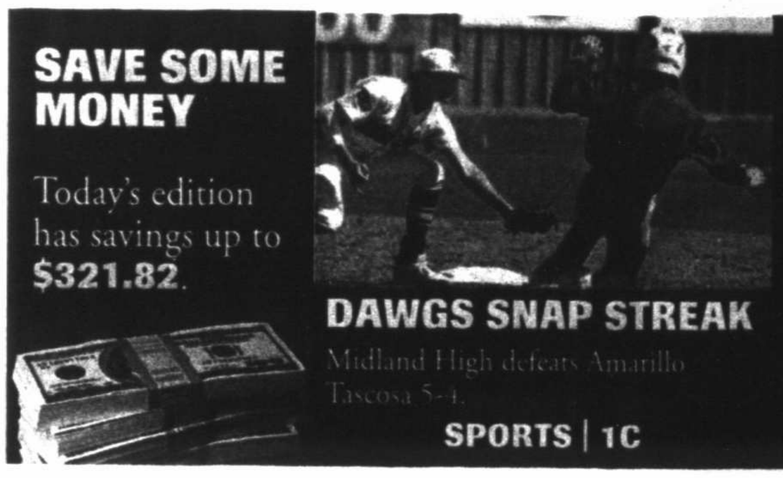


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Today's edition has savings up to **$321.82**.

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Midland High defeats Amarillo Tascosa 5-4.

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HOMELESS HELP



Jessica Lindemood-Nosek /The Fields Edge

A Fields Edge volunteer, Liz Lehrer, hugs a homeless man.

Homelessness costs Midland taxpayers millions of dollars annually

By Jessica Lindemood-Nosek
The Fields Edge

■ COMMENTARY

The Fields Edge, a local and faith-based nonprofit that seeks to build a tiny house community for the chronically homeless people in Midland, has been collaborating with Midland County District Attorney Laura Nodolf and the Executive Director of the Midland Behavioral Health Leadership Team Elaine Bedell in an effort to assess the overall scope of the issue of homelessness in Midland County.

The estimated cost of homelessness to Midland County taxpayers is approximately $13.35 million annually, or $191,215 per homeless person annually.



Lindemood-Nosek

According to the 2016 and 2017 financial reports posted on its website, Midland Memorial Hospital has spent more than $25.5 million on

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During the best of times, there is a significant need for food banks

By Libby Campbell
West Texas Food Bank

■ COMMENTARY

For many West Texans blessings abound in our current robust economy. Jobs are plentiful and unemployment is low. Nonprofit agencies, like the West Texas Food Bank, are grateful for generous gifts from our partners in the community which help us improve and expand our services. Unfortunately, we also see unique challenges that come with a boom: increased traffic and wear and tear on our roads, busy restaurants with less-than-speedy service, and overcrowded schools without enough teachers to name a few. A particular challenge we see daily, even during a boom time, might be confusing to some, but the question remains: why are there hungry people in West Texas?



Campbell

As you may have read in recent Reporter-Telegram articles, rent prices in Midland are the highest in the state, hotel

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Local economy on cusp of new highs

■ Ingham: "Recovery is over and done with, and it's onward and upward into record territory"

By Mella McEwen
mmcewen@mrt.com

Midland-Odessa's economy has regained the losses sustained during the oil price downturn and is set to reenter record territory.

Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for Midland Development Corp., expects the index to reenter record territory in the next couple of months.

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Permian land rush is over, leaving big players to gobble smaller ones

■ M&A peaked in the first quarter of 2017 with nearly $18 billion in Permian deals

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

The great Permian Basin land rush is over.

With the top acreage gobbled up, few companies are staking new claims. Instead, the industry is entering a new phase of consolidation that will likely drive small and mid-sized firms from the West

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■ Shale paradox calls for close look at the good and bad of the shale revolution.

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Texas voters support sending troops to the border, but not building a wall. Page 7A



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With Bush's death, we lost an unelected political icon
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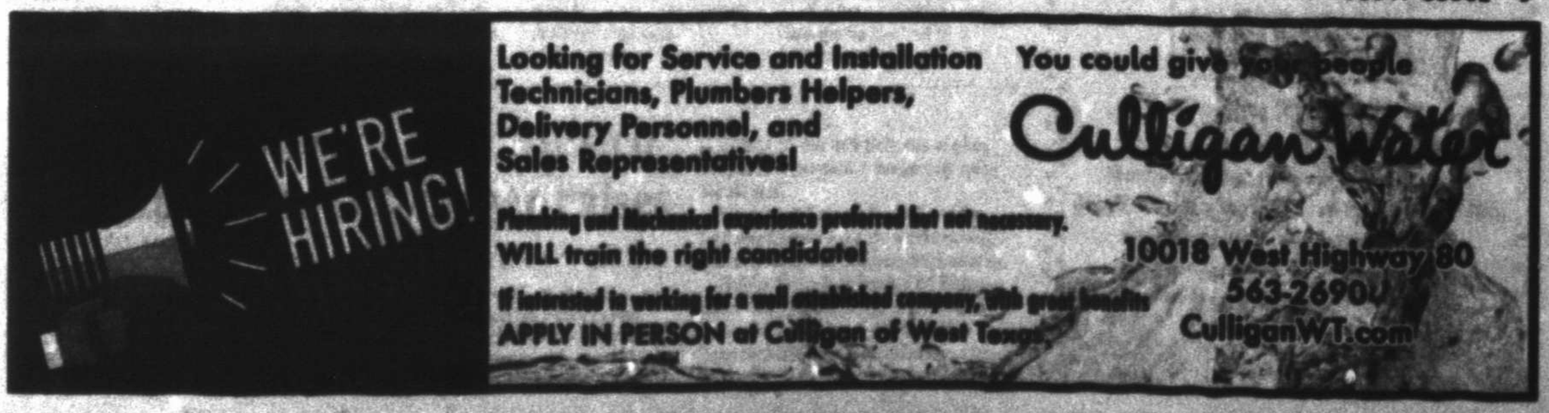
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Word of the Day: decisive
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Wind turbines in action Oct. 27, 2015, north of Stanton.

Report: Oklahoma holds high wind production marks

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma was among four states nationwide to generate at least 30 percent of the electricity produced inside state borders last year, according to a new industry report.

The report published by the American Wind Energy Association shows that Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa and South Dakota achieved that mark for 2017. Oklahoma ranked second in the country behind Texas for its nearly 7,500 megawatts electricity generating capacity provided through wind farms, The Oklahoman reported.

The report says that the electrical generating capacity of wind farms grew last year by 9 percent nationally and by 13 percent in Oklahoma.

The association's chief executive, Tom Kiernan, said the sustained growth continues to show that wind energy is "powering forward" to deliver clean, reliable electricity nationwide.

"We are on our way to producing 10 percent of the nation's electricity by 2020," Kiernan said. "There is nothing alternative about wind energy, today."

Mark Yates is the Oklahoma director of the Wind Coalition.

He said the industry has made significant strides in growing its generating capacity, especially in Oklahoma.

"Wind was responsible for about 33 percent of the electricity generated inside Oklahoma in 2017, and it is truly a remarkable story for an industry that, just a decade ago, was in its beginning, developmental stages."

He said Oklahoma should focus on recruiting potential users of the energy to the state.

"We can offer the energy that Fortune 500 companies around the United States desire," said Yates. "We should recruit as many offtakers and manufacturing plants to Oklahoma, as possible."

Oil, gas drilling in pristine Alaska refuge takes step ahead

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is moving forward on oil and gas drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, fulfilling a longtime Republican priority that most Democrats fiercely oppose.

A notice being published Friday in the Federal Register starts a 60-day review to sell oil and gas leases in the remote refuge, one of the most pristine areas in the United States and home to polar bears, caribou, migratory birds and other species.

President Donald Trump has said he "really didn't care" about opening a portion of the refuge to oil drilling but insisted it be included in recent tax legislation at the urging of others.

Addressing fellow Republicans at a GOP conference in West Virginia in February, Trump said a friend told him that every Republican president since Ronald Reagan wanted to get oil drilling approved in the refuge.

"I really didn't care about it, and then when I heard that everybody wanted it — for 40 years, they've been trying to get it approved, and I said, 'Make sure you don't lose ANWR,'" Trump said.

President Bill Clinton vetoed a GOP plan to allow drilling in the refuge in 1995, and Democrats defeated a similar GOP proposal a decade later.

The plan being published Friday starts a 60-day environmental review that includes public meetings in Anchorage, Fairbanks and other sites, including three in northern Alaska.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via AP

In this undated photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, an airplane flies over caribou from the Porcupine Caribou Herd on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northeast Alaska. The Trump administration is moving toward oil and gas drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. A notice being published Friday in the Federal Register starts a 60-day review to sell oil and gas leases in the remote refuge. Oil and gas drilling in the pristine area in northeastern Alaska is a longtime Republican priority that most Democrats fiercely oppose.

Assistant Interior Secretary Joe Balash called the drilling plan "an important facet for meeting our nation's energy demands and achieving energy dominance" and said he looks forward to visiting Alaska communities most affected by the plan.

The state's all-Republican congressional delegation welcomed the move as a step "to responsible energy development."

Democrats and environmental groups denounced the plan and said it was "shameful" that it would be published on Earth Day — and on the eighth anniversary of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the nation's worst environmental disaster.

"The Trump administration's reckless dash to expedite drilling and destroy the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will only hasten a trip to the courthouse," said Jamie Rappaport Clark, president of Defenders of Wildlife. "We will not stand by and watch them desecrate this fragile landscape."

Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell, top Democrat on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, called drilling "fundamentally inconsistent" with the refuge's purpose. "Ignoring that reality and hurtling toward a predetermined outcome is a recipe for disaster and a massive waste of taxpayer dollars," she said.

The Trump administration and congressional Republicans said the drilling plan would help pay for tax cuts approved by Congress and signed by Trump in December.

GOP lawmakers project at least $1 billion in revenue from drilling leases over 10 years.

Environmental groups and other critics call those projections wildly optimistic, saying low global oil prices and high exploration costs are likely to limit drilling revenue.

The administration plan calls for at least two major lease sales over the next decade in at least 625 square miles each in the refuge's coastal plain.

Surface development would be limited to 3 square miles.

Two Southeastern New Mexico school districts OK bigger raises

Associated Press

HOBBS, N.M. — Two school districts in the heart of New Mexico oil and gas country are giving their employees raises beyond what the state is requiring.

The Hobbs News-Sun reports both Hobbs Municipal Schools and Lovington Municipal Schools recently announced employees will see a bigger bump in their paychecks next school year.

Hobbs Municipal Schools is planning a 4.39 percent average pay raise for all staff.

Lovington School Superintendent LeAnne Gandy says its workers will see an average of 5.8 percent increase.

Hobbs Schools Director of Finance Kerri Gray said the pay raise does include the 2.5 percent teacher raise and 2 percent non-certified raise mandated by the New Mexico Legislature.

Who's to blame for costly oil: Saudis, Russia and Trump himself

■ Trump tweets about "artificially Very High" cost for crude that "will not be accepted!"

By Alex Nussbaum
Bloomberg

■ ANALYSIS

Rising oil prices are now the latest target in President Donald Trump's cross-hairs. The nation's tweeter-in-chief complained Friday about OPEC fueling an "artificially Very High" cost for crude that he said "will not be accepted!"

So what's behind the jump in prices? Market outcomes, like success, can claim a thousand fathers, but here's a potential rogue's gallery for Trump following Brent crude's move to almost $75 a barrel on Thursday, its highest level in more than three years:

■ The Saudis: Trump's right on this one. The world's biggest oil exporter has signaled it wants to push prices even higher, to around $80 a barrel, as it seeks to fund the expansive (and expensive) economic agenda of Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman and support the valuation of state energy giant Aramco before an initial public offering. The kingdom spearheaded the successful effort by OPEC, Russia and other major producers to curtail global supply and boost prices. In a meeting last week, oil ministers signaled a willingness to see prices rise further.

■ Russia: Saudi Arabia's most important ally in cutting output has backed extending the effort through the end of this year. Meanwhile, tensions are rising between the West and the world's largest crude producer. The U.S. and Europe announced tough sanctions on Russia in recent weeks, including limits hitting oligarchs in the energy sector, although Trump did reverse a plan earlier last week to impose more restrictions.

■ The Iran deal: Fears that Trump will reimpose sanctions on Iran when the nuclear deal is reviewed, largely arising from the president's public comments, are adding to uncertainty in the market. The Obama administration's agreement with Iran has boosted production from the nation by more than 1 million barrels a day. A Bloomberg survey of oil-market analysts found a 50-50 chance of a sanctions "snap-back," which could halt as much as 800,000 barrels a day of exports from OPEC's third-largest producer within six months. Watch prices rise then.

■ Venezuela's meltdown: This OPEC member has seen its output decline amid political and economic strife. Trump has added to the pressure, with a drive to impose tough sanctions to punish President Nicolas Maduro. Among those hit by sanctions are the former chief financial officer for the state-owned oil producer, Petroleos de Venezuela SA. A cryptocurrency introduced by Maduro, based on the nation's massive oil reserves, may also face sanctions, the U.S. has warned.

■ Trade wars: Trump's tough trade talk, and tit-for-tat tariffs between the U.S. and China, have roiled global markets and raised the specter of further restrictions, at a time when American oil and gas exports are rising. In March, the industry said a new White House levy on steel imports could increase the cost of steel for wells by 25 percent and discourage pipeline construction as well.

And about those pipelines: The Permian Basin, the heart of the shale boom, is running into shortages with labor, equipment and, perhaps most critically, pipeline capacity. The output above pipeline space could grow to almost 1 million barrels a day in the year ahead, with no significant new pipes coming online until the second half of 2019.

Pipes aren't the only things carrying oil: The Jones Act — Section 27 of a law enacted in 1920 requires that goods transported by ship between U.S. ports be carried on vessels built and flagged in the U.S. and owned and manned by U.S. citizens. That drives up the cost of shipping U.S. crude from the Gulf Coast, for example, to refineries on the East Coast, which often use international oil instead. Arizona Republican Senator John McCain, among others, has called for the act to be annulled.

Finally, the world's consumers can blame themselves. Global oil demand likely climbed by 2.6 million barrels a day in this year's first quarter, the biggest year-over-year jump since 2010, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. said on Thursday. Rising consumer spending as well as cold weather in Europe and the U.S. helped boost demand, keeping Brent on track to reach $80 in the coming months, the Goldman analysts said.

Meanwhile, there's one lever Trump could pull to tamp down oil prices: releasing crude from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The emergency supply currently holds about 665 million barrels, according to the Energy Department. The backup has been tapped in the past to deal with market disruptions such as Libya's civil war and Hurricane Katrina.



WORD OF THE DAY
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decisive
[de-ci-sive]
adjective
vocalized; vocalizing
transitive verb
1 : having the power or quality of deciding The council president cast the decisive vote. a decisive battle

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Things to do

Today

- Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.
- Cassatt in the Basin! Cassatt String Quartet featuring works by Melinda Wagner, Lev "Ljova" Zhurbin, and Alexander Borodin, 3 p.m., Wagner & Brown Auditorium at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.
- Bingo Nights, 4 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.
- Black and White Ball: The Mark Tenniswood Volunteer of the Year Awards hosted by Odessa Arts. Cocktails, dinner and dancing will be among the festivities, 6:30 p.m., MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $75 members, $85 nonmembers. odessaarts.org. . Black-tie attire is encouraged.
- "Weird "Al Yankovic, Emo Phillips, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $29.75-$49.75. Wagnernoel.com.

Monday

Foreigner, 6:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $59.75-$129.75. wagnernoel.com.

Tuesday

Wine, Women and Shoes benefiting Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center will feature wine tasting, designer shopping, the Shoe Guys, live auction and more, 6 p.m., Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. winewomenandshoes.com/midland.

Thursday

Basics of Whole-food Plant-based vs. Vegan by the Lifestyle Medicine Center, 6-7 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway $5. Eventbrite.com.

Saturday

- Viva La France!" by the Midland Festival Ballet, 7:30 p.m. This new show features three ballets: "Les Mimes," "Flames of Paris" and "Gaite Parisienne." midlandfestivalballet.org.
- MOSC: "Sounds from the Continent" with MOSC Chorale, 7:30 p.m., Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

RockHounds fans battle the wind during the game against the San Antonio Missions on Friday at Security Bank Ballpark. The National Weather Service reported sustained winds of 40 mph and gusts of 51 mph Friday. The records for May are 53 mph for sustained winds and 67 mph for gusts.

Meetings this week

Commissioners' Court
9 a.m. Monday
Midland County Courthouse
500 N. Loraine St.

City Council
10 a.m. Tuesday
Midland County Courthouse
500 North Loraine St.

Midland ISD
11:30 a.m. Tuesday
Administration Building - Room 620
615 W. Missouri Ave.

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

Today in history

Today is Sunday, April 22, the 112th day of 2018. There are 253 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1952, an atomic test in Nevada became the first nuclear explosion shown on live network television as a 31-kiloton bomb was dropped from a B-50 Superfortress.

In 1993, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was dedicated in Washington, D.C. to honor victims of Nazi extermination.

Source: The Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-2-8
Pick 3 day: 4-9-3
Pick 3 evening: 2-7-3
Pick 3 night: 2-8-0
Daily 4 morning: 5-4-7-1
Daily 4 day: 9-9-2-1
Daily 4 evening: 2-8-8-7
Daily 4 night: 7-4-8-5
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Triple Chance: 1-3-13-22-29-31-32-38-48-52
Lotto Texas: 17-20-24-28-49-53
Powerball: 40-50-54-62-69 BB: 19 Power Play: 2
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Weather

Saturday's temperatures
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Low.....52
Normal high.....81
Normal low.....51

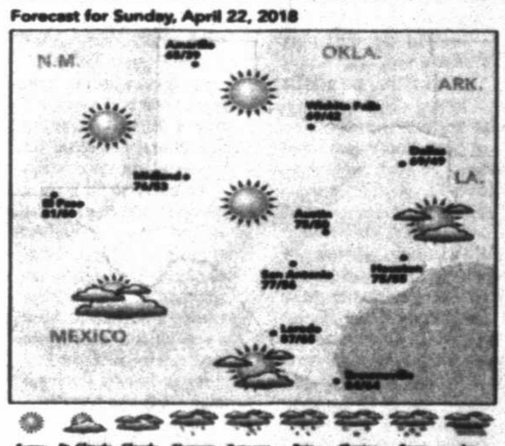
April 21's records
Record high: 101, set in 1989
Low: 35, set in 1933

Precipitation
Friday.....0.00 in.
Saturday.....0.00 in.
Month total.....0.00 in.
Year total.....0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date).....2.31 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 15.5 mph
Highest speed: 29 mph
Gust speed: 35 mph

Today forecast

Forecast for Sunday, April 22, 2018



High: 73
Low: 50
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....7:12 a.m.
Sunset.....8:23 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Cancer if born before 12:09 p.m. Afterward, the Moon is in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 22, 2018:

This year you refuse to be held back by negativity and/or insecurities. You will start to claim your full power. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone after the summer who could knock your socks off. This person could be in your life for a long time. If you are attached, the two of you really feel at home together, no matter where you are. You don't let others interfere with your dialogue and actions. LEO could play a significant role in encouraging you to be more open and visible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might be dragging in the morning. Don't worry — later in the day, your energy will return. Your mischievous personality and willingness to let go emerge in the evening. You finally will hear the full story about a confusing mix-up. Tonight: Live in the moment. This Week: You become a workaholic through Tuesday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might not want to reveal everything you know just yet. By the evening, you'll gain a better understanding about a recent mix-up. You are likely to find that you are less tense about a certain matter. Walk away from a controlling situation. Tonight: Dinner for two. This Week: Tap into your creativity to create the mood you want and need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You could be in a situation that might seem impossible to explain. Your smile creates compassion and support, which others receive loud and clear. Do not allow yourself to be boxed into a corner by a loved one who has manipulative traits. Tonight: Reach out to a close friend. This Week: Schedule meetings, return calls and deal with interpersonal issues.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You suddenly might have an attack of the green-eyed monster. Everyone feels insecure sometimes, which can trigger jealousy. Ask yourself where you feel you don't meet the grade. Understand that you probably can change the situation. Tonight: Invite others out for dinner. This Week: Make calls and schedule meetings from Wednesday on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You perk up by the end of the day. You might feel as if you are unstoppable. Be more forthright about what is on your mind. You can deliver bad news in way that the other party does not fully register until days later. If you need to use that skill, do. Tonight: Celebrate the night! This Week: The finer you proceed, the more fortunate you will be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to cocoon and make it a day of rest. If you had 24 hours free to spend however you'd like, what would you do? That is the issue you face, and now is your time to follow through. Avoid a controlling person. Tonight: Actions speak louder than words. This Week: Getting into work mode might take until late Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You are full of energy and excitement, especially after making plans and/or hearing from a friend. Don't let a roommate's or family member's demanding behavior get to you. Know how controlling this person can be. Tonight: The more, the merrier. This Week: Use Monday and Tuesday for meetings with important people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Pressure builds. Take a stand about an important matter that could affect your career. You usually take strong stands, but perhaps you might opt to be more laid-back at the present moment. Recognize that someone close to you is on the warpath. Tonight: In the limelight. This Week: You are a star Monday and Tuesday, no matter which way you turn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Do not back down in a disagreement about funds, yet try to stay open-minded. If you can, distance yourself from the other party involved for a while. You do not want to play into this person's all-or-nothing behavior. Tonight: Dinner with a loved one. This Week: You could be in the position of needing someone's expertise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might be much more challenging than you realize. A power play could be tiring, no matter what end you are on. Pulling away isn't likely to work. Consider being authentic and having a direct conversation. Forget all-or-nothing thinking. Tonight: Leader of the gang. This Week: A partner makes a big difference in what happens.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others seek you out; they have a lot to share. Are you ready to be more open with a loved one? Give up power plays or trying to win. The more authentic you are, the better the results will be. Work on not taking a comment personally. Tonight: Dinner out. This Week: Others seek you out to the point that you might need to screen your calls.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You'll want some time to recharge, catch up on sleep and get down to the basics. If you have a friend you can relax with, schedule some time together in the afternoon. A loved one could become difficult at the last minute, and you might feel challenged. Tonight: Do what you must. This Week: You will get past a sluggish feeling by late Tuesday.

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"By aggregate measures, Midland-Odessa's economy is embarking on a new real growth cycle. Recovery is over and done with, and it's onward and upward into record territory," said Ingham.

The return to record territory was expected, but not quite this soon, Ingham told the Reporter-Telegram by telephone.

"We began watching the index numbers a few months ago, before revised employment data, and were pondering when the index would get back to its peak set in January 2015," he said. "We were looking later in the second quarter, perhaps the third quarter. But Midland-Odessa employment data was so stunningly revised upward, it raised the values of the index in 2017 and parts of 2016."

The index has been posting month-over-month increases in excess of three points each month since last month. Today, the February index sits just 5.2 points or 2.2 percent from its record high — and 19.6 percent above the February 2017 index — and should surpass it when he releases April figures in a couple of months, Ingham said.

"That wouldn't be the case if a goodly number of the index components themselves weren't at record numbers," he said, citing the two main pillars of the economy, consumer spending and employment.

"Spending and employment continue their extraordinary growth," he said, calling the results "staggering."

Retail spending in Midland-Odessa was up 37.4 percent in February over the previous February and is up 35.8 percent year-to-date over the first two months of 2017. In Midland, February spending is up 31.8 percent over the previous February and 29.9 percent year-to-date over a year ago. Ingham predicts retail spending will reach record levels within the next two months.

Automotive spending in February set records, surging 74.9 percent over the previous February and 61.1 percent year-to-date compared to the first two months of 2017. In Midland, the rise was even sharper, with February sales leaping 96 percent over the previous February and 72.6 percent year-to-date over a year earlier.

Midland reclaimed its crown as the metropolitan statistical area with the state's lowest unemployment in January and has held it through March, and both cities lead the state in employment growth at 9.1 percent for Midland and 7.9 percent in Odessa for the month of February and Ingham expects they will continue to lead the state for some time to come. The Midland-Odessa unemployment rate sank 38.6 percent to an average 2.8 percent in February from an average 4.6 percent last February and has fallen 40.2 percent over the first two months of the year to average 2.8 percent from 4.7 percent in the first two months of 2017.

Employment rose 8.4 percent in Midland-Odessa to 173,200 from last February's 159,800. To-date in 2018, employment is up 8.7 percent to average 172,600.

In Midland, the February unemployment rate fell 34.2 percent to average 2.5 percent from last February's 3.8 percent. For the year, the average has fallen 37.2 percent to 2.5 percent from 3.9 percent in the first two months of 2017. Employment rose 9.1 percent to 97,400 from last February's 89,300 and is up 9.7 percent to-date in 2018 to average 97,350 compared to 88,750 in year-to-date 2017.

"Still, employment remains down by about 6,400 jobs compared to its December 2014 peak, and that record may not be breached in 2018," said Ingham.

By any measure, and for every time frame, Ingham said, home sales are at record levels. There were 318 homes sold in February, up 20.5 percent from 264 last February. For the year, 567 homes have been sold in Midland-Odessa, up 12.1 percent from 506 sold in January-February of 2017. In Midland, 206 homes were sold, up 9.6 percent from 188 last February. So far this year, 370 Midland homes have been sold, up 1.9 percent from 363 a year ago.

The average February sales price of $268.899 is up 12.8 percent from $238,461 last February. The year-to-date average of $264,581 is up 9.2 percent from a year earlier. In Midland, the February average sales price of $309,094 is up 19.6 percent from last February's $258,416. The year-to-date average of $298,909 is up 12.5 percent from $265,585 last year.

Ingham said construction activity in Midland-Odessa has also reached record levels, with the valuation of all building permits more than doubling those of last February and the first two months of 2017. The February total of $174.1 million is up 118.1 percent from last February's $79.8 million. The year-to-date total of $254.9 million is up 127.1 percent from $112.2 million last year.

In Midland, February valuations of $131.6 million were up a whopping 433.3 percent from last February's $24.7 million and the year-to-date total of $182.6 million is up 349.6 percent from last year's $40.6 million.

The cities of Midland and Odessa issued 174 new housing permits in February, up 48.7 percent from 117 last February.

The two cities have issued a total of 324 new housing permits, up 51.4 percent from 214 in the first two months of 2017. Midland alone issued 91 permits in February, up 21.3 percent from last February's 75 permits and has issued 165 permits so far this year, up 26.9 percent from 130 last year. Ingham called it record housing construction activity.

The recovering Midland-Odessa economy has again begun attracting outside interest. February airline boardings rose 18.1 percent to 42,886 from last February's 36,323. Year-to-date boardings are up 17.1 percent to 83,319 from 71,151 last year. Hotel-motel tax collections are also up, a sharp 82.7 percent.



Jessica Lindemood-Nosek /The Fields Edge

The belongings of a homeless man are piled up at Volunteer Park.

Costs

From 1A

indigent care alone. Bedell is conducting a study to determine how much of that can be attributable to mental and behavioral health issues.

I also reached out to Midland Memorial Hospital to inquire how much of their indigent care costs can be attributed to abuse of the emergency response systems and facilities, but had not yet received a response at time of submission.

John-Mark Echols, the founder of The Fields Edge, works directly with the homeless community on a daily basis. He has expressed the difficulty to report the exact number of people living on the streets, in shelters or motels as the nature of their lifestyle can often displace them frequently and without notice. He estimates, however, that there are approximately 70 people living on the streets on any given day.

Nodolf, cited preliminary findings from her unfinished study that the county spends approximately $87 per person, per day for detainees incarcerated in Midland County Jail. That $87 includes a bed and meals but does not include medical costs for the detainees while they are in custody.

Though determining residential status at the time of booking can be inconsistent due to lack of identification and other factors, an informal search on the county's website of current detainees shows an average of 15-20 homeless people in custody on any given day.

As Tom Miller, executive director of Family Promise, mentioned in his op-ed on April 15, the rapidly increasing cost of living in Midland is making an already big problem much, much worse. The nonprofit groups assisting the homeless and low-income community, the district attorney and the Midland Behavioral Health Leadership Team are working diligently to address the issue and develop their respective solutions that, ideally, will help those individuals overcome their financial, legal and medical hurdles for their own benefit and for the benefit of the community as a whole.

The Fields Edge village aims to replicate similar existing and successful models found all over the country, including Community First! in Austin, where founders John-Mark and Briana Echols participated in a four-month missional internship. The village will offer permanent, supportive tiny homes designed not only to provide shelter, but also to cultivate relationships and sense of belonging. Missional residents and volunteers will work with members of the village to provide emotional and spiritual support and guidance. As homelessness can create a heavy sense of isolation, every detail of the village is centered on community.

There will be a chapel on site as well as communal dining and recreation. Partnerships are being forged to implement an on-site clinic to provide both physical and mental health care, the hope being to ensure quality and care for the residents.

Nodolf recognizes that, in the cases of the homeless and those with behavioral health issues, the legal and criminal justice system would greatly benefit by creating an assessment center designed to help decrease the rate of recidivism by helping individuals get the help they need by way of housing, food, addiction treatment, and mental health care while still ensuring that justice is served and the convicted pay their debts to society.

The Behavioral Health Leadership Team was created to facilitate collaboration between multiple organizations such as; behavioral health care providers, organizations serving low-income families, the judicial system, homeless individuals and many others to identify service gaps, barriers to behavioral health care and possible solutions. Homelessness, hunger, rapidly increasing costs of living, behavioral health and crime present overlapping issues that, with Bedell's Leadership Team, will be addressed more efficiently and effectively by bringing these groups and providers together for positive collective impact.

It wasn't that long ago that the ideas of owning a computer that's small enough to put in your pocket and that a device sitting on your kitchen counter could control your entire home and have toilet paper delivered to your front door by simply saying, "Alexa ..." would have been ludicrous. Yet here we are. Restoring dignity and quality of life for the homeless, providing more mental health care for all, and breaking the criminal cycle associated with these issues are not only possible, but necessary.

For more information on how to help or to express your support, you may visit thefieldsedge.org, email elaine.bedell@midlandbehavioralhealth.org or call the District Attorney's office at 688-4411.

Food

From 1A

costs are sky high, and the housing inventory is at an all-time low. For a single parent or individual living on a fixed income, it is hard to keep up, and oftentimes the first thing cut in a budget is what they spend on food.

In a thriving economy, the West Texas Food Bank sees that the face of hunger literally changes overnight. The majority of clients we serve are children, aged 18 and younger, and seniors, aged 60 and older. For the past two and a half years, we also helped those who had lost their jobs or had their pay cut. Those folks needed help to get back on their feet. We adapted to the changing needs of our community and worked with our 75-plus partner agencies to feed the hungry.

Even in times of plenty, there are always those in need. As the cost of living increases, we are experiencing a steady increase in the number of clients over the age of 60, whom we currently serve twice a month at our Senior Client Choice Pantry in Midland. We are also seeing more single parents reaching out for help as their rents are on the rise. As more and more folks move to the area, finding a job is not the problem, but finding affordable housing and living on savings until their first paycheck can present a challenge.

Historically, summer is the time of greatest need for the West Texas Food Bank.

Because of the high cost of living and a predicted extremely hot summer, we are bracing for one of the busiest summers we have seen in five years. Single parents and families will have additional childcare expenses or the cost of activities to keep their children busy while not in school. Children will not be receiving free breakfasts and lunches at school. And summer utilities, like air conditioning, mean rising bills for our clients.

Amazing things happen during boom times. Our two new facilities in Midland and Odessa are shining examples of the generosity and forward thinking of our community. West Texas is full of innovative and passionate people willing to do what is needed to solve problems. The West Texas Food Bank and our partners will continue to face the problem of hunger head on, as we remain committed to feeding the hungry children, adults and seniors of West Texas.

Rush

From 1A

Texas shale play as energy companies buy up competitors to expand holdings in the world's hottest oil-producing region, analysts said.

Since the bottom of the last oil bust in early 2016, wildcatters, private equity investors, independents and oil majors have flocked to the West Texas shale play, driving up land prices to as high as $60,000 an acre and leaving more production companies operating there than drilling rigs. That has set the stage for a wave mergers and acquisitions.

"It's kill or be killed," said Ethan Bellamy, an energy analyst at Robert W. Baird & Co. "The Permian Basin is the Beverly Hills of oil, so it's no surprise that M&A is heating up foremost in that marquis region."

Midland deals

The latest example is the biggest U.S. oil and gas deal in six years, one that will combine two oil and gas producers focused exclusively on the Permian. Concho Resources of Midland said last month that it will pay $8 billion to buy RSP Permian of Dallas, primarily to pick up 100,000 net acres contiguous to Concho's Permian holdings.

Putting together large blocks of land has become particularly important as horizontal drilling, which cuts across shale formations to tap multiple reservoirs, has become state-of-the-art. Concho Chief Executive Tim Leach declined to comment for this story but said in a recent call with analysts that the acquisition would allow his company to drill more and longer wells from a single location, meaning savings on oilfield services such as rigs, hydraulic fracturing crews, water, sand and chemicals.

"It's not getting bigger just for the sake of getting big," Leach told analysts. "There will be a preference going forward for larger, blockier sets of assets."

That preference is part of the drive for greater efficiency and lower production costs by oil and gas companies in an era of rising, but relatively low, prices. The biggest players in the Permian, including large independents such as Occidental Petroleum of Houston and Pioneer Natural Resources of Dallas and oil majors such as Exxon Mobil and Chevron, are following factory models as they exploit the shale play, drilling wells closer together as consistently and similarly as possible to maximize production.

As with manufacturing, the key to success is scale, that is producing at volumes that lower the cost of individual units. And in the Permian, analysts said, scale means more land and more consolidations.

John Freeman, an analyst at the financial services firm Raymond James, said he expects the number of producers in the West Texas oil field to potentially fall by half in the next five years. "You're going to have dramatically fewer companies operating in the Permian," Freeman said.

Numbers game

The Permian land rush peaked in the first quarter of 2017 with nearly $18 billion in Permian deals — primarily acreage sales. Those deals fell off sharply in the second half of last year to less than $4 billion in final six months of 2017, according to the research firm IHS Markit.

Permian deals rebounded to $10 billion in the first three months of this year, according to IHS Markit, but that was nearly all the result of merger by Concho Resource's purchase of RSP Permian, signaling the shift from acreage sales to mergers and acquisitions.

In many ways, the shift is driven by numbers. More than 500 exploration and productions companies have holdings in the Permian while there are fewer than 450 rigs operating in the oil field. In other words, there aren't enough rigs, fracking crews and money to go around, analysts said, making consolidation inevitable.

It won't necessarily come quickly, however. A lot of smaller companies may feel undervalued by Wall Street and be reluctant to sell, Freeman said. Potential buyers may be hampered by large investors pushing companies to spend conservatively and devote money to shareholder payouts, rather than acquisitions.

But Pavel Molchanov, another Raymond James analyst, said that the Permian, which has proven its prolificness, is perhaps the only U.S. oil field that can convince investors to support spending more and growing faster.

"The Permian remains very hot — to state the obvious," Molchanov said, "and the industry appetite for consolidation is certainly real."

Likely acquisitions, analysts said, would be focused exclusively on the Permian — so-called pure-play companies. Freeman said potential targets could include companies such as Laredo Energy of Houston, Parsley Energy of Austin, Callon Petroleum of Mississippi and Denver-based players such as QEP Resources, Jagged Peak Energy and Centennial Resource Development.

Private equity companies, meanwhile, are working to flip their oil and gas holdings for big profits and move onto to other regions where they think they can find find oil and gas reserves at better prices.

The big players

Concho, Occidental, Pioneer, Exxon Mobil and Chevron could all be looking to add to their holdings, as could EOG Resources and Anadarko Petroleum, both of Houston, and Diamondback Energy of Midland, according to analysts. Exxon, which plans to triple its Permian production by 2025, last year made one of the last big acreage buys in the Permian when it paid $6.6 billion for the holdings of the Bass Family of Fort Worth.

Barbara Bush was 'first lady of the greatest generation'

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Barbara Bush was remembered as the "first lady of the greatest generation" during a funeral Saturday attended by four former U.S. presidents and hundreds of other people who filled a Houston church with laughter as much as tears, with many recalling her quick wit and devotion to family.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush joked that his mother called her style of raising him and his siblings "'a benevolent dictatorship' — but honestly, it wasn't always benevolent." She was widely admired for her plainspoken style during her husband George H.W. Bush's presidency and was known as "The Enforcer" in her high-powered family.

Jeb Bush said he could feel her presence Saturday inside the nation's largest Episcopal church and that she would likely have given him advice: "Jeb, keep it short. Don't drag this out," he said to chuckles.

He met her expectations with a speech lasting about seven minutes.

He choked up at one point while addressing the roughly 1,500 people seated inside St. Martin's Episcopal Church, where his parents regularly worshipped, when saying his mother — known for her self-deprecating remarks about her wrinkles and white-gray hair — was "beautiful" until the very end.

His father, a prolific writer of love letters to his wife, laughed when his son read a letter from their wedding anniversary in 1994. It began: "Will you marry me? Oops! I forgot we did that, 49 years ago." But when his son continued reading, about how his father grew happier each year spent with his wife, his father closed his eyes and cried. Jeb Bush later hugged his father and kissed him on the cheek.

Presidential historian Jon Meacham, who wrote a 2015 biography on the former president, recalled during his eulogy Barbara Bush's devotion to her husband of 73 years, noting he was the "only boy she ever kissed." Theirs was the longest marriage of any presidential couple.

Meacham said Barbara Bush was also known for bringing awareness to AIDS patients and for her work promoting literacy, which her husband subtly honored Saturday by wearing socks printed with blue, red and yellow books.

"Barbara Bush was the first lady of the greatest generation," Meacham said, a nod to the generation that fought in World War II.

The couple's family, including their five children, 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, played prominent roles in the service. Granddaughters offered readings, some of their voices shaky with emotion, while their eight grandsons were pallbearers.

The Bush family was seated in front of the church. Nearby, two other former presidents — Bill Clinton and Barack Obama — along with their wives and current first lady Melania Trump were seated in the same pew.

