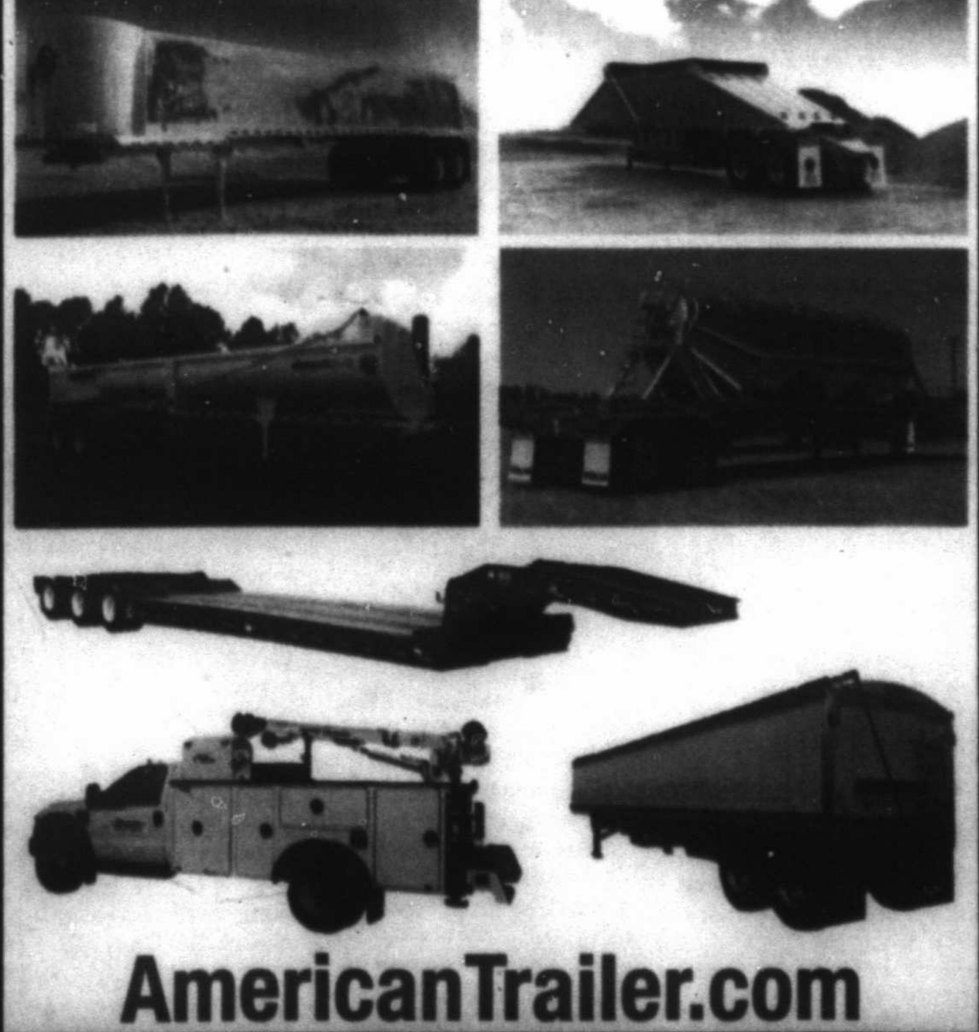

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DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

Give everyone chance to taste teachers' potluck specialties

DEAR ABBY: I have been a teacher for many years, and several times a year I encounter a dilemma I hope you can finally solve for me. When staff members get together for a potluck meal, is it bad manners to eat whatever dish you brought? When we have these meals, I always feel like I should eat my co-workers' contributions and leave mine for others to enjoy.

My fiancee — who loves to cook — enjoys preparing things for me to contribute. She thinks I'm silly for not partaking of whatever she makes for me to bring, especially if it's my favorite dessert. We read your column every day, so we decided to ask you what's the right way to handle this common social dilemma. — TO PIE OR NOT TO PIE

DEAR TO PIE OR NOT TO PIE: The considerate thing would be to take a small slice of the dessert so that the other attendees can enjoy it, too, then wait until you're sure that everyone who wants a sample has finished before going back to polish it off or lick the tin.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young stay-at-home mom who loves to get out and meet people. I have a tendency to make friends with direct sales representatives. But once I have hosted a party or bought some of their merchandise to support them, I become a customer and the friendship ceases to exist. Is there a polite way to tell them I would rather not buy the product or host a party without losing their friendship? —FRIENDLY IN MONTANA

DEAR FRIENDLY: You have been confusing friendship with business. People who cozy up to others to get them to buy a product or host a party are salespeople, not friends. And no, there isn't a "polite" way to tell someone like the folks you have described they haven't made the sale and maintain a "friendship" that never was one in the first place. You might have better luck finding friends if you reached out to other young mothers for companionship.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been happily married for more than 15 years. His former wife has never gotten over him. She has sent him many emails and text messages. He never responds. Her most recent ploy was to sign up with an assortment of vendors to receive mail at our home. We also get phone calls from solicitors asking for her.

Although we live in the same city, this has never been her home. It goes without saying that she needs to get over it and move on. I'm tempted to put "Forward to (her address)" on the mail, but I don't want to egg her on. To me, it's harassment, and possibly stalking. What do you think? — HAD IT WITH HER

DEAR HAD IT: Your husband's former wife appears to have emotional problems, and I agree that what she's doing is a form of harassment. You are certainly within your rights to redirect any mail that's addressed to her to her home. Contact the post office to see what can be done. And if solicitors call, either give them her correct phone number or consider having your number changed to one that's unlisted.

TO MY READERS: I'm wishing a very happy Easter to all! — Love, ABBY

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

How to give garlic a peel

Dear Heloise: Here is a great way to peel cloves of garlic: Wet a paper towel, wrap the cloves in it, then place it in a plastic bag overnight. This softens the hard peel, making it much easier to peel with a knife. I love your column! — Kathy K., Linwood, Neb.

Warming eggs

Dear Heloise: When a recipe calls for eggs to be room temperature, but they're still cold, place them in a warming oven or a regular oven on low heat for 10 minutes. By the time you assemble all the things you need for baking, the eggs will be ready. — Helen M., Ingram

Germs on the menu

Dear Heloise: When you're at a restaurant, be sure to wash your hands after ordering. The menu generally is the dirtiest thing you can touch. You don't know how many other people have handled that menu before you! — Doris R., Clawson, Mich.

Bye-Bye, butter

Dear Heloise: I like to replace butter with coconut oil in nearly all of my recipes. It has a very rich, slightly sweet taste and is a healthier choice than butter. — Brenda W. in Atlanta

Brenda, good idea! I'll have to try it. If you're interested in a pamphlet that has some of my favorite recipes, go to Heloise.com to orde. I love to try a few new healthy variations on some old favorites my mother taught me. — Heloise

The wonderful world or ginger root

Dear Heloise: I know ginger root is good for eating, but how do I prepare it, and what dishes should I use it in to enhance the flavor? — Caroline R., Portage, Wis.

Caroline, there are so many wonderful recipes where ginger root can be used, and I would encourage you to experiment a little. But one of my favorite ways is to use ginger root in a stir-fry. Below is the recipe I use, which all my friends and family love:

1 clove of garlic, crushed
2 teaspoons of ginger root, chopped very thin
1 cup broccoli crowns
1 cup snow peas
3/4 cup julienned carrots
3 tablespoons soy sauce
2 1/2 tablespoons water
1 cup mushrooms
1 cup zucchini slices
1 can water chestnuts
1 or 2 chicken breasts, cooked and diced (optional)

Combine the ingredients over medium to high heat for 15 to 18 minutes. Do not overcook the vegetables.

Readers, do you have a favorite ginger-root recipe that you'd like to share? Send it to Heloise(at)Heloise.com. — Heloise

Baked muffin frittatas are quick and easy customizable treat

By Elizabeth Karmel
Associated Press

I recently became obsessed with these little crustless quiches.

They're more frittata but everyone who eats them likens them to quiche. However defined, they are quick and easy to prepare and can be filled with any of your favorite cheese, vegetable and/or meat combos.

Make sure that your vegetables are sauteed before filling the muffin tins, and any meat such as sausage and bacon is cooked. The short baking time will melt the cheese and set the eggs but not cook any of your add-ins. Since there is no crust to make, these are perfect egg bites for anyone who is watching their carbs or is gluten sensitive. But the real reason to make them is that they taste great.

These "egg muffins" are perfect for entertaining and any leftovers turn a grab-and-go breakfast into a treat. In fact, I sometimes make them just to have on hand for quick weekday breakfasts. My favorite version so far includes asparagus, mushrooms, cheddar cheese and brie as I've included in this recipe. I add pimentos and green onions for flavor and color and tend to keep them in the mix regardless of what other ingredients I choose. The great thing about baking these eggs in a muffin tin is that you can customize them for your guests. For example, you can add ham or some other meat to half of them for the meat lovers and keep half all veggies for the non-meat eaters in your group. They also offer instant portion control and are simple to serve — all you need do is bake, place in a basket or on a platter and serve.

Plus, they are a sight to behold when they are baking. At the end of the baking time, they puff up like a souffle. As they cool, they do deflate a bit but that short thrill makes the eating all the more exciting.

BAKED MUFFIN FRITTATAS WITH ASPARAGUS AND MUSHROOMS

Servings: 12
Start to finish: 40 minutes
- 10 eggs
- ¼ cup cream
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- Pinch of nutmeg
- Butter or olive oil to coat pans
- 1 cup asparagus, chopped
- 1 heaping cup thinly sliced mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup thinly sliced green onion
- ¼ cup chopped pimentos
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ pound brie cheese, cut into 12 pieces

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Crack eggs into a liquid measuring cup. Whisk the eggs, cream, nutmeg and salt. Set aside.

Melt butter in a saute pan and add asparagus and mushrooms and cook for about 5 minutes or until beginning to soften but the asparagus is still bright green.

Grease a 12-cup muffin pan with olive oil. Divide asparagus, mushrooms, green onion, and cheese between each muffin cup, then carefully pour egg mixture over tops until muffin tins are almost full (leave 1/4-inch space).

Bake for 20-25 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean.

The egg muffins will look like a soufflé when they come out of the oven, but they will fall after a few minutes. Let them rest in the muffin tin for a few minutes before using a rubber spatula to carefully remove each muffin. Place on a wire rack to cool for a couple of minutes to let the steam dissipate.

Enjoy immediately or let cool and transfer to a re-sealable plastic bag.

Refrigerate for up to three days. They can be eaten cold or reheated in a microwave.

Nutrition information per serving: 199 calories; 144 calories from fat; 16 g fat (9 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 220 mg cholesterol; 336 mg sodium; 2 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 12 g protein.

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This photo shows mushroom and asparagus quiche muffins at the Institute of Culinary Education in New York. These frittatas are quick and easy to prepare and can be filled with any of your favorite cheese, vegetable and/or meat combos. This dish is from a recipe by Elizabeth Karmel.

Rustic Bake makes great Easter meal

By Noel Stacey
Wild Kitchen and Times

With Easter on Sunday morning it's time to start thinking about Easter Brunch. Whether you're celebrating Easter at a local church with a sunrise service, or just gathered at home with family, breakfast seems to take priority as the meal of the day. Sure, there may be an Easter ham in the afternoon with all the sides before the young ones hunt Easter eggs, but for many a breakfast shared with family and friends starts the Easter celebration off early in the morning.

Many churches that host sunrise services or even traditional services follow their celebration with a hot breakfast. Some churches have an organized sign-up plan while others take the more adventurous route with a potluck style brunch.

If you're organizing the signup for your church's Easter brunch, a wonderful resource that's been mentioned here before is SignUpGenius.com.

Be sure to ask for a variety of contributions including pastries, fruit, juices, and a few heartier hot breakfast dishes like egg casseroles or quiches.

If you're responsible for bringing a hot egg casserole for the group breakfast, this Rustic Breakfast Bake makes an "eggcellent" choice. It can be put together the night before and only takes 30 minutes to bake, unlike many egg casseroles that can take up to an hour to bake through.

This recipe serves 12 to 15 people, assuming other treats are also available, and can easily be doubled to serve 24 to 30 people.

This breakfast casserole works well with either browned breakfast sausage or cubed cooked ham.

Rustic Breakfast Bake

Ingredients:
- 1 pound breakfast sausage or cubed ham
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and chopped
- 4 ounces mushrooms, destemmed and chopped
- 3 to 5 stems green onion, sliced
- 12 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon oregano
- 1 1/4 cup Bisquick or
- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon shortening

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. In a preheated cast iron skillet, brown and crumble breakfast sausage. If using ham, cube it and set it aside.
3. Add jalapeno, mushroom, and green onion to the skillet and sauté until tender. If using ham, add it to the skillet once vegetables are tender.
4. While the sausage and vegetables cook, whisk eggs. Whisk in 1 c milk.
5. In a separate large mixing bowl measure 1 1/4 cup Bisquick or combine 1 1/4 cup flour, 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1 tablespoon shortening, and blend together with a pastry cutter.
6. Add 1 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and 1/4 teaspoon oregano to the Bisquick mix.
7. Pour the egg mixture into the homemade Bisquick and whisk or beat until combined with minimal lumps.
8. Transfer the browned sausage or ham and vegetables to a 9x13 casserole dish. Top with 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese. Pour the egg batter over the cheese.
9. Bake the Rustic Breakfast Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, until the eggs are firm and the top is golden brown. Serve warm with pico de gallo or salsa.

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Stuck for a side dish? Grab a few oranges and add toppings

By Melissa D'Arabian
Associated Press

My mom was a wannabe urban farmer long before it was cool. Living in the city limits didn't stop us from growing our own veggies in a backyard garden that flanked a huge handmade chicken coop, where we raised hens for eggs. (I'll take this opportunity to apologize to our neighbors, especially for the year we accidentally acquired a rooster, and the year after when we ended up with 38 clucking egg-layers as a result of said rooster.)

Today, raising your own food is trendy, but back then we did it because it was cheap. As a kid, I remember being sent to the backyard to grab a snack. I'd forego the plethora of fuzzy zucchini, and grab either a tomato or orange. Biting into a sun-warmed fruit, laced with just the tiniest bit of clinging dirt (I never bothered with the hose), sweet juice dripping down my chin in the dry heat of Tucson, Arizona, is a memory stuck in my bones. No surprise oranges and tomatoes were interchangeable snacks, both of them sweet, acidic, and juicy. Turns out, oranges and tomatoes are worthy swaps for each other in a host of raw recipes.

