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Lawsuit could cost Texas billions in tax refunds

Favorable ruling for Midland driller, industry could cost state $4.4 billion

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

As plunging oil prices hollow out drilling country across West and South Texas, energy companies hope for a mammoth windfall from an unconventional source: the Texas Supreme Court.

The state's highest civil court recently agreed to hear a case hinging on whether metal pipes, tubing and other equipment used in oil and gas production should be exempt from sales taxes. While the issue is arcane, the impact to the state could be significant.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is sounding the alarm that a ruling favoring the industry could force the state to issue tax refunds of as much as $4.4 billion — enough to wipe out the state's projected budget surplus.

"This is very serious, real money," said Hegar, the state's chief financial officer, in an interview.

Midland-based Southwest Royalties, a subsidiary of Clayton Williams Energy, sued the state in 2009 — just before a drilling boom transformed the U.S. energy landscape — after Susan Combs, Hegar's predecessor, rejected a claim for refunds on purchases dating back to 1997. Over the years, the case has wound its way through the court system.

Now, the state's Supreme Court justices are set to weigh the company's appeal of a lower court's ruling amid concerns that a prolonged drilling slowdown might hurt Texas' bottom line.

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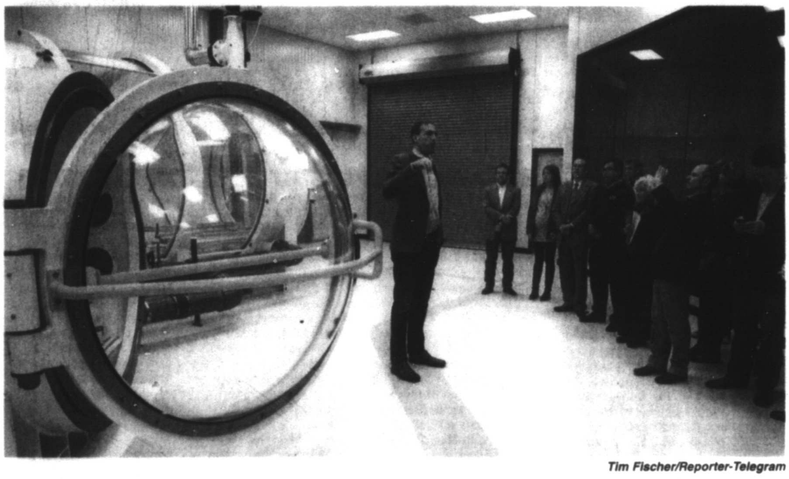

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Jeff Feige, CEO of Orbital Outfitters, talks about the new pressure chambers as members of the MDC board tour the Orbital Outfitters facility Friday watching a demonstration of the pressure chamber and the effect on water in a low-pressure atmosphere. The water goes from room temperature at normal pressure to boiling and then freezing as the altitude climbs above 80,000 feet and the pressure decreases.

CEO: Orbital Outfitters facility will be 'fully operational' in a few weeks

By Cassie Burton
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Taking a break between regular items and closed sessions Friday, the Midland Development Corp. and other city officials joked about "space ice" as MDC board president Brent Hilliard passed around a pan of ice that had been boiling water just minutes before.

MDC and other city officials toured Orbital Outfitters' facilities at Midland Spaceport Business Park, as well as Hangar A, which is available for leasing after MDC reacquired it from XCOR.

"We can reduce the pressure or increase the altitude in those chambers anywhere from the surface of the earth all the way up to space," Orbital Outfitters' CEO Jeff Feige said. "We can simulate what it's actually like in space inside these chambers."

Feige said that the entire facility should be "fully operational in about a month."

Inside the company's facility, Feige and staff used a cup of marshmallows, a pan of water and a mostly deflated balloon to show the effects of traveling tens of thousands of feet above ground in one of its altitude chamber complex.

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Millennial renters experience varying fortunes

■ Downturn hasn't seemed to affect rentals, Realtor says

Editor's note: This is the second part of a two-part series on housing trends among millennials in Midland.

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In some smaller cities across the country, there might be limited options on sites such as apartmentfinder, apartmentguide and apartments.com. But for people seeking to rent in Midland, rent ranges from $650 to well above $1,400.

The recent oil boom led to a huge increase in rental prices. The downturn hasn't seemed to affect rentals, according to Realtor Victoria Printz. Her firm had about 75 rentals on the market in January and more than 100 a couple of months previously, she said.

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"Prices are down a little bit, but the average sale is the same," said Printz, a 20-year veteran in realty.

Printz said the reasons people rent vary, including being uncertain about how long one will be in Midland and wanting more time before purchasing a home.

And for the most part, younger people are the ones who rent, she said.

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Labor market should look for tweaks to encourage participation

The Economist

By M. Ray Perryman

More than 94.2 million people in the United States have neither worked nor looked for a job in the past year. That's not including anyone under the age of 16. Although I don't think this is the doomsday crisis some pundits seem to fear it is, I do believe it's a problem that we need to address to improve prosperity for individuals, families and society as a whole.

As noted in a prior column, the labor force participation rate (simply the proportion of the civilian labor force either employed or unemployed, but looking) has been falling for years. Currently, the percentage stands at 62.6 percent, according to December 2015 data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). With a large and growing percentage of the population not working, there is more pressure on those who do have jobs to generate output, income and tax receipts. Over time, the situation could become untenable, and our standard of living could be affected.

The crucial question is why fewer Americans are working. Slow hiring during the recession and ongoing scarcity of good jobs in many fields and geographic areas is part of the explanation, but only part. In fact, the participation rate continued to drop even after the recession ended. Another component of the answer is that our population is aging, with the large baby boom generation moving into age brackets where work is typically less common and ultimately reaching retirement age (at a pace of about 10,000 per day).

The BLS has analyzed the reasons people are not working, comparing reasons given in response to a survey in 2004 to responses in 2014. As of 2014, the total non-working population (age 16 and older) in the United States stood at 87.4 million, which was 35 percent of the total population (16 or older). Of that 35 percent, the most common reason given for being out of the labor force was retirement (15.4 percent), followed by being ill or disabled (6.5 percent), going to school (6.4 percent), home responsibilities (5.4 percent), and other reasons (the remaining 1.2 percent). The tiny "other reasons" category includes those who responded that they could not find work.

The 2014 results were compared to 2004, when a significantly lower 31.3 percent of the population was not in the labor force. The percentages not in the labor force because of retirement had the largest gain over the period, which fits with the aging of the baby boom generation. The second-largest gain was in the percentage who said they weren't working because they were going to school, which was particularly common in the 16-19 and 20-24 year age ranges (although data on enrollment doesn't exactly support the validity of this answer). The proportion who indicated they were not working due to illness or disability increased (from 5.5 percent to 6.5 percent). The percentage citing home responsibilities as the reason for not working was the only category that decreased.

In addition to variation by age, the results differed significantly with education level. In the prime working age group (25 to 54), those with less education were less likely to be part of the labor force. In 2014, the BLS found that 21.2 percent of men with less than a high school diploma did not participate in the labor force, compared with 14.9 percent of high school graduates, 10.7 percent for those with some college or an associate's degree, and 5.6 percent of college graduates. For women, the pattern was similar, with 49.6 percent of those with less than a high school diploma not in the labor force, compared with 15.4 percent of college-educated women.

The correlation between education and unemployment is well documented, with additional education linked to lower unemployment rates (as well as more income). The incentives to stay in the labor force are generally superior with higher levels of education: better salary and benefits and often more rewarding jobs.

Over time, falling labor force participation rates could erode standards of living. In addition to incentives for work and other actions to better prepare workers for jobs, there is room for improvement in the structure of social services programs. While safety nets are clearly necessary and serve an essential and valuable purpose, at times they can become more of a trap for recipients than a temporary source of relief. When there is a financial disincentive to work because of the potential for lost benefits, there will be some who choose to stay out of the labor force for longer periods of time. The fact that disability and illness are more common reasons given for not working could point to issues in the way these programs are structured. The bottom line is that the longer an individual goes without working, the greater the likelihood of opting out of the workforce entirely.

The edging down of the labor force participation rate is not unduly alarming in and of itself. With productivity gains, we can now produce more with fewer workers, and it's not all bad that people can retire earlier or not work to obtain more education. However, if people retire early because they give up on finding a decent job, that's a problem. Similarly, while young people are increasingly responding to surveys that they are not working in order to go to school, the data indicates that only some of them are actually enrolled. All in all, there is reason to believe that the trend we are observing is driven, at least in part, by underlying issues with the incentive structure of the current job market. This pattern is worthy of consideration to see what could be tweaked to encourage more people into the workforce, thus increasing economic potential and providing more flexibility to deal with emerging demographics.

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Better Business Bureau

Be alert for scams when buying Super Bowl tickets

Super Bowl 50 is only a couple weeks away, and football fans everywhere are starting to make their predictions. The final two teams will compete for the championship title Sunday in Santa Clara, California. If you are heading to the Super Bowl game this year, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin advises you to be on alert for ticket scams.

Thousands of game-day tickets are currently listed on classifieds websites, and this can be great for non-season ticket holders, occasional fans or those making a last-minute decision to see the big game. However, these sites offer no guarantees and do not require identification from sellers. Buying tickets in person is not always a sure thing either, as it has become easier for scammers to make fake tickets look real.

If you do go online to purchase a Super Bowl ticket, BBB recommends purchasing from a trustworthy seller or website. Some websites offer opportunities to purchase tickets before box office sales start, buyer protections and money-back guarantees.

Last year, BBB received nearly 2,000 complaints against event ticket sales and ticket brokers nationwide. Complainants allege they paid for invalid tickets or paid in advance for tickets that never arrived. Legitimate ticket brokers should be happy to answer questions, send a receipt and verify business information.

BBB offers the following tips for safely purchasing Super Bowl tickets:

■ **Do your research.**

When purchasing tickets through an online broker, check out their BBB Business Review at bbb.org for details about the company, history of complaints and customer reviews. You can also check to see if they are a member of the National Association of Ticket Brokers, an organization that works with law enforcement agencies, professional sports teams and other organizations to fight against counterfeit tickets.

■ **Verify the tickets are real.**

Search for guidance online about how the tickets should look and compare them to the ones you want to buy. Also, compare the price of the tickets to the price of others being sold. Scammers will often list tickets at a very low price to lure victims. Remember: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

■ **Check the ticket broker's refund policy.**

Research the ticket broker's refund policy before purchasing and make sure it provides clear details about the terms of the transaction. Assess the company's policy for customer satisfaction and details on reimbursement for cancelled events.

■ **Watch for hidden fees.**

Some websites include service charges and additional shipping fees. While these charges should be identified on the website and disclosed to you before the transaction is finalized, read the fine print to make sure you know the total cost that will be billed to your account.

■ **Pay with a credit card.**

Always use a credit card as additional protection. Also, never wire money to someone you don't know. Money sent via wire transfer is extremely difficult to retrieve. Once the scammers have picked it up, there is little recourse, if any, for getting your money back.

Additionally, BBB advises you to watch out for these red flags:

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Facebook announces stricter policy on firearms sales

By Brandon Bailey
Associated Press

AP file photo

The Facebook logo is displayed on an iPad on May 16, 2012, in Philadelphia. Facebook says it's cracking down on online gun sales, with a new policy that bars private individuals from advertising or selling firearms on the world's largest social network, Friday.

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook says it's cracking down on online gun sales, announcing Friday a new policy barring private individuals from advertising or selling firearms on the world's largest social network.

The new policy applies also to Facebook's photo-sharing service Instagram. It comes after gun control groups have long complained that Facebook and other online sites are frequently used by unlicensed sellers and buyers not legally eligible to buy firearms.

Facebook "was unfortunately and unwittingly serving as an online platform for dangerous people to get guns," said Shannon Watts of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, a group that launched a public campaign to convince the social network to change its policies two years ago.

Watts said her group has found numerous cases of felons and minors who were able to buy guns on the site, including two cases in which the buyers used the guns to slay others. Representatives of two gun-owner rights groups, including the National Rifle Association, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Facebook had announced some restrictions on gun sales and advertising in 2014, saying it would block minors from seeing posts that advertised guns. But the social network did not ban private sales at that time.

Licensed firearms retailers can still promote their businesses on Facebook, but they aren't allowed to accept orders or make sales on the site.

A Facebook Inc. spokeswoman said the new policy arose from the company's review of its rules following its recent efforts to encourage new forms of commerce on the site. Facebook expanded its digital payments service last summer, allowing users of its Messenger service to send electronic payments to other individual users.

"Over the last two years, more and more people have been using Facebook to discover products and to buy and sell things to one another," Monika Bickert, who oversees Facebook product policies, said in a statement. "We are continuing to develop, test, and launch new products to make this experience even better for people and are updating our regulated goods policies to reflect this evolution."

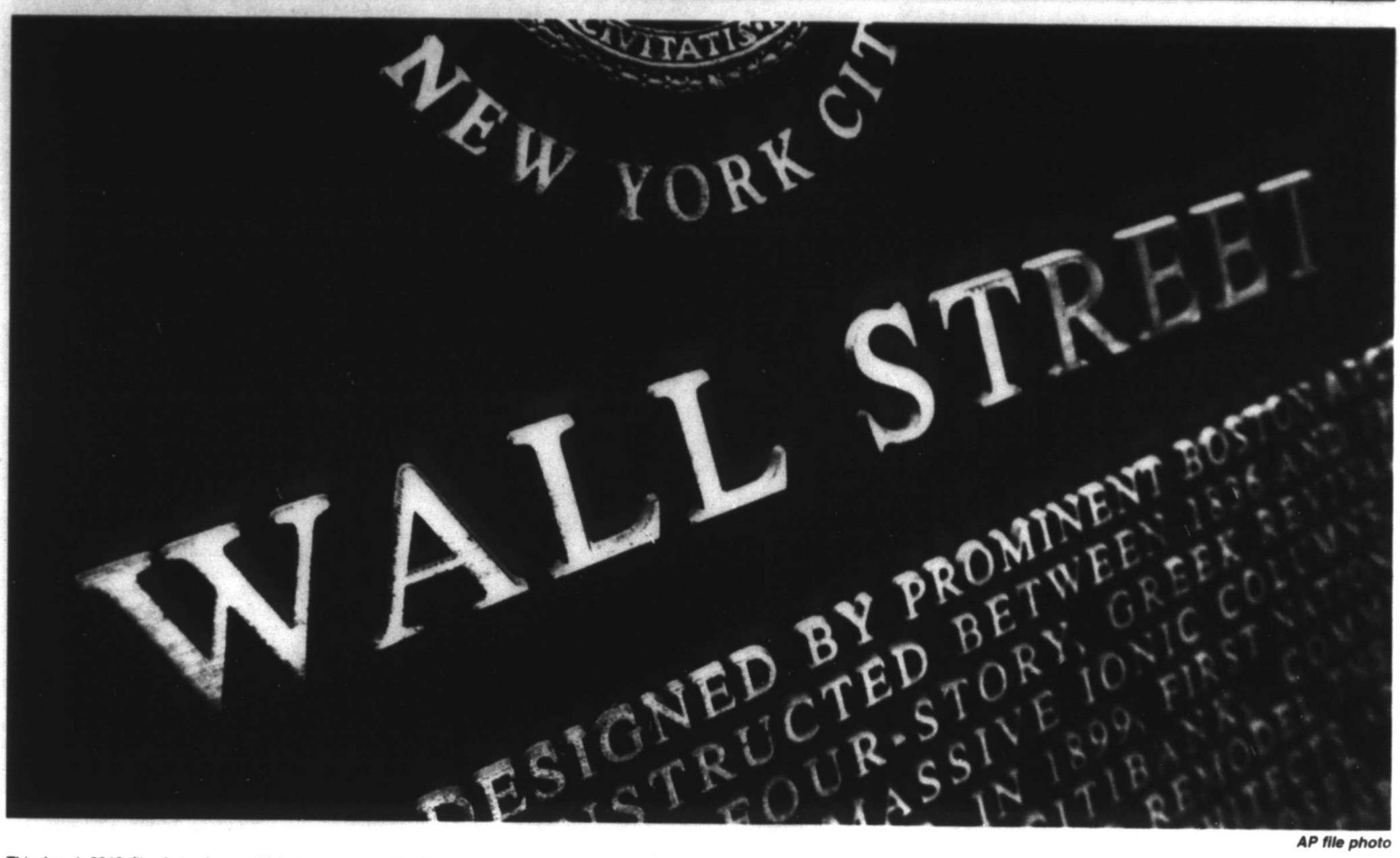
Watts, however, said her group had urged Facebook to take stiffer measures, during a series of low-key contacts.

"They were very, very open to our thoughts on policy and to the research we have been compiling," Watts said. "I think they definitely saw this was an issue, but an incredibly complicated issue. I think that's why it's taken two years."

Facebook, which is based in Menlo Park, California, cited the need to balance free expression with public safety when it announced the 2014 policy change in a blog post. At the time, some gun-control advocates complained Facebook didn't go further, while news reports quoted a spokesman for the National Rifle Association who declared victory over what he called a campaign to stifle constitutionally protected speech.

The latest policy drew praise Friday from Everytown for Gun Safety, a group formed by the merger of Watts's organization with another group started by former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and from a leader of the Brady Campaign and Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

"It is simply too easy for virtually anyone to buy any gun they want online without a Brady background check," said the Brady group's president, Dan Gross. "Facebook just took an important step in addressing that challenge and we call on others to follow suit."



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This Jan. 4, 2010, file photo shows a historic marker on Wall Street in New York. Japan led global stock markets higher Friday after its central bank introduced a negative interest rate policy in the latest move to overcome malaise in the world's third-biggest economy. The yen dived against the dollar and the euro.

US stocks soar to finish tough month as tech stocks climb

By Marley Jay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks soared on the last trading day of January, with Microsoft, Visa and other tech stocks making the biggest gains in a broad market rally Friday.

Indexes rose throughout the day and finished with their biggest gains in about five months. Asian stocks jumped after the Bank of Japan moved to stimulate the economy, and European markets also rose. In the U.S, tech stocks climbed following strong quarterly results from Microsoft and Visa. Materials companies and banks also made large gains, and the price of oil rose for the fourth day in a row.

The U.S. government said Friday that the economy slowed in the fourth quarter, a possibility that had worried investors. But its estimate of the country's gross domestic product was about equal to analysts' forecasts and didn't hurt stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average surged 396.66 points, or 2.5 percent, to 16,466.30. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 46.88 points, or 2.5 percent, to 1,940.24, as more than 480 of its component stocks rose. The Nasdaq composite index jumped 107.28 points, or 2.4 percent, to 4,613.95.

Stocks made some big gains in the last two weeks, but still finished January with hefty losses.

Microsoft added $3.04, or 5.8 percent, to $55.09 after its profit and revenue beat expectations. The tech giant posted strong results from its cloud computing business and the unit that sells PC software and Surface tablets and Xbox game consoles.

Visa and MasterCard both rose after reporting solid results. Visa climbed $5.16, or 7.4 percent, to $74.49 and MasterCard picked up $5.60, or 6.7 percent, to $89.03.

E-commerce company Amazon took its largest one-day slide in more than a year. Amazon's quarterly profit more than doubled, but it still fell short of Wall Street's forecasts because of increased costs. Some of those related to its Fulfillment by Amazon service, which handles shipping for sellers and makes them eligible for Amazon Prime shipping. The stock lost $48.35, or 7.6 percent, to $587.

Honeywell advanced $5.23, or 5.3 percent, to $103.20 following its fourth-quarter report, and General Electric added 89 cents, or 3.2 percent, to $29.10.

Xerox said it will split into two publicly traded companies after pressure from activist investor Carl Icahn.-Its stock gained 52 cents, or 5.6 percent, to $9.75.

The Commerce Department said U.S. gross domestic product grew only 0.7 percent over the last three months of 2015, while analyst expected 0.8 percent. The agency said consumers spent less, businesses invested less, and exports were down because of global instability.

The U.S. economy has been expanding for six and a half years, but, on Wednesday, the Federal Reserve cautioned that the U.S. economy is slowing down. The Fed also expressed concerns about global growth. Stocks tumbled after the Fed released its assessment.

Crude oil prices kept rising. Benchmark U.S. oil added 40 cents, or 1.2 percent, to $33.62 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oil, gained 85 cents, or 2.5 percent, to $34.74. Oil prices have increased for four days in a row as investors hope for cuts in global production.

U.S. government bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.93 percent from 1.98 percent. European bond yields also sank. The euro weakened to $1.0829 from $1.0955.

Consol Energy jumped $1.19, or 18 percent, to $7.94 following its fourth-quarter report and another increase in the price of natural gas.

Electronic Arts traded lower. Its profit and revenue forecasts fell a bit short of Wall Street estimates. The video game maker said sales of its "Star Wars: Battlefront" game were strong, but analysts said investors were disappointed with the number of downloads, which are more profitable than sales of physical games.

The stock gave up $5.25, or 7.5 percent, to $64.55. That was its largest daily loss in almost three years.

January was a tough month for the market, and the beginning of the year was the worst in the history of the Dow average and the S&P 500 index. Both fell into a correction, or a drop of at least 10 percent from a recent peak.

The small-cap Russell 2000 index entered a bear market, which means a 20 percent slide.

The Dow and S&P 500 both fell more than 5 percent in January, while the Nasdaq lost almost 8 percent. For each index, that was the largest drop in a single month in years. The Russell finished January down almost 9 percent.

Google's parent, Alphabet, might soon overtake Apple as the world's most valuable publicly traded company. Alphabet has surged over the last year while Apple has struggled. Both companies are valued at more than $500 billion, and Apple is currently about $16 billion above Alphabet.

On Friday the Bank of Japan said it will charge money to banks that leave large amounts of cash parked at the central bank. The policy is intended to encourage commercial banks to lend more money. That could stimulate investment and growth in Japan's struggling economy.

Japanese bonds and fell the dollar got stronger compared to the yen. Friday afternoon the dollar traded at 121.10 yen, a huge move for the currency, which traded at 118.78 yen late Thursday.

Luke Bartholomew, investment manager at Aberdeen Capital Management, said the move by Japan's central bank is a change of course for the bank and for its governor, Haruhiko Kuroda.

"The surprise is they're going to negative rates a little more than a week after Kuroda explicitly said they had no intention of doing so," Bartholomew said. He said the Bank of Japan will need to do more to strengthen Japan's economy.

Japan's Nikkei 225 jumped 2.8 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 2.5 percent. The Shanghai Composite in mainland China rose 3.1 percent. European indexes also rose. Germany's DAX climbed 1.6 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 added 2.6 percent and France's CAC 40 advanced 2.2 percent.

Wholesale gasoline picked up 2.4 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $1.103 a gallon. Heating oil added 2.4 cents, or 2.3 percent, to $1.055 a gallon. Natural gas rose 11.6 cents, or 5.3 percent, to $2.298 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Metals prices didn't change much. Gold rose 80 cents to $1,116.40 an ounce and silver gained 1.1 cents to $14.243 an ounce. Copper added 1.6 cents to $2.067 a pound.

Selling a boat less traumatic, easier than selling a house

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

ASK DAVE

Dave Ramsey, financial expert

DEAR DAVE: My husband was laid off a month ago from a job making $80,000 a year. We have no debt except our house payment. We owe about $82,000 on it, but it's valued at about $300,000. We've also got an emergency fund of $30,000, and I work part-time making about $2,000 a month while he collects unemployment and looks for another job. Do you think we should sell our home? We've also got a boat that's worth about $18,000 we could sell.— Sheila

DEAR SHEILA: The first thing I want you to do is take a step back and breathe. Yes, you guys just hit a big bump in the road. But the good news is you're in pretty good shape financially to handle things for a while.

At this point, I'd strongly recommend selling the boat over selling the house. Boats are a lot easier to replace than nice homes, and the process isn't nearly as traumatic on the family. You can also dip into your emergency fund a little bit, but for the next little while you need to make sure you're living on a really tight, bare bones budget. I'd love to see you not have to touch the emergency fund, because he's gone out and found at least a part-time position while he's searching for something in his field. I know that's tough to do once you've gotten used to making $80,000, but there are jobs out there that will help you guys get through this.

As long as he's being diligent in seeking a new job, and you're budgeting and watching what you spend together, I think for now you should keep the house. God bless you both!

DEAR DAVE: Do you recommend having people keep their W2 numbers as close to their tax return numbers as possible, even if they might have to pay at the end of the year or have more taken out? Every year, I get a big tax return. But after listening to you, I began to think that if I did a better job of planning, I would have more money throughout the year. — Charlie

DEAR CHARLIE: I like your thinking, and you're absolutely right. That's exactly what I recommend people do when it comes to their income taxes. Of course, you don't want to have to pay out a big chunk of cash. But a little number crunching and planning ahead of time can help you avoid those kinds of situations.

You really don't want a big refund, and here's why. If you get a fat tax refund every year, all it means is you've loaned money to the government interest-free for the entire year. Then, at the end of the year they gave it back to you. Some people seem to think Santa Claus has shown up when this happens, and that's completely wrong. You've had too much taken out of your check every payday during the previous year, and then you got it back.

Try to adjust your W2 so that you are hitting within $100 or so at the end of the year. Then you'll have more of your own money in your own pocket throughout the entire year!

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■ **The ticket seller prefers to communicate via email.**

If the seller doesn't provide a physical address or phone number as another option to communicate, that's a red flag. With email, there's no way to tell where the person is emailing from or who the person is. Ask questions!

■ **The ticket seller can't provide additional photos or information.**

Request more photos of the property, or ask to be given a virtual tour via webcam. Ask for specific details about the package or tickets you are purchasing. Legitimate owners and/or sellers will be happy to oblige.

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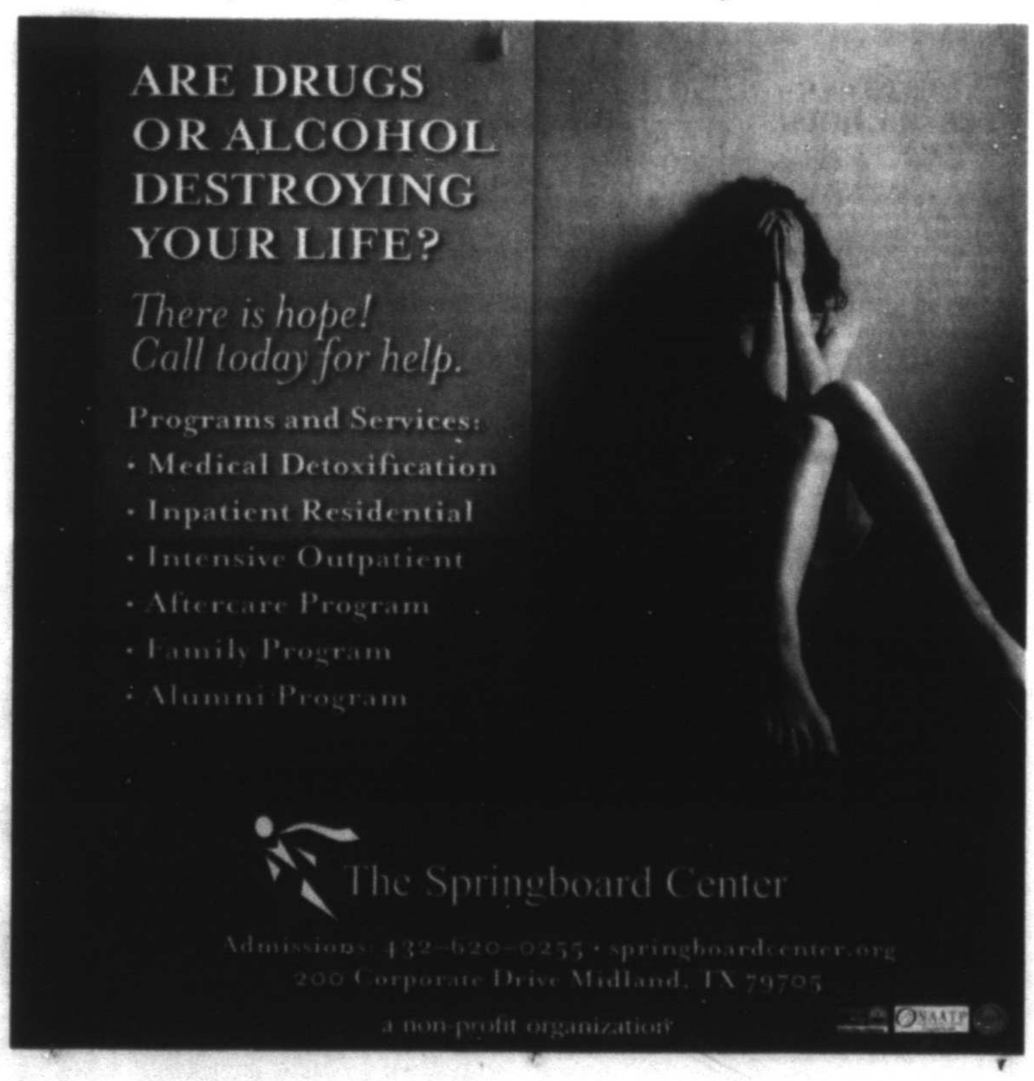

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Doing homework helps with moving decision

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I don't know what the width of my waist is, but I know that if a car parked between the lines is so close to my vehicle as to prevent me from getting out, the spaces are too small.

Combined with a high monthly rent in a downturned economy and other factors, I was gnawing at the bit to move from my apartment when my lease expired this month.

But my bags are unpacked, my walls have more décor than ever, and I have a fat, fluffy cat that I adopted and didn't really want to make him change locations twice in a month.

I don't think that my housing situation is unique. Let's paint a picture: I'm a college graduate and I make less than $35,000 a year. I pay more than $800 a month in rent (that includes water and trash). Add on electricity, car insurance, cable and Wi-Fi.

Nevertheless, I'm glad I was so dead set on moving. It made me look at my options and realize that my apartment life is more than decent, especially when I had horror stories from college housing fresh in my memory.

My foremost reason for entering a six-month lease — apart from being unable to check out any apartment in person before moving to Midland — was because I knew the rate I paid was a short-term arrangement; it could not work long term. Roommates are not an option — at least for now.

That whole paying just for me has cons but also benefits, such as, 'Eh, why not get cable?' It also means I had to navigate a housing market with virtually no assistance but a couple of co-workers, Craigslist and sites such as apartmentfinder. There are far fewer resources, but it still takes homework.

So I began searching, armed with two decisions: I wanted a one-bedroom, and I wanted to adopt a cat, so pet fees would play a role. Finding an apartment in Midland less than $800 was easy now as opposed to July or a year ago; in fact, the pet fee played more of a role.

Granted, I couldn't move into one of the brand new complexes that have been built in recent years; those apartments are well more than $1,000 even in a downturn. But one of the older complexes — especially one that has upgraded some units — would be perfect for someone who just needs space for a queen-sized bed and wants a walk-in closet (fun fact: that's most older apartments in Midland).

Even now, a quick browsing of Craigslist ads — which I prefer since it often lists specials that a complex will not detail on its website — shows about 10 apartments in the Midland area that are under $800 per month.

I also looked at laundry facilities, parking (no more decadesold, minuscule parking spaces, please), whether water and trash were included, what is a typical water bill if it wasn't included and even how traffic would impact my travel time to work and the gym. I was obsessed. So I did what I do best — which means I annotated these complexes with their pros and cons better than I did some of my college textbooks.

I made several phone calls to different complexes; only one or two repsonded. Maybe I should have tried filling out information online, as most places have a website. Working full-time meant that visits were difficult to arrange if a place wasn't open on Saturday. I visited one complex that, on paper, had everything I wanted. However, when all the math was done, I would end up saving about $15 compared to what I paid now — and that's assuming I calculated the water bill right. It also required more than $600 in pet fees and deposits — not unusual, but not attractive when my current apartment had one fee of $300.

The best part of this process was that several things had broken in my apartment. I say best part because they were all fixed within a day or two. You don't need to hear horror stories or be a landlord's daughter to appreciate such speed. I also found some more parking spots not necessarily within eyesight of my front door, but close and not so crowded as the front row by my porch.

I'd be lying if I said the fixed water rate didn't turn out to be a huge factor. I love long showers. (It's the little things.)

By mid-December, two things became clear. One, I really didn't want to move anymore, and I had the option not to, given that I've never missed a rent payment or caused a problem.

Two, I missed out on all of the holiday specials. To give insight, many complexes would knock off a significant percentage or an entire month's rent if a prospective tenant signed up by such and such date; therefore the upfront monthly rental price was much lower in the long-term reality.

After that, while finding a cheaper rate was still possible, I couldn't help but think of the "what might have beens" every time I looked at a complex that no longer had a special.

I walked into my leasing office in mid-December to ask for a 30-day notice form hoping that I would have a new rent quote to chew over, but knowing I at least had the option to move. I also knew what I would not settle for (i.e., management not agreeing to lower my rent). I could explain what I wanted with confidence.

The leasing office and I saw more eye-to-eye than one might think, and within two days we agreed on a decent chunk off my rent, plus a payment plan for the $300 pet fee. The fee is supposed to cover the cost of new carpeting, and given that I know cat allergies can be serious, I caved fairly quickly on that.

My home for the past six months will be my home for another six months. It's nice to not have a huge weight of "Will I or won't I" on my shoulders. Now, I can continue looking at my space as home, as my mothership, something I can say from experience is important when living in a (relatively) new place.

Lesson learned from this experience: Never outgrow doing your homework. The best way to bargain as if you have options is to know that you do.

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RENTING

From 1A

"Usually, it is people between the age of 20 and 40 who rent," Printz said.

Some millennials, or adults between ages of 18 and 34, shared their stories of Midland's rental market during the last two years.

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> **Alex Norris,** musician, teacher and adjunct professor

ON THE MOVE

Wisconsin native Alex Norris, 25, a musician, teacher and adjunct professor, has moved twice since signing his first lease when he arrived in Midland in August 2014.

"I do a lot of stuff based on trying to think financially," Norris said. "I took an offer from Texas Tech to be a TA and not have to do the whole tuition thing, and I just don't think musicians should shell out 100 grand a year to go to (another school). It was kind of always get on my feet, pay off a couple of loans from my undergrad, and that's what I did."

Norris originally lived with two of his colleagues as a short-term solution because of a difficult renter's market. He used Craigslist to find his first apartment, which was in a "sketchy" neighborhood. He had a six-month lease and a "very nice guy" as a neighbor.

"It was kind of a little dungeon," Norris said. "The windows were boarded up, there was no light. It was stuffy, and I think my neighbor across the hall was a drug dealer because these guys with bloodshot eyes would knock on my door and ask, 'Hey ... is (another tenant) there?'"

A week after Norris moved, he spotted several police cars parked outside of his former complex.

For his next residence, he sublet from a friend of a friend. His quarters didn't have a kitchen, and he eventually had his fill of "living off a microwave and a toaster." Then, other circumstances caused Norris to move about two months ago.

Because Norris had only about a week to find a place, he rented a larger apartment for about $200 over his intended rental window.

"I was scrambling, but I did it," Norris said. "Now, my apartment is a little bigger than what I want, but it's just nice to have my own place. I can teach at home, and it's easier to do without roommates."

To adjust for the higher rent, Norris cut out social activity. It helps that, unlike several peers who are "treading water," he paid off his undergraduate loans and obtained a master's degree tuition-free.

"I was really aggressive with paying off my loans, but it kind of came back to bite me when I needed to pay off some car loans, so I was almost too aggressive," Norris said.

A loan from his parents and selling an old violin helped to offset the new debt.

Although he is not sure how long he will be in the Midland area, he chalks up his experiences in Midland as worthwhile.

"I don't have anything against where I am right now," Norris said. "I do want to move to a larger, little-more-happening city, and I know the struggle will be to find work. But that's why I moved here. I've been able to put stuff on my resume."

IN AND OUT OF THE 'BUYER'S MARKET'

Brett Socha, 29, and his wife had more than just a new frontier to adapt to when they moved to Midland from Birmingham, Alabama, in June 2014. They went from paying about a $700 monthly mortgage payment for an about 3,000-square-foot home to paying $2,000 a month in rent for 1,000 square feet of space.

"That was an adjustment," Socha said. "The only housing there really was — instead of building a house at a high price — was to rent and go into an apartment. It wasn't fun."

Because they arrived during the boom, housing demand drove them to an apartment in Odessa that, while new, was one-third the size of their Birmingham home and about $300 a month more than their previous mortgage payment.

The Sochas ruled out moving to an older complex because "for $200 or $300 more, you could live in a brand-new apartment," according to Socha, but the new complex had downsides that came from high demand.

"The apartment complex didn't care about the actual residents because ... people were a dime a dozen," Socha said. "You could move out, and people would be in it the next day. It was OK; it was just a lot different."

It was the best they could find after months of searching for a complex that had an available unit built within the last few years.

"We were actually looking to buy (after a while) ... but the oil and gas industry kind of went south, and that caused us to hold back a little bit," Socha said. "The taxes were outrageous for housing, too. That was another reason to continue our rent."

After moving to Colorado in December after receiving a promotion,

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OUTFITTERS

From 1A

Within minutes, the balloon and marshmallows expanded rapidly and then shrunk while the water boiled and then froze.

Feige said that Orbital Outfitters' facility opens the way for the government, NASA and space industries in the private sector to come to Midland and test any products in the altitude chambers for space travel approval.

"Everything that needs to happen in space, you have to make sure it's going to work the way you need it to work, and this is a test facility they can do it in," Feige said. "This is a major step. Anybody who comes here is going to be able to do whatever they want to do, build whatever they build, but are going to be able to test it on-site rather than ship it to another part of the country to test it, ship it back here and then ship it to wherever they launch it out of."

Also on Friday, MDC introduced new board member Keith Stretcher and voted not to execute an amendment to the agreement plan between the MDC, the city of Midland and Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 Midland Partners LLC.

Hilliard said that the amendment was outdated because Hotel Santa Rita developers were making changes to it, so the board elected to kill the amendment until after the updated amendment is given to the board for review.

TODAYINMIDLAND

Things to do

Today

■ Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure, noon to 6 p.m., 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

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

■ "Annie," 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $49.50-$88. MOSC.org.

Thursday

■ Chocolate Decadence, 7 p.m., Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. aphasiawtx.org/chocolate-decadence.

Saturday

■ Family Days features dome shows and family-friendly activities, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ MOSC: Mozart's Magnificent Voyage, 4 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15-$9. wagnernoel.com.

■ My Little Sweetheart Dance. The YMCA invites "couples" to dress their best for their father/daughter, mother/son, guardian/child dance, 7-9 p.m., Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. $10 per couple. Additional children $5 each. midlandymca.org.

Meetings this week

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m. Monday
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Community calendar

■ The next in the lecture series, Relativity, is planned for 6 p.m. Friday at the Blakemore Planetarium. The speaker is to be Rosaly M. C. Lopes, senior research scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Her talk is "Fire and Ice: Exploring Volcanoes on Earth and Beyond." Before the lecture, guests may preview the planetarium's new Digistar 5 projection system.

The Relativity lecture series is made possible by the FMH Foundation with support from the Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation and The Beal Foundation. For more information, visit MuseumSW.org, call 683-2882 or email info@MuseumSW.org.

■ The Midland Army Air Field Museum will have its grand opening from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 9600 Wright Drive.

Midland Army Air Field was the largest World War II U.S. Army Air Force bombardier-training base in the country. The first group of cadets, Class 42-6, arrived for training on Feb. 6, 1942. The school graduated a total of 6,627 bombardier officers during the war.

■ The Midland County Republican Party will host at candidate forum at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Horseshoe Arena.

In addition to local contested races, the Republican Party has invited the Railroad Commission candidates to attend.

■ Lee High School choirs' 25th annual Renaissance Madrigal Dinner is Thursday through Feb. 7 at Green Tree Country Club. Tickets are $37 and $47 and are available for the Thursday and Feb. 7 performances.

Monday is the deadline to make reservations. To make a reservation, call Julie Jollie at 352-0988.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926

City maintains AAA bond rating

Fitch Ratings has affirmed the city of Midland's top credit rating, noting that the local government entity's rating outlook appears stable despite economic uncertainty.

Prudent fiscal management, modest overall debt levels, and a diverse tax base were cited as key rating drivers behind the rating, which was released earlier this month.

The rating report stated that the city of Midland's debt burden is "moderately low," with a "manageable capital plan." City management and elected officials have strategically set aside a portion of increased sales tax receipts from previous years to spend on one-time projects and to fund balance reserves, therefore avoiding dependence on the volatile revenue source that is now declining with the decrease in oil prices and activity. Despite the sometimes uncertain nature of the energy sector, the city's "prudent fiscal practices and conservative budgeting" leads to a stable financial outlook for the municipality, according to the report.

By obtaining the highest issuer credit rating, the city of Midland is able to receive the lowest interest rate possible when selling bonds for capital projects. This in turn allows the city to maintain low property tax rates.

Source: City of Midland

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Lotto Texas: 30-35-37-40-44-48
Powerball: 5-12-16-31-43 PB: 18 Power Play: 4
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-5-6-8-12-14-15-16-17-19-20
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-13-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-7-8-9-11-16-18-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-6-10-11-13-14-16-17-19-21-24

Today in history

Today is Sunday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2016. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
In 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer I.

On this date:
In 1990, McDonald's Corp. opened its first fast-food restaurant in Moscow.

Today's birthday: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan is 69.

US economy is expected to strengthen after weak 4th quarter

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy struggled to grow in the October-December quarter as consumer spending, business investment and exports slowed. Yet despite global weakness and shrunken oil and stock prices, many economists expect growth to accelerate on the strength of healthy job gains.

The economy grew at an annual rate of just 0.7 percent last quarter, less than half the 2 percent growth rate in the July-September period, the government said Friday. It was the worst showing since a severe winter slowed the economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, to a 0.6 percent annual growth rate in last year's first quarter.

Though the slowdown late last year could renew doubts about the durability of the 6½-year-old economic expansion, most analysts said they expected the slump to be short-lived.

"The weak growth is temporary," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at IHS Global Insight. "This is not an early warning of something worse."

Behravesh said two of the key negative factors last quarter — an effort by companies to pare an overhang of unsold goods and investment cutbacks by oil companies facing much lower energy prices — would likely diminish early this year. That would pave the way for decent annual growth of around 2.5 percent in the first half of 2016, Behravesh said.

Paul Ashworth, chief economist at Capital Economics, said he thinks GDP growth will rebound to an annual rate between 2.5 percent and 3 percent in the first six months of 2016 as further solid job growth fuels additional consumer spending. Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity.

Much of last quarter's weakness reflected a slowdown in consumer spending, which grew at a 2.2 percent annual rate, compared with a 3 percent rate the previous quarter. Analysts said part of that weakness likely reflected a warmer-than-normal December, which reduced spending on winter clothing and utility bills.

Friday's estimate of fourth-quarter growth was the first of three that the government will issue.

Besides consumer spending, exports were a source of weakness last quarter. That reflected in part a stronger dollar, which has made U.S. goods pricier and therefore less competitive overseas. Persistent sluggishness in such key export markets as China and Europe hurt, too. A wider U.S. trade deficit cut annual growth last quarter by 0.5 percentage point.

An additional drag came from cutbacks in business investment spending, which fell at a 1.8 percent annual rate, with spending on structures down 5.3 percent. That reflected a 38.7 percent plunge in spending in the oil and gas industry, which has slashed drilling and exploration in response to the plunge in oil prices.

Besides pulling back on investment, businesses cut spending on stockpiles to try to pare unwanted inventories. That effort reduced growth by 0.5 percentage point in the fourth quarter. But some economists said they thought the broad effort by businesses to trim stockpiles was nearing an end.

Home construction was one of the bright spots in the fourth quarter; it grew at a solid 8.1 percent annual rate. The U.S. housing market has remained solid.

Government spending slowed to growth of just 0.7 percent. Spending by the federal government grew at a 2.7 percent annual rate, while state and local governments cut back on spending at a rate of 0.6 percent.

For all of 2015, the economy grew 2.4 percent, matching the growth in 2014. Both years improved on 2013. Still, last year's growth rate extended the economy's pattern of subpar expansion since the Great Recession officially ended in June 2009.

For 2016, economists have forecast another year of modest growth of around 2 percent to 2.5 percent. At the same time, they have nudged up the likelihood of another recession, given the stock market plunge that began the year, sharply diminished energy prices and China's struggling economy, the world's second-largest.

Lawsuit

From 1A

It is one of two ongoing tax cases — the other filed by the parent company of AMC movie theaters — that budget watchers fear will cost Texas millions in past and future tax revenue if the final outcomes don't go their way. Hegar called the pair of cases "two of the biggest potentially that could impact what appropriators do in the next legislative session," though he expressed confidence that the state would prevail in both.

The oral arguments in the drilling case, set for March 8, are likely to enthrall accountants and chemistry teachers alike. The justices will need to parse the language of a sales tax exemption for goods and services used in the "actual manufacturing, processing, or fabrication of tangible personal property" and debate how that description relates to the mechanics of petroleum extraction.

The case hinges on whether certain extraction equipment — like casing, pipes, tubing and pumps — fits the definition cited in the exemption.

Southwest Royalties says it does. The equipment, it argues, "processes" West Texas crude by separating it into marketable oil and gas. The Texas Oil and Gas Association, the state's largest petroleum group, backs that position. Attorneys for Southwest Royalties declined to be interviewed for this story, as did the petroleum group.

The state counters that the equipment does not fit the exemption's definition since underground minerals are not "tangible personal property." Meanwhile, natural pressure and temperature changes — not the equipment itself — transform crude as it rises to the surface, Hegar's office said.

Texas also warns that granting the exemption would spread far beyond Southwest Royalties' tax bill and "impose a severe financial penalty on Texas taxpayers" amounting to $4.4 billion in 2017, and $500 million each year after that as companies around the state seek to cash in, according to estimates compiled in 2012.

"It is hardly likely that the Legislature intended such an expansive and costly interpretation of the manufacturing exemption," the state's attorneys wrote in legal filings.

Southwest Royalties disagrees, and it says the financial impact has no bearing on who has correctly interpreted the policy.

Ideally, judges decide such cases only on their merits, said Dale Craymer, president of the business-backed Texas Taxpayers and Research Association and a former chief revenue estimator for the state.

But in reality, Hegar's warnings could matter.

"Typically, when a judge is informed that the comptroller thinks that the ramification of these things is huge, they approach them much more cautiously," Craymer said.

That appears to have happened thus far in this case.

At a hearing in 2012, Travis County District Judge John Dietz said he would rule in favor of Southwest Royalties, only to later reverse his position in a written decision.

The energy company suggests that a Wall Street Journal article quoting dire warnings from Combs swayed the judge.

An appeals court in Travis County upheld Dietz's written decision, backing the comptroller's interpretation due to "a lack of clarity" in the way lawmakers wrote the exemption.

Hegar cited those earlier rulings in expressing confidence that Texas would ultimately prevail.

But Dietz's initial inclination may have telegraphed that Southwest's arguments are "pretty strong," Craymer said.

With an estimated $4 billion budget surplus and a separate Rainy Day Fund projected to top $10 billion in 2017, Texas is well positioned to weather any financial havoc wrought by a Supreme Court loss.

"But there's no escaping that $4 billion is a lot of money," Craymer added.

And it's not the only tax case that could wallop state coffers.

Texas would stand to lose up to $1.5 billion a year — and $6 billion in initial refunds — if it loses a separate legal challenge involving the franchise tax levied on businesses, Hegar warned lawmakers last spring.

In April, Texas' 3rd Court of Appeals sided with the parent company of AMC movie theaters by widening the definition of "tangible personal property" under the state's tax code to include more of the theater chain's expenses.

AMC argued that screening movies fits under the "perceptible to the senses" definition in the code, meaning it should be able to use its costs for theater space to offset revenue when calculating taxes.

Hegar fears that most any product could fit that definition, leading to a flood of refunds.

Millennials

From 4A

Socha said they did not regret the decision. They now own a house larger than their Birmingham residence for a much lower monthly mortgage.

"We looked there to see our apartment that we were renting because it was available online now, and we were seeing they're going for $1,100, which I still think is way too much," Socha said.

The steady investor

Ryan Dixon, 28, who moved to Midland last year, faced a similar situation of wanting a newer apartment since it would mean only a few hundred dollars difference. He visited about 10 complexes between May and the end of June. By the time of his move-in date, the rent of the apartment Dixon chose decreased $300.

"It's so amazing, the supply-and-demand difference, even back then," Dixon said.

He had picked the complex because of amenities, price, location and floor plan were the best of the 10, so the price drop came "as a plus," he said.

Dixon signed a one-year lease but anticipates he could negotiate for lower rent. His reasoning is the decline in the oil and gas industry but also from a less-than-scientific measurement: available parking spots.

"Just based on observational occupancy rates, it appears to be close to 50 to 60 percent occupancy now. Just based on how many parking spots are full every night and all that jazz," Dixon said. "It's nowhere near as full as when I first moved in."

Like other Midlanders, Dixon rented because of an uncertain future. He transplanted from Houston for a new job as an investor for an oil and gas company and, while working full-time, he is working toward a master's degree at Texas Tech University.

"As a younger person, there's social challenges, but, in the long-term perspective, I think it's good for your career," Dixon said. "I obviously can't speak for everybody, but I certainly know a whole host of people who are here early in their careers for a brief period of time. You go where the money is."

Dixon is currently debt-free and intends to purchase a house one day but likely not in Midland. He would like to move back to the Houston area. In the meantime, he intends to fully commit to retiring comfortably as "compounding interest is one (heck) of a powerful force."

Like Norris, he considered a move to Midland a boon to his professional life.

"If the company sent you here, where it's not Austin, Texas, that has happening spots for a 20-something on weekends, they appreciate what you're willing to do and that you're willing to work and what you're willing to sacrifice to get the job done," Dixon said. "I wouldn't discourage anybody from moving to Midland, especially as younger people know how often career changes occur compared to our older generations. You're never stuck. You come here to do your time a little bit, and if you want to move down the road, there's always opportunities to do so."

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Voter anger toward Washington colors presidential campaign

By Lesley Clark, Anita Kumar and Maria Recio
McClatchy Washington Bureau

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa — Craig Ziemke has voted for Democrats all his life, including twice for President Barack Obama. Not this year.

"The whole country is going to hell," the retired factory worker said in a high school gymnasium while waiting for Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump to arrive. Ziemke's fury is deep: Roads and bridges in the U.S. are falling apart, jobs are scarce and the U.S. border is wide open, he said.

"We're letting all these people into the country. No one even knows who the hell they are," he said. "We don't need any more Arabs. The United States is just a dumping ground for everyone."

Ziemke plans to caucus for a Republican on Monday — and probably for Trump, "the only one with brains," he said.

If Obama's 2008 campaign in Iowa and beyond defined the election as one of "hope and change," this year's may well be described as the politics of rage.

In interviews with dozens of voters in both parties, the driving motivation across the state is anger and uprising. They're fed up with Congress. They're mad about stagnant wages, companies sending jobs overseas and terrorists sneaking in across the border.

The rage is driving the campaigns of the "outsiders." For Republicans, that's the bombastic Trump and his chief rival, Sen. Ted Cruz.

Trump rallies can be boisterous, with the audience turning on hecklers as Trump urges security to "get 'em the hell out of here." News cameras captured several white men in November apparently kicking and punching a Black Lives Matter protester at a Trump event. In Vermont in January, Trump called on his security guards to "confiscate" a protester's coat. "You know it's about 10 degrees below zero outside," he said from the stage. "You can keep his coat. Tell him we'll send it to him in a couple of weeks."

On the Democratic side, the discontent fuels the insurgent campaign of Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent from Vermont who vows a political revolution to fix what he says is a system skewed to favor the rich.

"I plead guilty. I am angry," Sanders recently told an audience in Maquoketa, Iowa, pushing back against former President Bill Clinton's critique that voters need "not anger, but answers."

Sanders continued: "I am angry and millions of Americans are angry. We are angry that our people are working longer hours for lower wages. We are angry that our criminal-justice system is broken. And we're angry that we have a corrupt campaign-finance system that allows billionaires to buy elections."

The appeal resonates with voters furious over the role of money in politics: "I can't even stand it, when I hear how much money they're all willing to spend to run for office, but not provide day care for children," said Monica McCarthy, waiting in a union hall in Des Moines to hear Sanders speak. "It's all rich guys who want to take over this country giving to other rich guys to help the rich."

The irate, discontent electorate is apparent in polls: More than 6 in 10 people say that either all or most Americans are angry with Washington, according to a recent Monmouth University survey.

This deep anger is fed by power lurching back and forth between Republicans and Democrats over the past decade, raising hopes among Americans who favor one side, then dashing them when little changes thanks to mounting dysfunction in Washington, said Lee Miringoff, the director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion in New York.

"It's just been too many times, and they just feel nothing has worked," Miringoff said.

That anger has prompted a look outside of politics, way outside. Previously, he said, governors were considered "outsider" candidates for the presidential nomination. Now outsiders have scarcely any political experience.

"Our politics have changed," Miringoff said, adding "there's a growing mistrust of institutions," including government, the health care system, and the media and pollsters.

An NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll last November found deep frustration, with nearly 7 in 10 Americans agreeing they were angry that the political system "seems to only be working for the insiders with money and power, like those on Wall Street or in Washington."

The fury worries establishment Republicans. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley warned fellow Republicans against following "the siren call of the angriest voices" when she delivered the party's response to Obama's State of the Union address in January.

She didn't name Trump. But he happily brushed off the rebuke at a Republican debate days later, saying he was "very angry because our country is being run horribly" and would "gladly accept the mantle of anger."

Cruz also seeks to channel the anger, as he did at a rally in West Des Moines this past week when he complained that Republican majorities "haven't delivered for conservatives" and Americans "feel a profound sense of betrayal."

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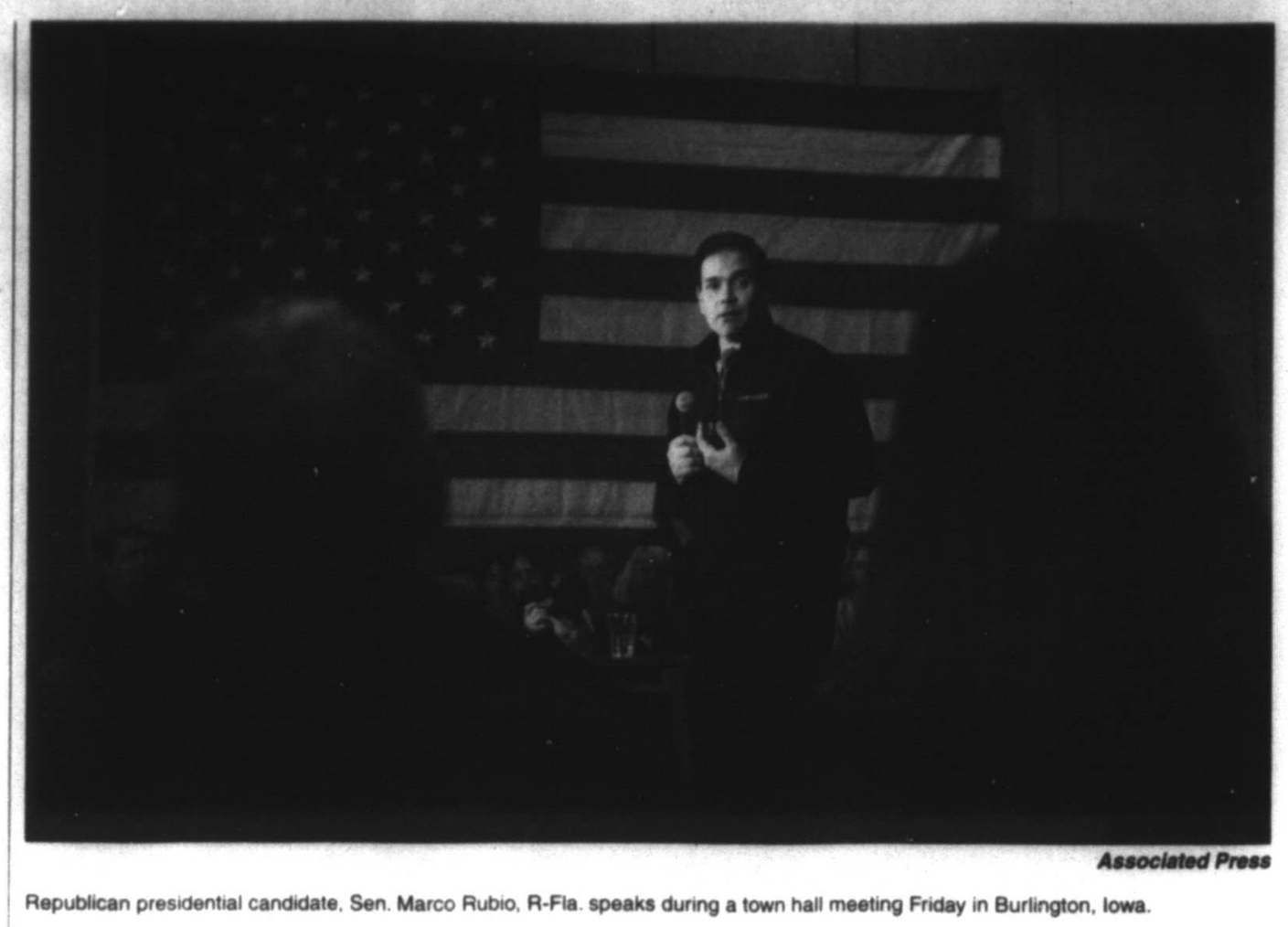

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Republican presidential candidate, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. speaks during a town hall meeting Friday in Burlington, Iowa.

GOP candidate Rubio urges against mass deportation as fix to immigration

By Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

MUSCATINE, Iowa — Republican presidential hopeful Sen. Marco Rubio said Friday that if he is elected president, he will not look to deport 12 million people in the U.S. illegally, and will instead propose solutions to accommodate those who have no criminal record.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Rubio, campaigning in Iowa ahead of the state's leadoff presidential caucuses, said that the realistic approach to America's problems with illegal immigration is to round up only criminals, while finding ways to accommodate the rest.

"We're not going to round up and deport 12 million people," Rubio said, speaking on his campaign bus from eastern Iowa. "Criminals can't stay. Felons, people who are dangerous — they are not staying."

"But we're going to deal with the people that are here," he added.

Addressing reporters later Friday, Rubio noted that the approach he sees as feasible is to administer a background check for individuals who have lived in the U.S. "for a defined period of time." If passed, provide authorization for anyone in the U.S. illegally to get a 10-year work permit.

"We're not going to force it down their throat," he said in the interview, later remarking to journalists: "You have to learn English. You have to pay a huge fine. You have to start paying taxes. You get a work permit. And that's what you'll have for at least 10 years. That's my idea."

Immigration has become a critical issue for Florida's freshman senator, who co-wrote a lengthy 2013 immigration bill that detailed a path to citizenship for many of the 11 million immigrants in the country illegally. The legislation passed in the Senate on a bipartisan vote but ended up dying in the House. Rubio has since distanced himself from the sweeping bill, saying he wants to secure the border before dealing with the millions of people living in the U.S. illegally.

At the Fox News GOP debate Thursday, Rubio and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush squared off over immigration policy. Rubio said he never supported a pathway to citizenship for people in the country illegally. Former Gov. Jeb Bush asserted that Rubio did. Rubio was challenged to defend his past statements as a candidate for Senate where he opposed "blanket amnesty," but then went on to lead a bipartisan Senate group that would have allowed people to seek citizenship after a series of other requirements.

Speaking to reporters Friday, Rubio explained that "blanket amnesty" means "anyone here would be granted legalization or citizenship" and that the American people should decide what criteria should determine who can and cannot stay.

Accusations of flip-flopping ensued throughout Thursday's debate and into Friday.

In his closing argument to Iowa voters, Sen. Ted Cruz cast himself as the only true conservative who can be trusted to keep his word, especially on immigration.

At a restaurant in Ringsted, Iowa, Cruz drew sharp contrasts between Rubio and national front-runner Donald Trump.

Cruz, fighting to retake his December lead in Iowa, took a swipe at Rubio, saying he campaigned for the U.S. Senate in 2010 by opposing amnesty for immigrants living in the country illegally, but then flipped his position after being elected.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, whose presidential campaign rests largely on how well he does in the Feb. 9 New Hampshire primary, charged both Rubio and Cruz with both changing their positions on immigration.

"Neither of them will admit it," Christie said during an appearance on MSNBC's "Morning Joe."

"America needs a Washington-to-English dictionary so they can understand what these people are talking about," Christie said. "Sen. Rubio did not tell the truth on that stage."

In the Clinton-Sanders battle, Schultz becomes a target

By James Rosen
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Like all members of Congress, U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz must stand for re-election in November. Unusually, for a six-term incumbent, she's facing a challenger in the Democratic primary.

But that's not the election fight Wasserman Schultz is most engaged in now. Instead, she's become a target in the intensifying battle between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders to become the Democratic party's presidential nominee. Sanders supporters across the country accuse the Florida lawmaker of using her powerful post as chair of the Democratic National Committee to tip the scales toward Clinton.

It's a dispute for which there is no definitive evidence. Even some of Sanders' most fervent partisans don't believe it. Wasserman Schultz herself denies it.

"If I wanted to favor a candidate, I would not be DNC chair," she told McClatchy last week after headlining a fundraiser in Tallahassee, Fla. "I would support that candidate. It's a pretty convoluted way to help a candidate when I have to actually function neutrally as the DNC chair."

Yet there are many who point to signs suggesting that Wasserman Schultz favors Clinton, starting with the fact that she served as co-chair of Clinton's 2008 White House campaign, which she lost to then-Sen. Barack Obama. During that run, Wasserman Schultz helped raise $230 million for Clinton.

Now, some Sanders activists say, Wasserman Schultz has done everything she can to limit voters' exposure to Sanders by capping the number of debates between the Democratic candidates at six during the primary season. That's only a quarter of the 25 the party held in 2008.

The controversy flared anew this past week when MSNBC and the Manchester Union Leader, New Hampshire's most influential newspaper, scheduled an unsanctioned Democratic debate for Feb. 4, five days before that state's key primary. Wasserman Schultz has barred such unofficial debates and has threatened to bar anyone who takes part from the remaining Democratic exchanges.

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At start of campaign, the last gasp of political parties?

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"This two-party system quashes independent thought and the courage to take a stance on positions and kills the free market of ideas our country was supposed to be founded on."

Ellen Read, New Hampshire political activist

By David Lightman
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WASHINGTON — As the nation begins the process of electing a new president, the roles of the Republican and Democratic parties are undergoing fundamental shifts that are threatening their impact on both elections and policy.

Built in the 19th century, grown dominant in the 20th, they are largely out of date in this new age.

They still control the ballot and machinery such as the primaries. But they do not hold the loyalty of the people. The largest party in America now is no party — with the ranks of people calling themselves independents at the highest level in more than 75 years of polling. The parties do not control the message. People learn about politics from social media instead of traditional means such as mailings or campaign rallies. And the parties are no longer the sole banker of politics. Big-money interests now effectively create shadow parties with extensive networks of donors of their own.

The result: People are tuning out and turning away.

In 2012, average voter turnout for statewide primaries for president, governor and U.S. Senate plunged to its lowest level since the modern primary system became popular in 1972.

"No one likes political parties anymore," said Jan Leighley, who studies voter behavior at American University, where she is a professor of government.

"They no longer have to work through the political process," said Will Marshall, president of the Progressive Policy Institute.

It's a historic change in voter behavior. The Democratic and Republican parties have dominated American politics since the mid-1850s. They grew and prospered as inclusive coalitions that tolerated diverse views for the sake of winning elections and then consolidating power.

Ironically, changes aimed at bringing even more people into the process in the 1970s, such as more primaries and caucuses, have not only outlived their original intent, but they have wound up allowing unprecedented polarization to strangle party progress. Activists became adept at turning out their own ideological bases, leaving the broad middle on the sidelines.

"Americans' attachment to the two major political parties in recent years is arguably the weakest Gallup has recorded since the advent of its polls," Gallup reported in January.

Just 29 percent called themselves Democrats last year, it found, "making it safe to conclude that the current (number) is also the low point in Gallup polling history." Republican loyalty was only 1 percentage point above its recent low of 25 percent three years ago.

The bloc of independents reached 40 percent in 2011, and it has stayed at or above that level ever since.

Most indifferent to parties: young Americans. Nearly half the millennials identified as independents in 2014, Pew found, more than the combined total of those willing to be called either Democrats or Republicans.

"I never want to write down that I'm a Republican," said Rebecca Sorensen, a sophomore at Penn State Univesrity. She leans Republican but is reluctant to openly identify with the party because she supports abortion rights.

Historically, children adopted their parents' political views, including identification with the two major parties. Not anymore.

Millennials get information from sources other than from family dinners, neighbors or campaign brochures. If something piques their interest, they turn to Twitter, text messaging, The Skimm and other modern forms of instant communication.

"If I want to know more, I Google it," said Jayla Akers, a sophomore at Penn State University.

Political parties are seen as too narrowly focused, too interested in keeping incumbents in office.

They gerrymander congressional districts to maximize their chances so that election after election only a handful of House of Representatives races are true contests. Of the House's 435 seats, 402 incumbents are considered safe bets for re-election this year, said the nonpartisan Rothenberg & Gonzales Political Report.

Those safely partisan seats help keep Washington gridlocked — and turn off more Americans.

"Both parties get so concrete in their values, they don't see any other perspective," said Bill Corbett, studying to be an auto body technician at Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology.

It's a far cry from freedom from party or faction that the Founding Fathers envisioned.

"This two-party system quashes independent thought and the courage to take a stance on positions and kills the free market of ideas our country was supposed to be founded on," said Ellen Read, a political activist in New Hampshire.

Parties for generations did welcome differing views and broader membership.

"The Republican Party, both in this state and nationally, is a broad party. There is room in our tent for many views," Ronald Reagan, then governor of California, said in 1967.

The parties now thrive by firing up the fringes. Republicans once had a strong bloc of abortion rights supporters, for example, but in 1976 the party formally included in its platform support for a constitutional amendment "to restore protection of the right to life for unborn children."

It's now unmistakably the anti-abortion party, the comfortable home for conservatives and, therefore, the party that dominates the South and the Rocky Mountain West. Democrats are the party of the Northeast and the West Coast.

"It was easier 30 years ago to say, 'I'm an Alabama Democrat or I'm a Massachusetts Republican,'" said John Fortier, director of the Democracy Project at Washington's Bipartisan Policy Center.

Some in the parties do see the growing problem.

The Republican Party's 2013 self-examination conceded, "Young voters are increasingly rolling their eyes at what the party represents, and many minorities wrongly think that Republicans do not like them." Since then, officials have made intense efforts to bond with younger and minority voters.

Democrats also were critical of their own tactics. A high-level party study last year found that too often, many of its candidates "were not connecting with voters and lacked some fundamental infrastructure and support to convey their message."

"It's true that today's multifaceted political landscape changes the footprint of national parties," said Democratic Party Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

But she noted that "in the primaries, we set the rules for the nomination, and nothing can replace the unique ability of the national parties to effectively organize and mobilize voters," and their role in the general election is so detailed it "cannot be replicated externally."

While independents are gaining clout, so are the big-money groups that now operate as virtual political parties.

Take Freedom Partners, an organization sponsored by brothers Charles and David Koch of Wichita, Kan.

Last year, the group committed to spend $889 million on politics and policy in 2015 and 2016.

The total would surpass the $404 million spent by the Republican National Committee and the $319 million spent by the Democratic National Committee in the 2012 campaign, according to opensecrets.org, which monitors political spending.

And that total would rival the $1 billion spent by all three major Democratic Party committees and the $1 billion spent by all three major Republican Party committees.

And the Koch network does more than just spend money. Twice each year it hosts about 400 executives, who pay dues of $100,000 each, for meetings on politics and policies. And its spending goes beyond the planned $250 million to help candidates, to include grants to organizations to help promote small-government policies as well as college scholarships and fellowships.

Other alternatives to the parties also are gearing up.

In that world, everyday voters ask, how can they ever be heard? Not through the Republican or Democrats parties, say increasing numbers of voters.

As Peter White, a cabin manager in Nottingham, N.H., put it, "You feel the two parties both work for Wall Street and don't care who wins."

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Quirky caucuses pose organizational challenge for candidate Sanders

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Bernie Sanders feels like the hottest candidate in the Democratic race. Thousands flock to his rallies across Iowa, screaming his name as they "feel the Bern."

The question is whether all that energy translates into warm bodies ready to turn out and caucus for him on that cold Monday night.

Even Sanders admits he doesn't know the answer.

"No, I'm not," he replied when asked if he was predicting a win on caucus night. "I am saying that we are right now in Iowa in a very, very close election."

For decades, Iowa has been a key testing ground for insurgent Democratic candidates trying to wrest the nomination from the establishment pick.

Governed by arcane rules, the Iowa caucus is one of quirkiest features of American politics. Delegates — who ultimately decide the primary— are awarded proportionally, based on a complex calculation. That means that a stronger showing in any individual county doesn't necessarily translate into significantly more delegates.

Putting together a winning campaign traditionally requires a significant amount of voter outreach and organization.

"The adage is organize, organize, organize, and get hot late," said Mitch Stewart, who directed field operations for Obama's Iowa effort in 2008. "The question is did Sanders do enough organizing early."

Clinton's team arrived in Iowa early last year and quickly built up a sizable staff, led by some of the strategists who worked on Obama's 2008 bid. They've spent months doing outreach to likely voters, cultivating relationships to ensure they show up on Monday night.

While Sanders draws massive crowds across the state, about 27 percent of his backing is concentrated in three counties that are home to big universities, according a poll by the Des Moines Register.

The survey also showed that Sanders leads among younger voters, first time caucus goers, and independents — three groups that tend to be less likely to caucus.

Sanders's coalition is similar coalition to the one that backed Obama, who focused significant resources on turning out younger voters.

"American democracy is not a football game. It is not a TV show. It is not a spectator sport," Sanders said. "Democracy means that all of our people are supposed to be involved."

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At least 37 migrants drown trying to reach Greece

By Suzan Fraser
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — A boat carrying Syrians attempting the short sea journey from Turkey to Greece struck rocks and capsized at dawn on Saturday, causing at least 37 people to drown, among them several babies and young children.

Images of dead children on a beach on Saturday were another soul-searing reminder that Europe's migrant crisis keeps destroying lives and families by the day.

They recalled the photo of 3-year-old Aylan Kurdi lying face down on a Turkish beach last year. His story put an intimate face on the Syrian refugee crisis for people across the world, prompting many to finally grapple with the magnitude of the suffering being inflicted by the war in Syria and the treacherous journeys many risk in hopes of finding shelter in Europe.

By contrast, the heartbreaking images Saturday met a muted response, perhaps a sign that many have grown weary of the unending reports about the suffering of migrants even though the number of people dying at sea is rising.

"January has been the deadliest month so far for drownings between Turkey and Greece," Peter Bouckaert, the emergencies director at Human Rights Watch, told The Associated Press in an email. "Almost every day, more drown on this dangerous journey."

"It is deeply disturbing that after all those solemn pledges when Aylan Kurdi drowned, these latest drownings were barely mentioned in the media," added Bouckaert, who was critical in giving wide circulation on Twitter to the images of Kurdi last year. "We have chosen to look away."

Migrants wait to travel to the Greek island of Lesbos, near the Aegean town of Ayvacik, Turkey, on Friday. Italian Premier Matteo Renzi said in Berlin on Friday that he is expecting an answer soon from the European Commission on his country's questions about providing 3 billion euros in aid to Turkey to help with Syrian refugees. ***Associated Press***

Saturday's tragedy occurred when the boat capsized as dozens of people attempted the deceptively short crossing from the Turkish coast to the Greek island of Lesbos barely 5 miles away.

More than 250 migrants have drowned already this month trying to reach one of Greece's offshore islands, entry point to the European Union and its uncertain promise of refuge from war and poverty.

The Turkish coast guard said three ships, a helicopter and team of divers were searching the partially submerged craft and surrounding seas for more bodies as police on shore placed bodies, some 10 children among them, in black bags. Journalists at the scene tried to interview some of the 75 survivors, but police took them away in buses, some bound for a local hospital to be treated for hypothermia and other injuries, others into police custody for questioning.

A Turkish government official said by the late afternoon, rescuers had recovered bodies trapped inside the wreckage of the 56-foot boat, which sank shortly after departing from the shore near the Aegean resort of Ayvacik, raising the death toll to 37. Saim Eskioglu, deputy governor for the coastal Canakkale province that includes Ayvacik, said the boat "hit rocks soon after it left the coast."

The state-run Anadolu Agency said 39 died.

"There were around 10 children among the dead," Eskioglu told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "Four of them, unfortunately, were babies about one or two years old. We are deeply saddened."

Eskioglu and Ayvacik's mayor, Mehmet Unal Sahin, said most of the migrants were Syrians. The Anadolu Agency said the boat also bore natives of Afghanistan and Myanmar.

A private Turkish news agency, Dogan, said police arrested a Turkish man suspected of being the smuggler who organized Saturday's failed sea crossing. The man denied responsibility, telling the Dogan agency that he also had relatives on board.

Weather conditions did not appear to be a significant factor in the sinking. Journalists at the scene said weather conditions Saturday on the Turkish coast were relatively mild, with light winds and temperatures around 54 Fahrenheit.

The International Organization for Migration says drowning deaths are running at four times the rate of 2015, when many thousands daily sought to enter the European Union via Turkey by reaching one of more than a dozen offshore Greek islands, chiefly Lesbos.

The agency recorded 805 drowning deaths of migrants on Turkey-Greece sea routes throughout 2015, and a further 218 this month alone excluding the ultimate total of Saturday's tragedy.

Joel Millman, a spokesman for the International Organization for Migration, said the death toll was "increasing at an alarming rate." He said it was all the more surprising, given the reality that fewer people are attempting the crossing during winter.

Turkey, which is hosting an estimated 2.5 million refugees from Syria, in November agreed to fight smuggling networks and stem the flow of migrants into Europe. In return, the European Union pledged $3.25 billion to help improve the refugees' conditions.

The country says it has started rejecting Syrians who arrive without valid visas via third countries. It also has agreed to grant work permits to Syrians as an incentive for them to stay put in Turkey.

Clinton, Sanders campaigns agree to add New Hampshire debate

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Democrats would hold a presidential debate next week in New Hampshire before the state's first-in-the-nation primary and three more in the spring, under a tentative deal Saturday between the Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders campaigns.

Both camps said the agreement was not final and that Democratic National Committee had yet to sign off. The DNC did not immediately comment on the development, first reported by BuzzFeed.

The Thursday debate would fit in between Monday's Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary on Feb. 9.

In recent days, Clinton has urged the party to add the televised forums, and Sanders has been willing to appear at the proposed debate next week in exchange for three more in the spring.

Already scheduled are debates in Wisconsin on Feb. 11 and Florida on March 9.

Campaign officials said the three spring debates would come in late March, April and May.

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Life at Zika epicenter a struggle for afflicted family

By Mauricio Savarese and Jenny Barchfield
Associated Press

RECIFE, Brazil — Around the fifth month of her pregnancy, Daniele Ferreira dos Santos fell ill with a high fever and angry red splotches on her skin.

She soon recovered.

But weeks later, when she went to the hospital for a prenatal exam, the news was horrific: The baby she was carrying likely had a severe brain injury. When Juan Pedro Campos dos Santos came into the world in December, the circumference of his head was just 26 centimeters, about 20 percent smaller than normal.

Santos was never diagnosed with Zika, but she blames the virus for her son's defect and for the terrible toll it has taken on her life. Living in Recife in the northeastern state of Pernambuco, she is at the epicenter of the Zika outbreak, and Pedro's is among 3,400 suspected cases of microcephaly that may be connected to the virus, though no link has yet been proven.

Originally from Africa, Zika spread to Asia and was first registered in Brazil in the middle of last year, spreading like wildfire through the northeast thanks in part to the region's widespread poverty, equatorial heat and chronic infestations of the Aedes aegypti mosquito, which also spreads dengue fever and chikungunya.

"It's the proverbial perfect storm," said Dr. Albert Ko, a professor of epidemiology with the Yale School of Public Health, adding the region was likely at least one of the initial points of entry for the disease — which researchers theorize may have been introduced to Brazil by tourists visiting the country during the 2014 World Cup or an international canoeing event the same year.

"It may have been one of many introductions, but this is the one that took off," said Ko. "In Brazil, infestation rates (of the mosquito) are highest in the northeast because of climactic reasons and socio-economic reasons, so it makes sense that ... it really took off there."