A eulogy was also given by Barbara Bush's longtime friend, Susan Baker, wife of former Secretary of State James A. Baker III. She said Bush — the wife of the nation's 41st president and mother of the 43rd — was "the secret sauce of this extraordinary family."

As the funeral ended, George H.W. Bush was pushed in his wheelchair by another son, former President George W. Bush, as they followed the casket out of the church's cavernous sanctuary, which had been adorned with sprays of yellow garden roses, yellow snap dragons and antique hydrangeas.

They stopped along the way to shake hands as mourners sang "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee," which Barbara Bush had requested as the final song. She died Tuesday, with her husband by her side, at their home in Houston. She was 92.

Barbara Bush was later buried at her husband's presidential library at Texas A&M University in College Station, about 100 miles northwest of Houston. The burial site is in a gated plot surrounded by trees and near a creek where the couple's 3-year-old daughter Robin is buried. She died of leukemia in 1953.

Hundreds of people lined both sides of the street near the campus as the funeral procession passed on a gray, cloudy day. Flags were flown at half-mast.

Other guests at the invitation-only funeral included former Rep. Gabby Giffords and her husband, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, and professional golfer Phil Mickelson, along with Karl Rove and other former White House staff.

Melania Trump said in a statement it was an honor to give her respects to a "fearless" first lady, adding: "Today the world paid tribute to a woman of indisputable character and grace." President Donald Trump didn't attend to avoid security disruptions, according to the White House, but he released a statement saying his thoughts were with the family.

Former President Jimmy Carter didn't attend because he was traveling overseas while his wife, Rosalynn Carter, is recovering from surgery, according to the Carter Center.

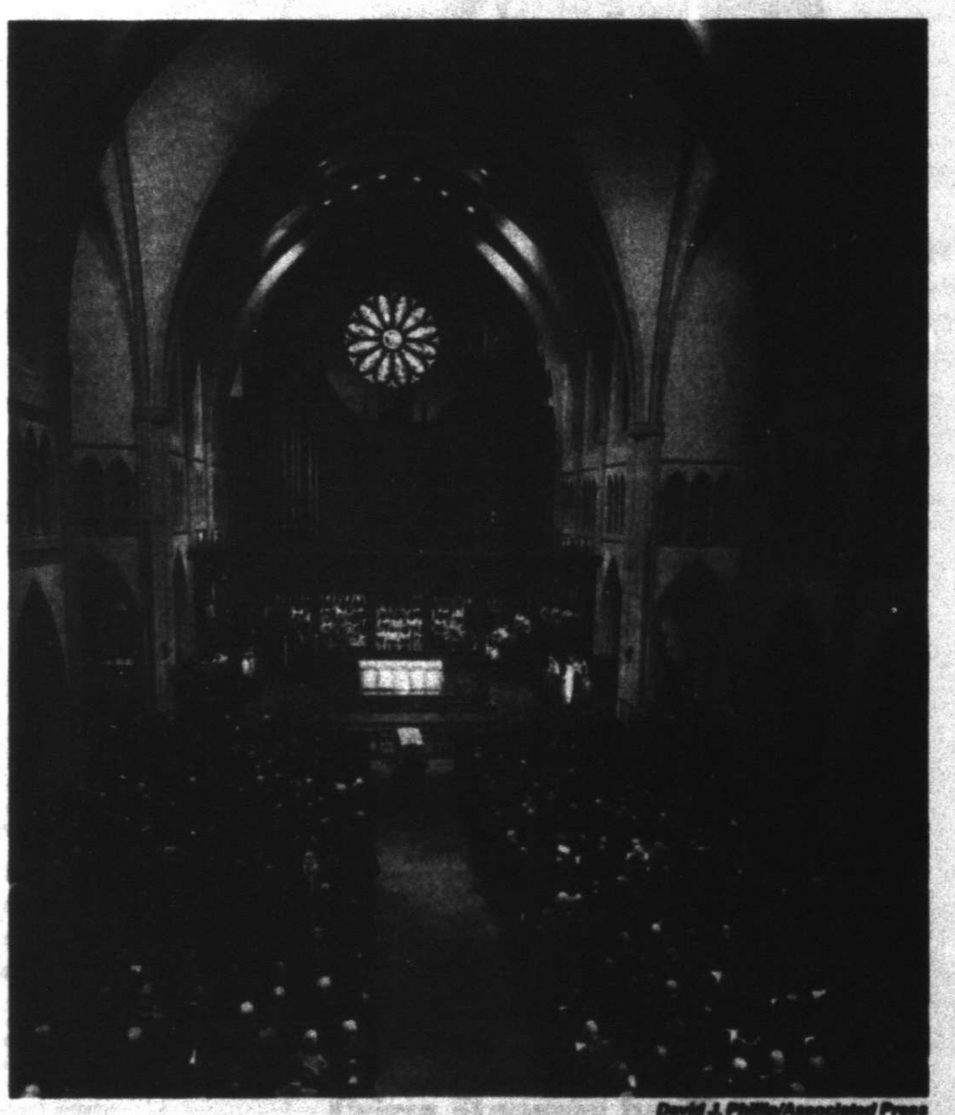
On Friday, more than 6,200 people visited the Houston church during a public viewing. Many of the women wore the former first lady's favorite color, blue, and trademark pearls.

George H.W. Bush was so moved by how many people lined up Friday to pay their final respects to his wife that he decided to go. From his wheelchair, he spent about 15 minutes shaking hands with people who had come.



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Former President George W. Bush and his father former President George H.W. Bush watch as the casket of former first lady Barbara Bush is loaded into a hearse at St. Martin's Episcopal church Saturday in Houston.



David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Attendees gather at the funeral service for Bush.

Authors share memories of friendship with Barbara Bush

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sandra Brown knew she had a friend in Barbara Bush from the moment she heard the story about the 2000 election, when then-Gov. George W. Bush was in a virtual tie with then-Vice President Al Gore for the presidency.

"Laura Bush told me how they were all still counting the chads in Florida and the Bush family was watching," the author known for novels such as "French Silk" and "Seeing Red" said during a telephone interview this week.

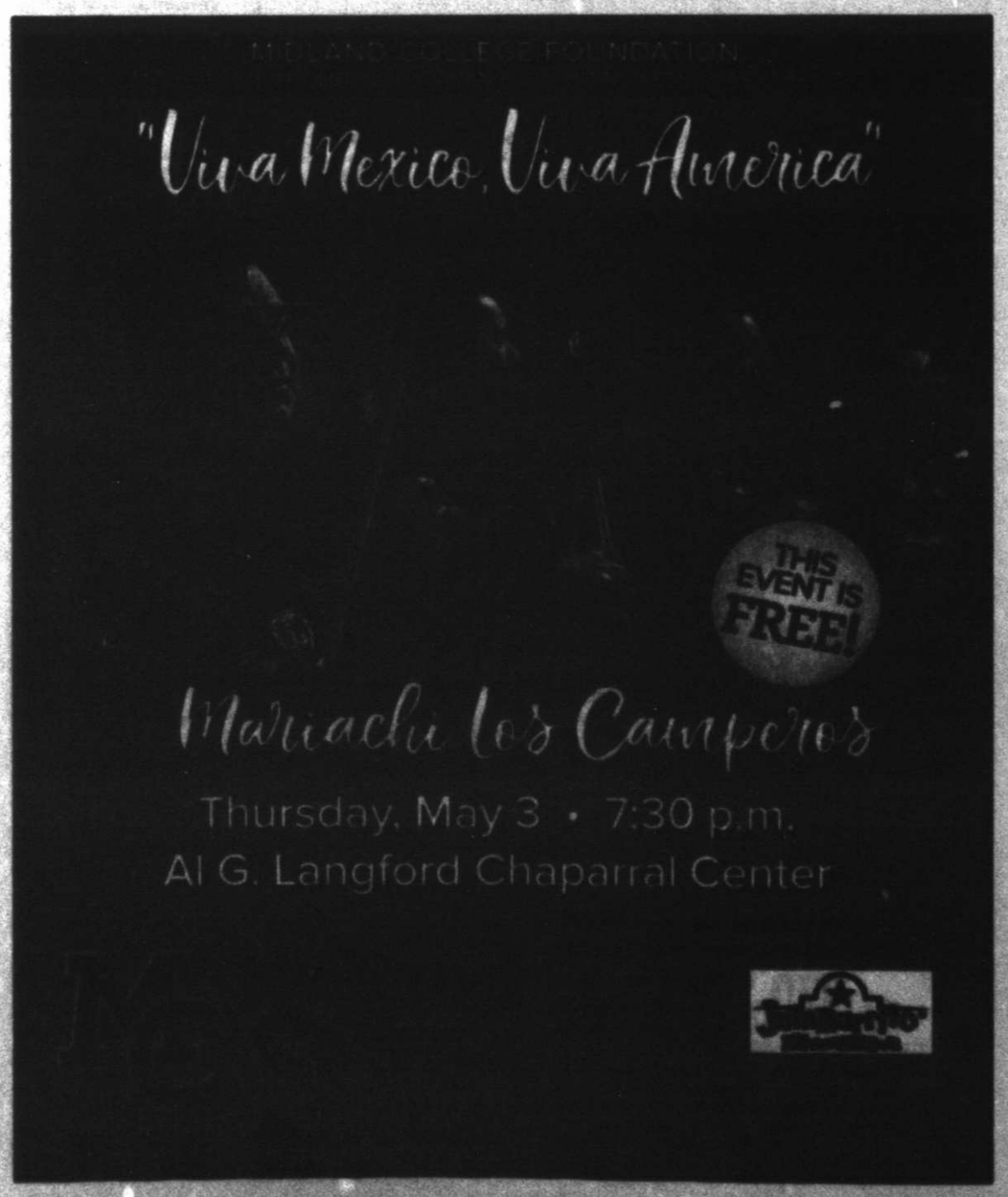
"It got to the point where Barbara got up and left the room, and said, 'I can't watch it anymore.' So after a while everyone was asking, 'Where's Barbara?' 'Where's mom?' So Laura tells how she went up to the bedroom in the governor's mansion where Barbara was staying and there she was, listening to one of my books on audio."

Promoting literacy was a longtime cause for Barbara Bush, who died Tuesday at age 92, and books were a balm and a passion. She met many authors during her time in Washington and in the years following. Brown, Mary Higgins Clark and Harlan Coben were among those who became good friends, and shared memories of a feisty first lady whom Brown said "put her heart and soul" into getting people to read while also being "very funny, very candid with her comments."

Clark met Bush after hearing that the then-first lady was a fan of her work. She wrote to her and received a prompt and friendly reply, inviting her to a state dinner. Clark and her daughter and fellow best-selling crime novelist, Carol Higgins Clark, both spoke of time spent visiting with Barbara Bush, the wife of former President George H.W. Bush and the mother of former President George W. Bush. The Clarks were in Houston once, and Barbara Bush invited them into one of the more private areas of her home — her husband's closet.

"And she reaches in and holds up a wild-looking shirt and says, with that wonderful twinkle, 'Is that the ugliest thing you've ever seen,'" Carol Higgins Clark said. Responded the former president: "Bar, I don't make fun of your clothes, so don't make fun of mine."

Over the years, Bush's literacy foundation hosted programs that included authors ranging from Brown and Coben to Brad Meltzer and Candice Millard, who learned that when George and Barbara Bush were both hospitalized last year, the family read to them from her book on President James Garfield, "Destiny of the



911 dispatcher sentenced to jail after hanging up on thousands of callers

By Cleve R. Wootson Jr.
The Washington Post

It took Hua Li two minutes and three tries to get help from Houston 911 as a convenience store owner lay bleeding to death on the floor of his store after being shot.

Li was about to walk into a Raceway in Houston to buy a lottery ticket in May 2016 but was stopped by another person's warning: Somebody was robbing the store.

Li caught a glimpse of a man holding a gun, court documents say. Then he heard a half a dozen gunshots.

He hopped into his car and sped away, and as he put distance between himself and the crime, he pulled out his phone to dial 911.

The phone line picked up, then immediately disconnected.

Li tried again. Thirty seconds later, his call went through to Crenshanda Williams. "Houston 9-1-1, do you need medical, police or fire?" she asked.

"This is a robbery," Li blurted out.

Li heard a sigh, then nothing. The call had been disconnected again.

On Wednesday, Williams was sentenced to 10 days in jail and 18 months on probation after she was convicted of hanging up on thousands of calls during the 18 months that she worked as a 911 dispatcher for the city of Houston, according to the Houston Chronicle.

When investigators asked why she had hung up on so many people, she told them that sometimes she just didn't feel like talking.

Franklin Bynum, Williams' attorney, told the Houston Chronicle that the case had unearthed systemic problems at the city's emergency center, which had consolidated calls for police, the fire department and paramedics 15 years ago.

He said that one of the problems was that the system drops calls instead of rerouting them if dispatchers aren't ready for them — and that his client was a scapegoat for a broken system.

"She was going through a hard time in her life, and she was a poor-performing worker at the Houston Emergency Center," he said. "But punishing her doesn't do anything to fix the problems that still exist at the emergency center."

Williams' supervisor was put on internal probation for a year, the Chronicle reported, but a jury found Williams criminally responsible for ignoring thousands of calls.

Williams had started working as a dispatcher in July 2014 and had taken thousands of calls, court documents say. But an audit a year and a half after she was hired found that an abnormally large number of her calls had lasted 20 seconds or less, and the city began an investigation.

The disconnected calls include one from March 13, 2016, during which a security guard named Jimmie Moten Jr. dialed 911 from his cellphone to report that two people in trucks were racing on Interstate 45.

"This is Officer Moten. I'm driving on 45 South right now, and right now I am at — " he said before he was cut off by Williams.

"Ain't nobody got time for this. For real," she said, then the line went dead.

When investigators pressed Williams about the calls, she admitted she was the call-taker on both, court documents say.

Williams, court documents say, "admitted that she often hangs up on calls that have not been connected because she did not want to talk to anyone at the time."

The consolidated center for 911 calls opened in 2003 and handles millions of calls every year, according to the Chronicle, or 9,000 a day. Two-thirds of those calls aren't true emergencies.

The rest involve people in dire need.

"The citizens of Harris County rely on 911 operators to dispatch help in their time of need," Assistant District Attorney Lauren Reeder told Houston Fox affiliate KRIV. "When a public servant betrays the community's trust and breaks the law, we have a responsibility to hold them criminally accountable."





Crime of the week suspects.

Courtesy photos

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need your help in identifying the suspects involved in a Theft.

On April 8, two females went on a shopping spree at the business located in the 4000 block of North Midland Dr. The first suspect is described as a white female in her late forties approximately 5'7" and 140 pounds with long brown hair and last seen wearing a pink shirt and black jeans. The second suspect is described as a white female in her early fifties approximately 5'5" and 160 pounds with short dark brown hair and last seen wearing a black shirt and black pants.

If you have information on these thieves and it leads to an arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 CASH REWARD. Call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7LOCKUP or download the mobile app 'P3 TIPS'. No caller ID is ever used and you will remain anonymous.

Please visit our Facebook @MidlandTxCS or our website at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com to view photos of the suspects.

How to submit a secure tip

- Hotline: 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP
- Online: www.midlandcrimestoppers.com
- Text: Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- Mobile app on iPhone or Android phones: Download free app 'P3 TIPS'
- Facebook: Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

Crime Stoppers fugitive

FREDRICK MILLER

DOB: 8-24-1976
Height and weight: 6 feet; 210 pounds
Charge: Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon – Release Affiant



Miller

- Wanted as of 4-19-2018
- Warrant #CR49879
- $500 Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous.

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FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ODESSA

UTPB to host geosciences symposium

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's second Geoscience Symposium is set for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 26 at the Center for Energy Economic Diversification (CEED) building, 1310 N. Farm to Market Road 1788 in Midland.

Keynote speakers will be Dave Cannon, vice president of geoscience for Diamondback Energy; Bob Trentham, CEED director, Joonghyeok Heo, assistant professor in the geology program at UTPB.

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SAN ANTONIO

Texas 8th-graders asked to list positives of slavery

A San Antonio charter school has apologized after a teacher asked students in an eighth grade American history class to list the positive and negative aspects of slavery.

The Great Hearts Monte Vista teacher who distributed the worksheet titled "The Life of Slaves: A Balanced View" was placed on leave and the school said it would audit the textbook associated with the lesson, said Aaron Kindel, the superintendent of Great Hearts Texas, which operates 28 public charter schools in Texas and Arizona.

"To be clear, there is no debate about slavery. It is immoral and a crime against humanity," Kindel said in a statement posted Thursday on the Great Hearts Facebook page. He said the school's headmaster plans to explain the mistake to the history class.

Scott Overland, a spokesman for Pearson, which published the textbook, said the company didn't create and doesn't endorse the worksheet assigned to the students, KENS-TV reported.

"We do not support the point of view represented in the worksheet and strongly condemn the implication that there was any positive aspect to slavery," Overland said.

A parent of one of the students in the class posted the worksheet Wednesday on Facebook. U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro drew attention to the issue on Thursday when the Democrat tweeted that the worksheet was "absolutely unacceptable."

"Asking students to complete such an assignment challenges the reality that slavery was utterly dehumanizing," Castro said in a statement. He also called on the charter school network to review its history curriculum.

NEW MEXICO

School district eyes mandated drug testing

LAS VEGAS — A northern New Mexico school district may require all teachers, staff and student athletes to undergo drug testing amid an opioid crisis that has severely hurt parts of the region.

West Las Vegas Schools is considering a proposal that would mandate drug testing aimed as monitoring staff as a precaution, the Las Vegas Optic reports.

"In light of the recent events of what's happened at schools, I think that anybody, or any teacher, any administrator who may be using a prescription medication or may be using narcotics, poses a safety threat to the school," said West Las Vegas Schools board member Ambrosio Castellano, who introduced the proposal this month.

Castellano said those using narcotics or medications may not be fully aware or fully coherent during an emergency.

He cited a poll conducted among teachers which found that 35 percent of them said that their stress level was very high, and they were coping by taking antidepressants or other medications.

Superintendent Chris Gutierrez said he would look into the issue and conduct a survey to get feedback from teachers.

Castellano said he came up with the idea after he attended a National School Board Conference in San Antonio, where an insurance provider presented an opioid forum on the epidemic among teachers.

It's unclear if the proposal would require testing of drugs such as marijuana, cocaine and opioids, or just opioids.

New Mexico had one of the highest overdose rates in the nation for the better part of two decades and only recently plateaued amid a series of pioneering policies aimed at combating opioid addiction, including becoming the first state to require law enforcement agencies to provide officers with overdose antidote kits.

The state also has a prescription monitoring database to prevent overlapping drug sales and has expanded access to naloxone, a drug that can reverse overdoses.

NEW MEXICO

Fire in Socorro County reported at 75 percent containment

BERNARDO — Firefighters have contained most of a wildfire that threatened about a dozen homes in a small community in northern Socorro County on Friday.

An update posted Friday night by the state Forestry Division says the fire a mile north of Bernardo off State Route 116 had burned approximately 30 acres and was 75 percent contained.

Division spokeswoman Wendy Mason said the fire started Friday afternoon on private property.

State forestry crews and local fire departments were called out to fight the fire.



Voters support sending troops to the border, but not building a wall

By Jackie Wang
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN — A new Quinnipiac University poll show that Texas voters support stronger border security, but not in the form of a wall.

While 60 percent of Texans support using the National Guard to patrol the border with Mexico, 53 percent don't want a wall built. More than 70 percent of voters said undocumented immigrants crossing into the United States from Mexico is an important problem; black, white and Hispanic voters all agreed.

A majority of Texas voters — 79 percent — want to allow undocumented immigrants under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to stay and be able to apply for citizenship. The DACA program keeps people who came to the United States as minors from being deported. An earlier national poll from the university found that 77 percent of American voters agree.

Poll assistant director Peter Brown said the poll showed that immigration is a multifaceted issue.

"Texas voters think immigration is the most important issue to their U.S. Senate vote, but their views don't fit exactly in either party's corner," he said. "They agree with Democrats in their opposition to President Donald Trump's wall. But, by a wide margin, they support the Republican president's plan to send the National Guard to that border to stop illegal immigration."

The poll also asked people about their stances on gun laws and marijuana legalization. Almost all Texas voters surveyed support requiring background checks on gun buyers, and 53 percent support a nationwide ban on assault weapons sales.

"Throw away the stereotypes. Texas voters are in favor of tighter gun laws by a solid 14-point margin, and fully 94 percent favor background checks for all gun buyers," Brown said.

He also said Texans are similar to other U.S. voters when it comes to marijuana regulation. Sixty-one percent of Texas voters support possession of small amounts of marijuana, but 51 percent of Republicans opposed legalizing it.

Texas voters are fairly divided on abortion, the Affordable Care Act and the recent tax law. Poll respondents were equally split on their top issues; 25 percent said they prioritized health care and 25 percent said immigration. The economy was third most important to those surveyed, with 22 percent putting it at the top of their voting priority list.

The 1,029 respondents surveyed were 31 percent Republican, 24 percent Democrat, 36 percent independent and 24 percent "other." The poll reported a 3.6 percent margin of error.

When reviewing Wednesday's poll data from the university about Sen. Ted Cruz and U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke's race, analysts told The Dallas Morning News that they question the political leanings of the 36 percent of respondents who self-identified as independents.

In Texas, independent voters typically side with conservatives at the polls, several analysts said. But more than 60 percent of independents in Wednesday's poll disapproved of Trump's job performance, an indication they could be left-leaning.

Rice University political scientist Mark Jones questioned whether the survey sample — which is weighted against recent census data — over-represents Hispanics and millennials, who tend to lean left. The News has requested a demographic breakdown of the survey population.

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In southern Texas, patching the border wall with $49 million in gates

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske
Los Angeles Times

EDINBURG — A decade ago, Juan Cavazos watched as government authorities built a border wall on two acres of his land in the Rio Grande Valley. To smugglers, they created a barrier. To Cavazos, they created a problem.

The Rio Grande winds here, and with it, the border. Because the river sometimes changes course, walls have to be built some distance away from its banks. Cavazos, like many property owners in the valley, has land in Brownsville, south of the wall that is still part of the United States, so the Border Patrol installed an electronic gate and showed Cavazos, 75, a retired teacher, how to operate the keypad.

Cavazos said the gate works, but has not stopped smugglers.

"There's another gap a block away," he said. "Trump wants to build the wall, but they need to close the gaps first."

And there are lots of gaps. On the 1,954-mile southern border, 654 miles are blocked by a fence or wall. That's particularly troubling in the Rio Grande Valley, the epicenter for drug and migrant smuggling. This region in southern Texas has 316 miles of border and only 55 miles of barriers, with 35 gaps that were left without gates for lack of funding.

"I liken it to an unfinished house," said Manuel Padilla, Rio Grande Valley sector chief for the Border Patrol.

Padilla spoke at a briefing Friday at sector headquarters in Edinburg, about 30 miles north of the border. He called the briefing after Gov. Greg Abbott visited a nearby armory to tout deployment of 650 National Guard troops to the valley to boost border security.

Padilla said the area has become "chaotic," with increased migrant apprehensions, stash house busts and drug seizures.

"Yesterday we had our highest apprehension day this fiscal year, well over 700 apprehensions — definitely very concerning," Padilla said, noting that the valley accounts for about 40 percent of apprehensions and marijuana seizures across the southern border so far this year.

So far, 237,176 people have been caught crossing the border illegally since the federal fiscal year began in October, about a fifth of them last month. Congress agreed last year to pay for 35 new gates to cover gaps in the valley's border wall. Buying surrounding land and installing the gates is expected to cost $49 million. Construction is scheduled to start in October.

"We need effective barriers and infrastructure to deny the entry of illegal aliens and contraband," Padilla said. "The high activity combined with the lack of personnel, technology and infrastructure provide the ideal environment for chaotic activity along the border communities."

One recent afternoon Border Patrol Agent Robert Rodriguez drove southwest of Edinburg to where half a dozen gates are expected to be installed along several miles of border fence near Penitas.

The need to leave gaps for property owners — and install gates to allow access to their land — is one of the distinct challenges of securing the border along the Rio Grande. The two-lane gaps, wide enough for two pickups to pass at once, are currently monitored with security cameras and sensors.

"Smugglers come in here," Rodriguez said. "This would be the path of least resistance for them."

The gates can be opened using a pass code or remotely by radio, Rodriguez said. Residents are provided codes and instructions.

"They've been pretty cooperative and understanding," he said, noting the gates turn the area from a smuggler hot spot into a deterrent.

"It's impeding their entry or at least slowing them down," he said. Otherwise, the existing fence "just funnels people through there."

Rodriguez pulled up to one of the metal gates installed in recent years and pointed north, where a flea market was underway. Shoppers flowed past stands hawking fresh mangoes, corn and taquitos. Since the gate was added, migrant apprehensions dropped by half, Rodriguez said.

But the gates trouble some locals.

After the border wall was extended through a local birding area in 2009, Border Patrol installed a gate that's rarely open to the public, said Tiffany Kersten, who serves on the board of the local Sierra Club.

"We're very concerned that the same thing will happen" at other wildlife refuges scheduled for new wall construction in the area, she said.

Last month, Congress authorized $1.6 billion for new border barriers, including fencing atop levees that span nearly all of the Rio Grande Valley's Hidalgo County. John-Michael Torres, a spokesman for the local community group La Union del Pueblo Entero, said that gates do little to alleviate the effect of the walls on the local population.

"Our communities go down to the levees: There are churches, cemeteries, RV parks south of the levees that would be potentially inaccessible," he said. "Even if there are gates there, it impacts the livability of those areas. You are stuck behind a wall, and if a gate doesn't open you have to drive miles to get around."

Residents were also skeptical that the gates will stop smugglers.

Officials promised Noel Benavides that if they build a wall across his property in the valley town of Roma, they would install a gate and give him the code. But Benavides said he expects smugglers will acquire the codes soon after.

"Money can buy anything," said Benavides, 75, who runs a western wear store in town.

In Penitas, truck driver Eddie Garcia lives across the street from several gaps in the border fence where he has seen migrants flee into nearby woods.

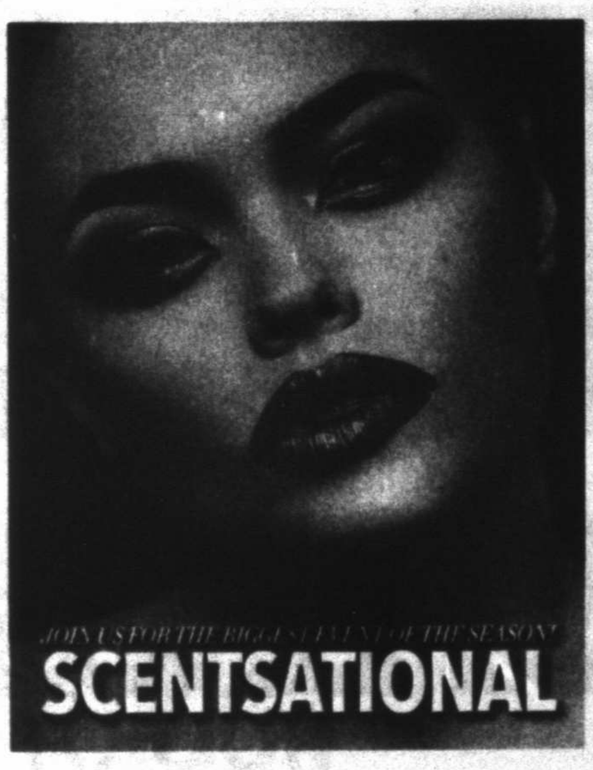
Garcia, 28, has also seen Border Patrol agents give chase, on the ground and in helicopters.

The father of three said he feels safe thanks to the patrols, but doesn't expect the chases to end after new gates arrive.

"There's a lot of ways they can jump the wall," he said of migrants. "A gate's not going to stop them."

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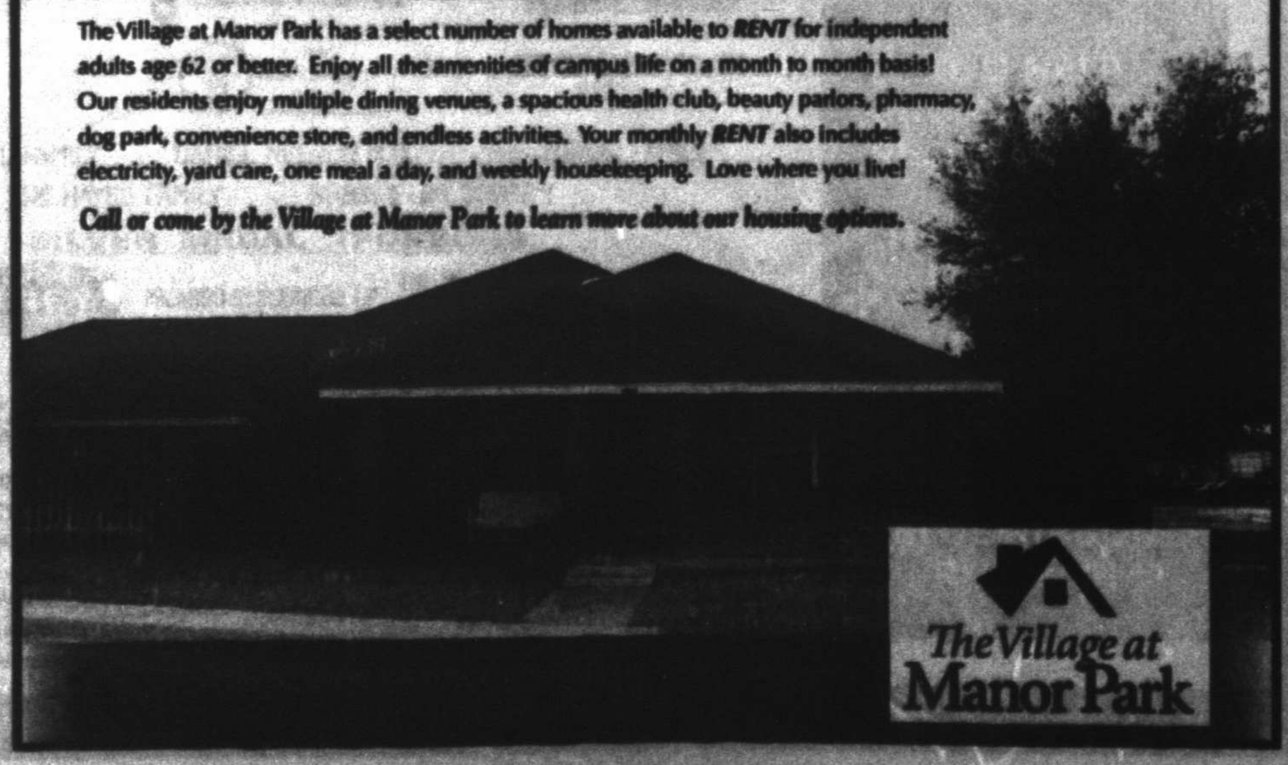
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Public Meeting Notice
Texas Department of Transportation
2019-2022 Rural Transportation Improvement Program

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting at the following time, date, time and location:

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2018
Rooney Park Small Community Hall
401 Spring Drive, Fort Stockton, TX 79735.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive comments on the FY 2019-2022 Rural Transportation Improvement Program for the Odessa District. The district includes Andrews, Crane, Ector, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward and Winkler counties. The TIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and FHWA to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. This meeting is being held pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 16.102, which calls for an opportunity for public comment concerning the program.

The meeting will be an Open House format so people can come and go as needed. A brief overview of the proposed plan will be made at 6 p.m.

Special accommodations: Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the district public information officer, Gene Powell, at 432-498-4746 or gene.powell@txdot.gov, at least two days prior to the meeting. Because the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

For persons who cannot attend the meeting, exhibits will be available for review online at **https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/media-center/local-news/odessa/008-2018.html** and at the following locations 15 days before and after the meeting:

Andrews Maintenance Office, 1000 S. Main, Andrews, Texas
McCamey Maintenance Office, 830 W. Fifth Street, McCamey, Texas
Monahans Maintenance Office, 3411 S. Stockton, Monahans, Texas
Odessa District Office, 3901 E. Highway 80, Odessa, Texas
Pecos Maintenance Office, 197 South Frontage Road IH-20 West, Pecos, Texas
Sanderson Maintenance Office, 53 N. US Highway 285 Sanderson, Texas

Written comments may be submitted to:

Texas Department of Transportation
Attention: Robert Ornelas, P.E.
3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas, 79761

or by email at **robert.ornelas@txdot.gov**. A 15-day public comment period to submit written comments will close at the Odessa District Office at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2018.

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EYE ON DEVELOPMENT

Public comment period opens on MPO's transportation plan

By Trevor Hawes
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The Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization is working on its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and is seeking the public's feedback on projects slated through 2022.

The public policy board opened the public comment period at its meeting Monday. Some of the projects on the TIP include:

- An interchange on Interstate 20 at County Road 1250 in Midland.
- An interchange on Loop 250 at CR 1150/CR 60 in Midland.
- An interchange on North Loop 338 at U.S. Highway 385 in Ector County.
- An interchange on Loop 338 at Yukon Road in northeast Odessa.
- Reconfiguring the interchange at State Highway 158 and SH 191 (Business 158-B) to Thomason Drive.
- Reconfiguring the interchange at Loop 250 and State Highway 191 (Business 158-B) to Wadley Avenue.
- Upgrading Farm-to-Market Road 1788 from SH 191 to I-20.
- Modernizing I-20 from JBS Parkway to West Loop 250.

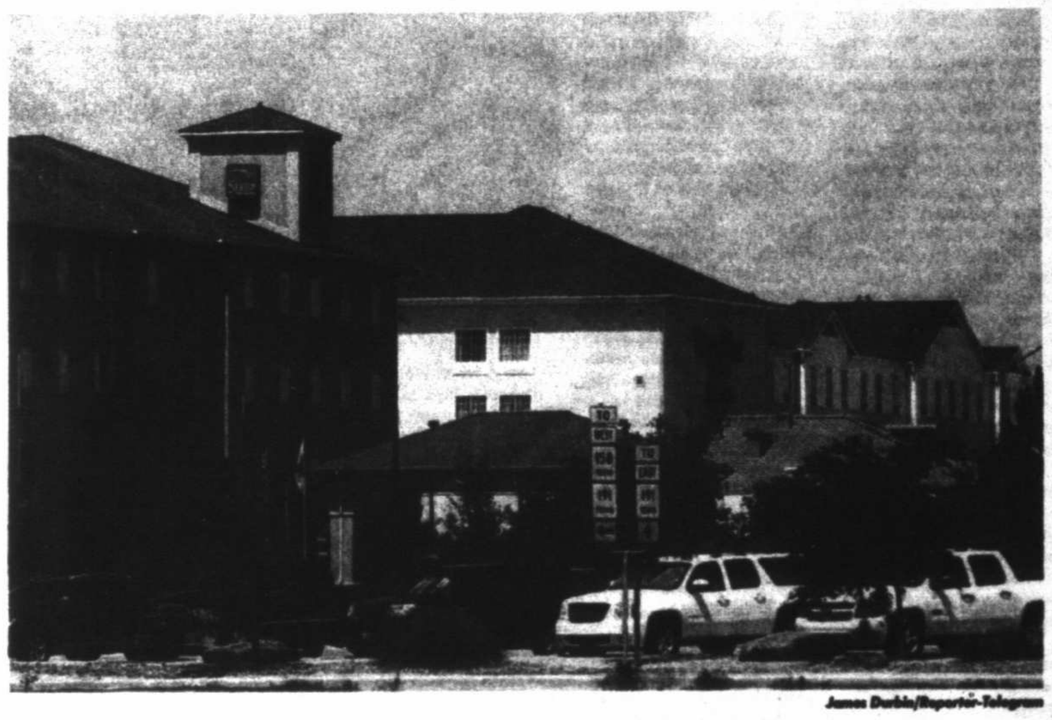
The Permian Basin MPO is a federally designated planning organization that oversees federal and state spending on transportation projects within its boundary, which encompasses much of Midland and Ector counties and part of Martin County.

To share your feedback, contact the MPO by calling 617-0129 or emailing info@permianbasinmpo.com.

Building permits
April 9-13

210 W. Longview Ave.	Commercial Alteration
1108 Wadley	Commercial Alteration
4515 Latham Street	Fence
3208 Frontier Drive	Fence
2301 Mockingbird Lane	Fence
5400 Whitman Drive	Fence
925 N. Dallas Street	Fence
302 Pyluer Street	Fence
6115 Indigo Sky Court	Swimming Pool
6610 Pintail Parkway	Swimming Pool
6700 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
6702 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
6701 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
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6705 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
6707 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
6709 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
6711 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
6713 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
5114 Trenwood Drive	New Residence
5101 Torrey Vista Drive	New Residence
1208 Desert Rose Drive	New Residence
6717 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
6719 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
3305 W. Michigan Ave.	Residence-Detached
5000 Heather Road	New Residence
6721 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
2803 W. Golf Course Road	Residence-Detached
6807 Rosewood Drive	New Residence
1219 Hillcrest Road	New Residence
6711 Kirkwood Drive	New Residence
5515 Condor Route	New Residence
1221 Hillcrest Road	New Residence
1205 Moran Street	Residence-Detached
4304 Glenneagles Drive	Residential Addition
2205 N. A Street	Residence-Detached
2212 Cimarron Drive	Residential Alteration
909 Cheyenne Street	New Residence
1217 Hillcrest Road	New Residence
1223 Hillcrest Road	New Residence
5300 Half Moon Circle	New Residence
6602 Rosewood Drive	New Residence
2403 Terrace Ave.	Residential Alteration
1412 E. Jax Ave.	Residence-Detached
6209 Oriole Court	Residential Alteration
501 S. Lincoln Street	New Residence
106 W. Griffin Ave.	Residential Addition
1412 Tilpin	Business-Detached
905 W. Kansas Ave.	Residential Alteration
3710 Aurora Drive	Residential Addition
604 N. Lee Street	New Residence
2801 Fairfield Lane	New Residence
2700 W. Loop 250 N.	Sign
2900 W. Loop 250 N.	Sign
4411 W. Illinois Ave.	Sign

Source: City of Midland



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Hotels are photographed near the Scharbauer Sports Complex June 7, 2017.