So if you are out of tomatoes, or they are simply out of season, consider using oranges instead, tasty year-round. The additional sweetness is a welcome twist in most recipes — try oranges in your caprese salad — but if you want a less sweet option, use grapefruit, or a combination of cucumber and oranges instead.

When you are stuck for a side dish, grab a few oranges from the fruit basket, slice them up and lay them out on a platter, and add whatever tasty toppings you have on hand — avocado, chopped scallions or shallots, nuts, seeds, fresh herbs, spicy greens, leftover rotisserie chicken, a drizzle of pesto are just a few ideas. Try this week's Orange and Cucumber Layered Salad with Shrimp, but use the ingredient list as a mere suggestion to start your own creative version.

ORANGE AND CUCUMBER LAYERED SALAD WITH SHRIMP

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 2
- 1 medium naval or cara cara orange (or grapefruit), peeled, sliced, membrane and seeds removed
- 1 medium blood red orange, peeled, sliced, membrane and seeds removed
- 1/2 English cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1/4 medium avocado, sliced
- 1/4 fennel bulb, core removed, thinly sliced
- 1/4 small red onion, thinly sliced (To mellow the red onion flavor, shock the red onion slices by placing for ten seconds in ice cold water, and then blotting dry.)
- 1 cup watercress (or arugula or other favorite greens)
- 6 ounces steamed shrimp
- 1 tablespoon toasted pumpkin seeds (or other nut or seed)
- 1-2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice or orange juice
- 2 teaspoons high quality extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Optional: chopped fennel fronds for garnish

Layer the orange slices and cucumber on a platter. Top with the avocado slices, fennel slices, watercress, shrimp and pumpkin seeds. Squeeze the lemon or orange juice over the whole salad, and then drizzle with olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, and fennel fronds, if using.

Nutrition information per serving: 255 calories; 104 calories from fat; 12 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 107 mg cholesterol; 737 mg sodium; 23 g carbohydrate; 6 g fiber; 15 g sugar; 16 g protein.

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HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	TleBind	(:40) ★★★ Down Periscope			(:15) ★★ Lost and Found David Spade.				(:55) ★★ The Happening		Girls	
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:05) P.S. I Love...		(:15) by the Sea ('15, Dra) Angelina Jolie.				(:15) Absolutely Fabulous: T...		(:50) ★ The Forest			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:00) Midnight ...		(:55) ★★ The Incredible Hulk		(:50) ★★ Antwone Fisher Derek Luke.				(:50) Dave Chappelle's Blo...			
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:35) Bushwhacked		(:05) ★ The Gene Generation		(:45) ★★ Changing Lanes Ben Affleck.				(:25) Legend Tom Hardy.			
PLEX			96			Movie	(:55) Madeline Sing...	(:25) Kramer vs. Kramer				(:15) ★★ Songcatcher Janet McTeer.			(:05) The Open ...		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	(:35) ★★ Premonition			TheCirc.	(:45) Disgraced (2017, Documentary)				★ The Family That Preys		
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) Rugrats in ...		Jimmy Vestvood: Amerika...		★★ Witless Protection				(:10) The Who: Live in Hyde Park			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Into the Storm ('14, Act) Richard Armitage.					★★★ Gridiron Gang				★★★ Man on Fire Denzel Washington.		
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	Movie
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Carpenter	Fellow.	Abundant	Joyful Noise (N)		Lift Voice	SoulTrainEaster		(:35) ★★ Annie		
BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Beverly Hills		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Housewives P.	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	F1 Auto Racing Bahrain Grand Prix (L)				
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	(5:30) Sacred Cod		Deadliest Catch "Uncharted Territory"				Gold Rush Parker		Gold Rush Parker		Parker "Hypothermia"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Stuffins	Lion Guard	Mickey	Puppy	Elena	Tangled	LEGO (N)	Lights	StuckMid	Underc.	★★★★ Up	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Poker '16 World Series		We' Fans	We' Fans	SportsCenter		Fishing Bassmaster Classic				SportsCenter Special	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) Fox and Friends						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		Outnumbered	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Patricia H	S. Kitchen	Barefoot	Barefoot	Big Bite	Cooking	Southern	Pioneer	Pioneer	Rules	Giada (N)	Brunch
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Young	Abduction ('11, Act) Taylor Lautner.					★★ Twilight ('08, Dra) Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart.					Movie
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Outdoors	Mavericks	Thunder	Sports	Paid	Paid	NCAA Softball Oklahoma vs. Kansas				Focused	Polaris
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Endless Love ('14, Rom) Alex Pettyfer.				Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★ 47 Ronin ('13, Act) Keanu Reeves.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	A Dash of Love ('17, Rom) Jen Lilley.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	Home Town	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ten Commandments				The Bible "In the Beginning/ Exodus"				The Bible "Homeland/ Kingdom"			
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	★★ The Nanny Diaries ('07, Com)				★ The Devil Wears...	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball	Business	PoliticsNation		MSNBC Live		AM Joy				MSNBC Live	
NBCSN	38	43				MatchDay	Leauge Live (L)		(:25) EPL Soccer Liverpool vs West Brom (L)				Live	EPL Soccer Chelsea at Manchester United (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	P Ranger	P Ranger	Turtles	Bunsen	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Off-Road	E. Power	Truck T.	D.Muscle	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		TwiSight	Twilight "Death Ship"			★★ The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian Ben Barnes.					Movie
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ Back to the Future ('85, Com) Michael J. Fox.					★★★ Back to the Future II		
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:30) The Silver C...		★★ Godspell ('73, Mus) Victor Garber.				★★★ The Set-Up			★★★ Barabbas		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Liga extra	EPL Fútbol Chelsea at Manchester United (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	Long Lost Family	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order "Encore"		Law & Order "Savior"		Law&Order "Deceit"		The Librarians		The Librarians		The Librarians	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G.Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Amazing	T.Point	In Touch	J.Osteen	Chrisley	Chrisley	NCIS		NCIS "Gone"		NCIS	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	P. Popoff	Key David	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Count	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					Paid	News	Carrasco
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Jim Nantz		To Be Announced		PGA Golf The Heritage Site: Harbour Town Golf Links (L)						TBA	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	Gilligan	Gilligan	HappyD.	Laverne	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	★★ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Johnny Depp.				HomeT.	Paid	Paid	2½Men	2½Men		BigBang	BigBang
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Z. Levitt	Mani Erfan	Jerusalem	Restore	Southwest "Part 1"		Southwest "Part 2"		HaYesod	Hebrew	Jerusalem	Housecall
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Havas	Red Bull Signature Crashed Ice			NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	W.L.Yoga	Clos.Truth	Martha	Martha	Chef's	Chef	Great British Baking		Nova		News.	India
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Monterrey at Toluca (L)				Republica deportiva		Camino a Premios TV y Novelas				Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		SkiSnow.	Bucket List	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	A.Athlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	Major Crimes	
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:05) ★★★ Casino Royale			★★★ Shoppgirl Steve Martin.			(:20) ★★ The Accidental Spy			(:50) ★★ What Women Want		
HBO	300	550	14	14		VICE	★★★ The Aviator ('04, Bio) Cate Blanchett, Leonardo DiCaprio.					(:25) ★★ Catch Me If You Can					Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:15) Girls	(:45) Girls	(:15) Girls	(:45) Girls	(:15) Girls	(:45) Girls	(:15) Girls	(:45) Girls	Goodbye	(:45) Bill Maher		LastWeek
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Movie	Last Week	Crashing	(:40) ★ War Dogs ('16, Com) Jonah Hill.				(:40) Girls	(:10) ★ The Young Messiah			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:35) ★★ The Conjuring Patrick Wilson.			★ Lights Out		(:50) ★★ Phone Booth			(:15) ★ Max Payne		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:40) ★ Emelie Sarah Bolger.			(:05) ★★★ In America Paddy Considine.				(:55) ★ Welcome to Mooseport		Movie	
PLEX			96			Movie	(:35) ★ Molly Moon & the Incr...			(:15) ★★ The Little Vampire				(:55) ★ Ghost Squad	(:25) ★ Once Bitten		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	★ Out of the Furnace ('13, Act) Christian Bale.			★ The Man Who Knew Infinity Dev Patel.					TheCircus	Homeland	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	★ A.R.C.H.I.E. Michael J. Fox.		★ Jimmy Vestvood: Amerika...				★★ Witless Protection			(:40) ★ Rugrats in Paris: The...		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(10:00) ★ Man on Fire		S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	American Pickers		American Pickers	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(11:30) ★★★ King Kong (2005, Action) Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody.						★★★ Avatar ('09, Fant) Zoe Saldana.					
BET	58	-		40		(10:35) ★★ Annie Quvenzhané Wallis.				Browns	Browns	Browns	(:50) The Browns		NewEdition Story 1/3 cont'd next		
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Potomac		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	F1 Extra	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Epic Homes		Epic Homes		Epic Homes		Epic Homes		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Bad Blood"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Movie	(:45) Tangled	(:15) Bunk'd	StuckMid	AndiMack	Bizaard.	Bizaard.	Bizaard.	Bizaard.	Bizaard.	Tangled	Tangled
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	PBA Bowling				NCAA Softball Missouri at Auburn (L)				NFL Football		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsC.	30 for 30 "This Was the XFL"			30 for 30 "One and Not Done"				SEC Storied		SportsC.	SportsC.
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's Newsroom		Fox News Sunday		AmericaNewsroom		Your World		PerinoStirewalt Tell		Special Report	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Kitchen "Happy Easter"		Chopped		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(11:30) ★★ The Twilight Saga: New Moon				(:40) ★★ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse ('10, Dra) Kristen Stewart.						Movie	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas vs Seattle				Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field (L)					
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★ Riddick ('13, Sci-Fi) Karl Urban, Vin Diesel.					★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr...					
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ Moonlight in Vermont Lacey Chabert.				★ Walking the Dog Jennifer Finnigan.				★ Hearts of Spring ('16, Rom) Lisa Whelchel.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Home Town		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	The Bible "Survival/ Hope"				The Bible "Mission/ Betrayal"				The Bible "Passion"			
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00) ★★★ The Devil Wears Prada				★★★ The Holiday ('06, Rom) Kate Winslet, Cameron Diaz.					★ My Sister's Ke...		
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live		Meet the Press		Pulse of America		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live			
NBCSN	38	43				League Goal Zone (L)		RFU Rugby English Premiership Sar./Nor.				F1 Auto Racing Bahrain Grand Prix				NHL Live! (L)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Loud H.	Loud H.	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Nicky	Thunder
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(11:30) ★ Catwoman				★★ Oz the Great and Powerful ('13, Adv) James Franco.					★★★ The Goonies		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(10:30) ★ Back to t...		★★★ Shrek ('01, Ani) Mike Myers.				★★★ Shrek 2 ('04, Ani) Mike Myers.				★ Shrek the Third	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(10:30) ★ Barabbas		★★★ Ben-Hur (1959, Epic) Jack Hawkins, Stephen Boyd, Charlton Heston.								★ Easter Parade	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Enfoque	Angel	★ Selena ('97, Drama) Edward James Olmos, Jon Seda, Jennifer Lopez.						Noticias	Conducta	Mega Desastres	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Long Lost Family		Casey Anthony		Casey Anthony		Casey Anthony	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	The Librarians		The Librarians		★★ Jack the Giant Slayer ('13, Fant) Nicholas Hoult.				NBA Basketball Playoffs			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Sea Dog"		NCIS "Freedom"		NCIS "Seek"		NCIS "Shooter"		NCIS		NCIS	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Outsiders	"The Run"