Mosquitoes have long been an inescapable part of the lives of the Santos family and their neighbors in a slum in Recife's Apipucos neighborhood, where raw sewage flows in ditches, rain water from the frequent downpours in this equatorial city accumulates in fetid puddles, and the shores of a nearby pond are dotted with trash. Each soda bottle, yoghurt container and margarine tub provides an ideal breeding ground for Aedes.

"The mosquito is in all Recife. If I didn't get it here, I got it at the place I work," said Santos, a receptionist. "We all know that the risk (of contracting a mosquito-borne illness) is high."

But it wasn't always this way. Brazil once succeeded in eliminating the Aedes, which is well adapted to humans, lives within people's homes and can breed in just a bottle cap of stagnant water. Massive eradication efforts in the 1940s and 1950s allowed the country to be declared free of the mosquito in 1958, but over the decades the insect returned, slowly encroaching from neighboring countries and finding fertile breeding ground in Brazil's sprawling, unplanned cities, with their limited potable water systems and garbage collection.

"Because of irregular water distribution, many people, especially in poorer areas collect water in tanks ... creating ideal breeding grounds for the mosquitoes," said Dr. Ceuci Nunes, an infectologist at the Couto Maia Hospital in the northeastern city of Salvador. "The same goes with trash, which often goes uncollected."

Nunes also said regional officials' laissez-faire attitude toward eradication also helped fan the mosquito's proliferation, which also resulted in as record numbers of dengue cases in recent years.

"There has been a lot of carelessness combating the mosquito," she said, adding that many municipalities simply "failed to adopt adequate mosquito-fighting measures."

In the face of the spiraling public health crisis, President Dilma Rousseff has declared war on Aedes, with the government promising to deploy some 220,000 members of the Armed Forces to go door-to-door to help educate the population about how to prevent the mosquito's spread.

Pregnant women advised to avoid Zika virus areas

The mosquito-borne Zika virus is linked to the recent increase in microcephaly in South America. Microcephaly cases in Brazil have jumped from fewer than 150 cases in 2014 to close to 4,000 since October of last year.

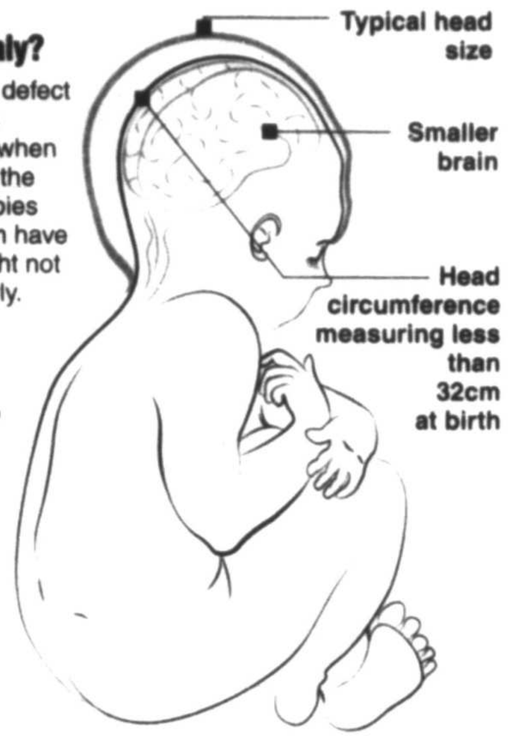
What is microcephaly?

Microcephaly is a birth defect where a baby's head is smaller than expected when compared to babies of the same sex and age. Babies with microcephaly often have smaller brains that might not have developed properly.

Other problems

Babies with microcephaly can have a range of other problems, depending on how severe their microcephaly is. Microcephaly has been linked with the following problems:

- Seizures
- Hearing loss
- Vision problems
- Developmental delay, such as problems with speech or other developmental milestones (like sitting, standing, and walking)
- Intellectual disability (decreased ability to learn and function in daily life)
- Feeding problems, such as difficulty swallowing
- Problems with movement and balance



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ZIKA VIRUS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COLOMBIA

Colombia, Venezuela look for Zika links to Guillain-Barre

BOGOTA — Colombia and Venezuela are both reporting a jump in cases of a rare, sometimes paralyzing syndrome that may be linked to the Zika virus.

Colombian Deputy Health Minister Fernando Ruiz said Friday that his country has recorded 41 cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome that appear to be linked to Zika infections. It had detected 12 such cases a week ago.

Colombia has said it had about 16,500 suspected cases of Zika; only a small fraction have been confirmed by laboratory tests.

The mosquito-borne virus is spreading rapidly in the region after being detected last year in Brazil. Investigators are scrambling to determine if the surge is related to seeming increases of the rare birth defect known as microcephaly, which results in babies being born with abnormally small heads, and of Guillain-Barre, which can leave patients temporarily paralyzed.

Venezuelan Health Minister Luisana Melo said Friday that her country has recorded 255 cases of Guillain-Barre, apparently as part of its effort to fight Zika, though she did not specify the link or the time frame.

Former Health Minister Jose Oletta said that figure indicates the number of suspected Zika cases in Venezuela is far more than the government's estimate of roughly 4,500. He has estimated Venezuela could have 400,000 cases.

SAO PAULO

Brazil leader vows to win war against mosquito

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Friday announced a nationwide attack on the mosquito that spreads the Zika virus, vowing to "win this war" against the insect that researchers in have linked to a rare birth defect.

Rousseff said an operation to eliminate breeding areas for the Aedes aegypti mosquito has begun at all installations run by the armed forces and at all federal educational, health and other facilities.

She called on the rest of society to join in eliminating areas of standing water, which can include things as small as a discarded food container.

"The government, churches, football teams, labor unions ... everyone must do their part to eliminate the breeding grounds," she said. "We will win this war."

Later Friday, the White House said Rousseff and President Barack Obama discussed their concerns about the spread of the Zika virus in a telephone conversation.

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There's politically incorrect and there's Trump

■ Kelly ended up being right to ask the question about the front-runner's temperament

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If you ask Donald Trump fans what they like about him, there's an excellent chance they'll say, "Because he's not politically correct."

But this is only true if you misunderstand the meaning of political correctness, as Trump himself apparently does.

Popularized in the '90s to mean overcorrection in language and policies to avoid offending any group of people, it has been redefined by Trump to mean saying whatever slips from gray matter to tongue without the inhibitory processing that civilization demands.

We could fill volumes -- and many have — with ridiculous examples of political correctness, especially on college campuses where students are often coddled rather than taught. Oft-cited as a legitimate example is exclusion of literary works because of language or imagery that might result in some sensitive soul needing hugs and hankies. Or, if you're a college student, safe haven in a "safe zone."

Intellectual rigor, this is not.

This is true political correctness, silly and damaging to both sanity and educational integrity. Ovations to those who confront it.

But insult, an artless form perfected by Trump, isn't politically INcorrect. It is rude. Name-calling isn't clever; it is childish and lazy.

Yet Trump has managed to convince his legions that making vile comments about someone is a revolutionary act, a badge of honor and a long-overdue tipping of society's scales back toward reason and truth. Sometimes he's right, but so is the proverbial stopped watch.

More often he's wrong.

You could say, for example, that we need to secure our borders because, though most immigrants are good people in search of a better life, others are criminals or criminally minded. This is both true and lacking in drama.

Instead, Trump — recognizing the anger in others that he either feels or feigns — took the low road and said people entering our country illegally are rapists and murderers, adding perfunctorily, "and some, I assume, are good people."

This isn't politically incorrect; it's simply incorrect. It is also intentionally hyperbolic in the service of a campaign to incite and engage rage — the brimstone of a demagogue seeking to liberate populist anger to fuel his own lust for power.

This approach is plainly more rewarding for a certain kind of person. Trump's inflammatory language goes straight to the gut (Jeb Bush owns the heart) of resentment that so many feel and that for too long has been neglected or dismissed by Washington. But it is wrong because, obviously, one is to infer from Trump's remarks that animus toward Mexicans and other Latinos is justified for reasons that are largely untrue.

Trump reserves special venom for women, examples of which are too numerous to list. Most familiar is his recent assault on Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly. Trump made good on his threat to ditch last Thursday's debate if Kelly, whom he charged with treating him unfairly in an earlier debate, were a moderator.

She was; he bailed.

With his usual gentlemanly flair, Trump referred to Kelly as a "bimbo." No, wait, he didn't say that. He said he would *not* call her a bimbo but only "because that would not be politically correct." Wrong again, Donnie.

Let's parse this, shall we? Would it be politically incorrect to call a top-ranked female anchor (with a law degree) currently on the cover of Vanity Fair a bimbo? Or would it be rude, ludicrous, wrong and pathetic? Nothing about this is hard.

Ironically, the "unfairness" that got Trump so bunched up was Kelly's apt question about whether, given his many derogatory remarks about women, he has the temperament to be president. It would appear that Kelly's aim was true and Trump responded in consistent form. Among other boy-bathroom remarks, he implied that she might have been on her period. Charming.

Further, it would seem, Kelly rather precisely made her case.

As this sordid world turns, Trump once again succeeded in liberating the dirty little ids of his Twitter feed's tiniest minds. Armed with their biggest, manliest tweets, Trumpulists wasted no time hammering Kelly with a urinal wall's worth of female-specific, often-sexual insults. A Vocativ analysis of a day's tweets included the following word counts: "bitch" (423), "bimbo" (404), "blonde" (128), "cheap" (66) and others too crude for print.

These wits probably thought they were being politically incorrect by saying exactly what was on their wee minds, but they merely revealed their, shall we say, limitations. Most women know what's up when men behave this way toward a woman: *Not with a 10-foot pole, honey.*

And that goes for the Donnie boy, too.

OUR VIEW

It's time for presidential candidates to give us more than promises

For many months now, Republican and Democrat presidential candidates alike have hit their respective campaign trails. And as they've mustered as many votes as possible in Iowa and head next to New Hampshire as the primary rolls on, we've heard plans and promises aplenty from each White House hopeful.

All argue they're better than the other, that they're the most qualified, that they have the best ideas and that they'll create an America far better than what the current president or the president before him put in place.

We've listened to the candidates, but there's a key issue we haven't heard: how they'll work with Congress if elected.

When you're trying to persuade the voting public to elect you president, mentioning Congress probably isn't a wise idea. A Gallup survey from the first week of January indicates Congress has a job approval rating of 16 percent. That's better than the 13 percent in December, 11 percent in November and certainly much better than the all-time low of 9 percent in November 2013. But polls and unpopularity aside, cooperating with Congress will be critical for any future president. Why? Because a president won't get much done otherwise, at least by non-executive-order means.

Remember: A bill is just a bill, and it's only a bill, as it's sitting there on Capitol Hill. It's a long, long journey to the capital city, and it's a long, long wait while it's sitting in committee. And it will be a law someday, at least people hope and pray that it will. But unless the measure can make it past a few key members of Congress who will discuss and debate, make it through the House and Senate and become signed by the president, it's just a bill.

As for the presidential candidates, their talk is just talk unless they can work with Congress.

It's bad enough that lawmakers can barely cooperate with their counterparts across the aisle, let alone on the other side of the Capitol. However, another lame, nothing-accomplished, blame-ridden four years because the president and our other elected officials in Washington can't get along will be disappointing at best. We won't speculate on the at-worst scenario.

So, our plea to all the presidential candidates is: cease with the "whats" and ramp up the "hows." The world is listening. Give them something worth hearing.

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What could be Trump's downfall?

■ His cultivation of chaos should be a disqualifer, but Trump is riding it to prohibitive front-runner status

MICHAEL GERSON
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Donald Trump is often credited with distilling Jeb Bush's main electoral challenge: that he is "low energy." It fits Bush well enough (more accurately, he is a cerebral introvert) to be damaging. But it is Bush, in turn, who has captured the essence of Trump as the "chaos candidate." We have yet to determine if Trump's approach is a drawback or a disturbingly effective new method of presidential campaigning.

Since the summer, Trump has advanced in a series of taunts, outlandish statements and feuds that have kept him on the center stage of American life. It reflects the persona he developed on "Celebrity Apprentice," but see also his "Battle of the Billionaires" against Vince McMahon at WrestleMania in 2007. "I'm taller than you," he told McMahon. "I'm better-looking than you. I think I'm stronger than you."

Sometimes a columnist must step back, breathe in, breathe out and consider where the journey has brought us. Days away from the first votes of the presidential nomination process, the prohibitive Republican front-runner is successfully applying the lessons of his pro wrestling career to dominate media coverage and prevent opponents from gaining attention and traction. God help us.

The feud this time is with Megyn Kelly, Roger Ailes and Fox News — illustrating the distinction between Trump's populism and movement conservatism (a gap that Ted Cruz seeks to exploit). But it is worth recalling how it all started. "Mr. Trump," asked Kelly in an earlier debate, "one of the things people love about you is you speak your mind and you don't use a politician's filter. However, that is not without its downsides, in particular, when it comes to women. You've called women you don't like 'fat pigs, dogs, slobs and disgusting animals.' ... Does that sound to you like the temperament of a man we should elect as president?"

This is the word — temperament — that will eventually sink the Trump campaign, if it is eventually sunk. We are witnessing what happens when a narcissist who thinks he is at the center of the universe is actually placed at the center of the universe. There is the need for adulation. There are the fantasies of unlimited power — see Trump's admiration for Vladimir Putin. There is the expectation of special treatment — see his debate boycott. There is the lack of empathy — see his cruel mocking of a disabled reporter.

Leadership is often evidenced in relatively small things. Shortly after his election in 2000, I was with President George W. Bush in the family theater at the White House where he was practicing his first address to Congress. For whatever reason, the military is charged with teleprompter operation, and the operator had messed up his job. An angry Bush said, "Call me when you get your act together" and stalked out of the room. The young man was distraught. But a few minutes later, Bush returned and apologized to the operator, saying: "That is not the way the president of the United States should act."

A small thing, but I remember it. The office confers an awesome power to elevate the lives of those around a president, or to destroy them.

I thought of this when Trump delivered his rant earlier this month in Pensacola at a rally where his microphone was malfunctioning. "Whoever the hell bought this mic system, don't pay the son of a bitch who brought it in," he told the crowd. "I believe in paying, but when someone does a bad job like this stupid mic, you shouldn't pay the bastard."

My point is not that Trump should be more polite to the help. It is that the temperament and character of a man or woman gets magnified and amplified by the power of the presidency. There must be some inner check to avoid the abuse of power. Chuck Colson said it was Richard Nixon's "us-versus-them" mentality that led to the creation of "the plumbers" — the group charged with plugging press leaks, eventually triggering the Watergate scandal. The attitudes and leadership style of a president inspire or infect his entire administration.

It is a tribute to the seriousness of the Trump candidacy that we should be considering the real-world consequences of his temperament. But his feud-seeking, his personal insults, his shock-jock transgressiveness, his sexism, his mocking of those with disabilities, his clumsy deceptions, his toxic leadership style, his cultivation of chaos should be issues in this campaign. And they should be disqualifying in a prospective president.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

OPINION

Midlanders deserve a better choice when it comes to 4B ballot language

TIM DUNN
Midlander/Empower Texans

Nancy Pelosi famously said of the Obamacare bill, "We will pass it, then we will find out what is in it." It appears that our Midland City Council is preparing to ask us to make a Nancy Pelosi vote, to pass an extension of the "4B" tax that paid for the sports complex without a commitment from the council to where the money will be spent.

As the language now stands, passing the extension will simply be passing a tax increase, because the type-4B tax will otherwise expire. If passed as currently proposed, the council will be able to do almost anything they want under state law with the resulting tax money. They may tell us what they intend, but as of now, they appear unwilling to commit that to writing.

Discussions I know of have been about spending 4B sales tax revenue on parks and recreation, like soccer fields and basketball facilities. That is something Midland might get behind, if the plan is good. However, the ballot language makes no such restriction; in fact it extends the tax for 25 years while putting little restraint on spending.

Some council members say they're working with vendors to develop renderings of three parks to show residents their plans for the repurposed 4B dollars. Then why not put specifics in the ballot language? It appears the council might be contemplating an "all or nothing" vote, where if residents want better parks we also have to vote for an unspecified slush fund. Instead, how about Midland being an example of government transparency and resident involvement?

We should all have empathy for the council members. They serve many hours without compensation and deserve nothing but gratitude for their willingness to serve. I can understand the appeal to offer ballot language that allows them to work behind closed doors with vendors (who will get all the tax money) rather than doing the work up front and involving the community.

But it is our job as residents to hold even well-intentioned volunteers accountable to use tax dollars with the greatest of stewardship. Transparency and resident engagement is just too important to bypass.

When the 4B was initially passed in 1999, the tax clearly financed the Scharbauer Sports Complex and was set to expire once the $38.9 million in bonds were paid off. However, should the complex be paid off in March as expected, taxpayers will have paid more than $65 million, plus an ongoing, substantial maintenance and operations expense that was neither provided for nor expected.

Clearly Midland does not have great experience with the 4B" tax when it comes to transparency. Midland residents deserve a well thought-out and vetted plan to expend what could be on the order of $250 million.

Council released the ballot language last weekend, and in spite of significant resistance passed the first reading of the ballot. They also denied an amendment offered by Councilman Jeff Sparks to shorten the sunset period. The second reading and final vote on the ballot language will be held be held on Feb. 9.

As the language is currently proposed, the 4B sales tax extension is just a tax increase they will ask Midlanders to pass, so we can then see what they spend it on. If they do pass this ballot language on second reading, I suspect the basis upon which whoever supports the resulting 4B vote will be a stated intent to expend some of the money on specific subjects, such as parks. "Do it for the children" or something like that. So we would then have a Bill Clinton "do it for the children" campaign to pass a Nancy Pelosi plan.

If council passes the current language, and we see a "do it for the children" campaign we will know the Clinton/Pelosi methods have come to Midland; particularly if you see a campaign financed by businesses that stand to benefit from the expenditure of the tax dollars.

On the other hand, if council passes the current language and says "we need more tax money", then you know there is a transparent but misguided effort to increase taxes in Midland — instead of tightening the belt like everyone else is having to do.

If Midlanders are not going to enjoy a tax cut, they at least deserve the opportunity to cast a vote on a well thought-out, fully vetted proposal that discloses where their money will be going.

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

Nobel-winning UT prof's no-guns stance a right, or just wrong?

Oyez, oyez, oyez. Oh yes, the time again draws nigh to convene the Court of Public Opinion, that all-comers forum that's sometimes wrong, never uncertain and is broad enough to include people who think Donald Trump should be president.

Today's question: Which woman is University of Texas Nobel physics laureate Steven Weinberg more like, Rosa Parks or Kim Davis?

We all remember the late Parks for the profound contribution of her simple act of refusing to leave a seat at the front of a bus. And we know Davis as the Kentucky county clerk who last year defied court orders by refusing to issue same-gender marriage licenses.

In their divergent ways, Davis and Parks both courageously challenged the law.

Weinberg now is poised to do likewise. On Monday, he said at a UT Faculty Council meeting — despite the current law of the land of Texas and the probable upcoming UT policy — that he will ban concealed handgun license holders from bringing guns into his classroom.

"I will put it into my syllabus that the class is not open to students carrying guns," Weinberg said Monday, drawing applause from colleagues. "I may wind up in court. I'm willing to accept that possibility."

More probably, his employer might wind up in court.

In fact, UT System Chancellor Bill McRaven told a state Senate committee Tuesday that he expects litigation regardless of whatever gun policy UT campuses enact. McRaven said UT will "make sure (staffers) understand we are going to follow the law. It's that simple, and we expect people to follow the law."

But on Monday, Weinberg said he's among UT's people "scared of guns in the hands of students who may violently disagree" with something said in a classroom. "It's hard enough to recruit faculty who want to remain on the East or West Coast," he said. "To tell them they have no power to keep guns out of their classrooms makes it that much harder."

FYI, under current law, professors (unless they frisk or use metal detectors) wouldn't know if a student has a concealed gun.

In choosing to disobey the law, Weinberg is like Parks when she ignored segregation laws she didn't like and Davis when she defied a U.S. Supreme Court ruling she didn't like.

How you feel about each of those women probably is heavily influenced by how you feel about segregation and same-sex marriage.

We are free to challenge a law by disobeying it, but we risk the consequences. Parks' disobedience helped lead to long-overdue changes by doing so. Davis failed in her attempt. She had the option to quit her government job if she no longer felt she could do parts of it.

Weinberg couched his stand as "a question of First Amendment rights versus state legislation."

The new law will begin allowing licensed adults over 21 to bring concealed handguns into public university classrooms Aug. 1.

Me? I don't believe individuals' fears and perceptions (in this case, Weinberg's druthers on guns in classrooms) should be allowed to overrule laws. Here's an example: I know a guy whose biases lead him to see everybody drinking alcohol as a potential drunken driver who could kill him. That's nuts. And I tell myself that every time I harbor those thoughts.

My fears and perceptions should not dictate other law-abiding people's behavior.

Ditto for guns, which, like alcohol, are a legal, regulated product. Both, in different ways, get shoutouts in the U.S. Constitution.

So, beloved members of the Court of Public Opinion, what say you? Is Weinberg a courageous citizen standing up to a dumb law that impedes his rights, which would make him like Parks? Or is he like Davis, a government employee (albeit in Weinberg's case one who is really good at science) who's cranky about being on the losing side of a public policy battle?

The decision now is in your hands. And feel free to be wrong. I always do.

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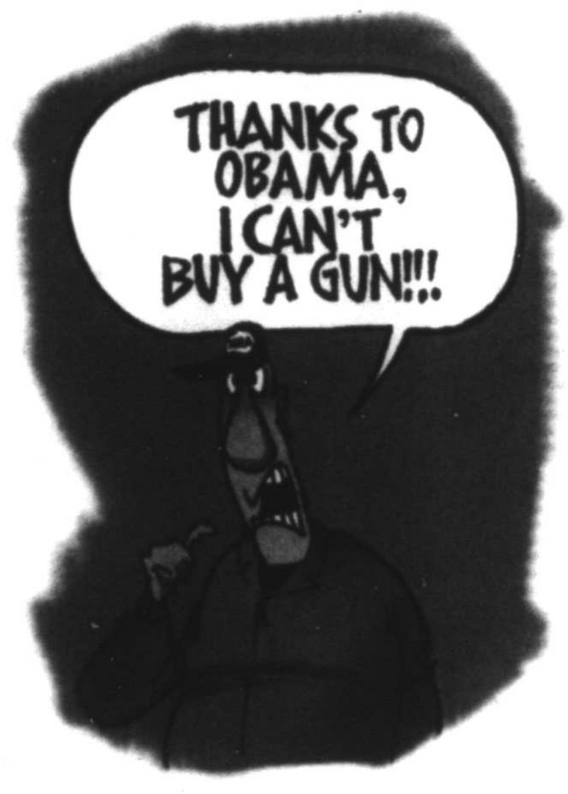

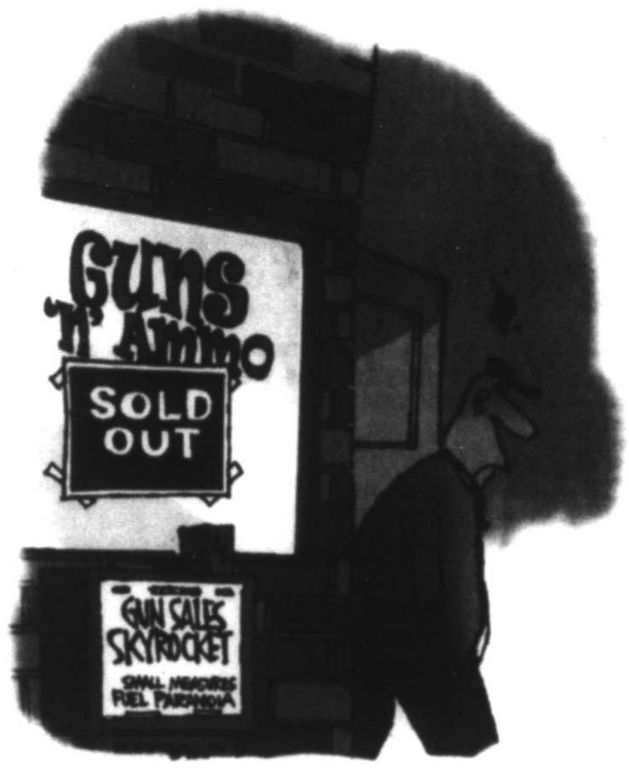

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Residents make difficult situation better

During the 5 p.m. rush hour on Jan. 20, my car was hit by a truck driver who ran a red light at the intersection of Louisiana Avenue and Andrews Highway. Several people responded quickly and were helpful.

A total stranger waited for the police officer to show up to tell the officer that he had witnessed the accident and that I was moving with the green light when I was struck. I know that I told no one thank you for their concerns. I was thankful but so bummed out that I didn't express it.

Thanks to the lady from a business who assessed the situation and called the non-emergency police number. Thank you, Officer Renz, for showing up quickly. Thank you to man who works for the city of Midland or the police department for removing the large pieces of my car out of the street.

The most important and overdue thank you is to the gentleman who waited to make a witness report even though he had children with him and was on his way to meet his wife. Thank you so very much for caring enough to report what you saw. God bless.

Sue Burdette

Wildlife Refuges give back to citizens

I'm writing to express my support for national wildlife refuges.

With the armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in southeastern Oregon, our nation's wildlife refuges have been thrust into the spotlight. It's apparent that few are aware of the incredible benefits wildlife refuges provide to communities and the local economy.

For every $1 Congress appropriates to run the Refuge System, nearly $5 is returned to local economies in jobs, sales, income and tax revenue. And that's on average. In many areas, wildlife refuges provide an even greater boost to the economy. Malheur is one such economic engine, returning more than $7 for every $1 appropriated by Congress.

National wildlife refuges are special places. These lands consist of the rivers where veterans fly fish to assist in the healing process from PTSD, marshes where a parent takes their child hunting for the first time, open grasslands that become a child's first memory of an outdoor classroom and the lands where ranchers teach their children about the history of responsible land stewardship.

The illegal occupation of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge has stripped us of our rights as American citizens to make memories at this wildlife refuge.

This needs to stop. National wildlife refuges belong to all Americans, and we want Malheur back.

Debra Borgen

Election letters

(candidate or ballot initiative letters have a 200-word limit)

4B TAX ELECTION

4B ballot language is too broad

After reading the "ballot language for the likely tax election," I have to agree with the concerns expressed in the Reporter-Telegram editorial. I had to read the language several times to make sure I fully understood it. Each time it raised more questions as to whether I was in favor of repurposing the tax or not. I came to the conclusion that the 4B sales tax, which originally was a specific purpose sales tax to fund the Scharbauer Sports Complex, will become a general purpose sales tax if the language, as written, is approved in the election. The editorial nailed it when it stated, "it's confusing, overly broad, and too lawyerly." It appears to me that whoever is responsible for the recommended ballot language intended for it to be so broad that it could be used to fund whatever projects city councils decide Midland needs. In opposition, Councilman Jeff Sparks referred to the tax as a "blank check," and I agree with his description.

As written, I will not support this tax. If the City Council is recommending continuation of the 4B sales tax, the ballot language must clearly state what specific purpose these tax funds will be used for.

Richard V. Russell

COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

Ramsey would be exemplary commissioner

My wife, Karen, and I have known Scott Ramsey and his wife, Ellen, socially for a period of approximately 20 years, and I have also worked with Scott professionally on several occasions during that 20-year period.

On each of the occasions working with Scott, he has always demonstrated his business acumen, honesty, integrity and willingness to get the job done in a professional manner and within budgetary constraints.

When I inquired of Scott why he had decided to seek the position of Precinct 1 commissioner, he very sincerely stated that he felt he should give back something to the city and county of Midland where he and Ellen have had the opportunity to live, work, worship and educate their two children.

I feel Scott is very qualified to hold the office of county commissioner and would represent the people of Midland County in a frugal and exemplary manner, while performing those tasks that are necessary to keep Midland County a county of which all citizens can be proud.

Ron J. King

Ramsey is manager county needs

I am writing to ask Precinct 1 to elect Scott Ramsey as its next county commissioner.

I have known Scott for more than 30 years. During that time, I have watched Scott's business grow along with his reputation. He has always been honest and straightforward. Over that period, he has been able to navigate the ups and downs in the oil business by budgeting his finances in a fiscally conservative way. When others were flying high, he stayed consistent and steady — always thinking ahead so he could take care of his family and their future.

Midland County needs a person like Scott to help manage the county's budget during this current downturn.

Tracy K. Elms

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GUEST VIEW

Rotating primary system would serve nation well

San Antonio Express-News

There is a better way.

The early 2016 primary fawning season has been on display for months now, with presidential hopefuls from both parties showing how much they care about Iowa and New Hampshire — or at least those states' caucus and primary base voters.

A simple request for the parties: Share the love.

Broaden candidates' attention early on to make other states count. Quit relegating them to unvisited, ignored, inconsequential afterthoughts in choosing party nominees.

Create a rotating regional primary system.

The visits that these states — including Texas — currently get come substantively in the form of fundraising trips to wring cash from supporters. This often occurs in closed events, with perhaps a skimpy press conference and photo op or two included. Democrat Hillary Clinton's quick visit to San Antonio last week for a private fundraiser comes to mind.

The kind of retail campaigning, in which voters actually get to speak to and look at candidates, doesn't occur. Have you ever met Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton at a Jim's Restaurant in San Antonio? Didn't think so.

It's cliché because it's true. Think of Texas and California as ATM machines for Republican and Democratic presidential contenders — it is virtually these states' only utility to the candidates.

After watching this season's spectacle — seems like they've been campaigning in Iowa and New Hampshire since the last election ended — we've had a change of heart on one point. Throw those states into the rotation as well.

Why are Iowa and New Hampshire first now? Because each has laws mandating that it schedule it's caucus and primary before others, and national party leaders have protected that status. In years past, other states that considered moving earlier raised the prospect of caucuses or primaries in the holiday season.

We suspect the parties, instead of threatening punishment for any state that attempts to go before, can negotiate a solution. The primaries are essentially the parties' events. If they can't muster the will to put Iowa and New Hampshire on an equal playing filed with the rest of the nation, all remaining primaries and caucuses should be subject to that regional rotation.

Texas is in March 1's Super Tuesday, or lately referred to by college football fans as the SEC primary. Thirteen other states and American Samoa have either primaries or caucuses that day. California comes June 7, along with five other states.

Because Texas has a big chunk of primary delegates at stake — second only to California — the state should see more retail candidate visits relative to other states in the primary. But with the Texas primaries falling so soon after the first flurry of state primaries and caucuses, an acceptable amount of attention never materializes.

Texas' Republican Party chairman, Tom Mechler, recently withdrew a proposal that would have had the Republican National Committee consider a change eliminating the ability of the current four early states from going first. This change of mind occurred after Sen. Ted Cruz, having good success in presidential campaigning in Iowa and New Hampshire, raised a kerfuffle.

Let's see. He's which state's senator?

Too late for this presidential election, but the parties and states should consider a regional primary rotation in elections ahead.

GUEST VIEW

Protect your kids now, get them vaccinated

Beaumont Enterprise

The outbreak of the Zika virus in South America has alarmed many parents in this country as the threat inevitably begins to spread worldwide. Worse yet, there is no vaccine for the tropical illness that can cause microcephaly in developing fetuses.

Scientists believe that eventually a vaccine can be developed to counteract Zika.

If it is, can you imagine some parents consciously deciding not to receive this protection and taking their chances with a life-changing illness?

Sadly, it will happen, because right now other parents in Texas are doing that with other childhood diseases like measles or chickenpox. The same goes for the human papillomavirus that causes 27,000 new cancer diagnoses annually, such as those of the cervix, throat, anus and other genital areas.

Fortunately, the number of unvaccinated kids is still fairly small. But it's already large enough to allow outbreaks in some places, and it's growing.

Texas is one of 18 states that allow parents to cite religious or personal beliefs to exempt school-age children from vaccines. The number of unvaccinated kids has increased from about 10,000 in 2007 to nearly 41,000 in the last school year.

Their parents could range from natural-food hipsters to anti-government conservatives. Whatever their beliefs, they are wrong to think that vaccines cause illnesses or unrelated conditions like autism.

No serious scientist believes that, even though some internet trolls do.

The statistics are worse for the human papillomavirus. Only 40 percent of girls and 21 percent of boys are receiving the recommended three doses of HPV vaccine. HPV can be transmitted through sexual contact, so some parents reason that a vaccine would encourage their kids to have sex.

Yet no studies show that youngsters think like that, especially because they would still be vulnerable to other sexually transmitted illnesses that are more common, like syphilis or gonorrhea.

Stop the risk now. Call your school, city or county health department to find out where you can get your children vaccinated.

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US faces resistance for tough sanctions on North Korea

■ ANALYSIS

By Eric Talmadge
Associated Press

AP file photo

On July 27, 2013, file photo, North Korean soldiers turn and look toward leader Kim Jong Un as they carry packs marked with the nuclear symbol as they parade during a ceremony marking the 60th anniversary of the Korean War armistice in Pyongyang, North Korea. As North Korea awaits the United Nations' response to its purported first H-bomb test, Washington is believed to be floating measures that could cause it some serious problems. They range from a ban on selling the North oil or buying its minerals to excluding banks doing business with it from accessing the dollar-based economy or even barring its flagship airline from entering other countries' airspace.

TOKYO — As North Korea awaits the United Nations' response to its purported first H-bomb test, Washington is believed to be floating measures that could cause it some serious problems. They range from a ban on selling the North oil or buying its minerals to excluding banks doing business with it from accessing the dollar-based economy or even barring its flagship airline from entering other countries' airspace.

According to some, such measures, if strictly implemented, could together be harsh enough to destabilize North Korea's ruling regime — and that's exactly why it would be a big surprise if they are on the U.N.'s final list.

Every major power in the region has good reason to want to keep North Korea from becoming a credible nuclear threat.

But China, which would have to be fully on board to make such sanctions work, has deep misgivings about the wisdom of really tough moves. Russia, no fan of U.S. foreign policy initiatives, has been moving closer to, not farther away from, the regime in Pyongyang. Even South Korea, which arguably has the most to lose if its northern neighbor's nuclear program moves ahead unchecked, appears to be hesitant about taking drastic measures, such as shutting down its lucrative joint venture industrial zone with Pyongyang just north of the Demilitarized Zone.

The reason is straightforward.

Apart from the more hard-line thinkers in Washington, virtually no one wants to have to deal with what might happen if concerted international action were to actually destabilize Kim Jong Un's regime, however strongly they may feel about its human rights record, authoritarian government and militantly defiant attitude toward Washington, Tokyo, Seoul and anyone else it sees as a threat.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry ran into that wall this week during talks in Beijing with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. After meeting for more than four hours Wednesday, Kerry expressed his frustration with what the United States sees as China's failure to do more rein in Pyongyang, noting that "more significant and impactful sanctions were put in place against Iran, which did not have a nuclear weapon than against North Korea, which does."

"All nations, particularly those who seek a global leadership role, or have a global leadership role, have a responsibility to deal with this threat," Kerry said.

In response, Wang said China, which is North Korea's most important ally, chief trading partner and a key source of economic assistance, agreed on the need for a new U.N. resolution. But he suggested Beijing would not support new penalties even though it condemned the Jan. 6 test.

"Sanctions are not an end in themselves," Wang said bluntly. "The new resolution should not provoke new tension in the situation, still less destabilize the Korean Peninsula."

The gap between Washington and Beijing was evident in a particularly angry editorial Tuesday by China's official Xinhua news agency, which — using an almost verbatim version of Pyongyang's own take on the issue — put the blame on "Uncle Sam's uncompromising hostility, manifested in its unceasing defaming, sanctions, isolation and provocation of the DPRK."

It said the key to resolving tensions with North Korea, officially called the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, lies with the U.S. giving up its "antagonistic approach wrought from a Cold War mentality."

So far, sanctions have included bans on weapon sales, dealing with blacklisted individuals or enterprises and other targeted measures. But they have clearly failed to achieve their main purpose — to denuclearize the North.

Though its economy has been battered, North Korea has nuclear weapons and has now enshrined in its constitution its right to maintain and develop them. The North says they are an indispensable part of its national defense strategy. No country with the possible exception of South Africa that has gone as far down the road as the North to becoming a nuclear power has ever turned back.

Even so, despite a plethora of sanctions and resolutions that have been thrown at North Korea since its first nuclear test in 2006, Kerry is correct in suggesting that far more action could be taken through sanctions and an enhanced effort to ensure they are strictly enforced by punishing North Korea's "enablers" — who are mostly seen as Chinese businesses, state enterprises and entrepreneurs.

Unilaterally, the U.S. Congress is already moving in that direction.

Legislation recently passed by the House of Representatives targets any country, business or individual that materially contributes to North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile development, exports luxury goods to North Korea or engages with Pyongyang in money laundering, the manufacture of counterfeit goods or narcotics trafficking.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday approved its own version of the legislation, adding a measure that would target the North's minerals and precious metal exports, a major source of income for Pyongyang and one that Chinese interests are heavily involved in. It is expected to be taken up by the full Senate in the second week of February.

The support for tougher measures against North Korea straddles the usually bitter partisan divide in Washington, and there is eagerness in both chambers of Congress to put legislation on President Barack Obama's desk for signature.

"We must cut off Kim Jong Un's access to the money he needs to fund his nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs," said Rep. Ed Royce, the Republican chairman of House Committee on Foreign Affairs and a sponsor of the sanctions legislation.

The bills reflect a shift in focus in Washington toward what is known as the "weaponization of finance," shutting businesses that deal with the North out of the U.S. financial system and in effect making it impossible for them to make transactions in U.S. dollars.

Washington has tried that before.

In 2005, the U.S. imposed sanctions against a Macau-based bank, Banco Delta Asia, which held about $25 million in North Korean funds. The move was aimed at cutting of funds for North Korea's top leadership, but created a ripple effect in the global financial system amid uncertainty over what dealings might cause banks trouble. It was later lifted to facilitate nuclear talks.

Doing so more emphatically could have a dramatic impact not only on Kim Jong Un's pocketbook but also on Chinese banking and business interests. And if done as an end run around the U.N. they could push Beijing and Washington into a more adversarial position, making coordinated implementation all the more unlikely.

"If major players in the Chinese financial system are exposed to U.S. sanctions, people have to consider what happens to the U.S., Chinese and global economies," Joseph DeThomas, a professor of international affairs at Pennsylvania State University and former U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for non-proliferation, wrote in a recent op-ed for 38 North, an influential website focusing on North Korea issues.

"'Regime threatening sanctions' are very blunt and powerful instruments," he wrote. "They are final cards to be played before diplomacy ends and other bloodier means are employed to solve problems. It may not be wrong to let others know that such a card could be played, but it would be wise not to play it frivolously."

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Celebrities are going to be huge in Super Bowl ads

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Big Game is a week away, but Super Bowl advertisers are already out in force online, playing up celebrity cameos to drive buzz for their brands.

First-time advertiser Amazon on Wednesday teased its ad with Alec Baldwin. On Thursday, Hyundai revealed that Kevin Hart and Ryan Reynolds will be in ads showcasing Genesis and Elantra sedans. Skittles will have Aerosmith front man Steven Tyler promote the candy. Bud Light is creating its own fake political party with actors Amy Schumer and Seth Rogen. BMW's Mini is cramming six celebrities into its ad (if not into its car). Even 1980s actor Scott Baio will make an appearance to promote avocados from Mexico.

Pre-game buzz is crucial; ads will cost as much as an estimated $5 million for a 30-second spot, up from $4.4 million last year. The cost, and risk, is worth it to the advertisers battling it out for the more than 114 million pairs of eyeballs the Big Game is expected to draw on Feb. 7. The Carolina Panthers will face off against the Denver Broncos in Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

Pre-game teasers, which debut online one or two weeks before the game, can help advertisers stretch that investment over weeks instead of seeing it gone in 60 seconds. (Or even 30.)

"If an advertiser can get people thinking about the brand before the game, the risk goes down and returns go up," says Tim Calkins, a Northwestern University marketing professor. "A celebrity is a great hook."

Companies also appreciate celebrities' reach on social media, which can help boost online buzz.

"Celebrities like Kevin Hart are adding thousands of followers a day," said Dean Evans, Hyundai's chief marketing officer. "We never know how much organic shares or unearned media (media mentions that aren't paid for) we're going to get from that kind of celebrity and social reach that that celebrity might have."

There are, of course, downsides. A star can sometimes eclipse the brand, or worse, drag it down if people react negatively to a particular celebrity. Last year, T-Mobile's Kim Kardashian ad was a dud on social media, said Devra Prywes, vice president of marketing for research firm Unruly, which monitors Super Bowl ads' online buzz. The famous-for-being-famous celebrity just provoked too much Internet hate to be effective.

"No matter how carefully you choose a celebrity, they're polarizing," said Peter Daboll, chief executive of Ace Metrix, a firm that rates the effectiveness of ads. "Not everybody loves Justin Bieber."

Skittles via AP

This image provided by Skittles shows Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler promoting Skittles in the company's Super Bowl 50 ad. This is the first time Skittles has ever featured a celebrity in a TV commercial, and the brand's second Super Bowl ad after debuting during the 2015 Super Bowl

Celebrity Super Bowl ad teasers

NEW YORK — The Super Bowl is next weekend, but advertisers are going strong online, offering up celebrity laden teasers well ahead of the game. Teasers are one way Super Bowl advertisers can build buzz without revealing their full Super Bowl ads too far in advance. Here's a look at the top celebrity teasers so far.

Most advertisers will also reveal their full spots next week ahead of Super Bowl 50 on Feb. 7.

Apartments.com: The site, which helps people rent and lease apartments, enlisted Jeff Goldblum and Lil Wayne for its first Super Bowl ad. The teaser spot shows Wayne buzzing George Washington into his apartment.
Watch online: https://youtu.be/bmPcPxXnCVI

Amazon: The first time Super Bowl advertiser will promote its Echo speaker during the game. A teaser released Wednesday shows "30 Rock" actor Alec Baldwin and former star quarterback Dan Marino brainstorming what they'll need for their Super Bowl party with the help of Echo's voice-controlled software Alexa.
Watch online: https://youtu.be/—y-4pGhRxek

BMW: BMW enlisted six celebrities — former baseball pitcher Randy Johnson, tennis star Serena Williams, "Smoke" actor Harvey Keitel, singer/rapper T-Pain, soccer player Abby Wambach and skateboarder Tony Hawk — who "Defy Labels" for its Super Bowl ad. Each celeb stars in their own teaser spot online.
Watch online: https://www.youtube.com/user/MINIUSA

Bud Light: Super Bowl veteran Bud Light is touting the brand's revamped logo and packaging with a teaser showing "Trainwreck" actress Amy Schumer and "Neighbors" actor Seth Rogen introducing the fake Bud Light political party.
Watch online: https://youtu.be/JAP7JGnwT1c

Hyundai: Hyundai has enlisted Ryan Reynolds and Kevin Hart to promote their Genesis and Elantra sedans. Although the company announced that the stars will be in the ads on Thursday, the teasers only hint at their presence. In one, two girls drive around in a town called "Ryanville."
Watch online: https://youtu.be/tpa3sTKzkP4

Kia: Kia's cryptic teaser shows a man dressed in beige looking for his beige socks in a teaser called "Walken Closet." Guess who's hiding inside the closet? Spoiler alert: It's Christopher Walken.
Watch online: https://youtu.be/ZILIr1412wc

LG: LG's first Super Bowl ad is produced by Ridley Scott's production company RSA and directed by his son, Super Bowl ad veteran Jake Scott. The teaser features Liam Neeson as the "man from the future."
Watch online: https://youtu.be/WWCLhBzkAE8

Shock Top: "Silicon Valley" star T.J. Miller may be one of the lesser known names this year. But his ad-libbed riff on the coming epicness of the Shock Top Super Bowl ad is one of the funnier teasers out there.
Watch online: https://youtu.be/L6Ph-7UIDnl

Skittles: In true millennial fashion, Skittles launched a series of GIFs to announce that Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler will be in its Super Bowl spot.
Watch online: http://skittles.com/post/137777315075/i-cant-wait-to-meet-steven-tyler-i-just-hope-he

Snickers: Snickers has been a Super Bowl favorite with its "You're Not You When You're Hungry" campaign. Past ads featured Betty White playing football and a hungry Marsha Brady depicted by character actor Danny Trejo. This year, Snickers has released a teaser that shows Willem Defoe channeling Marilyn Monroe's "Happy Birthday" performance to JFK.
Watch online: https://youtu.be/D8sEo7JJepY

Associated Press

A coffee named 'Death Wish' wins an ad

By Joyce Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A coffee with an edgy name and made by a small business is getting a commercial in Super Bowl 50.

Death Wish Coffee Co won a competition held by software maker Intuit for a 30-second spot during the third quarter of the big game on Feb. 7. The Round Lake, New York, company beat more than 15,000 other small businesses in voting by the public and Intuit employees.

Death Wish was founded in 2012 by Mike Brown, who owns a coffee house in Saratoga Springs, New York, and wanted to find a strong, highly-caffeinated brew. Packaged in a black bag with a skull and bones label, the coffee, a blend that Brown created, is sold in a handful of stores and online. Death Wish currently sells about 1,000 pounds a day, a number expected to increase considerably after the Super Bowl spot runs.

Brown recently hired two employees to prepare for a jump in business, giving him a staff of 12.

"If even half a percent of the people who watch the commercial decide to buy a bag and give it a try, and 90 percent of them recommend it to others, we could have some amazing growth in the future," he said.

The commercial shows a Viking galley ship in stormy waters with the crew exhorted to keep rowing; the ship and the sea end up in a cup of Death Wish coffee downed by a man in his 21st-century kitchen.

Super Bowl commercials are usually bought by high-profile brands like Chevrolet, Doritos and Budweiser. Some spots have been used to showcase younger but fast-growing companies, most notably Apple, whose 1984 commercial creating buzz about its Macintosh computer is seen as the gold standard of Super Bowl ads.

But with a spot costing $5 million for air time alone, the game is far beyond the advertising budget of most small businesses.

Death Wish is the second company that Intuit has bought an ad for. In 2014, it paid for a spot for GoldieBlox, a toy for girls, after holding a similar competition.

The Super Bowl is the most-watched event in the U.S. Last year's game between the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks had an audience of over 114 million people. The ads get almost as much attention as the game itself. Viewers post comments on social media during the game, and the commercials are a topic of conversation the day after.

Super Bowl Ticket Prices

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2010: $1,000 to $500 Sun Life Stadium, Miami
2009: $1,000 to $500 Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla.
2008: $900, $700 U. of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.
2007: $700, $600 Dolphin Stadium, Miami
2006: $700, $600 Ford Field, Detroit
2005: $600, $500 ALLTEL Stadium, Jacksonville, Fla.
2004: $600, $500, $400 Reliant Stadium, Houston
2003: $500, $400 Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego
2002: $400 Superdome, New Orleans
2001: $325 Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla.
2000: $325 Georgia Dome, Atlanta
1999: $325 Pro Player Stadium, Miami
1998: $275 Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego
1997: $275 Superdome, New Orleans
1996: $350, $250, $200 Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Ariz.
1995: $200 Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami
1994: $175 Georgia Dome, Atlanta
1993: $175 Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
1992: $150 Metrodome, Minneapolis
1991: $150 Tampa (Fla.) Stadium
1990: $125 Superdome, New Orleans
1989: $100 Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami
1988: $100 Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego
1987: $75 Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
1986: $75 Superdome, New Orleans
1985: $60 Stanford (Calif.) Stadium
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1982: $40 Silverdome, Pontiac, Mich.
1981: $40 Superdome, New Orleans
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1974: $15 Rice Stadium, Houston
1973: $15 Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles
1972: $15 Tulane Stadium, New Orleans
1971: $15 Orange Bowl, Miami
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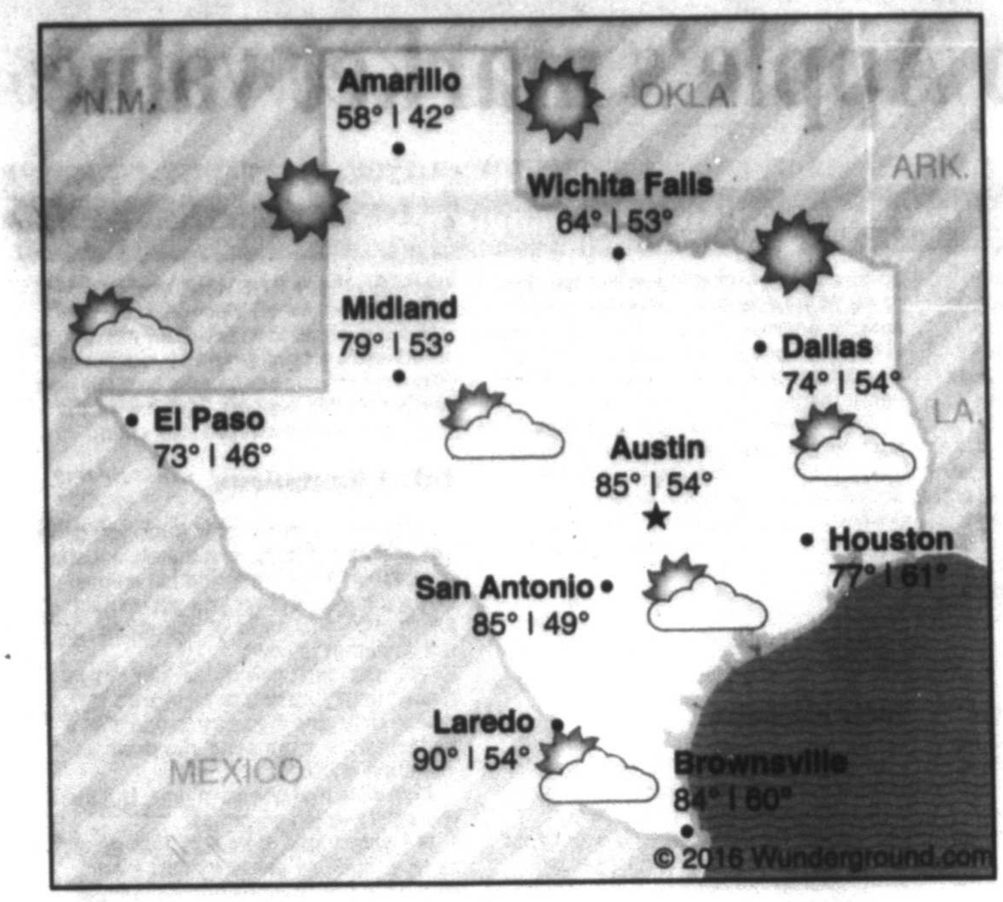

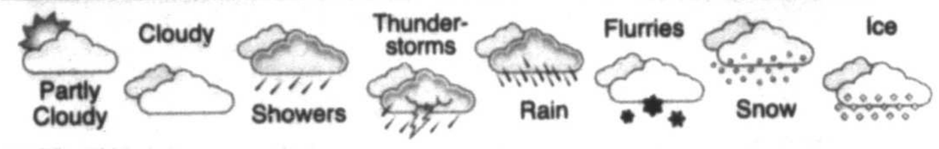

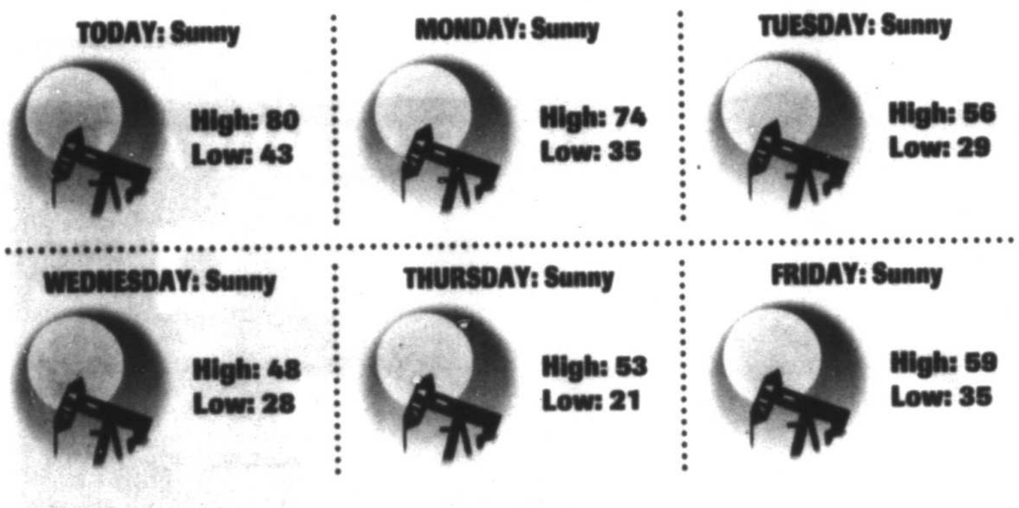

Local forecast

There isn't any rain in the forecast for the next six days. But the National Weather Service is forecasting a high of 80 for today, which is 32 degrees higher than the forecasted high for Wednesday.

Saturday tied the record high for Jan. 30, which is 80, also the high for this date in 1971, 1967 and 1963. The record low is 8, set in 1951 and 1949. On Jan. 30 of last year, the high was 49 and the low was 42.

Precipitation

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Alphabet might soon top Apple's market value

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — As the digital advertising market booms and demand for smartphones wanes, Alphabet Inc. could soon dethrone Apple as the world's most valuable company.

If it happens, Alphabet will move to the head of the class just five months after Google reorganized itself under the holding company.

The Silicon Valley rivals could trade places as early as Friday, given how rapidly the financial gap between them is narrowing. At the end of trading on Thursday, Apple's market value stood at $522 billion; Alphabet was worth $515 billion.

That's a dramatic swing from where things stood just 13 months ago. Apple then boasted a market value of $643 billion, almost twice Google Inc.'s $361 billion.

Since then, investors have soured on Apple Inc. The company has struggled to come up with another trend-setting product amid slumping sales of its most important device — the nearly 9-year-old iPhone, which accounts for roughly two-thirds of Apple's overall sales.

Apple has already acknowledged the iPhone will begin this year with its first quarterly sales decline since it debuted in 2007. The slowdown helped push down Apple's stock price by 15 percent since the end of 2014.

In contrast, Google has maintained its leadership in the lucrative Internet search and ad market while building other popular products in video, mobile, web browsing, email and mapping. That bundle of Google services brings in most of Alphabet's revenue, and is expected to deliver growth in the 15 percent to 20 percent range as marketers shift even more of their budgets to digital services.

Alphabet also has impressed investors by reining in its spending. Google hired a Wall Street veteran, Ruth Porat, as its chief financial officer last May.

In addition to reversing a long expansion of Google's operating expenses, Porat also persuaded Alphabet's board to spend $5 billion buying back its own stock. That move signaled a more shareholder-friendly approach to managing the company's cash hoard.

Investors also have applauded the creation of Alphabet, which is structured to provide more information about the cost of the company's experimental ventures into self-driving cars, Internet access services, health science and city management.

All of those factors have helped lift Alphabet's stock — previously Google's — by 41 percent since the end of 2014.

It's a potentially big shift for Apple, which has held bragging rights as the world's most valuable company for most of the past four-and-a-half years. (ExxonMobil seized the high ground for a brief time in 2013.)

Alphabet would become the 12th company to rise to the most valuable spot, according to Standard & Poor's.

BGP Financial analyst Colin Gillis believes the potential changing of the guard reflects a wider recognition that Alphabet is fostering a "culture of innovation" while Apple has lost some of its magic since the October 2011 death of co-founder and former CEO Steve Jobs. "I no longer see a sense of urgency at Apple," Gillis said.

If Alphabet doesn't surpass Apple's market value on Friday, it could do so early next week after it releases fourth-quarter earnings on Monday. Investors expect a big quarter after Google's closest competitor in digital ads, Facebook Inc., announced that its revenue soared 52 percent in the period.

Review: Going offline with Google Maps

ORLANDO, Fla. — I knew I wouldn't get real-time traffic information and other features when I opted to rely solely on Google's offline mapping capabilities for a week in and around Disney World near Orlando, Florida. In fact, Google Maps gave me trouble the moment I tried to leave the airport parking lot.

But things got much smoother after that. It wasn't exactly painless; while I mostly got where I needed to go, it sometimes came at the cost of delays that had nothing to do with traffic. But being able to navigate with no cellular connection certainly beat getting lost because I had no signal.

How it works

You might not realize this, but mobile mapping apps can typically still direct you even if you lose your cellular connection; their turn-by-turn voice prompts can tap GPS location information when cellular signals aren't available (though with less precision than having both).

It's still a bit like wandering around in the dark: The apps can't display a map for you without downloading it first, and they need an Internet connection for that. They also can't reroute you if make a wrong turn.

That's where Google Maps' offline features come in. You simply download mapping data for a given area ahead of time. That gives you local maps to enable GPS-based navigation. The downloaded data also includes enough information on nearby shops and other businesses so that you can simply give the app the name of your destination rather than a specific address. If you're old-school, you could even use these maps to find your way around as you would with traditional paper maps.

This is helpful if you're in a remote national park with poor cellular connectivity or if you're traveling internationally where cellular data gets expensive. Just download mapping data for the places you're going before leaving home or from a hotel room with Wi-Fi.

For this test, I used a Samsung Android phone with its cellular service turned off. The Google Maps iPhone app also offers offline access.

Early mishaps

In the Orlando airport's rental-car parking deck, Google Maps found my first destination easily. Trouble was, it didn't know where to start. Google Maps was designed for parking garages with spotty cellular connection. Here, though, the GPS signal was also terrible; the app thought I was still in New York. I had to walk over to an exit ramp to find a clear GPS signal. This might not be a problem if you're coming from somewhere nearby, like your office, but the app needs a location refresh after flights.

I also couldn't request a route without highways or tolls, as Google Maps allows in normal use. I don't mind paying a few dollars in tolls, but many bridges and highways these days won't take cash. If you don't have an electronic-payment service such as Florida's SunPass, you're billed using a photograph of your license plate. Rental-car companies typically add fees when this happen. Fortunately, the toll plazas I encountered took cash.

Other limitations

With no real-time traffic data, you don't get alternate directions if there's unusual congestion ahead. Information on businesses is also limited; you get contact information and hours of operations, but not customer reviews.

You also can't use offline features for mass transit, walking or biking. It's for driving only, and if you try to use it as a pedestrian, it might send you down an interstate shoulder.

I knew all that ahead of time. But there were still two big surprises:

- I wasn't able to search businesses by type, such as gas stations. I tried typing big gas-stations brands such as "Chevron" and "Exxon," but found only ones several towns away. I had to slide the map around until I found what looked like a gas station near the airport.
- When offline, you miss hints about which lane you need, such as the second lane from the right if you need to steer left just after taking an exit ramp.

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Lacy appointed to aerospace and aviation committee

From staff reports

AUSTIN — City Councilman J.Ross Lacy was one of 10 people named by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee.

His term is set to expire Sept. 1, 2017.

Lacy told the Reporter-Telegram he was "completely honored" by the appointment.

"We are truly on the leading edge, on the tip of the iceberg of what the aerospace industry is going to be in the next 20 or 30 years," Lacy said Friday. "Words cannot express the excitement of the future for our spaceport and the state of Texas. I am happy to serve with other members of the committee, and I serve at the pleasure of the governor. I'm happy to go to Austin and bring a little common sense that way."

He said that the meeting schedule likely will be once a month but the board could meet more often if Abbott considers it necessary.

Lacy is president of the Midland Spaceport Development Corp. board, which chose him as its representative to be considered for a position on the committee.

Lacy said he submitted the application in June and learned shortly before Christmas that Abbott would move forward with his appointment.

Lacy is president of Lacy Oil Corp. and also is a member of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Development Board, John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute Advisory Council, University of Texas Permian Basin College of Business and Engineering Advisory Board and Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin Board of Directors.

He received a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance from UTPB.

Also named to the commitee for terms through Sept. 1, 2017 are Sharon Denny of McKinney, vice president of strategy for Raytheon Space and Airborne System; Amy Gowder of San Anotnio, vice president of Supply Chain Management for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co.; Cathy Kilmain of North Richland Hills, executive vice president of engineering for Bell Helicopter; Bob Mitchell of Pearland, president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership; and Terry Stevens of Waco, partner of First Title Co. of Waco, LLC, and president/CEO of M&I Industries Inc.

Appointees for terms through Sept. 1, 2019 are John Elbon of Seabrook, vice president and general manager of Space Exploration at Boeing; Robert Harless of Dallas, vice president and general manager of the Gulfstream Service Facility; Janine K. Iannarelli of Houston, founder and president of Par Avion Ltd.; and Gilberto Salinas of Brownsville, executive vice president of the Brownsville Economic Development Council.

CELEBRATING A CAREER

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lt. Bobbie Jo Land hugs Officer Larry Woodruff during her retirement party, Friday at the Midland Police Department.

First female MPD lieutenant retires after 30 years of service

By Erin Stone
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After 30 years of service, Lt. Bobbie Jo Land, better known as "BJ," has put down her badge. The Midland Police Department celebrated her service at a ceremony Friday afternoon.

Her career with MPD started out strong in 1986, when she earned Rookie of the Year as one of the few females on the force.

Her desire to serve her community through law enforcement began when she was growing up on her family's farm in Greenwood. Her uncle was in law enforcement and she wanted to follow in his footsteps. He was her mentor, she said, and she looked up to him.

In 1995, she was promoted to sergeant, and by 2009, she had achieved her goal of making the rank of lieutenant; she was the first female in the department to do so.

"Not every woman or man is cut out to be a cop, but those of us that are, you know it," Land said. "It's becoming not just a man's job anymore. This job is 95 percent heartache, 5 percent joy, and that 5 percent outweighs that by all means."

Growing up, the second of five children, Land often did the jobs on the farm that the boys thought were too hard, said her mother Peggy "Mimi" Howard.

"She's always been the type to help other people," said Howard, looking toward her daughter who at that moment was chatting with Chief Price Robinson and others in the department. "If somebody needed a helping hand, she'd at least do what she could.

"She's one of those people you're blessed to have as a friend and there's a hole not deep enough if you're her enemy," Howard said with a laugh.

Land said she learned a lot throughout her career, but perhaps one of the most meaningful things she brought to her work was balance.

"It is a very challenging job no doubt," Land said. "The challenge of maintaining a family and a job and keeping everything balanced is a challenge in itself and that's something I take a lot of pride in."

Of his officer, Robinson said: "To me you've been a great co-worker, just hard-working and representing the department in a very professional way to the community, and most of all a really good

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Texas universities debate who will fill rural veteranarian shortage

By Benjamin Wermund
Houston Chronicle

There's an old-school romanticism about the rural veterinarian.

Many of these mainstays of small-town life are growing old, and their would-be replacements are heading to cities in search of an easier lifestyle with better pay and better hours. Some fear the culture is beginning to fade.

Texas universities are trying to revive the field.

Texas A&M University's 100-year-old veterinary school, the only one in the state that can grant full veterinary medicine degrees, announced a plan Thursday to dip into four of its satellite campuses in rural areas, including in Prairie View, and try to draw to College Station more students who are interested in returning to the towns where they grew up.

Texas Tech University, meanwhile, has said it wants to build a new veterinary school in West Texas, a plan that drew some criticism from A&M leaders last year. Chancellor John Sharp said efforts to start new veterinary schools have long been rejected by the state.

However the university plans shake out, the need for more rural veterinarians is clear.

When the lone veterinarian in Post, a West Texas town of roughly 5,000 people, died several years ago, for instance, it took his wife five years to find someone to buy the clinic. In the meantime, if a dog got hit by a car in Post, the owner had to drive 50 miles to Lubbock to get help, said Bo Brock, who has run a veterinary clinic in Lamesa — a tiny town between Lubbock and Midland — since 1992.

"If we don't change the mindset a little bit, every

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MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

Mega-party involves too much work, is too expensive

My baby will be 5 on Thursday. 5! How can that be? It seems like I just gave birth to her. I think that's what chronic sleeplessness does to you — distorts time and makes you forget so much of the hard stuff.

Now that she's becoming a "big girl," we agreed to throw her a big-girl birthday party, one where she invites her friends and classmates. I know I am preaching to the choir here, but parties have changed a lot since I was a kid. There was a time when my mom invited the neighbor kids and my aunt and uncle over for cake and ice cream. That was it — no big production, no gift bags for guests. Just a gift or two and a homemade sheet cake. After the dishes were done, so was your birthday. But no more.

I gave Bodacious the same choice my parents gave me when I got married: cash or a dream reception. She could have her dream party, or she could have the two expensive gifts she wanted. That's right — she could have a pink princess bike and the Barbie Dreamhouse or she could have a Pinterest-worthy Valentine's Day and Unicorns tea party. Like mother, like daughter. She chose the party.

As my online ordering reached a fevered pitch, I decided to revisit the $300 budget I had set for myself. That was already gone on decorations, games and unicorn favors. I didn't even have the cake or the food or the invitations and postage paid for yet. Feather boas and top hats aren't as cheap as they used to be, even from Oriental Trading. I turned an unflinching eye to my menu. I needed cookie cutters in the shapes of flowers and hearts for PB&J sandwiches and pretty cheese tulips. I needed candy for kabobs, pink lemonade, raspberry tea, pink popcorn, fruit with crème fraiche, scones, a craft station and a croquet set (preferably one that looked like it was made from pink flamingoes.) I still needed a cake and would have to do the set-up and food myself. Having a house full of children and parents who I don't know was starting to make we want to hide. Would I need to set up the breakfast room as an adult lounge with snacks and drinks?

I was talking about it with my girlfriend Ginger Spice, who has a daughter about the same age as Bodacious. She does only family birthday parties for her children. "I grew up in a house where everything was a production," she told me. "My mother threw huge parties for me every year. I don't remember a single one, but I do remember how stressful they were for me."

As my party expectations piled up, I told myself that I was not spending $500 on a 5-year-old's birthday party. Do you know what else I could do with $500? That's about three full-on hair appointments with cut, color and blowout. That's a full round of Botox and a smoothie to make me feel better. That's a fabulous meal and wine with my Spice Girls in

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Obituaries

Becky Rasure Bozich

Becky Rasure Bozich of Jenks, Oklahoma, formerly of Midland, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, January 22, 2016 after a brief battle with cancer.

Becky was born in Odessa, Texas to Frank and Euna Fay Rasure on October 8, 1951. She was baptized at First Christian Church. She resided in Midland and graduated from Midland Lee High School in 1969. She continued her education at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth.

She retired from the Exxon Exploration Department in Midland to become a full-time wife and mother. Becky had a life full of adventure and travel. She had the good fortune to live in many places, such as Hawaii, Lake Tahoe, Ruidoso New Mexico, Midland, The Woodlands, and finally Jenks Oklahoma. Becky married Mark Bozich in San Antonio on August 3, 1990. They had one daughter, Katherine, to whom they were both deeply devoted.

Growing up, Becky was heavily involved in the ballet and all aspects of dance. She grew to love the outdoors and loved to fish seriously enough that she was able to catch a 36-pound striped bass at Lake Amistad. She enjoyed following sports of all types, but her life was centered around her family and friends. The world will be a different place without Becky's smile, humor, grace, and devotion to anyone who knew her. She was kind to all and never met a stranger.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Rasure; her brother, John Rasure; maternal grandparents, Wes and Mollie Cawthron; and paternal grandparents, William Lewis and Maude Kiker Rasure.

Becky is survived and deeply missed by her husband of 25 years, Mark, and their daughter, Katherine Bozich, and step-son, Evan Patrick Gibbs-Bozich; her mother, Euna Fay Rasure; mother-in-law, Lila Bozich; step mother, Nelda Mills; brother and sister-in-law, Don and Jodie Rasure; brother-in-law, Bruce Bozich; brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Dee Bozich, Mike and Laura Allen, Rick and Nancy Zipf and Gary and Barbie Wong; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Back in the day when family would leave notes regarding their whereabouts, we would always sign off as "WLY" We Love You. In this case, Becky, we will miss you and WLY very, very much.

In keeping with her wishes, a private service will be held at a later date.

Captain Gary Clark Lea, USAF (Ret.)

On January 27, 2016 Captain Gary Clark Lea, USAF (Ret.) was called to be with his Lord after a short illness.

Gary Lea was the son of Avis and Joseph Lea in Dry Prong, Louisiana in April of 1934. He was the last of seven siblings to Cecil, Christine, Randall, James, Wanda and Grady. He grew up loving fishing, hunting and love of his family.

In 1955, he joined the United States Air Force with basic training at Lackland Air Base in San Antonio, Texas. It was there that Gary found his love of flying and being in the air. He traveled the world while serving his country. He served tours in Southeast Asia during Korea and Vietnam.

It was after the Vietnam War that Gary met the love of his life, Carolina Cruz Villamor while stationed at Clark Air Base in Manila, Philippines in 1976. In 1977, they married on the island of Guam, and shortly thereafter returned to the United States.

In 1980, Gary retired from the Air Force after a distinguished career of 28 years with the rank of Captain, a station that he reveled in for the remainder of his life.

After becoming part of the private sector, he spent many years in the natural gas business working at several different gas compressor companies, eventually settling in Midland, Texas.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife, Carolina; his daughters, Michelle Bayless of Midland Texas and Wendy Jordan of Houston, Texas; and by his son, Mark Lea of Kansas City, Kansas.

He is also survived by his beloved "little buddy" grandson, Jackson; granddaughter, Stacy; and grandson, Jonathan.

He is preceded in passing by his mother Avis, his father Joseph, sisters Christine Chicola and Wanda Forhan, and by brothers Randall Lea, James Rainwater, and Cecil Lea.

There will be a private viewing at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home on Monday February 1, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Captain Lea's remains will be cremated and presented to his wife Carol.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like for donations to be made in Captain Lea's name to the Disabled Veterans of America charity. To help those who have served.

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isiah 40:29-31

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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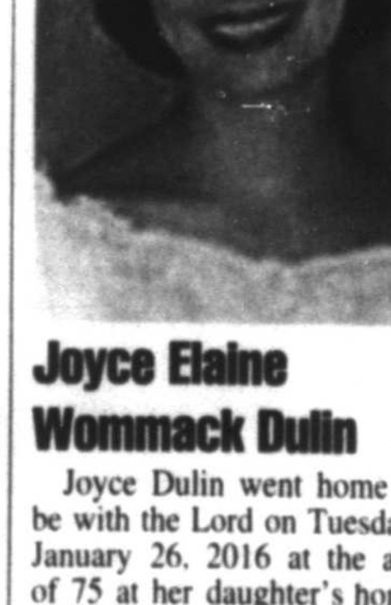


Joyce Elaine Wommack Dulin

Joyce Dulin went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the age of 75 at her daughter's home in Oklahoma City.

Joyce was born to Winford and Lavelle Wommack on July 19, 1940 in Arlington, Texas. She was married for 52 years to Leon Dulin, who preceded her in death in 2014. They spent the majority of their lives together in Midland, Texas, where they lived, worked, worshipped, and raised a family.

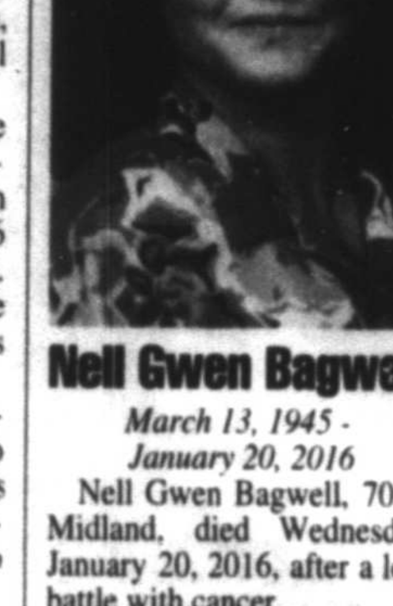
Her professional life, lasting more than 35 years, was spent as a 5th and 6th grade teacher. Upon retiring, she began volunteering at Mission Messiah and Genesis, as well as being very active in the jail ministry at her church.

Her survivors include her brothers, Ray Wommack of Georgetown, Texas and his wife Liz, Andrew Wommack of Florissant, Colorado and his wife Jamie; and daughters, Elizabeth Schell of Maui, Hawaii, Rebekah Cunningham of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and her husband Stevan, Rachel Koontz of Peachtree City, Georgia and her husband Kevin, and Jessica Foster of Midland, and her husband Ty. She also leaves behind many grandchildren and great grandchildren who were the delight of her life.

A graveside memorial service will be held at the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016.

Joyce was a blessing to everyone who knew her. Her generous life spent in the service of others will remain in the memories of those who were privileged to have known her.

In lieu of flowers, our suggested memorial to her is: Mission Messiah, 1213 W. 2nd Street, Odessa, TX 79763, (432) 580-5222.



Nell Gwen Bagwell

March 13, 1945 - January 20, 2016

Nell Gwen Bagwell, 70, of Midland, died Wednesday, January 20, 2016, after a long battle with cancer.

She is survived by her beloved nephew, Chad Venters. Also surviving is her brother, Jack Bagwell, his wife Dixie; their three daughters, Robin Grosse, her husband David, and their children Jonathan and Brian Grosse and their wives; Jacque Bagwell; Samantha Blackwood and her husband Jeff and their children, Baylee and Daegan Blackwood.

Preceding her in death were her mother, Sonja Marvene Manning; father, Elmer Ray Bagwell; and sister, Jama Dell Venters.

Gwen was born March 13, 1945, in Boonville Arkansas to Sonja Marvene Manning and Elmer Ray Bagwell. She then proceeded to move to Midland in 1957 where she lived for 59 years.

In Midland, she owned and operated a quaint beauty shop that she held dear to her heart. She loved each one of her customers and made sure to give them the best experience she could. She found joy in cooking, and would often make meals for those in need. She also enjoyed gardening and yard work. Any stray pet that found its way to Gwen's house was welcomed with love, warmth and food. She had a heart of gold.

Gwen accepted Jesus as her Savior at Temple Baptist, along with her mother and sister. In later years, she attended Ranchland Heights Baptist Church. Even in her last days, she put everyone else's needs above her own. She lived out the words of Philippians 2:3 which says, *"Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."* Gwen truly had a servant's heart.

We rejoice knowing that Gwen is now in heaven with her Maker. Gwen will be missed by many, but never forgotten. She touched the hearts of everyone she came in contact with and left them better than she found them.

Gwen's family would like to thank Senior Care Rehabilitation and Hospice of Midland for taking care of her in her last days. They would also like to thank her dear friends Jeanette Cockrell, Abby Garrett, Betty Kirby, and all of her beloved customers for the love and support they showed her.

There will be no services held, as per Gwen's request.

Ruben Wesley Covington

Ruben Wesley Covington, 84, of Midland, Texas, passed away on January 30, 2016.

Ruben was born in Big Spring, Texas on August 28, 1931. He graduated from Lamesa High School in 1951. He married Vera Sue Simmons on October 27, 1950. They were married for 65 years.

Ruben worked as a mechanic at Shroyer Motors, Pollard Chevrolet, Sid Richardson Carbon Company, and Web AFB before retiring from the USPS. Ruben was an Elder in the Old School Primitive Baptist Church.

Ruben is preceded in death by his father and mother, Dewey and Christine Covington, and his sisters, Joyce Burton and Earnestine Eastham.

Ruben is survived by his wife, Vera Sue Covington; sons, Mike Covington and his wife Carrie, and Steve Covington; and by one brother, Woody Covington and his wife Shirley Covington.

He is also survived by his grandson, John Covington and wife Dee Covington; granddaughters, Anna Cottrell and husband Chad Cottrell, Leah Covington, and Katy Mendoza and husband SSG Armando Ivan Mendoza; grandson, Camron DeHart; great-grandchildren, Ryan Cottrell and fiancé Michael Dublin, Taylor Pulliam, Jacob Cottrell, Andrew Covington, Gavin Finzel, Hayden Pulliam, Reese Lewis, Corbon Mendoza, Audrey Mendoza, and Emily Covington and John Covington, Jr.; great-great-granddaughter, Harper Leigh Dublin; and special niece, Jennifer Barros and sons Jacob, Ryan, Colby, and Bryce.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Monday, February 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Pallbearers will be Mark Simmons, Chad Cottrell, John Covington, Jacob Keith, Andrew Covington, Hayden Pulliam, Gavin Finzel, Reese Lewis, and Corbon Mendoza.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Senior Care Center, especially Sammy and Tish.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Parkinson's Research in Ruben's name.