P&Z approves alcohol permits, new hotel near sports complex

By Trevor Hawes
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The Planning and Zoning commission had a full agenda Monday, which included approvals for a new hotel in west Midland, a new shopping center on Briarwood Avenue and alcohol permits — one of which had lapsed nearly 20 years ago. All items were approved by 5-0 vote. P&Z is a recommending board. All final decisions are made by City Council. Here are highlights on P&Z's actions:

- **New hotel:** A zone change for a Comfort Suites hotel at 5606 Westwood Blvd. (near Loop 250 and Desauville Boulevard) was made from planned district (PD) for a shopping center to amended planned district for a shopping center. The hotel will be four-stories tall.
- **New shopping center:** A yet-unnamed shopping center is in the works for 4700 Briarwood Ave., near Northcrest Drive. The 5,929-square-foot retail building will include a Domino's, nail salon and other restaurants. It will have 35 parking spaces.
- **Back on track:** The Starlite Lounge, 1110 E. Illinois Ave., was approved for a specific-use permit for the sale of all alcoholic beverages. The original permit had lapsed in 2001, but the lounge had continued serve alcohol permit since then. City staff said the lapsed permit hadn't been recognized until a new system was implemented. Service hours are 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-midnight Sunday.
- **Ready to serve:** Mario's Spanish Inn, 3411 Thomason Drive, and Oishii Sushi & Hibachi, 4706 N. Midkiff Road, each were approved for alcohol permits. Service hours at Mario's Spanish Inn are 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Service hours at Oishii are 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.
- **Apartment improvements:** Mesquite Terraces Apartments, 501 S. Loop 250 W., is looking to build a 10-foot by 20-foot cabana pool, 6-foot stone-column fencing and a pedestrian bridge on its property. The purpose of the fence is to better define the edge of the property in an aesthetically pleasing way. The pedestrian bridge will span a drainage ditch.
- **Park pursuit:** Bush Tennis Center received initial zoning for a 3.31-acre tract for the upcoming Chris Davidson Opportunity Park.

Airport boardings at Midland International grow for 16th straight month

The heated economy has had an impact with the three airlines at Midland International Airport.

The city of Midland reports there was an 11.7 percent increase in boardings year over year at Midland International during the month of March. It was more of the same in terms of the numbers of passengers that have used the airport going back to December 2016.

A Reporter-Telegram look at airport statistics shows 16 months of positive board numbers (year over year). And the strength of the economy is even more apparent when one sees that there has been double-digit percentage growth in 9 of the last 12 months. This fiscal year, 272,384 people have boarded airlines at Midland International, a 13.2 percent increase compared to the same months in 2016-17.

In March, more than half of the 50,438 people boarding an airplane selected Southwest Airlines. Both American Eagle and United totaled more than 12,400 passengers, and both showed double-digit growth year over year.

As airport business goes, so does parking revenue in fiscal year 2017-18. This fiscal year, nearly $2 million has been collected at Midland International, a 21.6 percent increase compared to the same period in 2016-17.

Airplane boardings

Percentage increases in boardings at Midland International over the last 12 months

2018	
March	11.7
February	14.8
January	16.1
2017	
December	9.7
November	15.5
October	12.2
September	4.9
August	17.1
July	11.4
June	10.7
May	13.9
April	4.9

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Report: Amazon, Lyft, Uber among leaders in hiring freelance workers

By Gordon Dickson
Fort Worth Star-Telegram



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Johnny Pollard of Haltom City drives for Uber full time and said the job has saved him from unemployment and provided him with a good living.

FORT WORTH — About a year ago, 60-year-old Johnny Pollard found himself in need of a job — fast.

His longtime employer, a Grapevine freight trucking company, had gone out of business. Pollard worried about interviewing for jobs because of his age, so instead he decided to try freelancing as a driver for Uber. And now, he is one of the shining stars at the ride-hailing company, grossing $1,200 to $1,800 per week giving customers rides all over the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

"Uber saved me from unemployment," the Haltom City resident said on a recent morning after picking up passengers in downtown Fort Worth. "It has given me an opportunity to keep making a little money, and continue contributing to the community."

Freelancing — as opposed to working full-time for a single employer — has become increasingly common in the United States job market, and if current trends continue, soon might become more of a norm than an exception.

Already, more than a third of the United States' workforce (57.3 million people) is working for employers on a freelance basis, an increase of nearly 30 percent from a year earlier, according to a report titled "Freelancing in America: 2017." The fourth annual report by Upwork and Freelancers Union predicts that by 2027 a majority of the U.S. workforce will be engaged in contractual work of some kind.

Companies such as Uber, its growing competitor Lyft, and Amazon are among the industry leaders in hiring freelance workers in the "on-demand economy," sometimes referred to as the "gig economy," or "sharing economy." Amazon Flex, for example, employs hundreds of workers who deliver packages to customers' homes in selected markets, including Dallas-Fort Worth.

And there are many others. HomeAdvisor connects property owners to screened contractors who can do home improvements. Airbnb has turned the hotel industry on its ear by connecting travelers directly with rooms for rent in the cities of their choice.

And in Fort Worth, a company called Booster can fill your tank with gasoline in the company parking lot, while you go about your office routine.

Seismic shift

Some drivers reportedly work for two, three or even four of these on-demand companies simultaneously, juggling their schedules to ensure they earn enough money to make ends meet. In some cases, the jobs are ideal part-time work for college students, or for employees who need to moonlight from their day job to earn additional cash.

And there seems to be no end in sight for more on-demand drivers.

The total amount spent by customers last year on these types of consumer services topped $57 billion in 2017, according to the media research firm BIA Advisory Services. And the trend only promises to continue upward, with BIA projecting that the entire on-demand industry is still relatively new and is only serving a little more than 7 percent of its potential audience.

But is this seismic shift in the American workplace good for workers?

The trend is mostly positive for those — like Pollard — who place a high value on being your own boss, setting your own hours and hustling enough to earn more money than less-motivated colleagues.

But others who closely follow labor trends say these changes could come at a high price for many Americans.

Got what it takes?

For example, not everyone has Pollard's work ethic. He starts work each day about 4 a.m., when he often is the only Uber driver on the road in Tarrant County. The divorced father of grown children works until about 4:30 or 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and usually a few hours each Saturday as well, to ensure he makes enough money to pay all his bills.

He spends about $1,500 a month just on gasoline, and also must make the monthly payment on his 2017 Ford Explorer. He also pays car and health insurance, which he got through the Affordable Care Act.

Pollard acknowledged that not everyone can prosper as a contracted driver, but he said the money is there for anyone willing to put in the hours.

"If you're not making money, you're not doing it right," he said.

Some labor trend watchers say people in those jobs could be hurt by not having a brick-and-mortar workplace. They lack the protection of workers' rights. They often lack health care and other benefits. They could become unemployed without benefits if they are injured.

And they could become socially isolated by the lack of workplace camaraderie typically found in a traditional office environment.

New factory workers?

In a just-released book titled "Microtrends Squared," author Mark Penn and collaborator Meredith Fineman describe working in the shared economy as being "essentially alone on the job."

"Like old factory jobs, these jobs have a routine that starts with an order ticket and they repeat the same tasks, but the factory floor is everywhere. Unlike the old factory jobs, your customers or clients are now your supervisors," Penn and Fineman write in a chapter titled "The New Factory Worker."

"Previously, you met your spouse or some of your best friends around the water cooler or in the lunchroom at the office," they write. "Now you are bowling alone, and need the kind of personality that can chat up a few customers and make connections or feel even more isolated than the old cogs of the industrial age."

Because Uber and Lyft are privately held companies, they aren't obligated to say how many drivers they have, and it's difficult to determine using external sources.

But Uber co-founder Garrett Camp recently acknowledged the size of the company's worldwide fleet by saying it collectively gives "2 million drivers flexible work options." At least half those drivers are believed to be in the U.S., according to The Rideshare Guy industry blog.

Lyft is smaller, but growing quicker, with an estimated 700,000 workers in the U.S. and a goal of expanding worldwide.

An estimated 500,000 drivers work for both Uber and Lyft, so, using very rough math, it's probably safe to say that at least 1.2 million people in the U.S. drive for one or both companies.

Amazon doesn't disclose how many freelancers work for Amazon Flex. The Flex program uses contracted drivers as a complement to the company's arrangements with FedEx, UPS and the Postal Service to get packages the last few miles to their final destination.

Some Amazon Flex workers have filed a lawsuit asking for more pay, saying they don't really make the $16 to $25 per hour promised by the company because they have to pay expenses such as gas and car maintenance. Also, they say they function more as Amazon employees than contract workers because of scheduling and training, including detailed instructions such as precisely what streets to take on a delivery route.

Uber and Lyft have had their share of bumps in the road, too. Recently, the Star-Telegram reported that Uber was under fire in Fort Worth for some drivers refusing to pick up prospective riders with service dogs, and both Uber and Lyft have found legal trouble for similar violations of federal law in the past.

But for those watching labor trends closely, these issues are merely short-term challenges to be addressed. The long-term trend toward using more and more freelance drivers to connect consumers with their desired goods, they say, is a permanent shift.

"We are in the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution' — a period of rapid change in work driven by increasing automation," Stephane Kasriel, CEO of Upwork, said in an email accompanying the "Freelancing in America: 2017" report.

Kasriel also is co-chair of the World Economic Forum's Council on the Future of Gender, Education and Work.

"But we have a unique opportunity," she said, "to guide the future of work, and freelancers will play more of a key role than people realize."

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M. Ray Perryman
The Economist



Recently, there have been questions raised regarding the fairness of the use of the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF), a key aspect of the state's economic development incentives. At issue is whether the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex gets a disproportionate share of awards. The TEF is an important "deal closing" fund which has been effectively used to enhance Texas' ability to attract desirable corporate locations and expansions.

To be eligible for TEF awards, companies must be planning a project with significant projected job creation and capital investment. Moreover, they must be looking at a single (yes, single) site in Texas which is actively competing with at least one viable out-of-state option. Projects have to be supported by the city, county and/or school district in which the project would be located, including local incentives. Applicants go through an 11-step due diligence process, and, if all criteria are successfully met, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House then review applications and must unanimously agree to support the award.

While economic development incentives are absolutely essential, they are certainly not the only (or even the most important) criteria. Decision locations are driven by the ability to meet the needs of the company. Workforce, infrastructure, geographic location, proximity to customers and suppliers, access to raw materials, and many other fundamental characteristics of each potential location are examined. The best combination of attributes, including incentives, generally prevails.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area is not only one of the most dynamic in the nation, but also offers advantages such as a major airline hub, a long history as a business and financial center, other transportation advantages including highway and rail access and a cargo-oriented airport, a large and growing population, and proximity to many Fortune 500 corporate headquarters. I could go on, but it's no surprise that the area is drawing in new projects. Recent years have also seen multiple TEF-supported technology-oriented projects in the Austin area, a wind tower manufacturer in Amarillo, and chemical manufacturing facilities along the Gulf Coast. These locations make sense for the businesses selecting them, and the cities chosen were not interchangeable. The geographic distribution of awards has also varied over time.

Incentives for economic development are becoming more critical for myriad reasons, and the TEF has been and will remain crucial to Texas growth. However, the basic needs of a company considering a location are paramount. Each area is different, with its own set of characteristics. Companies look for the best fit based on their own criteria, and any attempt to use the TEF or any other statewide tool to force them toward a particular metropolitan area would be counterproductive and, under current rules, impossible.

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Mexicans help create, not take jobs away from Texans, SMU study says

By Alfredo Corchado
The Dallas Morning News

April 19 — Far from taking jobs away from Texans, Mexicans are helping create additional employment opportunities, providing valuable labor for a growing economy and helping the deepening integration with Mexico, according to the Texas-Mexico Center at Southern Methodist University.

The findings of the first research study by the center comes as the Trump administration cracks down on unauthorized immigrants, referring to them as criminals and calling for a wall between both countries. The center's study called for "freer migration" across the border and fewer barriers to international crossings, touting Texas as an example of cooperation with Mexico.

The non-partisan Texas-Mexico Center was created in 2017 with a $4 million donation from Monterrey, Mexico-based GRUMA, and its unit, Dallas-based Mission Foods, with the goal of highlighting the deepening economic and cultural integration underway between Texas and Mexico. As many as 1 million jobs in Texas are attributed to trade with Mexico. GRUMA alone generates about 1,000 direct jobs and more than 4,500 indirect jobs in the north region.

"We know Texas leads the way in strengthening collaboration between neighbors," said Juan Gonzalez Moreno, chairman and CEO of GRUMA in a statement. "And through this center, we reaffirm our belief that working together we will continue to elevate and strengthen the Texas-Mexico-United States relationship. This research will create better work and business opportunities on both sides of the border."

The study relied on data from the U.S. Census Bureau and its Mexican counterpart, known as INEGI. The study, with contributions by the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M University, the Federal Reserve Board of Dallas and Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City, stressed the importance of labor from Mexico, which in many parts of the United States, is in decline.

Underscoring the trends is the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA. The trade accord led to a dramatic economic transformation that fueled a shift in goods, products and movement of people, factors that over the years have impacted cities and regions from the 2,000-mile border. For instance, supply chains and cultural integration deepened in cities like Dallas, due to the proliferation of Mexico-based companies moving into North Texas, along with their products, from tortillas, pasta, Topo Chico, and, of course, more workers.

"I would argue the border always had deep

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Abortion battles are heating up ahead of November elections

By Mary Jordan
The Washington Post

Mississippi's governor just signed a law, more restrictive than in any state, banning abortions after 15 weeks. Iowa's state Senate is trying to go even further and stop abortions at around six weeks. And 20 Ohio lawmakers have proposed outlawing all abortions, even if the woman's life is in danger.

In many state capitols, Republican lawmakers are backing unusually strict pro-life laws. Many are emboldened by President Donald Trump, who has been more supportive of their agenda than any president in decades. Conservative lawmakers also are eager to get more tough restrictions on the books in case November's elections bring a surge of Democrats hostile to them.

Federal courts have immediately blocked many of these antiabortion laws, including Mississippi's. But they still have a purpose: to set up legal challenges to Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationally, at a time when Trump could appoint the justice who helps overturn it.

"Trump has given hope to the pro-life movement," said Ron Hood, a Republican state representative who introduced the total abortion ban in Ohio.

Under Hood's bill, women could be criminally punished for aborting an "unborn human." In an interview, Hood said prosecutors would decide what charges to seek, just as they do in cases of manslaughter or murder.

For years, many pro-life groups have argued that laws should penalize the doctor, not the woman, but Hood — who calls abortion an "atrocity" — said about a quarter of his colleagues in Ohio's 99-member House chamber are lined up behind his bill.

"We are seeing extremism on many fronts in the United States today," Nancy Northup, chief executive of the Center for Reproductive Rights, which supports abortion rights. "Those who oppose abortion rights are seeing this as a time to push for the most extreme measures."

About 1 in 4 women have an abortion in their lifetime, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive rights research organization, in a report recently published in the American Journal of Public Health.

In the Trump era, the long-running abortion wars are heating up again, and the country is increasingly divided when it comes to the availability of abortions.

Many Republican-controlled states are ratcheting back access - establishing waiting periods, outlawing common medical procedures, and cutting off Medicaid funding.

At the same time, Democratic-controlled states are expanding access to contraception and reproductive health; in Washington state, the governor just required insurers to cover abortion costs.

Charles Donovan, president of the research institute of the Susan B. Anthony List, which promotes politicians who oppose abortion, said the looming midterm elections "certainly do add a push" to get pro-life laws in the pipeline for a potential Supreme Court challenge.

In 2017, Trump's first year in the White House, 19 states passed 63 antiabortion restrictions, according to Guttmacher.

Collectively these measures send a loud message, Donovan said. "It's a cultural message, not just a legal message, to the court."

Before Trump ran for president, he very publicly said he was "very pro-choice." But when he became a candidate, he promised to appoint judges to reverse Roe v. Wade and won over many Republican voters, including from the religious right, who remain among his steadfast supporters.

They applauded his appointment to the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch, who has never ruled in an abortion case and evaded questions at his confirmation hearings about Roe v. Wade but who has consistently voted with the court's conservative majority. Another vacancy on the court would give Trump a chance to increase that majority, a prospect that has thrilled Trump supporters.

The opportunity has not worked out in the past. Justice Anthony Kennedy was once thought to be the missing vote to overturn Roe but instead affirmed the right of women to seek an abortion.

And although Kennedy has been generally supportive of abortion restrictions, he joined the court's liberals two years ago to strike down a Texas law that was found to impose an undue burden on women.

But Kennedy is 81 and is said to be considering retirement. Two of the court's liberals, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, are 85 and 79, respectively.

The chance to replace one of the three offers abortion opponents "something they never thought they would have: a potential majority on the Supreme Court" who would overturn this landmark decision, said John Weaver, a Republican strategist who has advised Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

While many in Washington are consumed with presidential scandals about alleged mistress payoffs and FBI raids, many people across the country care more about other issues, such as abortion, Weaver said.

"It's an issue that keeps them tethered to an untethered president," he said.

Northup said Trump has unleashed a "new level of aggression" among abortion opponents. Recent bills include those that would prosecute doctors who perform one as early as six weeks, make no exception for rape, forbid women from getting an abortion if the reason is a high probability of Down syndrome; and, as in Ohio, allow a prosecutor to seek criminal charges against women.

"People better vote on November 6th like their life depends on it," said Kellie Copeland, Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio. She said the discussion in Columbus of criminally prosecuting women "is so far out of the mainstream" that there is urgency for voters to turn out.

Democrats overwhelmingly support preserving the rights of women to end an unwanted pregnancy.

Democrats say energy is high and record numbers of women are running in November, and they are hoping for wins that could shift the power balance in state capitols.

Conservatives also say they are energized.

Susan Swayze Liebel, coordinator of the National Pro-Life Women's Caucus for the Susan B. Anthony List, and abortion opponents are working to turn out their base and "keep the momentum going in the states."

"The Trump effect is the hope effect for the pro-life movement," Liebel said.

More than 90 percent of abortions are performed before 13 weeks, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A Pew Research poll last year found that 69 percent of Americans did not want to overturn Roe v. Wade. That ruling gives a women the right to an abortion up to the point where the fetus is viable outside the uterus, which is generally considered around 24 weeks.

But Pew also showed a stark party split: 75 percent of Democrats said abortion should be legal in all or most cases, while 65 percent of Republicans believed it should be illegal in those cases.

A big Republican-wave election in 2010, after the election of Barack Obama, sharply increased GOP and conservative clout in states that remains today.

Since then, 33 states have passed laws to limit abortion.

In Texas, an increasingly hostile environment for abortion providers contributed to the closures of 20 clinics, abortion rights groups said, about half those in the state. In the Republican strongholds of Mississippi and Kentucky, only one clinic is left.

In certain parts of the country, "It is unequivocally much harder now to access abortion care than any year since Roe v. Wade," Northup said.

Elizabeth Nash, the state policy analyst at Guttmacher, said abortion services are increasingly out of reach for many women because of the distance they would have to travel to a clinic and cost. Women in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and other states have a far harder time than those in West Coast and in many parts of New England, where ending an unwanted pregnancy is easier and cheaper.

About 75 percent of women who seek abortions are poor or have a low income, according to Guttmacher.

"Roe has already fallen in the practical sense for many women," said Copeland of the abortion rights group in Ohio. "They are forced to continue pregnancy, sometimes even if it's not what is best for their health, because they cannot get past the travel and financial hurdles."

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integration simple because of geography and that places like El Paso and Juarez grew up together and like cousins, bound by their shared history, family and economic journey," said Luisa M. del Rosal, executive director of the SMU Tower Center and Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center, as the center is formally known. "NAFTA made the relationship grow beyond the border and allowed other cities to enjoy the fruits of a close familial relationship. ... In Dallas, it went beyond economics. It was cultural because the people and products were now here, beyond the border and NAFTA enhanced that at the border and made it possible in North Texas."

The report's rosy outlook is a thorn on the side of the Trump administration. This month, U.S Attorney General Jeff Session visited the border and compared immigrants to criminals Sessions decried illegal migration and insisted that legality must come before anything, downplaying the need for more workers during a booming economy.

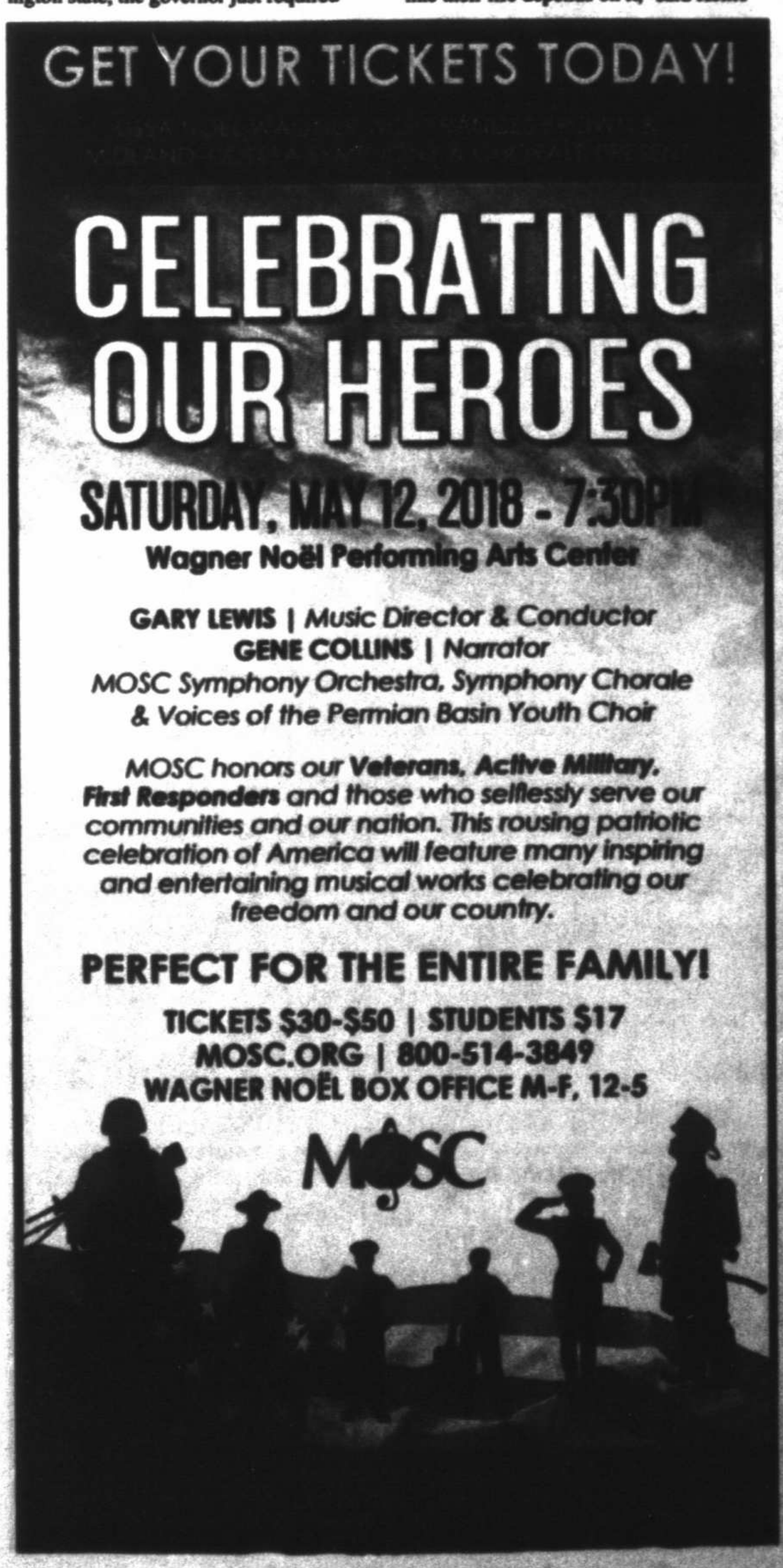
"Under President Trump, we've seen wages increase at the fastest pace in a decade," said Sessions. "And we can already hear the open borders crowd — and certain sectors of the business lobby — starting to complain. But we absolutely must not flood the labor market with foreign workers — legal or illegal — in order to bring wages down. Our citizens want our government to think about them for a change. They have dreams, too."

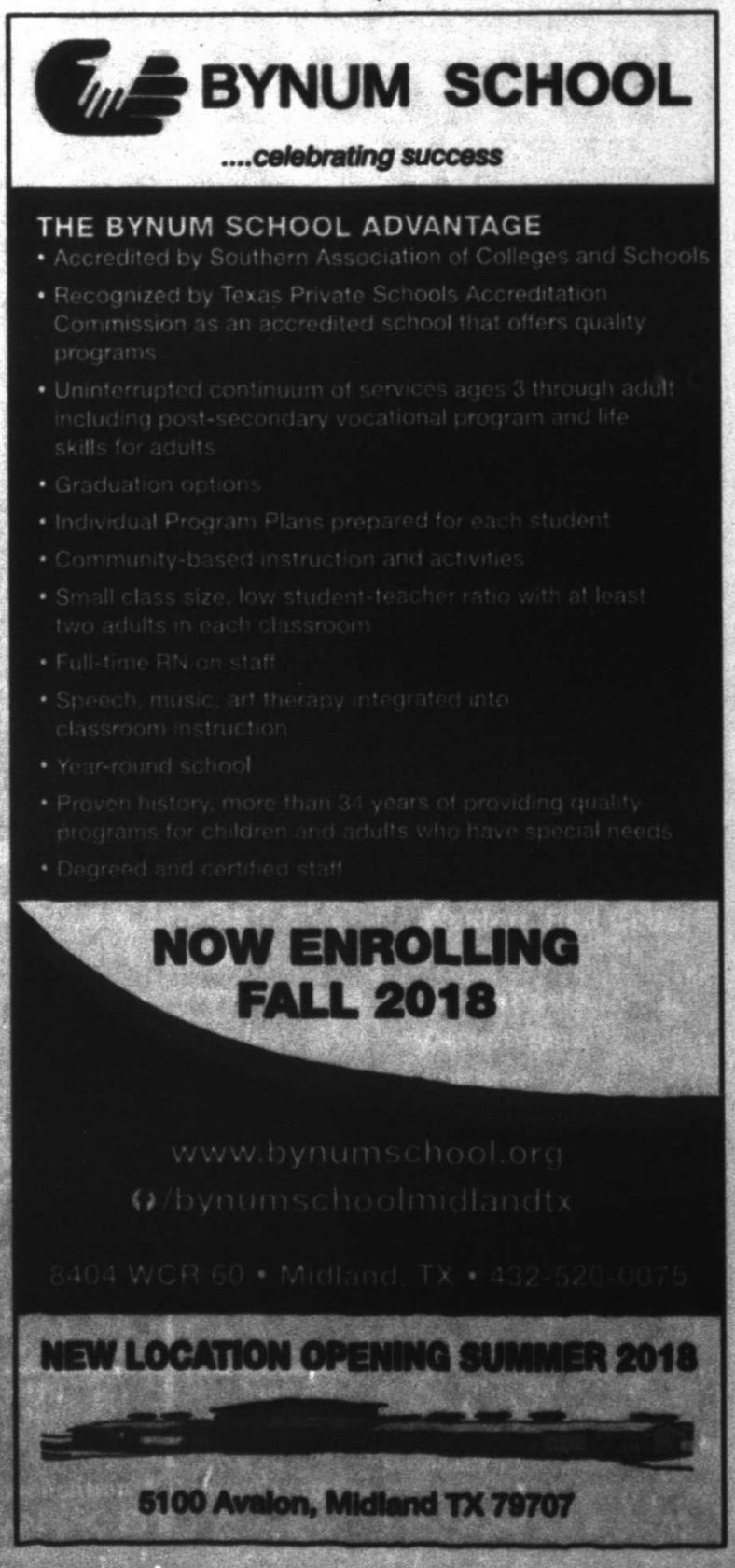
Among the study's findings:

- Trade with Mexico does not hinder inter-state trading in the U.S. States are still more likely to trade among themselves than across the border with Mexico, which shows the border trade relationship supports both national and international trade.
- Because of the integration across value chains, there is clear evidence that Mexican and U.S. workers are complements for each other rather than substitutes.
- Revisions of NAFTA need to maintain cross-border integration.
- Freer migration reduced Mexico's wage inequality.
- Texas A&M University's Raymond Robertson, however, said the post-NAFTA era presents new economic opportunities complemented by a labor market across borders.

"While Mexican and American workers competed for the same jobs during the 1987-1994 period, since NAFTA this has changed," he said. "Now both groups complement each other and act as a single production unit."

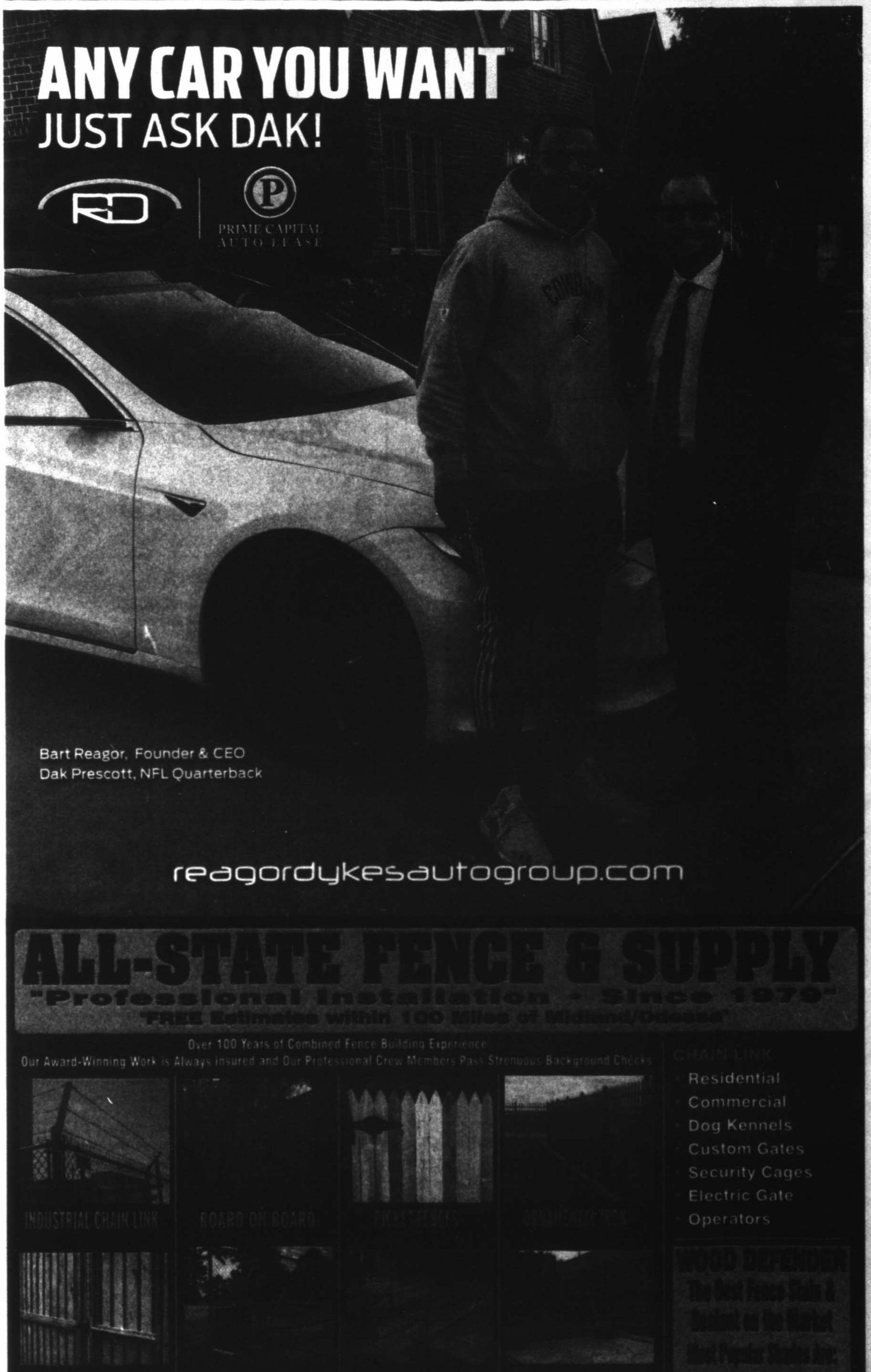
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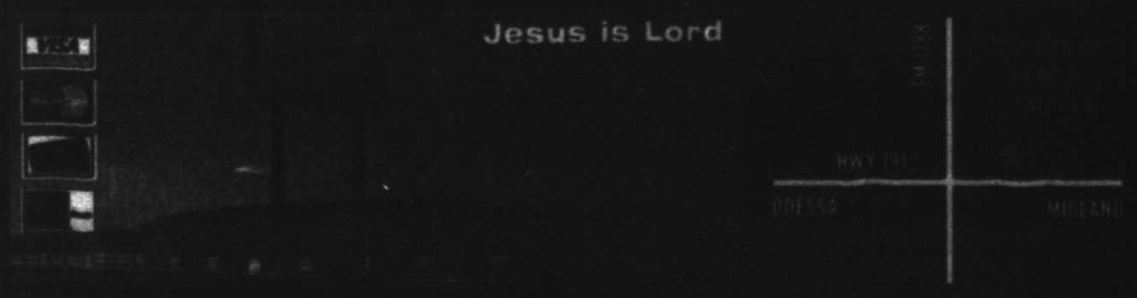
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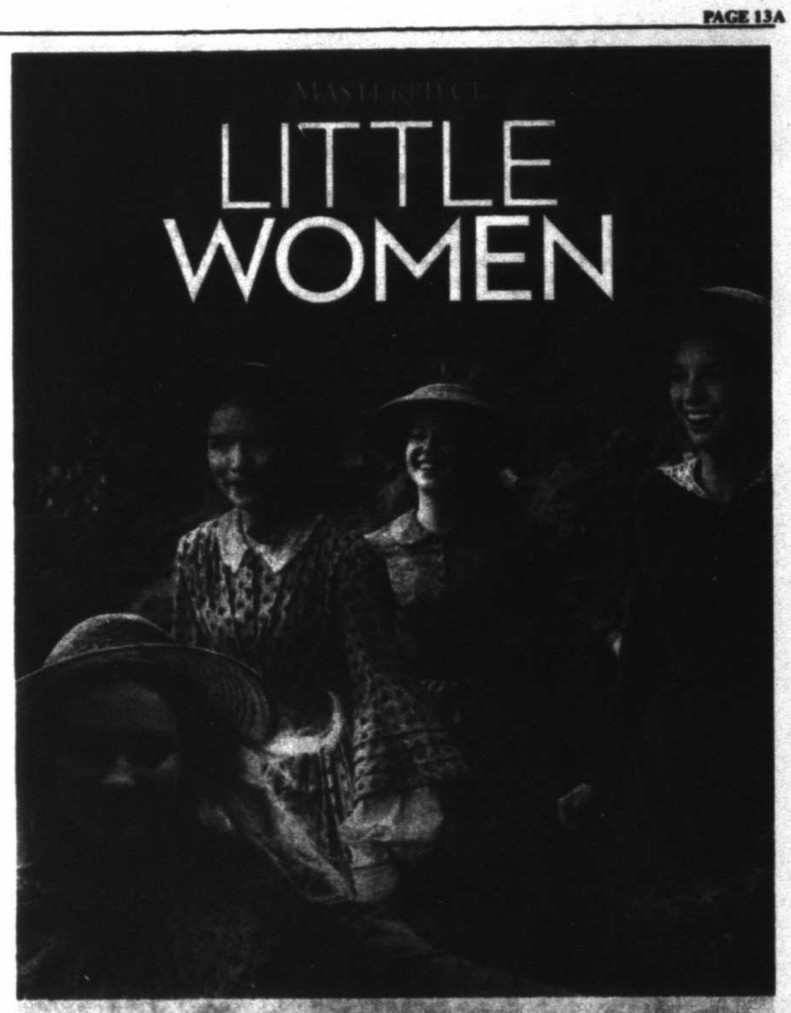
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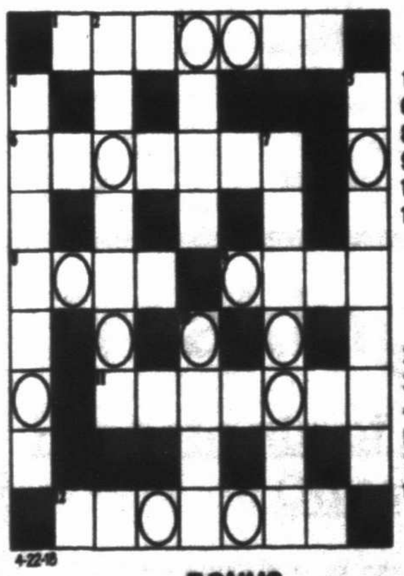
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CLUE	ANSWER
1. Branch of science	YGILOBO
6. Enhance	MGUTENA
8. Lunch ___	EMTA
9. ___ ticket	LEMA
11. Nullified	TAGDENE
12. One ___	NUHDDER

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
2. Imbue	RGINNIA
3. Property claim	EILN
4. Shirt or blouse	NRTAGEM
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7. Bridge support	LETSTRE
10. Matured	DEGA

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CLUE: This person said, "Mystery creates wonder, and wonder is the basis of man's desire to understand."