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Inside Disneynature "Wild Lives" (N)		Once Upon a Time "Awake" (N)		Match Game (N)		Amer. Crime "Season Three: Episode Six" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) American Ninja Warrior		(:35) Blue Bloods
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Stayin' Alive Music stars honor the Bee Gees with a dance party. (N)				NCIS: Los Angeles "The Queen's Gambit"		CBS 7 News	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Falcon	(:35) Element.
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "No Time to Die" Investigating the disappearance of his nephew's bride.				Kolchak: Night Stalk "The Trevi Collection".		Honey-mooners	The Odd Couple	Cheers	B.New-hart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Ice Age	Bob's Burgers	The Simpsons	Making History	Family Guy	Last Man on Earth	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Texans 360	Jack Van Impe	Paid Program
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Behind the Veil	Wings of Truth	Creation Proclaims
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Little Big Shots "Tiny Dancer"		Little Big Shots "We're Back"		Chicago Justice "Comma" (N)		Shades of Blue "A House Divided" (N)		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	County Reporter	Whacked Out	Bones
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nature "Viva Puerto Rico"		Call the Midwife (N)		Masterpiece Classic "Home Fires" (N)		Masterpiece Classic "Wolf Hall"		Austin City Limits "Spoon/ White Denim"		Call the Midwife	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Noche de Estrellas Premios TV y Novelas		Premios TV y novelas						Durmiendo el mejor Univision	Noticiero o mi jefe	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle		CSI: Miami		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Scandal	
FLIX	340	575		165		(6:50) ★ What Wo...		★★★ Casino Royale ('06, Act) Daniel Craig.				★★★ Hidalgo ('04, Dra) Viggo Mortensen.					
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:50) ★★★ Suicide Squad Will Smith.		The Leftovers (SP) (N)		Girls (F)		Veep (N)		LastWeek	The Leftovers		Veep
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Animals.	(:45) Leftovers "I Live Here Now"			★★★ The Nice Guys Ryan Gosling.				★★★ Cloud Atlas ('12, Adv) Tom Hanks.			
HBOS	304	552	16	102		★ The Huntsman: Winter's War				★★★ Slumdog Millionaire Dev Patel.				(:05) ★★ Self/ Less Ben Kingsley.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:15) ★ Max Payne		★★★ Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials		(:15) ★★★★ The Martian ('15, Act) Matt Damon.							Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:50) ★★★ Ghost Patrick Swayze.				★★ Everest ('15, Adv) Jake Gyllenhaal.				(:05) ★★★ Hardball Keanu Reeves.			
PLEX			96			(5:25) ★ Once Bitten		★★ From Night				★★ The Haunting Liam Neeson.			(:25) ★ The Skulls III		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Billions		TheCirc.	TheCircus	Guerrilla (P) (N)		Billions (N)		Billions		TheCircus	Guerrilla
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	★★★ Akeelah and the Bee				★★ Chicago Catherine Zeta-Jones.				★ Blackway Julia Stiles.			Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		Pickers "Trading Up"		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:30) ★★★ Avatar		Into the Badlands		Into the Badlands		Badlands (N)		Talking-Hardwick (N)		Comic B.	Badlands
BET	58	-		40		New Editi (:45) The New Edition Story Pt. 2 of 3 cont'd next						The New Edition Story 3/3				Stop Suffering	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Atlanta Social (N)		Housewives Atl. (N)		Housewives P. (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta
CNBC	46	52		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Vice	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Finding Jesus		Finding Jesus		Finding Jesus		Finding Jesus	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked&Afraid XL (N)		Naked "The Monster"		(:05) Naked&Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	StuckMid	Andi Mack	Underc.	Bizaard.	★ Radio Rebel Debby Ryan.		Underc.		(:40) Bunk'd	Bizaard.	Girl M.	AndiMack
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at New York Yankees (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter		NCAA Bowling Division I Championship				30 for 30 "One and Not Done"				ESPN FC (N)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		Legend Iron Chef (N)		Iron Chef (N)		IronChef	Iron Chef	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef Gauntlet	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:40) ★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Daw...				(:20) ★★★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2						J.Osteen	Paid
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Rangers	Knockout	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field						Sports	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Fast & Furious 6 ('13, Act) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.								Feud (N)		(:10) Feud	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ Like Cats & Dogs (2017, Romance)				When Calls Heart (N)		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Bargain	Bargain	Life (N)	Life (N)	IslndLif	IslndLif	H.Hunt	House	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	The Face of Jesus Uncovered				The Jesus Strand: A Search for DNA (N)				(:05) The Face of Jesus Uncovered			
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ My Sister's ...		★ Heaven is for Real ('14, Dra) Greg Kinnear.				★ Heaven is for Real ('14, Dra) Greg Kinnear.				★ Heaven is for ...	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Meet the Press		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)				NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						Overtime	Air Race
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	H.Danger	H.Danger	Crashlet	★★★ Ice Age Ray Romano.		F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue			Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(6:30) ★ The Goonies		★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest Johnny Depp.						★★ Piranha ('10, Hor) Elisabeth Shue.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(5:00) ★ Shrek the T...		★ Night at the Museum: Secret of the ...				★ Night at the Museum: Secret of the ...				★ Back to the Fut...	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Easter Parade		★★ The Robe ('53, Rel) Victor Mature, Richard Burton.				★★★ King of Kings ('62, Epic) Jeffrey Hunter.					
TELE	20	-	10	20		★ Noah (2014, Adventure)				Don Francisco				Titulares	Conducta	★ Snow Flake, the...	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Long Island Medium		L.I. Medium (N)		Long Lost Family (N)		Think You Are (N)		(:05) L.I. Medium		(:05) Lost Family	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball Playoffs						NBA Basketball Playoffs			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Dog Tags"		The Beverly Hills Dog Show (N)				(:10) ★★ Meet the Fockers ('04, Com) Robert De Niro.				Chrisley	
WGN	19	85				Blue Bloods "Framed"		Blue8. "Inside Jobs"		Blue8. "Men of Black"		BlueBlood "Warriors"		Bones		Bones	

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CALENDAR

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TODAY

Easter Sunday

MONDAY

U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus, 7 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. Free. wagnernoel.com.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

TUESDAY

"Social Media or Indie Authors" by the Permian Basin Bookies. This workshop will show how to utilize social media to promote your works, by novelist Ann Swann. Meetings are open to writers, literary agents, publishers, graphics designers, playwrights, poets, photographers and screenwriters. 6 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. For more information, email mark.mcmarketing@gmail.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.

"Greater Tuna," 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $22.50 to $49.50. Wagnernoel.com.

THURSDAY

Third Thursday Reading will feature "Cat and Canary" with copies given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Adult Cooking Class: Wine Pairing 101. Participants are encouraged to bring a bottle of wine to enjoy. 7 p.m. at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $55 per person, $10 corking fee. hightfoods.com.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music. 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

FRIDAY

"Colors of the Southwest: The Tia Collection" in the Concho Resources Inc. and Wagner galleries. Opens Friday and on display through June 25. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years) at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

"The Awesome 80s Prom" is an interactive show taking place at the Wanaget High senior class prom in 1989. Prom attire encouraged. Ticket includes souvenir cup, yearbook program and prom photo opportunity. Doors at 7:30 p.m. Opens Friday and runs through April 29 at The Junior League of Midland, 902 W. Dengar Ave. For ages 21 and older only. $35. mctmidland.org.

George Lopez and D.L. Hughley Together Live, Friday and Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $42 to $62. wagnernoel.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. This is the the market's 10th season. The market will be open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

"The Met: Live in HD: "Eugene Onegin." 11:55 a.m. at Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $23.82 adults, $17.32 child, $21.65 senior. Fathomevents.com.

Earth Day Book Signing by the Permian Basin Bookies. Sara Barnard will sign copies of her book with readings by her and other local authors. 3 p.m. at Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

Adult Cooking Class: Baking II. Participants are encouraged to bring a bottle of wine to enjoy. 7 p.m. at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $55 per person, $10 corking fee. Hightfoods.com.

Drew Thomas Magic by the Cowan Performing Arts Series; 7:30 p.m. in the Chaparral Center at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St. Free. midland.edu.

Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m. at Yucca Theater, 208 N. Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

ON DISPLAY

"Little Unexpected Incidence" featuring works by Cathy Cunningham. This exhibition is part of the 2017 Contemporary Series: Science in the Southwest. On display through May 21 in the Mary Blanton Kennedy Gallery. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Printmaking Invitational featuring 40 national Artists 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, 2-5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday through April 22 at Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, 4901 E. University Blvd. Odessa.

Works by Courtney Johnson. Johnson's works will be on display Fridays throughout the month of April. 6 p.m. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

"On the Rise: Student Artists of the Permian Basin" in the Turner Memorial Art Museum. Through April 24. A Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroommarfa.org.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 432-685-1112

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Admission currently free. highskywing.org.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Don McSparran, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays throughout April. Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. midlandartsassociation.org.

Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 432-682-5447.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. petroleummuseum.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

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

WEEKENDER

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"ACTION FIGURES" By C.C. BURNIKEL

ACROSS

1 Quaker in the wind
6 Little bite
11 "House" actor Omar
15 Full house, e.g.
19 Pond flower
20 Navel type
21 Selectively remove
22 Butterfike topping
23 Doris during a workout?
25 Maker of Regenerist skin care products
26 Velte roof option
27 Claims
28 Greenwich Village sch.
29 Director Oliver working on pizza dough?
32 Cymbals with a pedal
34 Tire for emergencies
36 Perfect Sleepers, e.g.
37 Yoga class greeting
39 Place for a bud?
41 Deepest, as feelings
44 Tiny bit
46 Many a pizza slice
48 Subj. for Janet Yellen
51 Diaper cream additive
52 Labor day deliveries
54 Quisling's crime
57 1688 coffeehouse founder Edward better known in the insurance world
58 Cause of some lines
59 Comical Samantha busy stitching?
61 Look for
62 Masterful move
64 Ski resort sight
65 Avoid, as an issue
66 Some battered rings
70 Mumbai mister
71 Baker's gluten-free choice
73 JFK: New York ___ : Chicago
74 Singer Laine
76 Troubles
77 Lara's love
78 Nicolas taking a swing?
80 Big 112-Down
81 Painter of dancers
84 Lacking variety
85 Silkscreen aid
87 Computer with a Magic Keyboard
88 Disc golf obstacle
89 Dürer, e.g.
91 They, in Cognac
92 One lying a's and z's
94 Used a bench, say
97 Certain triathlete
99 French sponge cake
102 Linguine sauce
104 Squalid
106 Singer Al making a strike?
109 Spanish pronoun
111 Provide a bank floor plan for, say
113 Eurasian border river
114 Alpha ___
115 Nathan at quarterback?
118 Inconsequential
119 Exiled Roman poet
120 Clashing with, with "of"
121 Sheds
122 Florist's creation
123 State of disarray
124 "Spider-Man" actress
125 Shoelace protector

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2 2002 skating gold medalist Hughes
3 Sally having fun?
4 Cuthbert of "24"
5 Editor Tolese with her own Doubleday imprint
6 Stylish
7 Arnen Corner golf course, familiarly
8 Benchmark: Abbr.
9 Pageant sparkler
10 Pooh's mopey pal
11 "Silent Spring" subj.
12 Canines with corded coats
13 Pier
14 Con man's expression
15 Spicy steamed Mexican food
16 "He Was Despised," in Handel's "Messiah"
17 Strip gas
18 Suss (out)
24 In one piece
30 Grassy expanse
31 Amtrak stop: Abbr.
33 "Schoolchildren": Tracy Kidder book
35 Unreleased
38 Google Maps lines: Abbr.
40 Varnish component
42 Tofurky protein source
43 Newsman Koppel
44 Debacle
45 Engaged
47 Hexa- halved
49 Express sympathy (with)
50 Needing to be saved?
53 Ottawa-born songwriter Paul
55 "View of Toledo" painter
56 Yours, in Cognac
57 Romaine bit
59 Tonic ingredient
60 Layered lunches
62 Golf course rental
63 Soapbox user
65 Lucille on a trampoline?
66 Pass (good in 28 countries)
67 Tailgating fixtures
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70 Something fashed by a catcher
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75 Prayer supports
76 Following remark?
78 Place for shady transactions
79 Had Subway fare
80 Physics Nobelist of 1936
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82 London's Virgin __ Records
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85 "Billions" network, briefly
86 Muscle-bone connector
88 "16 and Pregnant" spin-off
90 King known for his wealth
93 "Lord, is __?": Matthew
95 Big primate
96 One of 18 on a disc golf course
98 Like sundials
100 __ nectar: sugar substitute
101 Wrinkly fruits
103 Major snag
105 Broadway matchmaker
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107 Sister brand of Nilla
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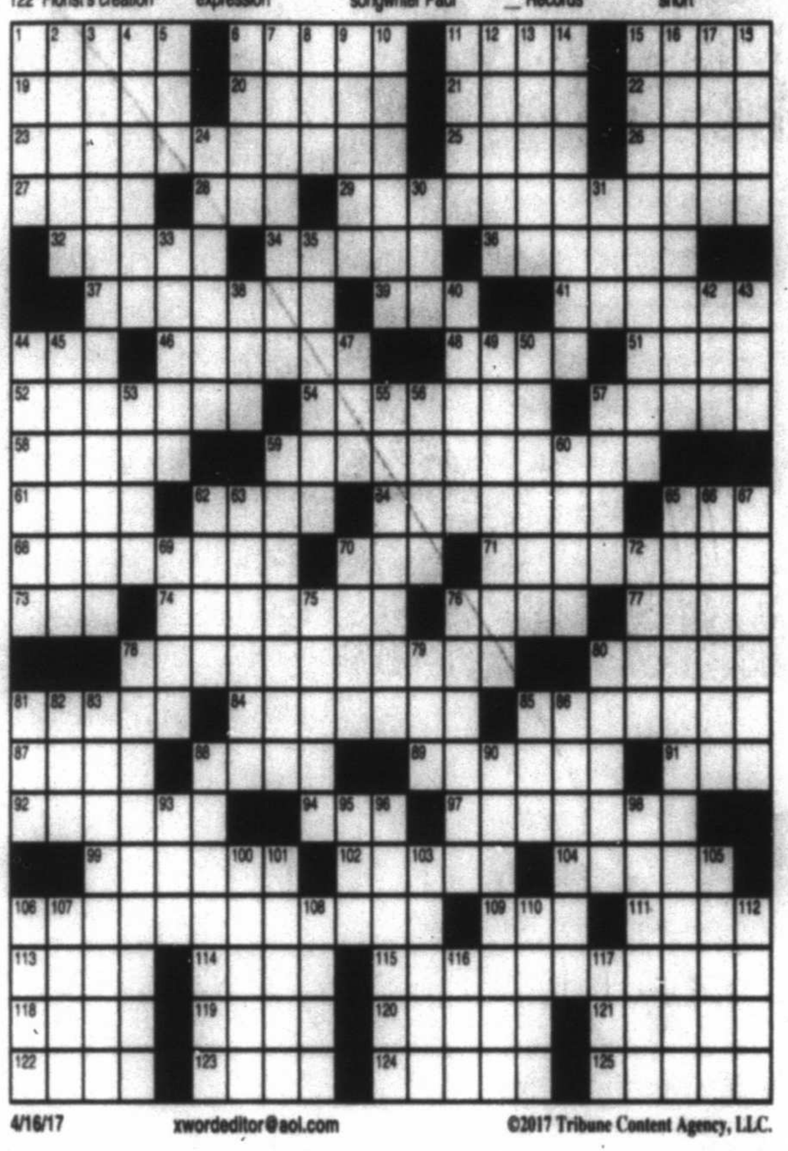

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OIL REPORT

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Among the research being done at GE's new Oil & Gas Technology Center in Oklahoma City is development of its Raven drone, used to detect emissions and help operators reduce their environmental impact and improve productivity.

Drones become increasingly popular in oil patch

Industry moves into the air to sniff out leaks, pinpoint drilling locations

By Mella McEwen
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"We don't know what we don't know. What if there are subtle heat signatures along active faults that also have doubled as migration pathways? I would recommend this approach in Nevada to find another Grant Canyon, which holds 30 billion barrels."

Susan Nash, director of innovation and emerging science/technology with the American Association of Petroleum Geologists

To better understand what's happening on the ground — or underground — oil and gas operators are turning to the skies.

Drones — increasingly used in everything from agriculture to border surveillance, military operations to event coverage, newscasts and filmmaking — are finding their way to the nation's oil patch.

These unmanned aerial vehicles have been sniffing out gas leaks and detecting leaks at tank farms, pipelines and other oilfield infrastructure. Now, as companies work to improve battery life and sensors, drones can find their way into the upstream oil and gas industry, used for land surveys and terrain mapping and with emerging petroleum geology applications.

"Robotically controlled, programmed drones that use the UAVs we are familiar with have been used for three or four years in the oil patch, first in inspecting leases — often doing solar panel inspections in hybrid operations — and for lease encroachments," Susan Nash, director of innovation and emerging science/technology with the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, said in an email. "They're also used for taking very nice photos and videos for investor presentations.