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Scarlett Squire

Scarlett passed away at her home in Plano on January 27, 2016. She was born in Greenwich, Connecticut on August 25, 1967. Scarlett loved the Lord Jesus and He has welcomed her home to be with Him. She is free of pain and suffering. Scarlett had MS, which she fought with great courage. Scarlett loved her family.

She is survived by her parents, Barba Ballenger Keene & David Keene of Plano; Frederick Eugene Squire III and wife Pat Squire, Lake Oswego, OR.; brother and his wife, Fred and Bonnie Squire of Midland, TX; beloved nieces and nephew Reagan, Maggie, and Turner Squire; her aunt Francys Ann Ballenger of Addison, Texas; uncle Larry Glass and wife Mary Helen of Sterling City, Texas; cousins Jeff Glass & family of Southlake, TX; Robert Glass & family of Spur, TX. Scarlett is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Frederick Eugene Squire II and Emmadean Squire, Robert Turner Ballenger, Dollye Ballenger and her Aunt Lynda Glass.

The family would also like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to her caregiver Ti Parker.

She was educated beginning at San Angelo Central H.S. in 1985, and then attended TCU before graduating from UTD. Scarlett loved TCU football. She later graduated from the TCU Land Management Program and worked as a landman in Fort Worth and Midland, Tx. Scarlett attended Elevate Life Church in Frisco, TX.

Services will be held at 3pm Saturday, January 30 at St. Andrew Methodist Church, 5801 Plano Pkwy., Plano, TX. Graveside services and burial will be in San Angelo at Fairmont Cemetery on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 2PM.

Arrangements are through Ted Dickey West Funeral Home in Plano and Johnsons Funeral Home in San Angelo.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to The St. Andrew Messenger of Hope Robert T. Ballenger Scholarship Fund in care of St. Andrew Methodist Church, mental health organizations or a charity of your choice.

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted - Matthew 5:4

Death Notices

Joe R. Casas

Joe R. Casas, 84 of Midland, Texas, passed away on January 29, 2016.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on February 1, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Troy Randolph

Troy Randolph, 78, passed away Friday, January 29, 2016.

Graveside service is set for Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his four sons, James Randolph, Richard Randolph, Curtis Randolph, and Leslie Randolph.

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SHORTAGE

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time one of these old vets like me croaks, there's going to be nobody there to fill it," Brock said.

A regional need

It could be a dire problem for a major beef-producing region. A 2009 study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board found that while Texas has more food and fiber animals than any other state, it ranks last among the 10 most populous states in veterinarians per 1 million animals.

A&M's efforts have been six years in the making, Sharp said, pointing to the 2009 coordinating board study, which recommended that A&M should expand its school rather than build a new one.

Since then, A&M has poured millions into new agriculture buildings at a handful of its campuses, including a $120 million new home for the College Station school that officials say will enable A&M to increase enrollment.

Now the plan is to hire top-notch professors to work at satellite campuses, beginning with West Texas A&M in the Panhandle. The new faculty there will be able to do research in the field, including West Texas A&M's own feedlots, and will serve as mentors and perhaps teachers to undergraduate students. The goal is to prepare them to transfer to the flagship to pursue a doctoral degree.

Similar efforts will follow at Tarleton State in Stephenville, A&M Kingsville in South Texas and Prairie View A&M in Waller County west of Houston.

"There is no question this partnership will be welcome news to the farmers, ranchers, game wardens and probably some pet owners in the areas," F. Dominic Dottavio, president of Tarleton State, said. "It is truly going to put some more boots on the ground in rural Texas."

Ideally, the effort will encourage students to follow the path Brock took to Lamesa. He attended West Texas A&M (back when it was West Texas State) before heading to College Station to earn his veterinary medicine degree. Perhaps most importantly, he returned to West Texas after graduating.

Tech has different way

A&M's idea is a good one, Brock says: "I can't see a better way."

Texas Tech is working on another way. The university wants to build a new veterinary school in Amarillo, where the closest places to get aveterinary degree are not in College Station but in Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas, Chancellor Robert Duncan said.

Tech is working on plans for a four-year school with some accelerated-track opportunities.

School officials hope to get approval from the coordinating board before the Legislature reconvenes next year. Then they'll seek state funding for the school.

Duncan pointed to Texas Tech's success in building a health science center that serves rural communities as a model the university wants to replicate. Texas Tech leaders hope to attract the same donors for the veterinary school.

"I think the thing we all agree on is, in 2009 there was a demonstrated need in the food-animal industry. It was very clear we are very behind in Texas," Duncan said. "That was 2009, and we're still in the same situation."

What's happening in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading
WEEKENDER
Look for it inside today's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

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friend."

When Land's three children were all younger than 10, she was a single working mother.

"She's one of a kind," said Land's oldest daughter, Amanda Smith. "There's no way to describe her. She did it all. She's irreplaceable, they're gonna have some big, big shoes to fill."

This day marked the beginning of a new chapter in Land's life, and was an ode to what her legacy would become.

"Mom — she's tough and fair and strict, y'know?" said Jake Hall, one of Land's sons. "You had discipline when you did and you had fun when you had fun. She tried to lead you in the right way and help you grow up tough and respectful — the way you're supposed to."

It's clear family is of the utmost importance to Land, and her family is a close one. When Robinson asked if she'd like to say anything to those gathered, her answer was a

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GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Jan. 18-22 by district Judges Robin Darr, George D. Gilles, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Robert Isiah Adams, 26, tampering with/fabricating physical evidence, revoke supervision, two years TDCJ.

Jose Luis Baeza, 33, possession of a controlled substance, six months state jail.

Joseph Duahant Barton, 19, hindering apprehension or prosecution, deferred adjudication, two years community supervision, pay fine, 150 hours community service.

Shannon James Benson, 44, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 180 days county jail; failure to comply with sex offender registration, revoke supervision, two years TDCJ.

Austin Cole Blackmon, 33, evading arrest/detention with a motor vehicle, deferred adjudication three years, fine, 150 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 180 days.

David Michael Bles, 20, driving while intoxicated, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years community supervision, pay fine, 10 days jail, 150 hours community service, interlock device.

Jayme Lynn Brown, 23, possession of a controlled substance, two years deferred adjudication, fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP; possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, two years deferred adjudication, TAIP.

Jessika Sue Carbajal, 38, two counts theft by repetition, revoke, continue supervision, 25 additional hours community service.

George John Carr, 26, possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, TAIP, 100 hours community service.

Daniel Jeremy Carrasco, 26, harassment of a public servant, extend supervision four years, 120 days county jail, fine, Project Adam, ISP.

Mason Cole Casey, 20, possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, three years deferred adjudication, fine, 160 hours community supervision, TAIP.

Creighton Ross Clifton, 26, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, 18 months state jail; burglary, four years TDCJ; tampering with physical evidence, four years TDCJ; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 18 months state jail.

Retha Brittany Criswell, 26, theft of property more than $20,000, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, fine, court cost, 300 hours community service.

Elco Ivan Espinoza-Rico, 25, assault family violence by strangulation, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, fine, court cost, family violence, TAIP, Project Adam, anger management, 300 hours community service.

Samuel Larios Flores, 32, driving while intoxicated, extend community supervision two years.

Samuel Anthony Galvan, 25, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, two years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP; failure to appear, deferred adjudication, two years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service.

George Gambrell Jr., 50, theft by repetition, two years TDCJ suspended for three years probation, fine, $475 restitution, 160 hours community service.

Nicholas Rubio Guzman, 48, driving while intoxicated third or more times, extend probation six months, 50 hours community service.

Damian Dominguez Gomez, 20, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, fine, 120 hours community service.

Herminio Gonzalez, 55, injury to a child, elderly individual or disabled individual, deferred adjudication, four years community supervision, fine, 250 hours community service, TAIP, Project Adam, parenting classes.

Jesus Rodolfo Gutierrez, 27, injury to a child, two years TDCJ; failure to appear, two years TDCJ.

Hallie Anne Henshaw, 31, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, two years community supervision, fine, 120 hours community service.

Eloy Arturo Hernandez, 50, driving while intoxicated, continue community supervision, CRTC.

Jose Roberto Hernandez, 25, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, two years TDCJ.

Christopher Blaine Hopper, 21, burglary, extend community supervision two years. TAIP, weekly AA meetings for a year; credit card or debit card abuse, extend community supervision two years, TAIP, weekly AA meetings for a year.

Christerpher Gerald Latson, 24, burglary of a habitation, revoke supervision, three years TDCJ.

Jourvoyce Dwhirl Ingram, 18, unlawful restraint, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, fine, 120 hours community service; burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, fine, 240 hours community service; aggravated assault, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, fine, 240 hours community service.

Dillon Jaymes Isaacks, 22, theft of property more than $500 but less than $1,500 as a lesser included of burglary of a habitation, 45 days county jail.

Cyndee Gayle Jeffries, 40, escape from custody, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, fine, 120 hours community service.

Joseph Thomas Landin, 22, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, six months state jail.

Shaylon Michelle Massey, 27, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, six months state jail; prohibited substance in a correctional facility, adjudicate and revoke, two years TDCJ.

Richard Daniel Mortensen, 29, possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail suspended for three years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

Adam Onofre, 37, driving while intoxicated, three years TDCJ.

Mark Reyes, 27, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, extend community supervision three years.

Angel Rodriquez Pallanes, 22, possession of marijuana more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds, five years deferred adjudication, fine, $180 restitution, 250 hours community service, TAIP.

Robert Frank Rangel Jr., 20, burglary of a habitation, deferred adjudication five years, 30 days jail, fine, 350 hours community service, TAIP, anger management and parenting classes; abandoning/endangering child criminal negligence, deferred adjudication five years, 30 days jail, fine, TAIP, anger management and parenting classes.

Marielle Flor Rios, 24, credit card or debit card abuse, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, fine, 200 hours community service.

Jeremy Jordan Rodriguez, 19, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, four years TDCJ; tampering with physical evidence, revoke, 12 months state jail.

Reynaldo Rodriguez III, 35, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, 12 months state jail.

Russell Jacob Savage, 26, possession of a controlled substance, six months county jail.

Zachoree Tomas Shafer, 22, theft of a firearm, deferred adjudication, five years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service.

Juan Manuel Sosa, 48, driving while intoxicated, two years TDCJ.

Auden Gabaldon Soto, 18, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, deferred adjudication, four years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

Daniel Sylvester Urias, 18, assault on a public servant, deferred adjudication five years, fine, 300 hours community service, TAIP.

Christian Ivan Villa, 23, endangering a child, continue supervision, 20 days jail, pay fines and fees upfront, parenting classes, TAIP.

Lee Mitchell Watters, 26, possession of a controlled substance, 10 months state jail; failure to appear, two years TDCJ.

John Ward, 30, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, fine, 150 hours community service, TAIP.

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

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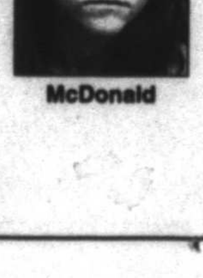

McDonald

Athletes had 'fight club' at Dallas area school

Associated Press

PLANO — Baseball players at a Dallas-area high school had a "fight club" in the batting cages, according to a school district investigation that also found that the team's coaches subjected players to demeaning comments.

Complaints from players' parents led to the uncovering of the fight club, as well as reports that Plano East High School head baseball coach Travis Collins and assistant coach Reagan Allen subjected players to demeaning, sometimes racist comments, according to documents obtained by The Dallas Morning News.

Injured players in particular were targets of coaches' comments, the document showed. One student told investigators, "It was as if it was just a

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LAND

From 2B

joking, "not really," and she instead went to pick up her grandson Joseph, whom she calls Joey. She placed him in front of the crowd and smiled, eyes tearing up, as he looked out at the room. Everyone chuckled at his brazen stand; it's clear he's inherited some things from his grandmother.

"She taught us to never give up, you do it right, and you do it completely," Smith said. "There is no halfway or in between. You have a job to do, you do it and you go home. And when you go home your job stays at your job and your home is at your home. She's the strongest woman I know, and I'm proud to be her daughter."

At the time of her retirement, Land was overseeing the Investigative Services Bureau. She has been awarded numerous commendations throughout her career, such as the 200 Club Officer of the Year Award and the Midland Rape Crisis Center Detective of the Year Award.

NICHOLAS

From 1B

Vegas, school clothes for both kids. Or a new rug for my dining room. That's a month's worth of meals for a family. Time to rethink this party plan.

And I'm not knocking you mega-party moms; it's just not my thing. And I can finally admit it. If you have ever attended a party hosted by lifestyle expert Heather Valenzuela or a fundraiser by designer Peggy Kuss, you know there are people out there who enjoy soiree planning. They make it look effortless and every detail is perfection. It brings them enjoyment. But attending the party — that's what brings me enjoyment.

So I scrapped the tea party at home idea. Too much work, too much expense.

I booked a party at a local venue where the employees help with the set up and entertaining. All I have to do is bring the cake. I found $8 invitations on Etsy and printed them at Staples.

I bought envelopes for $4 and spent $5 on postage. I am returning most of the decorations we got and I am using the favors as Valentines for Bodacious to pass out at school.

I'll give the candy kabobs out at the party as favors for the guests. I haven't totaled up everything, but I think I am a lot closer to my original budget.

Now, who knows where I can find a cut rate Barbie Dreamhouse?

Melanie Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two uhmazing children, Parksalot, 7, and Bodacious, 4. You can follow her amazing adventures fighting grime and insecurity on Facebook, Twitter and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Her column appears in the Midland Reporter-Telegram every other week.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Isaac J. Carrera, 24, of Midland was charged Jan. 22 with sexual assault of a child.
Terrance D. Guess, 36, of Midland was charged Jan. 22 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.
Kandice N. Roys, 25, of Midland was charged Jan. 22 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.
Matthew D. Williams, 30, of Midland was charged Jan. 22 with credit card or debit card abuse.
Antonio A. Amaya, 37, of Rule was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Uriel H. Atayde, 31, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Jose R. Baeza Jr., 37, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Jose R. Baeza, 17, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Gilberto G. Beltran, 38, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Atrionn N. Bowers, 31, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with assault of a family/house member.
Karen G. Corona-Escamilla, 25, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with harassment of a public servant.
Edward M. Fabela, 40, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting and evading arrest/detention with previous conviction.
Israel Flores Jr., 19, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Francisco C. Galindo, 43, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Anthony L. Garcia, 35, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Claudia Garcia, 35, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Lionel A. Garcia, 35, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Elias Gonzales, 23, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Juan C. Gonzalez, 37, was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Michael G. Gonzalez, 35, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting and possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.
Rodolfo L. Guebara, 33, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Joel Hernandez, 20, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Jose A. Hernandez Jr., 28, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.
Jose L. Hernandez, 43, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Camron M. Hill, 17, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with obstruction or retaliation.
Joel V. Hurtado-Balderas, 31, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Esben Leyva, 39, was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Edgar O. Lujan, 37, of Gardendale was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Roberto Lujan, 47, was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Leonel Melendez, 39, of Odessa was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Ivan Molina Jr., 39, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Hernan Natividad, 17, was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Jesus R. Natividad, 51, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Frank M. Ontiveros, 21, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Tony C. Ontiveros, 33, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Juan A. Puentes, 18, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Jorge Ramos, 22, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Leonardo L. Ramos, 35, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with fraudulent use/possession of identification information and forgery of a financial instrument.
Hector J. Rodriguez, 45, was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Javier Rodriguez, 23, was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Samuel P. Rodriguez, 39, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Juan J. Sanchez, 38, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Pablo J. Sanchez, 41, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Cody Smith, 30, was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Humberto Soto, 20, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Anthony D. Stubbs, 37, of Midland was charged Jan. 23 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.
Guillerno Vasquez, 20, was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Jesus Vasquez, 32, was charged Jan. 23 with cockfighting.
Ashley G. Hill, 31, of Midland was charged Jan. 24 with obstruction or retaliation.
Adrian J. Lyles Sr., 46, of Midland was charged Jan. 24 with assault of a public servant.
Andrew J. Torres, 33, of Midland was charged Jan. 24 with assault of a family/house member impeding breath.
Reyna Villa-Meraz, 27, of Midland was charged Jan. 24 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
Brady K. Collins, 22, of Wells was charged Jan. 25 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.
Clint A. Edison, 35, of Ruidoso, New Mexico, was charged Jan. 25 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.
Kenneth S. Ellis, 44, of Midland was charged Jan. 26 with theft under $1,500 with two or more previous convictions.
Brandi L. Jones, 30, of Midland was charged Jan. 26 with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and abandoning or endangering a child with imminent danger.
John E. Saenz, 25, of Midland was charged Jan. 26 with unlicensed possession of a firearm by a felon, aggravated robery.
Taraeus Dunson, 17, of Midland was charged Jan. 27 with credit card or debit card abuse.
William Echevarria, 39, of Midland was charged Jan. 27 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.
Leoniris P. Lujan Jr., 42, of Midland was charged Jan. 27 with manufacturing or delivery of a controlled substance under 200 grams.
Jamon J. Mims, 27, of Midland was charged Jan. 27 with burglary of a habitat with intent to commit another felony.
Pedro Tarango-Mendoza, 33, was charged Jan. 27 with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
Raul R. Carbajal, 33, of Midland was charged Jan. 28 with theft under $1,500 with two or more previous convictions.
Ernesto Esparza, 34, of Midland was charged Jan. 28 with a third count of driving while intoxicated.
Carlos Hernandez, 23, of Midland was charged Jan. 28 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.
Anthony N. Kounce, 20, of Midland was charged Jan. 28 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.
Raymundo D. Rayos III, 22, of Midland was charged Jan. 28 with aggravated robbery.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Money in politics fight over indicted Texas attorney general

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who says he won't resign despite criminal charges of defrauding investors and a separate investigation into a profitable land deal, may soon be allowed to let supporters pay his costly legal bills.

A state ethics board is expected to decide Monday if the Republican can lean on donors to cover what will likely be a lengthy and expensive courtroom battle. Financial gifts to politicians are generally prohibited but the board is considering letting Paxton only accept money from out-of-state sources, who are less likely to have cases or business with the Texas attorney general.

But even under those restrictions, the idea is still unpalatable to critics: the state's top prosecutor taking outside dollars for the high-stakes purpose of avoiding possible prison time.

"No one is outside his jurisdiction. Christ, we just sued Volkswagen in Germany," said Craig McDonald, director of the left-leaning watchdog group Texans for Public Justice, referring to the state's lawsuit against the automaker over an emissions scandal. "The arm of the attorney general is very long."

If the Texas Ethics Commission rules the other way — and bars Paxton from letting donors pick up the check for his defense — that could force him to find another means of financing a lengthy legal battle while simultaneously running one of the nation's most high-profile attorney general offices. In March, Paxton will go before the U.S. Supreme Court to defend abortion restrictions in a case that is likely to

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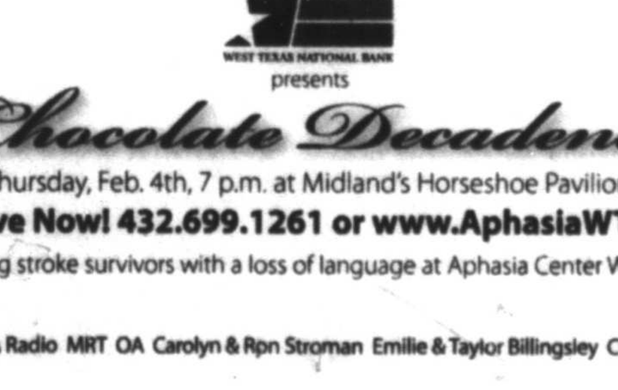

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Central Texas junior college gave Cam Newton a second chance

By Kevin Sherrington
Dallas Morning News

AP file photo

Blinn College's Cam Newton dives into the end zone for a touchdown against Trinity Valley Community College during a game Oct. 10, 2009 in Brenham, Texas. In this quaint little town where the national ice cream of Texas only recently came off probation, it should be noted that its second-most famous export got a second chance here, too. Cam Newton arrived at Blinn College in 2009 with more than just the usual student's baggage

BRENHAM — In this quaint little town where the national ice cream of Texas only recently came off probation, it should be noted that its second-most famous export got a second chance here, too.

Cam Newton arrived at Blinn College in 2009 with more than just the usual student's baggage. He'd left Florida, where he backed up Tim Tebow, amid charges he'd stolen a laptop. Rumors of academic fraud at Florida followed shortly. The narrative was just as ugly on his return to the SEC, what with allegations that his considerable football skills had been for sale.

Whatever really happened in Florida or Alabama or Mississippi that helped shape a life that has led the Carolina Panthers' quarterback to the Super Bowl, Newton's brief interlude in Central Texas was anything but controversial.

Transformational, actually, which is what once prompted Newton to say, on camera, no less, "My fondest memories had to come from junior college."

Of course, Blinn got a nice little bump out of it as well. Every time Newton's story comes up, which is frequently these days, it bears the Blinn College tag. They weren't anticipating that kind of return on the investment. This picturesque, 133-year-old junior college simply couldn't have afforded such evergreen marketing. Certainly helps recruiting. Consider that, because of Newton, Joe Montana and his wife and son gave Blinn a look.

From a strictly historical aspect, visitors of that stature are usually looking for the Blue Bell plant.

The way Jeff Tilley remembers it, Blinn's football coach at the time, Brad Franchione, gave him a heads-up about a quarterback they were getting from Florida. That in itself was a little unusual. Most of the 2,400 students on campus hail from the surrounding area. The circle expands for athletes. Most of the latter either didn't qualify academically for four-year schools or came up short athletically, and they don't hang around long. The rosters at junior colleges churn like a hamster wheel.

Still, Tilley, Blinn's marketing and communications director, told The Dallas Morning News that he won't forget the first time he saw Cam Newton in person.

"Coach," he told Franchione, "I thought you were bringing in a quarterback, not a defensive lineman."

At 6-5, 240 pounds in the spring of 2009, Newton was as imposing then as he remains now. But there was something missing from that first impression.

"That's the one and only time I've ever been around him that he was without that million-dollar smile," Tilley said.

Newton was a long way from his Georgia roots. He'd gone to Texas, he told Alabama reporters, because that's what his father told him to do. Cecil Newton was in charge of his son's relocation. Franchione, whose father, Dennis, had been head coach at TCU, Alabama and Texas A&M, did his recruiting over the phone with Cam's father.

In a Sports Illustrated story, Cecil called Blinn "a remote rehab process" and the site of his son's "resurrection."

The latter description certainly fit, given the location of the football dorms on the southeast corner of campus, next to a cemetery. Newton would testify for an Under Armour short film that, in his first semester at Blinn, he was lost. Didn't know if "this football thing" was for him. On top of all that, he didn't have a car. No TV, either. And in Brenham, there's no such thing as night life.

If not working out or in meetings, Newton generally could be found in class or his dorm room.

Sat on the second row, left side, of Amy Winningham's English composition class in the Academic Building. Showed up every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, 8 o'clock sharp.

"One time he was late because of practice, and a coach walked in with him to explain why he was late and to tell me it would not happen again," Winningham said. "He apologized and the coach apologized."

She paused, then smiled.

"It was a nice show of respect from both of them."

Newton's recovery effort sometimes caught Blinn officials by surprise. One of the lessons Franchione suggested was a book, Leadership Is an Art, by Max De Pree. Newton took it to heart. His second day on campus, he knocked on Franchione's office door, plopped in a chair and proclaimed himself ready for his leadership session.

Franchione gulped, then started on a lesson plan.

Coach and quarterback grew together over their two semesters together, as Franchione likes to tell it. He could be tough. One of his team assignments that summer involved painting the ancient wooden bleachers of Spencer Stadium, across the street from lovely Old Main. This provided yet another culture shock for Newton. Back in Gainesville, workouts didn't include maintenance on the Swamp.

On the other hand, football is football, and the Buccaneers went 11-1 in the fall of 2009. Even as Newton attempts to join Joe Namath and Joe Montana as the only quarterbacks to win both a national title and a Super Bowl, he already holds this distinction from those Joes: He owns a national junior college title, too. Led the Bucs to a 31-24 win over Fort Scott (Kan.), when one of his best friends, Chad Froechtenicht, returned a punt 84 yards for a touchdown in the game's last minute to give Blinn its fourth national championship.

For the record: Newton didn't break out his Superman at Blinn. No dabbing, either. He was all business. Passed for 2,833 yards and 22 touchdowns and ran for 655 and another 16 touchdowns. The man who would win the Heisman the next season at Auburn was first-team quarterback in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference, but he didn't make league MVP.

Chase Ford, a tight end who didn't catch a single pass for Baltimore this season, can tell his grandkids about that one.

For the Under Armour shoot in '14, Newton can be seen speaking to a room full of young men, framing his famous fall in blunt terms. "I done blew my opportunity," he tells them. "Blew it." He's also said on other occasions that he has no regrets, because his mistakes led him to Blinn, which helped him grow up.

Anyway, in another scene, the camera follows him up a few steps and onto the playing surface of Spencer Stadium.

What the camera doesn't record as Newton pans the field is a question he asks no one in particular:

"Where's my bleachers?"

Basically, they were deemed unsafe after Newton's championship season and unceremoniously removed. Stadium looks like it's been scalped. The Buccaneers play their home games these days at a local high school field, though officials hold out hope that, with help from a certain famous alumnus, football might yet return to campus.

Newton has helped in other cases. When Montana's son, Nick, was leaving the University of Washington, he called Newton to ask about his Blinn experience. Cam sold him, apparently. Nick's boxes arrived on campus, at least, before a change of heart led him to stay in California.

More than 40 Blinn exes have gone on to play in the NFL. The Miami Heat's Chris Andersen — Birdman — was a Buccaneer. But for now and no doubt the next 133 years, too, Cam Newton will remain head and shoulders above them all.

Even teenagers, who, as a general rule, have no sense of history, grasp the significance. Keith Thomas, coming off his second year as head coach at Blinn, made sure of the connection when he hosted recruits on campus last week. One of them was Ralphlauren McCauley, a Grapevine receiver who'd already been informed by his father that Blinn "is where Cam Newton came from."

Ralphlauren — who naturally answers to "Polo" — said Newton's story inspires him. As for whether it's enough to sway his vote, it's down to Blinn or Trinity Valley.

Any Trinity Valley guys playing in the Super Bowl, Polo?

"Great question!" Thomas said, slapping me on the back.

Thomas met Newton when he came through for the Under Armour special a couple of summers ago. His impression was the same as the one you get watching him on TV: "He's a wide-open, happy-go-lucky guy."

Cam gives little ol' Blinn the credit for giving him his swag back. And in just one year, at that. Imagine what it could have done with two.

Before 'affluenza' case, teen's family tangled with the law

By Reese Dunklin
Associated Press

DALLAS — Ethan Couch was behind the wheel of a pickup truck, reeking of booze when police confronted him. He had no driver's license. Next to him was a passed-out, half-naked girl, and an open vodka bottle lay on the backseat floor.

Still, as one officer reported, the skinny, blond 15-year-old mouthed off as they questioned him. He said he had taken pre-law classes and knew what police could and couldn't do to him. The officer cautioned him about the perils of drinking and driving, according to court records obtained by The Associated Press.

"I spoke with him at some length about the various consequences of his driving and drinking," wrote Fort Worth, Texas, police officer W.E. Spakes, "such as effects on (his) driver's license and his path in life, especially DWI and even killing someone in a DWI."

Couch left that night in February 2013 with two citations and his mother, Tonya,

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FIGHT

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game to the coaches to see who could dish out the funniest nickname or phrase to ridicule the hurt player." The document did not identify the student.

An attorney for the coaches, Giana Ortiz, said they "vehemently deny" the allegations regarding demeaning comments and assert that they had no knowledge of any fight club involving their players.

"They have dedicated their lives to the game they coach and to developing players through positive example and influence," Ortiz said.

However, investigators said the attention generated by the fights was so widespread the coaches should have known of them, although they occurred while the coaches were away from campus for an annual conference.

The district found that the fights were promoted on social media and players would come to class with bruised eyes and knuckles after the club fights.

Some players defended the coaches to The Dallas Morning News. Senior Devin Gifford said he never heard the coaches make demeaning remarks and that Collins and Allen cared for their players.

"They criticized us when we made mistakes and praised us when we did well. They never pushed to make injured players play. I hurt my arm once and told coach (Collins) that it still hurt. He just told me to play when I felt ready," Gifford told the newspaper.

Dan Rudkin, whose sons played for the two coaches for seven years, said he had heard no complaints.

"I've never seen anything that concerned me in all my years with the team. I never heard of a fight club, and I feel that if the coaches had — knowing them the way I do — they definitely would have done something about that," he said.

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reverberate nationally.

If the risk of Paxton being distracted or the appearance of undue influence bothers Republican leaders, they're not saying publicly.

Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick declined to comment over whether they would be OK with Paxton tapping donors to pay for his high-powered defense team. Neither has publically pressured Paxton since he was indicted in July, but they also haven't enthusiastically come to his defense.

The proposal before the Texas Ethics Commission would only allow out-of-state donors to help Paxton, but opponents say that wouldn't safeguard possible conflicts with his job.

Paxton attorney Bill Mateja, who is handling the criminal case, said he was not involved in the ethics matter, and the attorney general's office did not return messages seeking comment.

Paxton was indicted six months after taking office last year and has pleaded not guilty. He is accused of deceiving wealthy investors in 2011, when he was still a state legislator, by encouraging them to put money into a high-tech startup called Servergy Inc. without disclosing that the company was paying him for such referrals.

He is charged with two felony counts of securities fraud. If convicted, Paxton could get a lengthy prison term.

Mateja has also confirmed that two special prosecutors are investigating a suburban Dallas land deal in which Paxton and others, including a district attorney, profited from the sale of a tract that later became the site of a county courthouse. Mateja said Paxton is cooperating and that he's confident the attorney general will be cleared of wrongdoing.

The governor cannot remove an elected official from office. Abbott, who was attorney general for 11 years before he was elected governor, has tried making tighter ethics rules a centerpiece of his early administration. He criticized legislators for watering down a package of reforms he ordered last year.

Paxton breezed into office behind the support of tea party activists and a rare endorsement from Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who called him a "tireless conservative warrior." Michael Joyce, a spokesman for the Texas Republican Party, said the state GOP chairman believes "Paxton deserves a fair trial and not a trial of public opinion." He declined further comment.

Matt Mackowiak, a Republican consultant, said Paxton isn't causing heartburn in Republican circles. "I think things are going to have to get much worse for Paxton for him to resign," he said.

Texas Democrats, who have not won an elected statewide office in more than two decades, say they don't believe the GOP will ever reach a breaking point with Paxton.

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Houston's Antioch Church celebrates 150th anniversary

By Allan Turner
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — For the most part, the oldest landmarks are gone. The bayou-side brush arbor never was meant to last, and the old "Baptist Hill," site of a wooden box-like chapel, now is occupied by the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts.

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, though, never really was about buildings anyway, despite its current imposing Clay Street home. Antioch, its members will tell you, always focused on the soul.

Next month, Antioch, Houston's oldest African-American Baptist congregation, will mark its 150th anniversary with a gala of celebrating leaders of the city's black community and a rousing affirmation of faith manifest in preaching, prayer and song.

"It speaks of the resilience, the courage and faith of free slaves who had no direction to look to but to God," Antioch's pastor, the Rev. O.B. Winkley, told the Houston Chronicle of the coming celebration. "We today are living their legacy. We keep the same faith. We have an intense thankfulness to God."

Founded by a score of worshippers just months after the Civil War's close, Antioch for generations would prove an anchor to Houston's African-American community.

"The people who started this church believed in education, property ownership, stability and moral character," said Camilla Jackson, chair of its heritage committee.

While its early pastors were traveling clergy or formally associated with other congregations, Antioch found a man who embodied those values in John Henry "Jack" Yates, who, around 1868, became the church's first elected, full-time preacher. Today, his progressive spirit still is felt and his stern visage looks down on worship services from a second-story, stained-glass window.

"My great-grandfather obviously was a visionary," said Martha Anne Goddard, a Yates descendant active in the church. "He always led by example. That meant that what he said was how he lived. That meant that what you saw was pretty much what you got."

Like many of his successors, Yates, a literate Virginia-born former slave who came to Houston at the Civil War's close, was both man of God and an astute secular leader.

With the help of teaching missionaries, he oversaw the creation of Houston Baptist Academy, the city's first school for African-Americans. The academy, which taught reading, writing, mathematics and vocational skills, later became Houston College for Negroes, which, church historians said, was a precursor to today's Texas Southern University.

Under Yates' direction, Antioch in 1872 joined with Methodist Episcopal Church to buy land in the city's Third Ward for Emancipation Park, a tree-shaded enclave for the enjoyment of African-American residents.

In 1879, Yates supervised the church's move to its present location at 500 Clay St. - initially a one-story structure designed and built by church members. The chapel, enlarged with a second story in 1895, was the first brick building owned by black Houstonians. Today, the Gothic revival structure with the words "Jesus Saves" emblazoned on its belfry is surrounded by skyscrapers on the edge of the rapidly changing Fourth Ward "Freedmen's Town."

In terms of growth, Antioch from the beginning was a veritable rocket for Christ. In its earliest years, membership grew in quantum leaps. By the beginning of the 1930s, membership stood at almost 2,000, drawing the faithful from every quadrant of the city. Today, said Winkley, the church, which offers a Sunday morning worship service and Wednesday and Thursday Bible study, claims about 300 members.

Its theology is resolutely evangelistic.

"Our primary aim is to recover the lost, reach for the fallen and rejoice with the saints," its Web page notes, adding that it purveys a "Christ centered" message that delivers, strengthens, embraces and "keeps" its members.

"This church was always a leader in the Houston community," Jackson said. "Most of the significant things that happened in this city, Antioch was part of it."

The church was the religious home to many of the city's black leaders.

In 1907, church member and businessman John Bell played a major role in creation of the city's first public library for African-Americans. His leadership in the National Negro Business League, a group headed by Booker T. Washington, assured Houston's place in national black leadership circles.

In 1918, church member Dr. Henry Lee joined other community leaders in building Union Hospital, the first such medical facility for black patients and physicians.

In the early 1930s, Houston teacher and Antioch member Lula White began working in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Houston chapter to abolish Texas' notorious "white

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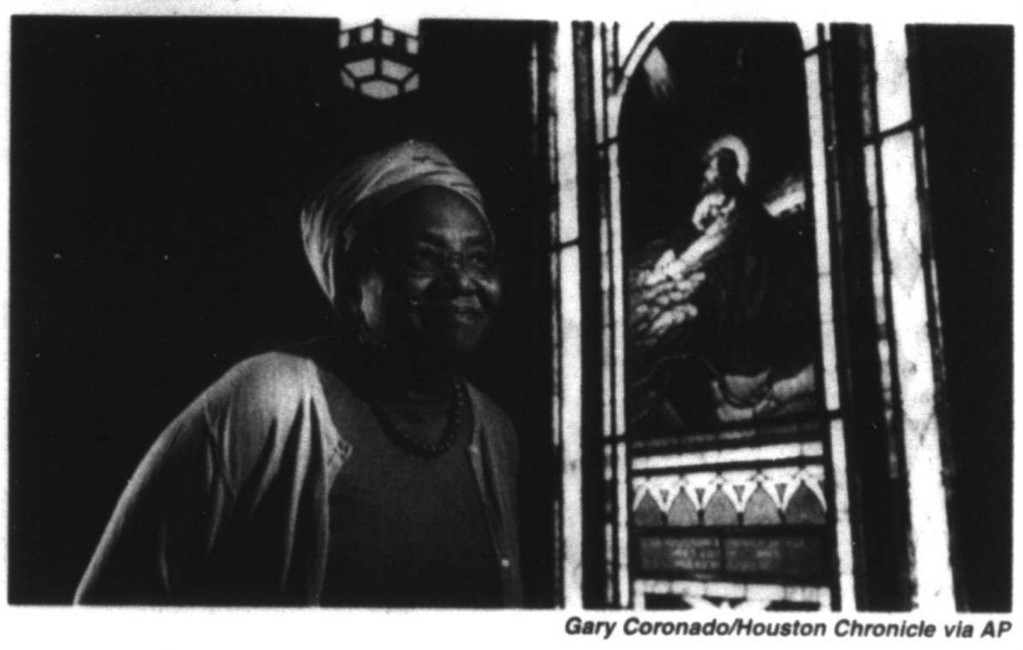
Parishioners walk into Antioch Missionary Baptist Church on Jan. 15 in Houston. Next month, Antioch, Houston's oldest African-American Baptist congregation, will mark its 150th anniversary with a gala of celebrating leaders of the city's black community and a rousing affirmation of faith manifest in preaching, prayer and song.



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Martha Anne Goddard, 66, the great granddaughter of Rev. John Henry (Jack) Yates. 1868-1891, the first pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church poses for a photo Jan. 15 in the church in Houston. Next month, Antioch, Houston's oldest African-American Baptist congregation, will mark its 150th anniversary with a gala of celebrating leaders of the city's black community and a rousing affirmation of faith manifest in preaching, prayer and song.

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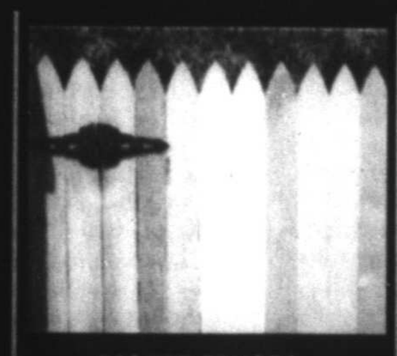
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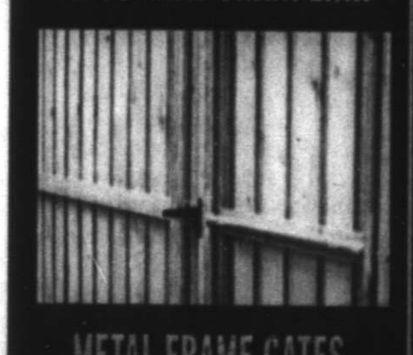
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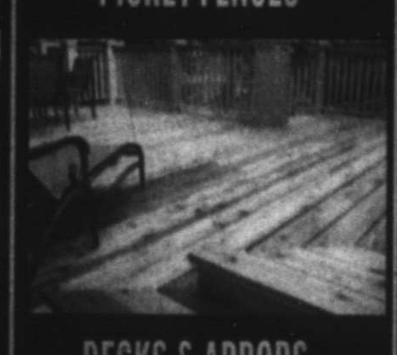
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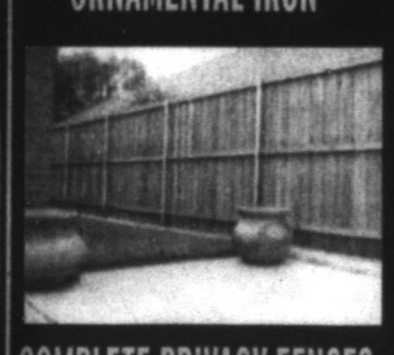
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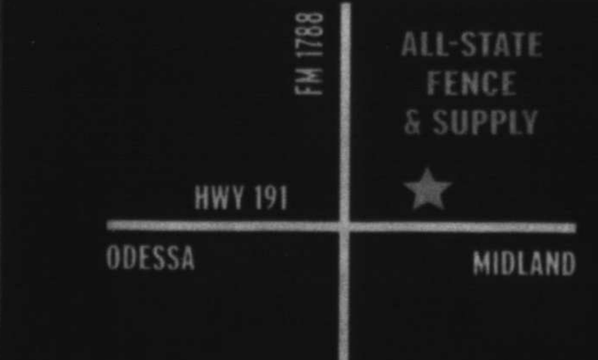

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Demolition equipment iis parked in front of a home located in The Cedars neighborhood just south of R.L. Thornton Freeway, on Thursday in Dallas. In a city where history lasts as long as it takes to crank up the bulldozer, this truly is big and breaking news: One of the oldest houses in The Cedars has been granted a stay of execution.

Preservation preferred for 1880s Dallas Victorian home

By Robert Wilonsky
The Dallas Morning News

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A Victorian house stands Thursday at 1438 Griffin Street West that Time Warner has agreed to pay to move in Dallas. In a city where history lasts as long as it takes to crank up the bulldozer, this truly is big and breaking news: One of the oldest houses in The Cedars has been granted a stay of execution.

DALLAS — In a city where history lasts as long as it takes to crank up the bulldozer, this truly is big and breaking news: One of the oldest houses in The Cedars has been granted a stay of execution.

The Dallas Morning Newsreports Time Warner Cable, which only weeks ago was preparing to raze the circa-1885 Victorian home overlooking R.L. Thornton Freeway, now says it will pay to move the structure to a nearby location.

"Time Warner Cable has committed to working with preservation leaders to relocate the home," says a statement company spokesperson Melissa Sorola sent to The Dallas Morning News on Thursday. "This plan serves everyone's interests. The home will be preserved in a new location, and Time Warner Cable can move forward with construction on a new hub that will add capacity and reliability for our downtown customers."

Just weeks ago the home's destruction appeared imminent: It had been stripped and gutted, and an excavator was parked on the front lawn at 1438 Griffin Street West ready to smash it out of existence.

Time Warner said it needed to demolish the house to expand its tiny hub site that sits next door.

City officials only learned of the scheduled demolition from Melissa Prycer, president and executive director of nearby Dallas Heritage Village, and Michael Przekwas, former president of the Cedars Neighborhood Association.

But they couldn't stop it, as the house — which once had a Browder Street address, and appears to have been built for Max J. Rosenfield in 1885 — wasn't on official historic registers.

The most the city could do was delay the demolition 10 days after a permit had been pulled.

But it never got that far.

Katherine Seale, the former Preservation Dallas executive director who now chairs Dallas' Landmark Commission, told Time Warner the commission was going to consider initiating historic designation status at its Feb. 1 meeting. If the commission voted to initiate and then designate, the cable and Internet provider would have been stuck with a historic house it didn't want.

A couple of weeks ago, Time Warner began talking with Seale and other preservationists about moving and saving the house.

"And I'm pretty sure they would characterize those talks as cooperative, productive and very positive," said Sorola in an interview.

"Definitely," said Seale. "This is a new way forward for historic preservation in Dallas. This is a solutions-based approach where we recognize the importance of business and preservation and don't have to choose one over the other. Preservation doesn't have to be strictly enforcement, and progress doesn't mean taking out a historic building."

Seale said the house will be moved to a nearby lot where it will be a "perfect fit." The developer hasn't been identified yet but will have to speak at the Landmark Commission meeting on Monday, said Seale, so that identity won't be secret for long.

In anticipation of Monday's Landmark Commission meeting, architectural historian and conservator Nicky DeFreece Emery prepared a lengthy history of the home.

Emery wrote that the house "has come to symbolize steadfast determination in the face of change as it has survived through the decline of the Cedars neighborhood, I-30 cutting through the area, and now the current efforts to revitalize the Cedars." And she, like other local historians, believes the house was originally built by the father of John Rosenfield, The Dallas Morning News' first-ever amusements editor, before it wound up in the hands of other owners, including Paul Erb, the longtime head of the Dallas Mercantile Co. and the man who, according to the 1922 Encyclopedia of Texas, "built the first apartments in Dallas."

Said Emery, the house serves as "a reminder of what began as one of Dallas's first 'Streetcar Suburbs,' and continued as one of the city's first neighborhoods that middle- and upper-class Jewish families called home.

The house holds a visually prominent perch over I-30 and has captured the attention and wonder of not only neighbors, but daily commuters. The location is the 'gateway' into the Cedars neighborhood; its loss would be a step backward not only for the revitalization of the Cedars, but for the preservation of historic buildings in Dallas — something the last year of struggle and success has made citizens of Dallas keenly aware."

Now, it won't be lost, merely moved.

Its relocation won't take place immediately. As Seale noted, they're dealing with more than half a dozen entities who will have to clear a path for the move, chief among then utilities companies whose poles and wires stand between the house's current location and its future resting spot. "We're working through the details now," said Sorola. But Time Warner would like to get going on its new hub station sooner than later.

The late breaking development means the house won't become a historic landmark because then it couldn't be moved. Said Seale, the existing city code simply "never envisioned moving something out of a historic district."

But it's been spared. And that, she said, is all that matters.

"The best news of all is Time Warner is committed to paying for the move itself in a reasonable time frame," Seale said. "They have a very quick time line but have given us some breathing room. And they're happy to have played a major role in seeing this house saved. That's really good news."

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primary" law, a Jim Crow-era device to bar black participation in public governance.

In 1939, she became president of Houston's NAACP chapter, a position she held seven years.

When the U.S. Supreme Court struck down white primaries in 1944, White became active in educating new black voters. In 1949 she became director of the Texas NAACP.

In 1971, Houston architect and church member John Chase fought to open his profession's doors to other people of color by co-founding the National Organization of Minority Architects.

Chase, the first African-American to receive an architecture degree from the University of Texas, arrived in Houston in the 1950s to join the faculty of TSU.

After repeated rebuffs from the local architecture community, he founded his own firm, and later became the first black person admitted to the Houston Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and to the Texas Society of Architects.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter named him to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. He was the first black person to serve in the position.

His firm's commissions included the George R. Brown Convention Center, TSU's Thurgood Marshall School of Law and the U.S. Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia.

Beyond the role of members in shaping life in Houston, Antioch was a regular stop for traveling celebrities.

Among those who made a point of visiting the congregation were civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, Houston-born U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan and fabled contralto Marian Anderson.

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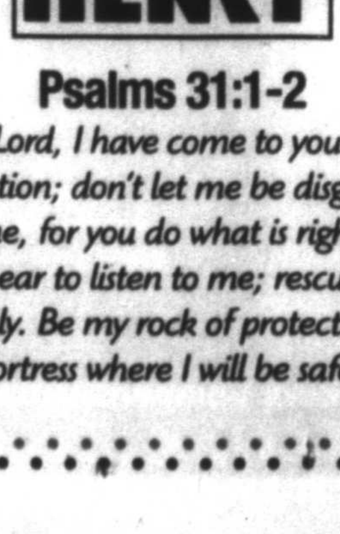

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O Lord, I have come to you for protection; don't let me be disgraced. Save me, for you do what is right. Turn your ear to listen to me; rescue me quickly. Be my rock of protection, a fortress where I will be safe.

Houston prosecutor has angered anti-abortion groups before

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Houston prosecutor handling the only criminal case to date over stealth video of Planned Parenthood clinics around the U.S. has infuriated anti-abortion activists before: In 2013, a grand jury on her watch cleared a doctor accused of ending late-term pregnancies.

Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson, a Republican originally appointed by former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, is now watching her party fume after she announced a grand jury cleared Planned Parenthood of misusing fetal tissue — and instead indicted the makers of undercover video widely embraced by the GOP. But those who know the former judge say she is no ideologue and won't buckle to politics.

Anderson's announcement this week was surprising. Not only do grand juries rarely turn the tables on those making the criminal accusations, but Texas Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick urged Anderson to investigate based on footage that accused a Houston clinic of illegally selling fetal tissue for profit.

When Anderson was up for election in 2014, she ran as "proud, pro-life Texan mother of two" and was backed by the wealthy GOP elite. But the case against David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt, anti-abortion activists who live in California, is now perhaps Anderson's most visible case since she first took office in 2013.

It also has a somewhat familiar ring to it.

Anderson was barely three months into office when the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue accused a Houston doctor of performing late-term abortions. The activist behind those allegations, Troy Newman, was also a founding member of the Center for Medical Progress — the anti-abortion group headed by Daleiden, whose videos set off investigations by Congress and Republican efforts to cut off Planned Parenthood funding.

Operation Rescue had released disturbing photos and accusations from the former staff of Dr. Douglas Karpen. A grand jury declined to indict Karpen; the abortion provider's lawyer, Chip Lewis, said Karpen was smeared by doctored pictures and false allegations made by individuals who were paid by Operation Rescue.

Lewis, a longtime political donor in Houston whose beneficiaries include Anderson, said he helped soften the political fallout for her in Republican circles.

"I told them, 'Don't hitch your wagon to this. They're crooks, and it's going to be exposed,'" Lewis said, referring to Operation Rescue.

Kansas-based Operation Rescue has denied paying informants and had questioned the evidence seen by the grand jury. Anderson's handling of both cases is also questioned by Texas Right to Life, a prominent anti-abortion group that endorsed the district attorney in 2014.

Spokeswoman Melissa Conway would not go so far as to say Texas Right to Life now regrets that endorsement. But she said Anderson "turned a blind eye" and that politicians often "masquerade as pro-life."

"It's incomprehensible," Conway said of Anderson's actions.

Anderson acknowledged in August that a prosecutor on her staff was a board member of the Houston Planned Parenthood clinic but said that person would not be involved in the grand jury case. In a statement announcing Monday's charges, Anderson said, "As I stated at the outset of this investigation, we must go where the evidence leads us."

Lewis said the assistant prosecutor who oversaw the Karpen investigation also handled the Planned Parenthood case. "I don't think she forgot what she uncovered," Lewis said. A spokesman for Anderson, Jeff McShan, said he could not confirm whether the same assistant prosecutor handled both investigations.

Planned Parenthood attorney Josh Schaffer said a prosecutor told him the grand jury never even voted on possible criminal charges against the nation's largest abortion provider.

Daleiden and Merritt were indicted on felony charges of showing the Planned Parenthood clinic fake California driver's licenses while pretending to be from a research company called BioMax. Daleiden also faces misdemeanor charges related to trying to purchase human organs.

The activists plan to come to Houston's Harris County Jail, where they will be processed and allowed to post bond, said Murphy Klasing, an attorney for Daleiden. Klasing said he did not know when that will happen.

Daleiden plans to plead not guilty, Klasing said.

Anderson became district attorney in 2013, appointed by Perry to replace her husband, who had died of cancer. Before that, she had been a judge until 2008, when a wave of Democratic turnout for President Barack Obama swept Houston Republicans out of local office.

Republicans widely supported giving the prosecutor job to Anderson, who has become the first Houston district attorney in more than a decade to personally handle prosecutions of people accused of killing police officers. Although she's popular with law enforcement, Anderson also went against usual tough-on-crime Republicans last year and began implementing a softer hand with pot offenders.

"It's really proof that she is out to do a job and not score political points," said Gene Wu, a former Harris County prosecutor who is now a Democratic state lawmaker. "Because those things don't pan out politically. If you're a Republican and trying to give people a second chance on marijuana, I don't think that sells very well on the Republican side."

AFFLUENZA

From 4B

who was called to the scene. Four months later, he drove drunk into a group of people helping a stranded motorist, killing four.

Long before Couch and his family became notorious for using an "affluenza" defense in that crash, they had multiple run-ins with the law, often flouting authority or relying on personal wealth to get out of trouble.

The incidents, totaling at least 20, ranged from speeding tickets and financial disputes to reckless driving and assault, a review of police and court records shows.

On Thursday, Couch returned to the United States from Mexico, where he and his mother had fled in December after a video surfaced online appearing to show him at a party where people were drinking — a potential violation of the terms of his probation for the fatal accident.

A psychologist who evaluated Couch in 2013 introduced the "affluenza" term at trial in reference to Couch being coddled by his wealthy parents.

He testified that Couch learned nothing from that first incident, court records show.

The teen didn't think he had done anything serious, Dr. G. Dick Miller said, and his mother lied to his father about it.

Couch also kept abusing substances, Miller testified. "I think he thought, 'I can get away with this.'... That was what he was taught."

Miller recommended that Couch be separated from his parents, who he said had "taught him a system that's 180 degrees from rational. If you hurt someone, say you're sorry. In that family, if you hurt someone, send some money."

Fred Couch — the teen's father, who is in the midst of divorcing Ethan's mother for the second time — did not respond to multiple messages seeking comment. Tonya Couch spoke briefly to the AP, but declined to discuss the family's most recent problems.

The Couches legal woes date to at least the late 1980s, records show.

Fred Couch's roofing and construction company, Cleburne Sheet Metal, was sued in 1996 over a roughly $100,000 debt.

Two plaintiff firms alleged he tried to move assets, and twice attempted to question him and Tonya Couch, court records show.

The couple failed to show up for both depositions. A judge sanctioned them and gave them a deadline to pay, which they missed by several weeks.

Three years later, Fred Couch punched a supervisor for a contractor that hired his company after the man told his workers to stop using an unsafe table saw, according to an arrest report.

Couch drove off; he later received a few days in jail and two years' probation for the assault.

And in 2009, Fred Couch faced accusations that he sexually harassed a female employee, then fired her when she complained.

Court records show he denied touching her inappropriately and showing her sex videos, among other things.

The case settled on undisclosed terms a year later.

Tonya Couch's encounters with the law include a 2003 reckless driving case in which court records say she intentionally forced a motorist off the road.

She pleaded guilty, was fined and got probation, records show.

In early 2005, she lied about that charge on a form to renew her state nursing license.

Regulators found out years later and took action. She failed to show for a 2012 disciplinary hearing and lost the vocational nursing license.

It was just a few months later when a Fort Worth police officer drove by a Dollar General store in Lakeside, a small town on the outskirts of Fort Worth, and saw a black pickup truck parked with its lights on.

Spakes, the officer, found an intoxicated Ethan Couch with the girl. According to court records, Couch told Spakes that he'd stopped to urinate and had only one drink, maybe two.

Spakes described him as "very arrogant, a smart-mouthed kid that had a bit of an attitude with authority," records show.

"I verbally got onto him trying to get him to see how badly he was messing up," Spakes wrote in a report. "He has a hard time listening and has come from a family with wealth, and he appears to believe he's privileged and entitled with no responsibility."

Couch eventually acknowledged his behavior was wrong, Spakes wrote.

Yet when a second officer, Lee Risdon of Lakeside police, handed Couch his citations, the teen replied, "Thanks for ruining my life ... as though it was the fault of the police," according to the report.

A month later, a municipal judge gave Couch six months' probation for possessing and consuming alcohol as a minor.

The judge also ordered him to complete an alcohol-awareness course and 12 hours of alcohol-related community service by June 19.

Records indicate Couch did not comply and, four days before the deadline, organized a party at the family's second home outside the Fort Worth suburb of Burleson.

Members of the crowd played beer pong and drank Miller Lite that some of them stole that night from Wal-Mart, according to an investigator's report.

Couch, then 16, and a group of friends later piled into his family's truck and sped down the road. When one told him to slow down, he accelerated and nearly hit a vehicle head-on.

He swerved back into his lane and then veered into a ditch, striking the roadside crowd that was helping a disabled driver.

Couch's blood-alcohol content was three times the legal limit, records show. Investigators estimated his speed was around 70 mph in a 40 mph zone.

As he walked away from the scene of the crash, Couch told witnesses: "I'm Ethan Couch, I can get you out of this," according to court testimony.

He was charged with four counts of intoxication manslaughter and two counts of intoxication assault. His parents sent him to a treatment facility in California.

The center's director, Jamison Monroe Jr., told the AP that Couch "had no structure, no proper role models and definitely no boundaries" when he was growing up.

Couch pleaded guilty to the charges. Then, during the punishment phase of his case, the "affluenza" defense emerged. Miller, the psychologist, testified that his parents had coddled him: "When the rules get tough, the Couches find another way to get it done."

But with treatment, and separation from his family, Miller said he thought Couch could "learn to behave in a way that's civil."

Tarrant County juvenile Judge Jean Boyd sentenced Couch to 10 years' probation after time in a state-run treatment facility.

That decision drew outrage, but juvenile law experts say Texas emphasizes rehabilitating child offenders, in contrast to the state's much tougher adult courts.

After sentencing, the family problems continued, records show.

Fred Couch was charged in September 2014 with falsely identifying himself as a Lakeside police officer.

He told an North Richland Hills, Texas, officer responding to a disturbance that he'd witnessed, "I have my Lakeside police stuff in the truck," according to a report.

He then displayed a shield-style badge. He has a March 18 court hearing.

In early 2015, Tonya Couch was cited after leaving the scene of a minor accident that she caused.

Prosecutors later dismissed the case, according to court records.

On Friday, a judge ruled that Couch will remain in a juvenile detention center as he awaits a ruling on whether his case should be transferred to adult court, where probation violations could bring up to 40 years in prison.

He returns to court Feb. 19.

The father of one survivor of the drunken-driving crash said he hopes the justice system will finally deliver the kind of "tough love" that Couch's family failed to provide.

"I don't think you're bound by your genetics or even your environment," said Kevin McConnell, whose teenage son Lucas was among those who were hurt. "I think Ethan Couch could find redemption."

REGIONBRIEFS

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NEW MEXICO

Man arrested for Carlsbad Christmas Eve shooting

CARLSBAD — Carlsbad police have made an arrest in a Christmas Eve drive-by shooting that resulted in a man getting hit in the face.

The Carlsbad Current-Argus reports that Emanuel Olivas was arrested Friday on charges of shooting from a motor vehicle resulting in great bodily harm and shooting at a dwelling or occupied building.

Authorities say Robert England was sitting with a woman in his truck outside a home around 4:20 a.m. on Dec. 24 when someone sprayed bullets from a car.

One bullet struck England and is lodged near his brain stem. He is currently in stable but critical condition.

A criminal complaint says bullet casings came from a gun owned by Olivas.

It alleges the shooting was retaliation for a fight that did not involve England.

NEW MEXICO

Suspects in missing Albuquerque man's homicide arrested

LOS LUNAS — An overnight manhunt for a Los Lunas couple wanted in connection with a homicide has ended.

New Mexico State Police say officers and U.S. marshals located 43-year-old Ronald Shane Foster and 49-year-old Renee Foster around 1 a.m. Saturday.

Sgt. Elizabeth Armijo says both were arrested Tuesday for possession of explosive materials and awaiting federal charges.

Search warrants used in the arrests led to agents finding the body of 30-year-old Casimiro Ramirez in a shallow grave near the Rio Grande River.

The victim's car was found in December with evidence of a homicide.

An autopsy indicates Ramirez, of Albuquerque, was shot.

Both suspects bonded out of jail Friday when agents sought to arrest them for Ramirez's death.

Ronald Foster faces first-degree murder and other charges.

Renee Foster faces evidence tampering.

NEW MEXICO

Probation for Albuquerque woman who left nephew in hot car

ALBUQUERQUE — An Albuquerque woman whose 2-year-old nephew died after she forgot him in a hot car won't have to go to prison.

The Albuquerque Journal reports that Sandra Rodriguez Miramontes, who was 19 when the 2012 incident occurred, pleaded guilty last week to two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Miramontes will get four years of probation followed by a conditional discharge.

Defense attorney David Serna told the newspaper Friday that the conviction won't stay on her record if Miramontes completes the probation.

Miramontes took an Alford plea, where a defendant maintains innocence but admits there is enough evidence for a conviction.

A conviction would mean she would face deportation.

She was initially indicted for child abuse resulting in death, which carries a mandatory 18-year sentence.

NEW MEXICO

Man pleads guilty in fatal stabbing on Navajo reservation

ALBUQUERQUE — A Sheep Springs man has pleaded guilty in the 2014 stabbing death of a man on the Navajo Nation.

The U.S. Attorneys' Office for New Mexico says 53-year-old Bufred Denetclaw gave his plea Thursday in federal court in Albuquerque.

Denetclaw was charged with voluntary manslaughter.

Denetclaw admitted to stabbing the victim three times in the back following an alcohol-fueled argument in June 2014 in San Juan County.

Under the agreement, Denetclaw must serve 100 months in federal prison.

The stabbing was investigated by FBI special agents and tribal criminal Investigators.

NEW MEXICO

Report finds cronyism turning business off of New Mexico

SANTA FE — New Mexico's economy is losing potential business because of a lingering perception of corruption and cronyism in its government, according to a new report.

A report from University of New Mexico researchers released Thursday indicates that business leaders believe some companies already curry government and bureaucratic favors, according to the Santa Fe New Mexican.

UNM political science professor Michael Rocca, who led the team of researchers and grad students, says cronyism matters as much as infrastructure and education when businesses decide where to expand or relocate.

The report suggests changes such as creating a statewide ethics commission, having greater transparency in campaign financing and closely reviewing tax breaks for businesses.

ARIZONA

Phoenix City Council wants Satanists exorcised from meeting

PHOENIX — Members of the Phoenix City Council are seeking a new rule to stop a satanic group from delivering the opening prayer at an upcoming meeting.

KPNX-TV reports that City Manager Ed Zuercher said Friday night that a council meeting will weigh a proposal next week on changing how the city schedules groups that give the prayer.

Four council members want the new rule to be enacted within 24 hours.

The Satanic Temple of Tucson submitted a request in December to the city clerk's office. The group was scheduled to participate in a Feb. 17 meeting.

Under a new system, the mayor and council members would choose the prayer leader on a rotating basis.

Satanic Temple leader Stu De Haan says the move is discriminatory and a constitutional violation.

ARIZONA

2 wounded in drive-by shooting in west Phoenix

PHOENIX — Phoenix police say two men avoided serious injuries after they were targeted in a drive-by shooting.

Sgt. Trent Crump says the shooting occurred around 5:45 a.m. Saturday in the area of Holly Street and 30th Avenue.

A 25-year-old man and a 29-year-old man were hurt and rushed to a hospital by Phoenix firefighters.

However, Crump says neither has life-threatening injuries.

According to both victims, they were walking when someone fired shots at them.

Police have no vehicle description and say both victims are not cooperating.

LOUISIANA

Inmate escapes custody while at Shreveport hospital

SHREVEPORT— A search is underway for an inmate who fled while being guarded at University Health hospital in Shreveport.

KTBS-TV reports police were called to the facility just after 1 p.m. Saturday.

The inmate, identified as 25-year-old Byron Hardy of Shreveport, was at the hospital for an undetermined matter.

Hardy had been held at the city jail on felony charges of home invasion, burglary of an inhabited dwelling and domestic abuse battery.

Hardy was last seen running eastbound on Kings Highway toward Samford Street.

He's described as a black male, about 5-feet-9 to 5-feet-10 inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds. He has several tattoos on his chest and arms and surgical scars along his mid-section.

Anyone with information on Hardy's whereabouts is urged to contact Caddo CrimeStoppers at 318-673-7373.

STATEBRIEFS

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BROWNSVILLE

Police investigate deaths of elderly Brownsville couple

Police have found the bodies of an elderly couple in their South Texas home and officers detained a person for questioning.

Brownsville police say the bodies of 86-year-old Jesus Collazo Sr. and his 83-year-old wife, Juanita, were discovered Friday afternoon.

Police were responding to call about the welfare of the couple when officers located the bodies.

Investigators did not immediately say who called to dispatch police to the home or what prompted the inquiry.

The deaths are being investigated as homicides. Autopsies were ordered.

A Brownsville police statement says one person was being held for questioning in the investigation. Further details weren't immediately released.

FORT WORTH

North Texas man gets 55-year prison term in daughter's death

A North Texas man has been sentenced to 55 years in prison after a jury convicted him of murdering his 3-year-old daughter.

The Tarrant County jury chose not to find Robert Marquis Lamar Williams guilty of capital murder, opting Friday for a murder conviction instead.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports the judge then passed sentence.

Williams, who's now 28, was arrested in April 2013 after daughter Anastasia Williams found dead in her bedroom three weeks previously.

Evidence showed the day before she was found dead, Anastasia was crying in her room when her father went in, slammed the door, and thumps and thuds were heard for 30 to 45 seconds.

The medical examiner ruled her death a homicide, caused by an injury to her abdomen that lacerated her liver.

HOUSTON

Cost questions raised for 10 planned magnet schools

The decision by Houston school trustees to create 10 specialty magnet programs without input from outgoing Superintendent Terry Grier or earmarking funds has led to questions about how they will be funded.

The Houston Independent School District, the state's largest with about 215,000 students, faces a projected $100 million budget shortfall, according to the Houston Chronicle.

In an interview Friday, Grier said trustees who voted on the programs Jan. 14 should have been aware of looming financial problems.

His staff plans to provide more details during a board workshop Thursday.

The district would have 119 magnet programs with the additions.

The gap stems from a change in the state's funding formula that would designate the district as property-wealthy and require it to return money to be shared with poorer school systems, the newspaper reported.

Deputy Superintendent Ken Huewitt, the district's financial chief, said Friday that he does not expect relief unless local property values decrease dramatically, student enrollment increases significantly or lawmakers convene for a special session.

The $100 million projection would represent cutting about 5 percent of the district's operating budget.

Three of the 10 schools granted new programs applied for magnet status last year, but Grier's staff didn't seek approval from the board.

Seven applied but were not included in the board decision, made at a session not attended by Grier.

Claudia Chavez-Pinto, principal of Crockett Elementary, said she was "ecstatic" the board created a fine-arts magnet program on her campus.

COLLEGE STATION

Texas A&M hosting SpaceX Hyperloop design competition

A design competition at Texas A&M University has more than 1,000 college students trying to figure out fast, slick ways to get pods of people from here to there.

The SpaceX Hyperloop competition continued Saturday in College Station.

The Hyperloop is a high-speed ground transport concept proposed by SpaceX and Tesla Motors co-founder Elon Musk in 2013.

Musk has said the Hyperloop would be capable of transporting "pods" of 20-to-30 people through a 12-foot diameter tube at speeds of roughly 700 mph.

More than 100 university teams are presenting design concepts to a panel of judges in an event that began Friday.

The top teams will be invited to build their pods and test them at the world's first Hyperloop Test Track, being built adjacent to SpaceX's Hawthorne, California, headquarters.

MCKINNEY

Texan gets 75 years for driving car into men, killing friend

A Dallas man has been sentenced to 75 years in prison for driving his car into some people standing outside a bar and killing one of his friends.

Prosecutors say the 2014 alcohol-fueled case involved 24-year-old Benjamin Newman being upset when bar employees tried to stop him from driving.

Newman was sentenced Friday in McKinney after a Collin County jury convicted him of murder and two counts of aggravated assault.

Prosecutor say Christopher Brigman was killed and two Plano bar workers hurt in an intentional incident in the parking lot.

Authorities say Newman and Brigman earlier were drinking at the bar.

Newman's blood alcohol level was more than twice the Texas 0.08 percent legal limit for driving.

The defense said the deadly wreck was an accident.

TEXARKANA

Texarkana man charged in death of girlfriend's son, 2

A Northeast Texas man has been charged in the death of his girlfriend's 2-year-old son as he watched the child while the mother was at work.

Bi-State Jail records show 18-year-old Clifford James Gayton of Texarkana was being held Saturday on a capital murder charge. Jail records do not list an attorney for speak for Gayton, whose bond was set at $2 million.

Authorities say Da-Corian Wright was found unresponsive Thursday at an apartment where Gayton was baby-sitting the toddler and the victim's infant sister.Autopsy results have not yet been released.

Texarkana police on Friday arrested Gayton as he tried to hide under a bathroom cabinet in a relative's home.

AUSTIN

Model Blac Chyna kicked off Texas flight, arrested

Texas authorities say a model known as Blac Chyna was arrested after being kicked off a flight for allegedly being intoxicated and causing a disturbance.

Austin police say the 27-year-old woman, whose real name is Angela Renee White, was arrested Friday night at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport after officers were summoned to deal with passenger who appeared intoxicated and who was causing a disturbance on a flight preparing to take off.

White was booked on a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication and a felony charge of possession of less than four grams of a controlled substance.

Police didn't specify which substance.

White was released on bond early Saturday. S he didn't immediately respond to a request for comment sent to an email address she lists on her Facebook page.

AMARILLO

Ex-credit union employee in Texas gets prison for embezzling

A former employee with the Pantex Federal Credit Union in the Texas Panhandle must serve 2 1/2 years in prison for embezzlement since 1996.

Dorothy Stegall Barnes of Fritch was sentenced Friday by a federal judge in Amarillo.

The 57-year-old Barnes, also known as Dorothy Stegall Newman, last September pleaded guilty to embezzling from a federally insured credit union. She must also repay nearly $800,000.

Barnes formerly was the assistant vice president of telier operations at the Pantex Federal Credit Union in Borger, about 40 miles northeast of Amarillo.

Investigators say the scam surfaced in late 2014 when another teller suddenly quit and an audit was done.

DALLAS

Dallas Area Rapid Transit driver dies in wreck, alone on bus

A Dallas Area Rapid Transit bus driver has died after the vehicle struck a concrete bridge pillar.

DART spokesman Morgan Lyons says the wreck happened late Friday night. Lyons says the driver was alone on the bus and heading back to the vehicle barn at the end of the shift.

Investigators are trying to determine what caused the bus to leave the road and strike the bridge support along a ramp.

Lyons says the driver died at the scene.

The victim's name was not immediately released.

IRVING

Irving police fatally shoot gunman in hostage situation

Police have shot and killed a Dallas-area armed robbery suspect as the gunman held a loan store employee hostage in a parking lot.

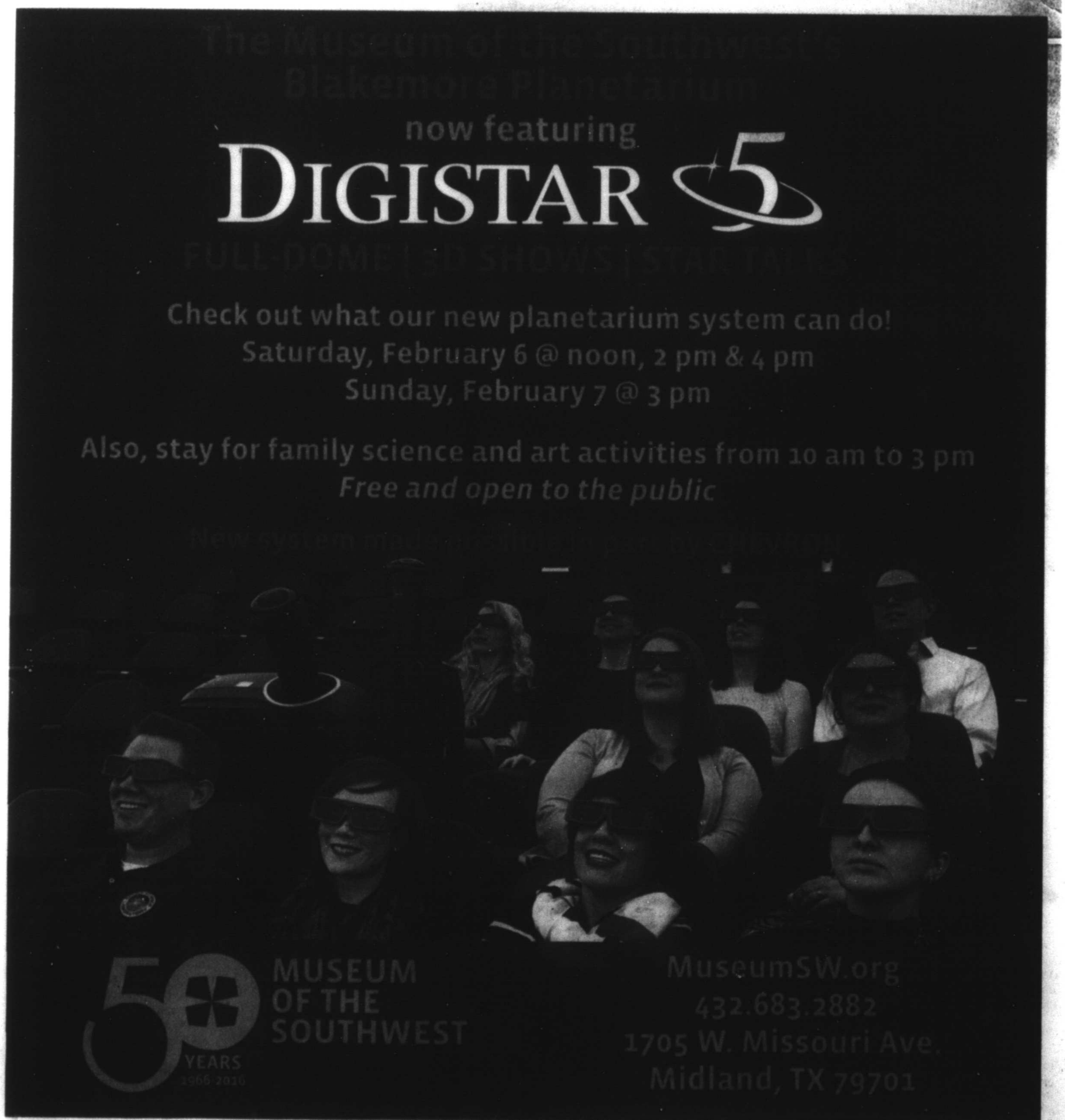
Irving police did not immediately release the name of the suspect who was fatally shot Friday afternoon outside a Cash Store.

Police responded to an alarm from the business and arrived to find the suspect in the store.

Investigators say the gunman grabbed one of the workers, forced her to go outside with him and they headed toward a vehicle.

Police confronted the suspect when he forced the hostage into a vehicle and refused orders to turn her loose and drop his gun.

Two officers opened fire, killing the suspect. The hostage wasn't hurt.



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More MCS basketball

Midland Christian's girls dominated on the court, but how did the boys fare? Find out inside.

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In terms of defense, it was a banner weekend for the Midland Christian girls basketball team.

The Lady Mustangs pieced together two smothering defensive performances in back-to-back days by allowing a combined 32 points in two wins.

On Saturday, MCS clamped down on visiting Flower Mound Coram Deo with a 42-15 victory at McGraw Events Center in TAPPS 1-4A play.

The Lady Mustangs (20-12, 7-2 in TAPPS 1-4A) shutout the Lady Lions (1-9 in TAPPS 1-4A) in the first quarter and held them to six or fewer points in each of the next three periods.

MCS' defense forced 21 steals compared to only five by Coram Deo.

Junior guards Megan Ashton and Daniella Anastasio both led the Lady Mustangs with six steals.

While the guards stood out with their defense in the backcourt, MCS power forward/center Avery McKinney controlled the paint with nine rebounds and two blocked shots.

"What we focus more on in practice is just staying consistent with our defense, and our offense just comes naturally," Anastasio said. "I think that's a big part of what we do here."

On the offensive end, Lady Mustangs senior Skyler Bennett sank five 3-pointers, finishing with a game-high 15 points.

Bennett received many open looks beyond the arc as the Lady Lions focused most of their efforts in defending the key.

"Whenever the pass is made, I look at the people around me," Bennett said of her thought process when attempting a 3. "And if my space is big enough, then I see that I have an open shot and I feel confident, then I shoot it. But I'm not scared like I used to be. I'm really confident in my shot and the way I shoot."

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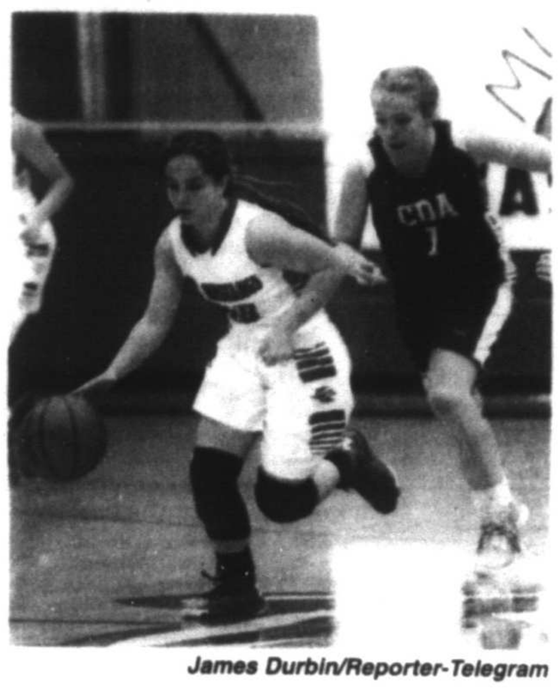

Midland Christian's Daniella Anastasio (20) takes the ball down the court against Coram Deo on Saturday at McGraw Events Center.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

All roads to a new district lead north ...

MRT file photo

Midland ISD athletic programs and fans might use Highway 349 north a lot over the next two years as Midland schools are expected to join Amarillo Tascosa and Wolfforth Frenship in a district when the UIL announces its reclassification and realignment Monday morning.

MISD expected to join Tascosa, Frenship

Editor's note: This is first of two stories about what Permian Basin teams can expect when the UIL announces its reclassification and realignment on Monday morning. Coming in Monday's edition, what the area teams expect.

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Every two years, when the University Interscholastic League announces its reclassification and realignment there are always a few surprises.

When the announcement is made at 9 a.m. Monday, Midland ISD and the Odessa schools could make the biggest move from the area, as it is widely speculated that they will join Amarillo Tascosa and Wolfforth Frenship to form a Class 6A district. The only question will be: Will fellow District 3-6A rivals Abilene High and San Angelo Central join them?