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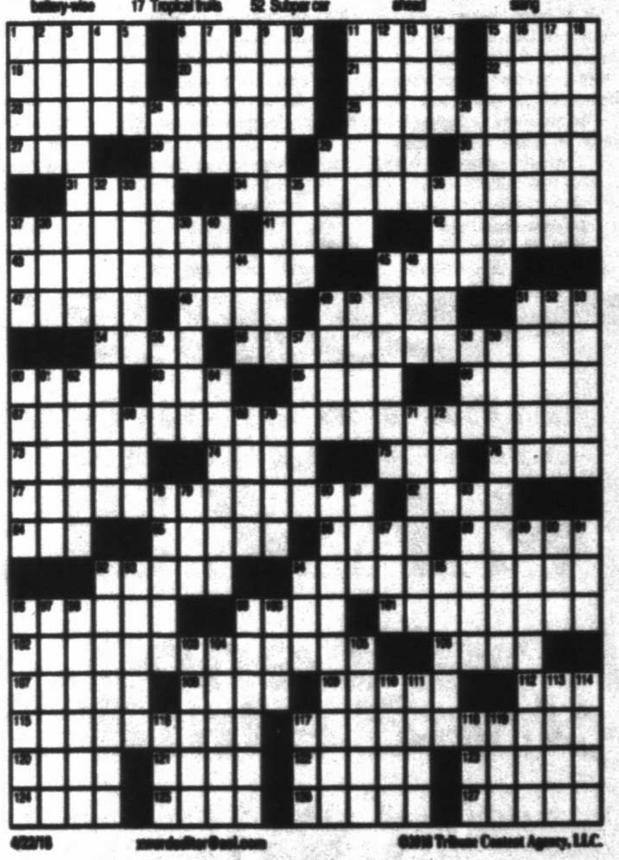
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ACROSS

1 Javelin Saunders Wilcox
6 Supporting structure
11 When tripled, "and so on"
15 Scandinavian language
19 PowerPoint unit
20 Greek goddesses of the seasons
21 K.C. Royal, e.g.
22 Snapchat co-founder Spiegel
23 Neighbor of Montenegro
25 Gabby
27 Fleeced female
28 Put up
29 Goalkeeper's success
30 Mournful melody
31 Fleece-seeking vessel
34 Know unknowable things about
37 Cathedralgoer's cylinder
41 Obama : Bo :: FDR : ___
42 Pre-dot date
43 Put the blame on
45 Bamm-Bamm's mom
47 Like Chichén Itzá pyramids
48 Harp constellation
49 Brought in
51 "Don't Bring Me Down" rock gp.
54 Comparison phrase
55 In the "Other" column
60 Houdini's lack
63 T or F, maybe
65 Astronomer Hale
66 Japanese comics
67 Solving a problem boldly
73 Fawcett's surprise
74 Learning method
75 Knee-injury initials
76 Uncle ___
77 Tony Gwynn, notably
82 Sailor's saint
84 U.N. worker protection gp.
85 Remnant of plants
86 Part of Q.E.D.
88 Port near Sapporo
92 Holy, to Horowitz
94 Bedraggled
96 "A Fish Called Wanda" actor
99 Important pipe
101 German state named for a river, with "the"
102 Complaint about monotony
105 Audible alert
107 Greek marketplace
108 Pot measure
109 "Swell"
112 Caraway-flavored bread
115 Exam for intellectual property lawyers
117 Narcissistic trait exhibited perfectly by this puzzle's eight other longest answers
120 Medical suffix
121 Actress Farentino
122 Estevy brothers
123 Command to attack
124 Japanese PCs
125 Lashes, battery-wise
126 Beginning
127 Inflation

DOWN

1 1975 Wimbledon champ
2 Botched
3 "Ask me anything"
4 Carpentry tool
5 Wax maker
6 "___: Ragnarok": 2017 superhero film
7 Meander
8 Robert of "Vogue"
9 Resident of America's highest capital
10 Coral ___
11 Piano brand
12 Advil alternative
13 Reduction of legal constraints, briefly
14 Part of ETA: Abbr.
15 With a touch of sweetness
16 Opposed
17 Tropical fruits
18 What manslaughter lacks
24 Composer Telemann
26 Words of denial
29 Ma.'s largest airport
32 Did some home maintenance
33 Narrow valleys
35 Pops
36 Surpass
37 Mil. award
38 Plant also called a New Zealand yam
39 Wuyi Mountains tea
40 It breaks in the morning
44 Play about Capote
45 Actress Vaccaro
46 Mind reader?
49 Anaheim baseball cap feature
50 Name dropped by TASS in 2014
51 Paperless periodical
52 Subpar car
53 "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
55 Earth tone
57 Hot low-range
58 Red on foot
59 Item gifted with a fountain pen
60 "Pardon me, Giulio"
61 Post-level
62 "___ problem"
64 Dance floor feather
68 "Lord, is ___?": Matthew
69 What optimists don't give up
70 Last-ending abbr.
71 Summer brew
72 Every one of
78 Roast host
79 Needlefish
80 Controlling
81 RN workplaces
83 "S.W.A.T." star Shemar
87 Crunch targets
89 Not for free
90 Toon canine
91 Grand Forks sch.
92 One looking ahead
93 City near Lake Nasser
94 Hamm of soccer
95 Neighbor of Cameroon
96 "Cat's in the Cradle" singer Harry
97 Papal representative
98 Designed to light a fire?
99 Damages
100 Iron ___
103 Triangular building feature
104 City including the former site of a Seminole War fort
105 Glowing signs
110 Erie' ___
111 Evaluate
113 Flemish river
114 One of 11 for Julio Louis-Dreyfus
116 Texas senator Cruz
117 Moody rock genre
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AP-NORC Poll: Americans expect Russia tension will get worse

By Matthew Pennington and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

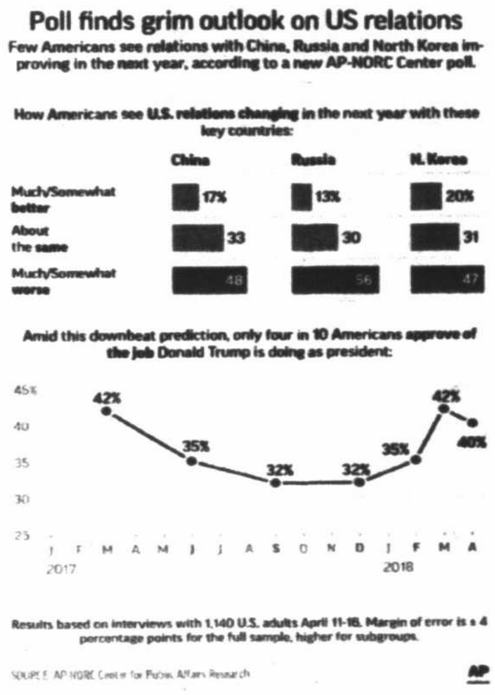
WASHINGTON — Americans largely fear the country's relationship with Russia and China will get worse in the coming year, and despite signs of diplomatic progress with Kim Jong Un on nuclear weapons, nearly half say the same about North Korea.

That's according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research that provides insight into the public's view on the direction of U.S. ties with those key strategic rivals, 15 months after President Donald Trump took office.

"Trump has opened up a whole bucket of worms, and he's doing it with too many countries all at once," said John Parker, 70, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "It's almost like he's trying to get us into trouble."

The poll found that Americans are most downbeat about the relationship with Russia: 56 percent think it will get worse over the next year, while just 13 percent think it will improve.

Even among Republicans, more expect the relationship with Russia to get worse than better, 40 percent to 20 percent, though another 40 percent expect it to stay about the same.



Eric Brammer, 30, an information technology specialist from Roanoke, Virginia, who describes himself as Democrat, said he expects tensions to continue over Russia's support of the government of President Bashar Assad in civil war-wracked Syria, where the U.S., Britain and France this month launched missile strikes against Syrian chemical weapons facilities.

Brammer also said that if more allegations of Russian interference in U.S. elections come to light, it will sow more distrust among the American public and worsen the relationship.

On China — with which Trump has forged cooperation against North Korea but drawn sharp differences on trade — some 48 percent expect relations to get worse in the next year, while just 17 percent expect things to get better.

"The farmers here are worried about trade with China because of the soybeans, corn and hogs that all go there," said Dorothy Jorgensen, a retiree from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who expects relations with the world's second-largest economy to deteriorate. "If one side raises taxes and the other side does the same, it's not going to help either country."

As Trump looks to narrow the U.S. trade deficit, he has threatened to raise U.S. tariffs on up to $150 billion of Chinese goods to counteract what he says are that country's unfair trade policies.

That has fueled fears of a trade war. China has threatened to retaliate with tariffs of its own, including on American agricultural produce.

But Marta Vicentini, a retired neurophysiologist from Miami Beach, Florida, said Trump was right to hit back against China over theft of U.S. know-how and trade secrets and predicted his strategy would work in America's favor.

"They (China) have no alternative but to trade with the U.S.," she said.

Vicentini also supports the Republican president's approach toward North Korea.

She said the imposition of sanctions is paying off and the young dictator Kim has been brought to the table by fears Trump will resort to military force and even a nuclear strike.

"He (Kim) is going to grow up and mature and he's going to realize that he's playing with fire," Vicentini said.

Trump is planning to meet with Kim by June, in search of a deal in which North Korea would give up his nuclear weapons.

It would be the first U.S.-North Korea summit after six decades of hostility since the Korean War.

Despite the promise of the summit, far more Americans think relations with the North Korea will get worse than better, 47 percent to 20 percent. Republicans are more optimistic.

Forty percent think that the relationship that grew increasingly tense last year will improve in the next year. Some 34 percent think it will stay about the same, and just 25 percent expect it to worsen.

Outside of foreign affairs, 40 percent of Americans approve of the overall job Trump is doing as president, the poll found.

That's about the same percentage as said so a month ago, up slightly from where it's been for most of the year.

Fifty-nine percent now say they disapprove of the job the president is doing.

Americans are also largely pessimistic about the state of the country generally.

Sixty percent think the U.S. is headed in the wrong direction, though a majority of Republicans — 67 percent — think it's headed the right way.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,140 adults was conducted April 11-16 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.0 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods, and later interviewed online or by phone.

Syracuse fraternity permanently expelled over racist video

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse University announced Saturday it has permanently expelled a fraternity over an offensive video that fraternity members say was intended as satire.

Chancellor Kent Syverud called the Theta Tau video "racist, anti-Semitic, homophobic, ableist and sexist" in a video posted on the university's website.

He said disciplinary actions against the individual students involved could include suspension or expulsion.

The video showed a group of men laughing uproariously at performances punctuated by racist language against blacks, Jews and Hispanics and simulated sex acts. Some students contend the video illustrates larger issues of racism and sexism at the university.

The Syracuse chapter of Theta Tau, a national engineering fraternity, apologized for the video Friday and says its members believe racism "has no place on a university campus."

"Each semester our new members are given the opportunity to write and act out a skit, in order to roast the active brothers. This event was never intended to be centered around racism or hate. This year, one of these brothers is a conservative Republican, and the new members roasted him by playing the part of a racist conservative character," the New York school's Theta Tau chapter said on its website .

"It was a satirical sketch of an uneducated, racist, homophobic, misogynist, sexist, ableist and intolerant person," the statement said. "The young man playing the part of this character nor the young man being roasted do not hold any of the horrible views espoused as a part of that sketch."

The fraternity did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment on the chapter's expulsion Saturday.

Syverud said that in addition to expelling the Theta Tau chapter, university official "have begun a top-to-bottom review of our entire Greek system."

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How to make Texas great: Import more talent



MITCHELL SCHNURMAN
Dallas Morning News

All the bluster about a border wall can overwhelm an important truth: Texas needs immigrants, and lots of 'em.

They're a key reason the state's population has grown twice as fast as the nation's, and the Texas economy has become a juggernaut. From 2000 to 2017, immigrants filled 40 percent of new jobs in Texas, according to a recent report by researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Maybe it's not surprising that immigrants account for over half the workers in construction, landscaping and housekeeping. But they also make up a major share of Texas' medical scientists, software developers, physicians and engineers.

Immigrants make Texas a lot smarter, too. Compared with the native-born, they're much more likely to hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

"There wouldn't be a Texas miracle without immigration," said Pia Orrenius, a senior economist who co-wrote the report.

That conclusion can't be emphasized enough, not when the president and many state leaders are still pushing to restrict immigration, even legal immigration. Opponents often say foreigners take jobs from natives or depress wages, but Texas provides a counterargument.

In a booming labor market like ours, immigrants fill major holes in the workforce, which enables the state to keep attracting companies and growing jobs. Weekly earnings for the lowest-skilled foreign-born workers — those without high school credentials — are actually higher in Texas than in the rest of the U.S.

"This is surprising because most of these low-skilled immigrants are likely undocumented," the Dallas Fed report said.

Since the end of the recession, Texas has racked up strong double-digit job growth in every major industry. But the higher-paying quartiles expanded faster, the report found, suggesting that immigration has boosted the prospects for most of the workforce.

"It's quite obvious that U.S.-born workers have not been harmed by the recent group of immigrants coming in," said Randy Capps of the Migration Policy Institute in Washington. "Immigrants are complements, not competitors, and they fill jobs that need to be filled. Their productivity and purchasing power help employ other people, too."

In other words, they grow the economic pie. That's certainly been the story in Texas.

5 in 10 workers

The Dallas Fed report analyzed the impact of migrants from both other countries and states. Together, they account for roughly 5 in 10 Texas workers today.

Before 2005, international migration was a larger source of new residents. After Hurricane Katrina and the Great Recession, Texas became an even stronger magnet for natives of California, Florida, New York and the like.

By far, the No. 1 reason for relocating to Texas was for a job.

"Willing workers have provided a steady stream of new hires for more than 100 years," the report said. "Migration helps power and grease the regional economy's engines."

While people flows from Mexico have slowed since the recession, that country still accounted for the most movers to Texas from 2011 to 2016. Mexico sent almost 321,000 people, followed by India with almost 101,000 over the same period.

Beyond the volumes, Texas benefits from the brain gain. Seventy-six percent of Indian immigrants have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared with 27 percent of the Texas population. Over half of the movers from China, Korea and Canada also have a college degree.

Many of these newcomers work in hospitals, universities and financial institutions, some of the most high-value work sectors. Foreign-born workers account for over half of the state's medical scientists, 45 percent of software developers and one-third of physicians and engineers, according to the report.

"Have jobs for immigrants to Texas come at the expense of opportunities for Texas natives?" the report said. "It doesn't appear so."

Since 2000, immigrants and U.S. natives alike gained jobs in the state. Meanwhile, the Texas unemployment rate fell below the national level in 2007 and reached a historic low at under 4 percent in 2017. In the last seven years, hourly wage growth in Texas was identical to the nation's 26 percent increase.

"In a strong economy like Texas, there's enough room for immigrants of all skills," Capps said.

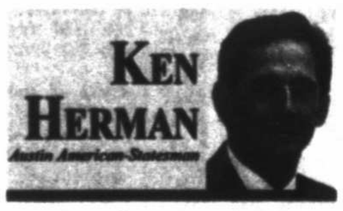
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Orlando Sentinel via TNS

In a March 2005 file image, former first lady Barbara Bush listens to her son, President George W. Bush, speak during a stop at the Lake Nona YMCA Family Center in Orlando, Fla.

Barbara Bush was an unelected political icon



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

The last time I saw Barbara Bush in person was in February 2016 in the West Running Brook Middle School cafeteria in Derry, N.H.

The event was sort of sad and symbolic. A presidential candidacy was fading away, and with it a political dynasty as we'd known it through the presidencies of Barbara Bush's husband and one of her sons.

On that cold New Hampshire day in that middle school cafeteria, she was back on the presidential campaign trail, this time for son Jeb's campaign that, by then, was floundering toward failure.

But Barbara Bush was doing her 90-year-old best (and her best at 90 was better than lots of folks' best at 50) to get another son elected to the White House.

"Jeb," she said in introducing him, "is the nicest, wisest, most caring, loyal, disciplined, not by me. But he's not a bragger. We don't allow that. But he's decent and honest, and he's everything we need in a president. His dad and I are very, very proud of him. Ladies and gentleman, the next president of the United States, Jeb Bush."

The United States, however, perhaps less concerned than it once was about things like decency and honesty, opted to go in a different direction. A very different direction.

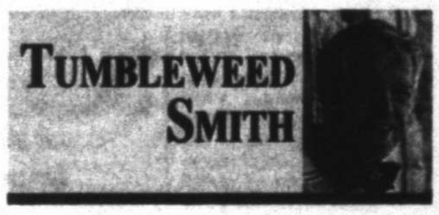
Two weeks later, having run sixth in Iowa and fourth in New Hampshire and South Carolina, Jeb Bush dropped out of the race.

The passing of Barbara Bush serves as another milestone reminder in the probable passing of a political dynasty whose future now might depend on Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, Jeb's son, who may find that his time has come as his family's time has gone. Ditto, perhaps, for the party as the Bushes knew it and led it for many years, so much so that LBJ Foundation President and CEO Mark Updegrove's recent book about the two George Bushes is entitled "The Last Republicans."

(Footnote that must be noted: George P. has become a devotee of President Donald Trump despite the savaging Trump gave "Low-Energy Jeb" during the 2016 primaries.)

I crossed paths with Mrs. Bush several times on several campaign trails. Beloved and respected by all, I appreciated the appropriately feisty

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The No. 1 fan of the Andrews Mustangs

Leland Hamilton of Andrews watches the Andrews Mustangs practice, no matter what the sport. It seems he's always on the sidelines, urging the young athletes to do their best. He is at the practices from start to finish.

"I go to volleyball practice, basketball practice, softball, baseball, and I watch track," Leland said. "I start going to football practices every August and stay with them 'til the end of the season. Summer's a pretty dull time for me 'cause there's no practice to go to."

Coaches appreciate Mr. Hamilton's giving the kids encouragement. He's been doing it so long that when the high school publishes its annual sports magazine it features a full-page color picture of him talking to players or coaches. One year, the publication was dedicated to him. I visited with him during baseball season.

"I go to the ball field each evening and sit in the dugout with the players, just talk with them and visit with them as they come in and go out. If I'm in town and everything is going good, I'm up there. It's just a blessing to me to get to do it."

Hamilton had a television repair business, then sold cars. All of that came after his stint in the navy. He served on the battleship Pennsylvania during World War II. He was a sailor from 1943 to 1946.

"We were all the way from the Aleutian Islands to Australia, New Zealand and all the islands in between. We were involved in landing troops, bombarding the shore before they went in. We'd bombard a day or two, depending on where it was, the Gilbert Islands, the Marshall Islands, Marianas, Peleliu or Palau. We were the only ship in the fleet that participated in every engagement from the Aleutian Islands to the Philippines."

He doesn't miss many practices. He's 93 years old and is known as Pop Hamilton. Some people call him "Great Grand" because some of his great-grandchildren are students at Andrews High School.

The Texas Senate's Republican supermajority is on the bubble

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ ANALYSIS

This isn't necessarily about something that is going to happen when the 86th Texas Legislature convenes next January. But it could happen, and it's a great peek into how political chess works.

Texas Republicans have a 20-11 advantage in the state Senate. That's just enough, under current Senate rules, to proceed with debate on bills even when all 11 Democrats are in opposition. That situation is the setup for the November election and for the legislative session that follows.

If you're with the Republicans, you're hoping for the status quo — an election where none of the Republican seats on the ballot ends up in the hands of a Democrat. One in particular — Konni Burton of Colleyville — represents a district that, in a bad year for Republicans, could conceivably be won by a Democrat.

If you're with the Democrats, you're looking at that same seat, hoping that Beverly Powell, their nominee, will become the district's next senator.

There's a lot more to this than a local election, and it goes back to those rules. It takes approval from three-fifths of the senators in attendance to bring up a piece of legislation for debate. Not to pass it, just to debate it. It used to be two-thirds, but Republicans, who were short of that mark, changed the rules to three-fifths. When everyone is present, that's 19 senators.

That's the setup for this strategy session.

Say, for the sake of argument, that the Democrats win a seat. It could be Burton's. They're also targeting two other Republican senators, with a bit longer odds: Sen. Don Huffines of Dallas and Joan Huffman of Houston.

A one-seat pickup would leave the Democrats one vote short of the number needed to force debate. It would also put them in position, if they could hold their own folks together, to block debate by luring one Republican to their side.

Another way to put it: Neither the Republicans nor the Democrats would have any wiggle room — a generally rotten prospect for a group since it empowers any one member to hold an issue hostage by saying, "Do it my way or lose my vote."

If the Democrats were to win more than one seat now held by Republicans, the Texas Senate would be back in the position it was in for years — when nobody could get an issue to the floor without brokering enough of a compromise to convince a supermajority that the issue is worth hearing.

That's been used to keep all kinds of things — not all of them partisan, by the way — from coming to the Senate floor for a vote. For a moment, think like one of the swamp creatures; sometimes, it's safer not to vote on something controversial than it is to take a stand. The three-fifths rule provides a way to either work on a compromise or just walk away without any political bruises.

One needn't agree with that to appreciate its political value.

But even a big Democratic day in November could leave crafty Republicans with some breathing room. Two Democratic senators who aren't on the ballot this year — Sylvia Garcia of Houston and Carlos Uresti of San Antonio — are contemplating resignation.

Garcia won the Democratic nomination for a congressional seat in a district unlikely to elect a Republican to Congress. But she said Thursday, in an interview with The Texas Tribune's Evan Smith, that she won't resign until after the Nov. 6 election. She said she's doing that out of consideration for the voters and doesn't want to presume what they'll do. If she wins and then resigns, it'll take a special election to replace her — one that would likely leave her seat in the Senate empty for the early days of the legislative session.

Earlier this year, Uresti was convicted of several felony charges of money laundering and fraud. He's awaiting sentencing and also has promised to appeal. He

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Obituaries





Vera Colleen Michael

Vera Colleen Michael, 80, of Midland passed away on April 19, 2018. Funeral Mass will be held 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2018, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland.

Colleen was born on July 16, 1937 in Hobbs, New Mexico to Vera Mae Couch and Lawrence O'Connor "PeeWee" Herndon. She met Harlan Michael as a young teller at the First National Bank in Denver. In 1958, they married and soon after moved to Midland, Texas where they raised their two daughters, Cindy and Theresa.

Colleen had many adventures and interests throughout her life. Her main joy was raising her two daughters. She was their Girl Scout Leader for many years, sharing her love for crafts, camping, and leadership in the great outdoors with many girls. As her daughters grew up, she began to explore many different hobbies. She was a member of The Midland Palette Club, where she created various pieces of beautiful art. During this time, she also began a love for making pottery. Colleen was a very creative person and always loved getting into projects. She was also a very avid gardener. She spent many years studying the Spanish language even up until very recently. Colleen also held many different jobs, including working for Bunny Kent Realtors, representing Avon and Mary Kay Cosmetics, became a Realtor at Langston Realtors, worked at Caprock Title Company, was President of the Midland Chapter of The Association of Records Managers and Administrators, and as a Record Keeper at Midland County Court House, where she finally retired.

Colleen saw much of the world with her best friend, Lucy Thummel, by her side. They shared many laughs and memories getting into hilarious situations that only the two of them could have possibly found. Her final years were filled with many activities with wonderful friends at Manor Park.

She thoroughly enjoyed sharing her love of reading, imagination, and art with her eight grandchildren. She always had the best Halloween Costumes for herself and all of the kids. She knitted and crocheted many heirlooms for her great-grandchildren, as well. Her greatest pleasure was being surrounded by her large family and wonderful friends.

Colleen is survived by her daughter, Cindy Michael Midkiff and husband Greg of Midland, and their children, Michael Midkiff, Matthew Midkiff and wife Courtney, Nathan Midkiff and wife Taryn, Preston Midkiff and wife Jennifer, and Elizabeth Midkiff Mintz and husband Andy; as well as her daughter Theresa Michael Hillman and husband John "Gator" Hillman of Midland, and their children, Allyce Hillman Horton and husband Robert, McKlye Hillman Pippen and husband Drew, and John Michael Hillman and fiancé Addie Anthony. Colleen is also survived by her eight beloved great-grandchildren.

Colleen is preceded in death by her parents, Harlan and her great-granddaughter, Rhiste Horton.

The family would like to thank all of the caregivers, especially Angie, who cared for Colleen; Janie, Jan, Yvonne, Carmen, April, Edie and Helen, of Jenn's Loving Caregivers, Dinora Lizoya, as well as, Tracie, Terri, Michelle, and Irma of Hospice of Midland. The family is also very grateful for the doctors and staff at Texas Oncology.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Midland at 911 W. Texas Avenue Midland, Texas 79701, or the St. Ann's Youth Center at St. Ann's Church of Midland.

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

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Charles Edward Hammers

Charles Edward Hammers, 89, of Midland, TX, passed away on April 20, 2018 in Midland, TX.

Graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Pauls Valley, OK. Arrangements are by Stufflebean-Coffey Funeral Home.

Charles was born in Shawnee, OK. to M.E. and Daveda Hammers on January 18, 1929. He married Elaine Faught on July 19, 1958 in Pauls Valley, OK. He attended the University of Oklahoma. He started work as part of a Pump Gang for Carter Oil Company and became a Drilling Superintendent for Exxon Mobile for 40 years. He served in the Air Force as a Staff Sargent.

Charles is preceded in death by parents M.E. and Daveda Hammers and wife Elaine.

He is survived by daughters, Sharon Lee Gilbreath and husband Lloyd and Daveda Charlene Dean and her husband Danny; son, Larry Wayne Hammers and his wife Janell; grandchildren, Brent Gilbreath, Cody Gilbreath, Kelli Hess, Kristi Dean, Joshua Dean and Joseph Dean and six great grandchildren.

The family of Charles Hammers wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the staff of Midland Memorial Hospital for their compassion and care.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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David Lee Watkins II

Our family is rejoicing with broken hearts. Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend is finally resting no more. David Lee Watkins II rested in his tired and cancer riddled body for something much more comfortable and in the presence of our lord on April 20, 2018.

David, more affectionately known as "Pop Dave" to his grandchildren, was born in Gary, Indiana on February 28, 1959. While he wasn't born in Texas, he got here as soon as he could. West Texas, in particular, is the place that he has called home since the early 1980's. In Midland, he had several different careers and adventures. He made friends everywhere he went, including the Lions Club, the Bass Fishing Club, Greentree Country Club, One Hope Church of Christ, the Emmaus Community, and many more.

David spent over 20 years loving the work he did in the radio industry and he won many awards. Most notably, he has been the best radio advertisement salesman in the region for the last 20+ years. As a matter of fact, Dave was recently notified that he was the top salesmen for his company, nationwide. He loved his work, he loved his clients, and they loved him.

Perhaps the only thing he loved more than his family and his clients was fishing. If Dave found a place or a way to put a hook in the water, you can bet he was all over it. Not many things brought him as much joy as fishing with his friends. The catch didn't matter, it was the water and being among God's creations that made his heart smile. Being in his Kayak on the creek truly is where all his stress melted away. His "fishing camp" at Mertzon was home away from Home. When he wasn't fishing, you could usually find "Pops" piddling in the garage on some new project. Most recently he taught himself to weld all different types of metal and was even casting ant hills out of aluminum to give to family and friends as gifts. He took great pride in every project he started and never did it the "easy way."

In the late 90's, David's life was changed dramatically. He met the love of his life, Laura, in 1998. The love and compassion they shared helped David really develop a relationship with the Lord which was something new for him. In 1999, he went on a "Walk to Emmaus" which really cemented his renewed faith in God and helped him grow and turn him into the Godly man that he was until the end. Dave was so excited about the miracle that God had worked in him that he told anybody that would listen about the "Walk to Emmaus" and shared with them the Good News. He also sponsored dozens of people on their "Walks" so that they could experience the love of Christ the way he had.

Back in 2000, David and his son, David Lee Watkins III, joined their small family with Laura Vosbinder-Gafford and her family. Even though Laura had 2 adult sons and one teenage son of her own, Pop Dave loved each of them and treated them like his own flesh and blood. He did the same, yet even to a greater degree, with his grandchildren. He loved each of them dearly, even when they were calling him "Proper Dave." From "mystery bags" to "Asike" (a Swahili word according to Dave), he developed a very special relationship with each of his grandchildren and truly cared for them as his own.

Dave was a loving, generous, and gracious man, even in the end. When someone would compliment his necktie, he would take it off and give it to them. When he met someone with a need, struggle or friend, he did whatever he could to help, even including loaning vehicles and giving places to stay. He always seemed to know when to dispense advice and when to keep it to himself. Even during his last days in the hospital, he kept his gracious nonchalance. Not one single nurse or doctor entered the room to check on him that he didn't make it point to get their attention and give a sincere "Thank You." The number of friends and relationships that he left behind is truly staggering.

David is survived by his wife, Laura; 3 step-sons, Chance and Reese Gafford of Palm Bay, FL, Chris and Wade Gafford of Midland, TX, and Chad Gafford of Midland, TX; 3 sisters, Donna Perez of Valparaiso, IN, Monika and Howard Jacobs of Woodlawn, MD, Stephany Watkins of La Porte, IN, 2 brothers: Dennis and Sharon Watkins of Portage, IN, Jeremy Watkins of La Porte, IN, 5 grandchildren, 13 nieces/nephews, and many more.

David was preceded in death by 1 nephew and his son, David Lee Watkins III.

A visitation will be held at One Hope Church of Christ (2503 W. Ohio, Midland, TX) from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Sunday, April, 22. The memorial service will be held on Monday, April 23, at Golf Course Road Church of Christ (3500 W. Golf Course Rd, Midland, TX.) starting at 4:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, you can make donations to the American Transplant Foundation or any other organ transplant charity. Organ donation was very close to Dave's heart.



Dorothy Pettit Dahlman

Dorothy Pettit Dahlman, 93, of Midland, Texas passed away April 19, 2018 in Midland, Texas.

Visitation will be 6:00-8:00 P.M. Monday, April 23, 2018 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Odessa, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Odessa, Texas with Reverend Larry Hood officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Dorothy Dahlman was born in Bronte, Texas, to Robert E. Lee Rogers and Vertie Best Rogers, on June 13, 1926. She graduated valedictorian of Crane High School. She married William Harold Pettit on February 1, 1944 in Crane, Texas. Dorothy remarried after the passing of Harold to Bill Dahlman in the late 70's. Dorothy attended Texas Tech. Dorothy was a business owner and prepared taxes for over 60 years.

Dorothy was involved in Eastern Star as a lifetime member, volunteered at the South Plains Food Bank, worked with her husband in their joint love for Masons and Eastern Star charities.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents Robert E. Lee Rogers and Vertie Rogers, her sister Breta Adams, her first husband Harold Pettit, her second husband Bill Dahlman, her son Roger Alan Pettit and grandson Brian Landry Quillin.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter Barbara Jean Quillin and son-in-law Barney Quillin and daughter-in-law Donna Vandervoer and husband Larry Vandervoer. Granna has many grandchildren and great grandchildren who love her: Jason and Jennifer Pettit, Cory and Sheridan Pettit, Todd and Amy Vandervoer, Traci and Jorge Forero and Brenna and Mike Gaskins, Bori and David Sosa; great grandchildren include Colgin and Taylor Pettit, Shelby and Stockton Pettit, Max, Kennedy, Sophia and Jake Forero, Aaron and Aubrey Gaskins and Denver and Dylan Sosa.

Pallbearers are Barney Quillin, Larry Vandervoer, Jason Pettit, Cory Pettit, Todd Vandervoer and Cody Gary.

Memorials may be given to the South Plains Food Bank or to the Cancer Society of their choosing.

The family of Dorothy Dahlman wishes to extend thanks to Dr. Rizo, Dr. Burnett, Dr. Gil, Midland Hospice, Charles and Rose her Physical Therapists and nurses at Crane Memorial Hospital.

Dorothy has worked all her life beginning at age 5 picking cotton, selling popcorn and movie tickets. She and her sister found 40 to 50 shirts every afternoon after school at age 12 for their parent's laundry in Crane, Texas. She cleaned houses, babysat and did office work as well in her youth. As well as helping her husband run B&B Electric she was a stenographer and court reporter for John Wells Law firm. After the death of her husband Bill Dahlman in his 80's she moved to Lubbock and worked as Texas Tech Alumni data clerk and retired from office work at the Bankruptcy Court in Lubbock. She continued preparing taxes until the time of her death at the age of 91.

She loved life and enjoyed challenges as well as meeting new and interesting people. She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren and spoke often of all of them and their accomplishments to anyone who would listen. "Yes, I can" was her personal motto and encouraged all her tax clients who she considered family to work hard, work long and never quit. That is the secret of success she would always say. We will miss her very much.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home. To sign the guestbook, visit www.sunsodessa.com.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME



Marcella B. Christensen

Marcella B. Christensen, 91 of Midland, passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2018. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland. A private burial will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park.Marcella was born April 20, 1926 in Prague, Nebraska to Frank and Anna Brozek. She attended Business/Secretary school.

Marcella married Max H. Christensen on August 14, 1949 in Midland, Texas.

Marcella was part of the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and a charter member of Westminster Presbyterian Church which became Trinity Presbyterian. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

Marcella is survived by her son, Douglas H. Christensen and wife Cheryl of Midland, Texas and their children, Daniel Christensen and wife Kelly and Will Christensen and wife Elisabeth; son, Dr. Robert B. Christensen and wife Mary Ann Oakley and their children, Kevin R. Christensen and wife Abby, Kent Christensen and wife Rachel, Michael Christensen and wife Kelsey, and Emily Christensen; daughter, Ellen S. Perry and husband Dale R. Perry of Albuquerque, New Mexico and their children, Hayden H. Snyder of Midland, Texas, Marcella N. Snyder of Albuquerque, New Mexico; great-grandchildren, John H. Christensen, Margot E. Christensen, Max A. Christensen and Samuel R. Christensen; step-grandchildren, Dylan Perry and Forrest Perry of Albuquerque, New Mexico; sisters, Georgia Frahmer of Groton, Nebraska and Lorene Tucker of Omaha, Nebraska.

Marcella is preceded in death by her husband, Max H. Christensen and her parents.

The family would like to thank Marcella's caregivers, Maria Jurado, Bertha Mendoza and Ana Maria Mata along with her Hospice caregivers, Amanda Richardson, Ivan Cervantes and Kayla Thrasher.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice Midland at 911 W. Texas Ave, Midland, Texas 79701, ALS Foundation, or a charity of your choice.

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

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Nancy June Sloan

Mrs. Nancy June Sloan passed from this life on to her eternal home, with her children at her side, on April 18, 2018 in Plano, TX. Nancy was born on June 13, 1933 to her parents, the late Mr. Willie J. and the late Mrs. Clara M. Beck (nee Day) in Littlefield, and reared in Bryson, TX. Nancy was the eldest of two children, sharing her childhood memories and adventures with her younger brother, the late Mr. Joe Quinton Beck. She graduated from Bryson High School and attended the University of North Texas.

In July of 1951, Nancy married the love of her life, the late Mr. Harry L. "Cherokee" Sloan; sharing 52 years of loving happiness.

They were blessed with five children; Robin, Joe, Cody, Kelly, and Ragan; and eight grandchildren, which were her greatest joy. She was a devoted Christian, and member of the Golf Course Road Church of Christ. She enjoyed dancing, painting, golfing, and singing, and especially loved any type of music, old movies, and the comfort of her home. Nancy was a dedicated wife and wonderful mother, and will forever be remembered as a loving pillar of her family.

In addition to her parents, first husband, and brother, Nancy was preceded in death by her second husband, Mr. J. O. Pete Garrett. Left to cherish Nancy's life, memories, and legacy are her children, Mrs. Robin Bock and her husband, Dan, of Ft. Worth, TX; Mr. Joe Sloan and his wife, Deborah, of Plano, TX; Mr. Cody Sloan of Midland, TX; Mr. Kelly Sloan of Midland, TX, and Mrs. Ragan Davis and her husband, Brian, of Flower Mound, TX; her grandchildren, Dr. Andrew Sloan, Alexis Sloan, Clayton Sloan, Dylon Sloan, Cole Sloan, Brady Sloan, Sloan Davis, and Holt Davis; and her special friend, Mr. Larry Ainsworth.

A memorial celebration will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 25th at Stonebriar Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 10375 Preston Rd., Frisco, TX 75033; followed by interment at the Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.



Richard Leroy Westlake

Richard Leroy Westlake, known to everyone as "Dick Westlake", passed away from a long, gradual decline of his strong heart on Tuesday, April 3rd, after 87 great years. Dorothy, his wife of 67 years, shared his journey from the age of 20, until his last moment.

Dick was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma on Wednesday, July 30, 1930 to Ruth Mayes Westlake and Stanley Westlake. He was a proud, voting member of the Cherokee Nation and loved tribal history.

The family moved to Dallas in 1944, where he attended W.E. Greiner Junior High and later graduated from Sunset High in 1948. While at Greiner, he met a beautiful girl named Dorothy Jean Rawlins.

Despite his modest height, he was a three-sport letterman and our basketball player in high school; he also played at North Texas State. After a year in Denton, he decided it was time to settle down and transferred to Arlington State (now U.T. Arlington) to focus on academics.

A year and a half later, on

Obituaries

January 6, 1951, Dorothy and Dick married at Edgefield Church of Christ in Dallas. The newly married couple immediately moved to Lubbock, where he completed his degree in Government at Texas Tech in 1952. After graduation, they moved to Austin where he attended the University of Texas School of Law, receiving his LL.B. and admission to the State Bar of Texas in 1955.

Upon graduation from law school, he entered the United States Army for two years where he was stationed at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, California.

After the army, and a brief stint back in Dallas, they moved to Midland in May of 1958 where they raised their family and made many wonderful life-long friends. Dick spent nine years with a major oil company, then along with a friend from the army, started an independent oil and gas company. They disbanded the company after 14 years and from that time on he worked as an independent consultant and manager of his oil and gas properties.

In 1993 they moved to Salado, Texas where they spent the next 20 wonderful years. They filled those years with volunteer work on many worthy causes, such as the VA hospital of Temple, the Belton GED program, Meals on Wheels, the Lions Club and the Salado Public Library. Being only 50 miles from Austin, they also enjoyed many activities at the University of Texas.

To be closer to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, in 2013 they moved to the Northwest Houston area. They spoke of enjoying the contrasts of living on the California coast, the West Texas desert, the Hill Country and now the East Texas forest.

Dick was a lifelong Methodist, having been baptized in 1941. He always tried to be a proper witness for Christianity. Throughout their lives, Dick and Dorothy loved to travel, read and volunteer. Dick was always enthusiastic about his many hobbies, including stained glass artwork, woodworking, and crafting many eclectic windchimes and birdhouses. He also loved music, having played the flute during his school years. Texas Tech and U.T. sports were an endless passion, and he loved to watch and play basketball and tennis for as long as he was able.