"But, if we look at the bigger picture of remote sensing, airborne photography and sensing have been done for a long time. Gravity and magnetics have helped determine the depth to the basement, and thus structure — anticlines and domes, especially — as far back as the 1950s. Remote sensing from satellites was used to detect large-scale lineaments, some of which corresponded to productive structures. The Ames astrobleme in Oklahoma is an example," she said.

"Also, hyperspectral that detects and creates false color composites corresponding to foliage impacted by methane leaks or salt water spills has also been around since the early days of LANDSAT," she said.

Drone research is part of the mission of GE's recently opened Oil & Gas Technology Center in Oklahoma City. The center houses GE scientists and engineers developing digital and hardware solutions in collaboration with the oil and gas industry.

As part of its grand opening celebration last fall, it unveiled its prototype drone, "Raven," which is engineered to precisely and cost effectively detect emissions and help oil and gas operators reduce their environmental impact and improve operational efficiency. The prototype drone was successfully piloted in July at well sites in Arkansas by Southwestern Energy Co. to detect emissions from oilfield equipment.

Nash sees different areas where the industry can benefit from the data provided by drones:

■ **Places where direct hydrocarbon indicators can be combined with surface geochemistry.**

Methane seeps can be detected and used to look for ideal locations. There are a number of operators in this area — Amplified Geochemical is one — and there are a few geologists who are bringing together surface seeps with subsurface information to find prospective areas and to pinpoint sweetspots.

■ **The lineaments that are detectable from satellite imagery are even more evident from drones.**

They can help find structures. The successes in the past (Ames astrobleme, for example) of satellite imagery could be replicated in the future with drones at a fraction of the cost.

"We don't know what we don't know," Nash said. "What if there are subtle heat signatures along active faults that also have doubled as migration pathways? I would recommend this approach in Nevada to find another Grant Canyon, which holds 30 billion barrels."

Cost is not necessarily a barrier, according to Nash.

"The prices for surprisingly high-functioning drones are falling every day. Sensors are

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Operators act to darken skies near McDonald Observatory

Photo courtesy of Texas Parks and Wildlife

The lights of 24-hour oil and gas operations in the Permian Basin have created a sky glow visible to the north of the McDonald Observatory in the Davis Mountains, as shown in this April 19, 2015, photo.

By Mella McEwen
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Dark skies are surrounding the University of Texas' McDonald Observatory at Fort Davis. And that's a good thing.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association, in collaboration with the University of Texas McDonald Observatory, recently issued its recommended lighting practices for oil and gas operations in the seven counties that surround the observatory.

"We're very excited," Ben Shepperd, president of the PBPA, said in a phone interview as he was returning to Austin after hosting the association's annual golf tournament.

"We've been working with the observatory for a couple of years and had a number of meetings with observatory officials, operators and service companies to come up with a good set of recommended practices," he said.

The recommendations were prepared by the Dark Skies Advisory Group, made up of PBPA members, representatives of the observatory and the public. The group was formed to address the needs and concerns of the observatory and help develop a plan to help keep West Texas skies dark and help the work of the observatory.

PBPA's board of directors approved the recommendations, which should be implemented after the Texas Legislature ends its 2017 session, Shepperd said.

Lighting type, coloring and direction — including guidance to keep lights pointed below the horizon to help mitigate light pollution — are among the key recommendations.

Shepperd said the recommendations should help the observatory "and are workable, especially from a safety standpoint."

"One thing we learned is those bright white lights are actually bad for your eyes," he said.

He said proper lighting could improve safety around drilling sites, which involve lots of tools and heavy machinery.

The recommendations also encourage the use of internal combustion units, which would reduce the need for flares.

Operators active in the region should easily adapt the recommendations because they don't involve additional costs or major costs, "it's just different equipment," Shepperd said.

Apache Corp. is one of the operators that has joined in the effort, particularly as it develops its Alpine High discovery announced last fall.

"We hope that our partnership with Bill Wren and the McDonald Observatory can really serve as a template for what's possible when both parties work together for mutual benefit," Apache spokesman Joe Brettell said in an email. "Thanks to Bill and his advice on dark skies compliance, we've educated our employees, improved our work spaces and really sought to integrate protecting the work of the observatory in everything we do. As Alpine High develops, we hope future operators and generations of oilfield workers will look to build collaborative, beneficial relationships with our neighbors in the area."

Even though the advisory group has issued its recommendations, Shepperd said work will continue. Additional meetings are planned for the summer "to see how the recommendations are working and to keep the momentum going," Shepperd said.

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Statistics executive is bullish on oil production in US

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Allen Gilmer, chairman and CEO of Austin-based Drillinginfo, is confident the United States will increasingly replace Saudi Arabia as the aworld's swing oil producer. That's the case even if oil prices don't rise much from their current levels above $50, he said.

In fact, his company, known for bringing statistics to the oil patch, doubled down during the two-year bust, recently acquiring Chicago-based Global View Software and the assets of Denver's Ponderosa Energy.

Gilmer recently shared his bullish outlook with the Houston Chronicle.

Q: What do you see as the ceiling and floor on oil prices? We've already seen $100 as well as $26 these past few years.

We have a resource base here in the United States that suggests we could add production far beyond our ability to actually consume it. That's of course going to bring the crude oil down and retard it. That's why we see the future as sort of being this roller coaster of ups and downs, but not dramatic like what we've seen. My personal feeling is that ceiling is close to $60. It's hard for the real floor — any time you can momentarily go above or below — to be below $45.

Q: Are efficiencies and cost reductions so improved as to make it profitable with current pricing?

Across the board in the U.S., the wells we're drilling today are producing 60 percent better than they did in 2013. In the Permian, they're producing 90 to 100 percent better than in 2013. That's a pretty huge geopolitical influence relative to the globe.

Houston Chronicle file photo

Allen L. Gilmer, Chairman and CEO of Drillinginfo, poses for a photo Aug. 21, 2014, at The North American Prospect Expo in Houston. The company sells data and analytics that helps energy companies to better plan and make faster oil and gas decisions.

Q: Does more automation and the need for fewer wells needed for the same oil production mean fewer jobs?

There's that old saying — pigs get fat; hogs get slaughtered. It's better for all of us to be little tiny cute pigs than big fat hogs. This is an industry that's still going to pay high wages for really high-quality talent. What we're not going to see is paying high wages to get low-quality talent. As one friend of mine says, "Here, McDonald's, here are your workers. We don't want them." This industry works better when it's high-quality people who are here for the long term.

Q: How has the shale boom and horizontal drilling coupled with hydraulic fracturing changed the need for analytics and techniques?

The oil industry used to be a land grab — whoever got the land first won. Well, now it's kind of like chasing tigers. You grab a tiger, but now what are you going to do with it? They made the mistake of drilling wells not knowing what they were doing and destroyed a lot of the value. They've falsely proven that it's bad acreage.

Q: How is that playing out in the booming Permian Basin?

We definitely see a differential in the Permian between great players and bad players. The thing that's different is the Permian is anywhere between four and a dozen plays stacked on top of each other. We're kind of in the first or second inning of that whole deal out there.

Q: Is that creating a Permian bubble?

Some people are paying more than it would suggest they can recover from a single well for that acreage. You're going to hear people say it was oversold, and they're going to forget the ones that were really great. (Irving-based Pioneer Natural Resources), for instance, has been out there forever with low-cost acreage because they bought it when it was known as the world's largest uneconomic oil field. Now they're sitting on a tremendous amount of resource. They're completely immune to the Permian bubble. They're going to be winners. Somebody who's buying in today with lots of money who's never done it before, well then, the jury is still out on that.

Q: Did the downturn weed out most of the bad players, including bad environmental actors?

There are certain people where it's just congenital. I think it's weeded out a lot. A lot of these guys were old and used to doing it a certain way. They'd rather just thumb their nose than do the right thing. Most of those guys are no longer there.

Q: So you see U.S. exports of crude and other petroleum products taking off?

I see the Port of Houston and Port of Corpus Christi as being incredible winners. As California becomes a more difficult place to export from and, with the expansion of the Panama Canal, and all the petrochemical infrastructure we have here and continue to build, the Texas Gulf Coast is a great place. I was out fishing by Corpus Christi, and there was tanker after tanker after tanker lined up. It was pretty awesome.

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SIPES April program announcement

Members of the Midland chapter of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists will meet Wednesday in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club beginning with a reception at 11:15 a.m.

Aaron Mueller, vice president Health, Safety and Environmental with Independence Contract Drilling will speak on "The Impact of Industry Organizations on Government Regulations."

There is no charge for members, $20 for guests.

March drilling permits up, but well completions still remain low

The state of Texas issued more than 1,300 drilling permits in March, more than double the number of permits issued a year ago, when the price of oil had plunged to $26.

The Railroad Commission of Texas, the state's oil and gas regulator, issued 1,310 permits, more than 1,100 of which were oil and gas wells, according to monthly statistics released last week. Fifty one of those drilling permits were for injection wells, which are used to dispose of wastewater or for enhanced oil recovery, a process that injects water or carbon dioxide underground to force oil to the surface.

The commission approve 511 drilling permits in March of last year.

But overall well completions were still down as compared to last year. Last month, the commission counted 663 oil and gas well completions, as compared to 1,141 well completions in March 2016. Total well completions for the year to date are 1,925, down nearly 50 percent from the 3,452 well completions in the first three months of 2016.

Linn Energy OK'd for trading on over-the-counter market

Linn Energy, the largest company to file for bankruptcy during the oil bust, has been approved to trade shares on an over-the-counter market that requires stocks to trade above a penny, the company said Monday.

Shares of the once high-flying oil company traded on the OTCQB, operated by the Over-The-Counter Markets Group. Linn now trades under the symbol "LNGG."

Linn emerged from bankruptcy in February after clearing away $5 billion in debt, parting ways with Berry Petroleum, the Denver-based oil company it had bought for $4.3 billion.

All told, the company lost $2.2 billion in 2016 and $4.8 billion the year after oil prices collapsed. This year, it plans to turn its focus to its 185,000 net acres in western Oklahoma's Scoop and Stack plays.

Exco Resources to sell off Eagle Ford assets for $300 million

Exco Resources plans to sell off its oil and gas properties in the Eagle Ford Shale for $300 million as it ramps up drilling elsewhere.

That's less than half the $685 million the Dallas oil producer paid for the assets in Zavala, Frio and Dimmit counties in South Texas four years ago, when oil prices were near $100 a barrel.

The company said it will use proceeds from the transaction, expected to close in June, to boost drilling in the Haynseville and Bossier Shale in East Texas and western Louisiana.

It's selling the Eagle Ford assets to Venado Oil & Gas, a private equity-backed company based in Austin. Those properties produced some 4,100 barrels of oil equivalent a day in December.

Shell sues former head of security for threatening to reveal secrets

By L.M. Sixel
Houston Chronicle

Crockett Oaks III, a former FBI agent who led the U.S. security operations of Shell Oil Co., was part of a selection committee that last year recommended the hiring of a 53-year-old man with a military background as a security adviser. But when the company directed the committee to find a younger female candidate, Oaks objected to hiring based on age or gender and was subsequently fired.

Those allegations are contained in a lawsuit filed by Oaks that is testing the limits of employee confidentiality agreements. Shell Oil, the U.S. subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell, in late March obtained a temporary court order blocking Oaks from revealing potentially damaging information about Shell's personnel practices to support his claim.

As head of security, Oaks was privy to confidential personnel decisions that might show that his firing was retaliatory, according to court documents. Shell alleges that Oaks violated his employment agreement when he shared confidential information with his lawyer and a third-party mediator brought in to settle the dispute.

Shell also claims Oaks breached his duty of loyalty and good faith to Shell by threatening to disclose details of internal investigations at Shell that the company believes are confidential.

Seeking and obtaining a restraining order is unusual in cases involving confidential information, legal specialists said. Typically, both sides agree in advance to file confidential information under seal such as patents, trademarks or even Social Security numbers. The information can be used as evidence in the case, but it's not part of the public record.

The issue of confidentiality comes up most often when employees who feel wronged were former high-level executives privy to corporate secrets that they promised not to reveal, Houston employment lawyer Martin Shellist said. But confidentially agreements also can't block an employee — or ex-employee — from getting legal help.

"It doesn't mean they can't talk to their lawyer about it," Shellist said.

Shell declined comment. Oaks and his attorney, Houston employment lawyer Mark Oberti, also declined to comment.

Oaks, who began working for Shell in 2003, was responsible for investigating security threats to employees, property and the company's reputation, and was required to keep even the existence of investigations a secret.

When a job for a security adviser opened up, the selection committee, which included Oaks, chose the older man as the most qualified, according to court documents. The candidate was already working for a contractor that provided security for Shell and a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. The candidate served in the same reserve unit as Oaks, a lieutenant colonel.

After the committee made its choice, Oaks alleged, his boss in the Netherlands was "frustrated and unhappy" about the recommendation, which was made despite earlier instructions to look for someone who was younger and a woman.

"The profile we discussed was ex-government agency, still early in career and (based on previous conversations) you know I would want you to look particularly at female candidates,"" according to one email from Oaks' boss in September, which was cited in Oaks' complaint.

The committee's preferred candidate was not hired, but he was told he could reapply when the position was reposted, according to court records.

Oaks objected to the use of age and gender during a subsequent conference with human resource representatives and later with his boss. About three months later, on

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DRONES

From 1F

another matter. They, too, are dramatically falling in price. But, the high-resolution and specialized sensors can be $50,000 or so, which is scary when one thinks of putting them on a drone that could potentially crash. So the emphasis now is to use analytics to get the most out of the drone, the sensor and the information."

Battery life is another factor, she said, noting that fixed-wing drones have a longer range but aren't as flexible, while most multi-rotor drones only have 30 minutes of battery life — on a good day with no wind and without a heavy payload.

"In my opinion, the future is brightest for those who provide services for the drones — extending battery life (I know of a company that has developed very ingenious recharging stations), and also optimizing analytics, so you can get more out of your collected data, and also start to use deep learning so that you have "smart" drones and can be self-driving, which is actually not at all permitted at this point," she said. "Drones are programmed to follow GPS waypoints and so the drone operator has to understand exactly where they're going."

Nash, who serves as program chair of the Society of Petroleum Engineers' new Technical Section on Unmanned Systems, is optimistic about the future of drones and UAVs.