Every once and a while, the UIL tends to throw curve ball or two, so anything could happen. Coaches and athletic directors are keeping that in mind.

"I've come to always expect the unexpected," Midland High football coach Craig Yenzer said. "There's a 50-50 chance that we could be in a six or seven team district."

With Amarillo High, Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock Coronado going down to Class 5A because their enrollments fell below the 2,150 required to be in 6A, that leaves Tascosa and Frenship as the only 6A schools in the Panhandle and South Plains area. The only logical move most prognosticators believe would be to put them in the same district as MHS, Lee, Odessa High and Odessa Permian.

MISD Executive Director of Athletic Randy Rowe said the wild cards are Central and Abilene High. Abilene High could very well go east, while San Angelo Central could also go east, but it could also go north or maybe even south with the Killeen schools.

"Unfortunately, because of where we sit in this part of the state, it creates some unknown about where we will end up," said Brent McCallie, San Angelo ISD Executive Director of Athletics. "We would like to stay in the district we've been in because of the familiarity, and there have been some great rivalry games over the years. Central has never gone east, and we've always been with the Permian Basin or Amarillo schools."

The biggest concern, obviously, is travel. Going to a game in Amarillo would be a seven-hour round trip for Midland and Odessa schools, while a round trip from San Angelo to Amarillo would be about nine hours. While football is only once a week, the biggest concern lies with sports such as basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball. A seven-to-nine-hour trip would mean more missed class time.

Rowe said that was one of the issues that was brought up during a special meeting with UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt, UIL Athletic Director Dr. Susan Elza and West Texas athletic administrators in Lubbock in early December.

"The concern is not the competition but the travel," Rowe said. "One of the challenges Dr. Breithaupt was talking about is that we have to start thinking

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Defense helps Knights blast Amarillo San Jacinto

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By Will Korn
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The Midland Classical Academy boys basketball team averaged a hair more than one point per shot on Saturday.

But even with an inefficient and often impatient offense, the No. 9-ranked Knights did more than enough to blast visiting Amarillo San Jacinto, 60-34 in a TAPPS 1-3A contest at the MCA gym.

At times, when the Knights (20-9, 4-1 in TAPPS 1-3A) weren't at their best offensively, an intense, aggressive defensive effort could always be counted on. MCA forced the Patriots into 16 turnovers in the win, as ASJ never got comfortable.

MCA head coach Ron Miller was impressed with his team's defensive play. The Knights held ASJ to 25 fewer points than it scored in the two teams' first meeting in Amarillo on Jan. 15.

"The difference in the game for us was our defense, our 2-3 zone and our 1-3-1 (zone) just shut them down," Miller said. "I was really pleased with our defensive effort."

But when MCA had the ball, things weren't always so consistently reliable. The Knights fired up 31 shots in the first half alone and many of those came after just one pass. For the game, MCA recorded a whopping 58 shots — 17 more than the Patriots attempted.

Before the game and even throughout the afternoon, Miller urged his team to be more patient with the ball and look for the best shot available, even if it might slow down the pace of the game.

"I was in the locker room and I was like, 'OK, guys, we've got to work the ball around,'" Miller said. "And then they come out, and it's just one pass and shoot. Some of it is they're so wide open that they have to take the shot. We moved the ball a little better (as the game went on)."

Added MCA senior guard Heath Gladson, who scored a game-high 20 points: "Sometimes we shot it too quickly. We want to get into a rhythm on offense instead of just shooting right off the bat. We have a tendency to get trigger-happy sometimes."

MCA launched 16 shots in the first quarter and though it led just 16-12 after

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More MCA basketball

Midland Classical's boys got a big win, but how did the girls fare? Find out inside.

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Hannahs, Kingsley lead Arkansas over Texas Tech in OT

By Kurt Voigt
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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Dusty Hannahs scored 25 points against his former school, and Moses Kingsley added 17 points and 11 rebounds to lead Arkansas to a 75-68 overtime victory over Texas Tech on Saturday in the Big 12- SEC Challenge.

Hannahs, who played his first two seasons with the Red Raiders, scored 21 of his points in the first half as the Razorbacks (11-10) rallied from 12 points down to win for the sixth straight time against their former Southwest Conference rival.

Kingsley scored on a putback with 13.6 seconds remaining in regulation to send the game to overtime, the fifth overtime game for Arkansas this season.

Zach Smith scored a career-high 19 points to lead Texas Tech (12-8), which lost for the seventh time in its last eight games.

Former Arkansas signee Aaron Ross added 14 points and nine rebounds for the Red Raiders, who were only 1 of 13 on 3-pointers. Keenan Evans added 11 points, while Devaugntah Williams finished with 10 for a Texas Tech team that continued to struggle after winning 10 straight games early in the season.

After trailing by as many as 12 points in the first half, Arkansas rallied to lead 45-34 early in the second — with Anthlon Bell's 3-pointer capping a 16-6 run following halftime.

The big lead was short-lived, however, as Texas Tech went on a 22-6 run to take a 56-51 lead after a pair of free throws by Smith.

Arkansas tied the game at 60-60 with 13.6 seconds remaining in regulation on a putback by Kingsley, and Williams missed a layup at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Leading into the matchup against his former school, where he played his first two seasons, Hannahs insisted his emotions would remain the same as any other game following tipoff.

The junior was anything but his usual reserved self in the first half, particularly after Arkansas hit only 2 of its first 12 shots and fell behind 16-4.

From there, it was an emotional Hannahs who led the Razorbacks back to a 29-28 halftime lead — scoring 21 of Arkansas' first 28 points overall and igniting the Bud Walton Arena crowd.

Hannahs hit 7 of his 10 shots in the half, 3 of 4 from deep, and displayed nothing short of a scowl on his way to the bench late in the half while giving out animated high fives to teammates.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AHL HOCKEY

All-Star Skills Competition, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FSSWSA

ALPINE SKIING

Maribor Women's Slalom, 5 a.m., NBCSN

Garmisch Men's Giant Slalom, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN

BASKETBALL

CBA: Jiangsu vs. Sicuhan, 5:30 a.m., OWSPN

COLLEGE TENNIS

Wake Forest at Oklahoma, Noon, FSSW+, FCSC

GOLF

PGA: Farmers Insurance Open, Final Round, Noon, GOLF

PGA: Farmers Insurance Open, Final Round, 2 p.m., CBS

LPGA: Pure Silk Bahamas Classic, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Villanova at St. John's, 11 a.m., FOX

George Washington at George Mason, 11 a.m., NBCSN

Lehigh at Boston U, 11 a.m., CBSSN

Maryland at Ohio State, Noon, CBS

Temple at USF, 1 p.m., CBSSN

Northwestern at Iowa, 2 p.m., BTN

Richmond at St. Bonaventure, 2 p.m., SNY

Wichita State at Evansville, 3 p.m., ESPNU

UTEP at Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m., FSN (FSSW, FSSW+)

Connecticut at UCF, 3 p.m., CBSSN

California at Colorado, 4 p.m., FS1

Rutgers at Michigan State, 4:15 p.m., BTN

Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m., ESPNU

James Madison at William & Mary, 6 p.m., SNY

Wisconsin at Illinois, 6:30 p.m., BTN

Oregon at Arizona State, 7:30 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

Minnesota State/St. Cloud State loser vs. Bemidji State/Minnesota loser, 1 p.m., FCSA

Minnesota State/St. Cloud State winner vs. Bemidji State/Minnesota winner, 4 p.m., FCSA

MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Stanford at USC, 6 p.m., P12, P12 BAY, P12 LA

MEN'S SOCCER

Italian Serie A: AC ChievoVerona vs. Juventus, 5:20 a.m., beIN, beIN2

FA Cup: Carlisle United vs. Everton, 7:20 a.m., FS2

Italian Serie A: SSC Napoli vs. Empoli, 7:50 a.m., beIN

Bundesliga: VfL Wolfsburg vs. 1 FC Koln, 8:20 a.m., FSP, FXDEP

La Liga: Valencia vs. Real Sporting de Gijon, 8:50 a.m., beIN2

La Liga: Valencia vs. Real Sporting de Gijon, 9:50 a.m., beIN

FA Cup: Milton Keynes Dons vs. Chelsea, 10 a.m., FS1, FXDEP

Bundesliga: Darmstadt 98 vs. Schalke 04, 10:30 a.m., FSP, GolTV

La Liga: Las Palmas vs. Real Club Celta de Vigo, 11:10 a.m., beIN

Liga MX: Deportivo Toluca vs. Puebla, Noon, UNIV, UDN

Brazil: Corinthians vs. XV de Paricicaba, 1 p.m., GolTV

La Liga: Real Madrid vs. RCD Espanyol, 1:20 p.m., beIN2

Italian Serie A: Milan vs. Internazionale Milano, 1:30 p.m., beIN

Friendly: USA vs. Iceland, 3 p.m., ESPN, UniMas, UDN

Brazil: Botafogo vs. Palmeiras, 3:30 p.m., GolTV

MOTORSPORTS

IMSA: Weathertech Sportscar Championship at Daytona, 6 a.m., FS1

IMSA: Weathertech Sportscar Championship at Daytona, 9:30 a.m., FS2

IMSA: Weathertech Sportscar Championship at Daytona, Noon, FS1

NBA

Chicago at LA Clippers, 2:30 p.m., ABC, ESPNDEP

Boston at Orlando, 5 p.m., NBAtv

Phoenix at Dallas, 6 p.m., FSSW

Minnesota at Portland, 8 p.m., NBAtv

NFL

2016 Pro Bowl, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

NHL

2016 All-Star Game, 4 p.m., NBCSN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Minnesota at Michigan, 11:30 a.m., BTN

Richmond at St. Bonaventure, 11:30 a.m., SNY

St. John's at DePaul, Noon, FS2

Wake Forest at Louisville, Noon, FSSW

USF at SMU, 1 p.m., ESPNU

Alabama at Tennessee, 2 p.m., SEC

Washington State at Stanford, 2 p.m., P12, P12 BAY, P12 WA

Arizona at Oregon, 2 p.m., P12 AZ, P12 OR

Missouri at Ole Miss, 4 p.m., SEC

Washington at California, 4 p.m., P12, P12 BAY, P12 WA

South Carolina at Texas A&M, 5 p.m., ESPN2

USC at Colorado, 8 p.m., P12 LA, P12 Mtn

X GAMES

Snowboard Snowboarder X Adaptive Semi's & Finals, Men's Ski Slopestyle Final, Snowboard Snowboarder X, Women's Snowboard Superpipe Final, 11 a.m., ESPN

ON RADIO

NBA

Phoenix at Dallas, 6 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Signed OF Travis Snider to a minor-league contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Traded RHP Chase Anderson, INF Aaron Hill, SS Isan Diaz and cash to Milwaukee Brewers for SS Jean Segura and RHP Tyler Wagner.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Assigned G-F K.J. McDaniels and F-C Donatas Motiejunas to Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Named Skip Peete running backs coach.

Indoor Football League

SPOKANE EMPIRE — Signed DL Harold Legania.

HOCKEY

American Hockey League

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned F Trevor Cheek to Fort Wayne (AHL).

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Alaska's Garrett Haar one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions during a Jan. 29 game at Colorado.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

NEW YORK RED BULLS — Transferred D Matt Miazga to Chelsea FC (EPL).

COLLEGE

BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Suspended Wisconsin hockey player Jedd Soleway for one game for hitting a player from behind in a Jan. 29 game against Alaska.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	49	29	15	5	63	135	108
Tampa Bay	49	27	18	4	58	130	117
Detroit	49	25	16	8	58	122	124
Boston	49	26	18	5	57	147	131
Montreal	50	24	22	4	52	136	134
Ottawa	50	23	21	6	52	139	155
Buffalo	50	20	26	4	44	114	136
Toronto	48	17	22	9	43	114	134

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	47	35	8	4	74	158	104
N.Y. Rangers	49	27	17	5	59	142	129
N.Y. Islanders	47	25	16	6	56	130	118
Pittsburgh	48	24	17	7	55	121	120
New Jersey	50	25	20	5	55	114	118
Carolina	51	23	20	8	54	123	135
Philadelphia	47	21	18	8	50	109	127
Columbus	51	19	27	5	43	133	163

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	53	33	16	4	70	147	122
Dallas	50	31	14	5	67	162	133
St. Louis	52	28	16	8	64	129	128
Colorado	52	27	22	3	57	143	142
Nashville	50	24	18	8	56	129	131
Minnesota	49	23	17	9	55	121	115
Winnipeg	49	22	24	3	47	126	140

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	49	30	16	3	63	129	113
San Jose	48	26	18	4	56	142	129
Arizona	49	24	20	5	53	131	146
Anaheim	47	22	18	7	51	101	111
Vancouver	50	20	19	11	51	122	139
Calgary	48	21	24	3	45	126	146
Edmonton	50	19	26	5	43	122	149

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Scores and schedule

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

SPORTS ODDS

SUPER BOWL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Carolina	3½	4½	(45)	Denver

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sat 5:42 am packed powder machine groomed 31 - 47 base 78 of 78 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Sat 5:39 am packed powder machine groomed 23 - 40 base 40 of 44 trails, 91% open 6 of 7 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;

Red River — Sat 7:17 am packed powder machine groomed 48 - 48 base 58 of 58 trails 100% open, 257 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Sandia Peak — Fri 8:08 am packed powder machine groomed 20 - 31 base 38 of 39 trails 97% open, 5 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun;

Sipapu — Sat 4:26 am packed powder machine groomed 37 - 47 base 42 of 42 trails, 100% open 10 miles, 200 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Fri 9:27 pm MG machine groomed 54 - 140 base 54 of 55 trails 98% open, 10 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Fri 9:13 am packed powder machine groomed 78 - 78 base 79 of 79 trails 100% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Taos — Sat 5:53 am powder machine groomed 78 - 78 base 110 of 110 trails, 100% open 1294 acres, 13 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sat 5:55 am 1 new powder machine groomed 46 - 45 base 98 of 109 trails, 90% open, 952 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Sat 5:31 am packed powder machine groomed 42 - 60 base 122 of 122 trails 100% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Sat 5:28 am packed powder machine groomed 35 - 39 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Sat 5:17 am packed powder machine groomed 38 - 38 base 143 of 150 trails 100% open, 1831 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Breckenridge — Sat 5:23 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 49 - 49 base 180 of 187 trails, 95% open, 2758 acres, 31 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Buttermilk — Sat 5:29 am packed powder machine groomed 32 - 42 base 33 of 44 trails 75% open, 393 acres, 3 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Cooper — Sat 5:43 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 36 - 42 base 37 of 39 trails 95% open, 26 miles, 375 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Morton, Finley now set to begin new chapters in coaching careers

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The life of a coach can bring plenty of challenges and changes along the way.

While there are plenty of coaches who make moves that will benefit them professionally, some makes moves that will benefit them on a personal level.

This past week, we saw Clint Finley return to a place he grew fond of as a boy as he was named as Big Spring's new athletic director and head football coach. Then later in the week, Lee football coach James Morton announced he was leaving the Rebels' program to become the athletic director and head football coach in his hometown of Eastland.

The common ground for both men is that they are leaving 6A programs for smaller schools. Finley is leaving 6A Los Fresnos in the Brownsville area, while Morton is going to a Class 3A Division I program.

Both men were adamant when they said they didn't care about what classifications they were coaching. They were in the profession to make a difference in kids' and peoples' lives. And you have to admire that.

Big Spring seems to have made a great hire in the 38-year-old Finley as not only was he was a consistent winner at Los Fresnos but he's a coach's son, he won a national championship at the University of Nebraska in 1999 under Frank Solich, and spent two seasons playing with the Kansas City Chiefs. You can bet he has a lot of experience to share with the kids at BSHS.

For Morton, the temptation of coaching at his alma mater and the place he won a state championship at proved to be too much to pass up at this time in his life.

Some are going to say he didn't win enough at Lee, but Morton said all one has to do is ask those former players who played for him at Lee during the last seven years and there were plenty of success stories off the field. If you ask assistant coaches and players about Morton, you will hear a lot of great things said about him as a man as well as a coach.

Whoever MISD does find to replace Morton, it will be hard to find a person as classy as him.

MISD now has that challenge to find the next coach of the Rebels. Will it look in house, will it look around West Texas, or will it go outside of West Texas for the next hire just like Big Spring did?

The job should be posted by Monday and MISD superintendent Ryder Warren said the school district would like to have somebody in place by the time spring ball starts.

There are some challenges that come with the job but this is still Lee and that name means a lot to the coaching ranks in Texas. There should be some quality applicants to choose from.

Let's root for MISD to make the right choice.

■ And finally, Johnny Manziel can't seem to stay away from trouble.

News broke Saturday morning that Fort Worth police were investigating the Cleveland Browns quarterback and former Texas A&M star, who might have assaulted his ex-girlfriend.

This might turn out to be nothing more than a harmless argument but the fact that trouble always seems to find Manziel is disturbing.

And yet there is talk and even a petition (I'll try to contain my laughter on that one) about the Dallas Cowboys bringing in good old Johnny Football to be insurance for the often-injured Tony Romo.

It's no secret that I've never been a big fan of Manziel and I always thought of him as a spoiled brat who still has a lot of growing up to do. I think the Cowboys would be morons for bringing a guy like that into the organization.

So please, Jerry Jones, I beg you to look somewhere else for a backup or quarterback of the future. I already had to hold my nose from the stink in the one season you had Greg Hardy.

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MHS boys win Indian Power meet

From staff reports

SEMINOLE — Fresh off its win in the Abilene High Invitational last Saturday, the Midland High boys powerlifting team won the Indian Power Invitational on Saturday with a team score of 49.

Chase Rheilander took first place in the 165-pound weight class for MHS. Fellow Bulldog lifters Kobie McCalister (181), Keoni Garcia (242), Devon Miller (275) and Cesar Juarez (Super Heavyweight) also won in their respective weight classes.

The MHS girls team placed fifth with a team score of seven points. Arienne Boyce finished first for MHS in the 181-pound weight class.

The MHS teams will next compete in Levelland on Feb. 13.

Indian Power Invitational

Saturday's results

Boys

165-pound — 1. Chase Rheilander, MHS, 1065

181-pound — 1. Kobie McCalister, MHS, 1,150; 2. Tyler Gonzales, MHS, 1,055

198-pound — 3. Josh Chandler, MHS, 1,145

220-pound — 3. Turner Phillips, MHS, 1,215

242-pound — 1. Keoni Garcia, MHS, 1,495; 2. Traver Vliem, MHS, 1,165

275-pound — 1. Devon Miller, MHS, 1,620; 2. Paxton Helting, MHS, 1,355

SHW — 1. Cesar Juarez, MHS, 1,385

Girls

181-pound — 1. Arienne Boyce, MHS, 740

Lady Chaps go undefeated at Coastal Bend tourney

From staff reports

BEEVILLE — The No.15-ranked Midland College softball teams capped off a perfect weekend at the Coastal Bend College Tournament with a 10-2 win over Angelina College and a 7-3 win over Laredo Community College.

The Lady Chaparrals (4-0) run-ruled Angelina when Robi Kami hit an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth. MC had also scored nine runs in the fourth inning.

Offensively for MC, Kami led the way by going 3-for-4 with a double and four RBI; Kiana Jones went 2-for-3 with two stolen bases; Marta Pasqualini was 2-for-4 with two stolen bases; and Dannica Ferriso was 2-for-3.

Paqualini got the win in the circle.

Against Laredo CC, MC got another 13 hits as Jones was 3-for-4 with a double; Rebecca Hernandez was 3-for-4 with a double, triple and three RBI; Ferriso was 2-for-3; and Kami was 2-for-4 with two stolen bases.

MC will head to Fort Worth next weekend to play in the Cowtown Tournament.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 10, ANGELINA COLLEGE 2, 6 INNINGS

Angelina 100 100 —2 3 7

Midland 000 901—10 13 2

P.T. Cdom, Elizabeth Craig (5) and H. Kaitlyn Durrett, Marta Pasqualini (1) and Robi Kami. W — Pasqualini. L — Odom. 2B — AC: Lahrman; MC: Cassie Siataga, Lauren Tauanu'u, Kami.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 7, LAREDO CC 3

Midland 010 211 2 —7 13 2

Laredo 010 200 0 —3 8 2

Durrett and Kami. Savannah Borrego, Leslie Reyes (7) and Ashlay Rodgers. W — Durrett. L — Borrego. 2B — LCC: Reyes; MC: Kiana Jones, Rebecca Hernandez. 3B — MC: Hernandez.

Record: Midland College 4-0

Next: Midland College at Cowtown Tournament, Feb. 5-6

Kerber upsets Serena Williams to win Australian Open title

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams put up both hands after sending a forehand long and high over the baseline in the first set. She wanted nothing to do with yet another unforced error in her Australian Open final against Angelique Kerber.

For the second time in as many majors, Williams fell short of equaling Steffi Graf's Open-era record of 22 Grand Slam singles titles.

No. 7-seeded Kerber had never played in a major final and had lost five of her six previous career meetings with Williams, but she responded with a stunning 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 upset win over the six-time Australian Open champion.

Williams had won the title every previous time she'd reached the final at Melbourne Park, and was overwhelming favorite to continue that streak against Kerber, who joked she was "one leg in the plane to Germany" when she faced match point in her first-round win over Misaki Doi.

TENNIS RESULTS

Singles

Women

Championship

Angelique Kerber (7), Germany, def. Serena Williams (1), United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4

Doubles

Men

Championship

Jamie Murray, Britain, and Bruno Soares (7), Brazil, def. Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Legends Doubles

Men

Championship

Jonas Bjorkman and Thomas Johansson, Sweden, def. Thomas Enqvist and Magnus Norman, Sweden, 4-3, 1-4, 4-3 (5-3).

Junior Singles

Boys

Championship

Oliver Anderson, Australia, def. Jurabeck Karimov (7), Uzbekistan, 6-2, 1-6, 6-1.

Girls

Championship

Vera Lapko (5), Belarus, def. Tereza Mihalikova (2), Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4.

Junior Doubles

Boys

Championship

Alex de Minaur and Blake Ellis, Australia, def. Lukas Klein, Slovakia, and Patrik Riki (8), Czech Republic, 3-6, 7-5, 12-10.

Girls

Championship

Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, and Tereza Mihalikova (2), Slovakia, def. Dayana Yastremska and Anastasia Zarytska (6), Ukraine, 6-1, 6-1.

Wheelchair Singles

Men

Championship

Gordon Reid, Britain, def. Joachim Gerard, Belgium, 7-6 (7), 6-4.

Women

Championship

Jiske Griffioen (1), Netherlands, def. Aniek van Koot, Netherlands, 6-3, 7-5.

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Lady Knights have tough day in loss to ASJ

Lady Patriots	66
Lady Knights	53

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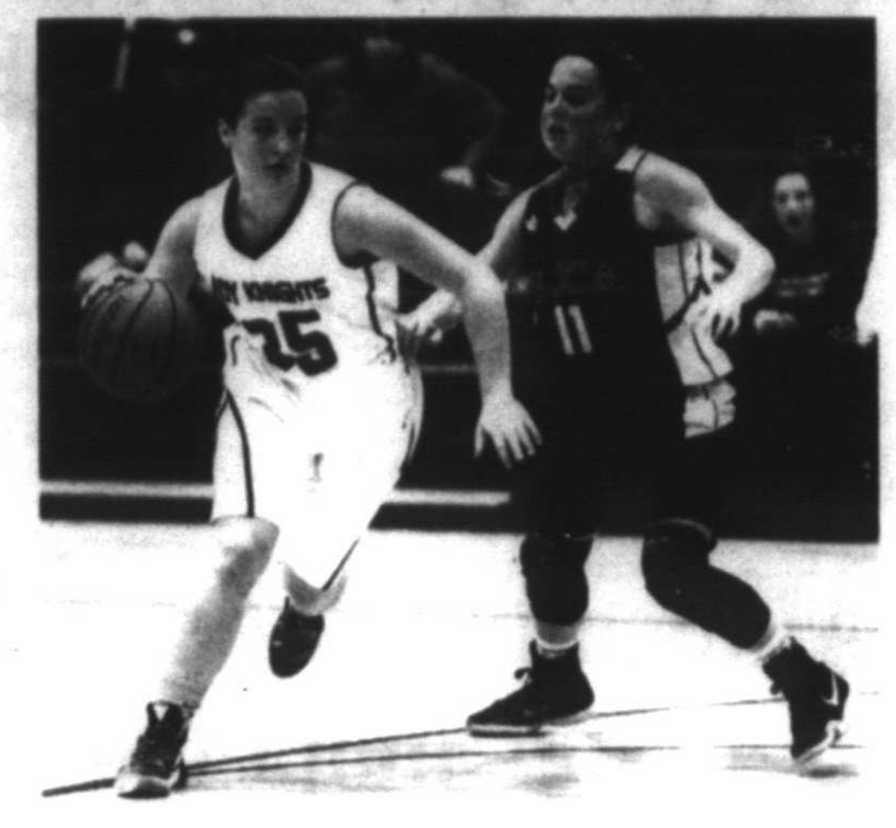

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Classical's Makenna Beattie moves the ball against Amarillo San Jacinto's Victoria Trabysh (11) on Saturday at Midland Classical Academy.

Outside of a couple of strong individual performances, not much went right for the Midland Classical Academy girls basketball team in its home gym on Saturday.

The No. 9-ranked Lady Knights got a dominant 18-point, 23-rebound effort from freshman post Lizabelle Russell, as well as 13 points and eight rebounds from scrappy sophomore guard Makenna Beattie.

But MCA was victimized by spotty defense, severe foul trouble and a dreadful 14-for-31 day at the foul line, as the Lady Knights were upset, 66-53, by visiting Amarillo San Jacinto in TAPPS 1-3A action.

There was quite a bit of misfortune for the Lady Knights (14-9, 3-2 in TAPPS 1-3A), but co-head coach Carla Cunneen also praised the Lady Patriots for their efforts in the win.

"Give San Jac credit," Cunneen said after the game. "They played some pretty good defense and it was a bad all-around day for us. I don't want to comment too much. It was a tough all-around day."

MCA started off the game strong, led by Russell who immediately made her presence felt in the paint with six first quarter rebounds.

But ASJ was nearly equal to the task. The Lady Patriots hung around and didn't allow MCA to put together any dangerous runs.

Makenna Beattie's hustle and six points led the way offensively for the Lady Knights in the second quarter, but they found themselves leading just 33-27 at halftime.

But by then, much of the damage had been done to MCA. Senior guard Alissa Beattie and junior guard Delanie Griffin, two of the Lady Knights' primary ball handlers and distributors, got in deep foul trouble late in the first half.

They both played very sparingly in the second half and without two major scorers in the MCA lineup, the Lady Patriots were able to take control of the game with a 17-8 third quarter run.

ASJ head coach Austin Studer said the key for his team was an increased defensive focus, especially with Beattie and Griffin out of the game. Both of them eventually fouled out with plenty of time left.

"Defense," Studer said. "Defense, defense, defense. They (MCA) blew us out in the first game we played them. Midland Classical is a phenomenal team from anywhere, inside or outside. It was up to us to shut that down. With our aggressiveness, they weren't able to get off the quick shots they normally do."

The Lady Patriots then put the game away with a 22-12 run in the final quarter. The flow of the game was non-existent down the stretch, as the two teams together attempted 32 free throws in the fourth quarter.

Elleri Haest added 10 points for the Lady Knights in the loss.

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AMARILLO SAN JACINTO 66, NO. 9 MCA 53

ASJ — L. Davison 14, V. Traybysh 20, J. Nichols 7, A. Clark 7, N. Frank 3, H. Baker 4, A. Bowles 11

MCA (14-9, 3-2) — Hilary Sunderland 2, Alissa Beattie 2, Delanie Griffin 5, Ellen Haest 10, Morgen Jones 3, Lizabelle Russell 18, Makenna Beattie 13

ASJ	13	14	17	22	—66
MCA	17	16	8	12	—53

Free throws — ASJ 25-33, MCA 14-31. 3-point goals — ASJ 7 (Davison 2, Traybysh 3, Nichols, Clark), MCA 1 (Makenna Beattie). Total fouls — ASJ 26, MCA 28. Fouled out — ASJ Nichols, MCA, Alissa Beattie, Delanie Griffin, Makenna Beattie.

Next: MCA at Abilene Christian, 3:30 p.m. Saturday

Venzant scores 45 to lead Mustangs past Coram Deo

By Christopher Hadorn
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Mustangs	72
Lions	56

One day after its stunning upset of No. 8-ranked Fort Worth Southwest Christian, the Midland Christian boys basketball team found itself in a competitive affair versus last-place Flower Mound Coram Deo on Saturday.

The Mustangs and Lions traded leads for much of the first half as Coram Deo found success with long-range shooting with five first-half 3s.

After intermission, though, Daniel Venzant and No. 23-ranked MCS proved to be too much as they prevailed in a 72-56 victory over the visiting Lions in TAPPS 1-4A action at McGraw Events Center.

Venzant, the Mustangs' electrifying point guard, led all scorers with 45 points, including 27 in the second half.

Following halftime, Coram Deo (14-15, 0-10 in TAPPS 1-4A) fouled Venzant repeatedly to put him on the charity stripe and he made the Lions pay for it by shooting a perfect 15-for-15 in second-half free throws.

In addition to the free throws, Venzant made all six of his second-half field goals by driving to the basket, which helped Midland Christian (21-12, 7-2 in TAPPS 1-4A) outscore Coram Deo, 40-28, after halftime.

MCS led by a slim 32-28 margin over the Lions at intermission.

"I wasn't finishing in the first half," Venzant said. "In the second half, I started finishing really well and started focusing on just scoring and not worry about fouls."

Junior forward Colton Snively did the Mustangs' dirty work in the paint, grabbing a game-high 14 rebounds.

As a result of his tough work, Snively suffered a bloody nose in the third quarter, which caused his temporary exit from the game.

But Snively didn't let the minor setback affect him as he continued to control the glass in the fourth quarter with four rebounds.

"(The blood) got all over my jersey and I had to change jerseys," said Snively, who typically dons the No. 22 jersey. "I wore No. 33 and got back on the court as soon as I could. It happens all the time."

In both teams' first meeting on Jan. 8, Coram Deo's Logan McClure lit up the scoreboard with 32 points.

McClure was held to 10 points on Saturday and MCS head coach Chris Ryburn credited sophomore guard Silas Crews' defense for limiting his impact during the 16-point win.

Ryan Vosburg led the Lions with 13 points. Braden Murphy had 11 points for Coram Deo and teammate Tim Engman chipped in with 10.

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, MCS visits No. 10-ranked Lubbock Trinity in a TAPPS 1-4A showdown. Lubbock Trinity won the first meeting by a narrow 62-59 margin on Jan. 19.

"I'm really impressed with the way the guys have grown and how they've matured," Ryburn said. "I feel like they're in their process of maturing and just really developing some good habits so I am really excited about that. I'm excited about the rest of second half of district and going into the playoffs."

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NO. 23 MCS 72, FLOWER MOUND CORAM DEO 56

Coram Deo (14-15, 0-10) — Davis Henley 6, Logan McClure 10, Gray Prewitt 6, Ryan Vosburg 13, Tim Engman 10, Braden Murphy 11

Midland Christian (21-12, 7-2) — Daniel Venzant 45, Ryne Rogers 7, Bryce Waters 9, Evan McKinney 1, Silas Crews 2, Colton Snively 6, Brett Thomason 2

Coram Deo	13	15	12	16	—56
MCS	12	20	17	23	—72

Free throws — Coram Deo 11-23, MCS 21-27. 3-point goals — Coram Deo 7 (Vosburg 3, Murphy 3, McClure), MCS 3 (Rogers 2, Waters). Total fouls — Coram Deo 20, MCS 18. Fouled out — Henley.

Next: MCS at Lubbock Trinity, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Coram Deo at Grapevine Faith, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

TEXASCOLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 5 TEXAS A&M 72, NO. 14 IOWA STATE 62

COLLEGE STATION — Quiet for most of the game, Danuel House quickly made a lot of noise for No. 5 Texas A&M.

House scored 20 points, including a go-ahead 3 late in the second half that sent the Aggies past No. 14 Iowa State 72-62 Saturday in the Big 12/SEC Challenge.

House had 12 points in the final 4 minutes.

"That was huge," A&M coach Billy Kennedy said. "He took over, and he was patient. He didn't force anything and made big shots."

NO. 17 BAYLOR 83, GEORGIA 73

WACO — Rico Gathers doesn't really care if it's the Big 12/SEC Challenge or just another challenging game in his difficult conference. The burly Baylor forward will throw his body around either way.

Gathers had 17 points and nine rebounds, and the No. 17 Bears used a quick start to the second half to beat Georgia 83-73 in a break from the Big 12 on Saturday night, two days before what should be another home sellout in a showdown with rival Texas.

"It's really no different," said Gathers, the league's active leader with 31 career double-doubles. "As long as there's a team out there to go play on whichever night it is, we just prepare the same."

TEXAS 72, VANDERBILT 58

AUSTIN — Game by game, Shaka Smart's "havoc" style of play is taking shape at Texas.

The latest example: A 72-58 takedown of bigger and taller Vanderbilt on Saturday in the Big 12/SEC challenge, a win sparked by tenacious defense and aggressive play attacking the basket by Longhorns guards.

Kerwin Roach Jr. had 15 points and 11 rebounds and center Prince Ibeh added 13 points and 11 boards for Texas (14-7), which got its fifth win in six games in a mid-season surge in Smart's first year with the Longhorns.

NO. 13 SMU 80, MEMPHIS 68

DALLAS — Nic Moore scored 22 points and No. 13 SMU rebounded from its first loss of the season with an 80-68 victory over Memphis on Saturday night.

Freshman guard Shake Milton added 15 points for the Mustangs (19-1, 8-1 AAC), who led for all but 38 seconds back home in Moody Coliseum. They had their first double-digit lead only 8 minutes into the game.

TCU 75, TENNESSEE 63

FORT WORTH — With a break from the brutal Big 12 schedule, Chris Washburn and TCU felt like they really needed to take advantage of the opportunity.

Malique Trent scored 14 of his 15 points after halftime, when the Horned Frogs had a pair of 10-0 runs and rallied from a 14-point deficit to beat Tennessee 75-63 on Saturday in the Big 12-SEC Challenge.

Women

NO. 4 BAYLOR 71, WEST VIRGINIA 61

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Freshmen post players Beatrice Mompremier and Kalani Brown are giving No. 4 Baylor a lift heading into the latter part of the Big 12 schedule.

Mompremier had 16 points and 15 rebounds and Brown had 11 points in the Lady Bears' 71-61 win over No. 24 West Virginia on Saturday.

Coach Kim Mulkey has started Mompremier in six straight games, and the 6-foot-4 post has averaged nearly nine points and seven rebounds in that span.

"I have more confidence in myself now that she believes in me," Mompremier said.

Mulkey interrupted Mompremier in the postgame news conference, pointing out that confidence comes with time.

NO. 6 TEXAS 66, KANSAS STATE 51

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kelsey Lang scored 10 points off the bench as star forward Imani Boyette sat out with early foul trouble, and No. 6 Texas pulled away from Kansas State late to win 66-51 on Saturday night.

Brooke McCarty led Texas with 15 points. Lang scored eight in the second quarter and finished with six rebounds.

Boyette sat out all but 3 minutes of the first half and didn't score until the 8-minute mark of the third quarter. Still, she managed eight points and eight rebounds in 15 minutes.

Kansas State's counter inside, Breanna Lewis, had 12 points and four rebounds but fouled out with more than 5 minutes to play. Jessica Sheble added 10 points on 4-of-4 shooting.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Saturday's scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 80, Lamar 71
Ark.-Pine Bluff 63, Grambling St. 59
Arkansas 75, Texas Tech 68, OT
Baylor 83, Georgia 73
Georgia Southern 71, Arkansas St. 66
Houston Baptist 70, Sam Houston St. 69
Incarnate Word 68, Nicholls St. 61
Rice 95, North Texas 87
SMU 80, Memphis 68
Stephen F. Austin 66, Texas A&M-CC 61
TCU 75, Tennessee 63
Texas 72, Vanderbilt 58
Texas A&M 72, Iowa St. 62
Tulsa 62, Tulane 48
UALR 63, Georgia St. 53

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 83, Prairie View 69
Bethune-Cookman 88, Florida A&M 56
Chattanooga 63, Samford 56
Coastal Carolina 97, Campbell 68
FAU 82, Charlotte 77
Florida 88, West Virginia 71
Florida St. 76, Clemson 65
Furman 74, ETSU 70
Gardner-Webb 68, Charleston Southern 59
Hampton 86, Norfolk St. 76
Houston 97, East Carolina 93, 2OT
Jackson St. 77, MVSU 62
Jacksonville 75, Stetson 60
Liberty 65, Presbyterian 61
Louisiana-Lafayette 90, Texas-Arlington 75
Louisiana-Monroe 72, Texas St. 59
Md.-Eastern Shore 83, Coppin St. 81, OT
Mercer 81, UNC Greensboro 67
Middle Tennessee 66, W. Kentucky 64
Morehead St. 70, E. Kentucky 67
Morgan St. 83, Howard 63
NC A&T 63, Savannah St. 62
NC State 85, Miami 69
NJIT 75, Kennesaw St. 67
New Orleans 76, McNeese St. 64
North Carolina 89, Boston College 62
North Florida 82, Florida Gulf Coast 76
Northwestern St. 91, SE Louisiana 76
Oklahoma 77, LSU 75
Oklahoma St. 74, Auburn 63
Old Dominion 64, FIU 60
SC State 56, Delaware St. 41
SC-Upstate 92, Lipscomb 91, OT
South Alabama 73, Appalachian St. 60
South Carolina 78, Alabama 64
Southern Miss. 86, UTSA 70
Southern U. 75, Alcorn St. 64
Tennessee St. 78, Jacksonville St. 53
Texas Southern 75, Alabama St. 72
The Citadel 78, VMI 75
UAB 81, Marshall 78
UNC Asheville 88, Longwood 74
UNC Wilmington 65, Coll. of Charleston 55
UT Martin 63, Murray St. 59
Virginia 63, Louisville 47
Winthrop 87, Radford 77
Wofford 65, W. Carolina 66

FAR WEST

E. Washington 74, Sacramento St. 67
Gonzaga 86, San Francisco 48
Idaho St. 68, N. Arizona 66
New Mexico 88, Boise St. 83
New Mexico St. 92, Texas Rio Grande Valley 68
S. Dakota St. 67, Denver 56
San Diego 77, Loyola Marymount 69
San Diego St. 67, UNLV 52
San Jose St. 75, Air Force 54
Seattle 59, Grand Canyon 57
Southern Cal 98, Washington 88
UC Davis 66, Cal Poly 52
UCLA 83, Washington St. 50
Utah 96, Stanford 74
Wyoming 83, Colorado St. 76

MIDWEST

Akron 73, Ball St. 64
Austin Peay 86, SE Missouri 80
Buffalo 73, Toledo 68
Cent. Michigan 77, Bowling Green 65
Dayton 59, La Salle 44
Drake 80, Bradley 70
Duquesne 78, Saint Louis 67
E. Illinois 80, SIU-Edwardsville 46
Ill.-Chicago 72, Cleveland St. 70, OT
Indiana 74, Minnesota 68
Kansas 90, Kentucky 84, OT
Kansas St. 69, Mississippi 64
Loyola of Chicago 104, Indiana St. 96, 2OT
Marquette 75, Butler 69
Miami (Ohio) 72, N. Illinois 59
Mississippi St. 78, Missouri 62
Missouri St. 84, Illinois St. 81, OT
Nebraska-Omaha 96, South Dakota 83
Purdue 89, Nebraska 74
Seton Hall 75, Creighton 65
UMKC 78, Chicago St. 64
Valparaiso 97, Youngstown St. 68
W. Michigan 94, E. Michigan 66
Xavier 86, DePaul 65

EAST

Albany (NY) 86, Hartford 60
American U. 54, Colgate 49
Brown 89, Penn 83
Bucknell 94, Army 66
Columbia 55, Harvard 54
Cornell 77, Dartmouth 73
Elon 71, Northeastern 67
Fairleigh Dickinson 88, LIU Brooklyn 85
Fordham 78, UMass 72, OT
Hofstra 70, Drexel 64
Holy Cross 87, Navy 80, OT
Loyola (Md.) 84, Lafayette 77
Maine 74, Binghamton 63
Michigan 79, Penn St. 72
Monmouth (NJ) 73, St. Peter's 57
New Hampshire 84, UMBC 81
Providence 73, Georgetown 69
Quinnipiac 82, Niagara 68
Sacred Heart 72, Bryant 71
Saint Joseph's 64, Rhode Island 55
Siena 77, Marist 66
St. Francis (Pa.) 90, Robert Morris 78
St. Francis Brooklyn 60, CCSU 49
Stony Brook 72, Vermont 61
Syracuse 60, Georgia Tech 57
Towson 101, Delaware 97, OT
Wagner 73, Mount St. Mary's 63
Yale 79, Princeton 75

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 90, Lamar 62
Ark.-Pine Bluff 83, Grambling St. 68
Arkansas St. 77, Georgia Southern 54
Houston Baptist 67, Sam Houston St. 63
IUPUI 57, Oral Roberts 54
New Mexico St. 68, Texas Rio Grande Valley 57
Nicholls St. 66, Incarnate Word 64
Oklahoma St. 80, TCU 52
Rice 79, North Texas 73, 2OT
Stephen F. Austin 71, Texas A&M-CC 66
Texas Tech 54, Kansas 44
UALR 59, Georgia St. 32
UTEP 86, Louisiana Tech 80
UTSA 47, Southern Miss. 41

SOUTH

Alabama St. 57, Texas Southern 51
Belmont 80, Tennessee Tech 79, 2OT
Bethune-Cookman 67, Florida A&M 60
Campbell 73, Coastal Carolina 52
Charleston Southern 58, Winthrop 50
Charlotte 85, FAU 79
Chattanooga 65, ETSU 57
Coppin St. 61, Md.-Eastern Shore 54
Delaware St. 79, SC State 61
E. Kentucky 100, Morehead St. 93, OT
Florida Gulf Coast 65, North Florida 38
George Mason 64, UMass 59
Hampton 73, Norfolk St. 62
Jackson St. 72, MVSU 46
Jacksonville 69, Stetson 49
Jacksonville St. 69, Tennessee St. 55
Kennesaw St. 64, NJIT 48
Liberty 56, High Point 43
Louisiana-Lafayette 63, Texas-Arlington 52
Louisiana-Monroe 63, Texas St. 59
Marshall 64, UAB 61
Maryland 86, Indiana 63
McNeese St. 77, New Orleans 74, OT
Mercer 61, Furman 50
Middle Tennessee 83, W. Kentucky 75
Morgan St. 78, Howard 66
NC A&T 60, Savannah St. 31
Northwestern St. 82, SE Louisiana 62
Old Dominion 84, FIU 49
Prairie View 67, Alabama A&M 52
Presbyterian 60, Gardner-Webb 53
SC-Upstate 81, Lipscomb 54
Samford 58, Wofford 39
South Alabama 71, Appalachian St. 55
Southern U. 66, Alcorn St. 57
Temple 83, East Carolina 63
UCF 75, Tulsa 74
UNC Asheville 54, Radford 46
UT Martin 92, Murray St. 62
W. Carolina 84, UNC-Greensboro 72

FAR WEST

BYU 77, Pepperdine 66
Boise St. 81, New Mexico 60
CS Bakersfield 61, Utah Valley 54
CS Northridge 79, Cal St.-Fullerton 52
Colorado St. 63, Wyoming 42
E. Washington 100, Sacramento St. 83
Grand Canyon 67, Seattle 54
Idaho 94, Portland St. 65
Long Beach St. 65, Cal Poly 53
Montana St. 61, Montana 52
Saint Mary's (Cal) 83, Pacific 75
San Diego 75, Loyola Marymount 67
San Francisco 71, Gonzaga 52
San Jose St. 72, Air Force 49
Santa Clara 66, Portland 47
UC Davis 80, UC Santa Barbara 51
UNLV 55, San Diego St. 41
Utah St. 79, Nevada 66

MIDWEST

Akron 75, E. Michigan 72
Cent. Michigan 77, Miami (Ohio) 54
Chicago St. 77, UMKC 72, 2OT
Cincinnati 56, Houston 50
Green Bay 58, Detroit 36
IPFW 61, Denver 49
Ill.-Chicago 54, Valparaiso 50
Milwaukee 77, Oakland 64
Missouri St. 77, Wichita St. 57
N. Illinois 76, Buffalo 74
N. Kentucky 88, Youngstown St. 77
North Dakota 54, N. Colorado 51
Ohio 68, Ball St. 67
Oklahoma 77, Iowa St. 71
SE Missouri 71, Austin Peay 69
SIU-Edwardsville 87, E. Illinois 75
South Dakota 80, N. Dakota St. 54
Texas 66, Kansas St. 51
Toledo 75, Bowling Green 61
W. Illinois 74, Nebraska-Omaha 55
W. Michigan 65, Kent St. 53
Wright St. 93, Cleveland St. 65

EAST

American U. 64, Colgate 56
Army 68, Bucknell 63
Baylor 71, West Virginia 61
Bryant 61, Sacred Heart 59
CCSU 65, St. Francis Brooklyn 61, OT
Cornell 71, Dartmouth 58, OT
Fairfield 68, Monmouth (NJ) 60
Fordham 50, Rhode Island 42
Harvard 69, Columbia 66
Iona 73, Niagara 52
LIU Brooklyn 65, Fairleigh Dickinson 62
Lehigh 72, Boston U. 48
Loyola (Md.) 55, Lafayette 51
Maine 52, Binghamton 38
Marist 74, Rider 56
Mount St. Mary's 64, Wagner 55
Navy 50, Holy Cross 49
Penn 66, Brown 49
Princeton 65, Yale 50
Purdue 88, Penn St. 78, 2OT
Rutgers 66, Nebraska 56
Saint Joseph's 64, La Salle 55
Siena 64, St. Peter's 55
St. Francis (Pa.) 62, Robert Morris 54
Stony Brook 73, Vermont 59
UConn 83, Memphis 40
UMBC 65, New Hampshire 55

Today's games

MEN

SOUTH

George Washington at George Mason, 11 a.m.
Temple at South Florida, 1 p.m.
UTEP at Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m.
UConn at UCF, 3 p.m.
James Madison at William & Mary, 6 p.m.

FAR WEST

California at Colorado, 4 p.m.
Oregon at Arizona St., 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST

Wright St. at Detroit, Noon
N. Dakota St. at IUPUI, Noon
Wake Forest at Notre Dame, Noon
Maryland at Ohio St., Noon
W. Illinois at IPFW, 1 p.m.
Northwestern at Iowa, 2 p.m.
Wichita St. at Evansville, 3 p.m.
S. Illinois at N. Iowa, 3 p.m.
Rutgers at Michigan St., 4:15 p.m.
Wisconsin at Illinois, 6:30 p.m.

EAST

Boston U. at Lehigh, 11 a.m.
Villanova vs. St. John's at Madison Square Garden, 11 a.m.
Canisius at Rider, Noon
Richmond at St. Bonaventure, Noon
Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

South Florida at SMU, 1 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Arkansas, 2 p.m.
South Carolina at Texas A&M, 5 p.m.

SOUTH

Kentucky at Florida, Noon
Wake Forest at Louisville, Noon
Duquesne at VCU, Noon
Pittsburgh at Clemson, 1 p.m.
Towson at Coll. of Charleston, 1 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Florida St., 1 p.m.
UNC Wilmington at James Madison, 1 p.m.
North Carolina at N.C. State, 1 p.m.
Northeastern at William & Mary, 1 p.m.
Boston College at Georgia Tech, 2 p.m.
Alabama at Tennessee, 2 p.m.
Georgia at Vanderbilt, 2 p.m.
Missouri at Mississippi, 4 p.m.

FAR WEST

Arizona at Oregon, 2 p.m.
Washington St. at Stanford, 2 p.m.
UCLA at Utah, 3 p.m.
Washington at California, 4 p.m.
Southern Cal at Colorado, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Indiana St. at Evansville, 11 a.m.
Minnesota at Michigan, 11:30 a.m.
St. John's at DePaul, Noon
Davidson at Dayton, 1 p.m.
Georgetown at Creighton, 1:05 p.m.
N. Iowa at Bradley, 2 p.m.
Drake at Loyola of Chicago, 2 p.m.
Seton Hall at Marquette, 2 p.m.
Iowa at Northwestern, 2 p.m.
Illinois St. at S. Illinois, 2 p.m.
Michigan St. at Wisconsin, 3 p.m.

EAST

Richmond at St. Bonaventure, 11:30 a.m.
Villanova at Providence, Noon
Saint Louis at George Washington, 1 p.m.
Albany (N.Y.) at Hartford, 1 p.m.
Elon at Hofstra, 1 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Manhattan, 1 p.m.
Delaware at Drexel, 4 p.m.

LADY MUSTANGS

From 1C

Bennett had a hand in the defensive performance too, registering three steals.

"We've always been really good at defense," Bennett said. "Last year we had probably one of the best defensive teams in Texas. We had a really good defensive team and I think we've still kind of kept the same rhythm of how we play defense."

Ashton scored eight of her 11 points in the second half, joining Bennett in double figures. Ashton scored two of her baskets off steals.

Coming off two suffocating defensive efforts, Midland Christian sits alone in second place of its eight-team district.

However, the Lady Mustangs will face a stiff test at 6 p.m. Tuesday when they visit district leader Lubbock Trinity (9-0 in TAPPS 1-4A).

Lubbock Trinity rolled to a 72-34 win over MCS in the first meeting on Jan. 19.

Anastasio said that Midland Christian head coach Amy Daniels' message in the locker room was for the team to move past their stellar showing on Saturday and turn their attention to Lubbock Trinity.

"It's fun to celebrate, but there's always the next game and that's what we focus on," Anastasio said.

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MCS 42, FLOWER MOUND CORAM DEO 15

Coram Deo (1-9 in TAPPS 1-4A) — Bailey Hicks 2, Lauren Moses 4, Piper Brandenburger 7, Emily Hall 2

Midland Christian (20-12, 7-2) — Fryar 4, Megan Ashton 11, Sheridan Snively 2, Ana Galindo 2, Blaire Neatherlin 6, Skyler Bennett 15, Avery McKinney 2

Coram Deo	0	6	4	5	—15
MCS	12	6	15	9	—42

Free throws — Coram Deo 1-8, MCS 9-13. 3-point goals — MCS 5 (Bennett 5). Total fouls — Coram Deo 15, MCS 11. Fouled out — None.

Next: MCS at Lubbock Trinity, 6 p.m. Tuesday. Coram Deo at Grapevine Faith, 6 p.m. Tuesday

KNIGHTS

From 1C

the first eight minutes, it had no trouble blowing the game open in the second quarter. Spurred by a key 9-0 run in the second, the Knights led, 33-16, at the break.

The Knights then hit a dry spell to start the second half, missing their first six shot attempts of the third quarter. But active hands on defense created turnovers and a volume approach offensively helped MCA go on a 17-5 run in the period and cruise the rest of the way.

Afterward, Gladson summarized the game succinctly.

"We hustled, got loose balls and took care of the ball," Gladson said.

Marshall McCray and Blake Gladson added 13 and 12 points for MCA, respectively.

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NO. 9 MCA 60, AMARILLO SAN JACINTO 34

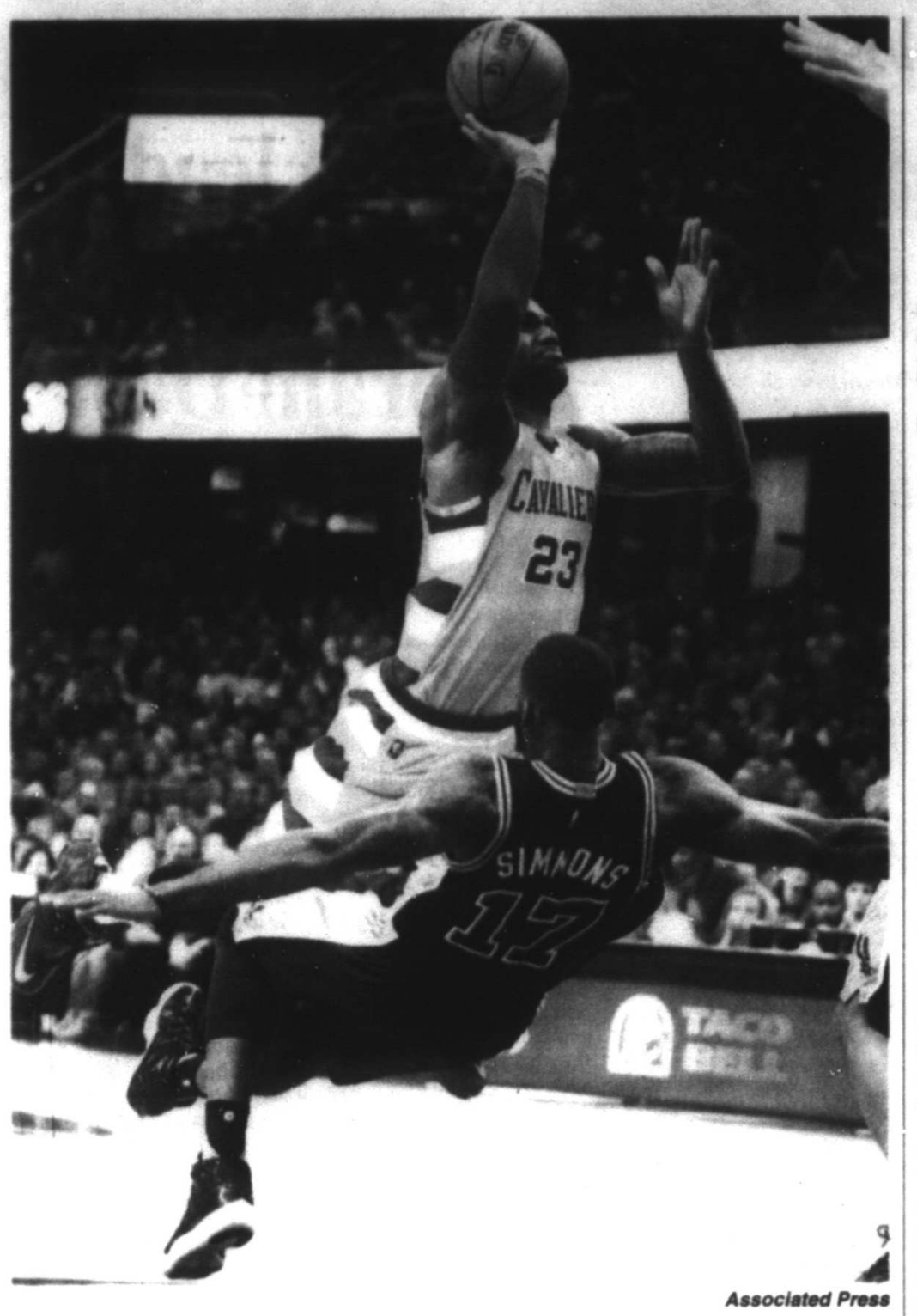
ASJ — L. Welchel 2, N. Perez 4, C. Lynch 1, J. Baker 9, R. Arnhold 2, T. Patterson 6, C. Carrasco 6, T. Hall 6

MCA (20-9, 4-1) — Garrett Sparks 2, Heath Gladson 20, Blake Gladson 12, Marshall McCray 13, Cole Miller 4, Cannon Echols 2, Kevin Giffin 6, Josh Rabe 1

ASJ	12	4	5	13	—34
MCA	16	17	17	10	—60

Free throws — ASJ 4-6, MCA 4-9. 3-point goals — ASJ 2 (Carrasco 2), MCA 4 (Heath Gladson 2, Blake Gladson 2). Total fouls — ASJ 10, MCA 10. Fouled out — none.

Next: MCA at Abilene Christian, 5 p.m. Saturday



Associated Press

The Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) is fouled by the San Antonio Spurs' Jonathon Simmons (17), a former Midland College player, in the first half Saturday in Cleveland.

LeBron powers high-octane Cavs to 117-103 win over Spurs

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 29 points and Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving added 21 apiece as the Cleveland Cavaliers finally took down one of the NBA's elite teams, beating the San Antonio Spurs 117-103 on Saturday night.

The Cavs won their fourth straight under coach Tyronn Lue, who was promoted after David Blatt was fired on Jan. 22. Cleveland came in 0-5 against San Antonio, Golden State and Chicago, three top-tier teams who figure to contend with them for a title this season.

Luc has the Cavs playing at a faster pace and the Spurs, who were again without center Tim Duncan, couldn't keep up with them. Duncan missed his third straight game with a sore right knee.

Kawhi Leonard scored 24 and LaMarcus Aldridge 15 for the Spurs, who lost for just the second time in 16 games. They lost to the Warriors on Monday.

Cleveland's 117 points were the second-most given up this season by San Antonio, which came in allowing a league-best 90.6 points per game. The Cavs had more than that after three quarters.

Irving (10) and Matthew Dellavedova (8) scored Cleveland's first 18 points in the fourth quarter. James scored the next three when he was fouled while going to the basket by San Antonio's Patty Mills, who was flicked aside like a gnat by the four-time MVP on his way to a layup and three-point play.

Down by 17 points at the half, the Spurs scored the first eight of the third quarter, a spurt that prompted an oh-no-here-they-come vibe through Cleveland's loud crowd, which was in playoff form.

But the Cavs responded with a flurry that showcased their offensive depth. Love and Dellavedova hit 3-pointers and James powered inside for several baskets, helping Cleveland push its lead to 88-69 late in the third. James scored 16 in the quarter.

James, too, made one of his signature defensive plays by chasing down Spurs guard Manu Ginobili on a breakaway and blocking his shot at the rim.

Three-goal second propels Jacks over Brahmas

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes used a three-goal second period and held off the Lone Star Brahmas to earn a 4-1 victory Saturday night at Ector County Coliseum.

Jon Flakne made 20 saves on 21 shots to earn a win in his Odessa debut.

In the first period, Tomas Brejcha put the Jackalopes on the board with his first goal since Sept. 26.

In the following period, Derek Brown, Hampus Sjodahl and Zach Kech scored goals for Odessa. The Jackalopes also killed off four Brahmas' power plays in the second stanza.

Allmendinger begins Rolex 24 thinking about late teammate

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — AJ Allmendinger woke up Saturday thinking about late teammate Justin Wilson.

It was a somber start to race day.

But if things go well for Allmendinger and his Michael Shank Racing teammates over the final hours in the Rolex 24 at Daytona, the mood will change significantly.

"He's up there guiding us along, and I know if we win this race, he'll be a big part of it and we'll definitely celebrate big in his honor," Allmendinger said Saturday night after his taking the No. 60 Shank entry to the lead in the twice-around-the-clock endurance event.

Wilson was killed in August after a piece of debris struck him in the head during an IndyCar race at Pocono Raceway. Wilson was a huge part of Shank's organization, was on the winning 2012 team at Daytona and was close friends with Allmendinger.

"I had done pretty well with this leading up to this, just thinking of the good times and smiling," Allmendinger said. "But waking up this morning and knowing he's not here ... you think about all the great times and I kind of look at it, we had a lot of quality time. We didn't get the quantity we wanted with him, but the time we had with him was pretty special."

As subdued as Allmendinger's day was early, he had a much lighter moment late.

After a shorter stint than usual Saturday, Allmendinger was glad to hear Shank call for an early driver change. Oswaldo Negri Jr. replaced him.

"Honestly, I had to pee really bad," he said. "I didn't want to pee in the car for Ozz. That's a messed-up teammate, especially early in the race. I was pretty happy they said driver change. When they said driver change, I was OK with it because I really had to pee."

Earlier in the day, Katherine Legge became the first woman to lead the Rolex in the 54-year history of the event.

Legge led twice for 27 laps in the opening stint in the DeltaWing entry at Daytona International Speedway. It was a surprising development considering the struggles DeltaWing has had since its 2014 launch.

But it was not to be as Andy Meyrick crashed into a stalled car on the track to end its chances at a win. The team said it had lost radio communication with Meyrick on the lap he hit the Starworks Motorsport entry.

Legge had been hopeful after her stint that this would be the year the DeltaWing made its mark.

"We have a great car but with a great car comes a lot of pressure," she said. "We're more reliable than we've ever been and we've changed all the components. It's going to be luck, it's going to be attrition, it's going to be whether anyone drives into us, the normal stuff. But I think we're a lot closer to being there."

Legge was barely out of the car when trouble hit. Chris Cumming stalled the Starworks car and Meyrick plowed into him before the DeltaWing ricocheted into a tire barrier.

Cumming was treated and released from the infield care center, but IMSA officials said he was not cleared to resume racing.

The race had a rough launch for Chip Ganassi's new two-car GT program as both entries had early problems. Ryan Briscoe was plagued with a broken gear box just eight laps into the race. He had to take the Ford to the garage for repairs.

Meanwhile, Joey Hand seemed to have an electrical issue that was eventually resolved. But after Hand turned the car over to Sebastien Bourdais, it suffered a gear box problem that sent Bourdais to the garage.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WIZARDS 123
ROCKETS 122

HOUSTON — John Wall had 19 points, 13 assists and eight rebounds and the Washington Wizards rallied for a 123-122 win over the Houston Rockets on Saturday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

Ramon Sessions had 17 points off the bench, Jared Dudley had 16 points and Marcin Gortat had 13 points and 11 rebounds. The Wizards shot 52 percent.

Gary Neal had 12 points, and Bradley Beal and Garret Temple each added 11 for Washington.

James Harden had 40 points, 11 assists and seven rebounds, but Houston lost its third straight.

WARRIORS 108
76ERS 105

PHILADELPHIA — Harrison Barnes hit a 3-pointer with 0.2 seconds remaining and the Golden State Warriors escaped with a 108-105 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Saturday.

Klay Thompson had 32 points and Stephen Curry scored 23 points for the Warriors, who nearly blew a 24-point second-half lead. Draymond Green added 10 points and 13 rebounds for Golden State, which opened a three-game road trip with their sixth straight victory while matching the NBA's best start through 47 games.

They tied the 1966-67 76ers, who also won 43 of their first 47.

PACERS 109
NUGGETS 105, OT

INDIANAPOLIS — Monta Ellis scored a season-high 32 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Indiana Pacers past the Denver Nuggets.

Ellis missed a 3-pointer with the game tied at 99 as regulation ended, but he converted a three-point play with 20.4 seconds left in overtime to seal it and send the Pacers to a second straight victory.

Danilo Gallinari led Denver with 23 points, and Kenneth Faried added 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Pacers starting center Ian Mahinmi sat out with sore lower back.

RAPTORS 111
PISTONS 107

TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan had 29 points and the Toronto Raptors beat the Detroit Pistons to push the team's franchise-best win streak to 11 consecutive games.

Kyle Lowry had 18 points and backup center Bismack Biyombo added 12 points and 13 assists. Cory Joseph also had 16 points off the bench.

Reserve guard Brandon Jennings led the way for Detroit with 22 points, with starter Kentavious Caldwell-Pope contributing 15. Andre Drummond had 11 points and 12 rebounds for his NBA-leading 39th double-double.

PELICANS 105
NETS 103

NEW ORLEANS — Jrue Holiday hit a 15-foot shot with 1.3 seconds remaining and the New Orleans Pelicans held off the Brooklyn Nets.

New Orleans' Anthony Davis scored 20 points and grabbed 16 rebounds in his first game back after sitting out with a concussion. Davis started 0 for 10 from the floor before finding his rhythm.

The Pelicans (18-28) and Davis were helped by Ryan Anderson's 24 points off the bench. Holiday's final shot gave him a team-best 26 points.

Brook Lopez scored 33 points and had 10 rebounds to lead the Nets, who lost for the third straight game and allowed an opponent to shoot 44 percent or better for the 12th consecutive game.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	32	15	.681	—
Boston	27	21	.563	5½
New York	23	26	.469	10
Brooklyn	12	36	.250	20½
Philadelphia	7	41	.146	25½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	27	21	.563	—
Miami	26	21	.553	½
Charlotte	22	25	.468	4½
Washington	21	24	.467	4½
Orlando	20	25	.444	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	12	.739	—
Chicago	26	19	.578	7½
Indiana	25	22	.532	9½
Detroit	25	23	.521	10
Milwaukee	20	29	.408	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	39	8	.830	—
Memphis	28	20	.583	11½
Dallas	27	22	.551	13
Houston	25	25	.500	15½
New Orleans	18	28	.391	20½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	36	13	.735	—
Portland	22	26	.458	13½
Utah	21	25	.457	13½
Denver	18	30	.375	17½
Minnesota	14	34	.292	21½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	43	4	.915	—
L.A. Clippers	31	16	.660	12
Sacramento	20	27	.426	23
Phoenix	14	34	.292	29½
L.A. Lakers	9	40	.184	35

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores

Golden State 108, Philadelphia 105
Toronto 111, Detroit 107
New Orleans 105, Brooklyn 103
Indiana 109, Denver 105, OT
Memphis 121, Sacramento 117
Washington 123, Houston 122
Cleveland 117, San Antonio 103

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Atlanta at Miami, 5 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Golden State at New York, 6:30 p.m.
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Choi, Brown currently tied for lead at Torrey Pines

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — K.J. Choi one-putted his last six holes Saturday to salvage an even-par 72 and a share of the lead with Scott Brown going into a final round at the Farmers Insurance Open that seems to have everyone nervous.

The biggest threat might be a forecast of high wind and big rain, and tee times were moved up as early as possible to try to avoid it.

Inside the ropes, the final round figured to be wide open with 16 players separated by three shots.

Choi was headed the wrong direction until he made a pair of birdies, saved par on three straight holes and then hit wedge to 3 feet on the par-5 18th for one last birdie that allowed him to join Brown at 9-under 207.

Brown, whose lone PGA Tour victory was nearly three years ago in Puerto Rico, would not seem to be a candidate to thrive on the South Course at Torrey Pines, the longest on the PGA Tour and a U.S. Open site. But he managed to keep it in play, which is key no matter how far anyone hits it. He had a 70 and goes into Sunday with a great chance to win and earn the Augusta native his first trip to the Masters.

Jimmy Walker, already a winner on two other California courses, was the anomaly. He couldn't seem to keep it in play off the tee by hitting only three fairways and still managed to gouge enough shots out of the rough and hole enough putts for a 68 that put him one shot behind.

Gary Woodland, tied with Choi going into the third round, birdied his last hole for a 73 to join Walker at one shot behind.

Phil Mickelson and Rickie Fowler each missed the cut, though Torrey Pines still has a local favorite to cheer. That would be Michael Kim, the Cal grad who went to Torrey Pines High School and grew up watching Mickelson and Tiger Woods win here. Kim had a 70 and was among four players at 7-under 209.

Another shot back was a group that included Dustin Johnson, who didn't make a birdie until the 13th hole and still managed to limit the damage to a 74.

Choi hasn't won since The Players Championship in 2011, which gave him a five-year exemption that ends this year. He was an assistant captain in the Presidents Cup in October, and showed he still has plenty of game. Giving him 30 yards off the tee to Johnson and Woodland, he rarely was out of play and dropped shots mainly on a three-putt bogey at No. 5 and a poor chip across the green at No. 7 that led to double bogey.

Brown appeared to be the most relaxed, maybe because of his home life. His wife, Allison, gave birth to their second daughter a week ago Tuesday. Brown said that might have put him at ease this week, and he recorded back-to-back top 10s on the PGA Tour for the first time in 2012 right after their first daughter was born.

But he did not dismiss the work he put in over the offseason with swing coach John Tillery, or even the inspiration from good friend and Aiken, South Carolina, neighbor Kevin Kisner, who has been among the best players on tour over the last year and who routinely beats him in games at Palmetto Golf Club.

Even with the lead groups struggling with the South Course, there were plenty of fireworks.

Jason Gore had an albatross when he holed out with a 3-wood on the par-5 18th hole. Ben Crane was stuck behind a tree and punched it out on the 15th, only to watch it bound onto the green and into the cup for an eagle. A short time later, Freddie Jacobson holed out for eagle on the 15th.

Nelvin C. Cepeda/San Diego Union-Tribune

Scott Brown tees off on the 9th hole during the Farmers Insurance Open golf tournament, Thursday in San Diego.

PRO GOLF SCORES

Farmers Insurance Open

Saturday
San Diego
Purse: $5 million
x-Torrey Pines, South Course: Yardage: 7,698; Par: 72 (Host Course)
n-Torrey Pines, North Course: Yardage: 7,052, Par: 72
Third Round

Scott Brown	66-71n-70s—207
K.J. Choi	68s-67n-72s—207
Jimmy Walker	69s-71n-68s—208
Gary Woodland	68n-67s-73s—208
Michael Kim	70n-69s-70s—209
Jonas Blixt	77s-66n-66s—209
John Huh	69n-68s-71s—209
Freddie Jacobson	69s-69n-71s—209
Hudson Swafford	70s-71n-69s—210
Jhonattan Vegas	72s-69n-69s—210
Hiroshi Iwata	69n-73s-68s—210
Ben Crane	71s-68n-71s—210
J.B. Holmes	70n-68s-72s—210
Kevin Streelman	69s-69n-72s—210
Martin Laird	68s-68n-73s—210
Dustin Johnson	70s-69n-74s—210
Aaron Baddeley	73s-68n-69s—211
Jason Kokrak	75s-67n-69s—211
Patton Kizzire	67n-73s-71s—211
Paul Dunne	69s-71n-71s—211
Derek Fathauer	74s-66n-72s—211
Colt Knost	70n-73s-68s—211
Billy Horschel	67n-70s-74s—211
Scott Stallings	68n-73s-71s—212
Bud Cauley	71s-69n-72s—212
Jason Gore	70s-72n-70s—212
Ollie Schniederjans	69n-72s-72s—213
Tony Finau	71s-71n-71s—213
J.J. Henry	70n-71s-72s—213
Greg Owen	73s-69n-71s—213
Brandt Snedeker	73s-70n-70s—213
Chad Campbell	72s-68n-75s—213
Si Woo Kim	70n-68s-75s—213
Charley Hoffman	75s-68n-70s—213
Erik Compton	71s-71n-72s—214
Charles Howell III	70n-71s-73s—214
Hunter Mahan	72s-70n-72s—214
Angel Cabrera	70n-70s-74s—214
Jim Herman	69n-71s-74s—214
Carlos Ortiz	69n-74s-71s—214
Shane Lowry	71n-71s-73s—215
Martin Piller	70n-72s-73s—215
Shane Bertsch	75s-67n-73s—215
Brendan Steele	68n-72s-75s—215
Smylie Kaufman	69s-71n-75s—215
Kelly Kraft	70n-72s-73s—215
Rob Oppenheim	67n-71s-77s—215
Danny Lee	71n-72s-72s—215
Henrik Norlander	70n-73s-72s—215
Andrew Loupe	66n-75s-75s—216
Kyle Stanley	69s-73n-74s—216
Harold Varner III	67n-76s-73s—216
Robert Garrigus	70s-72n-75s—217
Matt Jones	71n-72s-74s—217
Kyle Reifers	69n-74s-74s—217
Ryan Ruffels	70n-73s-74s—217
Chesson Hadley	68s-73n-77s—218
Bronson Burgoon	72s-68n-78s—218
Brian Harman	69s-70n-79s—218
Robert Streb	71s-72n-75s—218
John Senden	73s-70n-75s—218
Jamie Lovemark	72s-71n-75s—218
Adam Hadwin	71n-70s-78s—219
Steve Marino	69n-72s-78s—219
Michael Thompson	70n-71s-78s—219
Harris English	70n-72s-77s—219
James Hahn	73s-69n-78s—220
Brandon Hagy	71n-71s-78s—220
Tyrone Van Aswegen	69n-74s-77s—220
Scott Piercy	73s-69n-79s—221
Graham DeLaet	72n-71s-82s—225

LPGA Tour

Saturday
At Ocean Club Golf Course
Paradise Island, Bahamas
Purse: $1.4 million
Yardage: 6,625; Par: 73
Third Round

Anna Nordqvist	70-69-68—207
Charley Hull	68-70-69—207
Stacy Lewis	73-68-67—208
Hyo Joo Kim	70-70-68—208
Sei Young Kim	71-68-69—208
Ilhee Lee	71-72-66—209
Megan Khang	70-68-71—209
Hee Young Park	72-72-66—210
Alison Lee	68-73-69—210
Catriona Matthew	68-71-71—210
Paula Creamer	68-72-71—211
Min Seo Kwak	69-70-72—211
Ha Na Jang	72-72-68—212
Pornanong Phatlum	71-72-69—212
Haru Nomura	68-70-74—212
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	73-70-70—213
Brooke M. Henderson	71-72-70—213
Brittany Lincicome	70-71-72—213
Candie Kung	71-77-66—214
Lee Lopez	73-73-68—214
Tiffany Joh	73-71-70—214
Lexi Thompson	74-69-71—214
Juli Inkster	72-71-71—214
Azahara Munoz	71-72-71—214
Cristie Kerr	77-65-72—214
Austin Ernst	73-69-72—214
Mika Miyazato	68-74-72—214
Ryann O'Toole	74-71-70—215
Jane Park	72-72-71—215
Giulia Sergas	72-70-73—215
Karine Icher	75-73-68—216
Carlota Ciganda	76-71-69—216
Jacqui Concolino	75-72-69—216
Alena Sharp	73-74-69—216
Jaye Marie Green	71-76-69—216
Mina Harigae	74-72-70—216
Angela Stanford	73-73-70—216
Jessica Korda	72-74-70—216
Jennifer Song	75-70-71—216
Brittany Lang	73-72-71—216
P.K. Kongkraphan	70-75-71—216
Brittany Altomare	71-73-72—216
Cydney Clanton	71-73-72—216
Laetitia Beck	70-72-74—216
Amy Anderson	74-73-70—217
Lizette Salas	72-74-71—217
Mo Martin	73-72-72—217
Mi Hyang Lee	72-73-72—217
Kelly Yi Shon	73-71-73—217
Minjee Lee	73-70-74—217
Kim Kaufman	73-69-75—217
Beatriz Recari	77-71-70—218
Lee-Anne Pace	75-73-70—218
Bertine Strauss	74-74-70—218
Sandra Gal	75-72-71—218
Sydnee Michaels	73-74-71—218
Chella Choi	71-74-73—218
Moriya Jutanugarn	71-71-76—218
Holly Clyburn	73-75-71—219
Thidapa Suwannapura	76-70-73—219
Giulia Molinaro	74-72-73—219
Paula Reto	71-74-74—219
Gaby Lopez	71-72-76—219
Sakura Yokomine	76-73-72—221
Cheyenne Woods	74-74-72—220
Christine Song	73-74-73—220
Sarah Kemp	72-75-73—220
Danielle Kang	70-77-73—220
Pernilla Lindberg	72-76-73—221
Ai Miyazato	75-71-75—221
Julieta Granada	74-72-75—221
Jennifer Johnson	69-74-78—221
Wei-Ling Hsu	74-74-74—222
Caroline Masson	74-74-74—222
Daniela Iacobelli	71-76-75—222
Morgan Pressel	72-74-76—222
Kelly Tan	71-73-78—222
Simin Feng	75-73-77—223
Cyna Marie Rodriguez	70-77-78—225
Rachel Rohanna	80-68-78—226

Singapore Open

Saturday
At Sentosa Golf Club (Serapong Course)
Singapore
Purse: $1 million
Yardage: 7,300; Par: 71
Third Round
Play suspended by bad weather

Wen-chong Liang, China	71-67-67—205
Wang Jeunghun, South Korea	73-67-67—207
Lee Wonjoon, Australia	71-69-67—207
Akio Sadakata, Japan	70-71-66—207
Berry Henson, United States	66-73-69—208
Choi Jinho, South Korea	69-69-70—208
Brent Munson, United States	71-67-70—208
Sam Brazel, Australia	72-67-70—209
Also	
Casey O'Toole, United States	72-67-75—214
Jason Knutzon, United States	71-69-75—215

Qatar Masters

Saturday
At Doha Golf Club
Doha, Qatar
Purse: $2.5 million
Yardage: 7,400; Par: 72
Final Round

Branden Grace, South Africa	70-67-68-69—274
Rafael Cabrera-Bello, Spain	67-68-71-70—276
Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark	67-69-69-71—276
Bradley Dredge, Wales	71-67-70-69—277
Andrew Johnston, England	66-69-72-70—277
Lee Slattery, England	69-69-69-70—277
George Coetzee, South Africa	67-70-73-70—280
Sergio Garcia, Spain	70-66-74-70—280
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	65-73-71-71—280
Richard Bland, England	72-69-67-72—280
Ricardo Gouveia, Portugal	67-71-70-72—280
Tommy Fleetwood, England	67-69-70-74—280
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	70-67-74-70—281
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	71-68-71-71—281
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	65-72-72-72—281
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	68-70-70-73—281
Johan Carlsson, Sweden	69-67-72-73—281
Gregory Bourdy, France	67-68-72-74—281
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	67-66-70-78—281
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	70-69-75-68—282
Benjamin Hebert, France	71-70-71-70—282
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	68-72-71-71—282
Kristoffer Broberg, Sweden	67-70-74-71—282
Jorge Campillo, Spain	69-68-73-72—282
Robert Rock, England	68-70-71-73—282
Pelle Edberg, Sweden	70-66-71-75—282

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Johnny Manziel being investigated following altercation

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Troubled Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel is being investigated by police in Texas following a disturbance during which he may have assaulted his ex-girlfriend.