His life was especially enriched by his niece and her husband, Sandra and Alfred Pulido. Lifelong friends that he always appreciated and kept in touch with include Bill Cotner, Jack Laremore, Leonard Weeks, and Bill Rose. He sorely missed others that have already passed. Special thanks to Reverend Trish Holland, wife of deceased friend George Holland, for her words at the service.

When Dorothy and Dick married in 1951, Dick told his friends that he had "won the prize". They had three children: Richard Lee and wife Julie, Ronald David and wife Judy, and Brenda Donise Walker and husband Wes. The numbers are still growing, but they have so far also been blessed with eight grandchildren: Laura Westlake, David Westlake, Sarah Westlake, Lindsay Walker-Cortez and husband Sean, Brittany Walker-Pratt and husband Kevin, Christian Walker, Elizabeth Westlake and Katherine Westlake. They currently have four great-grandchildren: Walker Cortez, Archer Pratt, Cason Cortez and Max Richard Pratt. His legacy will continue, as more are on the way.

A private graveside service was held in Salado, Texas on April 7, 2018.

Memorial donations are welcome at the American Heart Association (*donatenow.heart.org*), or the charity of your choice.

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ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post



With teachers, graduate students and political campaigners all organizing for humane working conditions these days, unions are having a moment.

And that moment has now spread to another group of stalwart workers who got into their field because of a commitment to public service: journalists.

The movement to unionize digital journalism jobs that pay poorly, create lots of stress, require long (and odd) hours — plus sometimes bring the threat of bodily harm — started with young, upstart web publications like Slate, HuffPost, and Vox.

These publications were copying some of the same protections already enjoyed by journalists at such legacy media companies as the Chicago Sun-Times, The Washington Post and The New York Times.

Journalists at The Los Angeles Times made national headlines when they voted to form a union in January. And editorial staffers at The Chicago Tribune announced in April that they also plan to take the plunge. Both publications fall under the umbrella of Tronc media, which seems even more beleaguered than most newspaper companies these days.

To quote Chicago media columnist Robert Feder, the new Chicago Tribune Guild is "a first in the 171-year history of the traditionally anti-union newspaper."

And direly needed. According to a letter signed by union organizers at the Tribune, "regular raises, cost-of-living adjustments and job security are non-existent. The cost of our health care benefits has significantly increased. Our maternity and paternity policy is inadequate."

But that's about the reporters, photographers, editors and other staffers. Here's why it matters for the communities they cover:

"(A)lthough we live in a racially and ethnically diverse city and state, diversity is not well-reflected in the newsroom. A more diverse staff will help guide coverage that fully reflects the lives of the many types of communities in and around Chicago. We can do better."

This was notable to me, especially since unions are not always a friend to journalists of color — who are significantly under-represented in newsrooms across the country and tend to be younger and less experienced than their white peers.

(Full disclosure: This issue sprung to mind because I was among a group of journalists laid off from The Chicago Sun-Times in 2008, due solely to lack of seniority.)

This combination of youth and diversity can be troublesome.

As explained in "A Brief History of Labor, Race and Solidarity," a blog post by the AFL-CIO union federation: "Today, union workers with the most seniority in many companies are still more likely to be white male than of-color and female. In this situation, what happens when layoffs occur? According to the seniority principle, those longest on the job stay. But what if their tenure is longer because others were systematically excluded from the hiring process? Those who were not allowed to compete for work are penalized for not getting into the job earlier. 'Last hired, first fired' means people will be penalized because of society's past history of racial discrimination."

However, according to Laura Rodriguez, a member of the Chicago Tribune Guild's organizing committee, the new collective bargaining unit is being formed with just these sorts of thorny issues in mind.

"One of the main things we're fighting for is inclusivity and being careful about making sure that we not only fight for diversity and equality in our newsrooms, but also balance that with ensuring that those young, new journalists — including journalists of color — who we are able to get into the newsroom have the opportunity to work with veteran reporters and editors," said Rodriguez, a multimedia journalist for Hoy, the Chicago Tribune's Spanish-language daily.

"We need the institutional and historical knowledge of veterans to nurture and grow excellent journalists so they can go out into the field and report on any story well, and have those basics down, in addition to knowing the people, the culture, the language and the issues of the people they are covering."

Above all of those considerations — or perhaps undergirding them — is the issue of sustaining journalists who are trying to keep accurate and fairly reported information flowing.

"We're not only trying to secure our jobs, but also to secure our democracy," Rodriguez told me.

Regardless of where you fall on the issue of unions, if you care about local reporting, a diverse journalism corps, and making sure the truth prevails in the face of fake news, consider this: National Hug a Newsperson Day has passed, but please think about springing for a paid subscription to your favorite source of reliable news.

HERMAN

From 1B

way she dealt with those of us in the press. You would have loved watching it. You very well might have cheered her on.

Her campaign appearance with son Jeb during the 2016 primary season came at a time when I found Bush-fatigued voters looking for the next thing. Generally, it was nothing particularly personal or political about the Bushes. It was more about moving on.

"We don't need another King Bush," Dave Love, then a 61-year-old handyman in Derry who had backed the previous Bushes who ran for president but in 2016 was for Texas U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz's insurgency candidacy that was out-flanked by insurgent Trump.

And for some younger voters, the Bush name, so familiar to so many of us, was history-book stuff. Vincent Vaughns, an 18-year-old then preparing for his first trip to the ballot box, told me this about Jeb Bush: "He was the old governor of Florida, I believe."

Ouch.

But at a Jeb Bush event at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H., I chatted with Susan Warren, who proudly wore a "Jeb!" sticker as she sat in the front row awaiting his campaign event. She very proudly and primly talked up the values she shared with the Bushes.

"We don't sling mud at other people. We say what we're going to do. We are leaders. And we're not followers. And we state what we want to do and put it into place with reason," Warren, 72, said.

Mark McKinnon, a former top adviser to George W. Bush, watched from the sidelines as Bush struggled, sometimes with the famous family name as disadvantage.

"We're at a point in this country where people just want something really different and they're rejecting anything that they've seen," McKinnon said back then. "And they've seen the Bushes before. ... Jeb seems like kind of from another time."

Jeb Bush understood the political conundrum.

"I'm part of the establishment because I'm Barbara Bush's son," he said as she watched in that school cafeteria. "I embrace that each and every day. I'm proud of my dad; I'm proud of my brother; I'm proud of being a Bush."

After his mother introduced him in the cafeteria, he said: "Wow. Mom, my crowd sizes usually aren't this large. I wonder why. It is such a joy to be with friends, to be with my mother who I adore, who is an inspiration. In the probably 90 versions of town hall meetings I've done all across this state how many times people came up and said, 'Your mother. I love your mother. I love your mother.' She's not as great as everybody thinks she is. I can just tell you that."

The joke drew good-natured boos.

For a long, long time, and with Barbara Bush as a vital part of the family's political business, being a Bush was a great thing to be on election days and crucial to many GOP successes: Here's a stat: It's been almost 34 years since a Republican other than a Bush prevailed in the popular vote in a presidential election.

RIP, Mrs. Bush. Is it appropriate to say the same thing for the brand and style of politics in which she was such an active participant?

RAMSEY

From 1B

also hasn't quit. If he does, he'll trigger a special election of his own. If it's late enough, he, like Garcia, could leave a seat open in the Senate during the first days of the session.

If Democrats take enough seats in the Senate, and if Garcia and Uresti leave late enough that the Senate opens the session with one or two empty seats, Republicans will have an opportunity to front-load controversial items in the session — via gubernatorial emergency orders — and try to win approval before the Democrats fill out their own ranks.

Remember that the ratio applies to the number of senators in the room.

A full house is 31 senators. Empty seats change the debate threshold. Three-fifths of 30 is 18. Three-fifths of 29 is 17.

Even if the Republicans lose a seat or two in November, empty Garcia or Uresti seats could give them a little room. A Republican governor, assuming Greg Abbott wins, could speed consideration of favored bills by naming them "emergencies." A Senate with a Republican supermajority, however temporary, could zip them through.

And that leaves the final piece of this extremely speculative puzzle: the election of the next speaker of the Texas House. They'd like to get their conservative priorities out of the way before Democrats gather any strength.

A reluctant House could foil them.

With the departure of Joe Straus, who has been a moderate obstacle on some issues the Senate likes, the House hasn't said, through its replacement vote, whether they'll go along with anything the Senate or the governor wants to do.

Right now, the government's best chess players are trying to work that out.

SCHNURMAN

From 1B

Labor shortages

They're about to become even more important to our economic momentum. Domestic migration, which also brings a higher share of workers with college degrees, has slowed in the past few years.

In part, that's because other states are growing nicely, too. But baby boomers are also steadily retiring, which affects both the U.S. and Texas. Without immigration, the U.S. workforce would actually decline over the next two decades, the report said.

There's also a more immediate problem: an escalating labor shortage.

Holding on to employees has become increasingly difficult among all skill sets, according to the latest Beige Book on economic conditions. In this region, the Dallas Fed reported last week, "rural employers were busing in workers from nearby cities because their local labor pool was tapped out."

Landscapers are struggling to hire seasonal workers, and there aren't enough visas to meet demand.

In the past, a booming U.S. economy attracted more immigrants, especially unauthorized ones. Not now, Capps said, pointing to a sharp drop in border apprehensions and refugees, and a small decline in international students.

He expects the labor shortage will lead to higher prices and more automation, and companies will shift more work out of the country.

"U.S.-born workers are not likely to fill all these jobs," Capps said.

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Electricity	5 families	$ 1,261.00
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Rent	21 families	$18,688.00
Medical	1 family	$ 142.00
	TOTAL	$22,382.88

While this is a case that we handled during the last boom, it is indicative of what many newcomers are facing today:
We continue to see many very sad situations where people come to Midland hoping to make a new start with the opportunities afforded by our abundance of job openings. One couple that we met with came here from Oklahoma. He hoped to get an oilfield job. He had applied at several companies and was waiting to hear back on results from the drug tests. He said that he did not use either drugs or alcohol, but it oftentimes takes several days to get the results back and no hiring could take place without those results. They had come into town on the bus since they had no vehicle. What little money they had on arrival did not take them far. With rooms in the "less than choice" motels going for $70/night it does not take long to run out of money in Midland today. They tried staying in a shelter, but it was full. Because his wife was in a wheelchair and it was raining outside, the shelter let them stay in the lobby until closing time. After that they were sent out into the cold, rainy night.

The next day the couple came into Helping Hands. The husband had pushed his wife's wheelchair across town because he was told by a resident at the shelter that we might be able to help them. On meeting with the couple we felt fairly sure that he would have no trouble finding a job in Midland. He was big, strong and very fit and appeared to be someone who would be very willing to work. Our hearts went out to this couple who carried all of their earthly possessions in a duffle bag and four grocery sacks. We asked him why they were in such a position and he explained that his wife was in a car accident that wrecked their vehicle and left her paralyzed from the waist down. The car was not insured. Medical costs and the therapy that followed ate through just about everything that they had. The time he spent caring for her cost him his job in Oklahoma. They had hit rock bottom. But then he heard about this place in West Texas....

We were blessed to be able to find the couple a motel room. We packed up a box of food that could be prepared in the room, which would contain only a small refrigerator and a microwave. We covered the room long enough to allow him to land a job and get a few weeks of employment under his belt, and receive his first paycheck.

This is just one of many, many cases that we see each week in Midland, involving people who come here for that new start only to find the cost of living to be the highest they have ever seen. We put many of these disillusioned people on the bus and send them back home. We wish we could find a way to warn them before they set out, but even if we could, if someone is desperate enough to follow their dream, they probably would not heed the warnings.

Still, we wish the above couple well. Something tells us that with the husband's strong sense of persistence and his loving commitment to his wife, they just might make it here. Let's hope so.

There are ways to bolster Social Security without new taxes

By Ramesh Ponnuru
Bloomberg View

Social Security is structured so that average benefits grow from one class of retirees to the next. We could bring the program a long way toward solvency without cutting benefits from their current levels.

There are a variety of ways to do that. One, called "progressive indexing," would let benefits grow at the level of existing law for the lowest-income workers, moderate their growth for middle-income workers, and freeze them in inflation-adjusted terms for higher-earning workers.

When I made these points in this space recently, I got a lot of pushback and follow-up questions from readers. So I'll respond here to the three concerns that many of you raised.

First: A number of readers thought I was talking about cost-of-living adjustments and pointed out that they are tied to a measure of inflation. I think yearly cost-of-living adjustments should be more generous so that retirees get more support when they are 85 than when they are 70.

But what I was discussing was the program's initial benefit levels, which are structured so that a person in the middle of the income distribution who retires 10 years from now gets a bigger check than a similar person who retires today.

Second: Some readers pointed out that because they pay higher taxes into Social Security when their wages go up, it is only fair that benefits rise in response to wage gains, too. Freeze benefits so that tomorrow's retirees get the same check, in inflation-adjusted terms, as today's, and those future retirees will be getting a worse deal from the program. They will pay more into the system than today's retirees did but get the same (inflation-adjusted) amount.

The observation is accurate, but because Social Security is underfunded. Either promised benefits must decline or taxes have to go up, and the alternative of across-the-board payroll-tax increases would make the deal worse, too.

Third: As a few readers pointed out, I neglected one way to keep benefits growing, namely soaking the rich. The payroll tax that funds most of Social Security applies to the first $128,400 in wages. Eliminating that cap would raise money for the program, especially if the people paying the new tax didn't get larger benefits in return.

While I should have mentioned this idea, I'm unenthusiastic about it. It's a very big increase in marginal tax rates. The federal marginal tax rate on high earners would go from 40.8 percent to 53.2 percent.

And if you use that tax increase to keep Social Security benefits growing, it means you can't use it to make Medicare solvent, or pay for infrastructure improvements, or fund cancer research, or anything else.

In my view, making sure that tomorrow's affluent retirees have bigger Social Security checks than today's, and tomorrow's middle-class retirees have bigger checks than today's, should not be a top fiscal priority.

Which brings us to another issue. One of the arguments deployed against attempts to moderate the growth of Social Security benefits for the highest earners is that it would weaken the link between taxes paid and benefits received, and thereby reduce political support for the program. The theory is that when high earners pay a lot to Social Security but receive only a little in return, they will start to see it as a welfare program.

If that argument is sound, though, it doesn't just apply against proposals to reduce the benefits of affluent people. It also applies against proposals to raise their taxes without giving them any corresponding benefit increases. It might apply even more strongly, if we assume that high earners care more about their tax rates today than about the benefits they may receive in the future.

But if the argument is unsound, then we should prefer moderating the benefit growth for high earners over raising their taxes. They are, after all, the people who should find it easiest to save for their own retirements. Let's tell them that they're responsible for doing more of it.



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America is not as intolerant some believe

■ When I hear them say that America is the most this or the most that, I always want to ask, "Compared to whom?"



JONAH GOLDBERG
Tribune News Service

I don't normally watch the GLAAD Media Awards. Not that there's anything wrong with them. GLAAD, by the way, originally stood for "Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation" before the organization declared that GLAAD was its name and not an acronym.

But I did see a video of Britney Spears' acceptance of GLAAD's Vanguard Award last week.

"I feel like our society has always put such an emphasis on what's normal, and to be different is unusual or seen as strange," Spears said.

She added other stuff about how we're all individuals together, or something. There was a time when I might have had a bit of fun with Spears about some of the inconsistencies. But I've mellowed. It's all good. It was a nice speech, and she seemed sincerely honored to receive her award and grateful for the support of her fans.

Fine, fine.

But there's one thing that vexes me. I could have picked a thousand other examples from any given week to illustrate it, but this one got my attention.

"Those who only know one country, know no country," the legendary political scientist Seymour Martin Lipset observed.

What he meant is that if you don't know what distinguishes one country from other countries, you can't know what is normal about your country and what is exceptional about it.

For instance, these days we hear a great deal about America's deep-seated racism, as evidenced by various legitimately horrible incidents, particularly excessive force by police. Discrimination exists. But there's a difference between saying that discrimination or other injustices exist and that there is more work to be done, and saying that America is the most racist country in the world and that things haven't gotten better. (Search Twitter for "most racist" and "America" and scroll through the results.)

First of all, things have gotten better. In 1958, 44 percent of white Americans said they'd move if a black family moved in next door. Forty years later, that number had dropped to 1 percent. Were some whites lying? Probably, sure. But most probably weren't. When the Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964, only 18 percent of white Americans said they had a black friend. By 1998, that number was 86 percent. Some people were probably fibbing, but the mere fact that they wanted others to believe they had a black friend is a kind of progress.

There is one sure sign that white attitudes have changed: Rates of marriage between races have been trending up for decades. In 1967, only 3 percent of newlywed marriages were interracial. The rate has risen more than fivefold, to 17 percent in 2015. Presumably, people willing to spend the rest of their lives with people of another race — never mind have children with them — aren't lying.

But let me get back to my point. When I hear people say things about America — it's racist, it's sexist, etc. — or when I hear them say that America is the most this or the most that, I always want to ask, "Compared to whom?"

By no plausible objective standard is America the most racist or bigoted country in the world, even just among industrialized countries. On a 2014 list of countries ranked by opposition to having a racially different neighbor, America ranked 47th (with 6 percent of the population saying they were opposed). In raw numbers, we admit more immigrants than any other country. And as Amy Chua notes in her new book, "Political Tribes," "No other major power in the world has ever democratically elected a racial minority head of state."

I dwell on race because that's where so much of the passion is these days. But let's get back to Ms. Spears. She says that our society puts so much emphasis on being "normal." And again, one has to ask, "Compared to whom?" Does America have a history of discrimination toward homosexuals? Absolutely. Quick: Name a country that doesn't have such a history. Meanwhile, attitudes on homosexuality have followed the same trend as race.

More broadly, the idea that America is uniquely hostile to "being different" is an interesting thesis, and it might have had some basis in fact 50 or 100 years ago (though I'm skeptical).

America is not without its problems. And the fact that we're not nearly as bad off as people claim doesn't erase the need to tackle them. But perhaps those problems would be alleviated somewhat if we stopped insisting they're so much worse than they really are.

OPINION EXTRA

GOP can ward off US demographic doom

In the run-up to the 2016 campaign, Republicans were told that they had to adjust to demographic change if they were to have a future. They even said it to themselves.

The Republican National Committee produced an "autopsy" after Mitt Romney's 2012 defeat urging the party, among other things, "to embrace and champion comprehensive immigration reform" or be written off by the country's growing Hispanic population.

Demography was destiny — until it wasn't. House Republicans declined to pass a big immigration bill, and Donald Trump ran a campaign that sometimes seemed designed to alienate rather than court Hispanics. Yet Trump not only won the election. He even slightly improved on Romney's share of Hispanic voters who chose a major-party candidate. (Asian-Americans were the only racial group that moved toward the Democrats in 2016.)

My sense is that since then, the folk wisdom of Democrats on this subject is that the previous consensus was right but premature. History is still on their side; it is just taking a while to prove it. Among Republicans there is still concern about adverse demographic trends. But the example of 2016 has also increased the number of Republicans who discount or ignore such trends.

Four think tanks have an ongoing project, called "States of Change," that brings data to bear on these questions. Its researchers are serious data crunchers (although they let this history major serve on their advisory board). In a new report, Democratic strategist Anna Greenberg and conservative-leaning election commentator Sean Trende offer separate analyses based on the best available data.

The project allows the researchers to run different simulations of future presidential elections based on assumptions about turnout and voting behavior for different groups. For example: If whites with college degrees, whites without college degrees, Hispanics, African-Americans and Asian-Americans vote at the same rates and for the same parties they did in 2016, the change in their share of the population would lead to a Democratic victory in 2020.

All else equal, whites' falling share of the population will help Democrats and hurt Republicans. But Republicans can counteract that effect if, for example, they continually win somewhat higher shares of the many white voters without college degrees.

Several of the scenarios in which Republicans win the presidency resemble 2000 and 2016: They're electoral victories earned with fewer popular votes than the Democrats are projected to get. That might erode the legitimacy of the electoral system. It might also reduce Democratic turnout, as liberal-leaning voters decide their votes do not matter.

The analyses by Greenberg and Trende raise at least three issues worth tracking.

First: What percentage of people of Hispanic descent are going to define themselves, in the future, as Hispanic? Trende raises the possibility that "intermarriage and the shedding of ethnic identity" will affect Hispanics as it previously affected Italian-Americans and other groups, especially as "Hispanic immigration rates level off."

Second: Will Democrats find a way to replicate President Barack Obama's performance among African-Americans? Between 2012 and 2016, black turnout dropped a little and their Democratic vote share dropped a lot, from 93.7 to 88.2 percent. The decreased vote share was especially devastating for Democrats, as Greenberg notes: If Hillary Clinton had gotten 93.7 percent too, even with the lower turnout, she would have tied Trump in the Electoral College. Black votes matter. Trende suggests that black voting patterns are returning to their pre-Obama norm, and Democrats will be hard-pressed to regenerate the excitement that greeted the first black president.

Third: How long will the leftward inclinations of young voters last? The generation gap in voting has widened in the elections of the 21st century, although in the last election young voters moved right in some states and left in others. Will age, and the marriages and mortgages that accompany them, pull voters toward the GOP?

In his analysis, Trende returns to a theme of his (very good) book "The Lost Majority": Seemingly inexorable trends can suddenly reverse. In 1925, it would have been natural to assume that the South would stay Democratic, blacks would stay Republican, and the working class was moving toward the GOP. All of those assumptions were upended, some of them within a few years.

There's probably something that even the smartest political minds take for granted that will soon turn out to be untrue.

— Ramesh Ponnuru, Bloomberg



Republicans reach their high-water mark

■ Republicans are resting on their laurels, when they don't deserve any laurels.



RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

If Republicans aren't losing their congressional majority this coming fall, they are doing a good job of acting like it.

Dozens of Republicans are leaving the House, and last week Paul Ryan said he is resigning as House speaker at the end of this Congress, and will not even run for his congressional seat again.

If the high-water mark of Republican power came on the day last December that congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump celebrated the passage of the tax bill on the White House lawn, Ryan's announcement is a clear sign that Republican clout is receding.

"We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy" is Ta-Nehisi Coates' lament over what he considers the lost opportunity of the Barack Obama years. The story of unified GOP control of Washington might someday deserve to be written as "We Were Two Years in Power: A Tragicomedy."

In a gift for the ages, Republicans won all elected branches of the federal government in 2016. But the initial ecstasy over Trump "signing their stuff" has given way to the reality that they don't have stuff to send him.

Republicans couldn't roll back Obamacare, in part because the party hadn't thought through what the Republican alternative was.

They passed a tax cut that included important reforms that even the Democratic repeal bills don't want to completely undo and that are boosting the economy.

That's all to the good. But tax cuts aren't a magic political elixir. First, Trump is right, as he said at an event a couple of weeks ago when he tossed away his script, that they are boring. They don't have the emotive appeal of issues like trade and immigration. Second, there are limits to how effectively you can run on the one thing you accomplished last year.

This is the truly extraordinary aspect of the current situation. Republicans are content not to do anything else of significance in Congress this year. They passed an omnibus spending bill that was rightly denounced as a disgrace by Trump even as he signed it, and the Senate is working to confirm Trump nominees. That's pretty much it.

They aren't trying to wring every last ounce of what could be their waning months of unified control of Washington — for years to come. They aren't determined to give their voters some other reasons to support them in November. They aren't attempting to create action in Washington besides Trump's feuds with James Comey and Stormy Daniels.

Republicans are resting on their laurels, when they don't deserve any laurels. They are suffering from political exhaustion, when they haven't truly exerted themselves. They are acting like they are lost in the wilderness, when they still occupy the commanding heights of American politics.

The Democratic majority in the run-up to 1994 had this autumnal feel, but it had been in power for decades. The Republican majority, held at bay for six years under President Barack Obama, should be feeling its oats rather than stumbling toward the exits.

This is, in large part, a result of the bizarre circumstances of the GOP sweep in 2016. The party showed every sign of being on the verge of defeat amid a major identity crisis. Its establishment was ineffectual, its old verities in doubt, and its voters in revolt. But instead of losing, the party won despite — or maybe because of — its identity crisis.

That ongoing crisis hasn't been conducive to governing. The old Republican limited-government congressional agenda has less purchase in the era of Trump, while the president's populist-nationalist impulse hasn't come close to being refined into an actionable legislative program. Instead, it has been expressed almost exclusively through executive actions and in his speeches and Twitter feed.

Maybe Republicans somehow hold on to the House this fall (the generic ballot is encouraging lately, if nothing else is). At the very least, though, Republicans are going to lose their functional majority. The question at this juncture is, How would anyone notice?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doc Dodson is another Midland hero

Each trip through the city of Midland means a stop at Doug Russell Park, where thanks is given and a prayer for guidance. The last visit had me out there alone with the crossing guard who works that corner. "Do you know who Doug Russell is?" She shook her head "no."

How sad. One of Midland's heroes ... forgotten.

The screenplay about Doug Russell was written since he was my hero: the first swimmer from Texas ever to win an Olympic gold medal in swimming. Surely something Midland can be proud of and capitalize on. However, in writing this now internationally recognized and honored story had me become aware of another hero of Midland: Doc Dodson.

Doc Dodson is featured in this story because he is a type of character that the entire world must not forget, or lose sight of: a loving, caring, wonderful father.

Doug Russell did not have a father growing up in Midland, and Doc Dodson, as the trainer for Midland High, filled that void in the lives of Doug and many other young people who grew up during that period of Midland's history. This type of man, this type of character, this type of spirit must not be forgotten.

Please know to the best of my ability these wonderful attributes of Doc are portrayed in this story, not merely for entertainment — but to serve as a model to the rest of the world what kind of qualities exist in a good father.

You might have noticed the idea of a positive father figure as a role model is being diminished in nearly every other form of media — let us not allow that to happen here. As we have seen, naming a park or building does not always ensure the greatness of an individual to be remembered. Hopefully this film will. For it would truly be a travesty for future generations if one asked in Midland about Doc Dodson and heads shook "no."

How sad — another one of Midland's heroes ... forgotten.

David Bryant Perkins

CANDIDATE LETTER
(Candidate letters have a limit of 200 words)

Johnson is right man for county judge

On May 22, Midland County GOP voters will have the opportunity to nominate the person who likely will be our next county judge. Questions about large capital expenditures without voter approval, excessive cash reserves and management issues with the Horseshoe Complex are just a few of the concerns that need to be addressed. The next county Judge must be someone who will change the status quo.

I believe Terry Johnson has the proven record of success in business that can translate to management success at the county. He has demonstrated his commitment to the community and our county through his formation and development of the nonprofit Show of Support (Hunt for Heroes) organization. I enthusiastically urge Midlanders to vote for Terry Johnson for Midland County judge.

Ernest Angelo Jr.
Former mayor of Midland

GUEST VIEWS

Amarillo does not want 'accumulative decay'

Amarillo Globe-News

Public urination, graffiti, vandalism, loitering and panhandling.

These are few of the things syndicated columnist Walter Williams points out in today's column on this page as detriments to a progressive city — a city that is not dying and losing population along with its tax base.

We do not know if Williams has been to Amarillo, but it does not matter.

We feel safe in saying that Williams would include cities that allow homeless people to live in tents as cities that are afflicted with "accumulative decay."

This is where Amarillo's "Tent City" comes in — cities that allow their homeless populations to live in tents are cities that do not care about the health, welfare and safety of their citizens.

Imagine driving into a city for the first time and seeing numerous homeless people living in tents.

What would be your reaction? The logical response would not be favorable.

Does this city not provide adequate shelter or housing for its homeless? Does this city not care that its citizens have to resort to living in tents?

In the case of Amarillo, there is no justifiable need or reason for any citizens to live in tents. Amarillo goes above and beyond what most cities provide to help the homeless.

While shelters/facilities in Amarillo designed for the homeless do have rules and regulations, these rules and regulations are needed for the health, welfare and safety of those using the shelters/facilities.

This is an often-used excuse of those who support Amarillo's homeless living in tents — that the rules and regulations of shelters/facilities are simply too much for some to abide.

Which of these rules/regulations are unfair? Unjust? Cruel? Which are unsympathetic or uncaring as far as the homeless?

Those who are OK with the homeless living in tents rather than with a roof over their head and a floor beneath their feet are far more uncaring than any rules or regulations which exist at a homeless shelter.

What is interesting about the aforementioned column is that Williams puts the responsibility on mayors to make sure that their cities are progressive and not losing population because of failed policies that can damage a city for decades.

In the case of Amarillo and its homeless population, Amarillo City Council does not want its homeless citizens to live in tents, especially when there are alternatives.

Despite the posturing, posing, rancor and divisiveness displayed by some in Amarillo, this is what the issue comes down to — homeless people living in tents. Why would a city that truly cares about people want or support homeless people living in tents?

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Local stores pay sales taxes; net-based ones should, too

Beaumont Enterprise

Internet shopping is not only here to stay, it will likely grow stronger in coming years. Many consumers like the convenience of buying something from their homes instead of driving to a store. So be it — though other shoppers want to touch what they are buying beforehand to make sure it looks like the enticing photos. What really matters in all of this, however, are sales taxes.

When you buy something from a store in your neighborhood, you pay a state sales tax and whatever local sales taxes apply. When you buy something via the internet, you might not pay those sales taxes.

Brick-and-mortar retailers in your city think that's an unlevel playing field, and they are right.

The U.S. Supreme Court is hearing a case now that can decide this. The justices should apply the classic legal concepts of fairness and equal treatment and require the collection of sales taxes for online commerce. If they don't, they will provide an unfair advantage to one category of retailers and harm communities across the country.

That's because local retailers employ people who live here. They sponsor Little League teams and host charity barbecues. Online firms based in another state or country don't.

This change would not be hard to implement because some online companies collect sales taxes now. In Texas, that's required for any company that has a physical presence like a store or an office in the state. Yet not all online companies have such a presence, and some states don't require that.

The results is billions of dollars in sales taxes that are not collected and therefore not distributed to cities, counties, school districts, etc. Modern computer software is quite sophisticated and can easily be adapted to fix this.

Local sales taxes help pave your roads, lay your water lines and build new classrooms. Without them, taxing entities can increase property taxes on homeowners and businesses, or simply do without.

Neither alternative is acceptable, and the Supreme Court can stop forcing local taxing entities to make that painful choice.

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Left: Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew White speaks during a San Antonio event Feb. 17. Right: Democratic gubernatorial candidate and former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez at San Antonio event Jan. 12.

Debates matter; Dems, figure this out



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

And while we're talking about a Democratic gubernatorial runoff debate (something Lupe Valdez might be forced to talk about a lot unless and until she firmly agrees to do one), let's take a look at a potential first question she and foe Andrew White might get in said debate.

Valdez fielded it last week at a San Antonio campaign event.

"Thanks for your service in the military and law enforcement," an attendee asked. "So, besides that, what distinguishes you from Andrew White?"

Good question, perhaps the best one as we move toward the May 22 runoff to pick a Democratic challenger to GOP Gov. Greg Abbott.

"Oh my goodness," former Dallas County Sheriff Valdez replied, "a whole bunch."

"I know what it is to come from the poorest ZIP code in San Antonio and still be able to make a decent living and go to college. I know what it is to have your family struggle with the everyday issues of medicine" and other necessities, she said, referring to daily decisions about how to pay for things such as school supplies.

"I would sit there and listen to my parents discuss 'How are we going to do this? Do we take the money from the grocery? Do we take the money from the light? How are we going to take those few centavos and pay for this?' I know what it is to come from there. And I also know (what) it is to go to the military and get an education and end up doing pretty decent," she said.

It's an inspiring story but short of all we need to know about why she should be the Democratic candidate for governor.

Valdez, saying she identifies with "the common people of Texas," addressed that thusly: "I also know what it is to run an election four times and win in a situation where they thought it was impossible for a female Hispanic lesbian Democrat to win. ... They were saying somebody like that will never win in Dallas. I won," she said. "I know what it is to manage over 2,000 people and run a budget of $163 million. This Latina can do it."

On Monday, I posed the question to White: Why you and not Valdez for the nomination?

"I am a proven leader. I sold my house when I was in my 30s and used the money to invest in business. ... From that experience, I started other businesses as well," he said. "I know how to create jobs. I know how to understand and deal in complicated policy and I know how to build consensus under on the most difficult issues," he said, calling those "traits required as governor."

"Our state needs leadership in education more so than anywhere else," he added. "I have a vision for how to do that, how to bring the changes that we need in education and also how to pay for it."

In addition to previously announced school-finance ideas, White said he wants lawmakers — perhaps with a vote of the people — to allow slot machines and table games at existing horse and dog tracks in the state. The concept, rejected several times by Texas lawmakers, is needed "so Texans don't invest in Louisiana schools and Oklahoma health care and New Mexico highways," he said, referring to casinos in those states.

External factors in this important Democratic runoff include its potential impact on the U.S. Senate race in which U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso, is mounting an aggressive campaign against Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. That's shaping up to be the Democrats' best shot at winning a Texas statewide race for the first time since 1994.

Having an Hispanic gubernatorial candidate could help O'Rourke attract the kind of turnout a Texas Democrat needs to win statewide. Without Valdez, the Democratic ticket would be top-heavy with white males: O'Rourke for Senate, White for gov, Mike Collier for lieutenant governor and Justin Nelson for attorney general.

Diversity matters, especially in putting together a Democratic win in Texas. And in the Valdez-White race, in which many voters know little about either candidate, debates matter.

We're entitled to a televised, informed grilling of both candidates. As Democrats, there's a good chance they won't differ much on issues. But we need to find out if they differ much on what they know about issues. Whoever gets the nomination will face a November battle and, we would hope, a debate or debates with a governor who's been immersed in those issues.

White has given a firm and unqualified yes on participating in a Democrat runoff debate or debates. Valdez has been far less committal, saying her staff is working on details and she "doesn't like to fight other Democrats," which I thought was half the fun of being a Democrat.

"My name is Lupe Valdez," she said in introducing herself at the San Antonio event last week. "I'm in a runoff. I need you to go back to the polls. ... I need you to go back to the polls because I'm the candidate that can beat Greg Abbott. I am the person."

We look forward to hearing more about why. Hey, I have an idea: Let's have a debate.

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Are eco-friendly renewables key to a non-carbon energy future?

Using our renewable fuels key to a comfortable future



GREEN BAY, Wis. —

The U.S. relies heavily on fossil fuels to meet its energy needs, and a large portion of that use is for producing electricity.

Coal-fired power plants provide 30 percent of electricity generation by the country's utilities, with natural gas contributing 34 percent and nuclear power about 20 percent.

In contrast, renewables provide only 10 percent of overall U.S. energy use and 15 percent of the nation's electricity, split about equally between hydropower and wind.

Critics say this is far too low for renewables to be a major contributor to electricity generation in the foreseeable future. But the critics' conclusion is wrongheaded for at least three reasons.

One is that burning fossil fuel emits greenhouse gases linked to climate change and contributes to poor air quality. There is a growing consensus that the world needs to rely far less on them going forward.

The second reason is that while nuclear power does not contribute directly to greenhouse gas emissions, most analysts think it unlikely that it will be a bigger force in the future. Nuclear power is too expensive in its present form, the public doesn't trust it and it remains hobbled by the unresolved questions of how to dispose of radioactive waste effectively and with public acceptance.

The third reason that negative views of renewable energy's potential are off the mark is simply that much has changed in the last few years in the technologies themselves and their cost.

A good indicator is that more than half of electricity generation capacity added to the U.S. grid in 2016 came from renewables. Globally, two-thirds of new generating capacity came from renewable sources.

The reasons are falling prices and improved efficiency.

As noted energy expert Hal Harvey, the CEO of San Francisco's Energy Innovation said in 2016, "a clean future now costs less than a dirty one."

Indeed, in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska and certain parts of Texas, wind turbines can generate electricity at a lower cost, even without subsidies, than any other technology.

Thus, moving toward renewable energy makes a lot of economic, environmental and public health sense.

Still, some argue that renewables will need to prove themselves further in the marketplace and that we need better ways to store the electricity for periods when wind is scarce and the sun isn't shining.

The overwhelming evidence today is that neither obstacle is as formidable as we once thought. Battery storage technologies, for example, are improving rapidly and costs are falling, much as we saw with the advent of flat-screen televisions.

The earliest impact will be in those areas of the nation that already are making the leap to renewables. States in the top 10 for electricity derived from renewables are a diverse lot, suggesting that partisanship and ideology are not important factors. They are Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, California, North Dakota, Vermont, Colorado, Minnesota and Nevada.

Similarly, cities that already rely on renewables for 100 percent of their electricity include liberal Burlington, Vermont, but also conservative Georgetown in oil-rich Texas.

The mayor of Georgetown put it well: "We're doing this because it is good for our citizens. Cheaper electricity is better. Clean energy is better than fossil fuels."

It is a widely shared sentiment today, with many other cities, large and small, pledging to reach the same goal, including San Francisco, Orlando, St. Louis and Portland, Oregon.

Similarly, most states have set impressive goals for renewable energy, with a few aiming very high. California and New York aspire to having 50 percent of their energy generated from renewables by 2030, while Hawaii expects to hit 100 percent by 2045.

All this is possible because we are in the midst of an energy revolution that promises impressive dividends and a bright future.

The benefits in improved air quality, public health and reduced greenhouse gas emissions are substantial, and recent studies tell us they will grow over time while also increasing employment and strengthening the economy.

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US reduces emissions while producing more oil and gas



WASHINGTON —

It's official. U.S. natural gas production has reached record highs.

The federal Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports natural gas production for 2017 reached "the highest volume on record."

The U.S. has led the world in natural gas production since 2009, thanks to technological breakthroughs that unlocked previously inaccessible energy reserves.

Almost a decade later, we're still going strong — beating our own records and producing enough natural gas in 2017 alone to heat every home in America for three years.

Not that natural gas is only about heating or cooking. Reliable and affordable, it's become the leading fuel for U.S. electricity generation.

That development has led to another record that may surprise some people: The United States leads the world in reduction of carbon emissions — which have dropped to nearly 25-year lows thanks largely to increased use of clean natural gas — especially in power generation.

The environmental benefits don't stop there. A combination of natural gas, cleaner motor fuels and technological innovations have contributed to a 73 percent decrease in the combined emissions of six key air pollutants between 1970 and 2016.