In her work with AAPG, she has been organizing workshops and training for drones and UAVs in exploration and production. A two-day workshop is being presented by the AAPG's Education Department and SPE's new Technical Section May 23-24 at Houston's Norris Conference Center in CityCentre. The workshop will cover a wide range of current and emerging applications, case studies and research. More information on the workshop is available at http://bit.ly/2p1fYPp.

SKIES

From 1F

"We want to be proactive. We know what a treasure the observatory is and we want to do all we can to protect it," he said.

"The observatory has all kinds of scientific implications internationally and we want to protect it."

He said that it is also in keeping with the association's mission of not only promoting the oil and gas industry but "to work with the communities where we operate. We need to do our level best to treat our neighbors right and not negatively impact their businesses."

MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$49.20	Sunoco*	$49.75
Flint Hills Resources*	$49.50	Nymex futures	$52.70*
Phillips 66	$47.73		
Plains*	$49.75	Net price without transportation charge	
Shell Trading	$49.70	Note: Posted prices as of April 12	

Conoco to sell San Juan Basin stake for $3B

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

ConocoPhillips plans to sell its stake in the natural gas-rich San Juan Basin to Hilcorp Energy for as much as $3 billion.

The Houston oil explorer said its 1.3 million acres stretching from Colorado to New Mexico will fetch $2.7 billion in cash, as well as contingent payments of $7 million per month if natural gas prices stay above a certain level. These payments, which could last for six years after the beginning of 2018, are capped at $300 million.

The deal, expected to close in the third quarter, comes on the heels of its $13.3 billion agreement to sell off Canadian oil sands assets to Cenovus Energy in late March.

And like that deal, the San Juan Basin sale is expected to cut the company's exposure to a resource — U.S. natural gas — that has become far less profitable in recent years. Its assets there produce some 124,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day, but nearly 80 percent of that is natural gas. It collected about $200 million in cash from operations there last year.

ConocoPhillips said it expected to write down the value of the assets in the second quarter, recording an impairment charge. At the end of last year, the assets were worth $5.9 billion.

In a statement, ConocoPhillips CEO Ryan Lance said the deal would improve the company's balance sheet and return cash to shareholders.

After the San Juan Basin and Canadian oil sands transactions close, the amount of North American natural gas the company extracts will fall from 20 percent to 10 percent of its energy production mix, while oil climbs from 35 percent to 45 percent.

Colorado lawmakers kill bill on energy drilling near schools

Associated Press

DENVER — Urged on by industry and business groups, a Republican-led Senate committee voted along party lines to defeat a proposal to extend the required distance between Colorado's schools and its oil and gas wells.

For safety reasons, Colorado currently mandates that drilling operations be located at least 1,000 feet from schools and other high-density buildings. It also requires a 500-foot distance from residences.

The state regulations were adopted in 2013, prompted in part by a boom in oil and gas drilling, especially in areas north and northeast of Denver. That area also has seen explosive residential growth in recent years.

The bill by Democratic Sens. Matt Jones and Irene Aguilar would have applied that 1,000-foot buffer zone to the property lines of a school or a child care center, instead of the building itself. It would have applied to playgrounds and athletic fields as well, but would not force existing drilling operations to move.

Jones cited the prospect of industrial accidents or exposure to methane, which can be emitted from oil and gas wells, in urging passage of the bill. He also argued that the ability of energy companies to drill horizontally underground would make it relatively easy for those firms to comply.

"The least we can do is protect the young people by passing this modest measure," Jones said.

A host of groups ranging from the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce to the Colorado Farm Bureau testified against the bill, arguing, among other things, that the state's regulations on drilling are among the toughest in the U.S.

The Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee voted 6-5 to kill the bill, with all six Republicans on the panel voting against.

The vote came as residents in the northern Colorado city of Greeley sued regulators over a drilling operation near a middle school.

The lawsuit contends the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, a regulatory body, approved a drilling permit for Extraction Oil and Gas for a site only 500 feet from the Bella Romero Academy.

Extraction Oil and Gas says the site is more than 1,300 feet from the school building and about 1,200 feet from a playground, The Greeley Tribune reported.

OILBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NORTH DAKOTA

Oil production rebounds over 1M barrels daily

BISMARCK — North Dakota's oil production in February increased above 1 million barrels per day for the first time since August.

The Department of Mineral Resources says the state produced an average of 1.03 million barrels of oil daily in February, up from 981 million barrels in January. Production has been rising due to a slight rebound in oil prices.

North Dakota also produced 1.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day in February, up from 1.5 billion cubic feet daily in January.

The February tallies are the latest figures available.

There were 51 drill rigs operating in North Dakota on Thursday, up 12 from the February average.

North Dakota first surpassed the million-barrel-per-day mark in April 2014 and set a production record in December 2014 at 1.22 million barrels daily.

PARIS

Oil demand growth seen slowing for a second year

The International Energy Agency expects growth in the global demand for crude oil to slow for a second consecutive year in 2017.

The Paris-based agency expects growth of 1.3 million barrels a day this year, compared with 1.4 million barrels previously forecast, due to stalled demand in the U.S., Middle East, Russia and India.

In its monthly report released Thursday, the IEA, a body that advises major oil-consuming nations, says production will grow this year, even when considering pledges by OPEC countries to limit output.

The combination of factors could keep a lid on oil prices, which have risen in the past six months after a three-year slump. On Thursday, the international benchmark for crude oil was up 2 cents at $55.88 a barrel.

DENVER

Colorado lawmakers want new study on oil, gas health risks

Some Colorado legislators want a new state health department study on the potential health risks of the oil and gas industry, saying an earlier assessment that found low risk was inadequate.

Eighteen Democratic lawmakers wrote a letter to health department Director Dr. Larry Wolk criticizing the earlier assessment as narrow and incomplete. They also said it had a "dismissive tone."

The letter was dated April 4 and made public Tuesday.

SHELL

From 2F

Dec. 6, Oaks was dismissed for failing to report that he and his preferred candidate were part of the same Army Reserve unit and recuse himself from the hiring process.

In his lawsuit, however, Oaks said the issue of his military relationship was a "bogus cover" to fire him. Oaks said that he did not report to the job candidate in the military and that he repeatedly disclosed their military connection to Shell officials. Oaks also said he had details of other Shell employees who were hired based on their military affiliations, but did not lose their jobs. Oaks decided to sue.

Before filing in federal court in Houston, Oaks and his lawyer notified Shell of the pending complaint, a common legal practice to launch settlement talks. About a month later, Shell filed for a temporary restraining order in state court, alleging that Oaks' plan to reveal sensitive personnel information through his lawsuit was an "effort to coerce the company" into a financial settlement.

State District Court Judge Bill Burke granted the order, which prevents Oaks from disclosing confidential details, including results of Shell's investigations.

The restraining order didn't stop Oaks from filing his lawsuit against Shell in federsl court in Houston. The lawsuit included five pages of blacked-out allegations that would have exposed the employment history of Shell employees who committed unspecified acts of "wrongdoing," yet were not terminated, according to court documents.

Oaks, who earned more than $325,000 a year as security chief, is seeking back pay, unrealized stock options and lost pension benefits.

A hearing on the restraining order is set for April 21 in state district court. But Burke noted in his order that the federal court should be the one that decides what is permitted in the federal pleadings.

The federal case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge David Hittner, who has scheduled the first conference for June.

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Waterflooding: Performance Predictions and Surveillance
Instructor: Dr. Michael Wiggins
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Keeping the Lease Alive: Modifications to the Oil and Lease and Assignments
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 2 of 6 Modules: Title: Chaining, Interpreting and Curing Titles
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Cost: $625; Out of State $650

The Art of Technical Sales
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: May 5, 2017 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Division Order Calculations - Processes/Horizontal Drilling Seminar (Both Days)
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: May 8 - May 9, 2017 - Monday - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $650; Out of State $675

Division Order Calculations Seminar - (Day 1 Only)
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: May 8, 2017 - Monday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $325; Out of State $350

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Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: May 9, 2017 - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $325; Out of State $350

SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Database
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: May 16, 2017 - Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State: $400

Sucker Rod Pumps: From the Basics to Troubleshooting Sand and Gas Interference
Instructor: Rodney Sands
Start Date: May 17, 2017 - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $150; Out of State: $175

2017 Permian Basin Environmental Regulatory Seminar
Keynote: Todd Abbott, Pioneer Natural Resources
Location: Carrasco Room, Midland College Main Campus
Date: May 18, 2017 - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: Early Bird: $155 now through April 24th; Out of State $180
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Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods
Instructor: John Stermole
Start Date: May 22 - 25, 2017 - Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Spreadsheet Log Analysis and e-Petrophysics
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Instructor: Dr. John H. Doveton
Start Date: May 24, 2017 - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $395; Out of State $420

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PetroSkills: Completions and Workovers - CAW
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Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: June 5, 2017; End Date: June 30, 2017: Registration Deadline: Noon, June 5, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students: www.midland.edu/ppdc

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 3 of 6 Modules: Title: Oil & Gas Lease Interpretation, Negotiation and Interest Calculations
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: June 5, 2017: End Date: June 30, 2017: Registration Deadline: Noon, June 5, 2017
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Well Control Drilling/Workover (WellSharp)
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Petroleum Engineering for Non Engineers
Instructor: Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: June 13, 2017
Cost: $695; Out of State $720

IHS Markit: Petra Advanced Mapping
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Cost: $1600
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PetroSkills: Production Chemistry - OGPC
Instructor: Carlos Palacios
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On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6 Modules: Title: Oil & Gas Calculations
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: July 5, 2017; End Date: July 28, 2017: Registration Deadline: Noon, July 3, 2017
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 4 of 6 Modules: Title: Oil & Gas Law and Its Impact on Land Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: July 3, 2017; End Date: July 28, 2017: Registration Deadline: Noon, July 3, 2017

Fast growth of sand mining is 'real deal' after downturn

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

KOSSE — In a deepening pit in this small town southeast of Waco, workers aim a high-pressure water cannon that reduces small hills of clay-like sand into a watery slurry that is filtered, processed, dried into fine particles and loaded onto trucks bound for hydraulic fracturing operations across Texas. It will take up to 1,000 trucks to haul enough of this sand to frac a single large well.

As drilling has recovered in recent months, particularly in West Texas' Permian Basin, the sand mining industry has exploded. It is producing more than ever to meet the demand of an oil and gas sector that is using up to 20 times more sand per well than it did during the peak of the last energy boom. Across the state, already home to nearly 10 frac sand mines, operators are moving to expand quickly, setting the stage for Texas to become a bigger player — and competitor — in an industry long dominated by purer Wisconsin and Minnesota sands.

At the same time, the growth of sand mining is opening a new front in the battle between the energy industry and environmentalists, who argue the mines despoil pristine land and create health hazards by kicking up silica dust, which has been linked to lung cancer, tuberculosis and other lung diseases when inhaled.

In Atascosa County, south of San Antonio, residents are fighting a 300-acre sand mine proposed by Preferred Sands of Radnor, Pennsylvania, citing health risks, potential well water contamination, truck traffic and potential damage to the site of the 1813 Battle of Medina, a bloody fight in the early years of Mexico's long war for independence.

"What's more important? Breathing or having water to drink?" said neighboring resident Jessie Hardy, who voices local air and water pollution concerns through an opposition group, "Not just dust."

Sand companies contend they follow regulations to limit silica air pollution and that they have almost no carbon emissions. They are pressing ahead to take advantage of demand and prices that have doubled in a little over a year. Several new sand mines or expansions, covering thousands of acres, are proposed in Texas.

Here, at the 300-acre, Superior Silica Sands mine in Kosse owned by Emerge Energy Services, employment over the past year has rebounded to 30 from its oil-bust low of four, and the company is looking to acquire another Texas sand mine any day now and expand it.

"People were skittish in the beginning if the recovery was real," said the mine manager Dave Heagle. "But it seems like the real deal now."

'Propageddon'

Sand is mixed into fracturing fluids that crack shale rock to prop open the fissures to allow oil and gas to escape, hence the industry name "proppant" to describe the fine grains. The largest wells now consume up to 25,000 tons — 50 million pounds — of sand each, up from 1,500 tons, or about 3 million pounds, per well during the boom years through 2014.

When oil prices crashed and companies sought ways to lower production costs, drillers began experimenting with the idea of using more sand — cheaper than chemicals and ceramic proppants — to increase oil and gas output.

Drillers are creating much longer wells that extend a mile or two horizontally and sometimes pumping more than 5,000 pounds of sand per foot, according to energy analysts and executives, including Rick Shearer, the chief executive of sand manufacturer Emerge Energy Services.

Nevertheless, the silica industry did suffer during the two-year oil downturn. Some sand mines were mothballed and the sector remained in the doldrums last fall as energy companies exhausted their existing sand supplies. That finally changed near the end of 2016, Shearer said.

"The switch is certainly flipped, and it flipped very quickly," Shearer said. "We've seen a dramatic shift in demand. We're scrambling now and sold out of some finer grades of sand."

Oil prices and U.S. drilling rig counts have doubled from their 2016 lows. The sand comes into play when the drilling rigs finish their jobs.

Companies are quickly moving to expand sand mines or open new ones. Shearer is eyeing expansion opportunities in Texas. Others have recently taken their sand companies public, sensing the timing was finally right.

The downside is the surging demand is creating price spikes for sand, slowing the profit recovery for oil and gas producers, and creating more logistical bottlenecks with rail and truck shortages required to move the sand across the country. Industry average sand pricing rose from 2016 lows of less than $15 per ton to nearly $40 a ton now, executives and analysts said.

Sand usage slowly rose during the shale oil rush from 2011 to 2014 with the thought that it would peak and reach a point of diminishing returns, said George O'Leary, director of oil services research at Houston energy investment firm Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co.

"What we saw was the inverse," O'Leary said.

Instead, after oil prices began plummeting in late 2014, the industry consensus last year became, "We just want to pump a whole lot more sand," O'Leary said. "They took a lot of chemistry out of the well."

The approach seems to be working and companies are increasingly pushing further in that direction with the fixation on sand. It's viewed as the best bang for the buck in wells.

Nationwide, frac sand demand is expected to double this year to about 80 million tons — from roughly 40 million last year — and potentially hit 120 million tons in 2018, he said.

The 2014 peak only consumed 54 million tons. Wells today typically use at least 5,000 tons each.

Oklahoma City's Chesapeake Energy attracted attention late last year when it coined the term "propageddon" to describe using more than 50 million pounds of sand in a single gas well in northwest Louisiana with the stated goal of "unleashing hell" on every gas molecule.