Manziel, who has had two tumultuous seasons in the NFL, was identified by Forth Worth police after they were called at about 2 a.m. Saturday to investigate a report of a possible assault at an apartment complex. The officers didn't find the person who called, but they spoke to an unidentified 23-year-old woman who said she was "involved in a disturbance with her ex-boyfriend" earlier that night in Dallas.

Sgt. Steve Enright later identified him as Manziel. There were no arrests, and it's not clear if Manziel has yet been questioned.

Police didn't say if the woman was hurt. An ambulance was called, but she was not taken to a hospital.

The police report said the woman was uncooperative with officers, who were unable to locate a crime scene. The woman raised concerns about her ex-boyfriend's well-being. Police tried calling Manziel's cell phone and searching for him before it determined he was safe.

Fort Worth police are working with Dallas police to determine if a crime occurred.

The Browns had no immediate comment Saturday.

Beyond the legal matter, Manziel could face discipline from the league. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in an email the league is "aware and looking into it."

This is the second time Manziel has been questioned by police followinig an argument with his girlfriend.

In October, police in Avon, Ohio, received an emergency call after Manziel and Colleen Crowley were spotted fighting as they drove together near the quarterback's home on the west side of Cleveland. Manziel was not arrested but the matter prompted an NFL investigation to see if he violated the league's personal conduct policy.

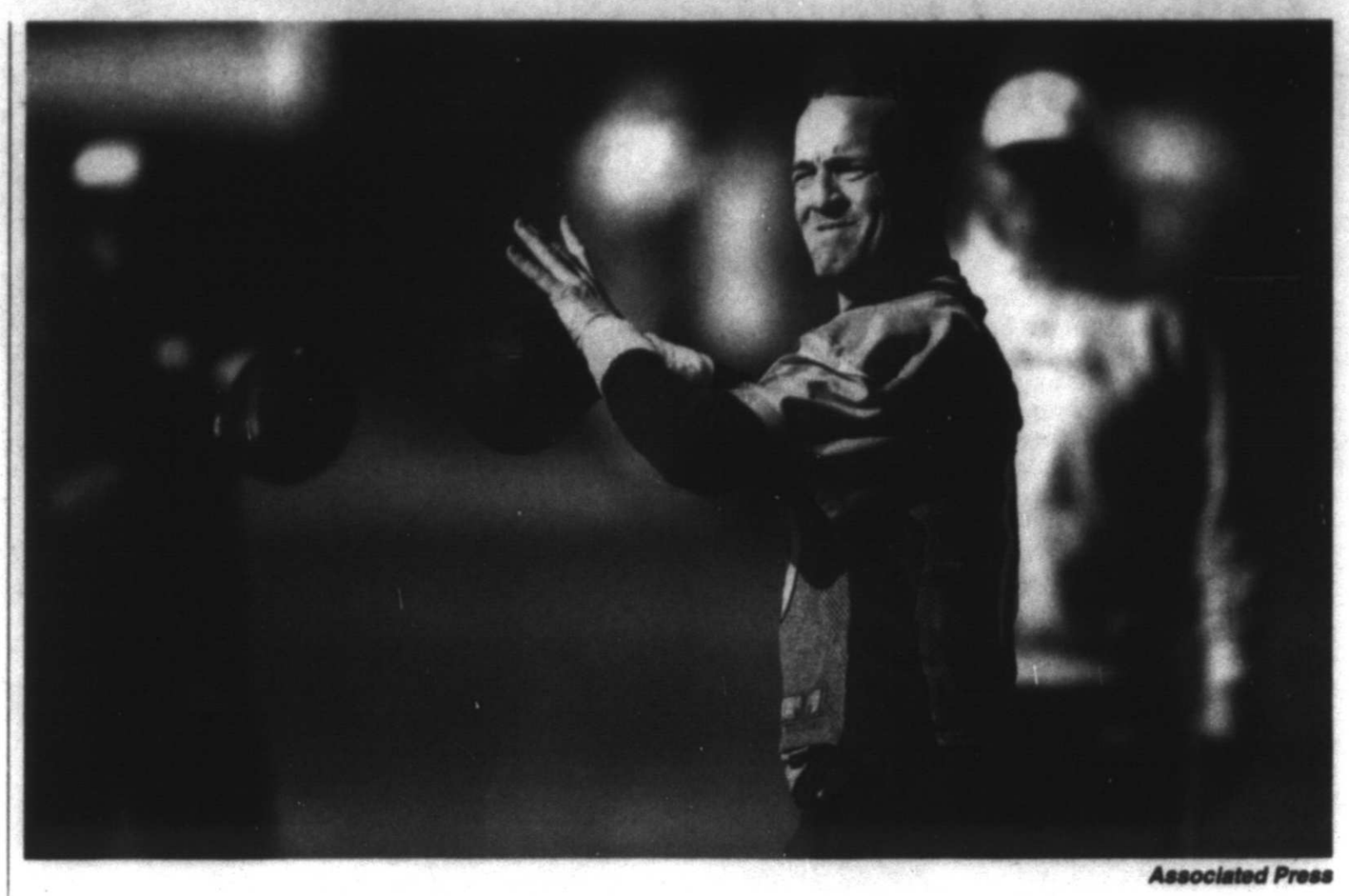
Crowley had told police that Manziel hit her and pushed her head against a car window. The couple told police they had been drinking alcohol earlier in the day.

Manziel was later questioned by a league investigator and cleared, but it was another mark on his already tainted reputation.

The 23-year-old player's latest off-field problem won't help his standing with the Browns, who seem to be distancing themselves from the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner from Texas A&M.

As of Friday, new coach Hue Jackson had not yet been in contact with Manziel. The Browns were disappointed when the second-year quarterback, who was taken with the No. 22 overall pick in the 2013 draft, missed a scheduled medical treatment on the final day of the season.

Manziel was in concussion protocol at the time, and although he was not required to be at the Browns' home finale against Pittsburgh, the team was not sure of his location as reports surfaced he was partying in Las Vegas. He was fined for not reporting to the team's facility on Jan. 3.



Associated Press

Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning throws during practice at the team's headquarters Thursday in Englewood, Colo.

Archie, Eli Manning proud of Peyton's evolution this season

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Archie Manning speaks deliberately and carefully when addressing whether his 39-year-old son, Peyton, might be playing his final NFL game when he returns to the Super Bowl.

"This is Peyton's fourth one — certainly could be his last one, so we're going to try to enjoy it," Archie Manning, who lives in New Orleans, said this week in an interview with The Associated Press.

"There's a lot of speculation that Peyton will retire. He and I haven't talked about that," Archie continued. "I'm sure it's something he's going to sit down and look at when the season is over. But we'll just have to see on that. I just don't know."

Even if Archie does know, he wouldn't necessarily say so before Peyton's Denver Broncos meet the Carolina Panthers just south of San Francisco in the 50th Super Bowl on Feb. 7.

Peyton Manning wants the Super Bowl to be about his team, not him. So the Denver QB has refused to explain what he meant when a microphone picked him up saying something about his "last rodeo" during a brief on-field exchange with Patriots coach Bill Belichick after the AFC title game.

Archie and his other NFL quarterback son, Eli, are clear about one thing: They're proud of the way Peyton overcame new challenges in the twilight of his career.

Peyton had a new coach, who introduced him to a new offensive system, then dealt with a painful mid-season foot injury (plantar fasciitis) that undermined his effectiveness so much that he was removed from the lineup for nearly two months.

"After basically being in one offense for 18 years of your life and then changing it up — that's not easy," Eli Manning said, referring to Peyton's introduction to first-year Denver coach Gary Kubiak's system.

While Peyton was working his way back from his foot injury, Al Jazeera America produced a report — which Peyton fervently denied — linking him to performance-enhancing human growth hormone (HGH) that was supposedly shipped to his wife by an anti-aging clinic.

"He's dealt with a lot of adversity and (I'm) proud of the way he's handled the situation," Eli said. Peyton "overcame it all and now they're in the Super Bowl."

One of Peyton's new experiences as a pro — suiting up as a backup to Brock Osweiler for the regular-season finale against San Diego.

With his team on the brink of limping into the playoffs as a fifth seed, Peyton returned to action in the second half for his first snaps since midseason. The Broncos scored on four of five possessions to secure a victory over the Chargers — and by extension, the No. 1 seed in the AFC.

"He's never come off the bench in his life," Archie Manning said. "But the fact he did it four weeks ago and turned the game around is probably his biggest accomplishment."

Indeed, the victory meant a first-round bye and all home playoff games for Denver. It gave its top-rated defense, which Manning readily credits as being the strength of the team, the benefit of lining up against opposing offenses that had to overcome the mile-high altitude and crowd noise.

For Archie, the question for Peyton this offseason won't be whether he's still good enough to keep playing. It'll be more personal than that. If anything, Archie noted, Peyton proved how effective he still can be, exhibiting wisdom, unselfishness and leadership in the way he recognized — and played to — Denver's strengths.

"He's kind of playing a different role as a quarterback, but he can do it. He's been around a long time," Archie Manning said. Denver has "a great defense, so you've got to use it. You support it by trying to run the ball and have balance in their offense. But he still needs to make throws, make plays. Last week, in a championship game, he was able to make some throws.

"He's kind of wearing a little different hat out there, but that's fine," Archie added. "There are a lot of ways to play the quarterback position."

Archie said he expects Peyton to consult him about his NFL future, but stresses, "I'm not going to be the final say."

"He's almost 40 years old. He's always made good decisions," the elder Manning said. "But I'm kind of one to lay things out, the pluses and the minuses. So we'll do that and see what happens."

Like his father, Eli Manning stops short of predicting his older brother will walk off the field in the Golden State and into his "golden years" of retirement. But he hardly ruled it out on a conference call hosted by the Giants this week.

NFL playoff glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 9
Kansas City 30, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 18, Cincinnati 16
Sunday, Jan. 10
Seattle 10, Minnesota 9
Green Bay 35, Washington 18
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 16
New England 27, Kansas City 20
Arizona 26, Green Bay 20, OT
Sunday, Jan. 17
Carolina 31, Seattle 24
Denver 23, Pittsburgh 16

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 24
AFC
Denver 20, New England 18
NFC
Carolina 49, Arizona 15
Pro Bowl
Today
At Honolulu
Team Rice vs. Team Irvin, 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 7
At Santa Clara, Calif.
Denver vs. Carolina, 5:30 p.m. (CBS)

SEC West QBs help lead South to 27-16 Senior Bowl win

By John Zenor
Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — SEC West quarterbacks Dak Prescott, Jake Coker and Brandon Allen all led scoring drives to help lead the South to a 27-16 win over the North in Saturday's Senior Bowl.

Arkansas's Allen passed for a game-high 106 yards, including a couple of on-target deep balls. Mississippi State's Prescott threw for 61 yards and a touchdown with both teams rotating their four quarterbacks after each quarter.

Both were 7-of-10 passing.

Baylor's 6-foot-7 defensive end Shawn Oakman loomed large on the North defense. He racked up two first-half sacks and a forced fumble.

The game's top quarterback prospect, North Dakota State's Carson Wentz, had a mostly quiet first quarter. He completed 6 of 10 passes for 50 yards and the North didn't score.

Ohio State quarterback-turned-receiver Braxton Miller also didn't produce big plays on offense.

Miller, whose play got a lot of attention during the week in practice, had two catches for 8 yards and a 5-yard run while dropping a short pass.

Each quarter had a two-minute warning to give more quarterbacks a chance to run the offense in that situation.

The game's rule switching possession after each quarter helped keep the North benefiting more from a huge special teams play.

USC's Cody Kessler couldn't get the North into the end zone before the third ended after a long blocked kick return and the South got the ball right back. Kessler couldn't hit an open Miller in the end zone.

Wisconsin's Joe Schobert blocked a field goal attempt and West Virginia's K.J. Dillon returned it 73 yards in the final seconds of the quarter.

That came after Allen's best drive.

He threw a pretty deep ball to Kansas State tight end Glenn Gronkowski — younger brother of New England Patriots star Rob — late in the third quarter. Then he fired another pass to Paul McRoberts, the first player from FCS Southeast Missouri to make the game.

McRoberts, who caught a 5-yard touchdown from Prescott, gained 46 receiving yards and returned a punt 27 yards.

Ohio State tight end Nick Vannett led North players with three catches for 58 yards.

For the South, North Carolina State's Jacoby Brissett, a Florida transfer, got into the act with a touchdown drive in the fourth.

He and former Gators teammate Jeff Driskel — who played his final season at Louisiana Tech — matched up in the final quarter. Driskel's wobbly throw on the final play went for a 29-yard touchdown to Aaron Burbridge of Michigan State.

Alabama's Coker, a Mobile native who led the Crimson Tide's national champion run in his lone season as starter, played the first quarter and helped set up a 25-yard touchdown scamper by TCU's Aaron Green.

Super Bowl matchup masks an ugly year on field

TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

A certain Hall of Fame quarterback in what will likely be his final game. A superstar in waiting on the big stage for the first time.

The NFL couldn't have scripted this Super Bowl much better. Peyton Manning and Cam Newton are the stars, but there will be no shortage of storylines to chew on as the Super Bowl returns to the Bay Area for the first time in 31 years.

Even the possibility of El Nino interfering with the festivities seems like a minor annoyance unless, of course, the fat cats have to sit in the rain to watch the game.

Too bad it took so much ugly football along the way to get this far.

No, it's not reflected in the TV ratings, which for the most part were stronger than ever. Fans still packed stadiums, and cities continued to battle over the right to give taxpayer money to billionaire owners.

But the football we watched this season — despite many exciting finishes — seemed at times almost unwatchable. That was true even deep into the playoffs, where bad fundamentals, poor officiating and scratch-your-head coaching decisions made you wonder at times just why professional football is the nation's favorite sport.

No one seems to know how to tackle anymore, as evidenced by the missed tackles that helped Carolina blow open its game against Arizona to get to the Super Bowl. The worry when the NFL cracked down on blows to the head and neck was that the game would become less violent, but what it's really become is less skilled.

Meanwhile, headhunters still roam from sideline to sideline, undeterred by the NFL's half-hearted efforts to clean up the game.

Sure, Cincinnati's Vontaze Burfict will be suspended for three games next season for a series of questionable hits culminating in one final blow to the head of Pittsburgh's Antonio Brown. But that's little consolation to Steeler fans, who saw their team barely miss getting by Denver while missing their star receiver because of the concussion Burfict gave him.

If anyone needs a reminder about what can happen to players getting hit repeatedly in the head, we got one last week with the grim story of former Giants safety Tyler Sash. An examination of his head after his death last September from an accidental overdose of pain killers showed the 27-year-old had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, a degenerative brain disease most likely caused by hits to the head.

Those hits remain the most pressing issue facing the league, which had at least 12 players put on the season ending injured reserve list this season because of concussions. Yes, football is a brutal sport, but the price some players are paying goes far beyond what they signed up for.

But the product the league puts on the field has other issues, too. Offensive line play is sloppy, receivers who can sometimes make spectacular one-handed catches all too often drop easy two-handed ones, and going deep means a 20-yard pass at most.

Meanwhile, all the decision to move back the extra point attempt did was introduce another element of false randomness into the game. The idea that New England may have lost out on a chance at the Super Bowl because of it will haunt Patriot fans far longer than Deflategate.

The games themselves meander in fits and stops that make it difficult to achieve any real flow. Many times games are stopped for timeouts after touchdowns, resume for a kickoff, then go immediately back to commercials before play begins again.

And then there are officials who can't keep up with the speed of the game and way too often have to caucus and then turn to replays to try and get it straight.

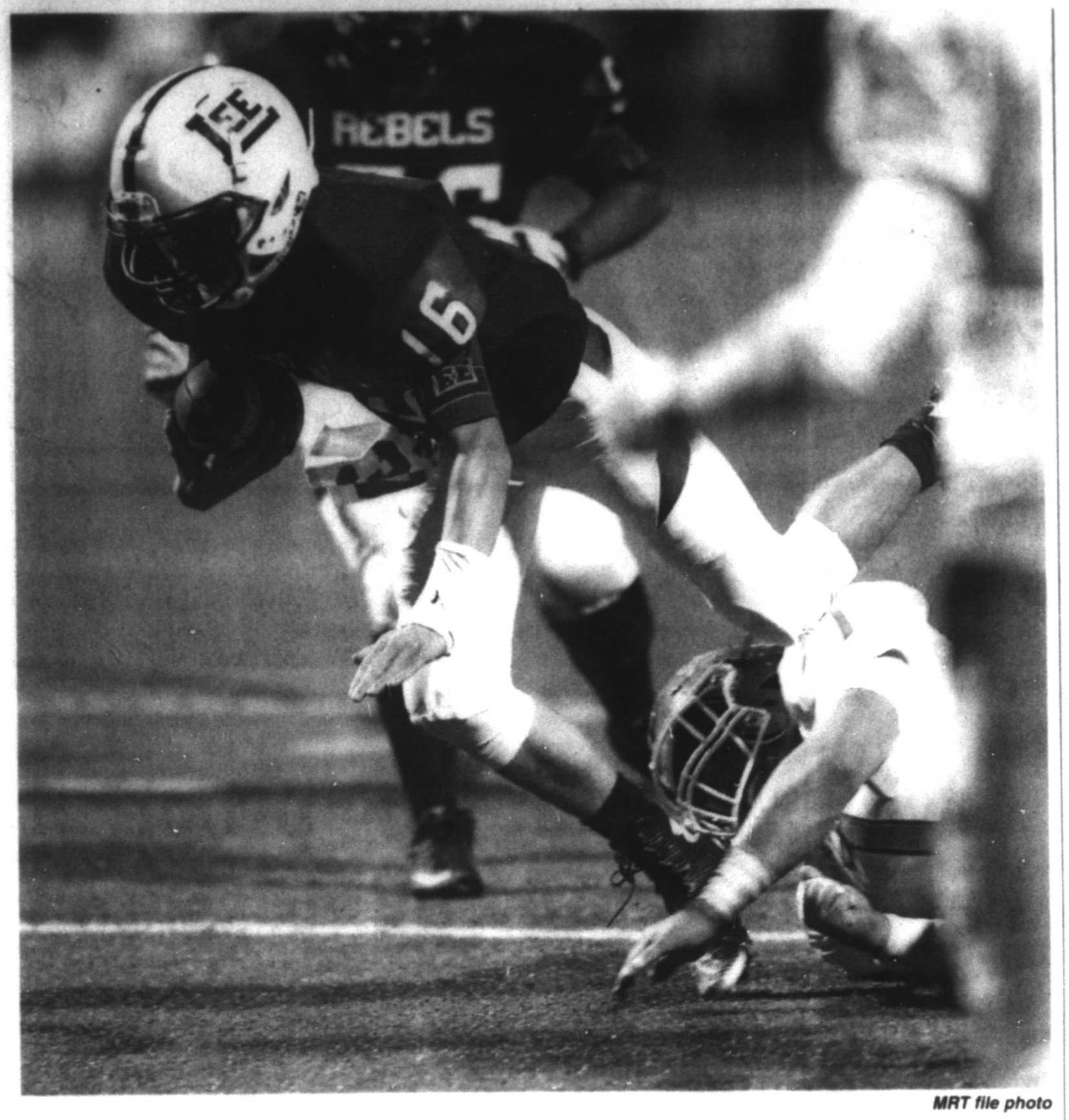
In some cases, including the NFL's convoluted definition of a catch, they defy common sense. In others, they resemble the funny TV commercial where the referees gather together and acknowledge they didn't see what happened.

Some of the stuff you can't even make up, like the overtime coin flip that wasn't in Green Bay's playoff loss to Arizona. With the seasons of both teams on the line, that was the best they could do?

Parity, meanwhile, continues to take a toll. Everyone has become so equal that many games are decided by a lucky bounce or a short missed kick. It's gotten so bad that even the bookies in Vegas find it hard to figure out who might win.

This Super Bowl may rise above that. It has the right recipe to be memorable.

But for the NFL to continue to flourish it has to pay as much attention to what it puts on the field as it does to how much money owners can put in their pockets.



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Lee quarterback Nicco Sorianello (16) dives for yardage while running the ball against San Angelo Central on Oct. 30, 2015, at Grande Communications Stadium.

Bettman says NHL would not take an application from Seattle

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman insisted Seattle is not in the running to land an expansion team.

"If someone wanted to give us an application right now, we wouldn't take it," Bettman said Saturday at his state-of-the-league news conference.

Las Vegas and Quebec City have submitted expansion applications, but a decision whether to grant both, either or neither city an NHL franchise does not appear to be imminent.

"The process is continuing," Bettman said. "We're not ready to make a recommendation."

Bettman said a 10-owner executive committee will eventually suggest the league should add two teams, one or none.

Expansion was barely addressed at the NHL Board of Governors meeting Saturday morning after it was discussed extensively in December. Bettman bristled at a suggestion that the league is struggling to decide whether to expand.

"We're going through an orderly process," Bettman said. "This is a very important decision. A lot of things have to be considered."

Bettman acknowledged he doesn't know whether the weakening Canadian dollar will be a factor in Quebec City's bid.

Martin Tremblay, spokesman for Montreal-based communications giant, declined comment on the process. A message seeking comment was left for Michelle Kersch, spokeswoman for the Bill Foley's Black Knight Sports & Entertainment in Las Vegas.

The Quebec Nordiques moved to Denver in 1995, becoming the Colorado Avalanche. Las Vegas has never had a major pro sports team.

Seattle arena investor Chris Hansen, who has an agreement with the city and country through 2017 for a downtown arena, has been focused on getting an NBA team back. Hansen and Los Angeles businessman Victor Coleman have tried to come to an agreement on how to make an NHL-first package work in order to get a shovel in the ground to begin building a facility.

"As things stand right now, there's no prospect of an arena in greater Seattle," Bettman said.

Bettman has proposed an expansion fee of $500 million, a significant jump from the $80 million fee paid by the Columbus Blue Jackets and Minnesota Wild, when the NHL last expanded to 30 teams in 2000.

The 2017-18 season would be the earliest the league would expand, and Bettman and the owners aren't feeling any pressure to make a decision.

"We're not running a 60-minute game where the clock is going to run out," he said.

The NHL and NHL Players' Association have about a year to figure out whether to participate in the 2018 Winter Olympics, according to Bettman. Both parties did have a discussion with the International Ice Hockey Federation two months ago, Bettman said, leaving questions related to the cost to transport and insure the players up to the IIHF and the International Olympic Committee.

Bettman deflected questions about whether the NHL would change the way fans can vote players into the All-Star game following the fallout from John Scott, the journeyman enforcer, getting a spot in the showcase.

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outside of the box because of some of the issues facing us all of us as educators, and to be creative. We need to come up with some suggestions and possible solutions to this issue. I'm looking forward to discussing those issues with some folks who have been out here longer than me and try to figure out solutions for the future. We've got come up with ways to solve the issues of missing school. Athletics is an important part of the educational process but we need to come up with some solutions."

Administrators agree that because of where these schools are geographically located, the UIL is faced with the difficult task of deciding its realignment ever two years.

"The job that the UIL has to do is difficult and I wouldn't want to be the person would have to do that and some think it's easy to try to look at it through other people's lenses," Abilene Athletic Director Phil Blue said.

While travel is the biggest concern, there is some sentimental value to fans, coaches and players involved if Abilene and Central don't join Midland and Odessa school in a district the next two years. While Abilene and Central have been in different districts in the past, representatives from each school district said that they would lose some tradition and familiarity playing with each other.

"If we don't end up in the same district, we would try to schedule those schools in non-district because they are still relatively close to us," Blue said.

McCallie said losing the Midland and Odessa schools would affect SAISD financially as well.

"It would probably impact our home gates for all sports," McCallie said. "We think from a financial end, it would be better to go with the Midland and Odessa schools."

Rowe said regardless of who the MISD schools end up with, the competition won't be lacking as Tascosa and Frenship have quality athletic programs.

"I think it will even be greater if you add (Tascosa) and Frenship. Iron sharpens iron," Rowe said. "We've got to take care of our house. The first opponent, no matter who you schedule, is yourself."

Come Monday, the Midland ISD athletic programs will find out if they will be part of a six, seven or even and eight-team district. Yenzer said none of the scenarios would surprise him and added he will just wait when the announcement is made to make any decisions or judgements.

"I'm not going to lose sleep over it this weekend. I can tell you that," Yenzer said.

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Baseball

LBA Infield/Baserunning Camp

What: The Lubbock Baseball Academy staff will be hosting a camp that focuses on infield and baserunning skills. Matt Martin, the Detroit Tigers defensive coordinator, will be a special guest.
For: Ages 13-18
When: 2-5 p.m., Today
Where: Odessa-Schlemeyer Field, Odessa College
For more info: Please e-mail Trent Petrie at lubbockbaseballacademy@yahoo.com or text him at 806-252-5289 to register.

GCM Baseball Academy

What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction

For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction

For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons

For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons

For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed

For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball

What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons

For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

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

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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

Don Eddy Basketball Camp

Featuring: The shooting game and the one on one game
Where: Trinity School gyms
For: Kids age 8 through 12th grade
When: June 13-17, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cost: $225
For more info: Contact Coach Young at 432-528-5206 or go to www.debb.com to register

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings

When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beak Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall St. Midland
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 "Learn-2-Play" clinics and scrimmages

For: Boys 3rd through 8th grade
When: 2:30-4 p.m. Sundays March 20-May 8 (except Easter Sunday on March 27)
Where: Hogan Park South, 1307 E. Wadley Ave (across from Sibley Nature Center)
For more info: Go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email: info@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

Ages: 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

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9821 or (469) 248-8472

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. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club

Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club

Cost: $20 per year for individual membership, $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group

When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists

What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association

What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stand and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association

What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 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

What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration

What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

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Who: All skill levels
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COM Learn to Swim

Ages: All ages
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COM Masters Swimming

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Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes

When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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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 and/or call, 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues

When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis

What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club

When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com
Note: Will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan 30 at 11 a.m.

Midland Women's Tennis Association

For more info: 559-7208

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club

What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on 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
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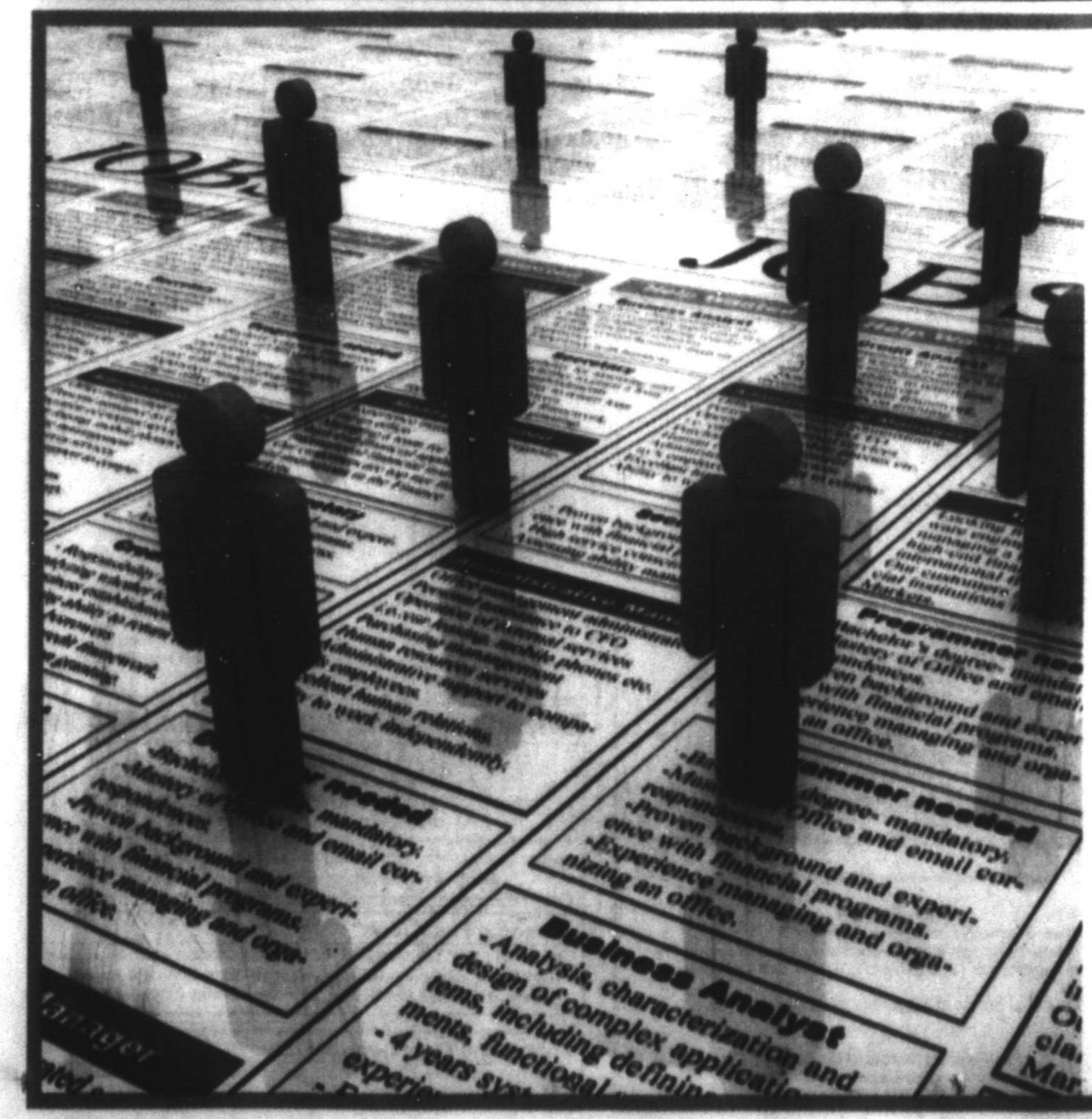

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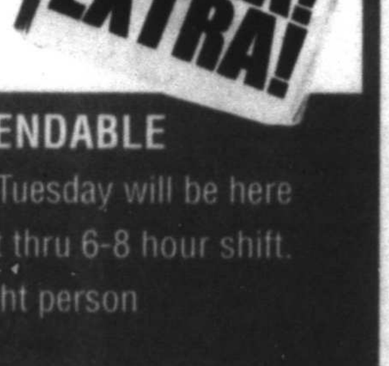

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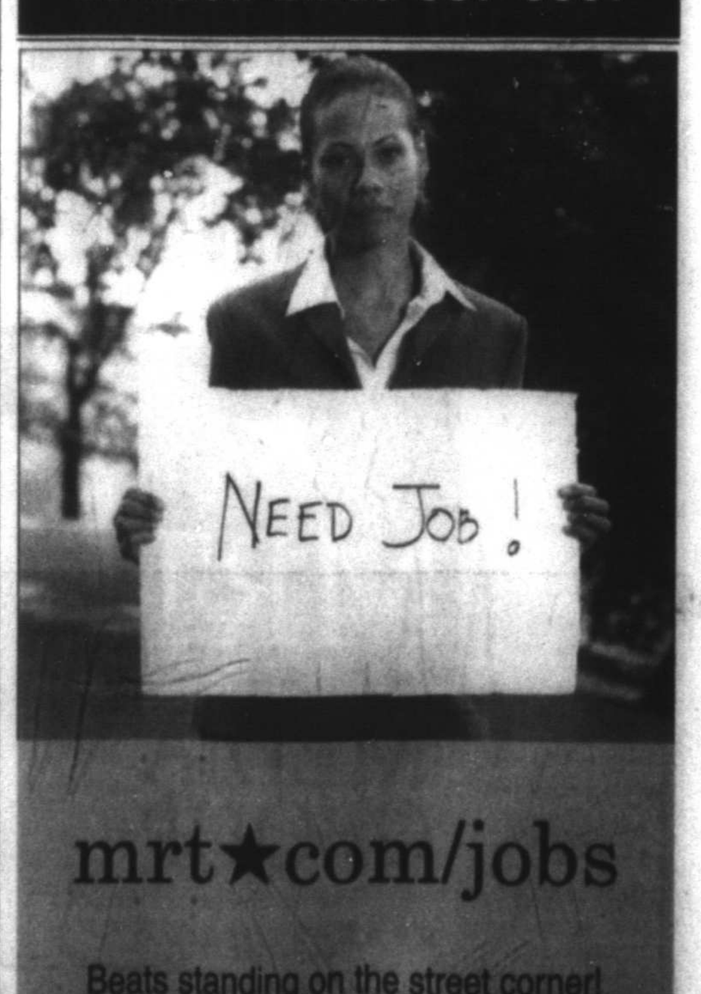

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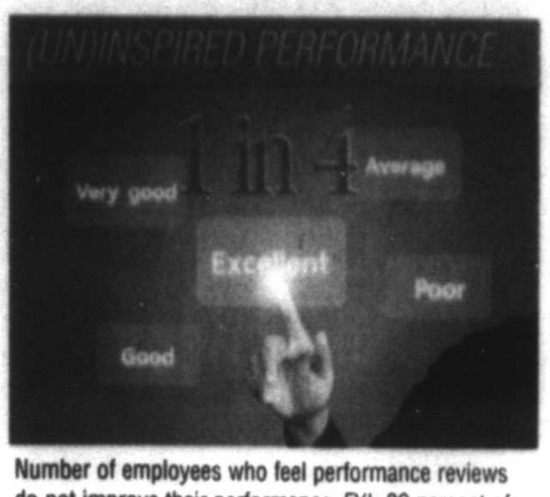

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Source: Office Team survey of more than 300 U.S. workers and 300 HR managers

ON THE JOB

HOW TO MAKE A LASTING IMPRESSION AT A NEW JOB

STARTING A NEW JOB IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVESTED IN YOUR WORK AND IMPRESS NEW COLLEAGUES

By PATRICIA V. RIVERA
CTW FEATURES

Henry Ford said it well: Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.

And people starting a new job have a chance to making a lasting positive impression, especially those who left on less than good terms.

"If you had issues in your last job that led to you being fired or laid off, you need to leave it behind you. You have to be careful not to carry baggage to a new setting," says Nicole Wesson, a career coach in the Los Angeles area.

To be sure, starting a new job is stressful, particularly if a new employee doesn't feel invested, which occurs with almost one in three new employees. A study by Utah-based software company BambooHR found that 31 percent of respondents had quit a job within six months of starting it. Some 17 percent left between the first week and the third month.

Wesson says it's important for new employees to learn as much about a company after the job offer so that they do feel invested.

"From the moment that you accept a job offer, you become an ambassador for the company and it's beneficial for you to know as much as possible about it."

Wesson offers some other do's and don'ts to ensure a smooth transition:

Do learn more about management. You want to be able to introduce yourself to them when and if the opportunity presents itself.

Don't wait for invites to lunch, happy hour or coffee. Take action and invite co-workers, letting them know you want to learn more about them and share with them who you are.

Do learn to listen. When starting a job, while there may be opportunities to provide input, be sure to listen first. Listening can provide great insight on your co-workers and the company culture.

Don't have your manager or human resources tracking you down to complete your new hire paperwork. Find out what you will need before your start date and make sure you have it with you on your first day.

Do participate actively in new employees with training. Pay attention, take notes and ask questions if you don't understand something. You want to be able to hit the ground running so take advantage of the training provided.

Don't keep quiet or talk too much. Share your input but don't be a know-it-all. No one likes a no-it-all.

Do arrive on time, which means five minutes early to the job and meetings. Maintain this practice as an example of your work ethic.

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EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR EXECUTIVES. HERE'S HOW EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES CAN SET THE RIGHT TONE AT THE START OF THE NEW YEAR FOR SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT AND SUCCESS

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW FEATURES

With Valentine's Day around the corner, it's a good time to do a relationship check – with your job. Do you still love it? Are you passionate about your work? Committed to your organization and its mission?

As you start to disengage at work, your performance and job satisfaction go down, and both you and your employer suffer. In fact, employers worldwide identified employee engagement as their No. 1 challenge and concern in Deloitte's 2015 Global Human Capital Trends survey.

But don't hold out for bended-knee proposals and enticements from your boss to win you back. While employee engagement is generally seen as management's problem, self-aware employees who find themselves disengaging can take actions, as well, to re-engage with their work.

Here's how.

Realign your skills and responsibilities

Workers tend to feel most engaged when their skills and talents are "maximally engaged," says Mike Zani, CEO of The Predictive Index, an employee behavioral assessment provider. If you feel that your abilities are under-utilized or unappreciated, talk to your supervisor about aligning your strengths with the organization's needs, he recommends.

Seek out learning and development opportunities

If they are scarce within your organization, ask to head up a professional development committee that makes learning and company-specific training an "agile and routine experience," as the Deloitte report puts it. The most engaging learning solutions today are "on-demand, fast to absorb and available on mobile devices," according to the report, so implement "learning architecture" to support that.

Make work meaningful

You can contribute in ways besides work output. Look for opportunities to coach or mentor others. Serve on the company's volunteer or activity committee. Both you and your employer should focus not just on making money but also making a difference. "If your salary is in the normative range yet you're constantly saying you're not paid enough, that's a clear sign of disengagement," Zani says.

Keep a record of achievements

Unlike your resume, this portfolio is for your eyes only and not just about quantifiable results. It should also contain emails from higher-ups, peers and customers that praise or thank you, copies of performance reviews, and other evidence that you make a positive impact. When you need to give yourself a pep talk, grab the portfolio.

Foster a culture of gratitude

Acknowledge your peers' achievements. Say thank you, and "try to be specific about exactly what the person did that you appreciate to reinforce the positive actions," says Brandi Britton, district president of the administrative staffing firm OfficeTeam. "Showing appreciation for your coworkers' efforts sounds basic, but it's a fundamental element of motivation."

Create an environment where you want to work

Maybe your employer doesn't offer a nap room or an on-site gym. You still have control over your physical surroundings. "You'll feel more motivated to come to work every day if your workspace is comfortable, clean and has all the tools you require to do your job effectively," Britton says.

Back up and look at the big picture

Understanding how your daily work and contributions advance the organization's mission makes you more motivated to do your part and succeed, says Brian Lassiter, president of the Performance Excellence Network.

Know when to move on

"Ultimately, the issues of culture and engagement are driven by leadership," the Deloitte report concludes. That means there's only so much you can do as an employee. If you find yourself at "cross purposes" with the organization's mission, at odds with its culture or at an impasse with your direct supervisor, it may be time to look for a better fit, Zani says.

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CAREER ADVICE

WHY MOVING 'BACKWARD' CAN BE A VIABLE CAREER OPTION

Employee-employer relationships have shifted over the years, resulting in more workers returning to former workplaces as they advance in their careers

Relationships are far different today from what they once were.

Today's millennials don't make early, lifelong commitments at the rate their parents or grandparents did. And after a breakup, for instance, many still keep in touch via social media.

Given the crumbling of old conventions, it's not surprising that one recent study finds that 40 percent of respondents would consider rekindling a relationship with an ex – ex-employer, that is.

In fact, the re-hiring of former workers is becoming so prevalent that human resources professionals have coined this group "boomerang" employees.

"I think we can trace the rising acceptance of boomerang workers back to a fundamental shift in the employee-employer relationship that has been evolving over the past decade," observes David Almeda, chief people officer at Kronos Inc., a firm providing cloud-based workforce management systems.

The Workforce Institute, a research arm of Kronos, and WorkplaceTrends.com surveyed 1,800 human resources professionals, as well as employees and managers, for their views on whether, why, and when firms should rehire.

Twenty-nine percent of baby boomer workers would consider returning to a former employer, compared to 46 percent of millennials and 33 percent of Gen Xers.

The younger the worker, the more he's lived in a transparent, fluid job market, keeping up with former co-workers via social media, and getting noticed by recruiters who scour professional job sites.

"A millennial may have held three different jobs and four different internships by the time they turn 28," Almeda says. "Perhaps they were too quick to leave a company."

No matter a worker's age, a firm is more likely to welcome him back if he was well liked and respected, adds Almeda.

"Top performers who left in good standing and are top of mind with hiring managers [and] will always have a leg up on the rest of the competition," he concludes.

—Marilyn Kennedy Melia

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LEGAL NOTICE

Landscape - Notice to Bidders

Request for sealed bids, addressed to the City of Midland Housing Authority, 700 W. Scharbauer Drive, Midland, Texas, 79705, will be accepted until **April 1, 2016** and will be opened at the **April 4, 2016** Board meeting.

Property: Langtry Village, 2200 N. Pecos, Midland, **Texas 79705**

Specifications and scope may **be obtained** at the City of **Midland** Housing Authority, 700 W. Scharbauer Drive, Midland, **Texas,** 79705.

CAUSE NO. FM 60102

IN THE INTEREST OF	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
	§	
MATTHEW ALEXANDER DAVIS	§	MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
A CHILD	§	318TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO: Unknown Mother, Respondent:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do (does) not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Original Petition of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Petitioner, was filed in the 318th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, on January 26, 2016, against UNKNOWN MOTHER **and Unknown Father**, Respondents, numbered FM 60102 and entitled "In the Interest of **MATTHEW ALEXANDER DAVIS, A CHILD**". The suit requests Order for Protection of a Child, for Conservatorship and for Termination of the Parent-Child Relationship. The Court has authority in this suit to render an Order in the child's interest that will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and Seal of the Court at Midland, Texas, this the 27th day of January, 2016.

Ross Bush
Clerk of the District Court of
Midland County, Texas

By: Denna Valles, Deputy

CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL AIR & SPACE PORT (MAF)

MIDLAND AIRPARK (MDD)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The City of Midland, Texas is requesting submission of Qualifications for Professional Engineering and Architectural Consulting Services for the Midland International Air & Space Port and Midland Airpark. Sealed responses addressed to City of Midland, Texas will be received at the office of the Director of Airports, 9506 LaForce Blvd., 3rd Floor, Midland, Texas 79707, until 2:00 p.m. February 16, 2016, or as changed by issuance of formal addenda. Request for Qualifications packets are available at the office of the Director of Airports. To request a copy, please contact Justine Ruff, Director of Airports, at 432-560-2200. Interested firms shall furnish five (5) copies of the response to the RFQ. The RFQ shall be no more than 25 pages.

The Airport/City intends to select a single firm to provide the services required for the projects in the RFQ expected to be performed within five (5) years from initial contract. The Airport/City will make the selection from the RFQ's received.

These projects are as follows: (1) Airfield Storms Sewer Improvements; (2) Taxiway A and Runway 10 Intersection Reconfiguration; (3) Airside and Landside Improvements at the current Commemorative Air Force (CAF) site; (4) Rehabilitation of Runway 4/22; (5) Existing Aircraft Hangar Facility Assessment and Rehabilitation; (6) Taxiway Shoulder Improvements; (7) ARFF Vehicle(s) Acquisition; (8) Aircraft Hangar Design and Site Development at Midland Airpark.

CV51178

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO. CV51178

TO: Francisco Hernandez III, Anthony Gomez, The Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Francisco Hernandez, Jr., Deceased, and The Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Norma Rodriguez, Deceased

You are hereby commended to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 7th day of March, 2016, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 142nd District Court of Midland County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court on 03/30/15 in this cause, number CV51878 on the docket of said court, and styled:

Federal National Mortgage Association a/k/a Fannie Mae v. Norma Rodriguez, Francisco Hernandez III and the Unknown Heirs at Law of Francisco Hernandez, Jr., Deceased

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Federal National Mortgage Association a/k/a Fannie Mae v. Norma Rodriguez, Francisco Hernandez, III and the Unknown Heirs at Law of Francisco Hernandez, Jr., Deceased.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff's suit seeks rescind the vendor's lien and enforce the statutory probate lien against the real property and improvements commonly known as 3913 North Tanner Drive, Midland, Texas 79703 and more particularly described as:

BEING LOT SEVEN (7), BLOCK THIRTY TWO (32), PERMIAN ESTATES, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN CABINET A, PAGE 63, PLAT RECORDS, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at Midland, Midland County, Texas this 19th day of January, 2016.

ROSS BUSH, DISTRICT CLERK
MIDLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
500 NORTH LORAINE STREET
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

By: Angela Gordea
Deputy Clerk

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CLERK OF THE COURT
Ross Bush
500 N. Loraine St., Suite 300
Midland, Texas 79701

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY:
Blomquist, Collins & Beever P.C.
550 West Texas Avenue, Suite 645
Midland, Texas 79701

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may b taken against you."

TO: SHAWNA STOGDILL, CHRISTINA M. STOGDILL CHERNOSKE, BOB BEVERS, TIFFANY ROBERTS, CHRISTINA ROBERTS-FABIAN, AMBER ROBERTS, N.T. NELSON, MINNIE NELSON, CHARLES P. KRIES, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, MWL TOOL & SUPPLY, (BILL KERR SR., REGISTERED AGENT), J. MAR DISTRIBUTING, INC. (JIM MARONEY, REGISTERED AGENT), AND SPI ACQUISITIONS (CT CORP SYSTEMS, REGISTERED AGENT), THEIR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, Defendants in the **cause herein described.**

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 238th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, in the Courthouse located in Midland, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 7th of March, 2016, then and there to answer the petition of *DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, in Cause No. CV51836, styled DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, v. SHAWNA STOGDILL, CHRISTINA M. STOGDILL CHERNOSKE, BOB BEVERS, TIFFANY ROBERTS, CHRISTINA ROBERTS-FABIAN, AMBER ROBERTS, N.T. NELSON, MINNIE NELSON, CHARLES P. KRIES, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, MWL TOOL & SUPPLY, (BILL KERR SR., REGISTERED AGENT), J. MAR DISTRIBUTING, INC. (JIM MARONEY, REGISTERED AGENT), AND SPI ACQUISITIONS (CT CORP SYSTEMS, REGISTERED AGENT), THEIR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS*, in which DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, is Plaintiff and the above named are Defendants. The petition filed on the 23rd day of November, 2015, discloses that the nature of the suit is as follows:

An action under Section 64.091, Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, to authorize the execution of a lease covering the mineral interest of the particular Defendant (being an undivided interest therein), such lease to provide that the Plaintiff will be the lessee and authorized under such leases to explore for and produce oil and gas as therein provided. The tracts of land pertaining to the above named Defendants are described as follows:

466.571 acres, more or less, being that portion of Section 18, Block 40, Township 2 South, Texas & Pacific Railroad Company Survey, Abstract 737 in Midland County, Texas, as described in a Survey attached as Exhibit "B" and more particularly described as:

9.83 acres, more or less, being more particularly described as "Tract 1" in a Special Warranty Deed dated May 30, 2014, recorded as Document No. 201412194 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Barley Equities, VIII, LLC, to PACMidland Holdings, LLC; **2.28 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a General Warranty Deed dated October 6, 2008, recorded at Volume 3106, Page 148 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Micem, Inc., to White Knight Properties, Ltd.; **0.510 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated April 17, 2014, recorded as Document No. 201408964 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from J. B. Hicks, Inc. to DBG West, LLC; **0.52 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Correction Warranty Deed dated effective February 3, 2010, recorded as Document No. 201003195 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ogden Sprinkler Systems, Inc. to John L. Barnett; **0.18 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described as Tract 2 in a Special Warranty Deed dated May 30, 2014, recorded as Document No. 201412194 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Barley Equities, VIII, LLC, to PACMidland Holdings, LLC; **4.92 acres**, more or less, being a 2.233 acre tract more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed dated July 13, 2000, recorded at Volume 1791, Page 652 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Stewart Acquisitions, Inc. to Midessa Television Co.; **1.26 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed dated October 31, 1991, recorded at Volume 1100, Page 658 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from James T. Taylor, Receiver, to Midessa Television Co.; 1.0 acres, more or less, being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed dated November 8, 1990, recorded at Volume 1061, Page 250 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from NCNB Texas National Bank, N.A. to Darrell Crass Drilling Co., Inc.; **0.84 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed dated February 6, 1992, recorded at Volume 1112, Page 40 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Amwest Savings Association to W.C. Investments; **1.16 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated September 1, 1998, recorded at Volume 1600, Page 512 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Resource Enterprises, Inc. to Rowe Management Corp.; **0.64 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated November 3, 1994, recorded at Volume 1265, Page 576 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Harrod-Smith Properties to Carl L. Selinger; **0.67 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated effective March 1, 2010, recorded as Document No. 201202864 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from A-BCD, Inc. to West Texas Drum Company, Ltd.; **0.01 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in an Access Easement Agreement dated January 31, 2012, recorded as Document No. 201202866 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from A-BCD, Inc. to West Texas Drum Company, Ltd.; **0.58 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Corporation Special Warranty Deed dated January 30, 1991, recorded at Volume 1070, Page 321 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from F. B. Knight Restaurants, Inc. to A-BCD, Inc. d/b/a Associated Builders; **0.58 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" of a Warranty Deed dated September 1, 1998, recorded at Volume 1600, Page 523 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from WCD Investments to Rowe Management Corp.; **0.61 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Corporation Special Warranty Deed dated January 30, 1991, recorded at Volume 1070, Page 319 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from F. B. Knight Restaurants, Inc. to A-BCD, Inc. d/b/a Associated Builders; **1.3 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described as "Tract 4" in a Conveyance Deed dated effective December 31, 1976, recorded at Volume 616, Page 292 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from James Richard Hinkle, et ux, to Harry Bowen Hinkle; **12.23 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated November 27, 1968, recorded at Volume 509, Page 170 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Hinkle Enterprises, Inc. to Warfield Truck Terminal, Inc.; **66.08 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Lease Agreement dated October 24, 1959, recorded at Volume 329, Page 653 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas; **3.64 acres**, more or less, out of a 26.69 acre tract described in a Lease Agreement dated October 24, 1959, recorded at Volume 320, Page 653 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, and a 26.69 acre tract described in a Lease Agreement dated June 1, 1951, recorded at Volume 146, Page 60? of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas; **270.06 acres**, more or less, being 378.9 acres, SAVE and EXCEPT the 20 Tracts described above; **3.23 acres**, more or less, being 3.95 acres, more or less, more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed dated July 25, 1991, recorded at Volume 1089, Page 724 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Team Bank to J.P. Stroud, SAVE and EXCEPT 0.72 of an acre, more or less, described below; **0.72 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated October 25, 1991, recorded at Volume 1101, Page 404 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Montevallo, Inc. to AAA Office Coffee Service, Inc.; **0.35 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated November 17, 1989, recorded at Volume 1026, Page 434 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Team Bank, N.A. to Kenneth Lee Craft; **0.74 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated July 25, 1988, recorded at Volume 974, Page 629 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Team American Bank/Midland to Kenneth Lee Craft and wife, Letty J. Craft; **0.21 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas; **1.181 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Correction Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated July 2, 1985, recorded at Volume 879, Page 159 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Texas American Bank/Midland to La Rene Menzel; **0.05 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 5, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas, and being that portion of said 6.74 acres comprising Highway 80; **7.36 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated December 9, 1977, recorded at Volume 631, Page 496 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Fred Leggett, et al. to M W L Tool & Supply Co.; **0.49 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract being more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas; **10.53 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated November 2, 1951, recorded at Volume 158, Page 323 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George R. McDonald, to Joe W. Manning, Jr. and C.E. Ames; **0.88 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract being more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas, **10.61 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated May 31, 1951, recorded at Volume 146, Page 204 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George R. McDonald, to T.W. Cadenhead; **1.87 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas; **11.09 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Correction Warranty Deed dated February 9, 1951, recorded at Volume 138, Page 6 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George R. McDonald, to I.P. LaRue, et al; **2.42 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas; **6.09 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated November 26, 1951, recorded at Volume 157, Page 466 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from N.T. Nelson and wife, Minnie E. Nelson, to A.W. George; **2.0 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 3.85 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 2, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 631 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from N.T. Nelson and wife, Minnie B. Nelson, to the State of Texas; **9.48 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 15.7 acre tract more particularly described in a Right of Way Easement dated November 3, 1933, recorded at Volume 51, Page 466 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Goldie Dawson to the State of Texas, and being that portion of said 15.7 acres comprising Highway 80 which lies adjacent to a 74.9 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated February 19, 1948, recorded at Volume 98, Page 366 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from H.H. Dillard to Mrs. Ann McDonald; **4.19 acres**, more or less, comprising a portion of the T & P Railroad Co. Right-of-Way, from the southern line of Highway 80 to the centerline thereof; **11.02 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 15.7 acre tract more particularly described in a Right of Way Easement dated November 3, 1933, recorded at Volume 51, Page 466 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Goldie Dawson to the State of Texas, and being that portion of said 15.7 acres comprising Highway 80 which lies adjacent to a 13.4 acre tract more particularly described in (1) a Quit Claim Deed dated July 5, 1946, recorded at Volume 92, Page 138 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from H.H. Dillard to Floyd R. Dean, and (2) a Quit Claim Deed dated January 13, 1948, recorded at Volume 96, Page 614 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from H.H. Dillard to N.T. Nelson; and **3.36 acres**, more or less, comprising a portion of the T & P Railroad Co. Right-of-Way, from the southern line of Highway 80 to the centerline thereof;

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court on this 19th day of January, 2016, at 12:15 p.m., Midland County, Texas.

Angela L. Gardea, Clerk
District Court of Midland County, Texas

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Lost & Found

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Barbara Gayle Pitchford, Deceased, were issued on January 19, 2016, in Cause No. P18537, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Juanita Gayle Mitchell.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o **Juanita Gayle Mitchell**
2310 S. County Rd. 1118
Midland, Texas 79706

DATED the 19th day of January, 2016.

/s/ AUSTIN L. RAMSEY
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Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for **GROUND MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES** for Midland Memorial Hospital 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy., Midland, Texas 79701.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Monday, January 25, 2016.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1183 - 012516.**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dorothy Farris Bass, Deceased, were issued on January 19, 2016, in Cause No. P18535, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Nita Diane Bass Evans and John Gregory Bass.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Austin L. Ramsey**
Attorney at Law
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
MIDLAND, Texas 79701

DATED the 19th day of January, 2016

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TOYOTA 2008 Tundra, exterior black, cloth seat, all power, AC, automatic, 5.7 V8, grill guard, Rhino lined bed, running boards tool box, 91K miles. Asking $15,500. 432-254-1007.

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RVs

RV SPACES for rent northeast Midland, fenced area. Utilities furnished and background checks required for the safety of our park. Call 432-894-8234.

Utility Trailers

2013 TIGER gooseneck trailer. 40 foot. Tandem duals. Excellent condition. $7,950. 432-631-9868.

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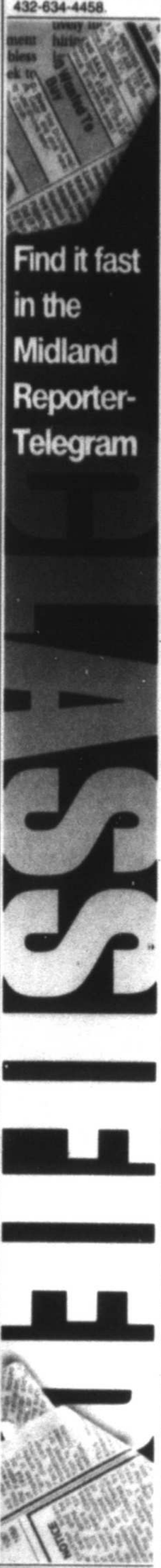

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Deborah Land
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT FOR PERMANENT ROCK AND CONCRETE CRUSHERS

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 137927

APPLICATION. Victory Rock Texas, LLC, 215 Rocky Coast Drive, Austin, Texas 78738-1778 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration Number 137927, which would authorize construction of a permanent rock crusher. The Midkiff Rock Crusher Plant facility is proposed to be located at 11000 Texas Highway 349, Midkiff, Upton County, Texas 79755. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.502219&lng=-101.934166&zoom=13&type=r. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 4, 2016. The executive director has determined the application was technically complete on January 20, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments about this application may be submitted at any time during the public comment period. You may submit public comments either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. If you choose to communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS. A written response to all relevant comments will be prepared by the executive director after the comment period closes. The response, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and requested to be added to the mailing list. The response to comments will be posted in the permit file for viewing.

The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 30 days after the end of the public comment period, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit.

CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, located at 9900 W Interstate 20 Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79706-2636, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning the first day of publication of this notice.

INFORMATION. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1 800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Victory Rock Texas, LLC, 215 Rocky Coast Drive, Austin, Texas 78738-1778, or by calling Mr. Scott Cusick, CEO at (801) 509-1239.

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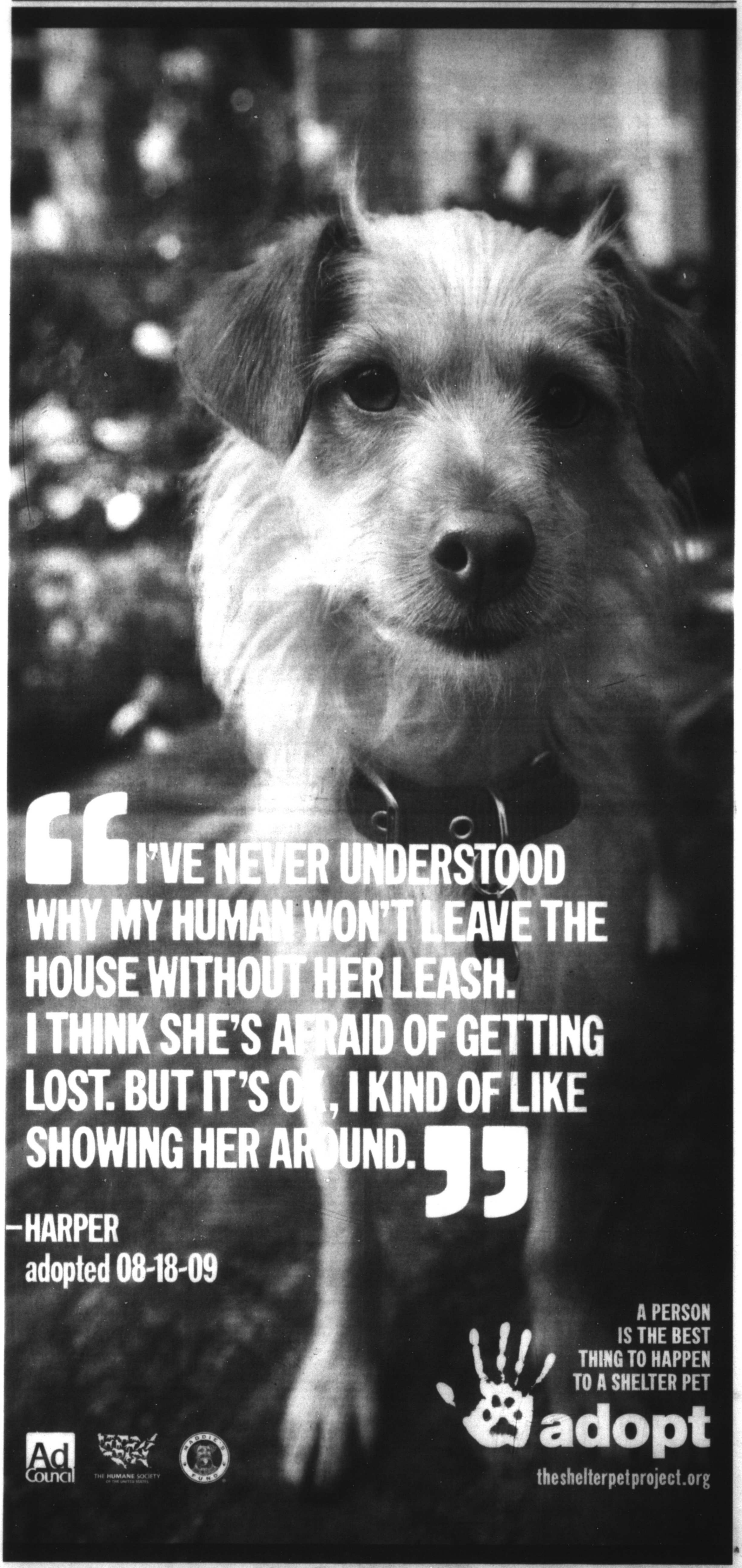
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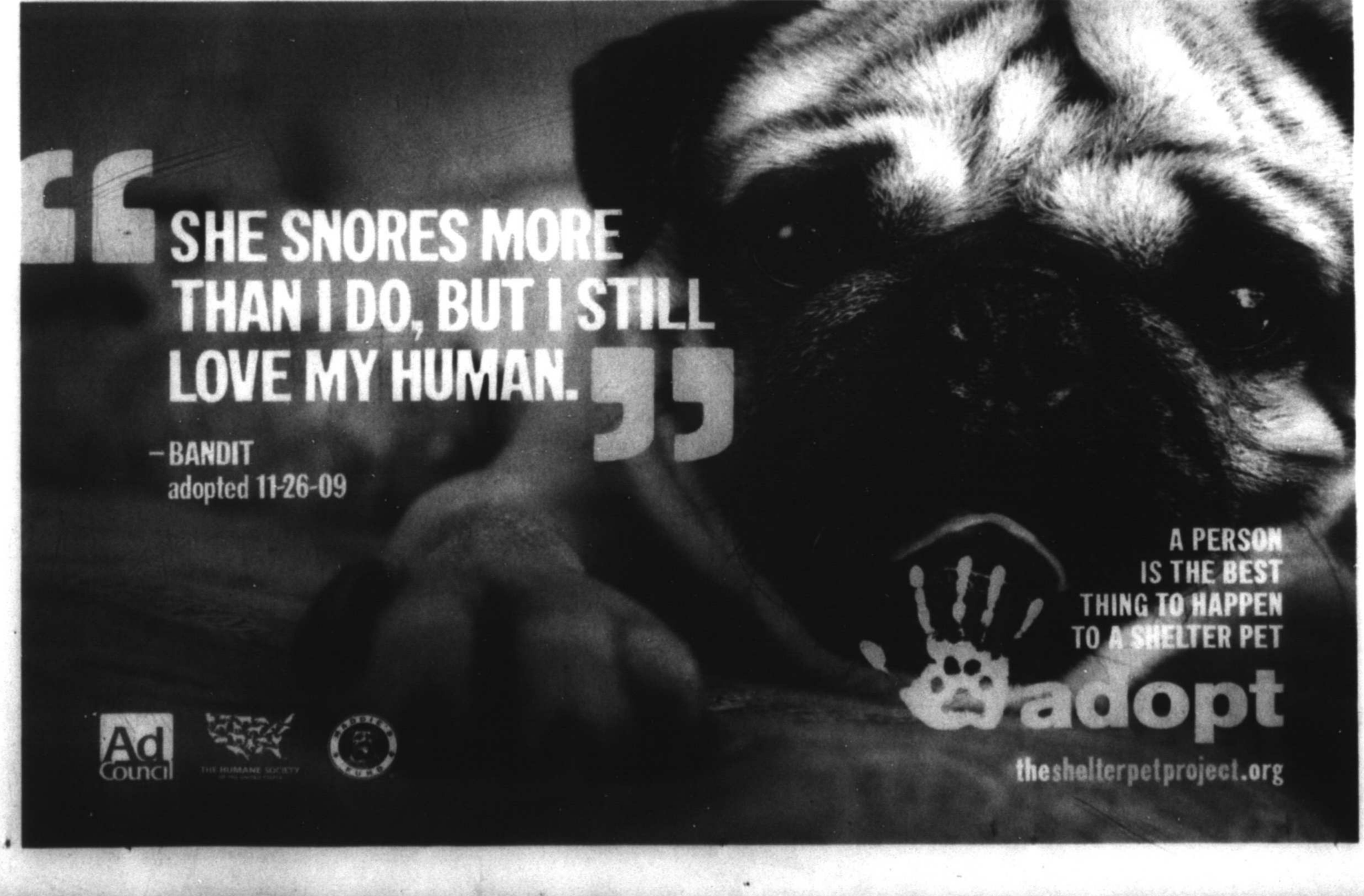

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MOVE IN WITH MOM AND DAD?

QUESTION:

Our parents are in the process of retiring to a new location. I'd like to join them, but I'm finding that despite a good education and training I have not been able to advance in my field because of widespread layoffs. I know it's not "cool," but I'm thinking of buying with my parents and sharing a house. Does this sort of thing happen very often?

ANSWER:

In many cultures the young help the old, and the idea is fairly common in the U.S. According to a study by the National Association of Realtors, 13 percent of all existing home purchases actually involved multi-generational real estate.

"The main reasons for purchasing a multi-generational home," reports Brandi Snowden, a research survey analyst with the NAR, "was for the health and caretaking of aging parents (22 percent), cost savings (14 percent), children or relatives over 18 moving back into the house (12 percent), to spend more time with aging parents (8 percent), and children or relatives over 18 that never left home (8 percent)."

There are a number of issues to consider with multi-generational housing.

First, what are residents' health needs and how might that change in the future?

Second, what kind of property works best for everyone? One possible option is a single-story property with an "in-law suite" that is separate from the other bedrooms in the house.

Third, what are the financial arrangements? Who pays for the mortgage - if there is one - in addition to such things as utilities, taxes and insurance?

Fourth, what happens if things change? For example, who gets ownership of the property in the event of the parents' passing? What if someone wants to move or has to for work?

Fifth, what if there's a divorce? The Census Bureau says that by age 60 almost a quarter of us have been married at least twice and 9.1 percent have been married three times. Divorce happens and when it does the financial consequences can be substantial.

Essentially, you want to look at two separate types of information. What kind of property and location would work best? As well as what kind of paperwork do you need to make a multi-generational arrangement workable? Issues like wills, title to the property, how profits and losses are to be divided case of the sale, how costs are to be shared and similar issues. For advice, speak with an attorney who specializes in elder law, in addition a fee-only financial planner.

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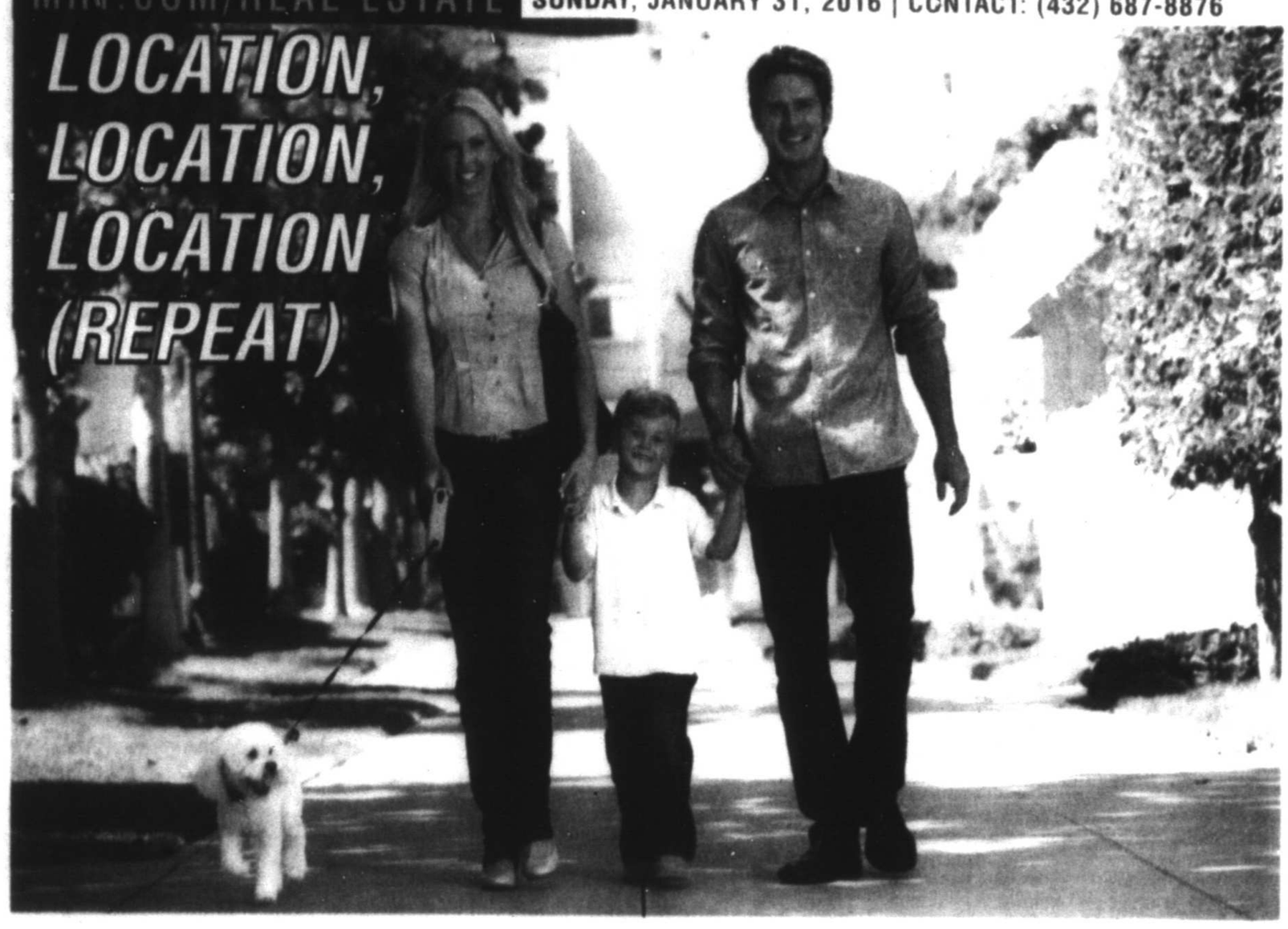

HOW TO BALANCE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PREFERENCES WITH THE REALITIES OF YOUR BUDGET

By LAURA DEPTA
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It is relatively simple to find the average rental costs or home values for a given city, but choosing a specific home location might prove more difficult. Most urban areas are full of different neighborhoods, the features and costs of which can vary greatly.

Just as Montana and Florida are separate parts of the whole that is the United States, Georgetown and Eckington are two drastically different areas inside Washington, D.C. Not only does each neighborhood come with its own characteristics, but housing costs also vary.

According to the 2015 National Rent Report from Apartment List, a San Francisco-based apartment rental company, the median monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Washington, D.C., is $2,800. Yet, according to more specific neighborhood data provided by Apartment List (from August 2014), the median cost in Georgetown is $3,680, while the corresponding number in Eckington is $2,170.

The variance in housing costs can be explained by a variety of factors, not just in Washington, D.C., but across the country.

In Chicago, for instance, proximity to the downtown Loop is key. Maurice Ortiz, director of operations at rental and ownership company Apartment People, explains, "If you were comparing Rogers Park, which would be the furthest neighborhood to the north, versus River North, which is literally steps from downtown, you can be easily paying double what the rents are."

Ortiz also references "walk scores," which he describes as encompassing proximity to entertainment, gyms, grocery stores, restaurants and local attractions. "Chicago has so many great things to offer," he says. "And the more of those that you can access dictate what the rents will be in a given area."

Of course, regardless of city, neighborhood desirability varies based on individual preference. Still, there are some factors that tend to be more influential than others.

Andrew Woo, manager of data science at Apartment List, points out four San Francisco neighborhood characteristics he believes most significant (other than cost) to those looking for housing. He cites crime and safety, access to amenities like parks and restaurants, quality of schools and commute time.

"Depending on how you get to work and the public transportation routes, even if you're only two to three miles away, it can take 30 to 45 minutes to get to work," Woo says. "So that's something people keep in mind."

Woo names the Mission and SoMa as up-and-coming San Francisco neighborhoods. "SoMa is increasingly popular because a lot of people work there in tech, and there's a lot of newer, relatively expensive but nicer apartment buildings that have amenities, like in-unit washer and dryer, that older parts of the city might not have," he offers.

Of course, not everyone can afford his or her ideal neighborhood. In that case, there are several possible courses of action.

"Sometimes it's as easy as maybe opening up your options," Ortiz says. "Let's say you're coming in looking for a one-bedroom for $1,000, and there's just nothing in your price range, would you consider a studio? You won't have the space that you would with a one-bedroom, but you'll be exactly where you want to be."

There could also be cheaper alternatives to a desired neighborhood. In Chicago, for instance, the Logan Square neighborhood is becoming more popular for its similarities to Bucktown and Wicker Park along with its relative affordability.

Again, no one person is going to have the same set of personal and professional circumstances, and his or her desired qualities in a neighbored will surely vary. The key is to understand exactly how areas vary, and how those differences will affect your bottom line, when choosing your next home.

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THE MARKET

TIPS FOR BUYERS AND SELLERS IN 2016

How to make sure you close the deal in the new year

Two thousand sixteen is expected to be a healthy year in the real estate market, according to the experts at Realtor.com, which predicts home prices, new-construction starts and new home sales all will rise in the coming year (3, 12 and 16 percent, respectively). But a positive outlook doesn't necessarily help the buyers and sellers in the market close their deals.

Here, the site lays out some tips.

FOR BUYERS

• Start early. More than 85 percent of buyers who plan to buy this year plan to do so in the spring or summer, according to a Realtor.com study. Looking in January or February means you have roughly 50 percent more listings relative to the number of potential sales. Looking now means you'll face less competition.

• Comparison shop for loans. Mortgage rates are expected to climb to 4.65 percent in 2016. With rising home prices, you'll want to put in as much effort in finding the right mortgage as you do the right home.

• Consider new construction. With expected growth in new homes, buyers are likely to have less competition in shopping for a new home — and enjoy a wider selection of options.

FOR SELLERS

• List during the peak. The prime buying season starts in April and hit its peak in June, according to Realtor.com analysis of sales. Listing during the prime months can mean more buyers, more competition and a higher sales price.

• Price to the market. Home prices are expected to rise slightly this year. Optimize the price of your home by highlighting its unique features and surrounding neighborhood for the best chance of increasing the potential sale price and shortening its time on the market.

• Offer incentives. Last year, nearly 40 percent of sellers offered incentives to attract buyers. Being open to negotiating more than the price may lead to scenarios that help quickly close a deal.

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7 Things You Should Never Do to Your Home

New homeowners can be overwhelmed with the list of things they should do to their homes on a regular basis – clean the gutters and replace the furnace filters, for example. But, say the Wall St. Journal's home advisors, there are at least seven things a homeowner should never do – and here's why:

Don't do your own plumbing chores—No matter how handy you think you are, leave the plumbing to the pros, experts say. The risks are high if you mess up, and homeowners may not have a good grasp on building codes and safety requirements.

Don't do electrical work—The same caveats apply here – and the greatest risk of all is electrocution!

Don't be too quick to remove a wall—It may seem like a great idea to give yourself a little extra space. But don't do anything until you check with a contractor or an engineer to be sure the wall you want to remove is not a load-bearing wall.

Re-think a bump-out—In the same vein, think twice about moving a wall only slightly to gain a little space. Contractors say these little bump-outs are too costly. You'll get more bang for your buck by opening the new space on a bigger scale.

Don't remodel too much—By the same token, give plenty of thought before you start remodeling. If you want the best return on your investment, keep remodeling costs in line with what other homes in your neighborhood are worth.

Don't neglect your yard—Bad front yards anger the neighbors and bring down property values. Don't be the one who doesn't get around to cleaning up and caring for the yard.

Don't forget not everyone loves your pets—even if the pet smells, hair and stains don't bother you, they likely bother your guests—and they will certainly bother potential buyers, so keep the carpets clean and open the windows when you can.

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HOUSING TRENDS

Many home fads are geared to pare maintenance and energy use and deliver information faster. In real estate trends typically come slowly, often well after they appear in commercial spaces and fashion. Which way the trend will go is hard to predict, but here are some top trends that experts expect to catch on:

■ **Open spaces go mainstream.** An open floor plan may feel like old hat, but it is becoming a wish beyond the young hipster demographic, so you will see this layout in traditional condo buildings and single-family suburban homes. The reason? After the kitchen became the home's hub, the next step was to remove all walls for greater togetherness.