And that progress occurred even while we've seen increases in GDP, energy consumption and vehicle miles traveled. America's natural gas and oil industry is behind a significant share of those emissions-reducing innovations, investing hundreds of billions of dollars to improve the environmental performance of fuels and operations.

It all adds up to a conclusion worth underscoring: The United States is succeeding in reducing greenhouse gas emissions while leading the world in natural gas and oil production.

In other words, we don't have to choose between energy security, a healthy economy and our modern standard of living on the one hand and emissions reductions on the other.

Nor do we have choose between renewables and natural gas when it comes to electricity generation. In fact, natural gas is an essential partner that enables integration of intermittent renewable sources like wind and solar — providing reliable power when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine.

In a report published by the National Bureau of Economic Research, climate researchers studying renewable energy plants across 26 countries found that natural gas and renewables are "highly complementary" and "they should be jointly installed to meet the goals of cutting emissions and ensuring a stable supply."

That practical conclusion is reinforced by government projections indicating natural gas and oil will supply more than 60 percent of U.S. energy needs in 2040, even under optimistic scenarios for growth in renewables. Further, worldwide energy demand will jump almost 30 percent in the coming decades.

With our record-breaking production, the U.S. is well-positioned to fuel sustained economic growth through natural gas and oil development. The industry supports 10.3 million American jobs across a range of industries, with affordable energy spurring a manufacturing renaissance.

We can add more jobs through energy exports — yet another welcome byproduct of our prolific natural gas development. Exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) nearly quadrupled in 2017 while maintaining historically low domestic prices.

The United States is a net natural gas exporter for the first time in nearly 60 years — generating jobs here at home and providing stable energy to U.S. allies.

Combining economic and climate benefits, natural gas is already a win-win energy source here at home. But LNG exports can replicate that winning combination globally, potentially reducing worldwide emissions as other nations, including developing countries, turn to U.S. LNG as a clean energy source.

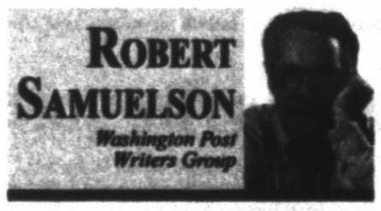
We may soon have to make some room on the podium as other nations join us setting records in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Talk about a win-win situation for Earth Day!

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Dems aren't real fiscal conservatives; deficit addiction is bipartisan



History is what we make of it — and sometimes we make a real hash. I take as my text for the sermon that follows an op-ed essay in The New York Times last week by Times' columnist David Leonhardt. The headline tells it all: "Democrats, the Real Fiscal Conservatives." Are you kidding?

It is certainly true, as Leonhardt argues, that the Republicans have lost any legitimate claim to be "fiscal conservatives." But the notion that Democrats have replaced them is laughable. The reality is that both Republicans and Democrats are deficit addicts. Democrats have played a central role in this transformation.

Before I explain why, let me admit that I write this column reluctantly. As a rule, I don't comment on or criticize other columnists. To do so would result in too much "inside baseball" and would personalize policy disputes in an unhelpful way for readers. Let them decide for themselves.

Let me also say that, although I don't always agree with him, I respect Leonhardt's journalism, which stretches back several decades. He is a Pulitzer-prize winner who studied applied mathematics at Yale. But in this case, I think he has reached a partisan conclusion based on meager and selective evidence. If unchallenged, people might accept it as fact.

Here, in a nutshell, is Leonhardt's argument. Since the late 1970s, Democrats have reduced deficits more than Republicans. By contrast, Republicans have ballooned deficits by cutting taxes. For example: The budget deficit declined as a share of Gross Domestic Product under President Bill Clinton and rose as a share of GDP under President George W. Bush.

Yes. But the size of deficits is importantly related to the business cycle — recessions raise deficits, while recoveries lower them — and Republicans have inherited more recessions. The buoyant economy of the 1990s reflected the aftermath of Ronald Reagan's deep recession of the early 1980s, which reduced inflation and interest rates.

The Soviet Union's collapse, which rationalized less military spending, also lowered deficits. Democrats had little to do with that. Even Leonhardt concedes that, up close, the story gets murky. "Some of the most important deficit-reduction packages have been bipartisan," he writes. "The elder George Bush, in particular, deserves credit for his courage to raise taxes. Some of the biggest deficit-ballooning laws, like George W. Bush's Medicare expansion, have also been bipartisan."

All in all, his sweeping hypothesis rests on wobbly pillars. More important are what he omits.

First: Democrats gave us the endless budget deficits that we now confront. Until the 1960s, most Americans supported balanced budgets as an article of faith. A 1962 Gallup Poll found that only 19 percent of respondents favored a tax cut if it would add to the government's debt. Economists in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations destroyed this consensus; they argued that, by manipulating deficits, experts could create "full employment." Kennedy, then Johnson backed this approach.

Once this was tried — and initially succeeded — it was hard to go back. Politicians received an intellectually respectable reason to do what they preferred: spending more and taxing less. Norms changed. Pragmatically, Republicans embraced the new norms. They became eager participants in deficit financing. From 1962 to 1997, the United States had one surplus budget (1969).

Second: It is impossible to come to grips with today's budget deadlock — massive deficits as far as the eye can see — without tackling spending on programs for the older population, led by Social Security and Medicare. (These two programs alone cost $1.6 trillion in 2017, about 40 percent of all federal spending.)

But Democrats have for decades served as the political protectors of the elderly, refusing to negotiate a new social contract that would better balance the benefits and burdens of an aging society. It is not clear whether Republicans would respond — by accepting higher taxes as their part of the bargain — if Democrats abandoned their intransigence. But if Democrats remain stuck, so will Republicans.

Against that backdrop, it's absurd to classify Democrats as fiscal conservatives. The main point of Leonhardt's exercise is to cast blame for the budget stalemate on the Republicans. That's a partisan conclusion. The reality is that the budget paralysis is a bipartisan failure. As a practical matter, there are few genuine fiscal conservatives, a label that implies a willingness both to cut spending and raise taxes. And that's the truth — really.

Debt will grow if America's massive federal programs aren't reformed

By Adam N. Michel and Justin Bogie
The Heritage Foundation

Good news for anyone who just finished filing their taxes for 2017: Next year, when we file our taxes for 2018, we'll send less money to Washington.

Even better, the Treasury Department estimates that nine out of 10 Americans now have larger paychecks thanks to lower tax rates, a larger standard deduction and an increased child tax credit.

But trouble looms. Federal lawmakers still haven't addressed their insatiable appetite for spending beyond their means. This year Americans will collectively send more than $3.3 trillion to the federal government. Yet despite all that tax revenue, the 2017 deficit was a whopping $665 billion.

So what does Uncle Sam spend your tax dollars on?

Some believe most of it goes to welfare programs and foreign aid. Others believe defense and corporate subsidies dominate the budget.

In reality, health entitlements and Social Security are the largest programs. If Congress continues its current policies, these entitlements and interest on the debt are set to consume every dollar of taxes paid by 2027. That's less than 10 years away.

Medicare, Medicaid and Obamacare subsidies currently consume 28 cents out of every budget dollar.

The single largest federal program, Social Security accounts for roughly a quarter of all federal spending. Its trust funds already pay out more than they take in, and as more people retire, the system will face continued stress.

Combined annual spending on health entitlements and Social Security is projected to grow by 89 percent over the next decade.

Other income security programs — veterans' benefits, food and housing assistance, federal employee retirement and disability — account for 17 percent of the budget.

At 15 percent of the federal budget, defense spending is the last major category of federal spending and has been falling as a percent of the budget for the last decade.

And the rest?

Non-defense discretionary programs. The next 9 percent of the annual budget is composed of domestic spending that falls outside of the scope of national defense and income security programs.

It typically goes toward purposes such as employee salaries, construction projects, research, funding grant programs and day-to-day operations of federal agencies.

Congress's failure to follow the annual appropriations cycle has put much of this spending on autopilot, leading to waste, inefficiency and the growth of programs that fall outside of the federal government's constitutional role.

Over the coming decade, U.S. debt held by the public is projected to balloon to over 96 percent of gross domestic product. As the size of the debt grows, so will the interest costs.

Currently, 7 percent of the budget is spent on interest — money that takes away from other priorities.

Without reforming America's massive and growing federal programs, Washington will have to continue to borrow increasing amounts of money, piling new debt onto younger generations and worsening the nation's already unsustainable economic course.

No. 13 Howard completes four-game sweep of Lady Chaps

By Christopher Hadorn
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Howard College softball coach Kelly Raines felt pretty good about how her team performed against Midland College this weekend.

Raines' No. 13-ranked Lady Hawks faced Lady Chaps ace Crystine Kistner — who entered the weekend as NJCAA Division I's leader in strikeouts – in two games, and was able to squeak out a pair of one-run victories.

On Saturday, Howard College completed a four-game sweep of MC in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, winning 13-12 in the first game and following with a 6-1 victory in the second game at the Midland College softball field.

Combined with Friday, the Lady Hawks (34-7-1, 21-3 in WJCAC) had three one-run victories against the Lady Chaps (32-20, 15-9) in the series.

"We are happy to win those one-run games," Raines said. "Those were tough games. I feel like Midland has the best pitcher in the conference. She was here last year and she's hard to beat. If we can beat her by one run, we feel really good about it."

In Saturday's first game, MC took a 10-5 lead over Howard during a six-run third inning, highlighted by a two-RBI single from Mackenzie Hoots, and a two-run double by Shaycelynn Ho'ohuli.

With Kistner in the circle, the Lady Chaps appeared in good position to pull out their first win against the Lady Hawks.

However, Howard was able to slowly chip away at MC's lead.

Lady Hawks' Paige Hallam cracked a two-run homer in the fifth, cutting the advantage to 10-7.

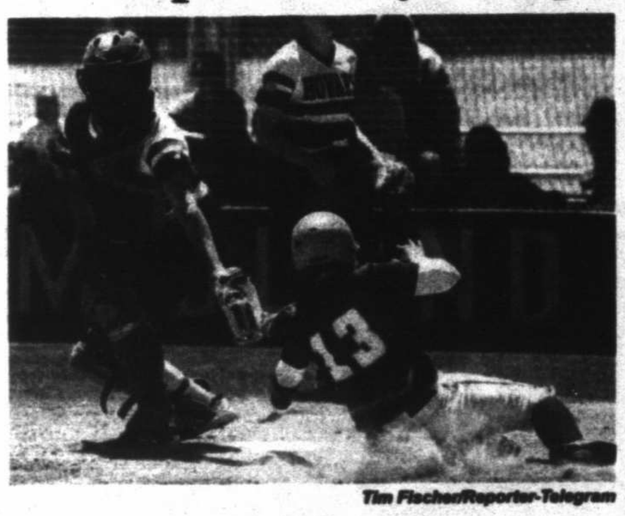
"She had been beating me on the inside all day and I was like, 'She's not going to beat me this time,'" Hallam said of Kistner. "And sure enough, my luck turned out good."

Howard College tied the game at 10 with three runs in the sixth off Kistner, highlighted by a solo homer from Evelyn Loyola and a two-run double from Jenna Shay. After MC took the lead back in the bottom of the sixth, the Lady Hawks rallied for three more runs in the seventh to take the lead for good.

In seven innings, Kistner allowed 13 runs (seven earned), 14 hits and four walks, while striking out nine.

"Crystine, she has been doing great for us," MC interim coach Amanda Evans said. "I think she pitched most of (Friday), so she got a little bit tired. We could have

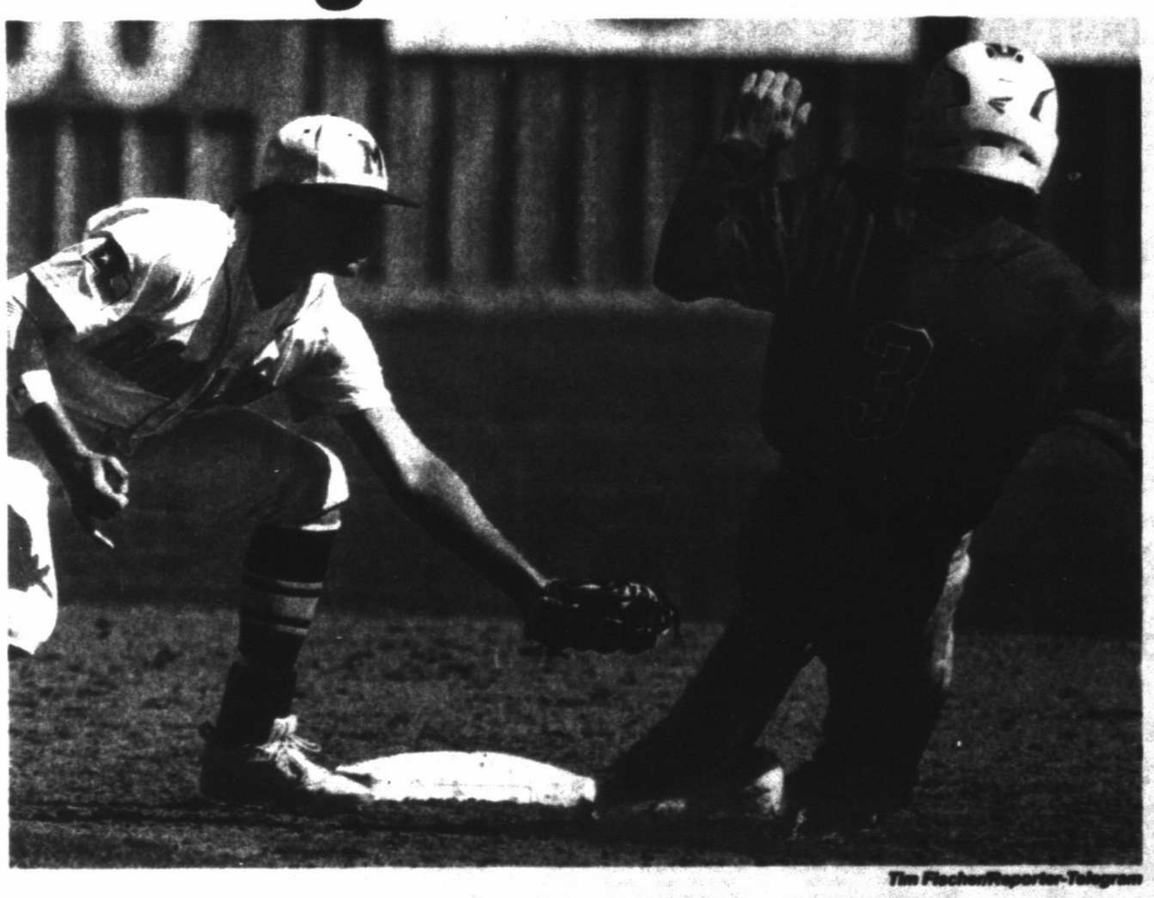
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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Mackenzie Hoots safely slides into home after Howard College's Evelyn Loyola missed the ball Saturday at MC softball field.

Bulldogs still in the hunt



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Cooper Jauz makes the tag on Amarillo Tascosa's Sawyer Kliesen as he tries to steal second Saturday at Zachery Field.

MHS snaps losing streak, defeats Tascosa

By Will Korn
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After 22 winless days, the Midland High baseball team needed a victory by any means necessary Saturday.

The Bulldogs capitalized on some good fortune in the form of four Amarillo Tascosa errors, which led to three runs.

But they also re-discovered their grit. Senior starter Michael Madrid tossed six sturdy innings, MHS made key defensive plays and won at-bats at critical junctures in a 5-4 District 2-6A victory over the visiting Rebels at Zachery Field.

MHS (17-15, 4-9 in District 2-6A) snapped a six-game losing streak and moved into a sole possession of fifth place, courtesy of winning the season series with Tascosa (11-18, 4-9), 2-1.

But with Odessa Permian's (19-12, 6-7) 3-2 win against Odessa High (21-8, 7-6) Saturday, the Bulldogs will now have to win both games against district leader Wolfforth Frenship next week to possibly force a tie with the Panthers for the fourth playoff seed.

Regardless of any impending scenarios, the MHS faithful could finally take a long awaited sigh of relief after Saturday's triumph.

"We just needed a win – bad. We needed a win in the worst kind of way," said MHS head coach Barry Russell. "We still made some mistakes, but we just didn't crater like we've done in the past. We fought through it."

Tascosa drew first blood in the top of the first, when catcher Jon Cantu cranked an RBI triple to right field, giving the Rebels a 1-0 lead. MHS responded in the home half on an RBI single to left center by counterpart Sam Matchus.

After three scoreless innings, the Rebels grabbed a 2-1 lead in the fifth when nine-hole hitter Nathan Schmidt roped a two-out single to left. In the bottom half, the Bulldogs tied the game on a single by Sean Porter and then loaded the bases for Wyatt Taylor with two outs.

On what appeared to be a tailor-made, inning-ending ground ball, Tascosa shortstop Ethan Schmidt booted the ball, Taylor reached base safely and two Bulldogs runs scored to make it 4-2 MHS.

"We can't have four errors and expect to be a playoff team," said Tascosa head coach Jason Patrick. "We made three

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Barker, Lewis help Chaps split DH with Clarendon

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Midland College baseball team knows it can't afford too many bad days with the logjam at the top of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings.



Barker

After letting the first game against Clarendon College get away in a 17-6 loss, the Chaparrals got a couple of big hits from Ethan Barker and clutch relief pitching from Justin Lewis to get a 7-6 win and salvage the doubleheader split at Christensen Stadium on a windy Saturday afternoon.

"It was big time," said Barker about getting the win in the second game. "The standings are really close in the conference and I think we're all separated by one game, if I'm not mistaken. To get a split against a really good ball club is big time."



Lewis

Barker, the sophomore center fielder and Midland High grad, did his best to help MC (28-17, 18-8 in WJCAC) get the win as he went 2-for-4 with a triple, home run and drove in three runs. His two-run home run in the fourth inning gave the Chaps a 7-4 advantage at the time.

"I've been struggling the last couple of weeks and it felt good to be able to find my stroke a little bit today," said the Tennessee signee.

Clarendon (31-12, 19-7) wouldn't go away quietly as it scored a run in the fifth and then added an unearned run in the seventh inning to pull to within 7-6.

But just like he has done for most of the year, MC coach Hector Rodriguez went to Justin Lewis out of the bullpen

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Kyle Busch pulls away at Richmond for 3rd Cup win a row

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Kyle Busch pulled away on a restart in a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish Saturday night for his third consecutive NASCAR's Cup Series victory.

Busch, who started 32nd but quickly worked his way into contention, outran Chase Elliott and teammate Denny Hamlin for his fifth career victory at Richmond Raceway, the most among active drivers. The victory is his 46th overall and came from the deepest starting spot in the field of his career. It also is the deepest starting position for a winner at Richmond, surpassing Clint Bowyer, who started 31st in 2008.

The points leader also matched Kevin Harvick's three-race winning streak from earlier in the season.

"Pats on the back, everybody," Busch said on his radio after taking the checkered flag.

The race went more than 350 laps with the only cautions coming after stages one and two, both won by defending race champion Joey Logano, and remained clean until Ryan Blaney and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. crashed on Lap 353, bringing out the first on-track yellow.

Busch took the lead after the next caution, brought out by the smoking car of Ryan Newman, when he was running second to Truex heading onto pit road and got out first. He also beat Hamlin and Harvick off the line on a restart with six to go, and then never let anyone contend when the race went back to green for the final time on lap 400.

"The pit crew tonight, they won this race for us," Busch said. "They got us off pit road first those last two times and got us where we needed to be."

The three-race winning streak is the second of his career. The first came in 2015, when he won his only championship.

"I don't know if you can shoot for four in a row," he said. "It's hard to go to Talladega with the much of a winning streak and think that you can get to Victory Lane."

The end was a bitter pill for Truex, who ran up front all night. He and Busch were dueling after a restart with 23 laps to go, and after Busch pulled away, Truex seemed to be closing ground until a spin by David Ragan brought out the yellow.

All the front-runners pitted, and while Truex's team struggled mightily in the No. 1 pit stall, Truex could only watch as con-

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Steve Flatt/Associated Press

Kyle Busch, center, celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race in Victory Lane at Richmond Raceway in Richmond, Va., on Saturday.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
Iowa at Minnesota, 1 p.m., BTN
TCU at Baylor, 1 p.m., FCSP
New Orleans at Texas, 1:30 p.m., LHN
Oklahoma at Texas Tech, 2 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC

College Softball
Tulsa at Houston, 11 a.m., ESPNU
Oklahoma State at Texas, 11 a.m., LHN
Tennessee at Alabama, 2 p.m., ESPN2
Nebraska at Minnesota, 3 p.m., ESPNU
Texas A&M at LSU, 4 p.m., SEC

Curling
Mixed World Championships: Canada vs. Austria, 7:30 a.m., OLYHD
Mixed World Championships: USA vs. Italy, 2 p.m., OLYHD

Golf
EPGA: Trophee Hassan II, Final Round, 7 a.m., GOLF
SEC Championships, 8 a.m., SEC
PGA: Valero Texas Open, Final Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: Valero Texas Open, Final Round, 2 p.m., MyTV 16
Champions: Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Cedar Lodge, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: HUGEL- JTBC LA Open, Final Round, 5 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Cleveland at Baltimore, Noon, MLB
Houston at Chicago White Sox, 1 p.m., ATTSW
Seattle at Texas, 2 p.m., FSSW
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 3 p.m., MLB
Washington at LA Dodgers, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
PL: Arsenal vs. West Ham United, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN, NBCU
FA Cup: Chelsea FC vs. Southampton FC, 9 a.m., FS1, FXDEP
PL: Manchester City vs. Swansea City, 10:30 a.m., NBCSN, TELE
MLS: Seattle Sounders FC vs. Minnesota United FC, 3 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
MLS: Portland Timbers vs. New York City FC, 5 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

Motorsports
NHRA: SpringNationals, 1 p.m., FS1
IndyCar: Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, 2:30 p.m., NBCSN

National Basketball Association
East Quarterfinal, Gm 4: Boston at Milwaukee, Noon, ABC
West Quarterfinal, Gm 4: Golden State at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m., ABC
East Quarterfinal, Gm 4: Toronto at Washington, 5 p.m., TNT
East Quarterfinal, Gm 4: Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m., TNT
West Quarterfinal, Gm 4: Oklahoma City at Utah, 9:30 p.m., TNT

National Hockey League
East Quarterfinal, Gm 6: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 2 p.m., NBC
West Quarterfinal, Gm 6: Nashville at Colorado, 6 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis
SEC Women's Championships, 1:30 p.m., SEC

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Houston at Chicago White Sox, 1 p.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring)
Seattle at Texas, 2 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

National Basketball Association
West Quarterfinal, Gm 4: Golden State at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
San Antonio at Midland, 2 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Baseball
Clarendon College at Midland College (DH), Noon

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Sent RHP Steven Wright to Pawtucket (IL) for a rehab assignment.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed RHP Danny Farquhar on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Gregory Infante from Charlotte (IL). Reinstated C Kevan Smith from the 10-day DL and optioned him to Charlotte.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned OF Mike Gerber to Toledo (IL). Recalled RHP Warwick Saupold from Toledo.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Transferred RHPs Daniel Aquino, Humberto Castellanos and Tanner Duncan from extended spring training to Quad Cities (MWL) and RHPs Cionel Perez and Robert Carrial and LHPs Patrick Sandoval and Cole Wales from Quad Cities to Tri-City (MWL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned RHP Scott Barlow to Omaha (PCL). Sent OF Alex Gordon to Omaha for a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Designated RHP Luke Bard for assignment. Recalled RHP Eduardo Paredes from Salt Lake (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed RHP Adam Warren on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Jonathan Holder from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Josh Lucas to Nashville (PCL). Reinstated RHP Yusmeiro Petit from the family medical emergency list. Reinstated C Josh Phegley from the 10-day DL and optioned him to Nashville.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Sent 1B Ryon Healy to Arkansas (TL) for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Designated 1B Brandon Snyder for assignment. Reinstated 2B Brad Miller from the 10-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled RHP José Leclerc from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned OF Ryan Rua to Round Rock.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Traded RHP Tyler Pill to the L.A. Dodgers for cash. Optioned RHP Shane Baczka to Reno (PCL). Recalled RHP Matt Koch from Reno.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned RHP Lucas Sims to Gwinnett (IL). Reinstated RHP Josh Rodin from the 10-day DL. Sent LHP Luis Gohara to Gwinnett for a rehab assignment.
CHICAGO CUBS — Placed INF/OF Ben Zobrist on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Recalled INF David Bote from Iowa (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Sent RHP David Hernandez to Louisville (IL) for a rehab assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned RHP Jeff Hoffman to Albuquerque (PCL).
MIAMI MARLINS — Placed RHP Odrisamer Despaigne on the 7-day DL. Recalled RHP Nick Wittgren from New Orleans (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Designated RHP Alex Asher for assignment.
NEW YORK METS — Optioned RHP Gerson Bautista to Binghamton (EL). Recalled RHP Corey Oswalt from Las Vegas (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent RHP Tommy Hunter to Reading (EL) for a rehab assignment.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Sent RHP A.J. Schugel to Indianapolis (IL) for a rehab assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHP Luis Perdomo and LHP Tyler Webb to El Paso (PCL). Reinstated OF Wil Myers and RHP Kirby Yates from the 10-day DL.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned RHP Derek Law to Sacramento (PCL). Reinstated RHP Jeff Samardzija from the 10-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP Trevor Gott from Syracuse (IL). Placed LHP Matt Grace on the 10-day DL.
HOCKEY
American Hockey League
ROCHESTER AMERICANS — Assigned F Justin Danforth to Cincinnati (ECHL).
TEXAS STARS — Assigned D Brenn Hanna to Idaho (ECHL).
COLLEGE
ST. JOHN'S — Announced junior men's basketball G Eli Wright will transfer from Mississippi State.
UT RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Lorey Tidwell to become chief of staff for the Texas Tech women's basketball program.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

College Baseball Scores
Big 12
Texas 3, New Orleans 1
West Virginia 6, Kansas St. 0
Texas Tech 12, Oklahoma 6
Baylor 6, TCU 2
SEC
Texas A&M 6, Tennessee 5

FIGHT SCHEDULE

April 20
At Philadelphia (ESPN), Justin Magdaleno vs. Isaac Dogboe, 12, for Magdaleno's WBO junior featherweight title; Jason Hall vs. Desmond Nicholson, 10, super middleweights; Bryant Jennings vs. Joey Dawejko, 10, heavyweights.
At Bolshoy Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (HBO), David Avanesyan vs. Mikaiel Gabaidi, 12, welterweights; Jarrell Miller vs. Johann Duhaupas, 12, heavyweights; Shakiydon Egganhoe vs. Dennis Hogan, 12, junior welterweights.
At Aguascalientes, Mexico, Humberto Velasco vs. Dario Caceres, 10, for the vacant WBC Silver super middleweight title; Damian Vazquez vs. Luis Grisolano, 10, for the WBC junior featherweight youth world title.
May 5
At Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand, Wanheng Menayothin vs. Leroy Estrada, 12, for Menayothin's WBC minimumweight title.
May 6
At London, Tony Dutton vs. David Haye, 12, heavyweights; Martin J. Ward vs. James Tennyson, 12, for Ward's European junior lightweight title; John Fyfield vs. Jamie Cox, 12, super middleweights.
May 11
At Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Oleksandr Usyk vs. Murat Gassiev, 12, for IBF-WBA-WBC cruiserweight title (World Boxing Super Series final).
At ESS Arena, Philadelphia (DAZN), Devin Haney vs. Steven Nelson, 10, lightweights.
May 19
At New York (ESPN), Jorge Linares vs. Vasiliy Lomachenko, 12, for Linares' WBA lightweight title; Carlos Adames vs. Alejandro Blanco, 10, welterweights.
At Tulalip Showroom, Tulalip, Wash. (Fox Sports 1), Shawn Porter vs. Yordenis Ugas, 12, for Porter's WBC welterweight title; Errol Spence Jr. vs. Mikey Garcia, 12, for Spence's IBF welterweight title.
At Manchester Arena, Manchester, England (BT Sport), Anthony Joshua vs. Joseph Parker, 12, for Joshua's WBA-IBF-WBO heavyweight titles.
May 26
At Las Vegas, Terence Crawford vs. Jeff Horn, 12, for Crawford's WBO welterweight title; Jessie Vargas vs. Thomas Dulorme, 12, welterweights.
June 2
At Las Vegas, Gennady Golovkin vs. Canelo Alvarez, 12, for Golovkin's WBA-IBF middleweight titles; Jermall Charlo vs. Dennis Hogan, 12, for Charlo's WBC junior middleweight title.
At Las Vegas, Leo Santa Cruz vs. Abner Mares, 12, for Santa Cruz's WBA featherweight title; Jezreel Corrales vs. Jessie Magdaleno, 12, for Corrales' WBC junior featherweight title.
At MGM Grand, Las Vegas, Jeff Horn vs. Terence Crawford, 12, for Horn's WBO welterweight title; Alex Saucedo vs. Lenny Zappavigna, 10, junior welterweights.
June 16
At Dallas (FOX), Errol Spence Jr. vs. Carlos Quintana, 12, for Spence's IBF welterweight title; Jose Benavidez vs. Antonio Orozco, 12, for Benavidez's WBO junior welterweight title; Ryan Martin vs. Jaime Munguia, 12, for Munguia's WBO junior welterweight title; Jason Welborn vs. Dem

MHS

From 1C

errors in the infield on routine ground balls."

The Rebels knotted the contest at 4-4 in the sixth on an RBI single by Sawyer Kliesen and a bases loaded walk by Nathan Schmidt. But Madrid bore down and halted the rally with a groundout off the bat of Tascosa starter Mason Martinez.

Madrid said he just focused on pounding the zone to help his team escape more trouble.

"Really the main thing was just to throw strikes," Madrid said. "You can't be beat if you do that."

And when it was time to stand tall and win the game, this time, the Bulldogs rose to the challenge.

Thanks in part to another Rebel error, MHS loaded the bases for the third time in the bottom of the sixth. With two gone, Porter stepped to the plate and worked a 3-1 count against Tascosa reliever Harris Shoemaker.

Porter was wary of a called strike on the outside corner, a trend that had been established early in the contest. As the pitch was delivered, Porter stayed back and remained collected. A moment later, he was trotting his way to first as the winning run scored.

"I knew that the umpire was probably going to call it tough," Porter said. "I was thinking 'Just calm down, and do what you know to do.' Coach gave me a take on the 3-1 pitch, (Shoemaker) threw it high, I saw it and didn't want it."

Porter, who finished 1-for-2 with two RBI and two walks, said his team just needed to find a way Saturday. They did.

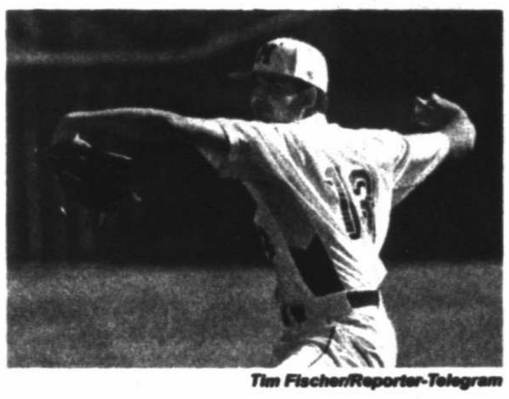
"Everyone knows that we can do it. I think all we had to do was come out here and just win," Porter said. "Stop thinking about it so much and just win."

Madrid earned the win for MHS after striking out eight over six innings. Only one of his four runs were earned on six hits. Hunter Ingram pitched the seventh and notched the save for the Bulldogs.

Sam Matchus was 2-for-3 with an RBI for MHS and also threw out two Tascosa base stealers.

Kliesen led the Rebels by going 2-for-3 with an RBI.

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Midland High starting pitcher Michael Madrid winds up for a throw Saturday against Amarillo Tascosa at Zachery Field.

District 2-6A Baseball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
xy-Wolfforth Frenship	11	2	28	4
x-Lee	7	6	16	12
x-Odessa High	7	6	21	8
Odessa Permian	6	7	19	12
Midland High	4	9	17	16
Amarillo Tascosa	4	9	11	18

y-clinches clinched District 2-6A title
x-clinches clinched playoff spot

Saturday's scores
Midland High 5, Amarillo Tascosa 4; Odessa Permian 9, Odessa High 2

Tuesday's games
Wolfforth Frenship at Midland High; Odessa High at Lee; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian. All games at 4:30 p.m.

MIDLAND HIGH 5, AMARILLO TASCOSA 4

Tascosa	100	012	0	–4	6	4
MHS	100	001	x	–510	3	

Mason Martinez, Harris Shoemaker (6) and Jon Carita. Michael Madrid, Hunter Ingram (7) and Sam Matchus. W – Madrid. L – Martinez. 3B – Tascosa: Jon Carita.

Records: Tascosa 11-18, 4-0 in District 2-6A; MHS 17-15, 4-0 in District 2-6A

MLB ROUNDUP

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American League

ASTROS 10
WHITE SOX 1

CHICAGO — Josh Reddick hit a grand slam and solo homer, and the Houston Astros pounded the reeling Chicago White Sox 10-1 on Saturday night for their fifth straight win.

Already struggling on the field — and especially on the mound — the White Sox were dealt another blow Saturday when they learned that reliever Danny Farquhar suffered a brain hemorrhage while collapsing in the dugout Friday night.

Dallas Keuchel, the 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner, cruised to his first victory after being staked to a big lead early. Keuchel (1-3) allowed one run and four hits in six innings while striking out six.

Marwin Gonzalez drove in two runs with a double, and Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa and Yuli Gurriel each had an RBI as Houston routed Chicago for a second straight night. Six of the seven Astros batters walked by White Sox starter Lucas Giolito scored.

ATHLETICS 3,
RED SOX 0

OAKLAND, Calif. — Former RockHounds lefty Sean Manaea pitched the first no-hitter against Boston in 25 years, with an overturned call preserving the gem Saturday night in Oakland's 3-0 win over the sizzling Red Sox.

Manaea struck out 10, walked two and threw 108 pitches to finish off Oakland's first no-no since Dallas Braden tossed a perfect game against Tampa Bay in 2010.

Manaea got Hanley Ramirez to ground out to complete the first no-hitter versus the Red Sox since Seattle's Chris Bosio did it in 1993. Boston looked as if it had a hit with two outs in the sixth at the Oakland Coliseum. Andrew Benintendi hit a grounder to the right side, slid around first baseman Matt Olson and was ruled safe.

After the umpires conferred, Benintendi was ruled out for going wide of the baseline.

Sandy Leon reached in the Red Sox fifth when A's shortstop Marcus Semien dropped a popup. The play was scored as an error.

YANKEES 9
BLUE JAYS 1

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge hit an early homer off respected Twitter rival Marcus Stroman, then scored on a disputed play during a seven-run burst in the sixth inning that sent the New York Yankees over the Toronto Blue Jays 9-1 Saturday.

Judge put the Yankees up 2-0 with his sixth homer, a two-run drive in the third. It came after Stroman and Judge exchanged tweets at the end of last season during which the Toronto ace said their "future battles will be legendary."

Judge is now 7 for 16 with four home runs against Stroman (0-2).

TIGERS 12
ROYALS 4

DETROIT — Nicholas Castellanos homered and drove in three runs, and the Detroit Tigers routed the Kansas City Royals 12-4 on Saturday.

The Tigers have won five of six. Detroit broke a 3-all tie with three runs in the fifth on a day when both starting pitchers were in almost constant trouble.

Mike Fiers (2-1) allowed two earned runs and 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings for the Tigers, and Royals starter Danny Duffy (0-3) yielded six runs and 10 hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Warwick Saupold pitched 2 1/3 perfect innings for his first career save.

INDIANS 4
ORIOLES 0

BALTIMORE — Mike Clevenger pitched a two-hitter in his first career complete game, and the Cleveland Indians hit three solo homers off Chris Tillman in a 4-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday.

Jose Ramirez went 3 for 4 with his team-leading fifth home run. Yan Gomes and Yonder Alonso also went deep for Cleveland, which came into the game ranked second-to-last in the AL in runs and last in batting average.

Clevenger (2-0) hardly needed the offensive support. Pitching on seven days' rest, the right-hander struck out three, walked two and allowed only one runner past first base.

The only two hits he allowed were singles by Manny Machado in the fourth inning and Chance Sisco in the fifth.

It was Clevenger's 35th career start. His previous longest outing was 7 1/3 innings, earlier this month against Kansas City.

RAYS 10
TWINS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — C.J. Cron hit a pair of two-run homers and Blake Snell won his third straight start Saturday night in the Tampa Bay Rays' 10-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Cron's homer in the third inning put the Rays up 2-1 after Adeiny Hechavarria singled for their first hit off Kyle Gibson. Cron connected again in the seventh off Gabriel Moya, capping a five-run inning. It was his fourth homer of the season.

Joey Wendle had three hits and scored twice for the Rays, who won their third straight for the first time this year.

Snell (3-1) surrendered just one run for his third consecutive start, striking out six and allowing five hits in seven innings. In 15 starts since his recall from the minors last August, the left-hander is 8-2 with a 2.74 ERA.

National League

CARDINALS 4
REDS 3

ST. LOUIS — Yadier Molina hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning and rookie reliever Jordan Hicks got Scooter Gennett to ground into a game-ending double play with the bases loaded, lifting the St. Louis Cardinals over the Cincinnati Reds 4-3 Saturday.

The Cardinals have won seven of eight, including six against the Reds. The Reds dropped their fourth straight, and second under interim manager Jim Riggleman, and fell to 3-17 this season.

St. Louis has won 10 in a row from the Reds dating to last season, matching its longest streak against them since 1949, when the Cardinals won 11 straight.

Hicks (1-0) recorded the final seven outs. Jared Hughes (0-2) gave up Molina's sixth homer, a solo drive.

Cincinnati scored three times in the seventh to tie it. The Reds strung together four singles and a walk, with Gennett's two-run hit making it 3-all. Hicks used one pitch to get Cliff Pennington to fly out, ending the inning with runners at the corners.