Chesapeake claims the effort increased gas output by 70 percent.

The most coveted weapon for waging war on shale rock is so-called "Northern White" sand from Wisconsin and Minnesota because of its purer and rounder properties.

However, cheaper costs and easier access increasingly are making brown sand from Central Texas and other parts of the state more appealing.

Texas, Wisconsin growth

Houston-based sand miner Hi-Crush Partners sources its sand from its Wisconsin facilities, but opted in February to spend $325 million to acquire and build out sand mining

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Julio Griffin adjusts the water pressure on a hydro-cannon March 28 at the Superior Silica Sands sand mine in Kosse. Demand for sand is surging as oil and gas production in the Permian Basin is booming again. Not only is the need for more sand on the rise with the increase in oil and gas production in west Texas, but much more sand is being pumped into each well now with the emerging thesis that more sand equals more oil extracted. *Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle via AP*

around the oil patch

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Customized onsite crew reviews improve response to well control incidents

According to a review of multi-industry incident reports, the "human factor" is the leading cause of accidents. Minimizing the human factors that contribute to well control incidents means creating a culture of change through analysis of individual roles.

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MINING

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operations in Winkler County — near the heart of the Permian Basin. Hi-Crush is hiring 55 people to man the mine.

The plant should open in October and churn out 3 million tons a year, said Hi-Crush co-founder and CEO Bob Rasmus. The Texas sand is cheaper so producers can use more of it, he said. "The more sand used, the better the well results."

At the Superior Silica mine in Kosse, even the plant's adopted dogs, Red and Boudreaux, run around happily, seeking snacks from truck drivers picking up sand hauls.

The mining operations last year switched from standard excavation practices to using a "hydro cannon" for hydraulic mining. Operators aim the hydro cannon at the clay-like sand and blast it into a watery slurry, which is drained and piped to the mine's "wet plant." There, the impurities are removed from the sand and it's separated out into different grades of sand. The sand then goes to the "dry plant" to remove the moisture and create the finished product. The sand is then dumped from silos into trucks ready to haul it to oil and gas fields.

The mine's sand deposits go at least 100 feet deep, but they're only mining to 60 feet at this point. The mine is the company's smallest, but it's still churning out 30,000 tons a month.

The hydraulic mining method reduces the amount of dust in the air by keeping it in a slurry form through much of the process.

Wisconsin residents who aren't accustomed to the oil and gas sector have fought sand mining projects, as well, but that hasn't kept business from booming.

Chuck Young founded Smart Sand in 2011 and opened its Wisconsin facility to churn out 4.4 million tons a year. The idea was to ship sand to the shale gas fields in Pennsylvania and Ohio, but now about half of the supply is sent to Texas.

Young followed suit, moving himself and the company headquarters to The Woodlands. The goal was to take the company public, but then oil prices went bust. "That made us shelve our IPO. We bootstrapped it, cut costs and rode it out," he said.

He decided the time was finally right late last year. The initial public offering underwhelmed in November with potential investors still nervous. But the stock has already risen 45 percent from about $11 a share to $16 per share.

Now, he's eyeing expansions and a possible Texas mine.

The industry trend toward finer grains of sand has matched Smart Sand's production supply. Previously, it was believed coarser grains were needed to prop open wider the fissures in the shale rock to help the oil flow, said Lee Beckelman, Smart Sand's chief financial officer.

"With finer mesh, you're pulverizing the rock," Beckelman said. "You have smaller fractures, but they keep those fracs open."

There are some concerns about the stability of oil prices and whether sand companies are bringing on too much additional sand capacity too quickly. But analysts like George O'Leary see demand continuing to rise.

"Sand really isn't that hard of a business, and, right now, it's a pretty attractive business."

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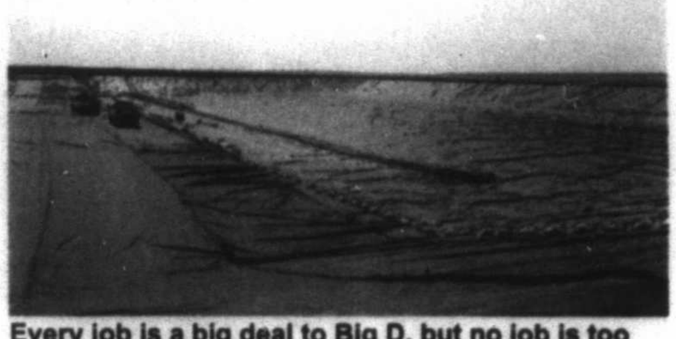

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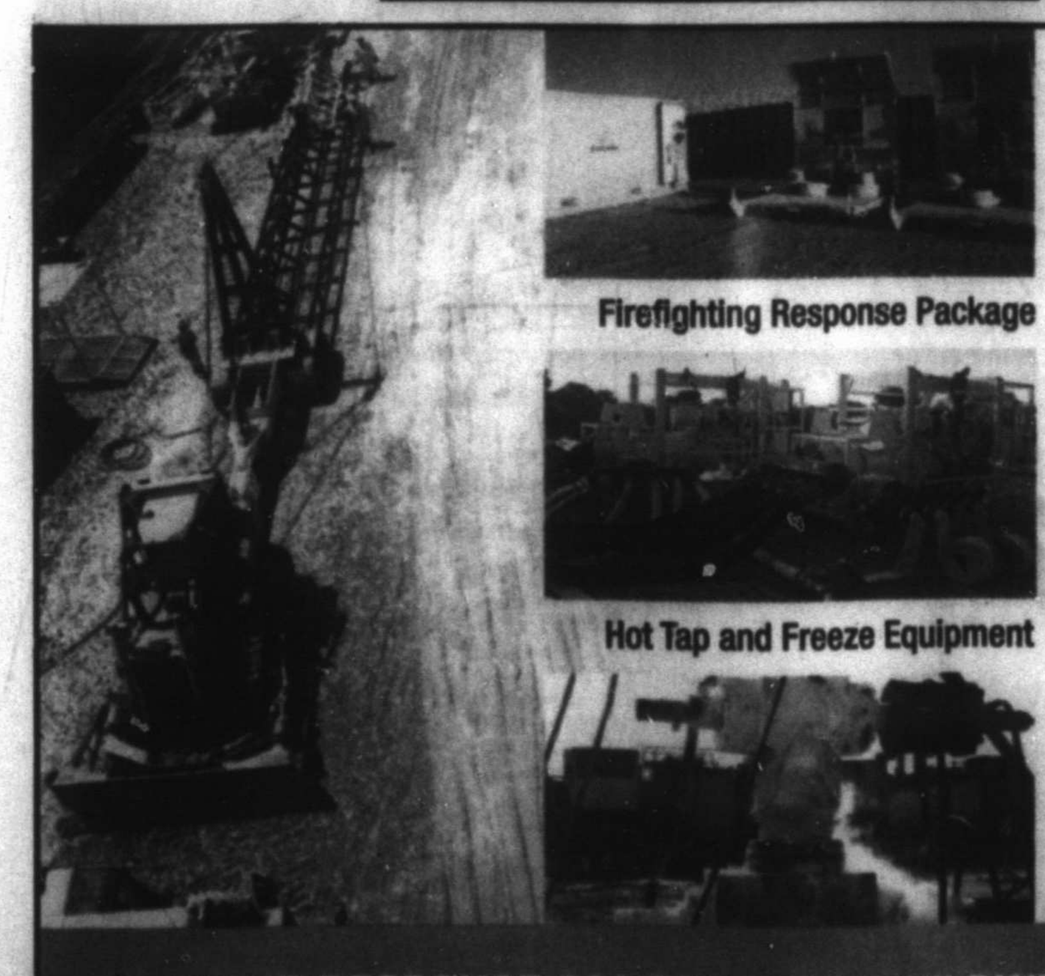
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Mesa Operating LLC
Marshall #1
EXDC (980); 1285 fnl, 175 fel, Sec 138, Blk 60, Abst. 1563, H&TC RR, 0.01 s Lohn; TD 2000; API #42-307-31196 Permit issued 4/6

Mesa Operating LLC
Marshall #2
EXOC (980); 175 fel, 1084 fsl, Sec 138, Blk 60, Abst. 1563, H&TC RR, 0.01 s Lohn; TD 2000; API #42-307-31197 Permit issued 4/6

Reagan County

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Randy Johnson 19-19A #4203H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 368 fnl, 1148 fwl, Sec 19, Blk B, Abst. 292, L&SV RR, 21.7 nw Big Lake; TD 8900; API #42-383-39846 Permit issued 4/3

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Randy Johnson 19-19A #4303H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 357 fnl, 1120 fwl, Sec 19, Blk B, Abst. 292, L&SV RR, 21.7 nw Big Lake; TD 9200; API #42-383-39847 Permit issued 4/3

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ringo (8 -9) #4301H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 760 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 5, Blk D, Abst. 328, L&SV RR, 23.5 nw Big Lake; TD 9200; API #42-383-39849 Permit issued 4/7

Upton County

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University West #0504AH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 3923 fsl, 665 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 5, Abst. 76U, ULS, 9.85 se Rankin; TD 8999; API #42-461-40572 Permit issued 4/5

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University West #0504BH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 3911 fsl, 681 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 5, Abst. 76U, ULS, 9.85 se Rankin; TD 8999; API #42-461-40573 Permit issued 4/5

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University West #0504CH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 3898 fsl, 696 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 5, Abst. 76U, ULS, 9.85 se Rankin; TD 8999; API #42-461-40574 Permit issued 4/5

JM Cox Resources LP
Owens 'J' #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 31, Blk B, Abst. 26, CCSD&RGNG, 11 ne Rankin; TD 12000; API #42-461-40575 Permit issued 4/7

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Andrews County

COG Operating LLC
Mabee 24 #2305MH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 2440 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 39, T-2-N, Abst. 2305, G&MMB&A, 18.5 se Andrews; TD 9000; API #42-003-47508 Permit issued 4/7

Elk Meadows Resources LLC
Redus #223H
Fullerton (San Andres)-Horizontal; 390 fnl, 1980 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-37, Abst. 1977, PSL, 21 nw Andrews; TD 4575; API #42-003-47525 Permit issued 4/3

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BQ" #403
Lowe West (Strawn); 50 fnl, 4400 fel, Sec 4, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 184, G&MMB&A, 6.6 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-003-47526 Permit issued 4/7

Culberson County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Smarty Jones 42 State Unit #2H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 450 fnl, 6102 fel, Sec 42, Blk 59, T-2, Abst. 443, T&P RR, 17.3 sw Orla; TD 9680; API #42-109-33093 Permit issued 4/3

Ector County

Capstone Natural Resources II LLC
Flag Ranch B #2
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 330 fnl, 330 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 45, T-1-N, Abst. 342, T&P RR, 13 nw Goldsmith; TD 7000; API #42-135-43507 Permit issued 4/6

Capstone Natural Resources II LLC
Flag Ranch E #2
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 330 fnl, 361 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 45, T-1-N, Abst. 342, T&P RR, 13 nw Goldsmith; TD 6600; API #42-135-43508 Permit issued 4/6

Capstone Natural Resources II LLC
Flag Ranch F#1
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 330 fnl, 990 fel, Sec 19, Blk 45, T-1-N, Abst. 343, T&P RR, 13 nw Goldsmith; TD 9000; API #42-135-43506 Permit issued 4/7

Glasscock County

Diamondback E&P LLC
Saxon G #1103LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1293 fwl, 280 fsl, Sec 11, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 420, T&P RR, 12.7 sw Gar-den City; TD 8900; API #42-173-37557 Permit issued 4/7

Diamondback E&P LLC
Saxon I #1103WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1323 fwl, 280 fsl, Sec 11, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 420, T&P RR, 12.7 sw Gar-den City; TD 9600; API #42-173-37558 Permit issued 4/7

Diamondback E&P LLC
Saxon H #1103WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1290 fel, 270 fsl, Sec 11, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 420, T&P RR, 12.7 sw Gar-den City; TD 9400; API #42-173-37559 Permit issued 4/7

XTO Energy Inc.
Zant-Hurt-Bialock Unit 1 #4801BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 540 fwl, 1300 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 36, T-2-S, Abst. 1095, T&P RR, 16.9 nw Garden City; TD 8900; API #42-173-37547 Permit issued 4/4

Howard County

SM Energy Company
Sundown #4524LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fnl, 2310 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 31, T-1-N, Abst. 181, T&P RR, 14.2 nw Coa-homa; TD 8700; API #42-227-39081 Permit issued 4/4

SM Energy Company
Sundown #4566WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fnl, 2340 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 31, T-1-N, Abst. 181, T&P RR, 14.2 nw Coa-homa; TD 9100; API #42-227-39082 Permit issued 4/4

Surge Operating LLC
Wolfe-Brophy Unit 45-04 #1BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 670 fwl, Sec 45, Blk 33, Abst. 356, T&P RR, 4.5 sw Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-227-39080 Permit issued 4/3

Surge Operating LLC
Hots Unit 34 #3AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 1779 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 1235, T&P RR, 3.75 sw Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-227-39084 Permit issued 4/7

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Silvertip Unit Z #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 408 fsl, 400 fel, Abst. 1336, J.E. Whiteside, 19.3 ne Mentone; TD 13350; API #42-301-33261 Permit issued 4/7

Apache Corporation
Mockingbird State Unit 9 #250H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 479 fsel, 739 fswl, Sec 9, Blk 2, Abst. 204, W&NW RR, 3.1 nw Mentone; TD 15000; API #42-301-33307 Permit issued 4/7

Mewbourne Oil Company
Zuma 3 57-T1-3X10 #W102AP
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 185 fnl, 230 fel, Sec 3, Blk 57, T-1, Abst. 165, T&P RR, 28.5 nw Mentone; TD 11000; API #42-301-33308 Permit issued 4/7

Shell Western E&P
Murus 55-2-30 LOV Unit NE #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2462 fsl, 1357 fel, Sec 30, Blk 55, Abst. 1363, T&P RR, 13.8 nw Mentone; TD 11200; API #42-301-33305 Permit issued 4/4

Silver Hill Energy Partners LLC
Rudd Draw 29-3 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 340 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 29, Abst. 986, PSL, 12 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33310 Permit issued 4/7

Silver Hill Energy Partners LLC
Rudd Draw 29-3 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 300 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 29, Abst. 986, PSL, 11 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33309 Permit issued 4/7