■ **Freestanding tubs.** Freestanding tubs may conjure images of Victorian-era opulence, but the newest iteration from companies like Kohler shows a cool sculptural hand. These tubs compliment other bathroom trends: open wall niches and single wash basins, since two people rarely use the room simultaneously.

■ **Quartzite.** While granite still appeals, quartzite is becoming the new hot contender, thanks to its reputation as a natural stone that is virtually indestructible. It also more closely resembles the most luxe classic - marble - without the drawbacks of staining easily.

■ **Porcelain floors.** If you are going to go with imitation wood, porcelain will be your 2015 go-to. It is less expensive and wears as well as or better than the real thing. Porcelain can be found in traditional small tiles or long, linear planks. It is also available in numerous colors and textures, including popular one-color combos with slight variations for a hint of differentiation. Good places to use this material are high-traffic rooms and areas exposed to moisture.

■ **Charging stations.** With the size of electronic devices shrinking and the proliferation of Wi-Fi, demand for large desks and separate home office is waning. However, home owners still need a dedicated space for charging devices and the most popular location is a corner of a kitchen.

■ **Multiple master suites.** Having tow master bedroom suites, each with its own adjoining bathroom, makes a house work better for multiple generations. Such an arrangement allows grown children ad aging parents to move in for long- or short-term stays, but the arrangement also welcomes out-of-town guests. When both suites are locate on the main level, you hit the jackpot.

■ **Storage.** The new buzzword is "specialized storage," placed right where it is needed. Home owners want everything to have its place. More home owners are increasingly willing to pare the dimensions of a second or third bedroom in order to gain a suitably-sized walk-in closet in their master bedroom. In a kitchen, it may mean a "super pantry" - a butler's pantry on steroids with prep space, open storage, secondary appliances, and even a room for wrapping gifts.

■ **Keyless entry.** Forget your key? No big deal as builders tart to switch to biometric fingerprint door locks with numerical algorithms entered in a database. Some systems permit home owners to track who entered and when.

■ **Water conservation.** The concerns of drought-ravaged California are spreading nationwide. Home owners can now purchase rainwater harvesting tanks, graywater systems, weather-controlled watering stations, permeable pavers, drought-tolerant plants, and no- or low-mow grasses.

■ **Salon-style walls.** Instead of displaying a few distinct pieces on a wall, the "salon style" trend features works from floor to ceiling and wall-to-wall. Think Parisian salon at the turn of the century. Use a common denominator for cohesiveness, such as the same mat, frame color, or subject matter. Before you hang art work, space pieces four to five inches apart, starting at the center and at eye level and working outward, then up and down.

■ **Return to human scale.** During the McMansion craze, kitchens got so big they almost required skates to get around. Now there is a return to a more human, comfortable scale. In many living areas that will mean just enough space for one conversation grouping, and in kitchens one set of appliances, fewer countertops, and smaller island.

■ **Outdoor living.** Interest in spending time outdoors keeps growing. These spaces now include outdoor showers adjacent to pools and hot tubs along with better-equipped roof decks for urban dwellers. Also expect to see improvements in perks for pets, such as private dog runs.

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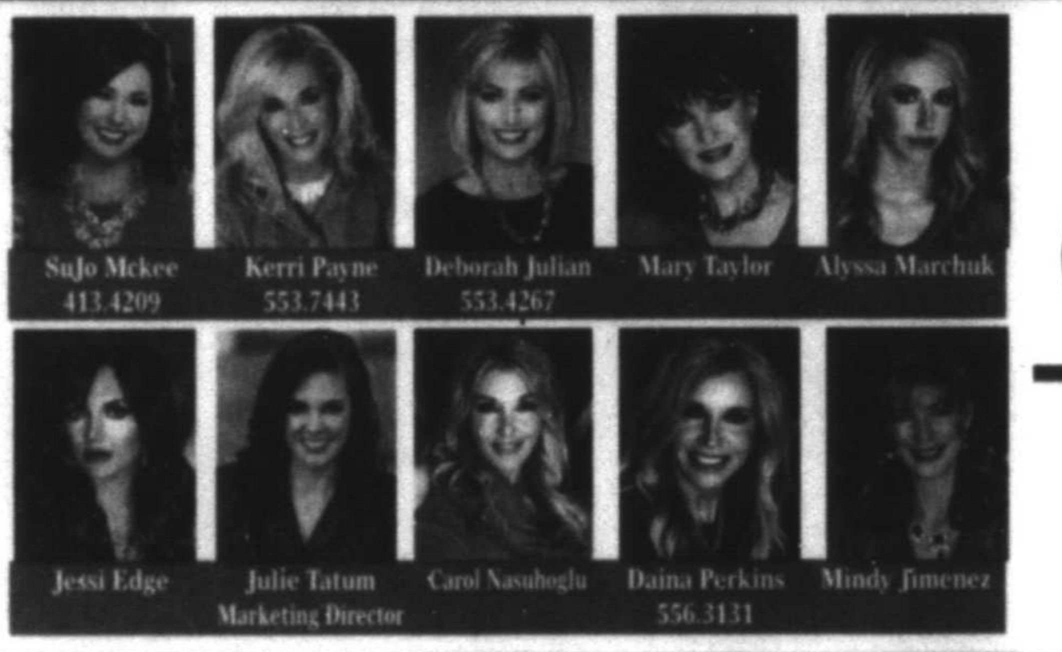

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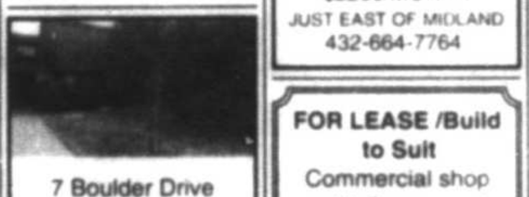

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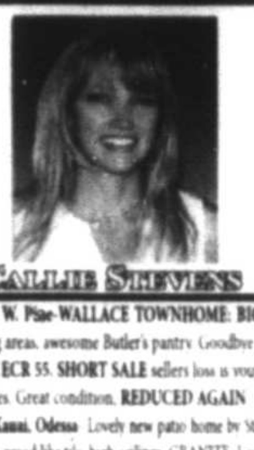

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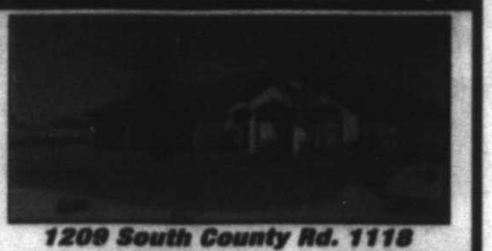

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3809 Cedar Spring	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$175,000
3409 Fairview Lane	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
7217 Raphael St	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$222,000
6010 Wagner	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$235,000
4000 Compton Drive	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
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4009 Lamonwood Lane	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$319,900
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3700 Cready Court	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool	$439,900
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9607 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
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7117 E. Co. Rd 91	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2+ Car Garage	U/C
10603 S. Co. Rd. 105	Michael Davis Homes/5 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$432,000
4306 San Pedro	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$435,000
7407 E. Co. Rd. 93	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$435,000
5315 Brown Heart Ln	Diaz Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$449,000
5306 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$476,500
1209 S. Co. Rd. 1118	Olgin Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 car garage	$489,900
5306 Balfour Ct	A&E Home Construction/5 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	$519,900
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14941 Sunflower Ave	Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/7.2 Acres	$199,900
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10603 E. Co. Rd. 105	Greenwood/5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$432,900
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Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

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3809 Cedar Springs	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$1,700
1606 Texas Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$1,650
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1104 SILVERTON DR		$168,000
12810 FM 307	FACT ID #1072	$690,000
11602 COUNTY RD. 58	FACT ID #1072	$475,000
5315 BREATHOUSE	FACT ID #1072	$423,725
1001 RANGERS CT	FACT ID #1036	$242,000
5104 TEAKWOOD		$399,900
6009 OAK CREEK DR		$395,500
805 WOODLAWN PARK AVE		$395,500
4405 LLANO COURT		$388,500
5802 DEVLIN PLACE		$373,900
5211 BREATHOUSE AVE	FACT ID #1067	$365,000
6104 WICHITA		$360,500
6105 INDIGO SKY	FACT ID #1086	$360,000
5108 WICHITA		$358,500
6004 ERIC DR		$358,500
412 NOLAN RYAN	FACT ID #1012	$358,410
307 SKYWOOD CIRCLE	FACT ID #1721	SOLD
4307 VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1036	$339,000
5006 APPLE CREEK ROAD		SOLD
3204 BLOSSOM	FACT ID #1080	U/C
5910 PEDERNALES DR	FACT ID #1080	$313,900

4+ BEDROOM		
808 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1085	$278,000
2906 AURORA	FACT ID #0941	$248,500
3401 UPLAND ST	FACT ID #1065	$169,000
3313 CAMARIE AVE	FACT ID #1096	N/A

3 BEDROOM		
4109 SPRINGFIELD CT	FACT ID #1097	$318,000
908 TRINIDAD		$309,900
4021 ROSEWOOD		$309,500
504 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$299,900
5803 PEDERNALES	FACT ID #1038	$299,000
1210 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1062	$299,500
3208 FRONTIER AVE	FACT ID #1026	$295,000
2516 SEABOARD AVE	FACT ID #1033	SOLD
4023 SPRING MEADOW	FACT ID #1025	SOLD
3401 PRINCETON AVE	FACT ID #1055	$239,500
5011 JOY DR	FACT ID #2161	SOLD
4703 CHEROKEE DR		$235,000
1011 OLD COURSE RD	FACT ID #2091	$230,000
717 W. PINE	FACT ID #1096	$225,000
4003 COUNTY RD. 1247		SOLD
4406 TRYON ST	FACT ID #1070	N/A
805 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1018	$189,900

3 BEDROOM		
3211 E 8TH	FACT ID #1090	$175,000
3015 STOREY AVE	FACT ID #1095	$161,000
4516 LLOYD DR	FACT ID #1042	N/A
712 PINE AVE	FACT ID #1090	N/A
3308 W TAHOKA RD		$80,000

2 BEDROOM		
1501 E 17TH		$115,000

COMMERCIAL		
6201 E CO. RD. 61	FACT ID #0973	$300,000

LAND		
3416 W COUNTY RD. 109		$30,000
3702 CEDAR SPRING	2.01 AC	$25,000

ODESSA		
3521 GRANDRIDGE	FACT ID #1082	$299,900
9648 W VALLEY VIEW DR	FACT ID #1082	$299,900
2416 S BIG SPRING PLACE	FACT ID #1054	SOLD
2001 N JESSE AVE		SOLD
1301 E 42ND ST	FACT ID #1063	SOLD
2800 RIVIERA DR		SOLD
3001 VISTA STREET	FACT ID #1090	SOLD
1402 W 51ST ST	FACT ID #1090	SOLD

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

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1900 N. I St.
Corner of I & Winfield - $379,000

Wonderful "Old Midland" home on a corner lot with side entry garages. There are 3 bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths and with 2729 sqft. all the rooms are very spacious! Beautiful backyard with large covered patio, hot tub, pool with recent heater, cinder block fence for privacy and still lush green grass for outdoor entertaining. The front offers a long covered front porch and mature trees. This home has been updated with paint, flooring, insulation & oversized stone pavers in the backyard for additional entertaining space. Also, the kitchen and master bath have been completely remodeled as well! The kitchen, dining and formal living are open to each other which provides a wonderful entertainment space. There is a private den with fireplace that can open to the large finished sunroom via French doors. The half bath is perfectly situated by the back door for great access to the pool area. The home boasts many oversized closets (3 in the master) throughout which provides an abundance of storage! For your private showing call Cindy Kellough, Broker @ (432)556-4044 or Christina McMillan, Realtor @ (432)556-4155.

(Open Sunday 1:30-3:00 pm)

4717 Boulder Ave.
$229,000

Beautiful 3 bedroom and 3 bath townhome with 1743 sqft. This is a builder's personal home that was completely remodeled and offers so much for the price! The front yard is beautifully landscaped with a recent pergola, new grass and beautiful flower beds. The back offers a low maintenance oversized covered patio off the kitchen – great for grilling! This spacious home offers vaulted ceilings in the living room and master bedroom, large walk-in Christmas closets and a private balcony for the master suite. Additionally, the master bathroom offers a wonderfully spacious walk-in shower with two shower heads – one a rainfall. Other updates include: new siding & roof after 2009 hailstorm, dishwasher, microwave, AC compressor, water heater, sinks, flooring, paint, tile surround in both upstairs baths, granite, 2" wood blinds, upgraded electrical, new plumbing & cut-offs under all sinks. The garage is insulated and climate controlled with an additional storage room at the back ready for any hobby! For your private showing call Cindy Kellough, Broker @ (432)556-4044 or Christina McMillan, Realtor @ (432)556-4155.

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The Bottom Line

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Four Reasons to Buy a Home in 2016

If you've been wavering about whether or not to purchase a home of your own, 2016 might be the year to take the plunge.

"If your New Year's resolution is to become a homeowner, this is a great year to buy," said Lydia Scudder, 2016 Permian Basin Board of REALTORS® President. "With home inventories increasing and a good job market and financial conditions, 2016 is shaping up to be a great year to get into your dream home."

Here are four reasons why 2016 is the year to become a homeowner:

Rent costs are high. Rent prices have been rising the past few years and are expected to continue climbing in 2016. What this means is in many cities owning is simply cheaper than renting. "While saving for a down payment can be a complicated financial maneuver for some, at the end of the day, a mortgage may be the better deal for many current renters who are ready, willing and able to purchase," said Scudder. "And the money spent on your mortgage is paying for your own asset that will usually appreciate in value, rather than going to a landlord."

Interest rates are low. Interest rates are historically low, and potential buyers cannot expect that to last forever. "Buyers may not see interest rates this low again in their lifetimes, so now is the time to jump on them," Scudder explained. "Chances are you will see good rates throughout the year, but the sooner buyers lock something in the better deal they can expect to get."

Home prices are stabilizing. More homeowners are expected to place their homes on the market in 2016, which should provide a boost to inventory and help in steadying rising prices. "Home prices have been climbing for years, but the market seems to be experiencing a cooling off period that potential home buyers can capitalize on," said Scudder.

Mortgage terms are clearer. Clearer, easier to understand loan terms and paperwork at the closing table should make things easier for homebuyers, especially first-time homebuyers, with the recent integration of several mortgage closing documents. According to Scudder, "This is going to help buyers better understand their financial commitment and keep surprises from showing up at the closing table."

Contact The Permian Basin Board of REALTORS® or visit www.pbbor.org to speak with a Realtor® about buying a home in 2016.

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3609 S. Co. Rd. 1184	1205 Breckenridge Dr.	4717 Boulder	1900 N I Street	5132 Ashdown Place	2400 Haynes Dr.
$299,000	$495,000	$229,000	$379,000	$215,785	$185,000
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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS

2001 Sinclair Ave.-Best of the best in Warwick! 7bdrms/8fbths/4hbths. WOW! $1,500,000
1205 Breckenridge Dr.-Great plan in Woodland Park! $495,000
908 Neely Ave. - Charming 3bdrm/2bth Highland Park Townhouse with many updates! $280,000
2507 Candle Tree Cove-3BR, 2 bath, well kept in Plantation Hills! $249,000
4717 Boulder Ave.-Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse w/so many updates! $229,000
2600 Storey Ave.-Charming 3 bedroom/2 bath home with nice updates $175,000
4702 Gateway-Immaculate! 3 bdrm/2 bth with open flowing plan For Lease $1,700

TWO BEDROOMS

907 Ventura Ave - Lovely 2 Bedroom Townhome! Move right in and enjoy U/C $215,000
412 E. Wadley Ave.-Very well taken care of and is lovely and comfortable as can be! U/C $135,000

THREE BEDROOMS

2211 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $795,000
1920 Crescent Pl.-Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in great location $650,000
1909 Crescent Pl.-Wonderful townhome in Crescent Place $550,000
10005 S. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! $575,000
2500 Sinclair Ave.-Tree shaded 3bdrm/2bth townhome in very established neighborhood U/C $395,000
1900 N. I Street-Wonderful location - I & Winfield. Great backyard w/sparkling pool $379,000
Lot10Bk3 E. County Rd. 120-New construction 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home in The Meadows $376,000
4919 Kingsboro Ct.-Meadow Park jewel! Lots of new in this spacious 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home! Walk to Pool and Clubhouse! $350,000
2102 Neely Ave.-Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2.5bth townhouse in Old Midland $329,000
1404 Douglas-Lovely 3 bdrm/2bth home in great neighborhood, great plan w/POOL! U/C $325,000
902 W. Pine Ct.-Lovely townhome in Highland Park $324,900
3609 S. County Rd. 1184-Spacious 3BR, great country property $299,000
3104 Chelsea Place-Stunning w/lots of Granite! Open floor plan w/beautiful living area, formal dining and bright kitchen SOLD $295,900
908 Neely Ave. - Charming 3bdrm/2bth Highland Park Townhouse with many updates! $280,000
13304 FM 307- Wonderful 3Bdrm/2Bth home with great additions $285,000
3911 County Rd. 1185-Wonderful country property close to town w/large open concept plan $279,000
4 Cambridge Ct.- Charming three bedroom & bonus room on quiet cul-de-sac U/C $275,000
2200 Neely Ave.-Great home with 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths $260,000
2507 Candle Tree Cove-3BR, 2 bath, well kept in Plantation Hills! $249,000
1100 Godfrey St.-Nothing but the best - from stately exterior to attention to detail interior plus convenient location $248,000
4717 Boulder Ave.-Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse w/so many updates! $229,000
5132 Ashdown Place-Tons of space in this 3bdrm/2bth home in Saddle Club South $215,785
3701 Oakmont Dr.-Wonderfully kept 3 bedroom/2 bath with some lovely updates! SOLD $205,000
2410 Camarie-3/2 w/2 living areas, 1 block from Fannin Elementary $191,500
2400 Haynes Dr.-Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home w/some fresh paint, a newly remodeled kitchen $185,000
2600 Storey Ave.-Charming 3 bedroom/2 bath home with nice updates $175,000
3223 W. Shandon Ave.-Priced to sell, loads of potential!! U/C $174,000
2100 Wadley #85-Large spacious Chandelle Condo w/3 bdrms/3bths U/C $145,900

FOUR BEDROOMS

519 Sir Barton Pkwy-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan $1,150,000
2900 N. L St.-Fabulous Warwick! Updates everywhere! Contemporary flair! Great plan!! $950,000
1205 Breckenridge Dr.-Great plan in Woodland Park! $495,000
6701 E. County Rd. 112-Beautiful new construction in Cowboy Estates! U/C $476,500
2105 Co. Rd. 1060-Beautiful custom 4bdr/3bth Tom Woodruff resale on 5 acres w/all the bells and whistles! $455,000
Lot11Bk3 E. County Rd. 125-home in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now such as granite, brick, etc. $449,600
811 Trinidad Place - Woodland Park/Mark Payne 4Bdrm/3Bth Beauty with lush landscaped yard, bricked beds & back courtyard U/C $449,500
6607 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bdr/2bth Ashingdon home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! $439,500
7200 E. Co. Rd. 112-Beautiful Chaney Ranch Hurry while you can still choose your selection today $408,320
2806 Parton Way-Less than 3 year old Bernal home beautifully maintained in Mayfield Pl. $385,900
7208 E. County Rd. 112-Chaney Ranch is finally ready for your Dream Home! You can make all your selections now $380,400
2711 Savoy-Beautiful 4bdrm/2.5bth custom built home w/fabulous attention to detail U/C $379,900
Lot9Bk3 E. County Rd. 120-New construction in The Madows. Call Holly to make selections now $353,700
2701 S. Co. Rd. 1080-Better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, good plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! $339,500
1500 S. County Rd. 1085-Beautiful new construction on quiet street (dead ends) Large open floorplan $335,000
5001 Diamond Dr.-Beautiful spacious 4/3 w/plenty of entertaining space U/C $319,000
2503 Culpeper Dr.-Gorgeous 4 bdrm, 2 bath, updated kitchen, fabulous landscaping plus workshop $290,900
3605 Roosevelt Ave.-Remodeled 4 bdrm/3 bth home w/2 car garage $220,000
3300 S. County Rd. 1080-Great opportunity to have an acre of land in Greenwood. 4br/3 bath w/lots of space $169,000
2107 N. Benton-Really updated 4Bdrm/2Bth home at an amazing price U/C $164,000

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

2001 Sinclair Ave.-Best of the best in Warwick! 7bdrms/8fbths/4hbths. WOW! $1,500,000
5100 Alysheba-Gorgeous pool and outdoor kitchen $1,450,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision w/acreage 638-3090

TOWN HOUSES AND PATIO HOMES

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902 W. Pine Ct.-Lovely townhome in Highland Park $324,900
908 Neely Ave. - Charming 3bdrm/2bth Highland Park Townhouse with many updates! $280,000

FOR LEASE

1409 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111

FOR LEASE

10601-A W. Murphy, Odessa-For sublease, 7,750 shop & 1,500 sq. ft. of office, on I-20 Service Rd Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
4702 Gateway-Immaculate! 3 bdrm/2 bth with open flowing plan For Lease $1,700
4315-B W. Dengar-2bdrm/1bth w/private fenced back yard with patio area for grilling For Lease $1,000

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE

Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build you dream home 638-3090
S. Co. Rd. 1120-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood $2,080,000
I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1116.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 $2,000,000
S. Co. Rd. 1040-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood $1,303,200
3810 Jasmine-Oasis on the Interstate! $475,000
1100 E. Co. Rd. 150-56.39 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 $451,120
5703 E. Co. Rd. 60-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan $399,900
6701 Desert Wind-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community $250,000
W. County Rd. 123-Ready to develop! $250,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000
4405 Green Tree Blvd.-Lot in Green Tree North 0.18 acres $125,000
E. Co. Rd. 120-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows $65,000

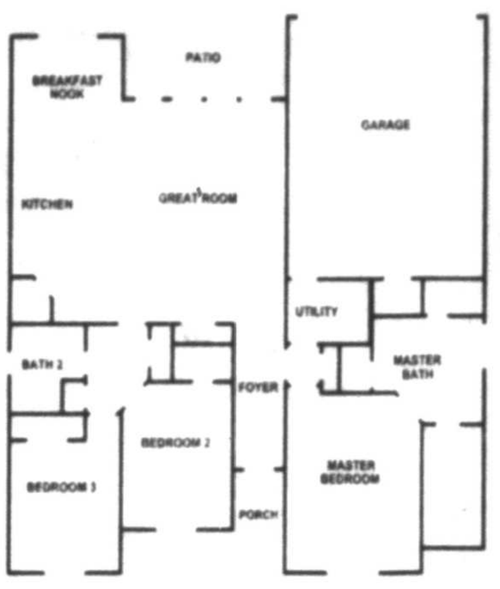
COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY

1409 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing warehouse or storage Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
10 Desta Drive-For Sublease, approx. 13,599 sq. ft. of Class A office space - entire floor Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-Approx. 9,301 sq. ft. office building, great location - near hospital Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
Centennial Tower-Downtown Sublease, approx. 3,729 sq. ft., Class A Bldg. with covered parking Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-For lease, approx. 9,301 sq. ft. of very attractive site, convenient location w/parking Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
7900 Greening-Industrial sublease, 14,998 sq. ft. on 4.74 acres. In Leeco Industrial development w/city utilities Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
2211 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $795,000
901 S. Garfield St.-Wonderful money making commercial building! $650,000
5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $100,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

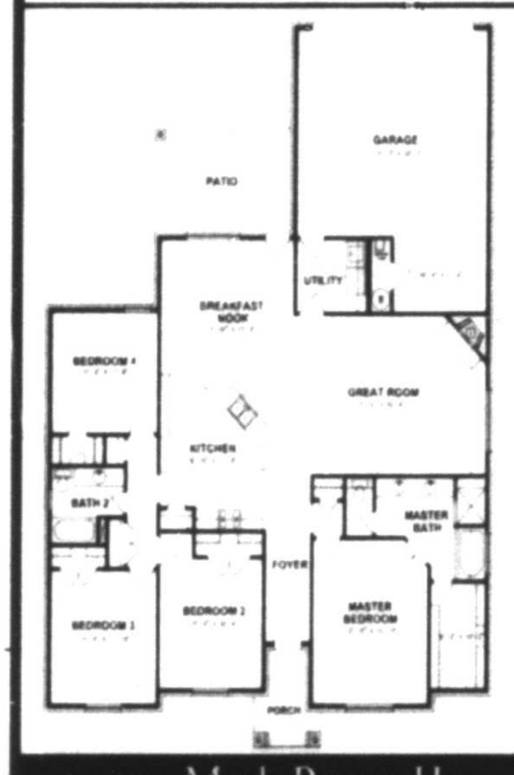
51 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Henry get-away. 3 bdrm/2bth home located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates $240,000
3920 Scotts St.-Beautiful & meticulously maintained low-maintenance home in Odessa U/C $239,900

Mark Payne Homes



4011 Navasota
$282,500

Beautiful, open layout with an efficient use of space in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Heritage Oaks. Master bath features his and her vanities, a separate soaking tub and shower. You will love this home!



4007 Navasota
$309,500

Don't miss this beautiful home in Heritage Oaks! It offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths & an abundance of storage. The open kitchen features granite countertops, custom cabinets, and stainless steel appliances.

Mark Payne Homes Available Homes

4009 Navasota- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage..... $296,500

4013 Navasota- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, Formal Dining, 2 Car Garage..... $329,500

6017 Rio Grande- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage..... UC

4001 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 4 Car..... $478,500

6101 Turtle Creek- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car..... UC

For More Information call Jamie Pruitt 432-520-0000

FEATURED LISTINGS AND OPEN HOUSES

OPEN SUN. 1:00-2:00

4300 GUADALUPE - $286,000
Gorgeous Scott Dickerson custom home loaded w/upgrades! Covered patio!

OPEN SUN. 2:30-3:30

1106 PORTERFIELD RD. - $219,000
Lovely Mark Payne resale in pristine condition!

OPEN SUN. 2:30-3:30

504 CABRILLO DR. - $245,000 ODESSA, TEXAS
Spacious 4 Bed/2 Bath/2 Garage home with workshop!

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SUNDAY FEATURED HOME

5104 Brighton Pl., Midland, TX
Charming Home in Saddle Club South!!! Living area has beautiful Hickory Forge Wood Floor, brick fireplace, pealed ceiling. Kitchen has an abundance of cabinets, pantry, granite counter tops,open to the breakfast area. Formal dining area. Sequestered master has sitting area with fireplace, walk in closet. Master bath has dual sinks,separate tub and shower. Landscaped yard is great for entertaining.
Call Warren Ivey 432-238-7832

4300 Harlowe Dr. Midland, TX
Three bedroom with two bathrooms Hardwood floors, sunken living room, large eat in kitchen. There is so much potential on this house. Just needs you to personalize it.
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4616 Versailles Dr. Midland, TX
Super CLEAN and ADORABLE family home!! 3BED/2BATH with plenty of parking and storage!! This is a MUST see!!!
Call Gene McMahan 432-664-0813

718 Raymond Rd. Midland, TX
Charming 3 Bedroom 1 Bath Home on a Corner Lot. Close to Elementary School! Stunning floors throughout, separate Utility Room. 2nd Living Area may be used as family room or a bedroom. Landscaped front yard and fenced backyard. CALL TO SEE!!!
Call Rosalee Burrola 432-208-9040

3220 Mariana Ave. Midland, TX
Nice starter home with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a large utility room and a bonus room that could be the formal dining or den. Needs your personal touch to make it home. 1435 square feet-information of gross living area above grade is from the FHA Appraisal and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.
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DREAM

OPEN TODAY 3:00-4:30
2519 Gulf Ave - $217,700
Location, location, location! Charming home located within walking distance to Fannin Elementary and Midland Christian school as well as two parks. Large living areas, plenty of storage and a beautiful lot with mature trees make this home one you don't want to miss!

OPEN TODAY 3:00-4:00
4606 St Andrews - $294,500
Super Condition, well maintained 4 bedroom in the heart of Fairmont park! Oversized bedrooms all with walk in closets. Oversized living area with Cathedral ceiling! Sunny garden room in game room/gym. Sequestered Master bedroom has his & her walk-in closets. Recent water heater, windows, granite, new siding, roofing. Has a storage shed, alarm. All Appliances STAY with recent Green Paint!!

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN TODAY 2:00-3:00
2700 Marie
$329,900

Spectacular New Listing! 3 bedroom/2.5 bath with 3-car garage on 1.25 acres! New carpet, tile updates! Spacious custom kitchen with granite countertops and island! Master with sitting area and oversized walk-in shower! Guests share beautiful bathroom with double sinks set in natural stone!

OPEN TODAY 4:00-5:00
10600 County Rd 105
$264,900

Don't miss this super updated 4/bedroom/2bath home in Greenwood's Windmill Estates! High ceilings & is light & bright! Awesome insulated shop! Near Greenwood schools! This home has been updated & is in wonderful condition ready for new owners that enjoy a great home, outside fun & entertaining, and shop! Recent windows, insulated walls, large patio and cover! Huge laundry room! Garden shed too!

OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00
2617 Madera, Odessa
$168,500

Looking for a roomy home? Here you go! All 4 bedrooms are good sized and home includes a very large laundry room! Enough room in the backyard for storage room; and still enough space to play!! New tile flooring throughout baths and kitchen.

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30
10 Old Lampasas Trail, Odessa
$234,900

Absolutely gorgeous low maint. patio home in east Odessa! Huge open living and kitchen! Bar dining as well as kitchen dining! Fabulous vaulted ceilings in the entry! Sep. sinks in master as well as sep. tub and shower! Granite and tile through-out, bedrooms carpeted! Very low maint. almost no yard, just large enough for small dog! Close to shopping and restaurants! Easy access off 191! Don't miss out!

OPEN TODAY 1:00-3:00
5521 Casa Grande Dr.
$429,900

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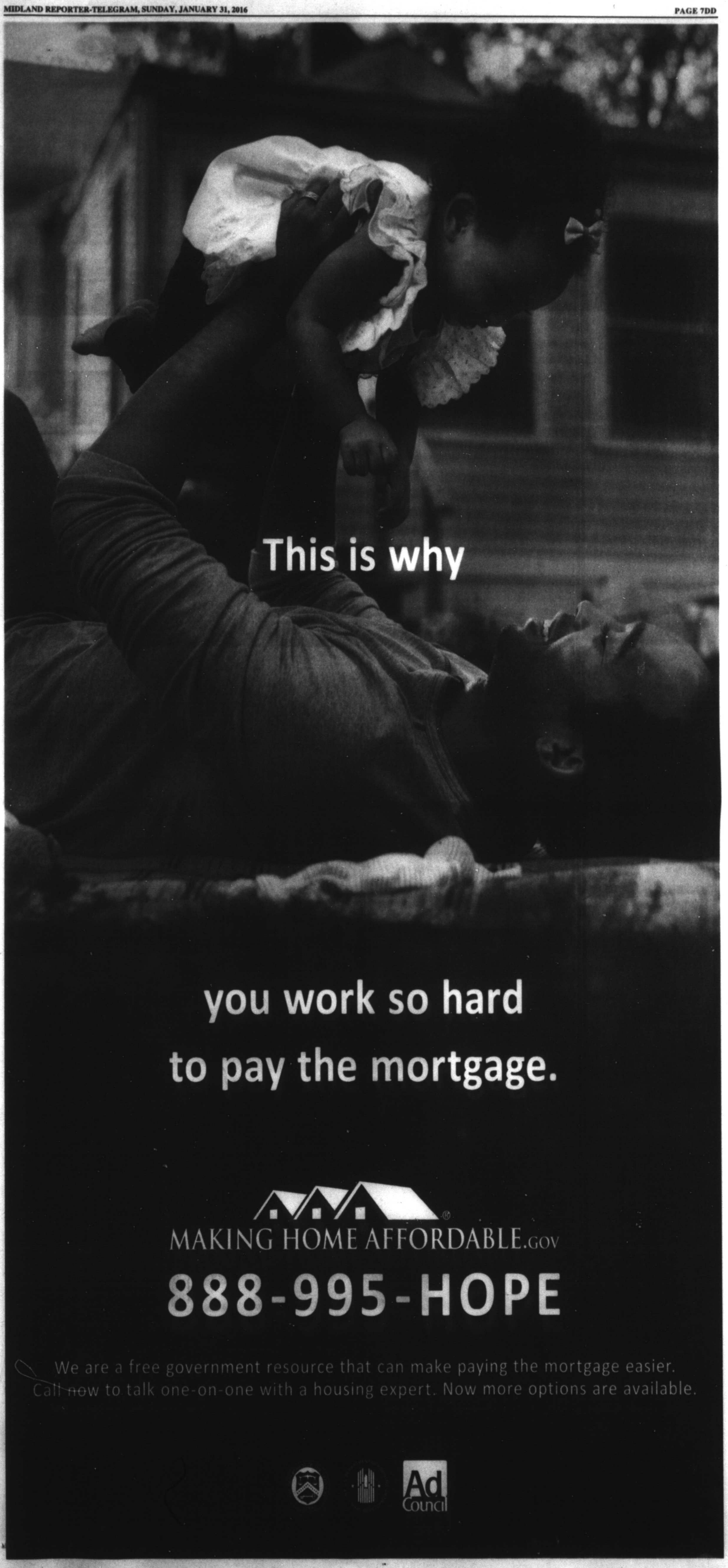
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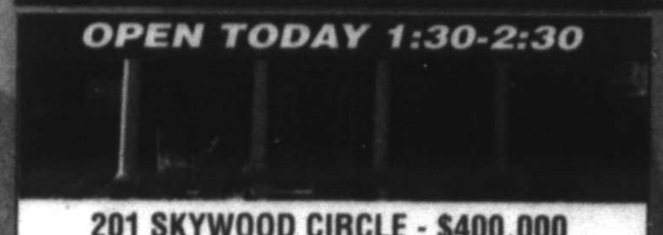

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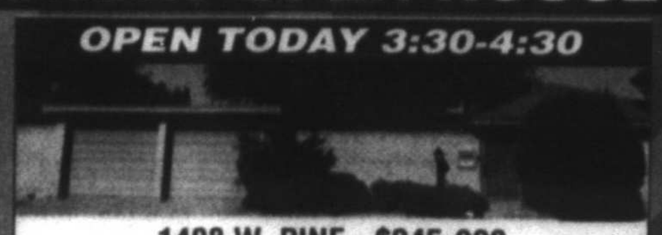

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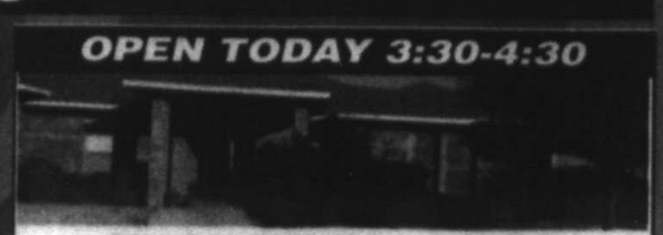

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6324 PRAIRIE RIDGE
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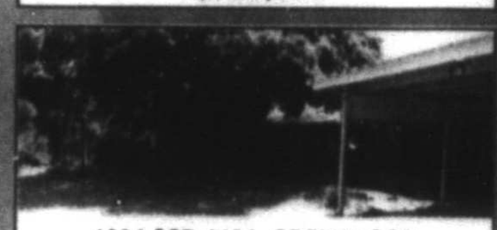
6508 WCR 41
$600,000

2104 DEEANNA LANE
$575,000



1904 SCR 1121, GREENWOOD
$550,000

58 LAFAYETTE PLACE
$520,000

4001 HERTIAGE OAKS
$478,500

4011 HERTIAGE OAKS
$421,500

2800 CHELSEA PLACE
$412,000

5003 APPLE CREEK RD.
$400,000

3809 TODD
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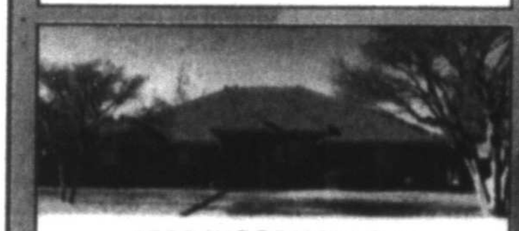

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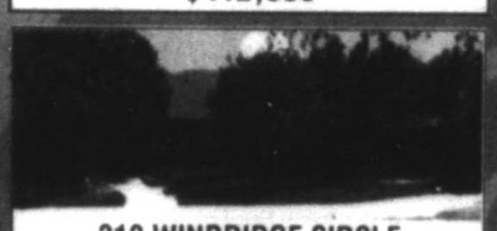

219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE
$400,000

10205 ECR 104
$390,000

3004 BAYBRIDGE CT.
$315,000

5012 WHITMAN DR.
$315,000

6118 CANDLESTICK
$315,000

1201 OVERSHINE LN.
$300,000

2313 DENGAR AVE.
$275,000

1400 N. CO. RD. 1110
$250,000

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$250,000

2604 ADONIA ST.
$250,000

3212 SENTINEL DR.
$247,500

4507 NCR 1284
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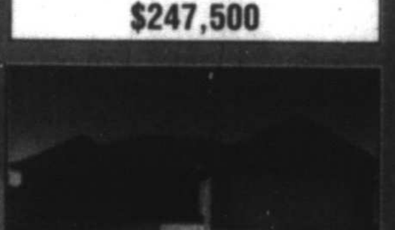

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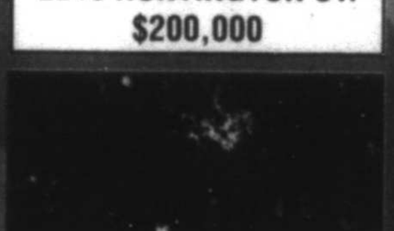

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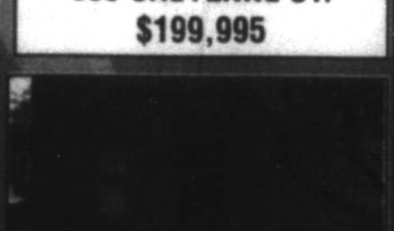

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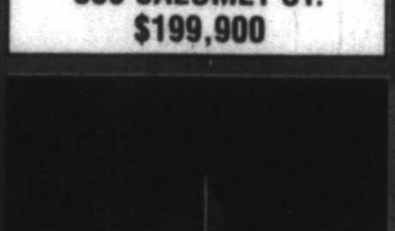

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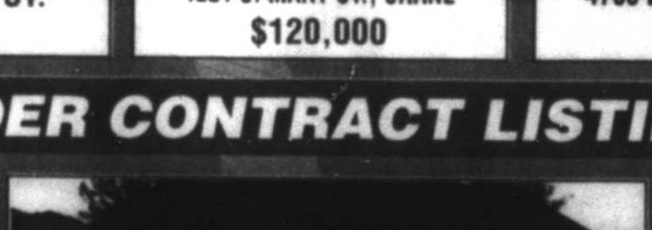

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6019 FRIO DR. - $292,900

SALE PENDING
1104 GODFREY ST. - $229,000

SALE PENDING
5105 CONCHO DR. - $200,000

SALE PENDING
4603 W. DENGAR AVE. - $195,000

SALE PENDING
3213 CR 1069, GREENWOOD - $190,000

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6013 RIO GRANDE - $332,500

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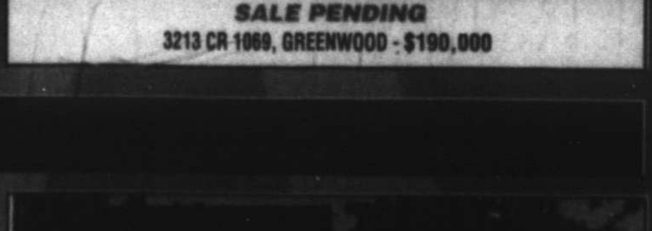
4010 HERTIAGE OAKS - $431,500



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1904 SPARKS ST. - $425,000

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Sunday Featured Homes!

Beautiful home located in Legends Park. 3Bed/2Bath/2Car boasts a beautiful open floor plan. Kitchen has an eat in bar with separate dining area. Beautiful granite in the kitchen, and walls of windows give this home beautiful natural lighting. The master suite is sequestered from the additional bedrooms. The master bathroom has "his and her" sinks and a lovely walk-in closet. This home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac and it has a very large back-yard with a pergola and plenty of room to add a pool!

Jerrilyn Garrison
Realtor
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5003 Apple Creek Rd. - $400,000

Beautiful carrasco resale!Open floorplan w/tons of tile,high ceilings w/pretty features!Formal dining w/faux painted walls!Family room w/fireplace opens to gourmet kitchen w/granite,island & pantry!Seq master is spacious & has amazing bathroom & closet!In-law plan has private bath & could be used as a second living!Tons of storage!Park-like back yard!3 Car garage!Lots of recents!Don't miss it!

4506 Woodhollow - $400,000

Nicely updated 5 bedroom home close to community pool/clubhouse!Formal dining!Living rm w/fireplace & built-ins!Beautiful granite in awesome kitchen w/tons of cabinets & counterspace!Utility rm w/sink!Skylights!Baths are updated too!5Th bdrm could be perfect gameroom!Spacious bedrooms!Great storage!High ceilings!Covered patio!Large yard w/block fence!3 Car rear entry garage!Circle drive!Water well!

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

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1201 E. CO. RD. 120 - $180,000
Fantastic 3 bdrm, 2 bth home with many updates. Beautiful wooden floors, newer carpet w/lots of tile. Kitchen updated w/tile and a beautiful back splash. Both baths have been updated w/new lavatories and toilets. Freshly painted inside. There is a circle drive with a workshop and plenty of concrete drives. Many updated light fixtures. Sq. footage does not include the family room addition.
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:00-2:00
2510 MAXWELL DR. - $259,900
Totally updated 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 LA, 2 DA.
Shown by Sandy J. Hanson

OPEN 1:00-2:00
2200 N. D ST. - $379,900
4Bed/3Bath, 3031 sq ft, Built 1959, Almost Completely Updated, 2 story, Corner Lot!
Listed by Ashley St. John, Hosted by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4402 WILSHIRE - $199,900
3Bed/2Bath, 1791 sq ft, 2 living areas, recently updated, workshop!
Listed by Ashley St. John, Hosted by Darla Davis

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4902 BROOKDALE - $235,000
Low Maintenance 4Bed/2Bath/3Car Garage Open Floor Plan Home!
Listed & Hosted by Ashley St. John

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4304 BOULDER - $279,900
Patio home with new kitchen cabinets, granite, tile, carpet, paint & windows. Centrally located!
Listed by Ashley St John, Hosted by Amanda Gunter

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2904 SAVOY - $339,900
Incredible price reduction on this fabulous 4 bdrm, 2.5 baths, 1 living, 3 car garage home! A must see!
Listed by Lisa Jansa, Shown by Kate Christian

OPEN 1:00-2:00
205 CAROL LN. - $319,900
Country in the city, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 1 large living, amazing shop w/office & 1/2 bath. Beautiful landscaped backyard w/gazebo.
Shown by Denise Brasher

OPEN 1:30-2:30
201 SKYWOOD CIRCLE - $400,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Pam Dodd

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4604 TEAKWOOD TR. - $439,900
New listing. Beautifully updated home in Greentree. Located on golf course, 4 bdrm, 2.5 baths, 2 living.
Listed by Cheryl Parrish

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6209 CROSLEY - $219,900
Cute 3 bedroom in Legends Park on cul-de-sac.
Shown by Karen Foster

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4208 EDGEBROOK PLACE - $383,000
MLS #108002
Shown by Skye Farris

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3511 MEADOWRIDGE LN. - $474,900
4Bed/3Bath w/elegant updates on corner lot in Trinity Meadows. Bedrooms are enormous: 15x15,16x14,20x19,22x15!
Listed by Ashley St. John, Hosted by Mark Phillliber

OPEN 1:30-2:30
727 SOLOMON LANE - $799,000
Wonderful 3 bed, 3 1/2 bath on 3 acres. Master w/ fireplace. Spacious guest bedrooms w/ en suite baths. Guest quarters & fabulous barn/workshop. Must see!!
Shown by Angie McKay

OPEN 1:00-3:00
504 COMISKEY CT. - $233,000
In Legend's Park!
Shown by Jerrilyn Garrison

OPEN 2:00-3:00
4512 PALMER DR. - $190,000
Just reduced! Immaculate 3 br, 2 bath home with granite and sequestered master suite.
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 2:00-3:30
2509 CASTLEFORD - $249,900
MLS #108301
Shown by Larry Hatfield

OPEN 2:30-3:30
102 WAVERLY DR. - $89,900
Nicely updated 2 bedroom, 1 bath, spacious yard, storage shed.
Shown by Sandy J. Hanson

OPEN 2:30-3:30
3110 BOARDWALK - $229,900
MLS #108258
Shown by Jo Keller

OPEN 2:30-3:30
5304 GREEN TREE BLVD. - $340,000
Wonderful 4 bd, 2 1/2 bath, very open plan
Shown by Stephanie Rogers

OPEN 2:30-3:30
1603 MCDONALD - $199,900
Spacious 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 2 dining areas, 2 car garage
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 2:30-3:30
4902 MELVILLE - $349,900
4Bed/3Bath, 2736 sq ft, Inground Pool, Hardwood Floors, Built 1989
Listed & Hosted Ashley St. John

OPEN 2:30-3:30
401 AFFIRMED AVE - $1,250,000
Custom build in Solomon Estates
4 bedroom 4 bath 2 half bath 3 car garage
game room and full bar, pool
Listed by Tracy Farrow, Shown by Leah Watkins

OPEN 3:00-4:00
3215 SOUTHRIDGE CT. - $279,900
New price on this impressive 3 bed, 2 bath patio home! Quiet cul-de-sac location!
Listed by Lisa Jansa, Shown by Mark Phillliber

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1408 W. PINE - $245,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Kate Christian

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3610 DOUGLAS AVE. - $215,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Madison Shaw

OPEN 3:30-4:30
2402 CAMARIE - $215,000
4 bedrooms, 2 baths.
Listed by Pam Dodd

OPEN 4:00-5:00
4801 HILLTOP DR. - $395,000
Wonderful low maintenance 4 bd, 3 ba, like new.
Shown by Stephanie Rogers

HOMESTYLE

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Sunday, January 31, 2016

Win the Storage War

Sometimes it's the smallest, most unusual spots that provide the smartest, most efficient storage solutions for the home

By Elizabeth Brewster| CTW Features

It's a rare homeowner whose possessions never outgrow their designated storage spaces.

But closets aren't the only option for stowing both everyday items and seasonal goods like holiday decorations, the experts say. Here are some tips for getting the most into a home's nooks and crannies.

Doors

"The [back side] of a door is a fabulous hidden storage gold mine," says Julie Morgenstern, author of numerous organization books and National Association of Professional Organizers award winner. You can hang narrow shelves inside a pantry door for canned goods, or hang hooks on a closet door for belts, bags, scarves, jewelry."

In the kitchen, add shelves to the insides of cabinet doors to organize seasonings or plastic container lids.

Stairs

Most homes have usable space under the stairs. The trick is organizing this space so items are easily accessible.

"Instead of building shelves, find something that wheels in and out of the space like a rolling cart," says Kate S. Brown, owner of Impact Organizing, Sarasota, Florida. "You can load it up and push it in, and then pull it out to use the items."

Or, fill under-stairs space with multiple large or bulky items, such as sleeping bags or folding chairs, says Morgenstern, who is based in New York.

"If you put a lot of different little things in there, they're going to get lost," she says.

Walls

Line wall space next to the basement stairs with shallow shelves for cleaning supplies, or hooks for brooms and mops. In a tight bathroom or front hallway space, Brown suggests stealing space from inside the walls: "You can knock out a piece of wallboard between the studs and make a shallow little shelf for small items," Brown says.

To stash extra paperbacks or CDs, surround a door or window frame with narrow readymade bookshelves.

Shelving 'Gaps'

Look for extra room in cabinets and closets where items don't need all the height created by standard shelves. Wire, plastic or metal shelf organizers can help stretch the space.

Container Caution

The colorful arrays of storage containers in stores make it tempting to stock up. Resist that temptation until after you've sorted and organized, experts say.

"Shopping for containers is the last thing you do, not the first," Morgenstern says. "Then you'll know exactly what you're looking for, what you'll put inside, how many you need and what sizes you'll need."

She also recommends sticking to neutral colors for storage that will be visible in the home.

"If you have colorful storage filled with colorful objects," Morgenstern says, "it can be visually over-stimulating."

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6 Pro-Style Paint Tips

Before you redo your walls, learn how the professionals make them shine

By Yena Lee | CTW Features

Painting is one of the fastest, most cost-effective ways to freshen up your home, but it's one of the trickiest for do-it-yourselfers to achieve – at least as well and as mistake-free as the pros.

1. Test Ahead

"Start out buying a quart of one or more candidates for your paint color," says Barbara Richardson, director of color marketing at Cleveland-based ICI Paints, whose brands include Glidden. Use a couple of foam boards instead of the wall to test colors in your room, and move the boards around to see how the light affects the colors at different times of the day.

2. Clean, Dull and Dry

"A good paint job is 90-percent prep work," says Lou Manfredini, Ace Hardware's home expert. Preparing a perfectly smooth surface is the single most important tip to achieve professional-looking results.

Move all furniture first so you don't miss the hidden spots behind the sofa, bed or in corners, and scan the wall with a very bright light to find imperfections. Clean dirty surfaces and fill small dents and minor cracks in the walls with spackling compound. Once they're dry, smooth the areas with sand paper from the baseboard to the ceiling. To prime a glossy surface, use a sanding sponge rather than sandpaper. Sponges adjust to the wall's shape and last longer than paper.

3. Optimal Primer

Don't skip primer if you plan to make a big color change or if the walls have lots of stains, says Steve Revnew, vice president of product development at Sherwin-Williams. It helps to create a consistent, neutral surface on which the paint can adhere evenly.

Tinted primer does a better job than plain primer. By mixing a small amount of topcoat paint into the primer to make it similar to the finish paint, it could mean having to apply fewer coats.

4. Prepare the Trim

Apply tape over the trim, window and door frames, and then scrape a putty knife over the top to press down the tape to avoid bleeding. Use blue painter's tape instead of masking tape, which will keep paint from peeling off of the walls when removed. Painter's tape is easier to remove than masking tape and doesn't leave behind a sticky residue.

5. A Bucket and a Screen

If using multiple cans of the same color paint, mix the cans together in a 5-gallon bucket, filling it about halfway. This ensures that the color will be uniform as there can be slight variations between different gallons of the same paint color. Hang the screen inside the bucket and simply dip the roller into the paint and roll it against the screen. This will guarantee you have right amount on the roller. It's a faster, neater, better method.

6. Go for Canvas

Disposable plastic drop cloths are an inexpensive way to protect floors and furnishings from paint spatters, dripping and mess, but pros go for canvas instead of plastic, which can be slippery when splattered with paint. Canvas more readily absorbs paint drips, and the drop cloths can be more easily molded to fit the floor surrounding corners and doorways. Overall, they are more durable and last longer. © CTW Features

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OPEN 2:30 - 3:30PM

102 Waverly Dr.

Nicely updated 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with covered front porch. 1 living, 1 dining, kitchen with ample cabinetry wood like flooring, fresh paint, generous yard with open patio and storage building and parking pad.
MLS# 107630 $89,900

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1306 West Co. Rd 130	2 houses, barn with 6 stalls, arena, 2 shops 12.43+/- acres	MLS#106546		$498,000
801 ECR 130	4 Bed, 2 Bath on 5.75 acres Barns, Pens, Stalls	MLS #106761		$380,000
5313 Scottsboro Lane	4 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 LA & 2 DA's			$374,900
3400 Alicia Ct.	5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 LA's, 2 DA's, pool	MLS# 107193		NEW PRICE $289,000
3200 W. Wadley Ave.	3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2LA's, 2DA's & atrium	MLS #107277		$272,900
2510 Maxwell Dr.	4 bedroom, 2.5 baths, 2-car garage	MLS# 108274		$258,900
3300 Windsor Dr.	One Owner, 4 bedroom 3 bath home	MLS #107614		$239,900
609 S. Jackson St.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, NEW PRICE	MLS#106569	UNDER CONTRACT	$173,900
2314 Storey Ave.	3 bed, 1 bath, 1 car garage	MLS #107752	UNDER CONTRACT	$129,500
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS#106038		$99,400
102 Waverly Dr.	Nicely update 2 bedroom, 1 bath home	MLS #107630		$89,900
6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	.97 acres RESIDENTIAL LOT	MLS #102876		$140,000
6714 FM 715	-22 Acres	MLS #96888		$444,000
Sundridge Ranch Estate -New Homesites (Only 4 Lots)				3+ acre lots $135,000
2610 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	3.54/- acres w/3/2 mobile home. 1500sqft bar. 10x12 storage bldg and lots of trees. MLS #108094			$74,500
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	5.5 +/- acres, non-restricted land	MLS #108091		$59,900
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	3.888 acres with Caliche put on property, non-restricted	MLS #108092		$32,000

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2600 ADONIA ---------- SOLD
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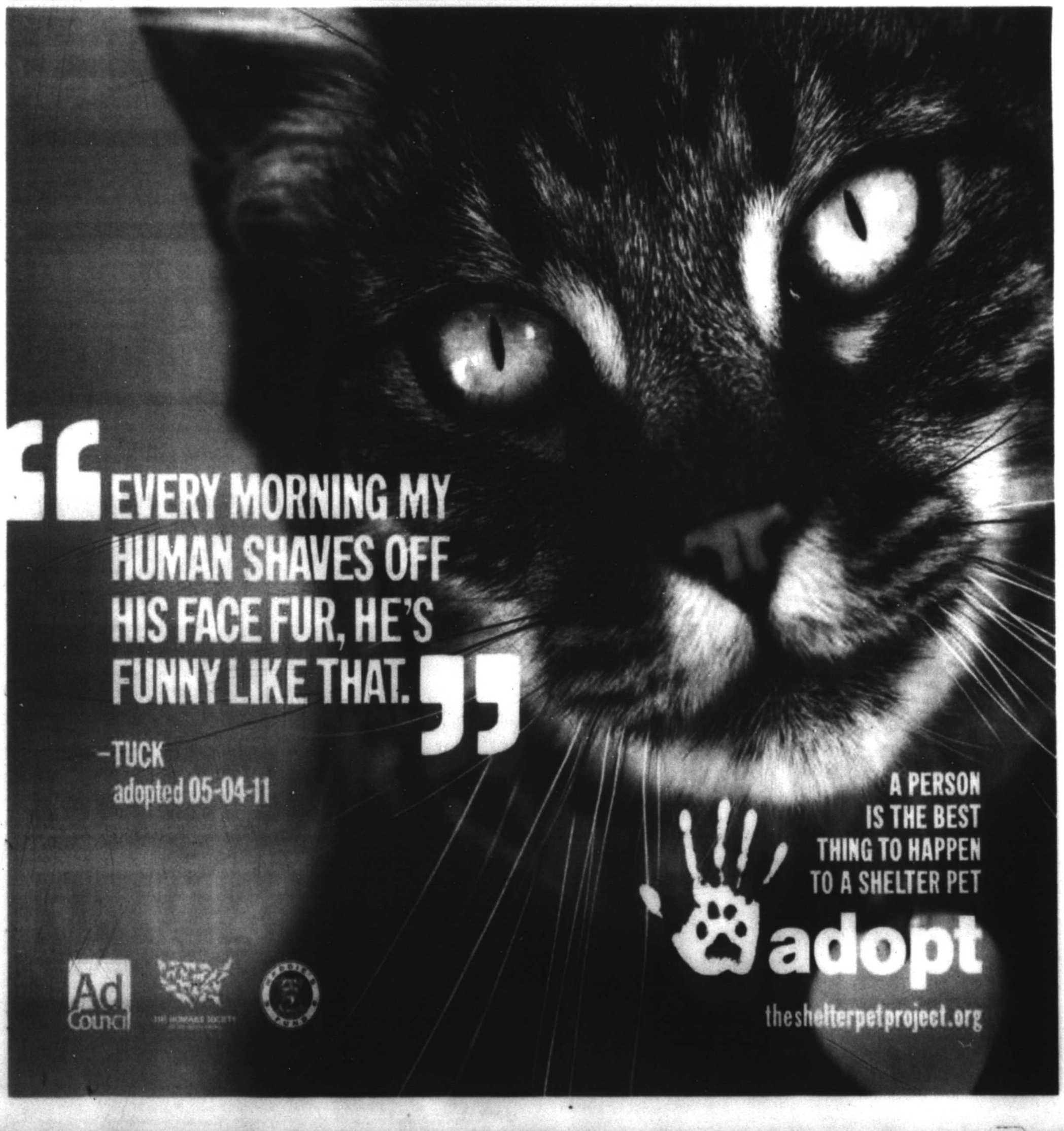

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NEW CONSTRUCTION IN MIDLAND

6500 W. CO. RD. 41. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107734	$600,000
PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES		
1106 E. CO. RD. 1118. Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106626	$325,000
FORMOSA HOMES, LLC		
308 S. DALLAS ST Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106637	$154,000
TROY HUNT		
805 CHEYENNE ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106624	$199,995
809 CALUMET ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108155	$199,900
KEA BUILDERS, LLC		
609 S. JACKSON ST Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106569	SALE PENDING
BOB FRIDAY HOMES		
7305 E. CO. RD. 96, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #107720	1 Acre/$439,900
CHRIS HOLLIS HOMES		
58 LAFAYETTE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103004	$520,000
GOMEZ CONSTRUCTION		
1203 E. NOBLES	Josie Rendon	$202,625
KAHLER HOMES		
6003 WICHITA AVE. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107946	SOLD
6019 FRIO DR. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107521	SOLD
MA CUSTOM HOMES, LLC		
7303 E. CO. RD. 93. Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #108052	$493,915
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105385	$436,050
MARK PAYNE		
4001 HERITAGE OAKS DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107879	$478,500
4011 HERITAGE OAKS DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107695	$421,500
4010 HERITAGE OAKS DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106568	SOLD
MIDLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.		
1202 ELM AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #108190	$179,000
WBC CUSTOM HOMES		
13108 E. CO. RD. 116, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #107905	$450,000
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #105750	$199,950
HUEDAS HOMES		
806 CARVER Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106250	SALE PENDING
EE HOMES, INC.		
7308 E. CO. RD. 91 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #107925	$426,210
7314 E. CO. RD. 91 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #107924	$425,872
7401 E. CO. RD. 93 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106080	$374,000
MASTER BUILDERS CONSTRUCTION		
2604 ADONIA ST. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101146	$250,000
2703 ADONIA ST. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107979	$208,500
HARO HOMES		
13017 E. CO. RD. 116 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106968	$409,000
WESCOM SERVICES LLC		
1201 HICKORY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108304	$149,000
1203 HICKORY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108305	$149,000

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

531 SIR BARTON DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$1,750,000
5409 SECRETARIAT ST Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #104142	$1,450,000
401 AFFIRMED AVE Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106308	$1,250,000
1010 W. CUTHBERT Amy Barnett 352-6714		$865,000
1920 PAGEWOOD DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #1070844	$725,000
7010 CACTUS TRAIL Nathan Pinkerton		$699,000
6324 PRAIRIE RIDGE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106956	$645,000
4001 FAIRWOOD Danny Norwood 413-2764		$629,900
2104 DEEANNA LANE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106091	$575,000
7303 E. CO. RD. 93 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #108052	$493,915
1702 W. STOREY Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #106242	SOLD
3511 MEADOWRIDGE LN Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254	MLS #106925	$474,900
2014 EVANS LANE Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #106156	$449,900
4604 TEAKWOOD TR Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #108254	$439,900
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105385	$443,745
6303 DRIFTWOOD Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #107037	$438,500
7308 E. CO. RD. 91 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #107925	$431,172
7314 E. CO. RD. 91 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #107924	$430,476
2800 CHELSEA PLACE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107841	$412,000
1904 SPARKS ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107177	SOLD
5003 APPLE CREEK RD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107227	$400,000
4506 WOODHOLLOW DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$400,000
201 SKYWOOD CIRCLE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107510	$400,000
4801 HILLTOP DR Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #108278	$395,000
1600 N. I ST Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #108058	$389,900
5207 MATHIS Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108186	$389,900
4208 EDGEBROOK Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #108002	$383,000
2200 N. D ST Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254		$379,900
2909 SAVOY Lana Flores 385-5843		$375,000
3104 PATRICK Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #103108	SOLD
4212 BAYBROOK Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #104745	$374,900
7401 E. CO. RD. 93 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106080	$374,000
2001 COLEMAN CT Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #107897	$358,500
4902 MELVILLE Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254		$349,900
2904 SAVOY Lisa Jansa	MLS #106440	$339,900
5005 CASTLEFORD RD Jo Keller 432-269-8319		SOLD
5012 WHITMAN DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107361	$315,000
6118 CANDLESTICK DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #104691	$315,000
4904 LANCASHIRE Tina Atkins 661-0062		$295,000
5100 CASTLEFORD Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #107958	SALE PENDING
3400 ALICIA CT. Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #107193	$289,000
2313 FANNIN AVE Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS# 107439	SOLD
2313 DENGAR AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107020	$275,000
2300 CIMMARON AVE Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #103839	SALE PENDING
6903 RANCHLAND DR. Lisa Russell		$263,900
2510 MAXWELL DR Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #108274	$259,900
2602 MAXWELL DR Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #106719	$254,500
3300 WINDSOR DR Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #107614	$239,900
4902 BROOKDALE Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #104949	$235,000
3110 BOARDWALK Jo Keller 269-8319	MLS #108258	$229,900
2402 CAMARIE Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS #104861	$215,000
806 CARVER Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106250	SALE PENDING
3417 W. MICHIGAN Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #107170	$179,900
1202 ELM AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #108190	$179,000
1510 N. TERRELL Nathan Pinkerton	MLS # 105799	$159,900
1711 N. WEATHERFORD Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #107765	SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

727 SOLOMON LANE Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #107467	$799,000
4601 ANDREWS HWY Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #108126	$749,000
4100 EDGEBROOK Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #107075	$449,900
3809 TODD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105012	$400,000
4531 SHADY OAK CT Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #107115	$365,000
205 CAROL LN Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #108294	$319,900
4012 TRINITY COURT Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #104840	SALE PENDING
3004 BAYBRIDGE CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106395	$315,000
1201 OVERSHINE LN DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105501	$300,000
4304 BOULDER Danny Norwood 413-2764		$299,900
1101 OVERSHINE LANE Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #108041	$299,500
802 ELK Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #106244	$299,000
6009 MEDINA Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #10140	SALE PENDING
4304 BOULDER Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254		$279,900
3220 CHELSEA PLACE Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #106827	SALE PENDING
802 ELK Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #106248	SALE PENDING
1009 VENTURA AVE Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #1081[illegible]	$274,900
3200 W. WADLEY AVE Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #10[illegible]	$272,900
2510 MAXWELL DR Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #108274	$259,900
2303 CAMARIE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106749	$258,000
2604 ADONIA DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101146	$250,000
2509 CASTLEFORD Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #108301	$249,900
3212 SENTINEL DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108118	$247,500
3215 SOUTHRIDGE CT Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #107933	$239,900
504 COMISKEY Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #107671	$233,000
3500 SEABOARD AVE Sue Lytle	MLS #107782	$230,000
2505 NEELY Danny Norwood 413-2764		$229,900
1104 GODFREY ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107613	SALE PENDING
4804 SUNSHINE PKWY Pam Dodd 413-0780		SOLD
4607 PINE MEADOW DR Paul Culver 934-1021		$227,000
4701 TIMBER LN Lisa Jansa	MLS #106731	$226,000
917 NOLAN RYAN DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107676	$225,000
1412 VENTNOR Lisa Jansa	MLS #107541	$225,000
3107 BOARDWALK Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #107012	SOLD
3606 JORADN Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #107636	$219,000
3610 DOUGLAS AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$215,000
4504 PATMAN Karen Foster 559-4086		$209,900
2404 HAYNES DRIVE Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #108217	$204,900
2215 HUNTINGTON ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108225	$200,000
1203 NOBLES AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105412	$199,900
4202 VALLEY DR Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #105948	$199,900
1603 MCDONALD ST Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #106691	$199,900
4402 MELVILLE Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254		$199,900
4512 PALMER Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #106693	$190,000
1010 W. MICHIGAN Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108307	$189,900
4603 W. DENGAR AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106917	SALE PENDING
4207 VALLEY DR Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #105776	SALE PENDING
3516 CAMARIE AVE Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #108161	$186,000
1300 CHUKAR LANE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106547	$185,000
3100 TRAVIS AVE Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #107806	$185,000
2105 NORTHRUP DR Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121	MLS #10357	$184,000
2502 TERRACE Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #108229	$179,900
113 SOUTH TYLER Pam Messer 432-349-3075	MLS #106445	$179,500
1400 AINSLEE Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #107202	$179,500
1215 E. NOBLES Pam Dodd		SALE PENDING
211 CARVER Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #105318	$179,000
1400 AINSLEE Skye Farris 432-294-3336	MLS #105276	$175,000
400 CRENSHAW Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #10613	SOLD
4507 PASADENA Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #106995	$169,900
4720 RIC DR Lisa Jansa	MLS #107536	$169,000
2805 BARKLEY Martha Manulik	MLS #108205	$168,500
313 ROCKY LANE Lavonne Johnson	MLS #104500	SALE PENDING
1605 W LOUISIANA Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #106185	$165,000
113 S. TYLER Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #106445	$165,000
4406 GULF AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106247	SOLD
1113 GULF AVE Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #105199	SOLD
702 S. MARSHALL Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #107322	$159,200
308 S. DALLAS ST Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106637	$154,000
4814 SHADYLANE Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #107161	SALE PENDING
307 S. ADAMS Lana Flores 385-5843		$150,000
1004 DELMAR ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107912	$150,000
4001 MONTY Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #107324	$149,900
1201 HICKORY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108304	$149,000
1203 HICKORY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108305	$149,000
4209 PLEASANT DR Skye Farris 432-294-3336	MLS #106700	$143,500
3213 W. ILLINOIS Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #107188	$135,000
2509 W. WASHINGTON AVE Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #105613	$118,000
4304 THOMASON Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #103796	$106,700

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105215	$400,000
2510 QUAIL POINT Lisa Russell	MLS #105892	$240,000
2402 CASTLEFORD Larry Hatfield 349-4788		SOLD
907 VENTURA AVE Danny Norwood 413-2764		$209,900
5105 CONCHO DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106360	SALE PENDING
2105 WESTWIND DR Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #107899	SALE PENDING
1306 COLLEGE AVE Kim Merrill 664-4702		SALE PENDING
2210 COLLEGE AVE Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #105098	$124,500
102 WAVERLY DR Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #107630	$89,900
4700 BOULDER #1301 Ashley St. John	MLS #107054	$89,900
311 S. BENTON Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #105052	SALE PENDING
3207 DELANO Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #105904	$79,500
4700 BOULDER DR., UNIT #610 Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #107967	$79,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

6806 E. CO. RD. 109, OAK RIDGE SUBDIVISION Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #107880	$849,900
6704 E. CO. RD. 107 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106602	2 Acres/$699,000
4303 N. CO. RD. 1284 Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #104991	$575,000
1904 S. CO. RD. 1121, GREENWOOD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107015	$550,000
1306 W. CO. RD. 130 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106546	$498,000
2024 S. CO. RD. 1063. Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106536	7 Acres/$409,900
2025 S. CO. RD. 1066, GREENWOOD Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #107205	$399,900
12900 FM 307, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		5 Acres/$399,900
10205 E. CO. RD. 104 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107581	$390,000
1003 E. CO. RD. 126 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #107245	$380,000
801 E. CO. RD. 130 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106761	$380,000
1106 S. CO. RD. 1118 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106626	$325,000
10111 W. CO. RD. 150 Angie McKay	MLS #106817	$295,000
9103 W. CO. RD. 160 Lisa Russell	MLS #107091	$275,000
1400 N. CO. RD. 1110 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103113	$250,000
1406 W. CO. RD. 143 Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #107427	2 Acres/$249,900
4507 N CO. RD. 1284 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106158	$240,000
4401 FM 307 Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #107321	$240,000
1300 E. CO. RD. 120 Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #108197	$235,000
1509 E. CO. RD. 145 Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108279	$225,000
2107 S. CO. RD. 1086, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #107947	$209,000
4810 N. COUNTY RD. 1123 Skye Farris 432-294-3336	MLS #105921	2.2 Acres/$199,900
2714 S. CO. RD. 1052 Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #107194	$198,000
1201 E. CO. RD. 120 Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #108266	$180,000
3213 CO. RD. 1069, GREENWOOD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107988	SALE PENDING
3701 S. CO. RD. 1096 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #108116	12 Acres/$180,000
5402 E. CO. RD. 136 Samantha Smith 432-978-3588	MLS #106946	$118,000
505 E. CO. RD. 136 Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #107461	SOLD
2811 W. CO. RD. 116 Mark Philliber	MLS #93898	SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

2108 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #105659	$289,000
17039 INDIAN BLANKET TR., GARDENDALE Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #107346	5.14 Acres/$279,900
309 LAMAR CT., ODESSA Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #98183	SALE PENDING
2807 HWY. 350 E. BIG SPRING, TX Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #108038	$220,000
4601 APPLEWOOD DR., ODESSA Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #98351	$215,000
1110 KATHERINE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$190,000
3221 BLOSSOM LN, ODESSA, TX Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #108148	$179,900
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #105750	SALE PENDING
3100 DUMONT DR., ODESSA Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98643	$155,000
1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE, TX DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #102029	$120,000
404 S. ODESSA ST Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #107041	$105,000
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 256 Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #106038	$99,400

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

807 E. 2ND ST., ODESSA Sue Lytle	MLS #107382	
3114 SUNBURST Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #102751	$1,900,000
10204 FM 307 Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #106620	$1,520,000
3400 W. 7TH ST., BIG SPRING Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #106813	$1,500,000
807 E. 2ND ST., ODESSA Sue Lytle		$870,000
5308 WALL ST Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #99121	$799,000
1002 MARIENFELD Josie Rendon 889-8394		$489,500
S. HWY 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	7.817 Ac/$337,560
S. HWY 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	11.252 Ac/$337,560
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102472	9.479 Ac/$284,370
17039 INDIAN BLANKET TR., GARDENDALE Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #107346	5.14 Acres/$279,900
313 SUMMIT AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #108183	$229,000
1108 W. HWY. 80, STANTON Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #107158	0.743 Acre/$220,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102473	9.298 Ac/$209,160
401 MIDLAND DR Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #103887	$90,000

LAND AND LOTS

S. HWY 137, STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #103592	348 Acres/$495,000
FM 715 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96888	22 Acres/$444,000
S. CO. RD. B 3501, STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #107801	134 Acres/$335,000
S. HWY. 137, STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102471	11.25 Acres/$253,170
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909 S. DALLAS Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108113	0.181 Acres/$21,000
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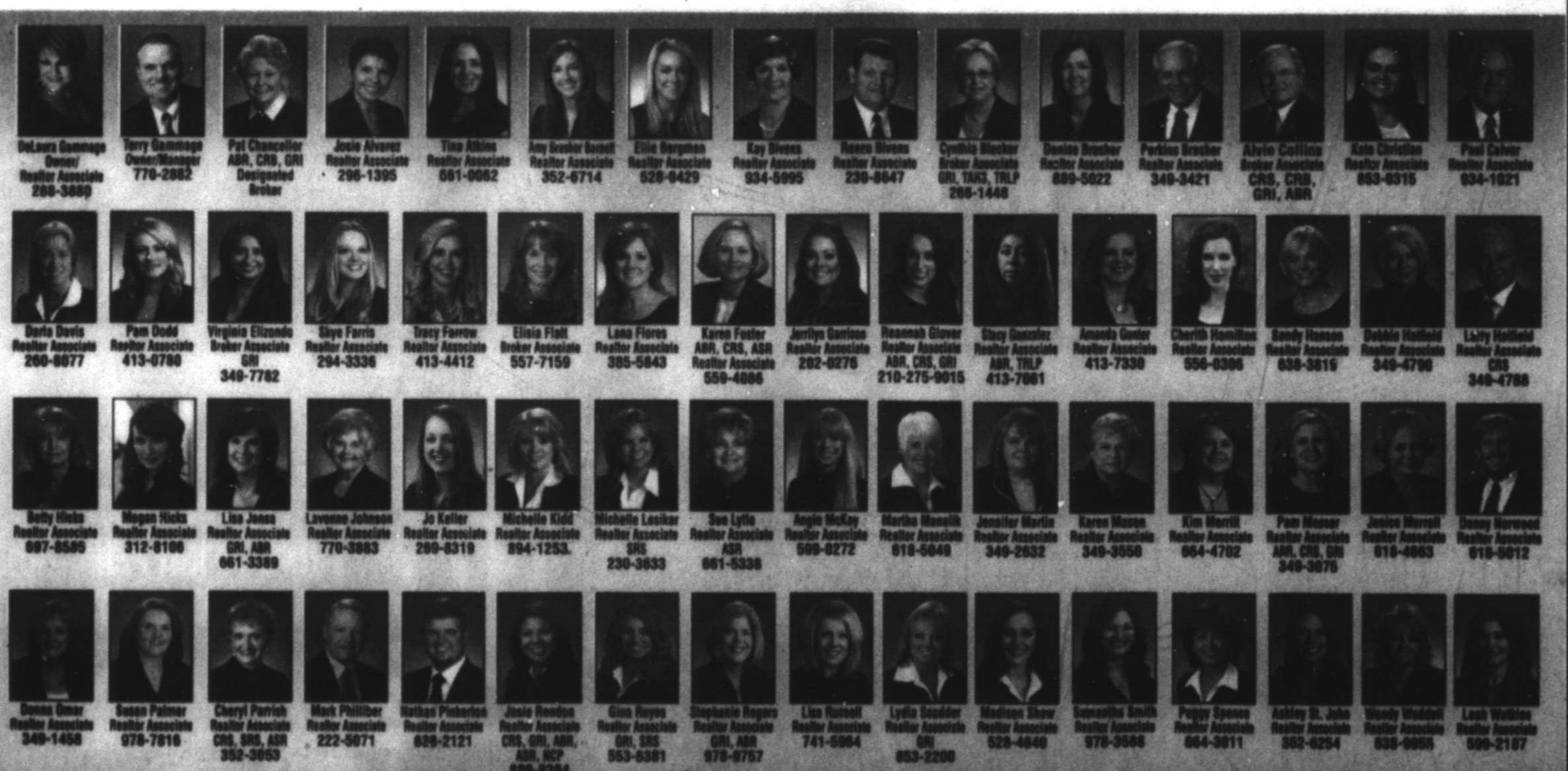

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FASHIONABLY FANTASTIC

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Local fashionista expresses her voice in style and theater

By Trent Johnson
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"I've always been a confident person. I've always been bigger than my friends. I've always been the big girl, but it's never slowed me down. I've always had a good life and a great attitude. But that's not the case for so many people. We shouldn't have to apologize for who we are."

Amy Rydell, owner of Faturdaynightlive com

It was the middle of the day when Amy Rydell strolled into the office in noticably high heels. For the 36-year-old Rydell, the vertical boost puts her at 6-foot, 1-inch. She has more of an unbothered strut than a mere walk. Her style is impeccable from the point of her heels to the top of her head.

With bleach-blonde hair and an eye for fashion, Rydell has been told "you don't belong in Midland," by friends more than once. Her height and style match her personality. Her booming voice is accompanied by a contagious laugh.

These ingredients make the perfect recipe for her website, "Faturday Night Live," where she breaks down barriers by adapting popular clothing trends for plus-size women, using herself as a model mixed with snappy dialogue explaining her sartorial selections.

"I've always been a confident person," Rydell said. "I've always been bigger than my friends. I've always been the big girl, but it's never slowed me down. I've always had a good life and a great attitude. But that's not the case for so many people. We shouldn't have to apologize for who we are."

Growing up in Midland, Rydell didn't care about style until she was an adult out in the real world. She attended Midland Christian School, and her family didn't make school clothes a high priority. She was always aware of the differences between her wardrobe and those of her peers because she chose confidence and positivity over peer pressure or frustration.

"I've always loved jewelry. That started very young," Rydell said. "We didn't have a lot of money, and I just wore what my parents could afford. I was aware I didn't look like my peers, but I had a good attitude about it. Everyone goes through the constant feeling of trying to fit in, but, you know, I got over that."

As an adult, she bounced from school in Virginia, to teaching English in Thailand, to College Station, where she earned a bachelor's degree in theater arts at Texas A&M University. That was also the time she began to toy with the endless possibilities of attire.