PHILLIES 6
PIRATES 2

PHILADELPHIA — Rhys Hoskins hit a go-ahead three-run homer, Aaron Nola tossed seven impressive innings and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-2 Saturday.

Nola (2-1) allowed two runs, six hits and struck out nine to help the Phillies win their third straight game and improve to 8-1 at home.

The Pirates have lost five of six after an 11-4 start.

Pittsburgh's Steven Brault gave up two runs and two hits in 5 1/3 innings. The lefty took a shutout into the sixth before things unraveled.

BREWERS 6
MARLINS 5

MILWAUKEE — Jesus Aguilar homered on the 13th pitch leading off the bottom of the ninth inning as the Milwaukee Brewers rallied past the Miami Marlins 6-5 on Saturday night for their fifth consecutive win.

Aguilar, who entered the game as a late-inning replacement, hit his first home run of the season off Junichi Tazawa (0-1).

Milwaukee tied the score in the eighth when Miami left fielder Derek Dietrich misplayed Eric Sogard's two-out popup to left, allowing Travis Shaw to score from second. Eric Thames was thrown out at the plate attempting to score the go-ahead run from first.

BRAVES 4
METS 3

ATLANTA — Johan Camargo tripled home the tying run, then scored on Ender Inciarte's bunt single as the Atlanta Braves scored twice in the ninth inning off Mets closer Jeurys Familia to beat New York 4-3 Saturday night.

A crowd of 41,396 that was the largest of the season at SunTrust Stadium saw starters Jacob deGrom and Julio Teheran each pitch seven scoreless innings. After they left, the bullpens wilted.

Familia issued a leadoff walk to Dansby Swanson and Camargo followed with a triple that made it 3-all. With one out and runners at the corners, Inciarte put down a bunt to the right side. First baseman Adrian Gonzalez made a quick throw home, but Camargo was already across the plate with a headfirst dive.

DIAMONDBACKS 6,
PADRES 2

PHOENIX — Zack Godley settled down after a shaky start to throw 5 1/3 solid innings and singled home a run as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the San Diego Padres 6-2 on Saturday night.

A.J. Pollock had a solo homer and RBI single for Arizona. Daven Marrero tripled in a run, doubled and scored twice, and Paul Goldschmidt had a double and an RBI triple.

The NL West-leading Diamondbacks, losers to the Padres 4-1 on Friday night, will send left-hander Patrick Corbin to the mound Sunday to try to extend their franchise record with a seventh consecutive series win to start the season.

ROCKIES 8,
CUBS 2

DENVER — Nolan Arenado had two hits to back six strong innings from Tyler Anderson and the Colorado Rockies used a big fifth inning to beat the Chicago Cubs 8-2 on Saturday night.

Anderson (1-0) got his first win in five starts and tamed a Chicago lineup that had 16 runs on 16 hits in the series opener on Friday night. The Cubs managed just six hits on the night, two from Albert Almora Jr., who had four in Friday's win.

Wade Davis pitched the ninth for his ninth save in 10 chances.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

MISSIONS 11
ROCKHOUNDS 8
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Austin Allen went 2-for-4 with a home run, two RBI and two runs scored for the Missions. Teammate Kyle Overstreet was 2-for-5 with a home run, RBI and two runs scored, while Rod Boykin was 2-for-5 with a home run and two RBI. ... Tyler Marincov was 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI for Midland. Sean Murphy was 2-for-5 with two RBI, and Skye Bolt was 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI and two runs scored for the RockHounds.

TOP PITCHERS: San Antonio starter Jesse Scholtens improved to 2-1 on the year after he allowed three runs on four hits and three walks plus he struck out seven. ... RockHounds relieved Trey Cochran-Gill pitched 1 2/3 shutout innings and allowed a hit, walked two and struck out one.

HIGHLIGHTS: San Antonio scored four runs in the first, highlighted by a two-run home run off the bat of Austin Allen. ... Peter Van Gansen belted a three-run homer in the third to extend the Missions' lead to 7-2, before Marincov's solo blast in the bottom of the inning pulled Midland back to 7-3. ... San Antonio had an 11-4 lead in the ninth inning before the RockHounds rallied for four runs on three hits, four walks and a balk before Missions reliever Jose Castillo – the second pitcher of the inning – closed out the game.

NOTES: The Missions belted four home runs in the game. ... Neither team came up big with runners in scoring position as San Antonio was just 4 for 18, while Midland was 5 for 15. ... San Antonio has now won two of three games in this four-game series, which concludes with a game at 2 p.m. today.

MISSIONS 11, ROCKHOUNDS 8

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	8	6	.571	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	8	7	.533	½
Arkansas (Mariners)	7	7	.500	1
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	6	8	.429	2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland (Athletics)	9	5	.600	—
San Antonio (Padres)	8	6	.571	½
Corpus Christi (Astros)	8	6	.571	½
Frisco (Rangers)	3	11	.214	5½

Saturday's Scores
San Antonio 11, Midland 8
Corpus Christi at Frisco, late
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, ppd.
Springfield at Arkansas, ppd.

Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 1:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Midland, 2 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 2:10 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 4:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Allday rf	6	1	2	0
Naylor 1b	6	1	1	0
Franco 1b	0	0	0	0
Tellis ss	5	1	1	1
Allen c	4	2	2	2
Overstreet 3b-rf	5	2	2	2
Stevens dh	2	2	1	1
Boykin lf	5	1	2	2
Van Gansen 2b-3b	3	1	1	3
Brownfield cf	3	0	1	0
Totals	39	11	13	11

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Sportman 2b	3	2	1	0
E.White 3b	4	1	1	1
Ramirez lf	4	0	1	1
Murphy c	4	1	2	3
Marincov rf	4	1	2	3
Brown dh	4	0	0	0
Martin ss	5	0	0	0
M.White 1b	3	1	0	0
Bolt cf	3	2	2	1
Tobias	35	8	9	8

San Antonio	400	102	001	–11
Midland	201	000	104	–8

DP – San Antonio 1, Midland 1. LOB – San Antonio 9, Midland 8. 2B – Allday (9), Tellis (5), Boykin (5), Naylor (2), Marincov (2), Sportman (2), Bolt (3). HR – Allen (5), Van Gansen (1), Overstreet (2), Boykin (1), Marincov (2). SB – Brownfield 2 (2); Sportman (1), E. White (4)

San Antonio	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Scholtens W, 2-1	5.0	4	3	3	3	7
Justin	2.0	2	1	1	0	3
Wisch	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
Wolf	0.0	2	4	4	3	0
Castillo S, 1	1.0	1	0	0	1	1
Midland						
Fiedrich	5.1	6	6	6	3	3
Cochran-Gill	1.2	1	0	0	2	1
Wendelken	1.0	2	2	2	1	1
Hardy	2.0	2	1	1	1	1

Balk – Wisk. HBP – by Scholtens (Sportman), by Fiedrich (Bullinger). T – 3:22. A – 4,825.

BASEBALL

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to help secure a win. Lewis was clutch in relief of starter Levi Hon, who picked up the win, with 2 2/3 innings of shutout ball with two hits, two walks and three strikeouts.

"Justin Lewis did it again. We'll take it," Rodriguez said. "Levi gave us a chance, gave us a good start. We jumped on them early, which is always good. Levi kind of hit a wall there when he hit the 110-pitch mark. I just felt more comfortable with Justin and made the move. Once again, he comes in and does the job. It was just a really good performance out of the bullpen."

In addition to Barker, Garrett Wilkinson had a three-run home run in the first inning, while Frainyer Chavez and Cade Bullinger each added two hits.

Jose Solis had three of Clarendon's 11 hits with two doubles and two RBI, while Tommy Reyes-Cruz was 2-for-2 with a home run, walk and two RBI.

The Bulldogs, who came into the series second in the NJCAA in slugging percentage (.674) and fourth in the nation in batting average (.382), showed their offensive might in the first game as they pounded out 21 hits and had home runs from Omar Sanchez, Solis, Anthony Quirion, Cristian Laboy and Mark Castelblanco in the rout.

"It got out of hand a little bit," Rodriguez said. "Those guys swung the bats and we made some mistakes. We just didn't play well enough. That was probably the most frustrating part, and it was the same last week as well."

The Chaps had 10 hits in the game but Rodriguez felt that the offense had its hot and cold moments on the day.

"When they're cold, they're cold," he said. "We struck out a little bit too much, and to me it goes to having a better approach. We shouldn't strike out that much with the wind blowing."

MC got home runs from Bullinger (2-for-4) and Wilkinson in the game. Tommy Gillman added two hits.

The teams will meet in another doubleheader beginning at noon today at Christensen Stadium and Rodriguez said his team needs to come ready to play against a talent opponent.

"I told our guys that (today) has a chance to be a very important day in our season," he said. "I just told them that when they get here, have an edge about you. Hopefully that can lead into being the aggressor and just playing better."

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First Game
CLARENDON COLLEGE 11,
ORLAND COLLEGE 6

Clarendon	221	000	6	–11	11	0
Midland	400	002	0	–6	8	1

Jason Perez, Kevin Rhoads (6) and Anthony Quinion, Logan McCrummen, Carson Gilley (7) and Garrett Wilkinson. W – Perez. L – McCrummen. 2B – CC: Mark Castelblanco, Ross Martinez. 3B – CC: Kevin Lizana, Tommy Reyes-Cruz; MC: Jaydon Mayo. HR – CC: Jose Solis, Omar Sanchez, Castelblanco, Quirion, Cristian Laboy; MC: Cade Bullinger, Garrett Wilkinson.

Second Game
ORLAND COLLEGE 7,
CLARENDON COLLEGE 6

Clarendon	210	110	000	–611	0	
Midland	311	200	00x	–710	3	

Gerardo Quezada, Julian Cyr (7) and Ross Martinez, Levi Hon, Justin Lewis (7) and Cameron Maddox. W – Hon. L – Quezada. S – Lewis. 2B – CC: Jose Solis 2, Sanchez. 3B – MC: Ethan Barker. HR – CC: Tommy Reyes-Cruz; MC: Wilkinson, Barker.

Records: Midland College 20-17, 10-6 in WJCAC; 31-12, 19-7 Region; Clarendon College at Midland College (2-0), noon today

MLB GLANCE

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Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	17	3	.850	—
Toronto	13	7	.650	4
New York	10	8	.556	6½
Tampa Bay	7	13	.350	11
Baltimore	6	13	.316	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	15	5	.750	—
Minnesota	9	7	.563	3½
Detroit	9	10	.474	5
Chicago	4	13	.235	9½
Kansas City	4	15	.211	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	13	7	.650	—
Los Angeles	13	7	.650	—
Oakland	10	8	.556	2
Texas	10	11	.476	3½
Houston	7	14	.333	7

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	14	6	.700	—
Philadelphia	13	7	.650	1
Atlanta	12	8	.600	2
Washington	8	10	.444	4½
Miami	3	16	.158	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	13	5	.722	—
Milwaukee	12	6	.667	1
Pittsburgh	10	9	.526	3½
Chicago	9	9	.500	4
Cincinnati	3	17	.150	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	14	4	.778	—
Colorado	12	6	.667	2
Los Angeles	9	10	.474	5
San Francisco	8	11	.421	6
San Diego	8	14	.364	7

American League
Saturday's scores
N.Y. Yankees 9, Toronto 1
Detroit 12, Kansas City 4
Cleveland 4, Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 10, Minnesota 1
Houston 10, Chicago White Sox 1
Oakland 3, Boston 0
Seattle at Texas, late
San Francisco at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
Cleveland (Tobin 2-1) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Toronto (Sanchez 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 0-0) at Detroit (Norris 2-1), 12:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Hughes 0-0) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 12:10 p.m.
Houston (McCullers Jr. 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 0-0) at Texas (Perez 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Price 2-1) at Oakland (Ellington 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 1-0) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 3:07 p.m.

National League
Saturday's scores
St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 2
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Milwaukee 6, Miami 5
Arizona 6, San Diego 2
Colorado 8, Chicago Cubs 2
San Francisco at L.A. Angels, late
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 1-1) at Atlanta (Folty-wicz 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Williams 2-1) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 1-0), 12:35 p.m.
Miami (Smith 0-2) at Milwaukee (Guerra 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Castillo 1-0) at St. Louis (Mikolas 2-0), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Quintana 1-1) at Colorado (Bettis 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 1-0) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 3:07 p.m.
San Diego (Lauffen 0-0) at Arizona (Corbin 3-0), 3:10 p.m.
Washington (Fedde 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Texas Scores

ASTROS 10, WHITE SOX 1

	ab	r	bi		ab	r	bi
Springer rf	4	2	1	Ti.Anderson ss	4	0	0
Altuve 2b	5	2	2	A.Eaton rf	4	0	0
Correa ss	5	2	1	J.Abreu 1b	3	1	0
Reddick rf	1	0	0	Ti.Saladino ph	1	0	0
Gattis c	4	1	1	Garcia 2b	3	0	0
Fisher cf	1	0	0	Sheets dh	3	0	0
Gurriel 1b	4	0	1	Narvaez c	3	0	0
Bregman 3b	4	1	0	L.Basabe 3b	3	0	0
Kemp dh	3	0	0	T.Beckham lf	3	0	0
Ma.Elmore ph-1b	1	0	0	Ti.Saladino 3b	1	0	0
Gonzalez lf	3	0	0	Engel cf	3	0	1
Davis ph	1	0	0	Tabata ph	1	0	0
Houston			401	100 000—	10		
Chicago			000	010 000—	1		

Linescores

NATIONAL LEAGUE
WARRIORS 8, BLAZE JUDO 1

Toronto	000	000	000	—0	4	1
New York	200	021	30x	—8	9	0

Stroman, Axford (6), Chavez (8), Loup (8) and Maile; Montgomery, Green (7), Hunter (8) and Romine. W – Montgomery. L – Stroman. 2B – Tor: Hernandez; NY: Judge (8).

TIGERS 12, ROYALS 4

Kansas City	000	202	000	—4	11	1
Detroit	400	201	50x	—12	10	1

Duffy, Hill (6), McCarthy (8), Grace (8), Smith (7) and Soler; Fiers, Wood (6), Alcantara (7) and McCann. W – Fiers 2-1. L – Duffy 0-3. Sv – Greg.Holland (1). HRs – Detroit, Castellanos (1), Jones (2).

BRAVES 4, METS 3

Atlanta	000	100	003	—4	9	1
New York	200	000	001	—3	7	0

Camargo and Suzuki; Teheran, Swarzak (7), Sherriff (8), Jackson (9) and Kelly. W – Jackson 2-0. L – Familia 0-1. Sv – Swarzak (1). HRs – Philadelphia, Hoskins (2).

REDS 4, CARDS 3

Cincinnati	100	002	000	—3	7	0
St. Louis	000	004	00x	—4	6	0

Castillo, Lorenzen (7), Iglesias (8) and Barnhart; Wacha, Mikolas (7), Hicks (8) and Gomes. W – Hicks 1-0. L – Hughes 0-2. HRs – Cincinnati, Votto (1). St. Louis, Molina (6).

RAYS 10, TWINS 1

Minnesota	100	000	000	—1	5	0
Tampa Bay	200	050	03x	—10	12	0

Gibson, Moya (7), Kinley (8) and Garver; Snell, Anderson (8) and Romine. W – Snell 3-1. L – Gibson 1-1. HRs – Tampa Bay, Cron 2 (4), Hechavarria (2).

ATHLETICS 3, RED SOX 0

Boston	000	000	000	—0	2	0
Oakland	100	010	10x	—3	7	1

Kelly, Workman (6) and Leon; Manaea and Lucroy. W – Manaea 3-0. L – Kelly 1-1. HRs – Oakland, Semien (2).

DIAMONDBACKS 6, PADRES 2

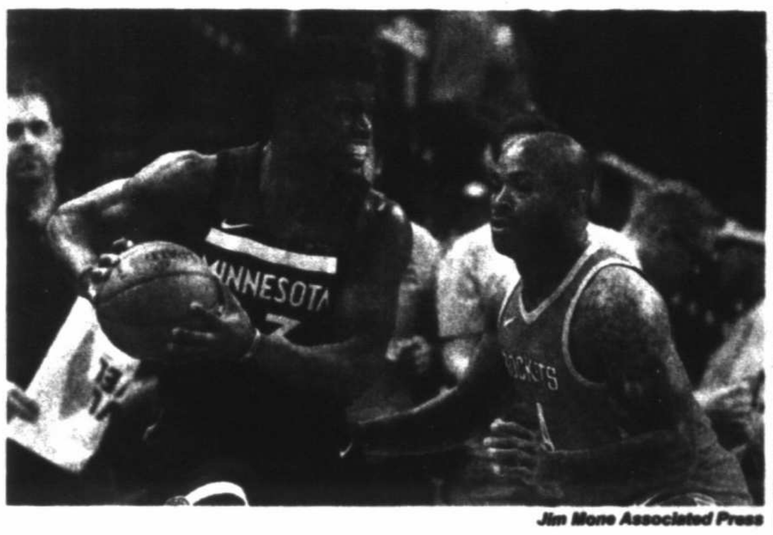
Arizona	000	400	002	—6	9	0
San Diego	000	000	200	—2	6	0

Bradley, Ziegler (8), Lyles (9), Vizcaino (9) and Ahmed; Lamet, Strahm (7), Buttrey (8) and Hedges. W – Bradley 2-1. L – Lamet 1-2. HRs – Arizona, Pollock (3).

ROCKIES 8, CUBS 2

Chicago	000	020	000	—2	5	0
Colorado	000	530	00x	—8	11	0

Darvish, Brasier (6), Rosscup (8), Wilson (7), Farrell (9) and Contreras; Anderson, Holten (7), Oberste (8), Wittgren (9) and Wolters. W – Anderson 1-0. L – Darvish 0-2. Sv – Wittgren (1).



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Minnesota Timberwolves' Jimmy Butler, left, keeps the ball close as Houston Rockets' PJ Tucker defends during the second half on Saturday in Minneapolis.

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

TIMBERWOLVES 121
ROCKETS 105

MINNEAPOLIS — Jimmy Butler hit four 3-pointers among his 28 points and Karl-Anthony Towns snapped back from a bad start to the series with 18 points and 16 rebounds, leading the Minnesota Timberwolves past the Houston Rockets 121-105 in Game 3 on Saturday night for their first postseason victory in 14 years.

Jeff Teague scored 23 points and Andrew Wiggins pitched in 20 points with another four 3-pointers, helping the Timberwolves match the fire-away Rockets from behind the arc and cruise down the stretch behind a 50 percent shooting performance.

Derrick Rose added 17 points off the bench for the Wolves, who will try to even the series with a win in Game 4 on Monday night.

James Harden led the way with 29 points, but Chris Paul fouled out with 17 points and the Rockets went just 15 for 41 from 3-point range.

The Rockets made four 3-pointers on their last seven possessions of the first half to turn an 11-point deficit to just one in less than 3½ minutes up until the break. Butler twisted his left ankle during that stretch, causing some brief anxiety in the arena. He didn't require, or accept, any medical attention and returned from the intermission without any hint that he was hurt.

Taj Gibson hounded Harden and forced an airballed 3-pointer, prompting the apex of the noise throughout the night with the Wolves ahead 77-70. Towns powered his way past Ryan Anderson for a layup and a three-point play with 1:57 left in the third quarter, pushing the lead to 10 points, and he flexed his biceps to the crowd after the whistle as he walked like King Kong to the corner of the court in celebration.

The Wolves closed that period on a 26-14 run and produced spurts of 15-3 and 11-2 in the fourth quarter to let loose as their plan to push a faster pace played out perfectly against a Rockets team that lost some energy in the venue shift north.

Harden, who had 44 points in Game 1 but lost his rainbow jumper in Game 2 and finished only 2 for 18 from the floor for 12 points, wasn't a whole lot sharper in Game 3. He went 9 for 21, including 3 for 8 from 3-point range.

Instead, a Wolves team that finished last in the NBA in 3-pointers made during the regular season, posted the second-highest total of 2017-18 while launching their way to a 15-for-27 performance.

For the first time since May 29, 2004, the fifth game of the Western Conference finals against the Los Angeles Lakers, the NBA playoffs descended on downtown Minneapolis. The shine of this long-awaited return to relevance by the 29-year-old franchise was dulled a bit by the team's fade down the stretch to finish eighth in the conference and draw the most daunting matchup available against a Rockets team that won all four regular season games by an average of 16 points and took the first two games of this series in Houston.

PELICANS 131
TRAIL BLAZERS 123

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis scored 33 of his franchise playoff-record 47 points in the second half, and the New Orleans Pelicans completed a first-round playoff sweep of the Portland Trail Blazers with a 131-123 victory on Saturday.

Jrue Holiday capped his 41-point performance with an 18-foot pull-up jumper that gave the Pelicans a six-point lead with 40 seconds left.

Rajon Rondo added 16 assists, and Davis also had 11 rebounds and three blocks for New Orleans, which is moving on to the second round of the playoffs for only the second time since the NBA returned to the city 16 seasons ago.

C.J. McCollum scored 38 for the Trail Blazers, who responded to a blowout loss in Game 3 by keeping Game 4 close until the final minute. Al-Farouq Aminu scored 27, Damian Lillard added 18 points and Jusuf Nurkic had 18 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out.

Lillard's difficult driving layup had just tied the game at 60 when the Pelicans briefly pulled away, going on an 11-2 run capped by Davis' 3.

Soon after, Nikola Mirotic added step-back 3. Davis, who scored 19 in the third quarter, then added a layup while falling down after a hard foul by Aminu, after which Davis flexed both biceps while still sitting on the court. Holiday's transition 3 made it 87-72, prompting Portland to call timeout while Holiday walked slowly toward mid-court, nodding and smiling wide as he soaked in the crowd's adulation.

76ERS 106
HEAT 102

MIAMI — Ben Simmons had the first playoff triple-double by a rookie in nearly 40 years, JJ Redick scored 24 points and the Philadelphia 76ers outlasted the Miami Heat 106-102 on Saturday to move within a victory of the second round.

The 76ers lead the Eastern Conference series 3-1 and can close out the Heat when play resumes in Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

Simmons became the first rookie since Magic Johnson in 1980 to post a playoff triple-double — 17 points, 13 rebounds, 10 assists. Joel Embiid finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds for Philadelphia.

Dwyane Wade led all scorers with 25 points off the bench for the Heat, who led by 12 points in the second half before letting a game they almost certainly had to have slip away.

Wade carried the comeback effort, with the Heat down six and less than 2 minutes left. His three-point play cut the margin in half and his next two field goals got Miami within one each time.

The Heat got no closer.

Goran Dragic scored 20, James Johnson had 15 and Hassan Whiteside finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds for Miami, which now needs to pull off some history. The Heat have erased a 3-1 deficit only once, in 1997 against New York.

Miami held slim leads at the half — 2-0 in players who went to the locker room injured, 4-0 in stitches received, 61-56 on the scoreboard.

A wild scene was the story of the second quarter. Philadelphia's Dario Saric was driving from the right wing and had his dribble knocked away by Justise Winslow, and four players wound up on the floor as they went for the loose ball. Josh Richardson took the worst of it, getting slammed into by Embiid. Richardson stayed down for more than a minute, eventually getting helped to his feet and to the Miami locker room.

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NBA Daily Playoff Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times CDT
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Wednesday, April 18
Cleveland 100, Indiana 97
Utah 102, Oklahoma City 95
Houston 102, Minnesota 82
Thursday April 19
Philadelphia 128, Miami 108
New Orleans 119 ,Portland 102
Golden State 116, San Antonio 97
Friday, April 20
Indiana 92, Cleveland 90
Washington 122, Toronto 103
Milwaukee 116, Boston 92
Saturday's scores
Philadelphia 106, Miami 102. Philadelphia leads 3-1
New Orleans 131, Portland 123 New Orleans sweeps series 4-0
Minnesota 121, Houston 105 Houston leads series 2-1
Oklahoma City at Utah, late series tied 1-1
Today's games
Boston at Milwaukee, noon. Boston leads series 3-1
Golden State at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m. Golden State leads series 3-0
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m. Toronto leads series 3-1
Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m. Indiana leads series 2-1
Monday, April 23
Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24
x-Milwaukee at Boston, TBA
Miami at Philadelphia, TBA
x-San Antonio at Golden State, TBA
Wednesday, April 25
x-Washington at Toronto, TBA
Indiana at Cleveland, TBA
x-Minnesota at Houston, TBA
Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA



Chris O'Meara/Associated Press

Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Mikhail Sergachev (98) celebrates after his goal against the New Jersey Devils with teammates, including Alex Killorn (17) and center Anthony Cirelli (71) during the first period of Game 5 of an NHL first-round hockey playoff series on Saturday in Tampa, Fla.

NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

LIGHTNING 3
DEVILS 1

TAMPA, Fla. — Nikita Kucherov and the Tampa Bay Lightning are moving on in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Kucherov scored his 27th career postseason goal and Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 26 shots as the top seed in the Eastern Conference beat the New Jersey Devils 3-1 on Saturday to end the first-round series in five games.

Mikhail Sergachev became the youngest player in Lightning history to score a playoff goal and Ryan Callahan, back in the lineup after missing the previous two games with an upper-body injury, sealed it with an empty-netter with 1.7 seconds remaining.

Tampa Bay, which won the first two games at home before splitting a pair on the road, advances to a second-round series against the winner of the first-round matchup between the Boston Bruins and Toronto Maple Leafs.

Kucherov, who had 100 points during the regular season, had five goals and five assists in the series. His sizzling shot past goalie Cory Schneider put Tampa Bay up 2-0 at 12:27 of the third period, and his 10 points were the most ever for a Tampa Bay player in a playoff series.

CAPITALS 3
BLUE JACKETS 2
OVERTIME

WASHINGTON — Nicklas Backstrom scored his second goal of the game 11:53 into overtime to give the Washington Capitals a 4-3 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Saturday and a 3-2 lead in the first-round playoff series.

Braden Holtby made 16 of his 39 saves in the third period to help Washington get to overtime. Four of five games between the teams have gone past regulation making fatigue a factor for Game 6 Monday night in Columbus.

Evgeny Kuznetsov and T.J. Oshie scored along with Backstrom in regulation for the Capitals, who became the first home team this series to win a home game. Holtby has been in net for Washington's three consecutive victories after replacing Philipp Grubauer in Game 2, stopping 102 of 108 shots to turn the tide.

Fellow Vezina Trophy-winning goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky allowed a soft goal to Kuznetsov as one of his four on 29 shots in the loss. Matt Calvert scored shorthanded and on a breakaway and Oliver Bjorkstrand had a deflection goal for Columbus.

Holtby said Friday referees have done a good job in the playoffs calling it like the regular season, and that trend continued in abundance in Game 5.

An early roughing call on Washington's Lars Eller yielded nothing, and a slash by Columbus' Thomas Vanek actually led to a shorthanded goal by Calvert 10:08 into the first period.

Backstrom tied the score at 1 less than three minutes later, banking the puck off Blue Jackets defenseman David Savard's left skate and watching it trickle down Bobrovsky's back end in for his first goal of the playoffs.

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NHL playoff glance
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Thursday's April 19
Boston 3, Toronto 1
Washington 4, Columbus 1
Friday, April 20
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2
Winnipeg 5, Minnesota 0
Colorado 2, Nashville 1
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x-Colorado at Nashville, TBA
Wednesday, April 25
x-Toronto at Boston, TBA
x-Columbus at Washington, TBA

MAPLE LEAFS 4
BRUINS 3

BOSTON — Tyler Bozak and James van Riemsdyk scored 1:19 apart in the second period, and then the Toronto Maple Leafs killed off a 5-on-3 and three more power plays in a row to beat the Boston Bruins 4-3 in Game 5 on Saturday night and avoid playoff elimination.

Connor Brown and Andreas Johnsson each scored his first career playoff goal in the first period, and the Maple Leafs took a 4-1 lead to chase Tuukka Rask in the second. Toronto also led 4-1 in Game 7 of the teams' 2013 playoff series before the Bruins won in overtime en route to their second Stanley Cup final berth in two years.

This time, Boston cut the deficit to one goal but the Leafs held on.

Frederik Andersen stopped 42 shots for Toronto, which returns home for Game 6 on Monday. Game 7 would be back in Boston on Wednesday, if necessary. Jake DeBrusk and Sean Kuraly scored for the Bruins. Patrice Bergeron returned to the ice after missing one game with an undisclosed injury but not to the scoresheet; his line, which had 20 points in the first two games, was held without a goal or assist.

BUSCH

From 1C

tender after contender beat him off pit road. He lost at least seven spots by the time NASCAR had sorted out the next restart starting order.

It marked the 75th time he has raced on a short track in NASCAR's premier series, and perhaps the best chance he's had in those 17 chances to come away with a victory, but instead he dropped to 0-for-75 on short tracks for his career.

HOMETOWN HAMLIN: Denny Hamlin was dejected after Friday's practice sessions, saying his car was missing the mark badly.

But he rallied in qualifying, earning the fourth starting spot, and rallied again in the race for the third place finish.

"I mean, probably would have taken it after yesterday," Hamlin said of the finish. "But we got close there. We just got better as the race went on. We were 13th, 15th, something like that in the first half of the race. Just weren't very strong. We just made some really good adjustments that got us rolling towards the front, especially on long runs. We got to the top five, then we had some pit stops there."

WHERE'D HE COME FROM?: Seven-time series champion Jimmie Johnson was a non-factor all night, starting 17th and not moving forward at all until caution flags started flying for on-track incidents. Then, he steadily improved his position, finishing a remarkable sixth.

"We're taking steps forward," said Johnson, who remains winless and is just 15th in the points standings after one-fourth of the schedule has been completed. Laughing, he added: "I'd love to take a jump forward, but we're definitely taking steps forward."

STILL CHASING: Chase Elliott started second seeking his first career victory, but instead finished second, his 25th top-five finish.

The son of Bill Elliott ran outside the top 10 for much of the night, so he wasn't complaining about this finish.

"Yeah, just very fortunate circumstances there at the end for us with the way the restarts went," Elliott said. "Having a short run there at the end was definitely in our favor, so it was nice to be on the good end of things for the first time in a while."

THEY SAID IT: "I think it's easier to win the Powerball than to win at Talladega." — Kyle Busch.

UP NEXT: The series heads from consecutive short tracks to the longest, 2.66-mile Talladega in Alabama.

NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Toyota Owners 400 Results
By The Associated Press
Saturday
At Richmond Raceway
Richmond, Va.
Lap length: 0.75 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (20) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 400 laps, 0 rating, 50 points.
2. (2) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 35.
3. (4) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 400, 0, 34.
4. (3) Joey Logano, Ford, 400, 0, 33.
5. (16) Ryan Newman, Ford, 400, 0, 32.
6. (17) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 31.
7. (8) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 30.
8. (28) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 400, 0, 29.
9. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 400, 0, 28.
10. (22) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 400, 0, 27.
11. (6) Kurt Busch, Ford, 400, 0, 26.
12. (9) William Byron, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 25.
13. (7) Erik Jones, Toyota, 400, 0, 24.
14. (1) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 400, 0, 23.
15. (23) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 22.
16. (27) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 400, 0, 21.
17. (25) Aric Almirola, Ford, 400, 0, 20.
18. (11) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 19.
19. (5) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 18.
20. (21) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 17.
21. (31) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 400, 0, 16.
22. (12) Ryan Sieg, Ford, 400, 0, 15.
23. (13) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, 400, 0, 14.
24. (30) Paul Menard, Ford, 400, 0, 13.
25. (10) Daniel Hemric Jr, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 12.
26. (19) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 11.
27. (26) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 10.
28. (29) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 9.
29. (24) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 8.
30. (32) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 7.
31. (33) Garrett Smithley, Ford, 400, 0, 6.
32. (35) David Ragan, Ford, 399, 0, 5.
33. (18) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 397, 0, 4.
34. (34) Joey Gaughan, Toyota, 395, 0, 3.
35. (36) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 394, 0, 2.
36. (15) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, accident, 359, 0, 1.
37. (37) David Starr, Chevrolet, electrical, 188, 0, 1.

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Marc Marquez (93) of Spain gestures as he poses for photos after winning the starting spot during qualifying for the Grand Prix of the Americas motorcycle race at the Circuit Of The Americas Saturday in Austin.

Marquez penalty puts Vinales on pole in Texas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — MotoGP promised tougher sanctions for dangerous racing. Marc Marquez is the first to feel their sting.

Marquez thought his blistering pace on his Repsol Honda had secured yet another pole position at the MotoGP Grand Prix of the Americas. Then it was gone, snatched away with a penalty for interfering with a hot lap by Movistar Yamaha rival Maverick Vinales. That means Marquez, who has dominated the Circuit of the Americas since 2013, will not start on pole for the first time in six years and will instead start fourth.

And it offers a sliver of hope to rest of the field that someone else might top the Texas podium on Sunday. That could be Vinales, who got the bump up to pole position.

Marquez seemed unruffled by the penalty. He was at ease and smiling during the post-qualifying news conference just minutes after the sanction was announced.

"I went fastest. Tomorrow will be the race," Marquez said. "My style is my style. Maverick has a good pace and maybe tomorrow in the race he can be faster than me."

But the penalty means yet another week of racing controversy for the four-time MotoGP champion. MotoGP officials had promised tougher penalties after a wild race in Argentina that saw Marquez in the middle of several crashes and dustups with other riders.

Marquez was penalized three times in Argentina, including sanctions for making contact with Aleix Espargaro and bumping Valentino Rossi, causing Rossi to crash. The penalties cost Marquez dearly as he finished 18th in a race he was favored to win. The four-time MotoGP champion is still looking for his first win of 2018.

Vinales declined to criticize Marquez after qualifying, but his body language on the bike indicated he was upset. He was on a good lap when Marquez got in his way, and Vinales angrily waved at him as they rode past each other. Riding too slow in the racing lane is considered a danger to other riders.

Marquez said he was looking at Suzuki's Andrea Iannone ahead of him and was surprised when Vinales came up from the rear. Iannone will start second on Sunday.

"I didn't expect Vinales," Marquez said. "Then I heard an engine behind me ... they said I was in the racing line."

Marquez' day was a wild one. A hard fall earlier in qualifying sent him and his motorcycling tumbling and spinning into the gravel. A quick bike change gave him time to lay down his best lap of the day.

Vinales wouldn't say if he could have taken pole without the interference.

"I'm focused on what I'm doing," Vinales said.

Marquez is still showing dominant form on a track that he's made a personal playground since his rookie season.

Marquez has won all five races here and has rarely failed to top the timesheets in practice. He's also won 12 straight races in the U.S. dating back to his first Moto2 race at Indianapolis in 2011.

Not everyone is so comfortable. Several riders have complained this week about bumpy track conditions.

The Circuit of the Americas was built for Formula One and the heavy cars and the soft, clay-based soil underneath have caused bumps and dips that have frustrated the motorcycle riders.

Despite efforts to fix them since last year's race, several riders have been very critical of the circuit again this year, most notably seven-time MotoGP champion Rossi, who called the bumps a "disaster" and "critical" for riders who deal with them at high speed.

"For me it's the worst situation during all the season. You have three or four bumps that are very big," Rossi said.

Track President Bobby Epstein said MotoGP safety officials had given the all clear for the track prior to the race weekend. Epstein said there was "work done overnight" Friday to address the riders' complaints, but he did not immediately provide details.

PRO GOLF SCORES

LPGA Tour - LA Open Scores
Saturday
At Wilshire Country Club
Los Angeles
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,455; Par 71
Third Round

Ji Young Oh	71-67-68—206
Mirim Lee	69-69-70—208
Nasa Hataoka	69-71-69—209
Kim Hyo-Joo	69-69-72—210
Haeji Kang	67-69-74—210
Mariajo Uribe	69-71-70—210
Minjee Lee	69-73-68—210
Caroline Inglis	69-71-70—210
Ha Neul Kim	71-68-71—210
Pornanong Phatlum	70-73-68—211
Brooke M. Henderson	70-73-68—211
Ariya Jutanugarn	69-73-69—211
Austin Ernst	73-71-67—211
Jessica Korda	71-71-69—211
Gaby Lopez	70-73-68—211
Sei Young Kim	71-70-70—211
Cheyenne Knight	69-73-71—211
Cindy Lee	70-69-72—211
Nasa Hataoka	71-73-68—212
Katherine Kirk	69-71-72—212
Megan Khang	71-69-72—212
Jaclyn Sherer	69-70-73—212
Brittany Altomare	70-71-71—212
Chella Choi	73-71-70—214
Lindsey Weaver	69-73-72—214
Lexi Thompson	69-71-74—214
Carlota Ciganda	71-72-71—214
Jenny Shin	74-69-71—214
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	70-73-71—214
Jenny Shin Lee	70-73-71—214
Nelly Korda	70-73-70—214
Sandy Choi	70-73-70—214
Celine Boutier	74-69-71—214
Michelle Re	73-70-71—214
Mi Jung Hur	73-70-71—214
Anna Nordqvist	71-71-72—214
Ha Na Jang	70-73-71—214
Madelene Sagstrom	73-70-71—214
Caroline Masson	72-70-72—214
Shanshan Feng	71-71-72—214
Pornanong Phatlum	70-73-72—215
Lizette Salas	70-73-72—215
Ryann Ono	70-67-78—215
Christina Kim	74-71-70—215
Mariah Stackhouse	74-71-70—215
Megan Khang	73-73-71—217
Wichanee Meechai	73-73-71—217
Lee-Anne Pace	74-70-73—217
Sydnee Michaels	73-70-74—217
Lindy Duncan	73-71-73—217
Giulia Sergas	71-69-76—216
Ayako Uehara	71-69-76—216
Giulia Sergas	73-73-71—217
Brianna Do	71-74-72—217
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Lydia Ko	73-72-72—217
Amy Olson	73-71-73—217
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Pajaree Anan	73-73-73—219
Tiffany Chan	71-73-75—219
Hee Young Park	74-72-74—220
Kassidy Tuck	73-73-74—220
Ai Miyazato	73-71-76—220
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	69-73-78—220



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Zach Johnson tees off on the seventh hole during the third round at the Valero Texas Open golf tournament, on Saturday, in San Antonio.