Martin County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
M Bell #3
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 1800 fwl, 475 fsl, Sec 14, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 939, T&P RR, 10.6 w Elbow; TD 12000; API #42-317-40791 Permit issued 4/7

RSP Permian LLC
G.W. Glass 'B' #1001H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 7295.7 fsl, 5100.9 fel, Sec 10, Blk 38, T-1-N, Abst. 716, T&P RR, 18.5 nw Stanton; TD 12000; API #42-317-40787 Permit issued 4/3

RSP Permian LLC
G.W. Glass 'B' #1002H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 7295.7 fsl, 5060.9 fel, Sec 10, Blk 38, T-1-N, Abst. 716, T&P RR, 18.5 nw Stanton; TD 12000; API #42-317-40788 Permit issued 4/3

RSP Permian LLC
G.W. Glass 'B' #1004H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 7086.2 fsl, 4166 fel, Sec 10, Blk 38, T-1-N, Abst. 716, T&P RR, 18.3 nw Stanton; TD 12000; API #42-317-40790 Permit issued 4/3

RSP Permian LLC
G.W. Glass 'B' #1003H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 7086.2 fsl, 4206 fel, Sec 10, Blk 38, T-1-N, Abst. 716, T&P RR, 18.3 nw Stanton; TD 12000; API #42-317-40789 Permit issued 4/5

Trail Ridge Energy Partners II LLC
Steuben #102WB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1474 fel, 2505 fsl, Sec 27, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 54, T&P RR, 8.18 ne Stanton; TD 10500; API #42-317-40792 Permit issued 4/7

XTO Energy Inc.
Patricia Unit 2 #4805BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2311 fel, 600 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 757, T&P RR, 2.5 ne Lenorah; TD 9230; API #42-317-40732 Permit issued 4/3

XTO Energy Inc.
Patricia Unit 2 #4825SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2261 fel, 600 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 757, T&P RR, 2.6 ne Lenorah; TD 8530; API #42-317-40738 Permit issued 4/3

Midland County

Chevron USA Inc.
CMC Fenway 22/34 A #0012WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 570 fsl, 1115 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 796, T&P RR, 13 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41487 Permit issued 4/5

Diamondback E&P LLC
ST S-ST RR K #505WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1782 fel, 1084 fsl, Sec 44, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 800, T&P RR, 5.22 sw Mid-land; TD 10580; API #42-329-41629 Permit issued 4/7

Diamondback E&P LLC
ST ST RR L #506LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3686 fwl, 9595 fnl, Sec 44, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 800, T&P RR, 5.22 sw Midland; TD 10235; API #42-329-41630 Permit issued 4/7

Diamondback E&P LLC
ST ST RR M #505LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3688 fwl, 9625 fnl, Sec 44, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 800, T&P RR, 5.22 sw Midland; TD 10235; API #42-329-41631 Permit issued 4/7

Diamondback E&P LLC
ST ST RR N #500LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3690 fwl, 9655 fnl, Sec 44, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 800, T&P RR, 5.22 sw Midland; TD 10235; API #42-329-41632 Permit issued 4/7

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Preston 28 #1D
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC; 1262 fnl, 1195 fel, Sec 28, Blk 37, T-4-S, Abst. 896, T&P RR, 23.5 se Midland; TD 6100; API #42-329-41628 Permit issued 4/6

Pecos County

Crimson Exploration Operating Inc.
Ragin Bull 17 #1H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1397 fnl, 659 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 49, Abst. 978, T&P RR, 23.89 nw Fort Stockton; TD 10500; API #42-371-39518 Permit issued 4/7

Crimson Exploration Operating Inc.
River Rattler 9 #1H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 350 fnl, 200 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 49, T-9-S, Abst. 974, T&P RR, 23.6 nw Fort Stockton; TD 10500; API #42-371-39517 Permit issued 4/7

Halcon Operating Co. Inc.
Belle Alexandra #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1308 fwl, 373 fnl, Sec 4, Blk 49, T-9-S, Abst. 8529, T&P RR, 3.45 se Pecos; TD 15000; API #42-371-39514 Permit issued 4/6

Manti Tarka Permian Operating LLC
South Smarty Jones State 28 #1HA
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 380 fwl, 200 fsl, Sec 28, Blk 49, T-8-S, Abst. 8469, T&P RR, 13.46 sw Coyanosa; TD 12000; API #42-371-39516 Permit issued 4/7

Reeves County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Sievers State Unit 2-1 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fswl, 467 fnwl, Sec 1, Blk 2, Abst. 362, H&GN RR, 13.03 se Orla; TD 13000; API #42-389-35147 Permit issued 4/3

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Lexington 55-4-41 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 430 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 813, T&P RR, 19.3 nw Pecos; TD 11100; API #42-389-35846 Permit issued 4/7

Apache Corporation
Fury #101AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fswl, 4691 fsel, Sec 172, Blk 13, Abst. 1451, H&GN RR, 8.1 se Balmorhea; TD 16000; API #42-389-35853 Permit issued 4/7

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Matador 6-33 #3H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 247 fnl, 580 fwl, Sec 33, Blk 6, Abst. 38, H&GN RR, 5.5 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35837 Permit issued 4/4

Cimarex Energy Co.
Dixieland State 55-6 West Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fsl, 1000 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 55, T-3-S, Abst. 5497, T&P RR, 11.7 sw Mentone; TD 11403; API #42-389-35827 Permit issued 4/4

COG Operating LLC
Sure Shot #903H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 736 fnl, 1638 fwl, Sec 7, Blk C-7, Abst. 4879, PSL, 7 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35845 Permit issued 4/6

COG Operating LLC
Brass Monkey State Unit #801H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 190 fsl, 694 fel, Sec 8, Blk 6, Abst. 4825, H&GN RR, 6.8 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35712 Permit issued 4/7

COG Operating LLC
Brass Monkey State Unit #851H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 186 fsl, 739 fel, Sec 8, Blk 6, Abst. 4825, H&GN RR, 6.5 se Pecos; TD 10700; API #42-389-35713 Permit issued 4/7

COG Operating LLC
Brass Monkey State Unit #804H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 181 fsl, 784 fel, Sec 8, Blk 6, Abst. 4825, H&GN RR, 6.7 se Pecos; TD 10900; API #42-389-35714 Permit issued 4/7

COG Operating LLC
Brass Monkey State Unit #805H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 50 fsl, 616 fwl, Sec 8, Blk 6, Abst. 4825, H&GN RR, 6.5 se Pecos; TD 10900; API #42-389-35715 Permit issued 4/7

COG Operating LLC
Brass Monkey State Unit #853H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 50 fsl, 571 fwl, Sec 8, Blk 6, Abst. 4825, H&GN RR, 6.5 se Pecos; TD 10700; API #42-389-35717 Permit issued 4/7

COG Operating LLC
Brass Monkey State Unit #874H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 50 fsl, 526 fwl, Sec 8, Blk 6, Abst. 4825, H&GN RR, 6.5 se Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-35716 Permit issued 4/7

COG Operating LLC
Brass Monkey State Unit #802H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 60 fsl, 1330 fel, Sec 8, Blk 6, Abst. 4825, H&GN RR, 6.6 se Pecos; TD 11500; API #42-389-35718 Permit issued 4/7

COG Operating LLC
Brass Monkey State Unit #852H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 50 fsl, 1374 fel, Sec 8, Blk 6, Abst. 4825, H&GN RR, 6.7 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35719 Permit issued 4/7

COG Operating LLC
Big Chief #7402H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 295 fnl, 10802 fwl, Sec 174, Blk 1, Abst. 4918, H&TC RR, 23.62 se Pecos; TD 10700; API #42-389-34817 Permit issued 4/7

Colgate Operating LLC
Lazarus 67 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 120 fswl, 460 fsel, Sec 67, Blk 4, Abst. 414, H&GN RR, 1.5 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35836 Permit issued 4/6

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
Ace #L 06H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 505 fnl, 494 fel, Sec 19, Blk C-21, Abst. 5748, PSL, 23.5 sw Mentone; TD 11000; API #42-389-35843 Permit issued 4/5

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
Long Yuengling #L 03H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 352 fel, Sec 12, Blk C-21, Abst. 2256, PSL, 28.9 sw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35850 Permit issued 4/7

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
Long Yuengling #U 04H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 322 fel, Sec 12, Blk C-21, Abst. 2256, PSL, 28.9 sw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35849 Permit issued 4/7

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Monroe State 32 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 500 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 4202, T&P RR, 17.9 nw Pe-cos; TD 16000; API #42-389-35842 Permit issued 4/4

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Circe State 28 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 500 fel, Sec 28, Blk 54, Abst. 2862, T&P RR, 15.6 nw Pecos; TD 16000; API #42-389-35841 Permit issued 4/3

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Laura Wilder 72-69 Unit A #3H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1023 fsl, 466 fwl, Sec 72, Blk 4, Abst. 1342, H&GN RR, 2.7 sw Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-35705 Permit issued 4/4

Ward County

Forge Energy LLC
UL 20 Sugarloaf #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fwl, 215 fsl, Sec 48, Blk 20, Abst. 137U, ULS, 8.1 sw Wink; TD 13000; API #42-475-37221 Permit issued 4/3

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien #2006
Wagon Wheel (Pennsylvanian); 553 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 20, Blk F, Abst. 6, G&MMB&A, 0.92 e Wickett; TD 11150; API #42-475-37227 Permit issued 4/7

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Quadricorn 1617A GG Houston #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnel, 2125 fnwl, Sec 6, Blk 33, Abst. 646, H&TC RR, 10.2 se Pyote; TD 15000; API #42-475-37222 Permit issued 4/3

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State 5913A GG Houston #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fnel, 440 fnwl, Sec 59, Blk 34, Abst. 204, H&TC RR, 15.8 sw Pyote; TD 15000; API #42-475-37226 Permit issued 4/7

Winkler County

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Captain Stegermain #1
Monahans North (Clearfork); 467 fnl, 467 fwl, Sec 89, Blk A, Abst. 68, G&MMB&A, 9.6 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-33836 Permit issued 4/3

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Captain Stegermain #2
Monahans North (Clearfork); 1787 fnl, 467 fwl, Sec 89, Blk A, Abst. 68, G&MMB&A, 9.4 n Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-495-33837 Permit issued 4/3

Champion Lone Star Operating LLC
CLS Walton #0401NW
Kermit; 330 fwl, 521 fnl, Sec 1, Blk 26, Abst. 1839, PSL, 5.4 nw Kermit; TD 3700; API #42-495-33839 Permit issued 4/7

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Borden County

Surge Operating LLC
Medusa Unit A 28-21 #1AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 420 fsl, 329 fwl, Sec 28, Blk 31, T-3-N, Abst. 1177, T&P RR, 8.25 ne Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-033-32414 Permit issued 4/3

Surge Operating LLC
Dragon Unit A 20-29 #4AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 232 fel, Sec 20, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 1052, T&P RR, 2.25 ne Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-033-32415 Permit issued 4/3

Garza County

Palmer Oil Properties
Swenson 'A' #9
Post (Glorieta); 990 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 3, Blk 8, Abst. 113, H&GN RR, 9.5 e Post; TD 3100; API #42-169-34240 Permit issued 4/7

King County

Medders Oil Company Inc.
Pitchfork Ball Waterflood Unit #110
Ball (Tannehill); 2144 fwl, 4040 fsl, Sec 1, Abst. 284, Somervell CSL, 10.1 sw Guthrie; TD 3950; API #42-269-32967 Permit issued 4/6

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #304-10A
Kelly-Snyder; 16281 fsl, 14470 fwl, Sec 202, Blk 97, Abst. 1644, H&TC RR, 7.93 sw Snyder; TD 7500; API #42-415-35293 Permit issued 4/3

Western Chief Operating LLC
Willingham #1H
Hermleigh (Strawn)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 500 fwl, Sec 64, Blk 3, Abst. 1482, H&TC RR, 12 e Snyder; TD 6950; API #42-415-35291 Permit issued 4/6

Terry County

Boaz Energy II Operating LLC
Helen #19
Kingdom (Clearfork 7500); 1921 fsl, 1442 fel, Sec 10, Blk D-11, Abst. 695, SK&K RR, 17 nw Brownfield; TD 8000; API #42-445-32443 Permit issued 4/4

Yoakum County

PPC Operating Company LLC
Squints #3H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 240 fnl, 1175 fel, Sec 534, Blk D, Abst. 651, J.H. Gibson, 13 w Plains; TD 5700; API#42-501-36795 Permit issued 4/3

PPC Operating Company LLC
Squints #5H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 240 fnl, 1174 fwl, Sec 534, Blk D, Abst. 651, J.H. Gibson, 13 w Plains; TD 5700; API#42-501-36796 Permit issued 4/3

Walsh Petroleum Inc.
Sawyer #2H
Brahaney-Horizontal; 208 fsl, 2620 fwl, Sec 543, Blk D, Abst. 275, J.H. Gibson, 6.3 sw Plains; TD 5500; API #42-501-36794 Permit issued 4/3

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #940
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 1650/N & 195/E; 3 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 9785 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-44080

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #942
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 2285/S & 230/E; 3 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 9821 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-44081

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #944
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 1035/N & 149/E; 3 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 9746 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-44079

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #648
Burch Keely; Sec 19 T17S R29E; 815/S & 1795/W; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4809 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-44078

Black Mountain Operating LLC
Henry Grandi #1
East Carlsbad; Sec 26 T22S R27E; 1063/S & 191/E; 1 mi NE Otis; Rot 14800 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44084

Black Mountain Operating LLC
Henry Grandi #2
East Carlsbad; Sec 26 T22S R27E; 1093/S & 191/E; 1 mi NE Otis; Rot 14000 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44085

Black Mountain Operating LLC
Henry Grandi #3
East Carlsbad; Sec 26 T22S R27E; 1123/S & 191/E; 1 mi NE Otis; Rot 14800 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44086

Black Mountain Operating LLC
Henry Grandi #4
East Carlsbad; Sec 26 T22S R27E; 1153/S & 191/E; 1 mi NE Otis; Rot 14000 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44087

Matador Production Co.
Michael Collins 11-23S-27E RB #208
Purple Sage; Sec 11 T23S R27E; 159/S & 245/E; 2 mi SE Otis; Rot 15000 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44082

Rockcliff Operating New Mexico LLC
El Toro Gigante 23 #211
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 14 T23S R28E; 340/S & 350/W; 2 mi NE Loving; Rot 12360 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44090