"I started to experience more with my style, and the love grew from there," Rydell said.

When she returned to Midland in 2007, Rydell began teaching at Midland Christian, eventually heading the theater department. This past year, she found herself burned out and stepped back. But her creative urges were still there, so she turned to the blogosphere.

"I really kind of jumped in headfirst," Rydell said. "There was a growing community online of plus-sized fashion bloggers, as well as body-positive advocates. Prior to starting the blog, I really wasn't aware of any of this."

What followed were copious amounts of time spent reading about the subject of body image. Eventually, she decided to carve out a niche by helping women find chic options no matter what

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Rihanna releases 'Work' from new album

By Gerrick D. Kennedy
Los Angeles Times

Another day, another Rihanna tease. Except, thankfully, the singer felt generous enough to issue a new single.

After weeks of speculation about a collaboration with Drake called "Work," Rihanna released the Caribbean-tinged track from her long-gestating album, "Anti."

Released to Jay Z's Tidal right as it was debuted by BBC Radio 1 disc jockey J. Scott Mills (it was available on iTunes less than an hour after), the single's surprise release comes just two days after the singer revealed she had completed the oft-delayed follow-up to 2012's "Unapologetic."

Produced by Boi-1da and co-produced by Allen Ritter, Sevn Thomas and Partynextdoor, the track is a more minimal take of the infectious fusion of Caribbean, pop and electronic beats Rihanna has perfected in the past.

"All that I wanted from you was to give me something that I never had," she sings, while her collaborator and former flame confesses, "If you had a twin, I'd still choose you" on his verse.

The release of Rihanna's new album has been a bumpy, mysterious one, with false starts, cryptic reveals and scant details.

That she's calling "Work" the album's "first single" only adds to the intrigue — and confusion — of the album's campaign, which kicked off exactly a year ago this week.

Last January, she dropped what was said to be the album's first single, "FourFiveSeconds," without warning. The bare-bones soft rocker featured Paul McCartney and Kanye West, who announced he was executive producing the album ahead of the trio's performance at the Grammys. That later turned out not to be the case, as West spent much of the year delaying his own album, "Waves" (the second time he's changed the name).

To debut the video for her hit "Bitch Better Have My Money," the singer took dozens of her biggest fans on a wild crosstown Los Angeles surprise adventure.

She released the anthemic "American Oxygen" as the title track for March Madness and issued album interlude "James Joint" as a tribute to 420. And the Florence and the Machine-sampling "Only If For A Night" was teased during a campaign for Dior.

When Rihanna wanted to unveil the album's art, she did so at a swanky event at a downtown art gallery, where she invited fans and journalists and revealed the series of paintings that comprise the album's packaging.

Ahead of announcing her massive "Anti" world tour — it kicks off Feb. 26 in San Diego — she teamed up with Samsung for an enigmatic Web portal built around the album, in which users had to unlock rooms in an augmented reality featuring the singer.

"Anti" will be released under her own Westbury Road imprint through Jay Z's Roc Nation.

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This courtesy photo shows Amy Rydell and her manager. *Courtesy photo*

Tortoise at its best when surprises flow on 'The Catastrophist'

By Greg Kot
Chicago Tribune

■ REVIEW

At the start of Tortoise in the early '90s, the possibilities seemed infinite. The Chicago band began as outlet for local musicians moonlighting from their jobs in more conventional rock groups. Now a quarter-century into the quintet's existence, there is a "Tortoise sound" — collage-like instrumental music that veers between structured compositions and jazz-like improvisation — and a host of bands around the world who grew up emulating at least parts of it.

But the group's output has slowed in recent years as the band members focused on other projects, and "The Catastrophist" (Thrill Jockey) arrives as its first album in nearly seven years.

Doug McCombs, John Herndon, John McEntire, Jeff Parker and Dan Bitney aren't exactly trying to pick up where they left off. The album grew out of a city commission in 2010 to compose music that reflected the band's ties to Chicago's jazz scene. Since then, the pieces have been put through the band's loosely defined studio-as-instrument editing and mixing blender, but with a few twists.

The biggest surprise? Two of the tracks have genuine lead vocals, with U.S. Maple's Todd Rittman delivering a sleazy cover of the old David Essex hit, "Rock On," and Yo La Tengo's Georgia Hubley cooing gently atop the "Surf's Up"-style melancholy of "Yonder Blue." But they're among the album's least adventurous tracks. Convention just doesn't suit these guys.

Instead, they're best when dabbling in the exotic, the offbeat, the slightly unsettling. Smooth surfaces are never quite what they seem in the best Tortoise songs. The album also affirms that the "Tortoise sound" — whatever that really is — isn't as self-serious as some may think. "The Catastrophist" bristles with left turns and trap doors.

The gamelanlike melody in "Shake Hands With Danger" shouldn't go with the spy-movie undertow in the song, but it only accelerates the tension. "The Clearing Fills" starts off spacious and vaguely dreamy, but a clomping percussion loop morphs into something eerier — a dark, enveloping fog of crackling synthesizers.

A repetitive keyboard riff in "Gesceap" underlies a building commotion of instruments. The rumble of timpani and long, dramatic chords swoop in to hijack the luminous guitar in "At Odds With Logic." And "Gopher Island" makes the most of two counterpoint burping, buzzing synth tracks — it's 73 seconds of screwing around that suggests a cartoon soundtrack. Yes, Tortoise actually sounds like it's having fun.

3 stars out of 4

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"I'm a storyteller by nature," Rydell said. "I'm wordy, and I like to tell the stories about how I found certain outfits. I include a lot of humor, that's why the title fits so well."

Responses on the website are overwhelmingly positive with comments like:

"You look divine in the fringed waterfall cardigan. We all make and break our own style rules, well done," wrote Dasha Guyton, a fashion blogger located in Chicago.

Being a beacon for self-image is another reason she enjoys blogging about the industry. With typical fashion ads showcasing slim models adorned in the latest couture, Rydell believes anyone can be stylish and confident with an array of various garments.

"I've read a lot of articles about how the body acceptance movement is unhealthy," Rydell said. "For me, I've not always been this size, but I've always been a big girl. I come from a family of tall people. We're just big people."

Rydell believes no one should be embarrassed with what they wear and instead should view it as an extension of self-expression. She doesn't feel the desire to fit into a mold perpetuated by social media or society even. She wants to simply be herself.

"I definitely think it's high time people say, 'Forget the mold,'" Rydell said. "You can be thin. You can be fat. You can be light. You can be dark. You can be tall. You can be short. Whatever it is, there's no reason that can't be considered beautiful. I just think it's an important message."

Before Faturday Night Live and her return to Midland, Rydell pursued the life of a theater actress in Chicago. Though she carved out early success as an intern at Chicago Children's Theater, there was an unresolved feeling. Because of the distance between her and her family, and the difficulty of finding roles, at 27, Rydell headed back to her hometown.

Back in Midland, she quickly became a full-time teacher of economics and social studies at Midland Christian School while hoping a theater job would open up. A year later, she was given the reins of the theater department.

Although her primary theater work in Midland has either been in an educational capacity or as a performer, this Friday will be a significant mark in her theatrical career. She's set to make her West Texas directorial debut with "The Fantasticks" a musical about parents forcing their children into actions through the method of reverse psychology. The show begins on Feb. 5 and runs through Feb. 13 at the Permian Playhouse in Odessa.

After researching and deliberation, Rydell decided to welcome the task.

"One of my friends suggested me, and my initial response was very unsure because my directorial experience has been high school theater," Rydell said. "I had also never directed a musical."

That's been a worthwhile decision as it brought another creative outlet into her life. She helms the show with assistant director Abby Anderson and musical directors Anthony Vickery and Jeb Harris.

"It's been a learning experience, and I've had to pull my hair out a couple of times, but it's been great," Rydell said. "We adapted the story to take place at a carnival, and that's what great about the story, it can be where you want it to be."

With a two-week run, she can soon get back to her FNL. Her plan is to refocus on the blog, and to possibly expand Faturday Night Live into a full blown business.

"Regardless of whether I'm here or elsewhere, my main focus will be transforming the blog into a business," Rydell said. "I need some time and some help, but that's not going to happen right away. My goal is to start working toward that. People can expect me to expand the blog."

The business model she proposes is a tool to assist women find clothes that are both stylish and fit well. Rydell would essentially act as a personal shopper for those interested. And there's no uncertainty as she voices her own expectations — just a rock-solid confidence like she's always had.

Visit her site at faturdaynightlive.wordpress.com. "The Fantasticks" opens Feb. 5 and runs through Feb. 13 at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

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Pope Francis' 'The Name of God is Mercy' is easy to understand

By Bart Jones
Newsday

■ REVIEW

Pope Francis has gained fame and admiration for his common-man touch. Eschewing much of the pomp of previous popes, such as the traditional shiny red shoes, Francis wears the same type of simple black clerical shoes he did as archbishop in Buenos Aires — and keeps his commentary down to earth, too.

His first book as pope, "The Name of God is Mercy," follows that same trajectory. While the sharp-witted and erudite Francis, the first Jesuit pope, can philosophize and theologize with the best of them, he speaks and writes in a way the man and woman in the street can understand.

He is a natural storyteller, and this 150-page book — in a question and answer format — is full of anecdotes from his life. He speaks of encounters ministering to prostitutes, prisoners and slum dwellers, while throwing in references to a niece, his grandmother, even a novel.

The book, the result of an interview with veteran Vatican reporter Andrea Tornielli, translated from Italian by Oonagh Stransky, is a thought-provoking read that balances deep theological insights with memorable stories.

Francis' central theme: Mercy, which he calls "God's identity card," is at the core of the Christian message. "Without mercy, without God's forgiveness, the world would not exist; it couldn't exist," Francis says.

The pope tells the story of when he was working as a parish priest in Argentina and met a mother with young children whose husband had left her. With little work available, she turned to prostitution to put food on the table.

One day the woman returned to the parish to thank Francis — then named Jorge Bergoglio — not just for the food the parish provided but for respecting her by always calling her "Señora."

"Experiences like this teach you how important it is to welcome people delicately and not wound their dignity," Francis says.

He takes on what he calls "scholars of the law" — people who get so caught up in rigidly enforcing Church doctrine they fail to show Christian compassion and love. "I will say that there is often a kind of hypocrisy in them, a formal adherence to the law that hides very deep wounds. … These are men who live attached to the letter of the law but who neglect love; men who only know how to close doors and draw boundaries."

For those who may struggle to remain focused during Sunday Mass when a homily edges toward the esoteric — and even for non-Christians — Francis' words will prove to be a welcome antidote of blunt, self-revealing and "real world" wisdom. Sometimes it seems amazing a pope is saying such things.

He readily acknowledges his own moral frailness and there-but-for-the-grace-of-God-go-I attitude. When he visits a prison, as he did in Philadelphia last fall, he feels he could easily be on the other side of the bars.

"I have a very special relationship with people in prisons, deprived of their freedom," Francis says. "I have always been very attached to them, precisely because of my awareness of being a sinner. Every time I go through the gates into a prison to celebrate Mass or for a visit, I always think: Why them and not me? I should be here. I deserve to be here. Their fall could have been mine."

"The Name of God Is Mercy" by Pope Francis; Random House (176 pages, $26)

New book details dying doctor's quest to find meaning

By Rasha Madkour
Associated Press

■ REVIEW

"When Breath Becomes Air" (Random House), by Paul Kalanithi

In his posthumously published "When Breath Becomes Air," Paul Kalanithi gets straight to the sudden turning point in his life: the day the Stanford neurosurgery chief resident looked at a scan showing he had advanced cancer and likely little time left.

What follows is a poignant account of his life, his quest to find meaning, his efforts to retain his humanity in the grind of becoming a doctor and, ultimately, his thoughts on dying.

As he and his wife, Lucy, grapple with whether to become parents in their remaining time together, she asks him: "Don't you think saying goodbye to your child will make your death more painful?"

He replies: "Wouldn't it be great if it did?"

The heartrending exchange captures Kalanithi's full-throttled approach to living.

In Kalanithi's childhood and college years, one can see the seeds that created this ethos.

When Kalanithi's family moved from New York to a desert town in Arizona, his mother — fearing for her children's educational prospects — obtained a "college prep reading list," which then-10-year-old Paul began to tackle.

"Books became my closest confidants," Kalanithi writes, explaining the profound themes, rich lexicon and literary quotes peppered throughout his writing.

One summer while in college, he applied for an internship at a research center as well as a job at a lakeside camp; he was accepted at both and had to choose. "In other words, I could either study meaning or I could experience it." He picked the latter.

Back on campus, Kalanithi summarized his dovetailing interests: "I studied literature and philosophy to understand what makes life meaningful, studied neuroscience and worked in an fMRI lab" — functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging — "to understand how the brain could give rise to an organism capable of finding meaning in the world."

It is no surprise, then, that Kalanithi chose the incomparably demanding field of neurosurgery. His reflection on the practice, responsibility, idealism and fallibility of medicine is a must-read for those in the field and those touched by it.

When facing brain surgery, "the question is not simply whether to live or die," Kalanithi writes, "but what kind of life is worth living." Would you trade your right hand's function to stop seizures? Would you trade your ability to talk for a few extra months of mute life?

In the gravest of cases, Kalanithi writes: "I had to help those families understand that the person they knew — the full, vital independent human — now lived only in the past and that I needed their input to understand what sort of future he or she would want."

The book is full of sage dictums: "A tureen of tragedy was best allotted by the spoonful. Only a few patients demanded the whole at once; most needed time to digest."

Despite his close contact with death, it was a dizzying change from doctor to patient.

"As a doctor, you have a sense of what it's like to be sick, but until you've gone through it yourself, you don't really know. It's like falling in love or having a kid," Kalanithi writes.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

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Gillettes Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Carol and Ralph Gillette will soon celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on February 4, 1956 in the bride's hometown of Douglas, Arizona.

Robinson - Acosta

April Elizabeth Robinson and James Julian Acosta were united in marriage on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at The Memory Lane in Dripping Springs, Texas. James' family member, Alex Flemming, performed the ceremony. Following the ceremony was a reception with dinner and activities.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Robinson of Midland, Texas. The groom is the son of Nancy Acosta and the late Jacob Acosta Jr. of Austin, Texas. The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. Serving as Maid of Honor was Jeanne Dietsch, of Portland, Oregon, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lindsay Hense and Ashley Murdter.

Alonzo Villarreal served as Best Man. Grooms men were Jacob Acosta, III, groom's brother, and Mohammed Babakr. Flower girl was Evelyn Dietsch, of Portland, Oregon, niece of the bride.

The couple honeymooned in Destin, Florida and now reside in Austin, Texas.

Montgomery - Allcorn

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Mae Montgomery, to Jeffery Dean Allcorn, son of Mrs. Juanita Allcorn and the late Mr. Bobby Allcorn, also of Midland.

Emily and Jeff are 2011 graduates of Robert E. Lee High School. Jeff is studying Business Administration and Political Science and Emily is studying Computer Information Science. Both will graduate in May from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. Jeff and Emily plan to move back to Texas in the fall where Jeff will attend law school at Southern Methodist University.

Their wedding is planned for May 2016.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 682-6222.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Cracking the cracked egg case

Dear Heloise: Can eggs be eaten if the shell has any crack in it at all? I'm referring to a hairline crack, with no visible egg coming out of the shell, unlike an obvious cracked shell that has egg coming out and sticks to the carton. — Eva W. in Georgia

Yes and no! If you checked the carton before buying and all the eggs were fine, but you found the hairline crack a little later, then it's safe to cook. Do be sure to cook until done, not runny, sunny-side-up eggs.

If, however, you found the crack much later, nope, don't take a chance — toss it out! Nasty bacteria can get in there, and you don't want your family to get food poisoning. It's no fun at all and can make you really sick. — Heloise

Dear Readers: Here is another egg-cellent hint! Bad pun, I know. — Heloise

Yolk no more

Dear Heloise: My husband has been holding out on me for more than 40 years! I mentioned that I was going to separate eggs, and he recalled a sixth-grade writing assignment on how to separate eggs. He wrote about using a slotted spoon to separate them.

He read his paper, and his classmates wouldn't believe it would work. His teacher deemed it interesting. The next day, she told him she had tried it and it worked. The kicker is that he had never tried it before writing the paper. I put it to the test, and it was the easiest way to separate eggs. — Barbara M. in San Antonio

Yep, it works very well. Passing the yolk back and forth between two halves of an eggshell is frowned upon by food-safety folks. — Heloise

Roll or no more

Dear Heloise: This one is for the books, and when my sister, Mary, showed me this, I thought of Heloise!

How many times have you tried to roll off a sheet of plastic wrap and the thing jams and won't cut off right? Then the tube comes out of the box!

There's a neat little gadget on the sides of your roll on the outside. It says "push tab in." This holds the roll in place when you use it. I'm in my early 60s, and I've never seen this. News to me! Oh, and I checked my roll of aluminum foil — same deal. Live and learn. – Kathy and Mary in Ohio

Kathy, it pays to read the instructions, even on a roll of foil. — Heloise

Metal napkin holder

Dear Heloise: I have several cutting boards and do not have a place to store them. I bought a metal napkin holder and "stack" the boards on edge on the corner of my counter. The holder keeps them upright. They are always handy and never in my way. — Sharyn A., Jackson, Miss.

Fruit sticker

Dear Heloise: When I want to get those little stickers off an apple, I cover it with cooking oil, and it peels off. — Annie in New York

SEND A GREAT HINT TO: Heloise P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000 or email Heloise@Heloise.com

Misinformation about beetle leads to useless spray

NEIL SPERRY

Dear Neil: Late last fall, my cedar elm tree was losing branches about 3 feet long. They looked like they had been cut off cleanly with spiral cuts. My nurseryman sold me a spray for what he called "twig girdlers," but I failed to ask whether I should spray in winter or spring.

Answer: Twig girdlers are large beetles with long antennae extending back over their backs. The females make the cuts you described using their sharp mouthparts, then they deposit eggs in the portion of the branch that will eventually die from the cut and fall to the ground. The larvae develop within the dead wood, then pupate into adult beetles, emerge, fly and mate. So, to that end, the nurseryman was absolutely correct in the identification.

Where I would have a hard time agreeing was that you were sold a spray to help with the pests. The female doesn't actually eat any part of the plant. She just cuts the twigs. And she's only there for a few moments doing all of this, so unless you happened to spray during those few moments, you really won't have any way of controlling the problem. The good news is that this doesn't really do much damage to elms, pecans, oaks or other trees that are often visited by the beetles. They just grow out and around the cut ends. There is really no reason to worry, and there's not much more you can do other than to gather up the fallen twigs (larvae inside) and send them off to the landfill.

Dear Neil: Is there anything about donkey manure that would make it unsuitable for use in my garden and flowerbeds?

Answer: Not at all. The only warning I would give, and it would apply to all types of manures, is that you must let it compost long enough that it is no longer recognizable as to the original source. That will take a year or two. Fresh manure of any kind will tie up nitrogen and result in yellowed, weak plants.

Dear Neil: I cannot get grass to grow on the side of my house. We have had very beautiful St. Augustine growing in these areas in the past. Several years ago, we had two feet of the soil removed and replaced, but the healthy new St. Augustine did not grow, even with careful watering. How can I get grass to grow back in those areas? They are getting larger.

Answer: I've been asked thousands of questions over the years, and by far the No. 1 question of all time has been why grass won't grow. It's almost always associated with shade. As trees grow larger and the shade becomes deeper and of longer duration, the grass just can't cope. I've had that very thing happen in big portions of my own yard, and I have almost entirely made the switch to shade-tolerant groundcovers. You didn't mention trees or shade, but if trees are involved, that would be my guess. The other guess would be if it's in hot, full-sun areas exclusively, you might be seeing the remnants of chinch bug invasions summer after summer. As much as I'd like to be able to pinpoint the solution for you, I just don't have enough facts. Hopefully those will provide a start.

Dear Neil: When should I cut back my hedges, roses and other shrubs?

Answer: Bush roses are pruned back by half in early to mid-February. Climbers are usually pruned immediately after their spring bloom. Evergreen shrubs are pruned in winter, but hopefully not by more than 20 or 25 percent, and then only when you're trying to correct for misshapen growth. Spring-flowering shrubs are pruned immediately after they bloom. Summer-flowering shrubs are pruned in winter, but in the specific case of crape myrtles, don't ever top them for any alleged reason. There is never a cause for doing so. You'll hear some people say that they do it to keep their plants more manageable in size, but that doesn't work with crape myrtles. Topping ruins their natural form, and it delays blooming by as much as two months. Plants that are too large should either be moved or removed.

Dear Neil: I would like to plant redtips to replace some bushes that have died. When is the best time to do that?

Answer: Redtip photinias are available year-round, and they can be planted at any time. However, be forewarned that they have a fatal disease called Entomosporium fungual leaf spot for which we have no control or preventive at all. There are much better shrubs depending on the space you have available. If you still decide to plant redtips anyway, be sure you have ample room for them to grow to at least 12 or 15 feet in height and 8 or 12 feet in width. They will eventually grow even larger than that, but so many people plant them where there are low windows or narrow beds.

Game plan for Super Bowl 50: Are you drinking or are you driving?

LAURA D. MOONEY

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

The Super Bowl is America's most watched national sporting event. On Super Bowl 50 Sunday, Feb. 7, there will be much game-day socializing that might include drinking. That's why the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program urges football fans to call the play now: drinking or driving.

If you plan on drinking on Super Bowl Sunday, designate a sober driver to get you home safely.

"Drunken driving is completely preventable," Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent Jacquelyn Warnock said. "All it takes is a little planning. We want fans to remember that it's a choice — drink or drive, but never do both. Law enforcement agencies will be out in large numbers to stop anyone who makes the dangerous decision to drive impaired."

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, 1,041 people were killed in drunken-driving crashes in 2014, accounting for 29 percent of the total motor vehicle traffic fatalities in Texas. Super Bowl Sunday is a risky day for drunken-driving crashes.

If you're attending a Super Bowl party or watching the game at a sports bar or restaurant the Watch UR BAC program advises the following:

- Designate your sober driver or make arrangements before the party begins to get home safely.
- If you don't have a designated driver, then ask a sober friend for a ride home, call a cab, friend or relative to come and get you. If you are at a friend's house, stay the night.
- Do not let friends drive if they have had too much to drink.

If you're hosting a Super Bowl party:

- Make sure all your guests have a non-drinking driver to take them home, or arrange for alternate transportation to see that they get home safely.
- Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic drinks at the party.
- Host your party just like they do at the stadium. Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter of

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Master gardening classes open to public

JEFF FLOYD

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

The Permian Basin Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension to serve your community by sharing their horticulture knowledge through educational programs. Each year, to maintain their coveted title, the volunteers increase their knowledge by attending additional recertification classes.

This year, all of the Permian Basin Master Gardener recertification classes are open to the public. Most of the classes are free and provide plain information that is suitable for both beginning and experienced gardeners. Texas Master Gardeners support and assist Texas A&M AgriLife Extension by teaching at many of these events.

Their folksy and entertaining method of delivery delights audiences at all levels of gardening experience. Today, gardening still ranks high on America's list of favorite hobbies and offers exercise, beauty, produce and increased property value in return.

In the minds of many people, gardening may conjure images of backyard raised beds yielding countless varieties of tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. However, gardening encompasses all areas of landscape interests including lawn and tree care, basic landscape design principles and the conservation of our natural resources.

For example, this February, the Master Gardeners will learn how to landscape their homes for both beauty and protection from wildfire. The class will be taught by retired Ector County firefighter Dale Childers and Texas A&M Forest Assistant Chief Regional Fire Coordinator Jeff Meiner. Both men have a lifetime of practical experiences to share and Childers is also a Master Gardener and county commissioner.

You are encouraged to attend this free class and learn about the connections between landscape plants, fire and your property. Please contact us at the Extension office by calling 432-498-4071 or emailing Jeff.Floyd@ag.tamu.edu to register for this fire wise landscape seminar being held at the Commemorative Air Force Museum George and Laura Bush hangar, 9600 Wright Drive from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 23. If you're a morning person you can register for a repeat of the

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CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland | acmidland.org

TODAY

"Disney's The Little Mermaid" runs through Feb. 27 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Cassatt in the Basin open rehearsal. The public is invited to watch the New York based string quartet during their 10th annual residency. 3-5 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4090 E. University Blvd. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.

"Annie." 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $49.50-$88. MOSC.org.

MONDAY

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the colledge. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

Tuesday Night Open Mic Comedy hosted by Cesar Udave and Willy Olguin. 7 p.m. weekly at Wyndham Garden, 3100 W. Wall St.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Palette Club Painting session from 9 a.m.-noon weekly. Meeting and demonstrations on the second Tuesday of the month. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio-Every Tuesday -Thursday at 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.: KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Midland Arts Association Meeting, noon at Midland College, Room 185. midlandartsassociation.org.

MusikGarten classes for infants 3-5 years. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1412 W Illinois Ave. Call 432-683-4207 for class times and registration.

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

THURSDAY

Chocolate Decadence, 7 p.m. at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. aphasiawtx.org/chocolate-decadence.

Opera 101 is a continuing education class offered by Permian Basin Opera at Midland College. The class will study Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro."Classes are on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. Through April 30. midland.edu.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

FRIDAY

Family Days features dome shows and family-friendly activities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

First Friday will feature the works of Phyllis Cappadonna Short throughout February. Opening reception at 6 p.m. 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"The Fantasticks" runs through Feb. 13. Shows at 7:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. Feb. 7. Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St. permianplayhouse.com.

Saturday

Cassatt in the Basin concert. Noon, Feb. 6 at Permian High Auditorium, 1800 E. 42nd St. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.

MOSC: Mozart's Magnificent Voyage. 4 p.m. Feb. 6 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15-$9. wagnernoel.com.

ON DISPLAY

Nathan Barnes: "Strangely Familial" at McCormick Gallery in the Allison Fine Arts Building. Gallery talk on Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield Road. midland.edu.

"Texas Native Wildflowers Exhibition" at Sibley Nature Centre, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. On display through March 26. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 432-684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

"Billy Schenck: A 45-Year Retrospective" exhibition through March 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. Odessa. Free admission. noelartmuseum.org.

The works of James Hieb and Chris Hieb. The opening reception includes refreshments and music and is open to all ages. 6 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Winter Exhibit featuring artists from ArtQuest, ArtiZen, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland, MARC and Rays of Hope. The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. A St. midlandss.org.

"Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" exhibition is organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California. The exhibition contains reproduction comic strips, quotes by Schulz, memorabilia from "A Charlie Brown Christmas special" and more. Through Jan. 31, 2016 at Durham Children's Museum. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display along with Ben Woltena's "Windswept."$5 adults, $3 children. Admission free throughout December. Museum of the Southwest 1705 W. Missouri Ave.museumsw.org.

"Apparat" features works by 13 artists. Through Feb. 14, 2016. Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. ballroommarfa.org.

Artizen Outlet, 436 Andrews Highway. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 432-770-3494. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios 700 Andrews Highway. 432-664-3197. artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Current screenings include "Zula Patrol: Under the Weather" at noon, "From Earth to the Universe" at 2 p.m. and "Two Small Pieces of Glass" at 4 p.m. 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

Haley Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 432-682-5785. haleylibrary.com.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Don McSparran, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during January. midlandartsassociation.org.

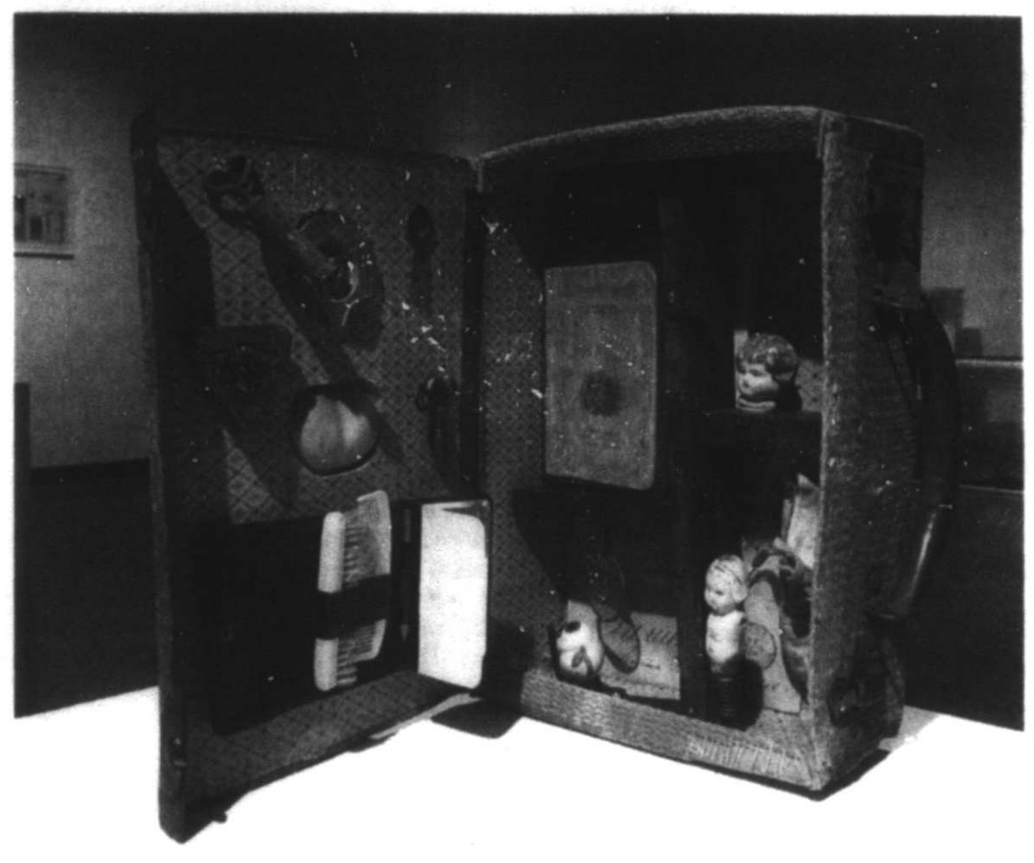
Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947

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.



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"Santa Fe Sojourn" is a traveling exhibit featuring works by the Santa Fe Book Artists Group at UTPB's Nan-cy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery through Feb. 26 . The Ellen Noel Art Museum will host the group's directors Barbara Macks and Liz Faust for a workshop to create a one-of-a-kind art book using flag book binding techniques on Feb. 27 at 1:30 p.m. The workshop is $30 and registration is required. The gallery will host a closing reception Feb. 25 at 5 p.m., which is open to the public.

Arts notes: Local artists open shows near and far

By Rich Lopez
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Three new art exhibits are sure to show off Midland in different capacities. A trio of shows feature local artists in far off galleries to visiting artists here in town.

■ **"Strangely Familial"through Feb. 26 at McCormick Gallery in Midland College.**

In the gallery's current show, Nathan Barnes' portraits aren't your typical look at family portraits. His works are a vibrant combination of sculpture, painting and mixed media that are sometimes whimsical and sometimes shocking.

"Each portrait is associated with a member of my family. They are a conflation of family history, biography, and my own passions and anxieties. They constitute something of a genealogy or collective memoir with the potential to extend deep into the past or far into the future. I also think of them as creatures, fauna that inhabit a world yet largely unexplored," Barnes said in his artist's statement.

The artist will give an art talk at the gallery at 6 p.m. Thursday.

■ **"Surrealism and Storytelling: The Art of Sara Drescher Braswell" through Feb. 25 at CACE Gallery in Fort. Morgan, Colorado.**

Local artist Sara Drescher Braswell has a solo exhibtion featuring 30 original art pieces. The works have been created over the last year with some inspired by her trip to Japan.

■ **Phyllis Cappadonna Short opening, 6 p.m. Feb. 5. at Kamiposi.**

Kamiposi's First Friday show will feature works by the local artist through the month. Along with her contemporary works, the event will feature music, food and refreshments and is open to all ages. If you miss the opening, view the art on Fridays during gallery hours or by appointment.

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exact same class also on Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Here is a schedule of this year's remaining classes:

■ **Vegetables and Edible Landscaping**
March 15 at 6:30 p.m. and March 16 at 9 a.m.

■ **Water-wise Plants and Design (fee required)**
Scheduled for April but no date set yet. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

■ **Aquaponics (fee required)**
May 24 at 6:30 p.m. and May 25 at 9 a.m.

■ **Water Conservation and Rainwater Harvesting (fee required)**
June 18 at 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

■ **Grapes and Wine Making (fee required)**
July 12 at 6:30 p.m. and July 13 at 9 a.m.

■ **Backyard Basics: Home Egg Production**
Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. and Aug. 17 at 9 a.m.

■ **How to Buy Plants and Use QR Codes**
Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. and Oct. 19 at 9 a.m.

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the game and begin serving coffee and dessert.

■ Take away the keys from anyone who has had too much to drink.

Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in a drunken-driving crash.

Different types of bins are needed for composting

DEBBIE ROLAND
Compost specialist

If you've been yearning to start composting, this is the year to do it. Composting mimics nature's recycling plan. Using a compost bin requires a little elbow grease but speeds up nature's process when done right.

Here are some options to turn your garbage into rich, nutritious compost so you can fertilize your flowerbeds and garden. If you are not yet a compost convert or you're in the market for a new composter, read on.

Search the Internet and you will get all the advice you could ever want about compost bins. Composting in West Texas has a set of rules and following them will help with your success. The most important ingredients to any system are aeration, moisture and heat. The heat, and lots of it, will be supplied for you but you will have to have a handle on the moisture. It's a challenge to compost with high winds, intense sun and low humidity.

Permian Basin Master Gardeners recommend that all bins with lots of air flow be lined on all four sides with cardboard or other non porous material, leaving a one-foot airspace at the bottom.

The easy way is to create a simple round bin from wire and a few zip ties and place it in an out of the way place in the back of your yard.

The three-bin system is a commonly used way to compost waste to create viable soil. You can purchase them or build them yourself. Using the three bins helps to keep newly added waste from interfering with bits of trash and leaves that have already started to decompose. The final bin is used for completed compost and can be shoveled out and placed directly onto your garden.

A 3-foot square wire bin is available on the internet. Permian Basin Master Gardeners hosts a compost class once a year and attendance at the entire class earns you a wire bin complete with center basket and a thermometer.

A bin similar to this can be constructed with four used pallets as well. Simply wire it together at the corners and start your layering process. You will want to add a front pallet to contain your compost and keep dogs or other critters out. When turning is required simply untie your wire, lay the front pallet down and turn with your pitchfork.

For the non-frill-seekers among us, the basic bin is just that — a bin that looks somewhat like a smallish residential trash can. It keeps compost contents neatly contained and looks quite pristine compared with all the others.

Basic composting bins typically come with a tight-fitting lid but may have few other "features." One useful and relatively basic feature to look for is a trap-door or drawer at the bottom for easily retrieving finished compost to apply to your lawn or garden.

Some of these come on a stand and have a handle you can use for turning when necessary. Be warned though, the contents are heavy when wet and without upper body strength can be difficult to turn.

I know several people who compost using bales of straw hay that were ruined by weather — use your imagination. There aren't any hard and fast rules for your bin. Remember that access to your bin will ensure success. If you have to walk too far or the water is not easily accessible, your interest will soon wane.

If you would like more information on composting or if you have other West Texas gardening questions, please call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 498-4071.

The secret to a better baked pasta? Don't cook your pasta

Associated Press

If there's anything more comforting than boiled pasta in a sauce, it's got to be baked pasta in a sauce. The baking adds a crispy crust that is such a delicious contrast to the tender goodness of the dish.

Most baked pasta recipes instruct you to boil the noodles until cooked halfway before baking them. This allows the pasta to finish cooking in the oven as it bathes in the sauce. But this method has challenges. If you boil the noodles more than halfway, they'll be overcooked by the time you pull the finished dish out of the oven. I find it hard to get the pre-cooking time right.

And precooking the pasta, even halfway, takes work and dirties a large pot and colander. Then again, if you don't precook the pasta and instead add it dry to the sauce for baking, it will take much longer to become tender in the oven, even as it absorbs all the liquid in the sauce.

Dry pasta needs to hydrate.

So what's a home cook to do? Use my simple no-cook method of precooking the pasta. Just soak the pasta in warm salted water before adding it to the other ingredients and sliding the mixture into the oven. Presoaking is a way to begin hydrating the pasta and washing away some of its starch, even as the salt in the water pre-seasons the pasta.

Baked penne with prosciutto and fontina

Start to finish: 1 hour 15 minutes (20 minutes active)
Servings: 6

- 1 pound penne pasta
- Kosher salt
- Butter, for coating the baking pan
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup crushed tomatoes
- 1 to 2 teaspoons red pepper flakes, to taste (optional)
- 1 1/2 ounces finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 ounces coarsely grated fontina cheese
- 4 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto, chopped

In a large bowl, combine the pasta with enough lukewarm, well salted water to cover. Let stand for 45 minutes.

Heat the oven to 450 F. Lightly butter a shallow baking dish (12-cup capacity with 2 to 2 1/2-inch sides).

Drain the pasta and set aside. In the same bowl, combine all remaining ingredients, stirring well. Add the pasta, toss to combine, then season with a pinch of salt. Transfer the mixture to the prepared baking dish, pressing it down evenly. Bake on the oven's middle shelf until bubbly and browned, 20 to 22 minutes.

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

Dad's ragged appearance may follow him to grave

DEAR ABBY: My father is 80. In his prime he was a businessman with lots of contacts. Most of his friends and siblings are gone now. He doesn't take good care of himself. His hair is unkempt, he goes weeks without shaving, his pants sag, and worst of all, his fingernails are full of dirt. He doesn't get out much, so I'm not sure it's important to him.

My main concern is how to handle this with the funeral home when he dies. Is this something they would clean? I can't imagine putting anyone through that. It would also not reflect who he really is.

I have never been comfortable confronting Dad about his appearance as he is sure to have his feelings hurt. I would appreciate your thoughts on this. – CAN'T CONFRONT DAD IN INDIANA

DEAR CAN'T CONFRONT: Is your father in good physical health? If he is, could he be depressed or becoming demented? Those could be reasons why he has let his appearance go. From your description, your dad appears to have become very isolated. Perhaps if you encouraged him to join a senior group, he'd be more inclined to fix himself up and visit a barber. But I digress.

If your sole concern is how your father will look in his casket, your concerns will be alleviated when you talk about it with the director of the funeral home you plan to use. Making sure a body is clean and presentable is standard procedure.

DEAR ABBY: In recent years, when I befriend women, we start off having things in common (husband, children). Then these women lose all other interests and talk about nothing else. I have a wide range of interests (sports, travel, work, church — you name it), and I'm willing to listen and learn.

Abby, I have never met these women's families and I am so tired of hearing their children's names that I'm starting to distance myself. I have dedicated most of my life to my husband and raising my children. I do not want to spend the rest of it talking about them. How do I handle these ladies? – STARVED FOR STIMULATING CONVERSATION

DEAR STARVED: Birds of a feather flock together. If you want stimulating conversation, you will have to find another flock to fly around with. Sign up for classes at a local college, join a political campaign, volunteer at a hospital, join a group that helps the less fortunate, go to a museum. Do this and I assure you, you will meet others whose interests more closely match yours.

DEAR ABBY: I've met a man with whom I get along well. He is a physical therapist. We talk and joke during my therapy sessions. He makes them seem more like fun than work.

I think we could be friends if given the chance. When I have finished my therapy at the practice, would it be OK to ask if we could keep in touch? If so, how does one approach this? He's married, but I'm not looking for a romantic relationship. I would just enjoy being able to talk with him occasionally. – ON THE MEND IN GEORGIA

DEAR ON THE MEND: When your therapy is completed, tell him you enjoyed the sessions and how enjoyable conversing with him was. Then ask if you can talk occasionally because he has many of the qualities you would like in a friend. You have nothing to lose by asking.

Midland author writes as he walks

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Storyteller

Patrick Dearen of Midland has written a shelf full of books. One of his recent ones, "The Big Drift" won a Spur award from the Western Writers of America Association. The award is presented annually to the author of what the judges consider to be the best western traditional novel. The book is about cattle drifting south during a blizzard of 1884 and 1885. He has an unconventional way of putting words on paper.

"On my last three novels, including 'The Big Drift,' I did these on my daily walks," he said. "I walk 4 1/2 miles every day, and I literally wrote them, start to finish, while I'm walking along."

On his walks, usually to a park and back, he will take three or four sheets of typing paper, fold them to give him a good writing surface and he goes along writing.

"I think better when I'm on the move. On 'The Big Drift,' I put in 1,850 miles. I developed a new method for writers: WPM, or words per mile. I average about 35 WPM."

He doesn't just jot down notes. He writes complete sentences. The first part of his walk he'll write, the last part he'll make corrections. He said there usually aren't many things to correct.

"I measure my progress in terms of miles. Someone will ask me how long it'll be before I finish a project. And I'll tell them about 600 miles. I work every day when I'm on a project. I wrote on 'The Big Drift' for 395 days straight."

Sometimes, he gets so absorbed in his writing he forgets where he is. He has been lost a few times when he is in unfamiliar places doing research.

"The real trick is when I cross a busy street. I have to drag myself out of the period I'm writing about, say the 1800s, where there were no cars, long enough for me to get across the street and not get run over. That's one of the hazards you have to look out for when you're writing while walking," he said.

He started writing while walking to honor fellow writer Elmer Kelton.

"On the way home from his funeral services, I asked myself how could I best honor this special man. I decided to write a novel set in the country we both have loved and dedicate it to him. The trouble was I was in the middle of a massive research project, and I had no time to write. But every day, I made an hour and 20 minute walk. So two days after I got home I got my paper and pen and headed out. When I came back from my walk I had wordage. I realized it works."

Patrick said he tried to win a Spur award for 34 years and finally won it after he started writing while walking.

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Italian gay rights debate prompts rethink of sacred family

By Frances D'emilio
Associated Press

ROME — In Italy, family is considered so sacred that marriage is lauded in the Constitution. But what kind of family?

That has become a bitterly divisive question in a nation where the Vatican packs considerable political weight and where gays have grown impatient as other traditionally Catholic European countries have either allowed same-sex couples to marry or legally recognized their civil unions.

On Thursday, Italy's Senate will plunge into a debate on proposed legislation to grant legal recognition to "civil unions," including those of homosexual couples, without equating the partnerships to marriage.

The coalition government of Premier Matteo Renzi is pushing for the legislation, which includes the right of inheritance, to receive the pension of his or her deceased partner, or to make medical decisions about a partner in hospital. But one provision of the bill, to permit gays to adopt the biological children of their partner, has generated animosity even within Renzi's coalition.

Opponents fear the so-called "stepchild adoption" will encourage male couples to turn to surrogate mothers abroad. Surrogacy is banned in Italy, as well as in many other European countries. Headlines warning of a surge in "rented uteruses" have abounded lately in Italian Catholic publications, as well as in more conservative lay newspapers.

Intentionally or not, Pope Francis has waded into the debate. Last week, in an annual address to the Vatican tribunal that grants marriage annulments, the pontiff declared: "There can't be any confusion between the family intended by God and every other kind of union."

And the head of the politically influential Italian Bishops Conference defended Catholics' having their say in the debate. Laity must "inscribe divine law into earthly life," Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco said.

According to Vatican teaching, homosexual relations are sinful and marriage can only be between a man and a woman.

Pro-Vatican elements among Renzi's Democrats are among those insisting the adoption provision be jettisoned, and the premier has told lawmakers "to vote according to your conscience."

While politicians squabble over what rights gay couples should have, Italian courts increasingly have been approving the adoption by gays of their partner's biological children on a case-by-case basis.

"This law is needed. Period," Renzi told an Italian radio station recently, as political debate grew more acrimonious.

Besides the faith factor, the proposed bill has prompted a rethink of what constitutes family in a country where people rely on relatives or spouses when the state falls short. Grandparents care for children because public daycare spots are scarce; hospital staff often assume Italians will bring hot meals to their relatives' bedside.

"Culturally, family is the ballast to Italian identity," said Lisa Colletta, a professor of gender studies at The American University of Rome.

In her apartment in Rome, Martina Castagnole wakes in the middle of the night to care for 7-month-old Gabriele, and during the day plays with him, exactly like the boy's biological mother, her partner, Giulia Filibeck, does.

"But in everyday life, I have no rights. I can't take my son from school, I can't travel with him abroad. If the baby is in the hospital, I cannot be involved" in his care, Castagnole told The Associated Press.

She said neighbors, or people whom the couple run into in the supermarket, accept the baby, which was conceived with sperm from a donor in England.

"It's ever more frequent that people we meet, doctors, others, treat us and talk to us like we are both parents," Castagnole said.

"Society is more advanced than the law," she added, while lawmakers "have pressures on them, political, cultural, from the church."

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

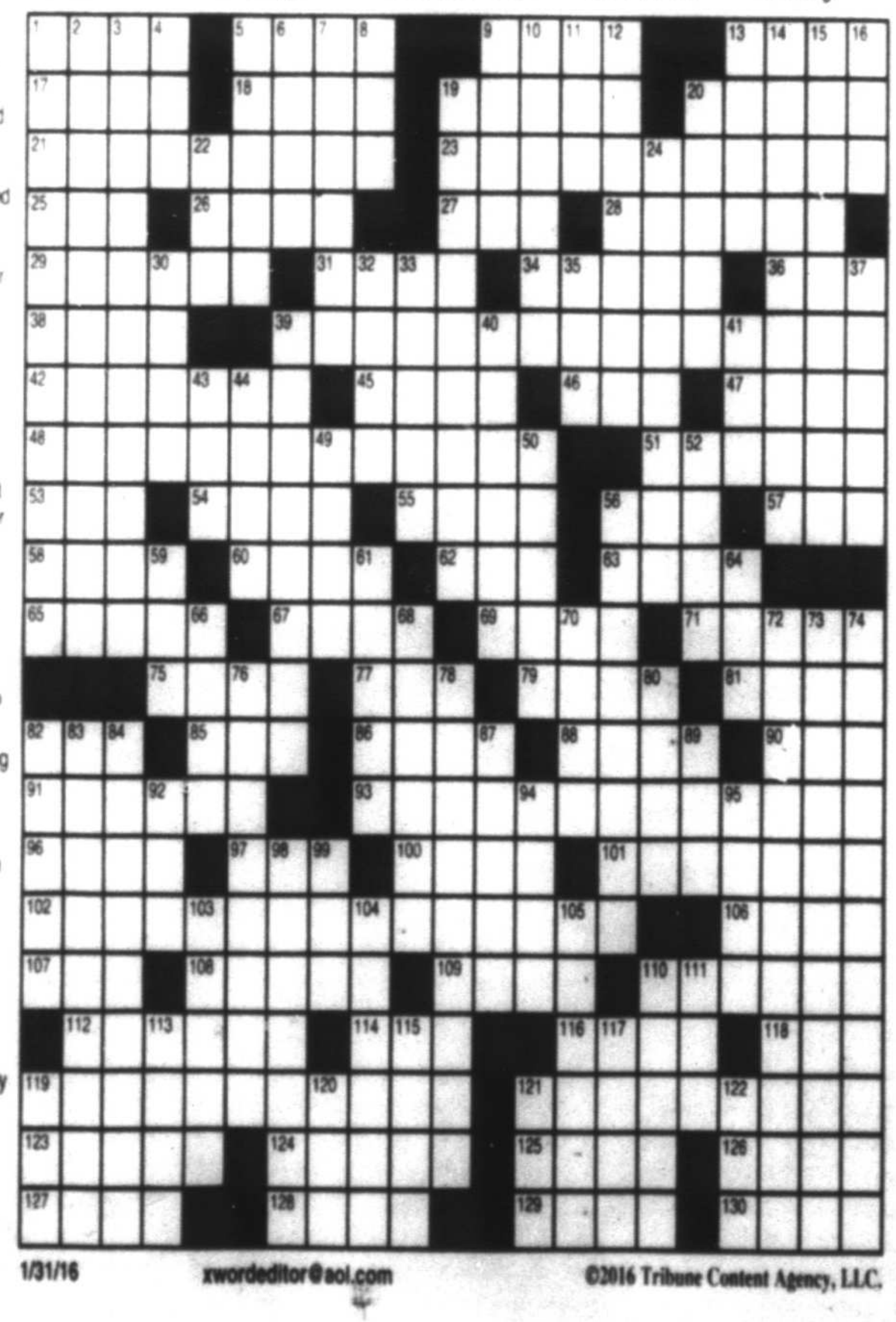
"MISALIGNED" By MARK BICKHAM

ACROSS

1 Time to hang on?
5 Dinner
9 Trunk hardware
13 Future flowers
17 Sheltered area
18 Declare frankly
19 NFL Titan before 1999
20 "But I could be wrong"
21 Place of business
23 Powerful display
25 49-Down counterpart: Abbr.
26 Assuming that's true
27 Heap
28 Sics on
29 Like some guitar music
31 Comic Jay
34 Not nice at all
36 U.S. govt. broadcaster
38 Mandlikova of '80s tennis
39 Recidivists
42 Louise National Book Award winner for "The Round House"
45 Empire with provinces called suyu
46 Superman nemesis Luthor
47 Hebrew for "skyward"
48 Olive branch
51 Still being tested, as software
53 Objectivism advocate Rand
54 Stadium shaker
55 "There darkness but ignorance": "Twelfth Night"
56 Undefined number
57 Thieves' room?
58 Cheat
60 Wound covering
62 ___ center
63 Sweater sizes: Abbr.
65 Ancient Roman garment
67 Camaro option
69 Where shakes may be seen
71 Udder parts
75 Quarterback Tony
77 It receives many returns: Abbr.
79 Become less hostile
81 Frigate front
82 Meas. reduced by fog
85 Major conflict
86 Country singer McCann
88 Picnic side
90 Place for a nail
91 Van Cleef & French jeweler perfumer
93 Red Label spirits
96 Crisis team acronym
97 Letters before F?
100 Mr. Knightley's wife, in the novel of the same name
101 Leaning
102 Clique
106 Olympic hawk
107 Teen's opening number?
108 Actress Ryan
109 Close
110 Common rejoinder in one-upmanship
112 "Full House" actor
114 Forest female
116 Rhein tributary
118 MLX – X
119 Vivien Leigh's last film
121 Misaligned ... or literally, a perfectly aligned aspect of seven answers in this puzzle
123 Farm girls
124 Polonius hid behind one
125 Razor brand
126 Source
127 Blown away
128 Reddish horse
129 General chicken
130 Shelter sounds

DOWN

1 Does as expected
2 "But enough about me" fellower
3 Occasionally
4 Board VIP
5 Black toon duck
6 Alamo competitor
7 In the future
8 Farm girl
9 Greeting from Kermit
10 King in "The Tempest"
11 Put in stitches
12 Hot-button political platform term
13 Warner
14 Came apart
15 High degree
16 Fr. holy woman
19 Exclusion
20 Quite a bit
22 Fruit often dried
24 Shipping overnight, perhaps
30 Certain undercover cop
32 Andy's son
33 Painter Rousseau
35 32-team gp.
37 "The Lord of the whole wood," per Mr. Beaver
39 Blood typing concern
40 Worker with hides
41 Ball girl
43 Suffix with front
44 Sweet talk
49 Rites group
50 Titular character with no lines
52 "My eye!" in Minsk
56 "_ Aunt": Little Rascals short
59 Cassis aperitif
61 Starts to bubble, maybe
64 NFL season opening mo.
66 Monastery garb
68 Easy read
70 Extremely
72 Production design team member
73 Said farewell to
74 Resort area souvenirs
76 With "a," eminently skilled at, as disguise
78 Severe disrepute
80 Be carried gently
82 Explorer _ da Gama
83 "The Young Lions" novelist
84 External Jeep attachment
87 Napoleon's legion
89 Mountain State: Abbr.
92 List-limiting letters
94 Gram
95 Our Gang assent
98 Makes it big
99 Dogpatch conditional
103 Rides to the prom
104 Sinatra trademark
105 They may be rough
110 Black-and-white swimmers
111 Bit of a chuckle
113 Mimicked
115 "The Good Earth" wife
117 Hendrix hairdo
119 Wee
120 Granada gold
121 Meal opener
122 Food service trade org.



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Need it? Play for it!

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 9 8 4
♥ 2
♦ Q 10 9 3
♣ K 9 5 2

WEST
♠ 5
♥ 7 4
♦ K J 7 5 4 2
♣ 10 8 7 6

EAST
♠ K J
♥ A J 10 9 8 6 5
♦ 8
♣ A J 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 7 6 3 2
♥ K Q 3
♦ A 6
♣ Q 4

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♥*
3♥	4♠	All pass	

*Limit raise or better in spades

Opening lead: Seven of ♥

When things look bad for declarer, there may be a specific lie of the cards or a specific distribution that will allow declarer to succeed. Even if this lie of the cards is unlikely, declarer should still play for it when it's the only chance.

East won the opening heart lead with the ace and saw that the defense would probably need a diamond trick to defeat the contract, so he shifted to his diamond at trick two. Declarer was not pleased. East, with a safe heart continuation available, would never have shifted to a diamond away from the king.

South rose with the ace of diamonds and tried the ace of spades, hoping for a singleton king. What the king failed to appear, South saw that the only distribution that would allow him to succeed was for East to have started with exactly 2-7-1-3 — a distribution that was certainly possible after the auction and the early play.

Declarer cashed the king of hearts, shedding a diamond from dummy, then ruffed his good queen of hearts on the table. He led a low club toward his queen, which East had to duck or set up an extra club trick for declarer. South now exited with a trump and hoped for the best. He was rewarded when East proved to have exactly the distribution that South had hoped for. East was forced to yield a ruff-sluff or set up dummy's king of clubs — 10 tricks either way. Well played!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016:
This year you often respond to your intuitive senses, especially when it involves money. Verify what you think is a good bet.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are imaginative and creative. Some of your wilder ideas will add to the delight of being with a special person. You relate well to this individual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Allow others to make the plans. That way, all you'll need to do is say "yes" or "no." A call from someone at a distance is likely to delight you to no end.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll blow past self-imposed restrictions, and might feel as if there's no stopping you. Unfortunately, you could overestimate your energy levels.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could encounter resistance when relating to a partner. You and the other party seem to connect on a deep level.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★
You might consider asking someone else for help with a domestic matter. You are very fussy about what you need and what you desire.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are full of energy and fun. Your ability to get past someone else's defenses emerges. Someone will find you to be lovable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★
You could be up for fun, and you'll be full of goodwill. You might feel insecure with what someone shares, even though this was not this person's intention.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You have been so disciplined and withdrawn lately. When you no longer need to be so reined in, you could be like a cork popping out of a champagne bottle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Taking a back seat might not be advisable right now; however, it is likely to work. You'll hear a lot of news that could surprise you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ What starts as a simple get-together could evolve into a party. Assess how often you experience tension because of what you would like to do turning into what others would like you to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ No one likes to feel judged. You know that a friend is watching your interactions, and you're likely to get feedback about them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Allow your mind to wander to distant topics and faraway lands. You might really want to get out of town for a while.

BORN TODAY
Singer/actor Justin Timberlake (1981), composer Philip Glass (1937)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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ASEC#DATE##HASP##BUDS
COVE#AVOW#OILER#ORNOT
THEOFFICE#SHOWOFFORCE
SOR#IFSO##TON#LETSAT#
TWANGY#MOHR#SNIDE#VOA
HANA##REPEATOFFENDERS
ERDRICH#INCA#LEX#ELAL
PEACEOFFERING##INBETA
AYN#ROAR#ISNO#ANY#DEN
ROOK#SCAB#MED#LGES###
TUNIC#TTOP#ROOF#TEATS
###ROMO#IRS#THAW#PROW
VIS#WAR#LILA#SLAW#TOE
ARPELS##SMIRNOFFVODKA
SWAT#TGI#EMMA#ATATILT
CIRCLEOFFRIENDS##ARES
ONE#IRENE#NEAR#OHYEAH
#STAMOS#DOE##AARE#CVI
SHIPOFFOOLS#OFFCENTER
MARES#ARRAS#ATRA#ROOT
AWED##ROAN##TSOS#ARFS
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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid	This Week		Church	700 Club Telethon	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	Paid	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		PBR Bull Riding	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	F Troop	F Troop	BackKotter	BackKotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Rain	Paid	Tip-Off	NCAA Basketball (L)	
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Southwest "Part 2"		Walking	Mission	In Touch Ministries		Zion	R/Manusc	Chur.Way	Cry Zion	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Mercury	Secrets	New Day	B&N Min.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		W.America	Reporter
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	D.Tiger	C.George	Cat	Sid	Rogers	Odd Sqd	Odd Sqd	Arthur	Cyberch.	Wild K.	Maya&M.
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	RawTrav.	PBR Bull Riding	
FLIX	340	575		165		★★★ Dirty Pretty Things			(:45) ★★ Turner & Hooch Tom Hanks.				★ The Honeymooners			World Trade Ce...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:45) ★★ For Richer or Poorer			(:45) ★★ The Waterboy			(:15) Boxing World Championship Site: Bell Centre					Sports
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie	(:50) ★★ The Musketeer Justin Chambers.				Making /(:50) ★★ The Maze Runner				(:45) ★★★★ Waitress		
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:40) 5 Flights Up			(:20) ★★ Feast of Love Morgan Freeman.				(:05) Two Night Stand			Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:30) J. Edgar			(:50) Dawn of the Planet of the Apes Gary Oldman.					★★ Snakes on a Plane			Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		★★★ Brubaker ('80, Dra) Robert Redford.				(:15) ★★★ Idiocracy			(:40) Austin Powers: Intern...			(:15) Vice	
PLEX			96			(5:45) Crouching Tiger, Hidde...			(:50) ★★ WarGames Matthew Broderick.				(:50) Searching for Bobby Fischer				Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:45) Mission: Im...		Inside the NFL		★★ The War ('94, Dra) Kevin Costner.				(:15) Circus	(:45) The Seven Five ('15, Doc)		
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:15) ★★★ Parenthood			Manglehorn Al Pacino.			(:10) ★★ Superstar			(:35) ★★★ Wicker Park		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	C.Minds "Middle Man"		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "25 to Life"		Criminal Minds		Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger...			
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ Unforgiven ('92, West) Gene Hackman, Clint Eastwood.						★★ Air Force One ('97, Act) Gary Oldman, Harrison Ford.					
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Creflo	P. Popoff	Miracles	Jones Gospel (N)		Lift Voice	(:35) ★ Not Easily Broken ('09, Dra) Morris Chestnut.				
BRAVO	65	76		41		Work Out New York		Watch	Watch	Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Beverly "Going Deep"	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Treasure Quest		Treasure Quest		Dual Survival (N)		Dual Survival (N)	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Miles	Sofia 1st	M.Mouse	The Lion	★ Beverly Hills Chihuahua			(:40) Jessie	Underc.	Liv/Mad	Camp Rock 2: T...	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(5:30) SportsCenter				OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter		NFL Countdown		X Games Aspen (L)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NFL's Greatest Games			NFLGreat	ITF Tennis Australian Open Site: Melbourne Park -- Melbourne, Australia							
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Basics	Barefoot	Giada	Southern	Pioneer	Big Bite	Cooking	Pioneer	Giada (N)	Southern	Heart (N)	Brunch
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Mirror Mirror ('12, Adv) Lily Collins.				Shadowhunters		Shadowhunters		Shadowhunters		The 700 Club Special	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Fishing	DCowboys	Monster Jam		Paid	Paid	NCAA Basketball Baylor vs. West Virginia				Game365	Polaris
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★★ Man of Steel ('13, Act) Amy Adams, Henry Cavill.					
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Unleashing Mr. Darcy Ryan Paevey.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	Wise Buys	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	High Hitler		Hunting Hitler		Hunting Hitler		Hunting Hitler		Hitler "The Tunnel"		Hunt Hitler "Ratlines"	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	LW Atlanta		★★ Obsessed Beyoncé Knowles.			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	PoliticsNation		Up		Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	43				(4:30) Cons.	FIS Alpine Skiing (L)		Premier League Match of the Week				Premier League		Premier L	NCAA Basketball (L)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Dino	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja (N)	Rabbids	Cat Noir	Sponge
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Res. "Beach Rats"		Bar Res. "Chumps"	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		★★★ Jaws 3 ('83, Hor) Dennis Quaid.				★★ Jaws: The Revenge Lorraine Gary.				Underworld	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ Alice in Wonderland Johnny Depp.			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★★ Stage Door Canteen			★★★ Phantom Lady			★★ She's Back on Broadway				I Married a Witch	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Angel	Enfoque	Movie
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law&O. "Scoundrels"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Guardian"		LawOrder "Progeny"		Law & Order "Rage"		Law & Order	
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	Paid	Turning	Miracles	J.Osteen	Suits "Blowback"		Colony "98 Seconds"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Key David	Paid	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — JANUARY 31, 2016

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Channel	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	(11:00) 700 Club Telethon				Count	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Los Angeles Clippers (L)					News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NCAA Basketball Maryland at Ohio State (L)				PGA Golf Farmers Insurance Open Site: Torrey Pines Golf Club -- San Diego, Calif. (L)							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	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		★ Fire on the Amazon Sandra Bullock.				★★ Shall We Dance? Richard Gere.				Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani Erfan	Z. Levitt	Restore	Southwest "Part 1"		Southwest "Part 2"		Joshua	Biblical	House	About Us
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	C Collingsworth		Mecum Auto		Auto Show		Figure Skating European Championship				Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Innovati	2.Opinion	Sit Fit	W.L.Yoga	Sewing	Beads	Nature		Nova		News.	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Puebla F.C. at Toluca (L)				Republica deportiva		Como dice el dicho		Rosa Guadalupe		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		America	News	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	The Good Wife	
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:00) World Trad...		(:10) ★★ Another Stakeout				★★ Maximum Overdrive			(:45) ★★★★ 12 Monkeys		
HBO	300	550	14	14		Sports	FirstLook /(:45) Bill Maher		(:45) ★★★ Shrek the Third Mike Myers.				(:25) The Second Best Exotic Marigold...				Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie	(:35) The Judge ('14, Dra) Robert Downey Jr..					Vice	Vice	Vice	(:45) Vice	(:15) Vice	(:45) Vice
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(11:35) ★★ Shallow Hal			Mike Tyson			Boxing (L)				Making	Bill Maher
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(11:50) ★★★ Soapdish			My Big Fat Greek Wedding			(:05) Reno 911!: Miami			Blackhat Chris Hemsworth.		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(11:15) Vice		(:55) That Awkward Moment			★★ The Boy Next Door			(:05) ★★★ The Last Castle			
PLEX			96			(11:50) Master Har...		(:20) ★★★ Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon					(:25) ★ Crossover			(:05) Searching f...	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	★★★ Shooter ('07, Act) Mark Wahlberg.				(:45) The Giver Brenton Thwaites.				Circus	Billions	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	Movie	The Joneses David Duchovny.				(:10) Ask Me Anything Britt Robertson.			★★★ Camp X-Ray Kristen Stewart.			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(10:00) Pirates of ...		Fit, Fat, Fit "JJ/ Ray"		Fit to Fat to Fit		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ The Bourne Identity ('02, Act) Matt Damon.					★★★ The Bourne Supremacy Matt Damon.					★★ Armageddon	
BET	58	-		40		Movie	★★ Woman Thou Art Loosed ('04, Dra) Kimberly Elise.						Payne	(:10) Payne	(:45) Payne	(:25) House of Payne	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Beverly "Busted BBQ"		Housewives P.		Housewives P.		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Dual Survival (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Movie	(:50) Mickey	Mako Mer	Mako Mer	Underc.	Friends	Bunk'd	Jessie	Austin	Underc.	Girl M.	Mickey
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(11:00) Winter X Games Aspen -- Aspen, Colo. (L)								NFL Countdown "Postseason" (L)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(8:00) ITF Tennis		PBA Bowling Japan Invitational				Soccer (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Property	Journal E.	America's News HQ		Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Kids Baking		WorstCooks	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(11:00) The 700 Club Special											
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball Wake Forest vs. Louisville (L)				UFC Unleashed (N)		NCAA Basketball UTEP/L. Tech (L)				Mavricks	Mavs Pre
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★ Rush Hour 2 ('01, Act) Jackie Chan.				★★★ The Other Guys ('10, Com) Will Ferrell.					How to Train Y...	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Perfect Match ('15, Rom) Danica McKellar.				Dater's Handbook ('16) Meghan Markle.				A Country Wedding Jesse Metcalfe.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Hunting Hitler		Hunting Hitler		Hitler "Hitler's Plane"		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Online Abduction Natalia Livingston.				A Wife's Nightmare Jennifer Beals.				Stalked by My Doctor Eric Roberts.			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		CaughtCam "Fury"	
NBCSN	38	43				(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NHL Hockey All-Star Skills Competition					NHL Live!	NHL Hockey All-Star Game (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	ALVINNN!!!		ALVINNN	ALVINNN	ALVINNN!!!		ALVINNN	ALVINNN!!!		ALVINNN	Nicky "Go Hollywood"	
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(11:00) ★★★ Underworld			★★ Underworld: Evolution				★★ Underworld: Rise of the Lycans				Movie
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Movie	★★ The Sorcerer's Apprentice				(:45) ★★★ Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters					Girls	Girls
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie	★★★ The World of Henry Orient				★★★ The Way We Were				(:45) From Here to Eternity		
TELE	20	-	10	20		(11:30) Death Race: Inferno			★★ El Salvaje			Al rojo vivo		Noticiero	Videos	The Man With ...	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Skin "Lauana and Tim"		Skin Tight		Skin Tight		600-lb "Nikki's Story"		600-lb "June's Story"		600-lb "Chad's Story"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★★ Flightplan ('05, Thril) Jodie Foster.				★★ Unknown ('11, Myst) Diane Kruger, Liam Neeson.					★★★ The Next Three Days		
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	85				In Heat of Night		P. of Interest "4C"		Interest "Provenance"		..Interest "Last Call"		P. of Interest "RAM"		Blue Bloods	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — JANUARY 31, 2016

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Channel	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Galavant (N)	Galavant (N)	Agent Carter "Better Angels"		Shark Tank		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Monopoly	(:05) Paid Program	(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Madam Secretary "Invasive Species" (N)		The Good Wife "Judged" (N)		CSI: Cyber "Going Viral" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Elementary	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "Fade in to Murder"			M*A*S*H	The Odd Couple	Honey-mooners	Cheers	B.New-hart	MaryTy-lerM.	Taxi
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Grease: Live The beginning of senior year means the end of Danny and Sandy's summer romance. (L)						Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Met Your Mother	Jack Van Impe	Texans Late
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"		Rocks/Manuscripts	Update News	What's the Cost	Somebody Cares
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC (N)		American Ninja Warrior: USA vs. Japan Five American competitors compete against top Japanese contenders. (N)						NewsWest 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Havas	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Globe Trekker "Myanmar"		Masterp. "Downton Abbey: Season Six"		Masterp. "Downton Abbey: Season Six" (N)		Mercy Street "The Uniform" (N)		Vicious "Audition"	The Inspector Lynley Mysteries "Playing for the Ashes"		
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		El infierno				Sal y pimienta		Durmiendo mi jefe	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle		Scandal		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Office	NameG.	Fam.Feud
FLIX	340	575		165		(4:45) 12 Monkeys		★★ World Trade Center Maria Bello.				(:10) ★★ Bringing Out the Dead				(:15) South of He...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:30) True Story		(:15) Entourage ('15, Com) Adrian Grenier.				Vice (N)	(:50) The Pyramid ('14, Hor) Denis O'Hare.				Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:15) Vice	(:45) Vice (N)		Vice	Vice	Unfriended Heather Sossaman.			★★ Disturbia Shia LaBeouf.			Movie
HBOS	304	552	16	102		BillMaher	★★ Down to Earth Chris Rock.			★★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road				★★ Unhitched			Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) Dawn of the Planet of the Apes Gary Oldman.					★★ Snakes on a Plane			(:50) Spring "Sex on the Beach"		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:20) ★★★ Neighbors Seth Rogen.				Seventh Son Jeff Bridges.			(:45) ★★★ Maps to the Stars				Movie
PLEX			96			(5:05) Searching f...		★★ WarGames Matthew Broderick.				★★★ Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon				(:05) ★★ Cursed	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Shameless		Circus (N)	Circus	Shameless (N)		Billions (N)		Billions "YumTime"		Circus	Shame.
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	The Lovers ('15, Act) Josh Hartnett.				★★★ Wicker Park Josh Hartnett.				★ Basic Instinct 2 Sharon Stone.			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders (N)		Hoarders (N)		Fit to Fat to Fit		Hoarders	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★ Armageddon ('98, Adv) Liv Tyler, Bruce Willis.				★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.							
BET	58	-		40		Payne	Payne	Celebration of Gospel (N)				Celebration of Gospel				P. Popoff	Ministries
BRAVO	65	76		41		Atlanta Social (N)		Housewives Atl. (N)		(:15) Housewives (N)		(:15) Work Out NY (N)		(:15) Watch	(:45) Housewives Atlanta		
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Under Boss "NASCAR"		Boss "White Castle"		Boss "Hooters"		Boss "Family Dollar"		Undercover Boss		Boss "Synagro"	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Snaketacular (P) (N)		Deadl. Job Interview		Snaketacular	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Friends	Liv Maddie	★★★★ Aladdin			(:40) Bunk'd	Underc.	Girl M.	Austin	Liv/Mad	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NFL Football Pro Bowl Site: Aloha Stadium -- Honolulu, Hawaii (L)						SportsCenter			SportsCenter		
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(5:00) NCAA Basket. (L)		Globetrotters 90th		NCAA Track & Field Razorback Invitational				X Extra	Profile	ESPN FC	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		To Be Announced		Justice JudgeJeanine		Greg Gutfeld Show		To Be Announced		Justice JudgeJeanine	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		WorstCooks (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		WorstCooks	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(11:00) The 700 Club Special										J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks (L)					Maverick	WPT Poker		Insider	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) How to Tra...		★★ Kung Fu Panda 2 Jack Black.				★★ Kung Fu Panda 2 Jack Black.				★★ Rush Hour 2	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lead With Your Heart Billy Baldwin.				All Things Valentine Sarah Rafferty. (P)				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Bargain	Bargain	Life (N)	Life	IslndLif	IslndLif	H.Hunt	House	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		Ax Men (N)		Ax Men (N)		Live to Tell (N)		(:05) Ax Men		Ax Men	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Toni Braxton: Unbreak My Heart				Lila & Eve ('15, Dra) Viola Davis.				Toni Braxton: Unbreak My Heart			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				(4:00) NHL Hockey		Overtime	NHL Hockey All-Star Game Site: Bridgestone Arena -- Nashville, Tenn.						NHL Hockey		
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Nicky	GShakers	Thunder	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★ The Order Heath Ledger.				★★★ Final Destination Devon Sawa.				★ Final Destination 2 Ali Larter.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Girls	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	Tribeca	Percy Jackson: Sea of Mo...		
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:45) From Here t...		★★★ The Major and the Minor				★★★★ The Lost Weekend Ray Milland.				(:15) The Magician	
TELE	20	-	10	20		(5:00) The Man W...		Gran Hermano				Ya era hora		Titulares	Videos	Así era Pedro I...	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life		Long Island Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Married "It's Over"		Medium	Medium	(:05) Married	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) The Next Th...		★★★★ The Town ('10, Act) Ben Affleck.					★★ Limitless ('11, Myst) Bradley Cooper.				Movie
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba 1/2	Reba 2/2	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WGN	19	85				BlueB. "Justice Served"		BlueB. "Bad Blood"		Blue Bloods		Outsiders		(:10) Elementary		(:10) Elementary	

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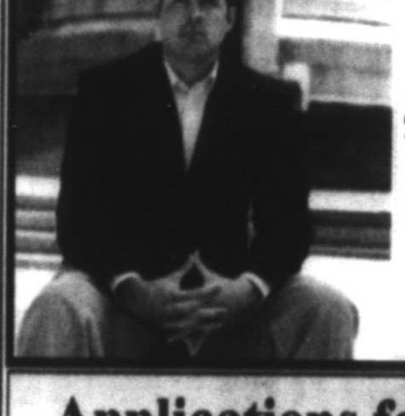
Applications are accepted at least once annually. The application process is open for one month each time.

Eligibility requirements are:

- Live in Midland County the previous full year
- Live in substandard or over crowded housing
- Your income must be within the 25-60% of the area median income as established by HUD
- Have a minimum credit rating of 550
- Be willing to partner with Midland Habitat to work 350 sweat equity hours
- No one living in the home can have had a felony conviction in the last 7 years
- No registered sex offenders.

Midland Habitat is currently building off of Cloverdale Road just east of Bunche Elementary.



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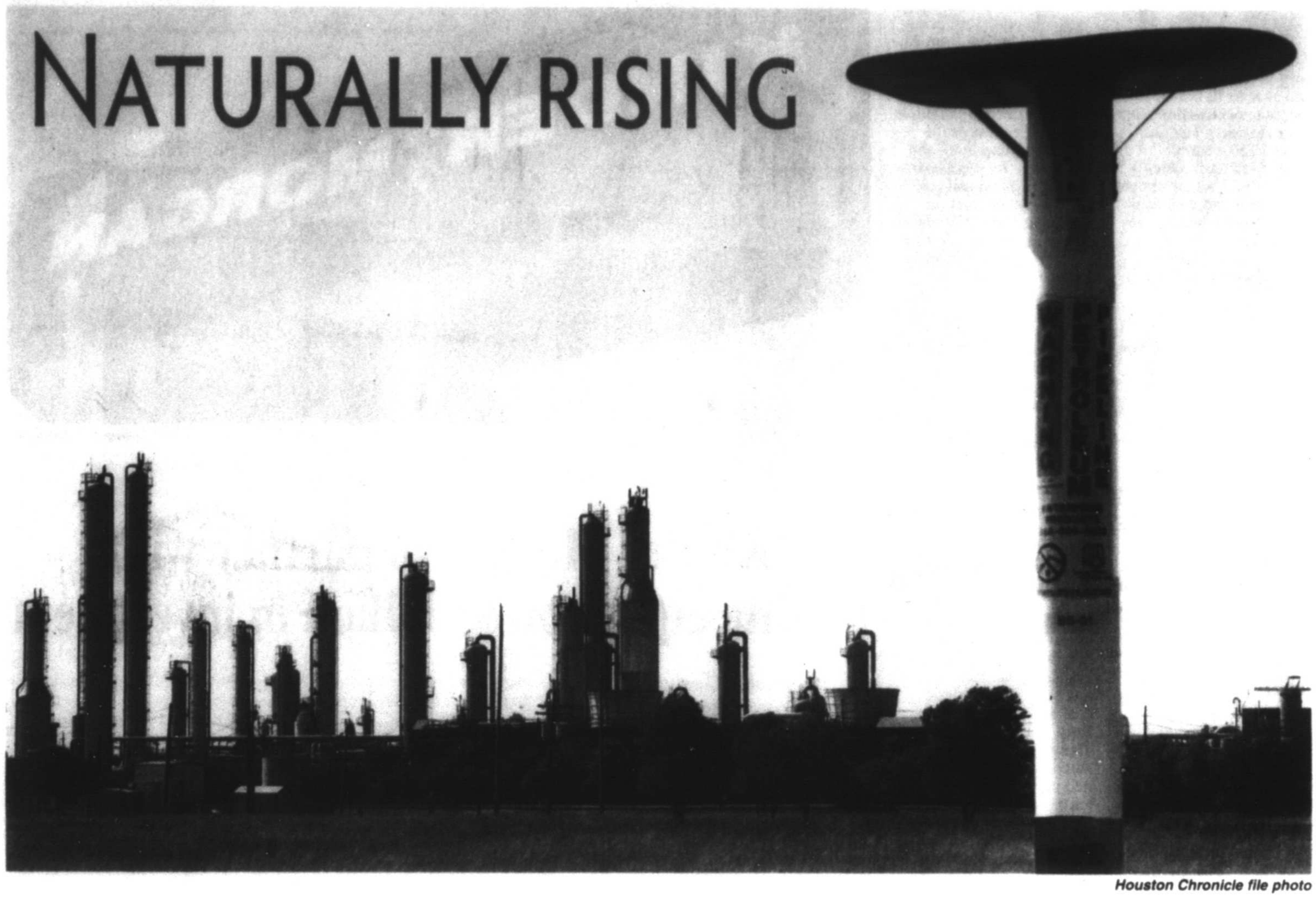

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A warning sign for an underground petroleum pipeline stands near the Henry Gas Processing Plant, a refinery and storage facility operated by Chevron Corp. subsidiary Sabine Pipe Line LLC in Erath, La., on Aug. 26, 2010. The Energy Information Administration's latest Short-Term Energy Outlook includes a forecast that natural gas prices will rise in 2016 and 2017.