Rockcliff Operating New Mexico LLC
EL Toro Invicta 14 #221
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 14 T23S R28E; 340/S & 330/W; 2 mi NE Loving; Rot 13170 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44091

Rockcliff Operating New Mexico LLC
EL Toro Invicta 14 #301
Purple Sage; Sec 14 T23S R28E; 340/S & 800/W; 2 mi NE Loving; Rot 14574 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44088

Rockcliff Operating New Mexico LLC
EL Toro Gigante 23 #431
Purple Sage; Sec 14 T23S R28E; 340/S & 350/W; 2 mi NE Loving; Rot 15550 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44089

BC Operating Inc.
Fiddle Fee 23 X #1
Purple Sage; Sec 23 T24S R28E; 1650/N & 200/E; 1 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14350 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44094

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Rock Spur 27 W2PA St #1
Purple Sage; Sec 27 T24S R28E; 20/S & 600/E; 3 mi SW Malaga; Rot 15300 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44092

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Rock Spur 27 W0PA St #2
Purple Sage; Sec 27 T24S R28E; 20/S & 650/E; 3 mi SW Malaga; Rot 14300 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44093

Lea County

Matador Production Co.
Northeast Kemnitz #11
Kemnitz; Sec 22 T16S R34E; 1999/N & 1981/W; 11 mi SW Lovington; Rot 12600 Strawn; API #30-025-43654

Texland Petroleum-Hobbs LLC
Night Wing #1
Ship; Sec 11 T17S R37E; 582/N & 1154/W; 4 mi N Humble City; Rot 11600 Strawn; API #30-025-43660

Black Mountain Operating LLC
Black Pearl St 4 #1
Pearl; Sec 4 T20S R35E; 211/N & 2162/E; 9 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 15400 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43661

Black Mountain Operating LLC
Black Pearl St 4 #2
Pearl; Sec 4 T20S R35E; 211/N & 2132/E; 9 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 15000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43662

RAZ Oil & Gas LLC
YO State SWD #1
SWD-Re-Entry Mewbourne Oil Co, Osudo Morrow #1, P&A, Old TD 12250; Sec 15 T21S R35E; 660/N &

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JBS Distinguished Lecture to focus on Humor in Leadership

On April 27, 2017, as part of the Shepperd Distinguished Lecture Series, UTPB's John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute is hosting an upcoming lecture featuring Terry Crews. Crews currently stars on FOX's Golden Globe award winning comedy series Brooklyn Nine-Nine as "Sgt. Terry Jeffords" and is also the newest host of the popular syndicated game show Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? His many talents include performing as an action-movie hero and sitcom star, syndicated game show host, former NFL player, and best-selling author.

The Lecture is entitled, "Humor in Leadership: An Evening with Terry Crews" and will take place at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center at Hwy. 191 and FM 1788. The lecture is free and open to the public, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The event will be co-moderated by Robert Brescia, executive director of the JBS Leadership Institute and Patrick Canty, publisher of the Odessa American.

JBS encourages audience members to participate in the program by submiting their questions during the lecture to the panelists using a phone number printed in the event program.

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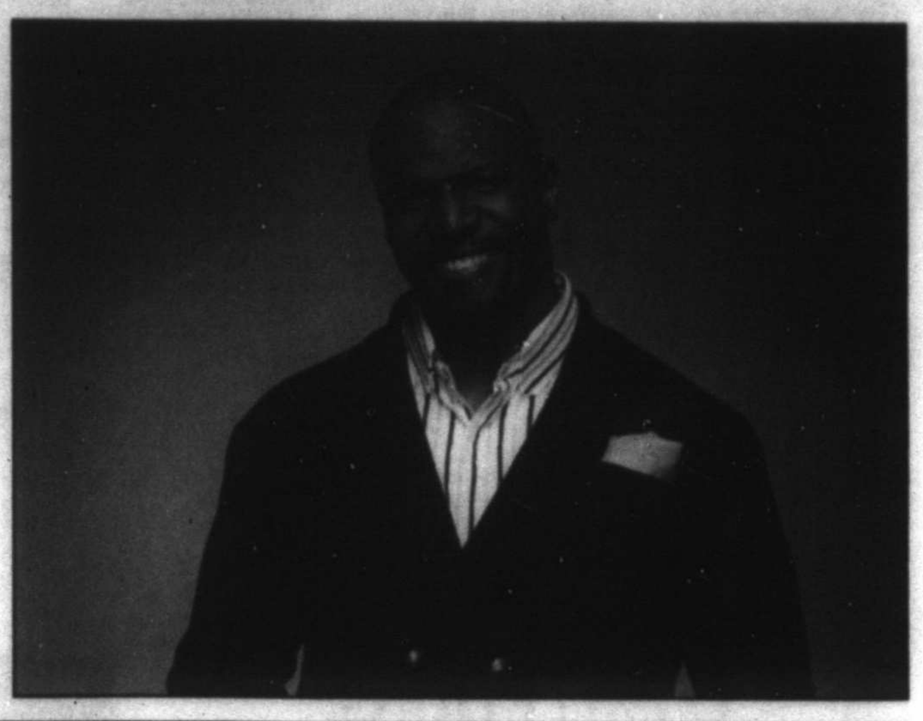

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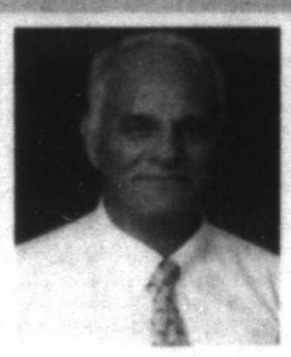

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Encore M State #20
Wantz; Sec 29 T22S R37E; 2096/N & 2205/E; 5 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7600 Abo; API #30-025-43656

BC Operating Inc.
Blue Quail 7 Federal Com #1
Sand Dunes; Sec 6 T23S R32E; 240/S & 360/E; 15 mi S Halfway; Rot 16835 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43643

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lue Quail 7 Federal Com #2Sand Dunes; Sec 6 T23S R32E; 240/S 7 1980/E; 15 mi S Halfway; Rot 16834 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43644

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #155
Triple X; Sec 33 T23S R33E; 150/S & 1889/E; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17105 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43658

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Thistle Unit #159
Triple X; Sec 33 T23S R33E; 150/S & 1839/E; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17694 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43659

EOG Resources Inc.
Righteous 6 St Com #601
North Antelope Ridge; Sec 6 T23S R35E; 1982/S & 330/E; 10 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 18777 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43657

EOG Resources Inc.
Wicked 17 St Com #301
North Antelope Ridge; Sec 17 T23S R35E; 280/N & 330/E; 8 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 14564 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43665

Black Mountain Operating LLC
Flowmaster #1
Antelope Ridge; Sec 15 T24S R34E; 311/N & 1225/W; 2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17300 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43666

Black Mountain Operating LLC
Flowmaster #2
Antelope Ridge; Sec 15 T24S R34E; 311/N & 1255/W; 2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17000 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43667

EOG Resources Inc.
Osprey 10 #602
East Red Hills; Sec 10 T25S R34E; 530/S & 1113/W; 3 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 19666 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43650

EOG Resources Inc.
Osprey 10 #701
East Red Hills; Sec 10 T25S R34E; 547/S & 1062/W; 3 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 19966 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43651

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 15 Federal P9 #5
Jennings; Sec 15 T26S R32E; 12/S & 1471/E; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14005 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43640

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 15 Federal P9 #6
Jennings; Sec 15 T26S R32E; 12/S & 1446/E; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13943 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43641

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Irion County

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Antelope Draw #3043M
Spraberry (Trend Area); 720 fsl, 1291 fel, Sec 3043, Blk 24, Abst. 213, H&TC RR, 19.3 nw Barnhart; TD 8755; Comp 3/16/2017; producing from 4965-8384, fracture stimulated; pump 86 BO, 251 MCF, 47 BW, 39.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-36124

TXP Inc.
Ostrander #4
June Ann (Starkey-Canyon Sand); 1358 fnl, 2388 fwl, Sec 1127, Abst. 113, GC&SF RR, 15 ne Mertzon; TD 6724; Comp 3/15/2017; producing from 6534-6543, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 60 BO, 135 MCF, 2 BW, FTP 100 psi, 48 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-36159

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Ring Energy Inc.
University 14Q #1H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 950 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 14, Abst. 461U, ULS, 11.5 nw Andrews; TD 4636 TVD, 9935 MD; Comp 3/24/2017; producing from 4864-9815, fracture stimulated; pump 703 BO, 224 MCF, 2249 BW, 33.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47457

Ring Energy Inc.
Diana #1H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fnl, 380 fwl, Sec 8, Blk A-34, Abst. 864, PSL, 14 nw Andrews; TD 4706 TVD, 10181 MD; Comp 3/23/2017; producing from 4931-10095, fracture stimulated; pump 449 BO, 96 MCF, 2840 BW, 33.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47455

New Mexico

Eddy County

Oxy USA Inc.
Cypress 34 Federal #12
Pierce Crossing; Sec 3 T24S R29E; 180/N & 1167/E. BHL: 168/N & 1769/E; EL 3095 GL, TD 15095 MD, 10275 TVD, PBTD 15023 MD, 10275 TVD; Spud 10-29-16, Comp 12-20-16; production is through treated perfs: 10366-14917. Treat: 992920 gals slick wtr, 32214 gals 15% HCL acid, 2454606 gals crosslink w/6829700# sd. IP: 12-28-16 Flow 24 hrs 222 BO, 2067 BW, 514 MCF, 0.281250 Ch, CP 2387, GOR 2315. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 355 w/662 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3233 w/920 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15094 w/3190 sx; API #30-015-43849

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Owl Draw 27 22 B2MD Federal Com #1
Hay Hollow; Sec 27 T26S R27E; 170/S & 330/W. BHL: 335/N & 431/W; EL 3175 GL, TD 17430 MD, 7515 TVD, PBTD 17417 MD, 7515 TVD; Spud 9-25-15, Comp 1-19-17; production is through treated perfs: 7659-17410. Treat: 18,120,984 gals slickwater carrying 13,583,060# 100 mesh sd & 6,340,380# 30/50 white sd. IP: 2-5-17 Flow 24 hrs 843 BO, 2172 BW, 1442 MCF, 24/64" Ch, TP 800, CP 1500, GOR 1713, Gty 48. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 387 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5860 w/1700 sx, 7 @ 7830 w/450 sx, 4 1/2 @ 6945-17430 w/1400 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6912; API #30-015-43331

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX FEDERAL Com 17 #41
Brushy Draw; Sec 17 T26S R30E; 200/S & 1400/E. BHL: 165/N & 1088/E; EL 3125 GL, TD 15,855 MD, 10940 TVD, PBTD 15050 TVD, 10,999 MD; Spud 12-9-16, Comp 1-30-17; production is through perfs: 10966-15,615. IP: 2-6-17 Flow 24 hrs 800 BO, 3631 BW, 4126 MCF, 38 Ch, CP 850. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1049 w/880 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3491 w/970 sx, 7 @ 11421 w/960 sx, 6 @ 10154-15746 w/375 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10,068; API #30-015-42743

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Vast State #2
Red Hills; Sec 17 T26S R33E; 210/S & 445/E. BHL: 85/N & 328/E; EL 3259 GL, TD 14279, PBTD 14221; Spud 6-1-16, Comp 8-22-16; production is through treated perfs: 9520-14200. Treat; Acdz w/97,776 gals 7 1/2%, Frac w/9,611,980# sd & 11,010,048 gals fluid. IP: 9-27-167 Flow 24 hrs 740 BO, 3252 BW, 1296 MCF, 44/64" Ch, TP 650, CP 550. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 812 w/670 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4885 w/1450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14276 w/2080 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8904; API #30-025-42942

COG Operating LLC
Vast State #3
Red Hills; Sec 17 T26S R33E; 210/S & 1620/E. BHL: 108/N & 988/E; EL 3263 GR, TD 14220, PBTD 14004; Spud 5-12-16, Comp 8-30-16; production is through treated perfs: 9494-13920, 13970-13980. Treat: Acdz w/91686 gals 7.5%, Frac w/8982111# sd & 10396554 gal fluid. IP: 10-2-16 Flow 24 hrs 671 BO, 2750 BW, 1310 MCF, 48/64" Ch, TP 540. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 845 w/650 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4885 w/1400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14213 w/2025 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8876; API #30-025-42943

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 18 Federal P 6 #5
Wildcat; Sec 19 T26S R33E; 266/N & 1778/E. BHL: 374/N & 2312/E; EL 3205 GL, TD 14214 MD, 9153 TVD, PBTD 14115; Spud 1-27-16, Comp 5-16-16; production is through treated perfs: 9619-14015. Treat: Frac w/total sand (sand 100 & sand 40/70) = 6,008,031#. IP: 7-25-16 Flow 24 hrs 684 BO, 390 BW, 1461 MCF, 32/64 Ch, TP 8078, CP 500, GOR 2136. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 851 w/1006 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4721 w/1527 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14204 w/1691 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8776; API #30-025-42795

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 19 Federal P 6 #6
Wildcat; Sec 19 T26S R33E; 207/N & 1732/E. BHL: 375/S & 1621/E; EL 3205 GL, TD 13742 MD, 9198 TVD, PBTD 13643 MD, 9198 TVD; Spud 2-1-16, Comp 6-24-16; production is through treated perfs: 9490-13549. Treat: Frac with total sand (100 mesh & 40/70) = 5,652,433#. IP: 7-20-16 Flow 24 hrs 626 BO, 357 BW, 1493 MCF, 30/64" Ch, TP 683, GOR 2385. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 840 w/1006 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4729 w/1527 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13730 w/1635 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8670; API #30-025-42798

EOG Resources Inc.
Orrtanna 20 Federal #701
Wildcat; Sec 20 T26S R33E; 220/S &.950/W, BHL: 206/N & 331/W; EL 3218 Gl, TD 12278 TVD, 17136 MD, PBTD 17001; Spud 4-26-16, Comp 8-1-16; production is through treated perfs: 12560-17001. Treat: Frac w/373 bbls acid, 12,118,440# proppant, 296,973 bbls load wtr. IP: 8-20-16 Flow 24 hrs 2303 BO, 4612 BW, 4697 MCF, Open Ch, TP 1391, CP 1527. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 837 w/856 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11048 w/1050 sx, 5 1/2 & 5 @17136 w/765 sx, 2 7/8 @ 11665; API #30-025-42936

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