EIA forecast calls for rising natural gas prices

Permian operators say 'not a game changer' but boosts cash flow

By Mella McEwen
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Producers hammered by weak natural gas prices might soon be in for some relief.

The Energy Information Administration's latest Short-Term Energy Outlook includes a forecast that natural gas prices will rise in 2016 and 2017.

The average natural gas spot price at Henry Hub in December was $1.93 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), the lowest monthly average since March 1999, according to the EIA's report. EIA expects natural gas prices at the benchmark Henry Hub to average $2.65 per MMBtu in 2016 and $3.22 per MMBtu in 2017. The report's authors said price increases will reflect growth in consumption, primarily from the industrial sector and which will outpace near-term production growth.

That forecast offers some good news even for Permian Basin producers.

"The Permian is primarily an oil-producing region, and the economics of our wells are dominated by oil prices," said Joseph Castillo, president of Bold Energy III. "Nonetheless, an improvement in gas prices adds a little more revenue to the cash flow stream.

"This would be good news, but it's not a game changer for the Permian."

Katie Teller, mathematical statistician and primary contributor to the report, was asked if rising prices would impact demand from the industrial sector — especially the fertilizer and chemical industries.

"If you look at industrial consumption and prices, you see it go down in the mid-to-late 2000s, then generally rising in the 2010s as natural gas prices fell and remained low," she said via email. "Though we see prices rising slightly, keep in mind they are low by historical standards, and we are still projecting increases in industrial consumption."

She said that EIA has documented a correlation between Henry Hub prices and residential prices. For example, in the most recent EIA forecast through 2017, the December Henry Hub price will have risen to $3.62 while the residential price would be $9.20, falling from a peak of $16.70 in August 2017.

As natural gas prices rise, the EIA expects electric utilities' fuel use to decrease. A 0.1 billion cubic feet per day, or 0.3 percent reduction, is forecast for 2016, followed by a 1.4 percent decrease in electric power sector consumption in 2017.

Even so, the EIA points out that power-sector consumption remains at a historically high level and continues to be the largest component of natural gas consumption. Natural gas consumption in the residential and commercial sectors is projected to increase in 2016 and 2017, reflecting slightly higher heating demand in those years.

The nation's total natural gas consumption is also expected to increase, from an estimated 75.5 Bcfd in 2015 to average 76.6 Bcfd (up 1.5 percent) in 2016 and 77.2 Bcfd (up 0.8 percent) in 2017.

Consumers across the board can expect to draw from plentiful supplies, the EIA report said In September of last year, total marketed production of natural gas hit a record high of 80.2 billion cubic feet per day before declining the following month, according to the latest data from EIA's survey of natural gas production.

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Luxe Energy announces first acquisition

■ Properties located in core of Delaware Basin

By Mella McEwen
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A combination of patience, perseverance and being open to opportunity has secured Luxe Energy LLC its first acquisition.

The Austin-based company is acquiring approximately 18,000 acres in Reeves and Ward counties from Endeavor Energy Resources LP and Finley Resources Inc.

The undeveloped acreage and producing oil and gas properties are majority operated with high average working interest and contiguous acreage that will allow the company to employ long laterals in its horizontal drilling projects. The acquisition also gives Luxe the opportunity to design, construct and operate midstream infrastructure.

"It's a nice core acquisition," said A. Lance Langford of the core Delaware Basin properties. "Independently they weren't that attractive but together they make a nice block."

The company looked at various basins that fit its focus on oily plays before striking deals with Endeavor and Finley.

"If you look across the United States — we were focusing on oily plays in the U.S. — the Delaware Basin and Midland Basin are the most economic and prolific basins," Langford, Luxe chief executive officer and president, said by phone from his Austin office.

Because much of the acreage is held by production, the company won't be required to immediately spend a lot of capital on drilling, he said. "We can wait until prices improve. When prices improve, we can accelerate our activity."

Company officials are regularly monitoring oil prices and drilling costs as they plan their drilling activity.

"We like $60 oil and we'd drill at $60 oil. But we'll assess where costs are. Costs have come down significantly," Langford said. "At some point, prices will go up and if costs stay down, which I expect sometime in 2017, activity will rise."

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> A. Lance Langford of the core Delaware Basin properties

The Midland native said plans right now are to spend this year getting drilling rigs ready and designing midstream infrastructure in preparation to launch activity. Midstream construction could begin when, or just before, drilling begins, he said. Drilling will be comprised of horizontal wells with 10,000 foot laterals and "lots of frac stages," he said.

While the company has set aside some funding for drilling, just when the company will drill depends on future acquisitions, Langford said.

"We are focused on oily basins. We've been looking at different basins, but the Delaware and Midland basins, that's our starting point. But don't be surprised if we buy in other basins," he said. "There are opportunities in other basins, but the Delaware and Midland are the top tier."

The company has been patiently waiting for low commodity prices to prompt operators to put assets on the market. Oil prices around $30 a barrel has resulted in a distressed market, Langford said.

"But there's still a reluctance to sell property at these low prices. It's a matter of necessity for some. Companies with high debts are stressed to where it justifies selling assets. I think we're seeing that and will see that," he said.

Prices for Delaware Basin will hold firm because of its potential, Langford said.

"I would argue there are still a lot of intervals that are not yet defined in the Delaware. It's a great basin with great economics and big intervals with lots of potential. When you compare the economics of the Delaware with other basins around the U.S., it's the best," he said.

He is excited about his company's initial acquisition and about the future not only for Luxe but for his industry.

"I feel good about oil prices. These low prices can't sustain. They're harmful not just here but in countries across the world. Many countries depend on oil for their revenues," he said.

Luxe was formed in May 2015 with a $500 million private equity funding commitment from NGP Natural Resources XI LP, a Natural Gas Partners private equity fund.

Langford and co-founder Jeff Larson, who serves as chief operating officer, have worked together for more than 24 years, starting at Burlington Resources and then at Brigham Exploration and Statoil. Langford is the son of Al G. Langford, who was Midland College's first president and active in the oil and gas industry.

Keane Group to buy Trican's US assets

■ Deal would triple Keane's fracturing horsepower

From staff reports

Houston-based Keane Group, which has a significant hydraulic fracturing business in the Permian Basin and an office at 12220 Highway 191, has agreed to acquire the U.S. assets of Trican Well Service Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta.

The acquisition is expected to close before the middle of March, pending customary approvals. Cost is $247 million, comprised of $200 million cash plus a minority interest stage in Keane Group, a privately held well completion services company.

Keane will acquire the majority of Trican's U.S. assets, including equipment, key employees and its engineering capabilities.

With the acquisition, Keane will triple its fracturing capacity, acquire access to proprietary technology, add applied engineering capabilities and further expand its service offerings and geographic reach in the U.S., the company said.

The addition of Trican's assets will help Keane grow from 300,000 fracturing horsepower to more than 950,000 available for dispatch and give Keane access to proprietary technology, engineering capability and new services lines including cementing, coiled-tubing, nitrogen pumping, and acidizing capabilities.

Keane will expand its footprint in the Permian Basin, Bakken and Marcellus/Utica and expand into additional basins in Texas and the Mid-continent.

BUDGETCUTS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Hess cuts 2016 budget by 40 percent

U.S. oil producer Hess Corp. will cut its capital spending budget 40 percent and expects its crude output to decline this year as crude prices languish around $30 a barrel.

The New York-based driller's $2.4 billion annual budget will fall well below the $4 billion the company invested last year and 20 percent lower than the preliminary guidance it provided in October.

The budget cut is in line with projections by Evercore ISI, Barclays and others forecasting deep spending reductions this year. Hess's oil production won't come off as quickly as its spending, as the company projects output will likely decline 7 percent to 11 percent this year.

"We plan to reduce activity at all of our producing assets," Hess President and COO Greg Hill said in a statement. "Moreover, we will continue to pursue further cost reductions and efficiency gains across our portfolio."

Hess, which has a major presence in the Bakken Shale in North Dakota, plans to spend one-fifth of its budget on shale drilling and about one-quarter on bringing its oil fields in the Gulf of Mexico and Denmark into production.

The company has set aside another $820 million to develop other assets in Malaysia and the deep-water Gulf, and $500 million for exploration and appraisal activity in the Gulf and offshore Guyana.

Noble cuts dividend, pares back spending budget

Houston oil producer Noble Energy slashed its quarterly dividend, becoming the latest energy company to pare back its regular cash payments to shareholders amid industry-wide cost-cutting.

The exploration and production company lowered the quarterly payment to 10 cents per common share, a reduction of 8 cents, or more than 40 percent. Noble said the move would cut costs in an effort to ride out the worst oil bust in decades.

Noble will also trim its capital program to about $1.5 billion, or half last year's spending level, joining other oil producers in cutting spending for 2016. But Noble added that the plan will be flexible to deal with continued volatility in oil markets.

"The decision to adjust the quarterly dividend, along with a substantially reduced and flexible capital program for 2016, is part of a comprehensive effort to spend within cash flow and manage the company's balance sheet," Kenneth Fisher, executive vice president and chief financial officer, said in a statement.

Despite the lower investment, Noble still expects to produce 390,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, about the same output as last year. The company will discuss its spending plans further during a conference call with investors Feb. 17 to discuss its fourth quarter financial performance.

Noble said it plans to use the dividend reduction, coupled with its recent debt refinancing, to generate $200 million a year to be used in an effort to reduce the company's financial leverage.

The company says it remains committed to paying a dividend, adding that its board of directors will re-evaluate the payments every quarter.

Williams cuts its capital budget by more than $1 billion

The Williams Cos. will slash its 2016 capital budget by more than $1 billion, the company said Monday, as the Oklahoma pipeline giant prepares to be acquired by Dallas' Energy Transfer Equity.

The 35 percent capital budget cut from last year comes amid the ongoing oil crash and just two weeks after Moody's Investors Service downgraded Williams' credit rating. Williams said it is slicing its capital budget from $3.3 billion down to $2.1 billion for the year.

Williams said it is canceling or delaying multiple projects because of the ongoing slump in oil and gas prices. As producers extract less soil and gas, there's less product for companies like Williams to transport, process or store.

"Our strategy remains intact and the underlying fundamentals of our business are strong despite the slower growth rates producers currently face," said Williams CEO Alan Armstrong in a prepared statement.

Armstrong noted the majority of capital spending will go toward the expansion of its Transco pipeline system running from Texas to New York. Williams also is looking to make about $1 billion in asset sales during the first half of the year.

But the company has generated more news of late because, in September, Dallas-based Energy Transfer announced it reached a $32.9 billion deal to acquire Williams. Both Williams and Energy Transfer have most of their assets in their master-limited partnerships, Williams Partners and Energy Transfer Partners, respectively.

The deal is expected to close in the second quarter of the year, and Williams again reiterated its focus on seeing the deal finalized. The sale would create the nation's largest energy infrastructure company.

The midstream pipeline industry is somewhat protected from low oil prices because of long-term fee contracts, but the midstream sector is not immune from the whims of Wall Street and many pipeline companies have seen their stock values plummet, including Williams and Energy Transfer.

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Continental Resources 2016 budget 66 percent below 2015

Continental Resources Inc. announced a budget of $920 million in non-acquisition capital expenditures for 2016, a 66 percent reduction from 2015's $2.7 billion budget. The company expects average production of approximately 200,000 barrels of oil equivalent (Boe) per day for 2016.

Continental Resources currently estimates 2015 actual non-acquisition capital expenditures were approximately $2.5 billion, or approximately $200 million under budget for 2015. Continental expects average production for 2015 to be approximately 221,700 Boe per day, above previously revised guidance. The company expects to report year-end 2015 total long term debt that is essentially flat with long-term debt at September 30, 2015, up only $7 million quarter over quarter.

Looking to the current year, the company expects first quarter 2016 production will be in a range of 210,000 and 220,000 Boe per day and expects to exit 2016 with fourth quarter production between 180,000 and 190,000 Boe per day, reflecting reduced drilling and a lower level of well completion activity. Continental's 2016 production mix is expected to average 60 percent crude oil and 40 percent natural gas.

Non-acquisition capital spending is expected to be approximately $300 million in first quarter 2016, down from an estimated $395 million in the fourth quarter of 2015. By fourth quarter 2016, capital expenditures are expected to decline to approximately $200 million.

The company estimates its 2016 capital expenditures budget will be cash flow neutral at an average WTI price of $37 per barrel for the full year. At an average WTI price of $40, the company estimates 2016 results would be cash flow positive in excess of $100 million.

Houston Chronicle

Kinder Morgan displays its logo at a facility in Galena Park. The Houston pipeline company plans to sell partial stakes in two projects representing $3 billion in investment to private equity groups, executives said Wednesday.

Kinder Morgan to partner with private equity on $3 billion in investment

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Kinder Morgan plans to sell partial stakes in two projects representing $3 billion in investment to private equity groups, executives said Wednesday.

The deals, which would carve off parts of the planned $2 billion Elba Island liquefied natural gas facility and the $1.1 billion Palmetto refined products pipeline, are part of Kinder Morgan's push to slash capital spending amid an oil bust that has sharply limited its access to capital.

In a presentation to analysts Wednesday, Kinder Morgan Chief Financial Officer Kimberly Dang said the company was already in talks with potential partners and was budgeting under the assumption they'd be sharing the cost of the projects.

Dang also opened the door to cooperating on other joint ventures, saying that Kinder Morgan would shop around some of the planned projects that weren't directly linked to the company's core network of pipelines.

"It's not going to make sense for projects that are on our existing network," she said. "It needs to be projects that are stand-alone… and it needs to be projects that are attractive generally to infrastructure funds, because that's where the most firepower is today."

Kinder Morgan's Elba Island liquefied natural gas plant export project is a $2 billion venture that will put about 350 million cubic feet per day of export capacity on the coast of Chatham County, Georgia. Kinder Morgan expects the project to be completed by 2018 and is currently working its way through permitting.

Originally, Elba Island LNG was a 51-49 percent joint venture between majority owner Kinder Morgan and international major Royal Dutch Shell. Kinder Morgan bought Shell's interest in July 2015, though Shell has still hung onto the 20-year contracts for 100 percent of the facility's capacity.

The second project Kinder Morgan is shopping around is the $1.1 billion Palmetto pipeline, which would carry gasoline and other products from the northern part of South Carolina through Georgia and into Jacksonville.

Construction on the pipeline is expected to commence in spring 2016. Kinder Morgan faced regulatory hurdles late last year when Georgia denied the company the permit that would grant the power to use eminent domain to clear the route. Kinder Morgan appealed the decision, and CEO Steve Kean said Wednesday that the company may be able to finish the project without eminent domain. The company would likely wait until there's more clarity on the permitting issue before signing on a partner, he said.

Kinder Morgan won't be the first company to turn to private equity to help build a project while money is tight. In October, Crestwood Equity Partners LP enlisted the help of private equity shop First Reserve to help it build a $500 million system in the Permian Basin. That deal had First Reserve front the initial cost, while Crestwood plans to pick up the tab later — presumably when it can raise money on more favorable terms — until the two companies reach an even commitment.

Kinder Morgan has already chopped its five-year backlog to $18.2 billion. In 2016, the company plans to spend $3.28 billion building new assets, a sharp reduction from the $6.59 billion spent acquiring and building new pipelines in 2015.

That slashed budget, along with a 75 percent dividend cut announced last year, leaves Kinder Morgan with the ability to fund its own capital budget without adding a large amount of debt or selling any equity in 2016, executives said.

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Shell transitioning Houston truck fleet from diesel to LNG

Royal Dutch Shell is switching its trucking fleet to more liquefied natural gas-fueled vehicles in Houston and Louisiana as more companies increasingly move away from dirtier diesel fuel.

The use of LNG and compressed natural gas — another new CNG fueling station opened Thursday in Houston — in commercial vehicles has rapidly expanded because of the nation's cheap and bountiful supply of natural gas.

Shell said Thursday it partnered with Miami-based Ryder transportation company for 15 new, heavy-duty LNG trucks to support its oil and gas logistics operations in Houston and Lafayette, Louisiana. The 15 new trucks will replace diesel-fueled Shell vehicles. Shell will provide the LNG fuel.

"LNG can be a good choice for truck owners and more are making the switch to LNG," said Dan Flynn, Shell vice president for logistics, in a prepared statement, adding that Shell's LNG is a cleaner fuel that meets emissions regulations without the need for treatment systems used in diesel engines.

As an alternative to LNG vehicles, the 15th CNG fueling station in Houston opened Thursday. The new filling station at Pinto Business Park on Fallbrook Drive just west of Interstate 45 in North Houston is the third station in Houston opened by Freedom CNG.

The new CNG station will fuel the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County's new fleet of 50 CNG-fueled, public transportation buses.

"When it comes to encouraging the adoption of compressed natural gas for local fleet vehicles, we've barely scratched the surface," said Bill Winters, the managing member of Freedom CNG, in the announcement. "There's a strong argument to be made for compressed natural gas both from an environmental and economic point of view."

Texas ranks third in the nation with 79 public compressed natural gas fueling stations, trailing only California and Oklahoma, according to Freedom CNG, citing U.S. Department of Energy data.

HOUSTON

BG Group investors approve Shell deal

British gas producer BG Group investors approved Royal Dutch Shell's takeover bid on Thursday, the latest step in clearing the way for the $54 billion merger to close in mid-February.

The transaction, expected to close Feb. 15, is still subject to approval by the United Kingdom's High Court of Justice and other customary conditions. Closing the deal will mean 2,800 more employees and direct contractors will be cut from Shell and BG Group, an effort to reduce overlapping costs. Shell cut 7,500 jobs last year.

"BG adds attractive deep water and integrated gas positions and will act as a catalyst for accelerating the re-shaping of our business," Shell CEO Ben van Beurden said in a written statement. "We now look forward delivering the benefits of the combination as quickly as possible following completion."

Ninety-nine percent of BG Groups shareholders approved the deal. Absorbing the British firm's pre-salt oil production facilities offshore Brazil will make Shell the international leader in deep-water oil fields, giving it a peak 500,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day, according to energy research firm Wood Mackenzie.

HOUSTON

Shell investors OK acquisition of BG Group

Royal Dutch Shell shareholders on Wednesday authorized the $50 billion acquisition of British gas producer BG Group, after promises by executives to cut more overlapping costs amid falling oil prices.

The value of the cash-and-stock deal has fallen from more than $70 billion last April, when oil prices hovered near $60 a barrel and Shell and BG Group shares traded higher.

At a gathering in the Hague, 83 percent of Shell's investors voted in favor of the deal, and 17 percent voted against it.

Shell CEO Ben van Beurden said he was pleased by "the confidence that shareholders have shown in the strategic logic of the combination of Shell and BG."

Shell will get access to BG Group's large gas production and deep-water drilling businesses, which will expand Shell's gas reserves by a quarter. But oil prices have fallen sharply since the merger was proposed.

In response to critics of the deal, Shell executives have said in recent months they would shake loose an extra $1 billion in savings from the BG Group takeover and the two firms would cut an additional 2,800 employees and direct contractors once the transaction closed. That's on top of 7,500 job cuts Shell announced last year.

Enterprise cash, profit climbs in fourth quarter

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Enterprise Products Partners generated enough cash in the fourth quarter to pay its dividend 1.3 times over, the company announced Thursday morning.

The Houston-based midstream master limited partnership said its distributable cash flow, an industry-standard metric that approximates cash available to pay dividends, rose to $1.09 billion in 2015's final quarter compared to $1.06 billion in the last quarter of 2014. Net income, which the company doesn't emphasize because it calculates items like depreciation differently, rose to $694 million from $681 million in the third quarter.

Enterprise hiked its dividend to 39 cents in the fourth quarter, or $1.56 per year. The company estimated it will have about $2.6 billion in cash left over after it pays its dividend. About $1.6 billion of that cash came from asset sales, including the $1.5 billion sale of its offshore business to Genesis Energy.

"We successfully completed $2.7 billion of organic growth projects that began commercial operations and generated new sources of cash flow during 2015," said Enterprise CEO Jim Teague. Teague assumed the lead role at Enterprise following the retirement of Michael Creel at the end of 2015.

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Polymer Gels for Conformance-Improvement
Instructor: Randy Seright
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$375; Out of State, $400

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
February 1-3, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$1,095; Out of State, $1,120

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program-Module 5: Legally Enforceable Oil and Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
New: G069 152Q; Returning: G071 152Q
Start Date: February 1; End Date: February 27
Returning Registrants: $612.50; New Registrants: $662.50

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program-Module 5: Oil and Gas Law
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 1; End Date: February 27
$612.50; the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

Introduction to Well Completion Design
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
February 4-5, Thu-Fri, 8 a.m. - Noon
$695; Out of State, $720

Petroleum Geology for Non-Geologists
Instructor: Paul H. Pause
February 8-11, Mon-Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$1,835; Out of State, $1,860 - lunch included

PHDWIN
Instructor: Celia Payne
February 9-10, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
$625; Out of State, $650

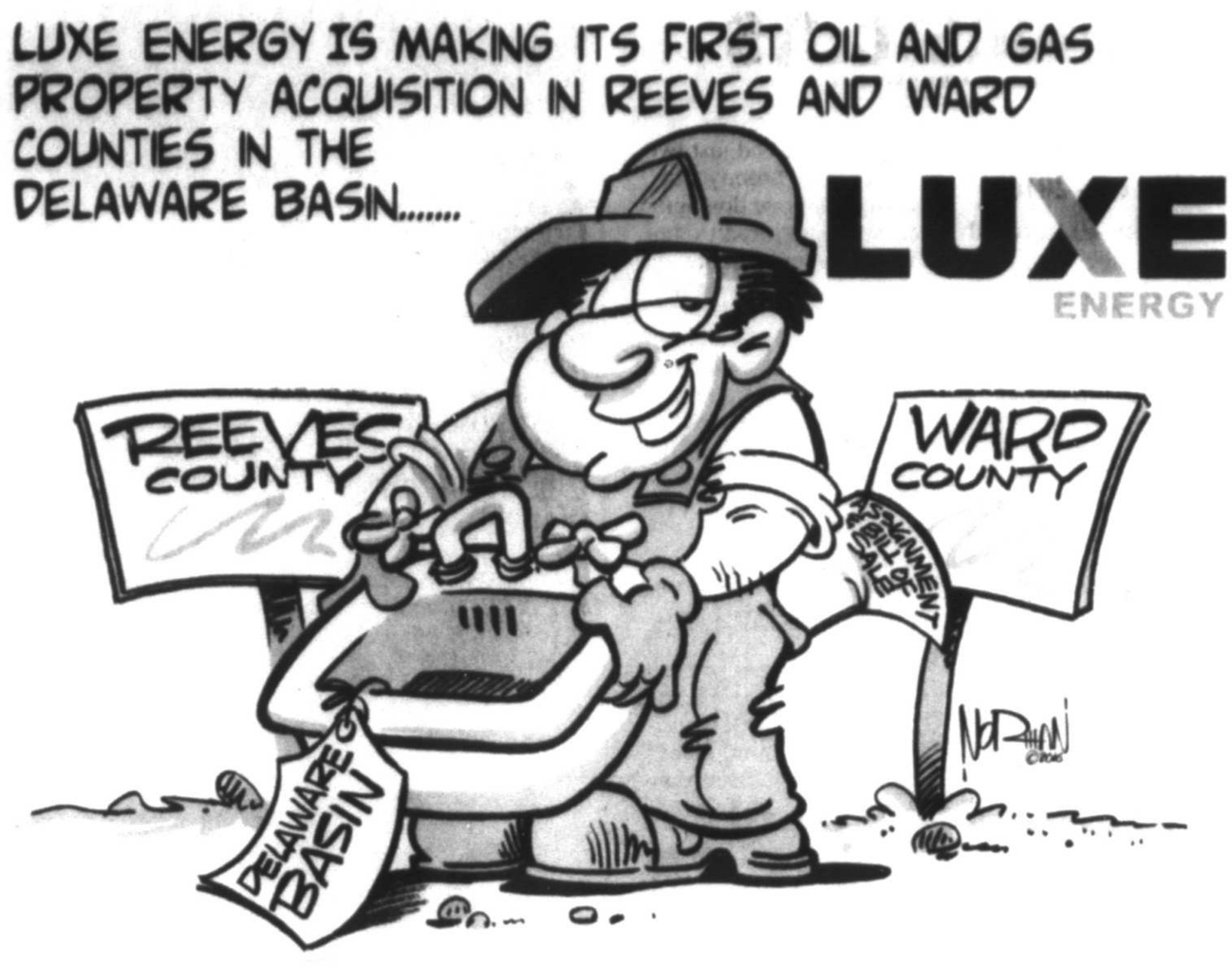
PETRA Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
February 11-12, Thu-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$625; Out of State, $650

Land and Leasing - Oil and Gas
Instructor: Ernie Gilkerson
February 17, Wed., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Lunch 1-1/2 hours)
$350; Out of State, $375

Well Service and Pressure Control
Instructor: Mike Cure
February 18, Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$375; Out of State, $400

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
February 23-24, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$430; Out of State, $455

Managing Sucker Rod Lift Well Failures
Instructor: Kent Gantz
February 23, Tue, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $375



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$27.60	Sunoco*	$28.75
Flint Hills Resources*	$28.75	Nymex futures	$31.16*
Phillips 66	$28.92		
Plains*	$28.75	Net price without transportation charge	
Shell Trading	$28.90	**Note:** Posted prices as of Jan. 27	

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price Jan. 27	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	$2.372	$2.189	$2.981
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$1.990	$2.140	$2.675
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$2.090	$2.083	$2.675
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$2.043	$2.140	$2.653
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$2.050	$2.160	$2.650
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$2.118	$2.082	$2.614
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$2.334	$2.194	$2.851

Moody's places 120 oil and gas companies on review for downgrade

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Moody's Investor Service outlook for the oil and gas industry darkened as the credit ratings service announced a draconian cut to its oil price forecast and said it may lower credit ratings for a swath of international oil and gas companies.

Moody's placed 120 oil and gas companies on review for downgrade, which begins a process that may lead to lower debt ratings. The list includes 69 U.S. companies and 51 others from other nations such as Canada, China and Russia.

The U.S. companies included oilfield services companies National Oilwell Varco and Weatherford International's domestic arm as well as exploration and production businesses Chesapeake Energy Corp. and Vanguard Natural Resources.

Debt ratings reflect the ability of a company to meet obligations to lenders. A lower rating makes it more difficult for a company to access debt markets, and can also signal a company is near default or a bankruptcy.

"We see a substantial risk that prices may recover much more slowly over the medium term than many companies expect, as well as a risk that prices might fall further," Moody's wrote in a release announcing the review. "Even under a scenario with a modest recovery from current prices, producing companies and the drillers and service companies that support them will experience rising financial stress with much lower cash flows."

Moody's announced it had cut its forecast for both U.S. and international oil prices to $33 per barrel in 2016, rising to $38 in 2017 and $43 in 2018. The about $7 per barrel cut to U.S. prices puts the agency among the most bearish large financial institutions.

"OPEC and many non-OPEC oil producers continue to produce without restraint as they battle for market share, and the addition of Iranian oil to the market in 2016 will offset or exceed a roughly 500,000 bpd decline in US production," the group wrote in its out outlook analysis. "Increased production vastly exceeds growth in oil consumption, even with consumption growth by major consumers such as the US, China and India."

Texas service industries also feeling sting from oil price crash

By Joshua Cain
Houston Chronicle

Activity in the Texas service sector picked up in January, with more than a third of businesses reporting increases in revenue, according to new data from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

But most business owners that the Fed surveyed indicated they were becoming increasingly pessimistic about the Texas economy in the face of falling oil prices.

"Oil prices are increasingly impacting our business. An increasing number of customers are delaying or canceling purchases," said an executive for a vehicle parts dealer. "We are not in a desperate situation but are measurably affected."

The Fed's activity index, which is compiled from the answers given by business owners to a monthly survey, fell to 10 points in January from 15.2 in December, an indication that while the sector saw growth, the rate slowed this month.

Even though the Texas service sector continued to grow in 2015, according to the Fed, activity has been down significantly from before oil prices began falling in the middle of 2014 — the peak for the index that year was 28.9, but in no month in 2015 did the index rise above 20. That score shows that a growing number of service executives saw bleaker prospects for doing business in Texas.

Other Fed indexes tracking pessimism from business owners also showed gloomier outlooks among their responses. The general business activity index, which broadly measures the perception of economic conditions, plummeted from 12 points in December to -10.4 last month.

And the company outlook index fell into negative territory, to -5.8. More than 20 percent of the respondents to that question indicated that they saw activity retreating in the coming months.

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> Executive with a financial services firm

"Both (the oil and gas) sectors have seen their selling prices decline 70 percent in the last year. This morning's forecast says prices could fall another 10 percent," said an executive with a financial services firm. "We are adjusting to customer demand for operating equipment, which has decreased to match the selling prices of their products."

A commercial real estate executive noted that activity in the Houston market had contracted because of oil prices, while other cities in Texas that are not as dependent on the energy industry — Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio — remained strong.

"The Houston business market will continue to be impacted by the low price of oil, which reduces growth in our business," a telecommunications industry executive said.

Canada's pipeline regulators can't keep up with companies, audit finds

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Canada's pipeline regulators need to do more to keep up with the pipeline approval process and the day-to-day of managing existing lines, according to a government audit submitted to the nation's parliament.

The report, conducted by the Office of the Auditor General of Canada, outlined problems at pipeline regulator the National Energy Board such as outdated technology and inconsistent steps to verify compliance by companies. The National Energy Board referees Canada's pipeline approval process and oversees operating infrastructure.

The board has come under fire recently as it grapples with about $18 billion in new proposed, controversial pipelines carrying oil sands crude. Several of the largest proposed pipelines have ties to Houston, such as Kinder Morgan's expansion to the Alberta-to-British Columbia Trans Mountain pipeline.

"Our audit concluded that the NEB did not adequately track company implementation of pipeline approval conditions, and that it was not consistently following up on company deficiencies," said Julie Gelfand, Canada's Federal Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, in a video statement released with the audit. "We found that the board's tracking systems were outdated and inefficient."

The conclusion comes after a flood of criticism from local activists and provincial government about the National Energy Board's pipeline approval process. Opponents of the pipelines have argued that regulators have ignored their concerns or aren't capable of ensuring the lines are built responsibly. Much of the conflict has centered around Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline and TransCanada's Alberta-to-Quebec Energy East pipeline, both of which are still being reviewed by the Board.

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The agency estimates that marketed natural gas production averaged 79.1 Bcf/d in 2015, a 6 percent increase from 2014 levels. The agency projects growth will slow to 0.7 percent this year, with growth rising to 1.8 percent in 2017, as natural gas prices rise and more demand comes from the industrial sector and liquefied natural gas exporters.

Because of that surge in production, the EIA expects that for the first time in more than 60 years, the United States will become a net exporter of natural gas by mid-2017. Exports will go through pipelines to Mexico, where there is a growing demand from its electric power sector, and from LNG as LNG liquefaction plants enter service. The EIA said Cheniere Energy's Sabine Pass plant on the Gulf Coast is expected to go into service this year.

A study on the impact of rising natural gas exports done at the request of the Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy found commodity prices would rise along with exports, but consumers should see a minimal increase in costs not only for electricity but for goods and services.

The study forecast increased economic output as a result of increased LNG exports, primarily due to investment in energy production. Increased domestic production, almost primarily from shale plays, will meet the needs created by higher LNG exports, the study said.

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Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Forge Energy LLC
UL 14 Oberon #1122H
Shafter Lake North (San Andres)-Horizontal; 285 fnl, 446 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 14, Abst. 462U, ULS, 13.4 nw Andrews; TD 9013 MD; Comp 1/3/2016; producing from 8537 -9103, fracture stimulated; pump 231 BO, 152 MCF, 2303 BW, 29.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47291

New Mexico

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp.
Calgary Federal #2
Round Tank; Sec 24 T15S R28E; 1650/S & 990/E; EL 3712 GL, TD 3397, PBTD 3345; Spud 10-6-14, Comp 11-11-14; production is through treated perfs: 2909-3025, 3055-3178. Treat: 2000 gals 15% HCL acid, 20654 bbls slickwater, 41,506# 100 mesh, 270265# white sd 40/70. IP: 11-21-14 Pump 24 hrs 3 BO, 400 BW, 7 MCF, GOR 2333, Gty 37.5. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 421 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3391 w/650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3210; API #30-005-64199

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Bradley 8 Fee #26
Wildcat; Sec 17 T19S R26E; 165/N & 2310/W. BHL: 364/N & 2212/W; EL 3377 GL, TD 8815 MD, 3878 TVD, PBTD 8742; Spud 11-5-14, Comp 1-19-15; production is through treated perfs: 4467-8727. Treat: Acdz 24 stages w/92,567 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/3,251,341 gals gel, 266,080 gals water Frac, 317,494 gals trt wtr, 6,285,621# 20/40 Brady sd, 1,041,665# 20/40 CRC. IP: 2-8-15 Pump 24 hrs 114 BO, 1059 BW, 76 MCF. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 1237 w/800 sx, 7 @ 2864, 5 1/2 @ 8815 w/1300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3090; API #30-015-42757

COG Operating LLC
Firefox Federal Com #4
North Hackberry; Sec 4 T19S R31E; 1800/S 275/W. BHL: 1984/S & 341/E; EL 3568 GL, TD 13365 MD, 8887 TVD, PBTD 13360 MD, 8867 TVD; Spud 5-23-15, Comp 7-8-15; production is through treated perfs: 8987-13310. Treat: Acdz w/92046 gals 7.5%, Frac w/6857270# sd & 6079628 gals fluid. IP: 7-20-15 Pump 24 hrs 255 BO, 1468 BW, 184 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 720 w/625 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2608 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13365 w/2750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8360; API #30-015-41571

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Burton Flat Deep Unit #62
East Avalon; Sec 2 T21S R27E; 1950/S & 100/W. BHL: 2105/S & 305/E; EL 3213 GL, TD 12415 MD, 7690.7 TVD, PBTD 12365; Spud 4-13-15, Comp 10-15-15; production is through perfs: 7710-12355. Treat: N/A. IP: 11-3-15 Flow 24 hrs 604 BO, 849 BW, 819 MCF, TP 425, CP 732, GOR 1355.9. Csg: 20 @ 225 w/718 sx, 13 3/8 @ 757 w/1050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2812 w/1055 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12415 w/1850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7126.4; API #30-015-42629

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Daisy Duke 31 State Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 31 T22S R26E; 1980/S & 175/E. BHL: 1978/S & 310/W; EL 3369 GL, TD 10746 MD, 6218 TVD, PBTD 10692.5; Spud 10-10-14, Comp 6-27-15; production is through perfs: 8880-10681. IP: 7-13-15 Pump 24 hrs 57.3 BO, 1-17 BW, 560.6 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 407 w/445 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1728 w/220 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10740 w/1330 sx,2 7/8 @ 4640; API #30-015-42224

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Jester 19 W2AP Federal Com #1
Forehand Ranch; Sec 19 T23S R27E; 185/N & 710/E, BHL: 2312/N & 757/E; EL 3192 GL, TD 16070, PBTD 16040; Spud 6-5-15, Comp 8-15-15; production is through treated perfs: 9363-16025. Treat: Frac in 25 stages w/26,000 gals 10% acid, 9,184,686 gals slickwater carrying 6,449,865# 100 mesh, 3,156,474# 30/50 sd, 733,147# 30/50 resin coated sd. IP: 8-17-15 Flow 24 hrs 256 BO, 3012 BW, 395 MCF, 28/64" Ch, CP 1250. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 460

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around the oil patch

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PLSI can save producers 90 percent on lifting costs on wells producing over 1,000 bbl/day

As the oil price squeeze continues, producers are looking more and more for ways to cut production costs. Because it uses the well's downhole pressure instead of huge amounts of electricity to help push fluids to the surface, plunger lift has always been one of the most cost-effective production methods of all. But it historically was limited to small volume wells.

The great news for producers is that, over the last two years, PLSI has modified its plunger lift design to accommodate wells producing 1,000 barrels per day and more—as long as those wells meet certain criteria. In these high liquid volume wells, there must be sufficient downhole pressure for the wells to produce themselves much of the time, and to allow the plunger to lift a fluid slug to the surface.

Many wells today are fracked deep into the formation, allowing them to flow more freely, at least at first, as more gas is released. But after a while flow rates decline, prompting producers to turn to ESP or rod pump to maintain production.

The problems here are several. As some of the frac sand comes loose and flows into the well, it can damage the workings of the pump, necessitating repairs that can run $150,000 or more plus the loss in production time. Also, the high downhole pressure can cause a pump jack to gas lock, requiring the well to be "killed" for repairs, then restarted, all at great cost.

Plunger lift instead uses that pressure to lift fluid to the surface. The well does most of the lifting—the plunger acts as an interface between the fluid above it and gas pressure below it.

Field tests have shown great success in the Southern Delaware Basin in particular, says PLSI President Mike Swihart. One of the early wells produced 700 barrels of liquid per day and the procedure has worked well since then on wells of even higher production rates.

Plunger lift savings start from the top—installation cost is much lower than for an ESP or rod pump. Its savings continue as it uses the well's energy rather than electricity to do the lifting.

Swihart stresses that the wells must meet certain criteria for plunger lift to work. "If they let us help qualify the wells we can have a high success rate." On the other hand, it's very inexpensive to try, so plunger lift is worth at least considering on many wells.

This flies in the face of the textbook application of plunger lift, but PLSI uses a specially-designed two-stage plunger that allows the well to flow on its own most of the time, only shutting the well in for brief periods.

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Lower cost for installation and maintenance mean plunger lift can save 90 percent on lifting costs—and its new design works on certain high liquid volume wells that were never candidates before. Call PLSI at 432-699-1200 to learn more.

Legacy's Gregg Skelton: TotalRod™ boosts our efficiency by consolidating all well information into one database

In 2007, Legacy Reserves production manager Gregg Skelton was part of the team that decided to start using TotalRod™ to efficiently keep all their well information in one place. It's a decision they have been happy with every day since then. Skelton said they adopted Production Systems' TotalRod because "It's a one-stop shop for drilling, well service and production information."

It is a huge time saver, he continued, because monthly reports, run tickets and all field level data is synchronized with the host server daily. "We can track our oil sales daily," he noted, plus they get daily reports on well service work by the job, so they can keep a close eye on costs. The downtime summary shows why a well was down, whether it was weather, gas plant issues or equipment issues. Evaluating this information helps Legacy improve its operations and cut costs.

"The daily production gauging reporting function is as strong as I've ever seen," Skelton said. TotalRod brings all of this data to the appropriate personnel wherever they are—in the office or in the field, with point-and-click simplicity. Each user is assigned an appropriate level and range of access, from "Read Only" on up. TotalRod's ability to easily export all report detail to Excel further enhances its value. TotalRod's software team has always been receptive to requests for modifications, Skelton noted. " They've always been very good to work with.

"I highly recommend this to anyone," Skelton said, adding that it's important to use all of TotalRod's functions in order to get the very most benefit.

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New Victaulic Style 907 quickly and simply joins HDPE to grooved steel pipe

Style 907 Stands tall in the toughest of environments

Time is always money in the oil patch and the less time spent joining or separating pipe sections, the more efficient your company is. For decades, companies have relied on Victaulic for pipe joints that can be installed quickly with minimal tools, lasting for decades, even in the harshest conditions.

For years the Victaulic Style 905 has provided a secure joining method for HDPE to HDPE pipe connections . Now accompanying the Style 905 is the Style 907 coupling connecting HDPE to grooved steel pipe.

Victaulic's Refuse-To-Fuse™ products, including the 905 and the 907, are capable of withstanding daily temperature swings from 40° F to 110° F without batting an eye. Whether you use SDR 7 or 17, it'll keep the joint together long after the pipe has failed.

And it doesn't take long training and expensive machinery to install the 905 or the 907. Just a wrench and some elbow grease will do for both installation and disconnecting. Applicable in vertical installations, on-site repairs and connections to existing grooved Victaulic systems, the 907 will join HDPE to grooved steel sized piping system components without requiring multiple installation steps. And it gives you access to the entire Victaulic toolbox of grooved components such as valves, strainers and more.

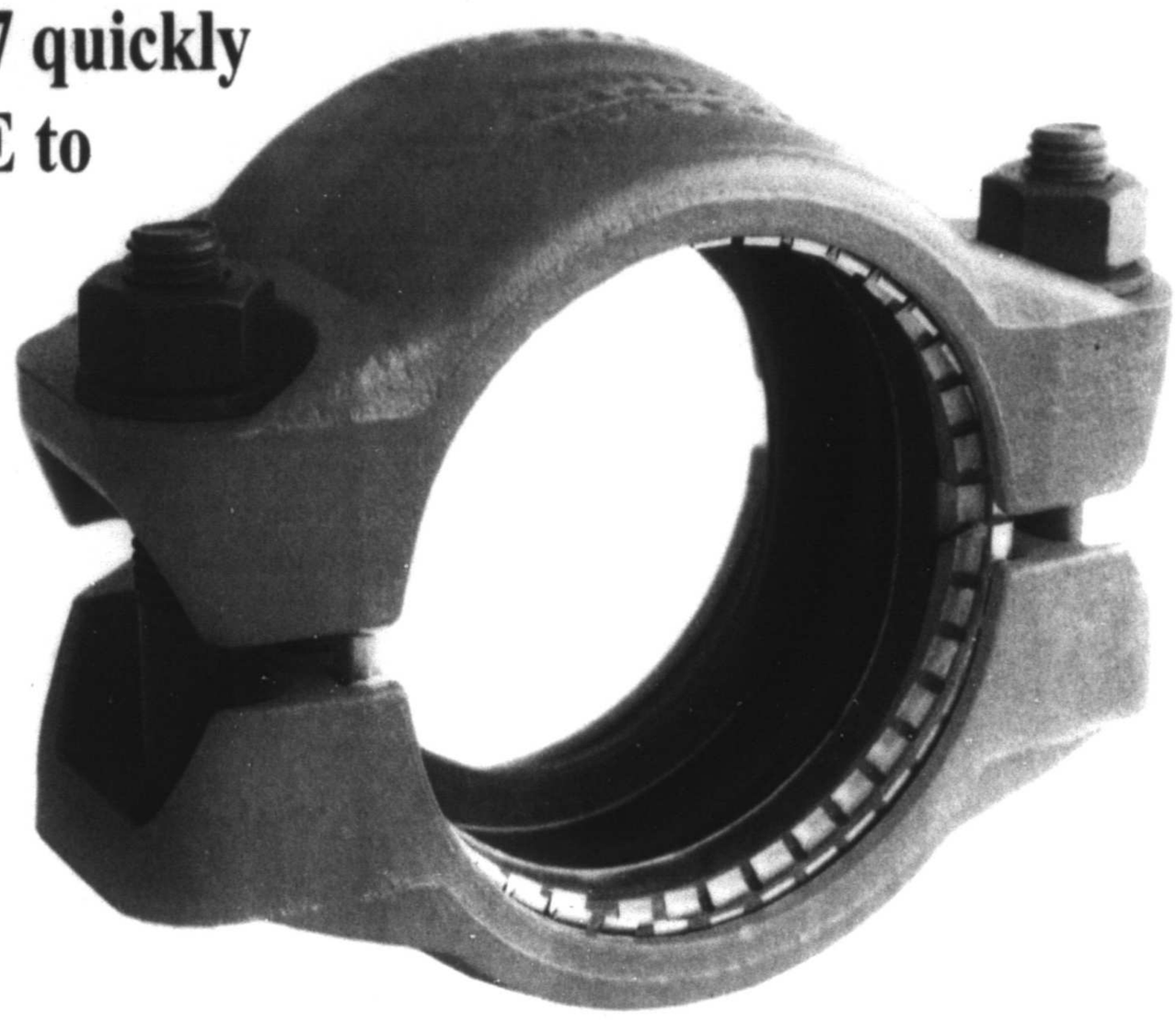
All these are huge advantages over the older system of butt fusing, and here's another advantage: pipe joined with the Refuse-To-Fuse method is ready to use immediately, with no heat-up or cool-down time needed.

This is true wherever pipe comes together—gathering lines, flow lines, water lines, SWD facilities, manifolds, buried services, compressor hookups—it replaces butt fusion just about anywhere.

The Style 907 is made for HDPE to grooved steel joint sizes 2 – 6" IPS, HDPE to 2 – 6"/50 – 150 mm IPS grooved steel and 63 mm – 160 mm ISO HDPE to 2 – 6"/50 – 150 mm ISO grooved steel.

Couplings are laboratory and field tested to verify that their working pressure exceeds that of the pipe itself.

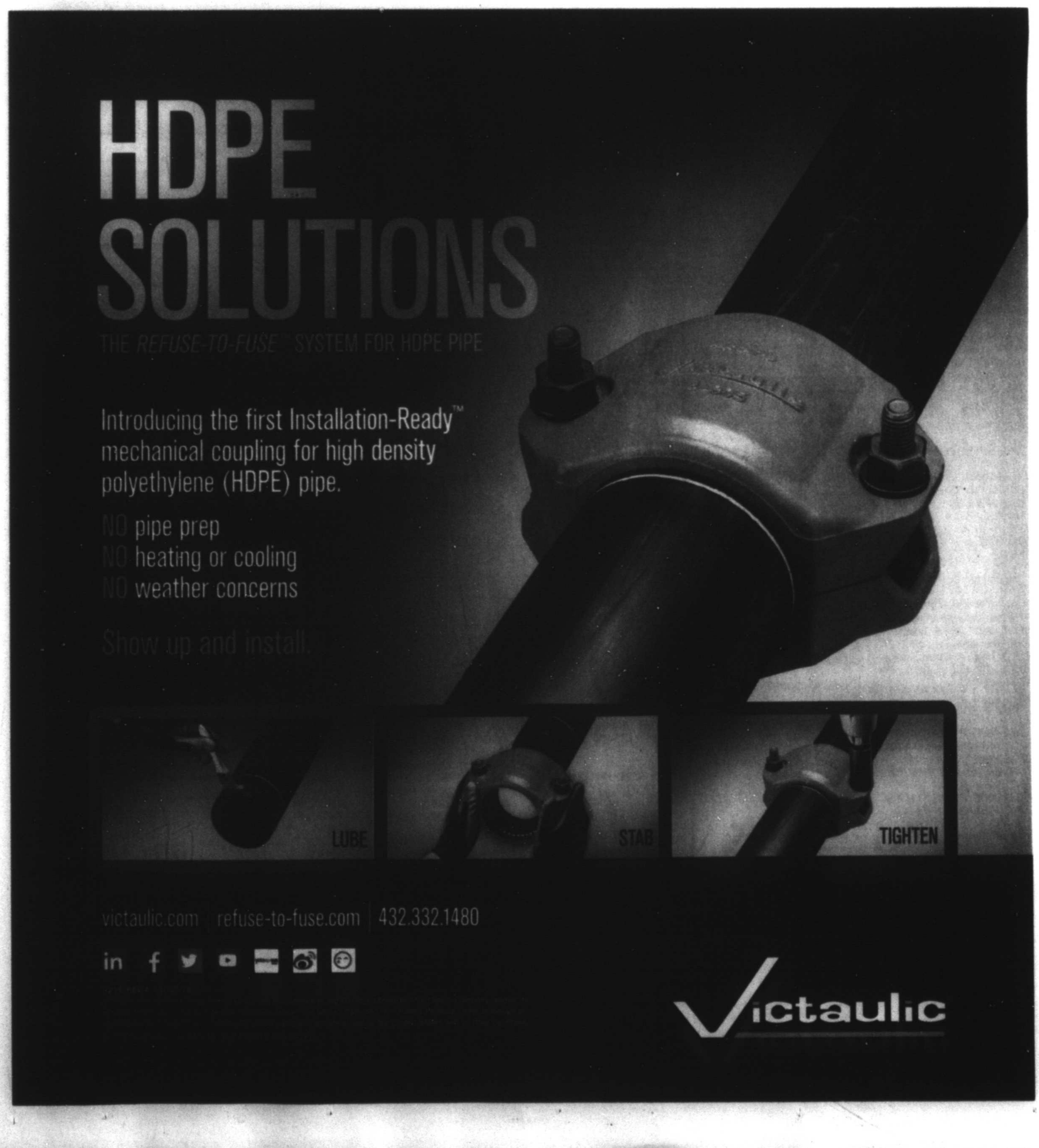
You can count on Victaulic couplings. They're solidly made with a durable ductile iron body and are ready for the harshest service conditions, due also to the standard-feature dipped enamel finish. For particularly aggressive environments, special coatings are also available. Whether you're a longtime Victaulic client who's interested in how the new 907 can help you, or you're new to the idea of Victaulic's faster-than-lightening pipe joining systems, call Victaulic today to learn more.



ABOVE: The Victaulic Style 907 coupling system is designed to outlast the pipe it's joining. The 907 can be installed and removed in minutes, saving multiple man-hours compared to old style butt fusion. Call Victaulic at 432-332-1480 to learn more.

Call Victaulic at 432-332-1480 to learn more. The web address is www.victaulic.com. To learn more about the Refuse-to-Fuse system specifically, go to http://www.victaulic.com/en/products-services/products/plain-end-coupling-for-hdpe-pipe-style-905/

RIGHT: Victaulic's HDPE line, including the 905 and the brand new 907, are ready for use in the field, plant or anywhere pipe joins together.



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w/500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2013 w/750 sx, 7 @ 9313 w/1100 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8378-16070 w/350 sx; API #30-015-42830

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Jester 19 W2DE Federal Com #1
Forehand Ranch; Sec 19 T23S R27E; 185/N & 660/W. BHL: 2300/N & 627/W; EL 3218 GL, TD 16565 MD, 9484 TVD, PBTD 9479; Spud 4-29-15, Comp 7-11-15; production is through treated perfs: 9860-16560. Treat: 56,198 gals 15% acid, 12,180,000 gals slickwater, 7,791,480# 100 mesh sd & 3,443,380# 40/70 white sd, 522,720# 40/70 Oil Plus. IP: 7-12-15 Flow 24 hrs 128 BO, 2757 BW, 123 MCF, 36/48 CH, CP 725, GOR 958, Gty 49.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 452 w/630 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1893 w/600 sx, 7 @ 9810 w/1100 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8774-16565 w/375 sx; API #30-015-42831

Lea County

ConocoPhillips Co.
Vacuum Abo Unit #687
Vacuum; Sec 26 T17S R35E; 2407/S & 2460/E. BHL: 2417/S & 2543/E; EL 3913 GL, TD 9165, PBTD 9020; Spud 12-19-14, Comp 5-11-15; production is through treated perfs: 8662-8682, 8709-8729, 8753-8773, 8810-8819, 8862-8871, 8893-8917, 8933-8941. Treat: 385 bbls 15% HCL, 36 bbls blk, 823 bbls brine, 198 bbls flush. IP: 5-20-15 Pump 24 hrs 2 BO, 1195 BW, 27 MCF, Gty 38.8. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 1671 w/1505 sx, 7 5/8 @ 5083 w/1025 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9148 w/372 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8602; API #30-025-42070

COG Operating LLC
Stratosphere 36 State #5
North Berry; Sec 36 T20S R34E; 190/N & 2200/W. BHL: 338/S & 2019/W; EL 3748 GR, TD 15929, PBTD 15865; Spud 5-27-15, Comp 9-12-15; production is through treated perfs: 11432-15765, 15815-15825. Treat: Acdz w/70686 gals 71/2%, Frac w/6834233# sd & 7046004 gals fluid. IP: 9-20-15 Flow 24 hrs 513 BO, 2075 BW, 590 MCF, 32/64" Ch, TP 1300. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1761 w/1140 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5762 w/1550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15918 w/2520 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10749; API #30-025-42036

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Coachwhip 26 Federal #2
Triple X; Sec 26 T23S R33E; 215/S & 1550/E. BHL: 330/N & 1980/E; EL 2653 GL, TD 15998 MD, 11280 TVD, PBTD 15951; Spud 12-23-14, Comp 4-14-15; production is through treated perfs: 11406-15907. Treat: 40,000 gals 15% HCL, 1,342,660# 100 mesh white sd, 873,820# 20/40 SLC, 4,588,280# 30/50 white. IP: 4-27-15 Flow 24 hrs 1135 BO, 1360 BW, 1163 MCF, TP 1700, GOR 1201. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1450 w/1180 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5204 w/1680 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15998 w/1810 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10465; API #30-025-41962

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Paint 33 Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 33 T24S R32E; 200/S & 1315/w. BHL: 353/N & 755/W; EL 3489.5 GL, TD 15432 MD, 10751 TVD, PBTD 15382.7; Spud 5-22-15, Comp 9-13-15; production is through treated perfs: 10898-15371. Treat: 20,412 gals 15% HCL acid, 5,198,000# 30/50 Ottawa sd, 1,921,000# 20/40 Ottawa sd. IP: 9-30-15 Flow 24 hrs 1312 BO, 1025 BW, 1953 MCF, TP 1354, CP 2300, GOR 1488.5. Csg; 13 38 @ 902 w/960 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4553 w/1380 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15432 w/2725 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10857.7; API #30-025-42516

EOG Resources Inc.
Brown Bear 36 State #703
Wildcat; Sec 36 T25S R33E; 245/S & 1409/W. BHL: 230/N & 1436/W; EL 3318 GL, TD 17292 MD, 12539 TVD, PBTD 17163; Spud 6-17-15, comp 8-28-15; production is through perfs: 12580-17163. IP: 10-10-15 Flow 24 hrs 1422 BO, 1662 BW, 2294 MCF, 36/64" Ch, CP 754. Csg; 10 1/2 @ 1082 w/695 sx, 7 5/8 @ 10462 w/905 sx; API #30-025-42539

Chevron USA Inc.
Salado Draw 29 26 33 Federal Com #7
Wildcat; Sec 29 T26S R33E; 136/N & 1407/E. BHL: 280/N & 2312/E; EL 3247 GL, TD 16689, PBTD 16664; Spud 4-26-15, Comp 9-24-15; production is through treated perfs: 9501-16494. Treat: Proppant 4,442,851# 100 mesh & 40/70 white total 1,692# 15% acid. IP: 10-20-15 Pump 24 hrs 231 BO, 2849 BW, 391 MCF. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 859 w/1020 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4710 2/1540 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13954 w/1635 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8565; API #30-025-42442

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Crockett County

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 4125A-H UNIVERSITY SALT DRAW 302 FSL 544 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 41, UL SUR., A-U345 8999', 11 SE BARNHART API# 42-105-42225

Menard County

LADD OIL & GAS CORP., LELA (GUNSIGHT) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 SILVER MINE CREEK, 900 FEL 1067 FSL, SEC 24, T&NO/C STORM SUR., A-1506 1600', 8 NW MENARD API# 42-327-31240

Reagan County

AMERICAN ENERGY-PERM BASIN LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 32HA ROCKER B 20-21, 337 FSL 1086 FEL, SEC 21 BLK F, C&M SUR., A-81 9000', 17 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39484

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 824IH UNIVERSITY CENTRAL, 1409 FNL 2644 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 8, UL SUR, 8999', 12 W BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39481

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 824HH UNIVERSITY CENTRAL, 1409 FNL 2664 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 8, UL SUR, 8999', 12 W BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39480

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1048NM SUGG D, 955 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 104 BLK 2, T&P/TD LUCAS SUR., A-263 12000', 26 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39483

OXY USA WTP LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H POLO 1605BL, 321 FSL 479 FEL, SEC 16 BLK B, L&SV/CM REYNOLDS SUR., A-395 12500', 23 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-39478

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4415H RINGO 10-7, 187 FNL 230 FEL, SEC 10 BLK D, L&SV/RE RINGO SUR., A-788 8900', 23 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39467

Runnels County

THE WINDOW OPER. CO., JLE (ELLEN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 FIVEASH, 647 FEL 5196 FSL, SEC 1, GB PILANT SUR., A-1074 5000', 8 NW BALLINGER API# 42-399-35488

Schleicher County

MULLOY OPER., INC., RAMON (LEONARD) (O) DRILL Well# 1 PRIESTLEY, 2186 FWL 2205 FNL, SEC 77 BLK A, HE&WT SUR., A-420 2300', 1 SW ELDORADO API# 42-413-32970

Tom Green County

BANNER OPERATING, LLC, JUNE ANN (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 5901 LESLIE TURNER, 820 FEL 1860 FNL, SEC 59 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-899 9000', 21 NW SAN ANGELO API# 42-451-32840

Upton County

BOLD OPERATING, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HM BOLD HAMMAN 30, 400 FNL 367 FEL, SEC 30 BLK B, CCSD&RGNG/ RL WYATT SUR., A-1498 11000', 12 N RANKIN API# 42-461-40173

BOLD OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1WD CHURCH DISPOSAL WELL, 963 FSL 1659 FWL, SEC 29 BLK B, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-25 8000', 12 N RANKIN API# 42-461-40183

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 3RR JRS FARMS 22, 1910 FNL 1320 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 39 T5S, T&P/ JG HALL SUR., A-1401 12000', 8 SW MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39241

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2 JRS FARMS 22, 467 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 22 BLK 39 T5S, T&P/JG HALL SUR., A-1401 12000', 26 N RANKIN API# 42-461-37742

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 7 JRS FARMS 22, 1665 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 39 T5S, T&P/JG HALL SUR., A-1401 12000', 7 SW MIDKIFF API# 42-461-37746

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12H PEMBROOK 28, 215 FNL 1824 FEL, SEC 30 BLK D, D&W/JT BLAIR SUR., A-723 10700', 16 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40186

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H PEMBROOK D-29, 456 FSL 1995 FWL, SEC 29 BLK D, D&W SUR., A-119 10700', 16 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40187

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11H PEMBROOK 28, 214 FNL 1869 FEL, SEC 30 BLK D, D&W/JT BLAIR SUR., A-723 10700', 16 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40185

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H PEMBROOK D-29, 456 FSL 2040 FWL, SEC 29 BLK D, D&W SUR., A-119 10700', 16 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40188

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Andrews County

XTO ENERGY INC., UNIV BLK 9 (WLFCMP) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 7N UNIVERSITY BLK 9/WOLFCAMP/ UNIT, 1215 FSL 1150 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 9, UNIVERSITY LAND SUR, 10700', 9 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-38715

Ector County

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 593 GOLDSMITH CA ET AL, 1995 FSL 2007 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-277 8060', 3 S GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-00971

Glasscock County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 3SW GLASS TXL FEE, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 33 T5S,,T&P SUR., A-188 4100', 14 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37253

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D MALLARD 23 SWD, 750 FEL 1440 FNL, SEC 23 BLK 35 T4S, T&P SUR., A-347 12500', 7 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37252

Howard County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 THOMPSON 48, 475 FWL 2165 FNL, SEC 48 BLK 33 T1S, T&P/ S BALLARD SUR., A-1460 12000', 3 SE ELBOW API# 42-227-38625

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 NEAL 23, 475 FSL 2153 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 34 T1N, T&P SUR., A-392 12000', 7 W BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38624

HANNATHON PETROLEUM, LLC, PETEY (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 3802 MORGAN RANCH, 1980 FWL 2080 FSL, SEC 38 BLK 32 T1S, T&P/ AD LEE SUR., A-1291 11000', 4 NW FORSAN API# 42-227-38623

HANNATHON PETROLEUM, LLC, PETEY (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 ALLAR 30, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 31 T1S, T&P/ WT ROBERTS SUR., A-669 11000', 5 SW SAND SPRINGS API# 42-227-38622

OXY USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 4244 ADAMS, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 42 BLK 33 T3N, T&P/CT ALLEN SUR., A-1236 10650', 5 SE SPRABERRY API# 42-227-38015

OXY USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1WA GREEN CREIGHTON 0429, 2640 FNL 2600 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 33 T1S, T&P/ SW MOORE SUR., A-1069 12500', 4 SW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38627

OXY USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2333 GRANTHAM B, 1962 FSL 2175 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 33 T1S, T&P SUR., A-369 9986', 5 SW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38255

OXY USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1WA MAY A 1108, 2199 FSL 771 FEL, SEC 11 BLK 33 T1S, T&P SUR., A-363 12500', 3 SW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38611

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11H OLD PARTNERS 54-1-30, 475 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 54 T1, T&P/ CF CARMINE SUR., A-1268 13000', 17 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32710

APACHE CORPORATION, TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 151H CHAPARRAL 89, 1156 FSEL 547 FSWL, SEC 13 BLK 2, W&NW SUR., A-206 12000', 4 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32703

APACHE CORPORATION, TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 152H CHAPARRAL 89, 870 FNWL 584 FSWL, SEC 13 BLK 2, W&NW SUR., A-206 12000', 4 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32704

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11H EXCELSIOR 7, 850 FSL 1737 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-44 13500', 19 N MENTONE API# 42-301-32708

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 10H EXCELSIOR 7, 720 FSL 1281 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-44 13500', 19 N MENTONE API# 42-301-32707

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 9H EXCELSIOR 7, 720 FSL 1251 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-44 13500', 19 N MENTONE API# 42-301-32706

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12H EXCELSIOR 7, 850 FSL 1767 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-44 13500', 19 N MENTONE API# 42-301-32709

MEWBOURNE OIL CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# W202DM ZUMA 3 SL, 361 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 57 T1, T&P SUR., A-165 13000', 12 N ORLA API# 42-301-32705

Martin County

BASIC ENERGY SERVICES, LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 3 YATER BRINE SWD, 853 FEL 520 FSL, SEC 10 BLK 36 T1S, T&P/B PETERS SUR., A-447 2500', 1 NW STANTON API# 42-317-40286

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 501C DOROTHY FAYE 320, 1350 FSL 1250 FWL, SEC 320, GARZA CSL SUR., A-999 12260', 9 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40287

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1301C HOLT RANCH A H1301, 370 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 249, HARTLEY CSL SUR., A-601 11989', 11 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40281

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1302C HOLT RANCH A H1302, 405 FSL 695 FWL, SEC 249, HARTLEY CSL SUR., A-601 11978', 11 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-40282

PETROPLEX ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 WHITE 20, 467 FSL 2000 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 36, T&P SUR., A-663 12000', 3 SW STANTON API# 42-317-40259

Midland County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 FR FLUORINE 4, 850 FNL 1920 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/ FA FOWLER SUR., A-907 12000', 3 W SPRABERRY API# 42-329-40471

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H301M ABBIE LAINE, 260 FSL 486 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 40 T3S, T&P/ E ANDERSON SUR., A-1296 9869', 19 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40472

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H302M ABBIE LAINE, 235 FSL 486 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 40 T3S, T&P/ E ANDERSON SUR., A-1296 9475', 19 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40473

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3HB RIO GRANDE 25-20SL UNIT 1, 2325 FSL 2484 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-207 13000', 14 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40415

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3HA RIO GRANDE 25-20SL UNIT 1, 2335 FSL 2534 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-207 13000', 14 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40460

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4HB RIO GRANDE 25-20SL UNIT 1, 2325 FSL 2556 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-207 13000', 14 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40461

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4HA RIO GRANDE 25-20SL UNIT 1, 2325 FSL 2584 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-207 13000', 14 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40462

HIGH SKY PARTNERS LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1000SW MASK, 350 FNL 2567 FEL, SEC 10 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-1276 15000', 5 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40464

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2406H DONALD L HUTT C, 157 FSL 2280 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-97 10500', 14 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40463

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3908H TURNER H R40, 362 FNL 2095 FEL, SEC 39, L LEECH SUR., A-1035 9600', 14 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40390

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3909H TURNER H R40, 362 FNL 2140 FWL, SEC 39, L LEECH SUR., A-1035 9600', 14 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40391

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H MCCLINTIC I R40, 2480 FNL 1560 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 36 T2S, T&P SUR., A-534 10500', 16 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40419

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2108H DONALD L HUTT C, 1030 FSL 2445 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-97 10500', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40467

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H MCCLINTIC I R40, 2480 FNL 1605 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 36 T2S, T&P SUR., A-534 10500', 16 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40420

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2107H DONALD L HUTT C, 985 FSL 2445 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-97 10500', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40466

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3606H PRESTON A, 255 FEL 2095 FSL, SEC 36 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ RC CAUBLE SUR., A-671 11167', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40373

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2407H DONALD L HUTT C, 2280 FEL 202 FSL, SEC 21 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-97 10500', 14 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40465

Pecos County

SAMSON EXPLORATION, LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BALBO WEST UNIT, 332 FWL 350 FSL, SEC 42 BLK 49 T8S, T&P/ HD MENDEL SUR., A-8537 12000', 27 NW FORT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39359

Reeves County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H POWERS STATE UNIT 2-37, 330 FSWL 467 FSEL, SEC 37 BLK 2, H&GN SUR., A-45 13000', 19 SE ORLA API# 42-389-34962

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H DONNELL 54-4-22, 282 FNL 394 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 54 T4S, T&P/ WH RAWLINS SUR., A-3779 13000', 13 NW MENTONE API# 42-389-35009

APACHE CORPORATION, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 402H WAHA, 1139 FNL 2525 FEL, SEC 4 BLK C5, PSL/TJ MCILVAIN SUR., A-4819 13000', 20 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35024

APACHE CORPORATION, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 151H ROBIN 8, 2072 FSWL 1288 FNWL, JF STINSON SUR., A-1102 12000', 17 SE ORLA API# 42-389-35022

APACHE CORPORATION, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 152H ROBIN 8, 470 FNWL 500 FNEL, JF STINSON SUR., A-1102 12000', 17 SE ORLA API# 42-389-35028

COG OPERATING, LLC, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 705H TYCOON D, 50 FNL 4007 FWL, SEC 7 BLK C7, PSL/B RANDALS SUR., A-4879 10850', 7 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35013

J. CLEO THOMPSON, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H THOMPSON 182, 200 FNL 15 FEL, SEC 182 BLK 1, H&TC/ HT COLLIER SUR., A-4485 14000', 36 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35006

J. CLEO THOMPSON, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MANHATTAN 183W, 200 FNL 15 FWL, SEC 183 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-957 14000', 34 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35015

J. CLEO THOMPSON, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H MANHATTAN 183E, 200 FNL 15 FEL, SEC 183 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-957 14000', 34 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35008

J. CLEO THOMPSON, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H AGATE 179SW, 2390 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 179 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-955 14000', 36 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35007

MANTI TARKA PERMIAN OP, LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2HA MAN O' WAR 42-8, 200 FNL 1280 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 5, H&GN/JM WARE SUR., A-1869 12000', 7 SW PECOS API# 42-389-35027

PRIMEXX OPER. CORP., WOLFBONE (TREND) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 1 BAPTIST 13-223, 2000 FNL 1050 FWL, SEC 223 BLK 13, H&GN SUR., A-309 5150', 28 S PECOS API# 42-389-32588

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3571 SAUL, 360 FNWL 330 FSWL, SEC 35 BLK 4, H&GN SUR., A-398 12000', 6 S PECOS API# 42-389-35026

XTO ENERGY INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 15H HURLEY 56-18, 400 FSL 1432 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 56 T2, T&P SUR., A-579 11500', 2 N ORLA API# 42-389-35021

XTO ENERGY INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 13H HURLEY 56-18, 400 FSL 2445 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 56 T2, T&P SUR., A-579 11500', 2 N ORLA API# 42-389-35019

XTO ENERGY INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12H HURLEY 56-18, 400 FSL 1401 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 56 T2, T&P SUR., A-579 11500', 2 N ORLA API# 42-389-35018

XTO ENERGY INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11H HURLEY 56-18, 400 FSL 760 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 56 T2, T&P SUR., A-579 11500', 2 N ORLA API# 42-389-35017

XTO ENERGY INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H HURLEY 56-18, 400 FSL 1532 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 56 T2, T&P SUR., A-579 10300', 2 N ORLA API# 42-389-35014

XTO ENERGY INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H HURLEY 56-18, 350 FNL 444 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 56 T2, T&P/ LT COX SUR., A-2024 10300', 2 N ORLA API# 42-389-35016

XTO ENERGY INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 14H HURLEY 56-18, 400 FSL 2204 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 56 T2, T&P SUR., A-579 11500', 2 N ORLA API# 42-389-35020

XTO ENERGY INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H HURLEY 56-18, 400 FSL 2345 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 56 T2, T&P SUR., A-579 10300', 2 N ORLA API# 42-389-35011

XTO ENERGY INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H HURLEY 56-18, 400 FSL 2304 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 56 T2,

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UTPB Introduces New Athletics Logos

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin athletics unveiled a new set of logos Thursday morning in a press conference in the gym.

"With the recent and upcoming changes in our athletic department, we determined that an athletic logo reflective of our program was needed," said Steve Aicinena, athletic director for UTPB. "The logo was to represent some important characteristics of our department and university: Strength, Determination and Ferocity. As our University and athletic department have evolved, these characteristics have been key to our growth and successes. Our new logo exudes strength, determination and ferocity. We also sought a unique logo that would be readily recognizable and associated with UTPB and only with UTPB. The look of the logo is appealing and we believe students, faculty, boosters and community members will be pleased with it."

UT Permian Basin's new athletic marks are the result of collaboration between staff, faculty and student focus groups and Rickabaugh Graphics, an Ohio company that has created numerous collegiate, professional and corporate logos over the past 29 years.

The new logos usher in a new era in UTPB athletics. The department has undergone tremendous growth over the last couple of years, including the addition of 12 new full-time staff and coaching positions. The Falcons will add football and men's & women's golf next fall. UTPB currently sponsors baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's & women's cross country, men's & women's soccer, men's & women's swimming, softball, men's & women's tennis, and volleyball. UTPB will join the Lone Star Conference in the summer of 2016.

Athletics has been and is a key part of UTPB's plan to transform the university from a commuter campus to a more traditional university. Currently, student athletes and student participants involved in athletic-supported activities comprise 13 percent of the full-time undergraduate student population. Athletics provides a source of community and school spirit. As the only Texas public university west of I-35 that did not play football, UTPB will now be in a more competitive position to attract students from West Texas and the entire state. In addition, academic programs will be expanded and enhanced as the student population demands it.

Season tickets for UTPB Football's inaugural season went on sale Monday, January 25th and can be purchased online at utpbfalcons.com/tickets or in person at the box office at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center at 1310 N FM 1788, Midland, Texas. Contact Maryann Vasquez at 432-552-3678 for more

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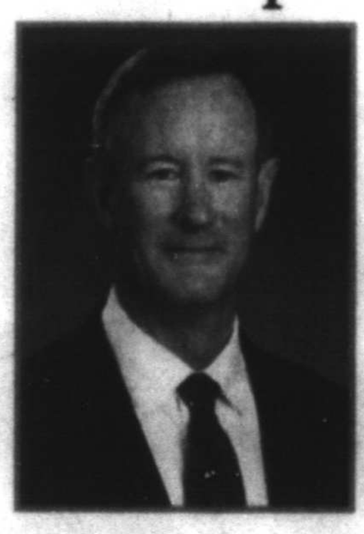

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BLACKBEARD OPER., LLC SE JANELLE (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 QUEEN ANNES REVENGE, 330 FSL 990 FEL, SEC 26 BLK B18, PSL/C & J EDWARDS SUR., A-1218 7000', 6 SE MONAHANS API# 42-475-37033

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 13H HB MORRISON B, 261 FNEL 231 FSEL, SEC 17 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-153 12000', 18 E PECOS API# 42-475-37032

Winkler County

CAVALCADE OPER. CO. LLC, KERMIT (O/G) DRILL Well# 32 MCCUTCHEN, 1320 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 25 BLK B3, PSL/WA MCCUTCHEN SUR., A-1723 4000', 1 NW KERMIT API# 42-495-33692

CAVALCADE OPER. CO. LLC, KERMIT (O/G) DRILL Well# 33 MCCUTCHEN, 660 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 25 BLK B3, PSL/WA MCCUTCHEN SUR., A-1723 4000', 1 NW KERMIT API# 42-495-33693

CAVALCADE OPER. CO. LLC, KEYSTONE (COLBY) (O/G) DRILL Well# 16 SUN-WALTON, 1320 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 8 BLK B3, PSL/JB WALTON SUR., A-1853 4000', 4 N KERMIT API# 42-495-33691

MEWBOURNE OIL CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# W101MD UNIVERSITY B20 2, 285 FSL 290 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 20, UL SUR. 12500', 9 W WINK API# 42-495-33690

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Borden County

PPC OPER. CO. LLC, JO-MILL (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 4031 CANON RANCH UNIT, 2640 FSL 491 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T5N, T&P/ WA BEDELL SUR., A-1460 8500', 15 SW GAIL API# 42-033-32386

PPC OPER. CO. LLC, JO-MILL (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 4017 CANON RANCH UNIT, 1267 FSL 570 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 33 T5N, T&P SUR., A-374 8500', 15 SW GAIL API# 42-033-32385

Gaines County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5607R GAINES WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1942 FEL 1407 FNL, SEC 50 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-1407 9000', 1 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-38338

TABULA RASA ENERGY, LLC, E SEMINOLE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 54R SEMINOLE EAST (SAN ANDRES) UNIT, 1826 FNL 639 FWL, SEC 128 BLK G, WT/M EIDSON SUR., A-462 6300', 3 E SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38339

XTO ENERGY INC., RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 511 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 192 FSL 2090 FEL, SEC 457 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-38 8100', 20 NW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38342

XTO ENERGY INC., RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 612 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 421 FNL 1735 FEL, SEC 492 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG/ BJ COCHRAIN SUR., A-927 8200', 21 NW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38341

XTO ENERGY INC., WASSON (O) DRILL Well# 206 HIGG RANCH, 383 FNL 334 FWL, SEC 454 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG/ T ROSS SUR., A-628 5700', 6 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-38337

Garza County

SMITH ENERGY OPER. CO., COULTER (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 2 MACY-LOTT 3, 1509 FNL*1258 FWL, SEC 3, TWNG SUR., A-408 9000', 10 SW POST API# 42-169-34214

Lynn County

ROFF OPER. CO., LLC, SMITH (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 1 RS HILL, 2235 FWL 2172 FNL, SEC 40 BLK 8, EL&RR/WC KEITH SUR., A-901 9000', 2 NW O'DONNELL API# 42-305-30561

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 15-14 SACROC UNIT, 1293 FNL 2662 FEL, SEC 441 BLK 97, H&TC/MG CASH SUR., A-1911 7250', 9 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35180

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 17-11 SACROC UNIT, 685 FNL 1456 FWL, SEC 440 BLK 97, H&TC/ BL PATTERSON SUR., A-1532 7250', 9 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35176

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 28-23 SACROC UNIT, 159 FSL 698 FEL, SEC 393 BLK 97, H&TC/C COPPINGER SUR., A-1936 7250', 8 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35179

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 11-23 SACROC UNIT, 1404 FSL 726 FEL, SEC 449 BLK 97, H&TC/T MARTIN SUR., A-2067 7250', 10 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35177

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 17A-16 SACROC UNIT, 633 FNL 2425 FEL, SEC 440 BLK 97, H&TC/ BL PATTERSON SUR., A-1532 7250', 9 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35178

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5401R GAINES WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 456 FSL 1301 FEL, SEC 894 BLK D, JOHN H GIBSON SUR. 9000', 2 W DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36612

WALSH PETROLEUM INC., E BRAHANEY (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GIBSON A, 180 FWL 820 FSL, SEC 426 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ MRS DM MORELAND SUR., A-1692 5400', 3 W PLAINS API# 42-501-36613

New Mexico

Eddy County

Cimarex Energy Co. Cottonberry 20 Federal Com #2
Undesignated; Sec 17 T25S R27E; 195/S & 2225/E; 11 mi SE Black River; Rot 12812 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43455

Lea County

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Lea Unit #54
Lea; Sec 11 T20S R34E; 170/N & 1740/E; 12 1/2 mi NE Halfway; Rot 18073 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42949

OWL SWD Operating LLC McCloy SWD #2
SWD; Sec 15 T24S R32E; 1595/S & 369/W; 13 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 18000 Devonian; API #30-025-42947

COG Operating LLC
Vast State #2
Red Hills; Sec 17 T26S R33E; 210/S & 445/E; 13 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42942

COG Operating LLC
Vast State #3
Red Hills; Sec 17 T26S R33E; 210/S & 1620/E; 13 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42943

COG Operating LLC
Vast State #4
Red Hills; Sec 17 T26S R33E; 210/S & 1650/E; 13 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42945

COG Operating LLC
Vast State #5
Red Hills; Sec 17 T26S R33E; 210/S & 1680/E; 13 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42946

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