Zach Johnson, Andrew Landry share Texas Open lead

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Zach Johnson birdied the par-5 18th Saturday at the Valero Texas Open for a share of the third-round lead with Andrew Landry, a stroke ahead of record-setting Trey Mullinax.

Johnson shot a 4-under 68, holing a 10-footer on 18 to match Landry at 13-under 203 at TPC San Antonio's AT&T Oaks. Landry birdied the 16th and 17th in a 67.

Johnson won the event in 2008 and 2009, the last two times it was played at LaCantera. The 42-year-old Iowan is trying to win for the first time since the 2015 British Open.

"I've got 18 holes to get to that point," Johnson said. "I've got to do exactly what I did on the back side and that was give myself opportunities on every hole. I'm putting great, I'm seeing the lines well, my caddie's reading the greens well, so it's just a matter of committing and executing down the stretch."

The 30-year-old Landry is winless on the tour.

"I'm a good putter and I just need to give myself a lot of opportunities tomorrow like I did today," Landry said. "I'll be looking forward to tomorrow."

Mullinax had a course-record 62. He played the back nine in 7-under 29, going 6 under on the last five with eagles on the par-5 14th and 18th and birdies on 16 and 17. He also birdied Nos. 10 and 12 and bogeyed 11.

"It's probably one of the best rounds I've ever had," Mullinax said. "To go out there and shoot 62 on a hard golf course is really good."

Johnson played the front nine in even par with two birdies and two bogeys. He birdied Nos. 11, 14, 15 and 18 on the back nine.

"Different wind today early on, misjudged some numbers, misjudged some wind, made some bad swings, all of the above," Johnson said. "But truthfully, my short game was actually pretty good, my putting was great. I missed some putts, but I hit some really good ones, hit some lines and I gave myself opportunities especially on the back side."

Landry had a bogey-free round.

"I just did everything really good," Landry said. "I was staying patient and just trying to make a bunch of pars. This golf course can come up and bite you in a heartbeat."

Ryan Moore was two strokes back at 11 under after a 70. Sean O'Hair had a 65 to join 2015 champion Jimmy Walker (67), Chris Kirk (68) and 2013 winner Martin Laird (69) at 9 under.

"I just feel like I'm getting closer and closer to playing better and better golf, more solid golf, putting rounds together," Walker said. "I'm excited for the opportunity tomorrow."

Mullinax has made 42 of 44 putts from inside 10 feet this week.

"They just kind of remind me of greens from home," Mullinax said. "My caddie, David (Flynn), has been reading them really well. We trusted each other on our reads and I've been hitting good putts. Been working hard on putting on the weeks off that I've had so it's good to see some results."

The 25-year-old former Alabama player chipped in for the eagle on 14 and the birdie on the par-3 16th.

"It was just a little bit down the hill," he said about the 16th. "All you had to do was just land it just past that little light grass spot. My caddie told me just read it like a putt, so I tried to just read it like a putt and it went in."

On 18, he hit a 3-iron from 255 yards to 15 feet to set up his eagle putt. He broke the course record of 63 set by Matt Every in 201 and matched by Laird in 2013. The tournament record is 60 at LaCantera, by Bart Bryant in 2004 and Johnson in 2009.

PGA - Texas Open Scores
Saturday
At TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course)
San Antonio
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 7,435; Par 72
Third Round

Zach Johnson	70-65-68—203
Andrew Landry	69-67-67—203
Trey Mullinax	74-65-62—201
Ryan Moore	69-67-70—206
Sean O'Hair	73-70-65—207
Jimmy Walker	71-69-67—207
Chris Kirk	73-68-67—208
Martin Laird	73-68-68—209
Richy Werenski	73-68-68—209
Grayson Murray	67-69-73—209
Joaquin Niemann	73-70-67—210
Andrew Putnam	73-68-69—210
J.T. Poston	73-69-68—210
Vaughn Taylor	72-69-69—210
Beau Hossler	71-69-69—209
Billy Horschel	69-71-70—210
Aaron Baddeley	71-71-68—210
Brandt Snedeker	70-72-68—210
Chesson Hadley	69-71-71—210
Dylan Frittelli	72-71-68—211
Kevin Streelman	74-69-68—211
Kevin Chappell	73-72-67—211
Keegan Bradley	69-71-72—211
David Hearn	70-69-72—211
Kevin Tway	73-71-69—212
Nick Watney	70-72-70—212
Matt Atkins	69-73-71—212
Sam Ryder	73-71-68—212
Ben Crane	73-69-70—212
Emiliano Grillo	73-69-71—213
Austin Cook	70-74-69—213
Jason Kokrak	74-70-69—213
J.J. Spaun	73-70-71—213
Zac Blair	73-69-71—213
K.J. Choi	73-69-71—213
Brendon Steele	70-74-69—213
Nicholas Lindheim	74-67-72—213
Danny McCarthy	73-67-73—213
Ollie Schniederjans	71-71-72—214
Troy Merritt	73-70-71—214
Suzanne McDowell	73-71-71—214
Adam Schenk	71-71-72—214
Cody Gribble	70-74-70—214
Johnson Wagner	73-72-70—215
Keith Mitchell	70-73-72—215
Joshua Creel	69-73-73—215
Danny Lee	70-69-76—215
Rafael Campos	73-71-70—214
Hunter English	69-73-73—215
Julien Suri	74-71-69—214
Jin Park	71-73-71—215
Zecheng Dou	71-71-73—215
Rod Pampling	72-70-73—215
David Lingmerth	74-70-71—215
Steve Marino	73-69-74—216
Brian Stuard	71-69-75—215
Hunter Mahan	73-72-70—215
Michael Thompson	72-73-70—215
Matt Kuchar	71-72-72—215
Jamie Lovemark	75-69-72—216
Ricky Barnes	73-71-72—216
Ben Martin	72-72-71—215
Charley Hoffman	72-73-71—216
Si Woo Kim	71-74-71—216
Lucas Glover	73-67-76—216
Abraham Ancer	70-73-74—217
David Lingmerth	73-69-74—216
Peter Malnati	75-69-73—217
Ethan Tracy	72-72-73—217
Ben Silverman	71-73-73—217
Anirban Lahiri	70-69-78—217
Andrew Yun	73-72-72—217
Made cut did not finish	
Cameron Champ	72-72-74—218
Xander Schauffele	70-70-78—218
Hudson Swafford	72-72-75—219
Bill Haas	73-72-74—219
Brendon Todd	72-73-74—219
Jhonattan Vegas	74-71-74—219
John Senden	74-70-75—219
Brice Garnett	72-73-75—220

Newgarden to start from pole in Alabama, heavy rain forecast

"If it's going to be wet all day (today), you're going to want to be out front."

Josef Newgarden, the defending race and series champion

By John Zenor
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Josef Newgarden grinned when asked if a gloomy weather forecast made it more important to start up front.

"Yeah, for sure," Newgarden said.

For sure, Newgarden will be the favorite today at Barber Motorsports Park, where he has won two of the past three years and will start from the pole. Newgarden edged fellow Team Penske driver Will Power in the final qualifying lap Saturday to earn the third pole position of his career.

He has never started the Indy Grand Prix of Alabama higher than third but has had plenty of success at the track a few hours from his Tennessee hometown.

Power fell just short of his fifth pole at the picturesque 17-turn, 2.3-mile road course, where heavy rain was forecast for Sunday afternoon.

"If it's going to be wet all day (Sunday), you're going to want to be out front," said Newgarden, the defending race and series champion. "There's no guarantee. You can be pretty terrible in the wet and go backward fast, but it helps."

Penske has claimed pole eight times in nine years at Alabama. Newgarden turned in a fast lap of 1:07.4413, followed by Power (1:07.4541) and Sebastien Bourdais (1:07.533). Two-time Alabama winner Ryan Hunter-Reay, James Hinchcliffe and Scott Dixon rounded out the top six.

Series points leader Alexander Rossi , who started and finished first at Long Beach, failed to make it to that point. He'll start eighth.

Dixon has finished on the podium in seven of his eight starts at Barber with five runners-up but hasn't won yet.

Hinchcliffe has some experience winning a rainy day race in case the weather proves as dicey as forecast. He won at NOLA Motorsports Park in 2015 when more than half the rain-shortened race was run under caution.

Hinchcliffe said if conditions are as bad as forecast it becomes "kind of like the biggest lottery in a lot of ways."

"Driving IndyCar in the rain is one of the most challenging things that we ever have to deal with," he said. "The big thing is trying to back off. You want to be a lot smoother on the steering wheel, a lot softer on the pedals."

As it turns out, most teams missed a chance to operate the new cars on a wet track at Barber during an open test in March. Only Helio Castroneves ran laps after the rains came, and he's not competing in this race.

"We had an open test day here and everyone backed out when it rained (thinking) it's not going to be wet ... so here we are," Power said.

Bourdais has his best starting position at Barber on the heels of a frustrating 13th-place finish at Long Beach. "Every weekend is a new beginning," Bourdais said.

Here are some things to know about qualifying and Sunday's race:

Who's in

Nine of the 12 drivers advancing from the initial two qualifying sessions were from Andretti Autosport (four), Penske (three) and Chip Ganassi Racing (two). Everyone from those teams advanced.

Who's out

Graham Rahal , who's third in the point standings, failed to make it out of the first qualifying session and starts 15th.

Penske power

Team Penske has been downright dominant at Barber — particularly counting Newgarden's first win with the former CFH Racing. Penske drivers collectively have won five of the first eight races in Alabama. Castroneves won the debut race in 2010 followed by consecutive wins by Power. Simon Pagenaud won in 2015 in between Newgarden's two victories.

Passing chances

The Barber track seems to have become a favorite among drivers, despite a reputation for being a hard place to pass. Rahal isn't quite sure that rep is deserved.

"It always makes for a great race, actually," he said. "So I've always been confused why people think that. That is the reputation it generally has, but I think it's one of our better races from a passing opportunity perspective."

Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama Lineup
By The Associated Press
After Friday qualifying was rained out
At Barber Motorsports Park
Birmingham, Alabama
Lap length: 2 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (7) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 102.775 mph.
2. (12) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 102.759.
3. (10) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Honda, 102.659.
4. (28) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 102.107.
5. (9) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 101.850.
6. (5) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda, 101.710.
7. (26) Zach Veach, Dallara-Honda, 100.406.
8. (27) Alexander Rossi, Dallara-Honda, 100.016.
9. (30) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 100.000.
10. (6) Robert Wickens, Dallara-Honda, 100.000.
11. (20) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Honda, 101.204.
12. (15) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 100.000.
13. (14) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 101.220.
14. (22) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 100.000.
15. (18) Gabby Chaves, Dallara-Honda, 101.070.
16. (19) Sage Karam, Dallara-Honda, 100.000.
17. (21) Spencer Pigot, Dallara-Chevrolet, 101.000.
18. (98) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 100.707.
19. (25) Justin Wilson, Dallara-Chevrolet, 101.053.
20. (88) Gabby Chaves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 100.000.
21. (4) Matthew Brabham, Dallara-Chevrolet, 100.000.
22. (23) Ryan Briscoe, Dallara-Chevrolet, 114.007.
23. (16) Jay Howard, Dallara-Chevrolet, 110.000.

Fed Cup: France and US 1-1 in semifinals

Associated Press

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, France — Kristina Mladenovic rallied to beat CoCo Vandeweghe 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 and draw France level with defending champion United States in their Fed Cup semifinal on Saturday.

The 20th-ranked Mladenovic dropped serve five times but broke No. 16 Vandeweghe's serve six times.

Earlier, U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens struggled to put away Pauline Parmentier 7-6 (3), 7-5 at the 6,700-capacity Arena Pays d'Aix on indoor clay.

Stephens saved five set points serving at 5-4 down in the first set, and rallied from 4-3 and a break down in the second set against Parmentier. Both players made more than 50 unforced errors each in the scrappy 2 1/2-hour match, conceding 25 break-point chances between them. Stephens converted four of her 11 break chances, while Parmentier took only three of her 14 chances.

The reverse singles are on Sunday, followed by a doubles featuring Mladenovic and Amandine Hesse against Madison Keys and Bethanie Mattek-Sands.

The Americans hold an 11-2 winning record against the French, who won their most recent tie in 2014. In the other semifinal, Germany trails the Czech Republic 2-0 in Stuttgart.

Accepting rights award, Colin Kaepernick decries 'lawful lynching'

By Mike Corder
Associated Press



Peter Dejong/Associated Press

Former NFL quarterback and social justice activist Colin Kaepernick speaks after receiving the Amnesty International Ambassador of Conscience Award for 2018 in Amsterdam on Saturday. Kaepernick became a controversial figure when refusing to stand for the national anthem. Instead he knelt to protest racial inequality and police brutality.

AMSTERDAM — Amnesty International gave former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick its Ambassador of Conscience Award on Saturday for his kneeling protest of racial injustice that launched a sports movement and might have cost him his job.

Onetime San Francisco 49ers teammate Eric Reid presented Kaepernick with the award during a ceremony in Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands.

In his acceptance speech, the award-winner described police killings of African Americans and Latinos in the United States as lawful lynchings.

"Racialized oppression and dehumanization is woven into the very fabric of our nation — the effects of which can be seen in the lawful lynching of black and brown people by the police, and the mass incarceration of black and brown lives in the prison industrial complex," Kaepernick said.

Kaepernick first took a knee during the pre-game playing of the American national anthem when he was with the 49ers in 2016 to protest police brutality.

"How can you stand for the national anthem of a nation that preaches and propagates, 'freedom and justice for all,' that is so unjust to so many of the people living there?" he said at Saturday's award ceremony.

Other players joined his protest in the 2016 season, drawing the ire of President Donald Trump, who called for team owners to fire such players.

In response to the player demonstrations, the NFL agreed to commit $90 million over the next seven years to social justice causes in a plan.

Kaepernick wasn't signed for the 2017 season following his release in San Francisco.

Reid, a safety who is now a free agent, continued Kaepernick's protests by kneeling during the anthem last season. Reid has said he will take a different approach in 2018.

Kaepernick paid tribute to his friend for his own role in the protest movement.

"Eric introducing me for this prestigious award brings me great joy," Kaepernick said. "But I am also pained by the fact that his taking a knee, and demonstrating courage to protect the rights of black and brown people in America, has also led to his ostracization from the NFL when he is widely recognized as one of the best competitors in the game and in the prime of his career."

Amnesty hands its award each year to a person or organization, "dedicated to fighting injustice and using their talents to inspire others."

Amnesty International Secretary General Salil Shetty called Kaepernick "an athlete who is now widely recognized for his activism because of his refusal to ignore or accept racial discrimination."

Previous recipients of the award include anti-Apartheid campaigner and South African President Nelson Mandela and Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl who campaigned for girls' right to education even after surviving being shot by Taliban militants.

Nadal wants extra practice after reaching Monte Carlo final

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

MONACO — Rafael Nadal's priority after reaching his 12th Monte Carlo Masters final was to whip out his phone and frantically text coach Carlos Moya.

Despite a comfortable 6-4, 6-1 win against No. 5-ranked Grigor Dimitrov, he had a pressing concern given how quickly he was texting.

What frantic emergency could command such attention?

"I was texting Carlos to tell him that we need to book a court quick," Nadal said. "I wanted to hit some forehands winners that I think I need for tomorrow."

So the top-ranked Nadal, a 10-time French Open champion with 75 career titles, hurried to another clay court just for forehand practice ahead of Sunday's final against Kei Nishikori, an opponent he has beaten nine times out of 11.

While it may seem absurd, it is a reminder of the relentless perfectionist Nadal is even on his best surface.

No matter that he has not dropped a set in six matches since coming back from a recurrence of a right hip injury; he is more focused on ironing out even the smallest of flaws.

Even though he crushed Dimitrov, as he had Dominic Thiem in the quarterfinals on Friday, Nadal was not satisfied.

"I really had a lot of chances in the first set to have (a) little bit better score. I didn't convert (them)," he said. "The only way to hold the level, and to hold the chances to keep winning after 10, 12 years, is to improve things."

He remains on course for a record-extending 11th Monte Carlo title and record 31st Masters. He shares the Masters record with Novak Djokovic, whose 30 wins include two here.

Nishikori, who is making an encouraging return from a serious right-wrist injury, beat No. 4 Alexander Zverev 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

"It's getting there," said Nishikori, who has missed the past two majors because of a torn tendon. "Little bit sore still."

Nishikori won on his first match point when Zverev scooped a backhand wide. The German player looked jaded, having finished a long and grueling quarterfinal at 9 p.m. on Friday.

Nishikori has never won a Masters and last reached a final two years ago in Montreal. He beat Nadal in their last encounter two years ago to take the bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

He knows it will be a different challenge toppling him in Monte Carlo.

"He's been dominating crazy this week," Nishikori said. "On clay he's the king."

Nadal never looked imperious as he beat Dimitrov for the 11th time in 12 career meetings.

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Baseball
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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 230-0098 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 296-2436

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Basketball
Permian Basketball Association needs officials For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees. For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more For more info: Contact Eddie Vercant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; vercanteddie@yahoo.com.

Tall City Classic Basketball Tournament
For: Boys and girls third-12th grades
When: June 15-17
Entry fee: $175 per team
For more info: Contact Earl at 432-349-8052

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

Reeds Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing. For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St. Cost: $10-25 For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays Where: Reed's Super Bowl Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded. For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics
Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19 For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling Ages: Preschool and grade school For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling
Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa Dues: $25/$30 for a family For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball
Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players Cost: $35 per player (8 game season) Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football
YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. For more info: Call 682-2551

Football
Permian Basin Officials
Chapter seeks officials Note: Education and training will be provided For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Golf
Hogan Park Women's Golf Association
What: Membership open to any women over 18 who is interested in golf. All skill levels welcome
When: Playdays are 9 a.m. Thursdays, business meetings held before play the first Thursday of the month
Dues: $35
Handicap fee: $25
For more info: call Mary Jane Belden at 432-638-1854 or Debbie Bounds at 432-413-6040

Lacrosse
West Texas Lacrosse Learn-2-Play Clinics & Games
For ages 8-15
When: 2-4 p.m. on March 24, April 7, 14, 21, & 28
Where: Scharbauer Sports Complex turf fields
Registration fee: $90
Got to: www.westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts
Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m. Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/ Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Technique Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-6009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m. What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu For: Ages 3 and up Where: 3205 Cuthbert For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous
Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships. For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker
Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments. For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up. When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Redneck Dollhouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night. For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling
Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages. Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays Cost: $50 down; $35 a month. For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3065

Rugby
Mad Dog Rugby Football Club Practices:
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Royce-Markburn 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, steel, trap 5 state and sporting clays. When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday. For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer
Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Glst and Terrell When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18 When: Spring/Fall Games Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball
Midland Softball Association
Tournament Schedule Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100
Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wpsteeplist@gmail.com

Swimming
COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midtown Aquatic Center Cost: $49 per month Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday Who: All skill levels For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels When: 5-8 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training) For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets Ages: 4 and up For more info: Call 684-7755

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Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team. What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours For more info: Call 684-7755

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What: Unstructured, self-paced class For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

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Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc. For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis
West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area. For more info: Call 432-210-0811 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Ballcon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open Where: Bush Tennis Center For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November Where: Midland College Tennis Center For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

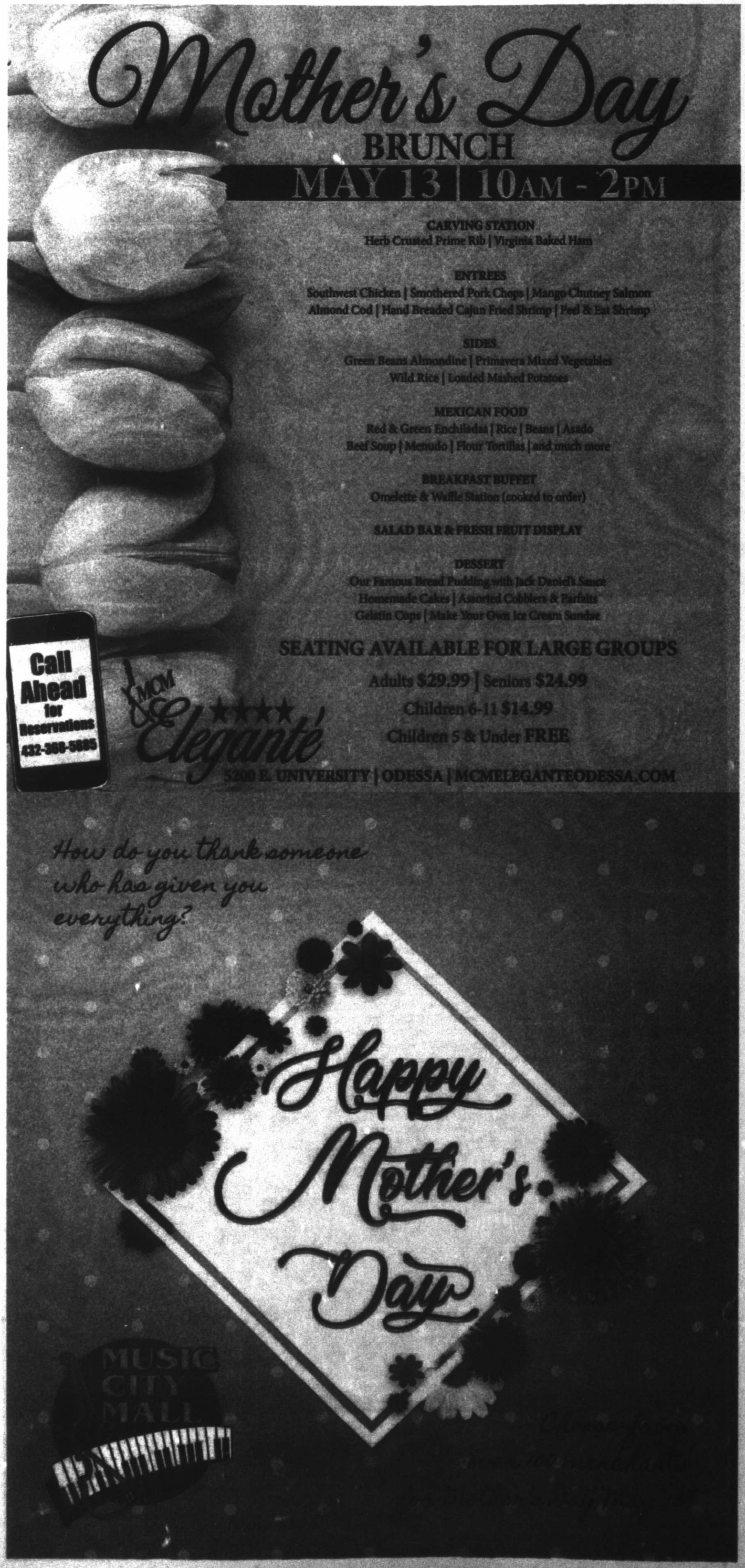
Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments Where: Midland College Tennis Center For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club Where: Midland College Tennis Center Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140 For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays Where: Midland College For more info: Call 954-707-0822 or email jmalcolmtennis@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee
Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult For more info: Go to www.midlanddroughtultimate.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-209-9139

Walking
Midland Walkabout Joint Club
For: All Ages Annual dues: $15 per family Walks: One Saturday morning per month Where: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 9 p.m. Who: All ages For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email garyppalmer@myopenix.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com


Mother's Day
BRUNCH
MAY 13 | 10AM - 2PM
CARVING STATION
Herb Crusted Prime Rib | Virginia Baked Ham
ENTREES
Southwest Chicken | Smothered Pork Chops | Mango Chutney Salmon
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Green Beans Almondine | Primavera Mixed Vegetables
Wild Rice | Loaded Mashed Potatoes
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ARTS ENT PUBLISHING

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COPY EDITOR/ DESIGNER

WANTED: A team-oriented, deadline-conscious copy editor/ designer. You're a good fit if you're creative; willing to work nights, weekends and holidays; have at least one year of layout or copy editing experience, are InDesign proficient; can learn quickly; aren't afraid to ask questions; have an eye for detail; have a firm grasp of punctuation, grammar and AP style; and have a strong commitment to visual journalism. About us: The Midland Reporter-Telegram has a universal copy desk that handles the daily paper as well as products from other Hearst newspapers in the region.

About the job: This is an entry-level position that offers paid vacation, a 401(k) and other benefits. Experience in design is necessary, experience with sports is a plus. Recent college graduates are encouraged to apply. This would be a good job for someone looking to perfect their copy editing/design skills.

If you're interested: Submit your cover letter, résumé and clips in PDF format to Editor Stewart Doreen at edoreen@mrt.com.

CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING
Administrative Assistant - SSB

Performs all routine and specialized secretarial work for the Midland Police Department.

Job Duties:
•Answers phone, take messages, greets visitors and assists citizens with questions or concerns.
•Maintain calendar for assigned personnel.
•Develops, types and files correspondence.
•Enters data into the computer regarding police actions or projects.
•Processes and routes mail as needed.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and citizens when acting as a receptionist, answering inquiries, processing information or making referrals to the proper staff person.

Ability to read and understand manuals and reports in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as computers, copiers and printers. Skill in typing and word processing. Skill and experience in the operation of computerized systems in order to design or complete spreadsheets, forms or word processing assignments, brochures, certificates and programs. Experience in software with personal computers related to spreadsheets, databases and word processing.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must be able to pass typing test with minimum score of 45 wpm.

Benefits:
• Heath care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
• Tuition Reimbursement

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We offer competitive pay/benefits, market-leading and comprehensive medical/prescription drug plan benefits, generous paid time off benefits, long-term disability, 401(k), life insurance, employee assistance programs, etc.

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Online application required, may complete on-site at 3000 Andrews Hwy, Odessa, TX or by visiting www.muellerinc.com
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MIDLAND COLLEGE IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

FULL TIME
Clerk-Math & Sciences, Coach-Softball, Database Programmer, Dean-Student Life, Department Chair-Health Info Management, Director-Learning Resource Center, Enrollment Navigator, Faculty-ADN (Fundamentals), Faculty-ADN (Medical/Surgical), Faculty-Psychology, Groundskeeper I, Instructor-Transportation Training, Maintenance Technician, Police Officer, Porter & Driver, Vice President of Instructional Services

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For additional information on these positions and part-time positions with Midland College, please visit our website at [redacted], or go directly to the Human Resources office located at [redacted], Midland, TX or call [redacted].

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EDUCATION / TRAINING

Instructor-Transportation Trainer

Midland College is seeking a Instructor- Transportation Trainer
Job Summary: The Transportation Trainer will provide instruction and train students in the classroom as well as in driving. The students will be provided with training and experience to obtain a Commercial Driver License.

Required Qualifications:
• High school diploma or equivalent
• Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy
• Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local
• Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
• Computer literacy
• Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
• Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TXDPS
• Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and execute
• Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book recap
• Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail
• Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs
• Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines
• Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making
• Adaptable to a constantly changing environment
• Ability to move or lift/move up to 75 pounds, capable of climbing stairs, balancing, stooping, and repetitive twisting
• Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test

EOE

Midland

Midland Independent School District is seeking
Full-Time Math Teachers
at the following locations:
Lee High School, MAP/DDAEP & Goddard Junior High School.

Provide students with appropriate learning activities and experiences designed to fulfill their potential for intellectual, emotional, physical, and social growth. Enable students to develop competencies and skills to function successfully in society.

Education:
Bachelor's degree from accredited college or university
Valid Texas teaching certificate

Experience:
Student Teaching, approved internship or approved Alternative Teacher Certification Program
Supervise assigned teacher assistant(s), if applicable.

Benefits include:
• Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - $0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
• Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
• Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
• Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
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- Build & Repair different Types of Valves and Actuators
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Please call 432-528-1208 or send your resume to Dave Latch - dlatch@vzcontrols.com
Applicants must be reliable and have clean driving record

Pump Systems Testing Supervisor

Pump Systems Testing Supervisor (Pioneer Natural Resources Pumping Services LLC; Midland, TX) Communicate repeated common failure in oilfield service equipment to sustaining engineers. Produce Business Intelligence reporting as it relates to quality of oilfield service equipment coming through test stand. Ensure test equipment delivered to field has all appropriate regulatory safeguards in place. Supervise daily operations of testing dpt to ensure oilfield service equipment is in full regulatory compliance. Min Reqs: High School diploma (college prep or vocational) or US equiv, plus 5 yrs exp supervising operation of oilfield service equipment (incl electronic instrumentation, automation equipment & hydraulic fracturing equipment for well servicing operations). Must also have: 5 yrs exp coordinating with other technicians to set operational specifications that comply with regulatory reqs; 2 yrs exp preparing Business Intelligence reports on oilfield service equipment; 2 yrs exp designing test stands to confirm oilfield service equipment is operating properly prior to entering field. Send resume to: Lennie Whitehead, Pioneer Natural Resources Pumping Services LLC, 6205 N O'Connor Blvd, Ste 200, Irving, TX 75039. Specify ad code LWRD. EOE. MFDV.

Shop Hands & CDL Drivers

Drilling Company looking for experienced hands in the shop:
• OC • Motor Technicians • Power Section • CDL Drivers- 3 plus years
-Negotiate Pay- Please call: 432-894-6263 or 432-697-1400

MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING
Associate Traffic Engineer

Job Duties:
• Support or substitute for the City Traffic Engineer as needed
• Oversees and/or participate in the development, configuration, and operation of the City's computerized control systems
• Manage and perform warrant studies for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed units and others
• Review commercial and residential development requests
• Review all phases of the platting process for commercial and retail development
• Prepare analysis and recommendations in support of geometric, roadway, intersection, and other infrastructure improvements
• Prepare analysis and recommendations for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices within the city

Qualifications:
• Bachelors degree in civil engineering or related field with a minimum of three years' experience in traffic engineering or related field.
• Master's degree in civil engineering or related field may be substituted for three years' experience.
• Valid Texas driver's license required.
• Certification as an Engineer in Training (EIT) preferred.

Benefits:
• Healthcare Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
• Tuition Reimbursement

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HR Business Partner
Midland, TX

Laredo Petroleum, Inc. is seeking an HR Business Partner. Advises company managers on Human Resources issues and develops solutions for the business. PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Solves complex problems regarding established policies, procedures or programs.
- Participates in the review of operational business strategy and objectives to determine the implication on human resources objectives.
- Recruits for exempt and non-exempt positions.
- On boards new hires and helps assimilate employees into the Laredo culture.
- Coaches managers on employee issues to assist in writing letters, developmental plans, etc.
- Ensures that human resources needs are met in a timely manner at all times. Responsible for providing the highest level of customer service and accessibility to the managers and employees.
- Lead department wide strategic initiatives.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:
- Bachelor's Degree in Business or other appropriate discipline.
- A minimum of 7 years of human resources related experience.
- Strong understanding of HR law, rules and regulations.
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Experience with Ultimate Software and/or PetroSkills software a plus.
- Must be able to lead teams of people and work efficiently and effectively in a Team Environment.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Proficient at presenting information to others in a work setting.
- Experience training HR content to groups a plus.
- Must have sound judgment when working through HR related issues.
- Strong project management skills; work must be completed on time and accurately.
- Must have strong customer service skills and have ability to work effectively with all employees and managers.

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MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Right-Of-Way Manager

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and licensing of City rights-of-way and other real property; oversees the execution of transactions of real property; and administers the issuance of easements and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

Budgetary Responsibilities:

Assist management staff with recommendations and budget data for potential rights-of-way and easement acquisitions for public improvements.

Job Duties:
•Develops policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property.
•Manages the distribution of surface damages for City rights-of-way and other real property owned by the City, including 47,000+ acres of City-owned parcels.
•Develops and negotiates Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Subsidy Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinates with appropriate City Departments or Management.
•Prepares and presents reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies.
•Obtains Appraisals, Title Work, and coordinates Closings on tracts of interest.
•Coordinates and processes public easements for City projects.
•Coordinates departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.
•Coordinates preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents.
•Coordinates with others and utilizes engineering plans and plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, title histories, etc.
•Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures.

Knowledge of land surveying, oil drilling and pipeline operations, and typical petroleum industry practices related to land use and acquisition is desirable. Knowledge of municipal governmental operations, regulations and procedures is helpful.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Council members, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software is desirable.

Bachelor's degree required. Minimum of five years' experience in real estate, land acquisition, or a similar field. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
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• Paid Holidays
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MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

MIDLAND

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GIS Manager

Reporting to the Engineering Services Director, this position oversees the development and management of the City of Midland Geographic Information System (GIS). This includes staff supervision, budgeting, training, etc.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Manages the GIS Division budget and recommends budget request for new harddware and software as appropriate.

Job Duties:
•Supervises all phases and implementation of the City Enterprise GIS.
-Supervises GIS Division staff.
-Provides planning and direction for GIS growth to serve the City and Public.
-Provides general customer service; responds to concerns and inquiries related to -
-Division services.
-Negotiates and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g. -
LiDAR, ortho-mosaic imagery, Cityworks, etc.
-Develops policies and standards for the GIS Division.
-Manages the setting of priorities for projects, software, database, and application development.
-Oversees development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and within industry standards and practices.
-Oversees the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use.
-Provides recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding annual GIS Division budget, priorities for projects, and resources required to complete them.
•Provides user-training services, as requested.
• Independently prepares and delivers reports and presentations to City Councilmembers, City Management, and outside agency officials. Serves as representative of GIS (or the City) to other departments and outside agencies.
•Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Councilmembers, City Management, consultants, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures. Ability to supervise and manage other staff with a variety of skills and abilities.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software (ArcGISDesktop, ArcGISOnline, ArcGISPro). Solid understanding of database design/management and programming is desirable.

Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is desirable.

Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geography, Computer Science, Engineering, or a related technical or business field required. Minimum of five years' experience using Esri GIS software required. Master's degree in a related field preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
• Heath care Plans
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NOW HIRING

Planning Division Manager

Manages Planning Division office including professional planners, technicians, and secretarial staff. Reviews items for consideration by appointed boards and commissions and elected officials.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Prepares and administers the annual division budget. Monitors expenditures during the year and makes recommendations for budget modifications.

Job Duties:
•Reviews staff work including reports, maps and special studies for presentation to Planning Commission and City Council.
•Coordinates, supervises and manages staff time.
•Prepares, administers and monitors annual budget.
•Presents information at public meetings. Participates with other staff members concerning interrelated projects.
•Answers various questions from general public and developers concerning city ordinances, development trends, and population.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

Benefits:
• Heath care Plans
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WAREHOUSE CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE

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OTHER JOBS

Endeavor Energy Resources LP

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he Field Technician will provide advanced refueling services to support the Frac operations on location. Endeavor Energy will provide all necessary training for new employees. This is a non-driving position.

Job Duties:
- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, despatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, bend, and occasionally lift /carry/push/pull/move/drag up to 60 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position.

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Midland

Midland Independent School District is seeking
Full-Time
Registered Nurse (RN)/District Wide

Educational/Certification:
- Registered Professional Nurse with academic preparation at the diploma, associate degree, or baccalaureate level
- Current Texas license issued by the Board of Nurse Examiners
- Current certification in CPR and Basic First Aid
- Texas Department of Health certification in vision, hearing, and spinal screening is required.

Experience:
Two years of supervised nurse practice preferably in community health, pri or to entry into school nursing.

Qualifications:
Experience in community health or pediatric nursing is preferred.
Courses of study which strengthen growth in nursing, education, special education, health education, and other health-related fields is recommended.
Courses of study for child growth and development.

Benefits include:
- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - $0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
- Voluntary Benefits: Disability, Accident, Bridge, Heart & Cancer plans and
- Flex Plans for Medical & Childcare

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Midland

Midland Independent School District is seeking
Full-Time
Assistant Head Custodian/ Lee High School
Custodian/District Wide

Assistant Head Custodian/ Lee High School: Daily Supervision of all assigned Custodial Staff to assure all Custodians follow routine cleaning and maintenance procedures to maintain a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and efficiency of building operations and grounds
Custodian/District Wide:Follow routine cleaning and maintenance procedures to maintain a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and efficiency of building operations and grounds

Qualification Requirements:
Pass training courses
Ability to read, write and understand verbal instructions in English
Knowledge of basic techniques of minor repairs and building and ground maintenance
Ability to operate cleaning equipment and lift heavy equipment
Properly handle and use cleaning supplies
Ability to lift and carry 15-44 lbs. without assistance

Benefits include:
- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - $0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
- Voluntary Benefits: Disability, Accident, Bridge, Heart & Cancer plans and
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Grounds Crew Maintenance

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Planner

Performs field and office work related to planning and development programs for utilization of land and physical facilities of the city.

Job Duties:
•Prepares special studies and reports related to code amendments and annexation studies. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary.
•Prepares statistical reports such as annual population estimates.
•Reviews requests and prepares written reports for zone change and proposed subdivision plat applications and special studies.
•Presents information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
•Reviews miscellaneous applications including temporary land uses, special events, public rights of way, etc.
•Responds to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas.
•Researches, compiles and analyzes land use and related data.
•Works with the public and developers in answering questions and providing information.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with developers and citizens in order to provide information and guidance on planning and zoning issues. Ability to work in conjunction with employees from different departments.

Knowledge of current planning processes and procedures. Ability to read and understand technical materials, reports and journals. Skill in developing related reports and ability to analyze and present data on land use applications and planning. Ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, to citizens and other government officials.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economics plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

Benefits:
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Public Safety Dispatcher

Directs calls for service for emergency purposes and directs non-emergency inquiries.

Job Duties:
•Answers the phone and assists citizens with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical service.
•Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
•Dispatches law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
•Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas/National Computer System (TCIC, NCIC).
•Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
•Sends and receive teletype information to and from related agencies.
•Maintains records of work performed.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for service and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as operational computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 35 WPM.
Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.
1.Keyboarding
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7.Spelling
8.Sentence Clarity
9.Reading Comprehension

Employees work rotating shifts and gather, organize, translate and process information from various emergency callers.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shifts; Rotating Days Off - Valid Texas Driver License.

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Part Time Day Associate - ***MUST BE DEPENDABLE***
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Night time associate - ***MUST BE DEPENDABLE***
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

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Recycle Supervisor

Supervises and monitors Citizens Collection Station and recycle drivers in day to day operations and projects. Works as a service attendant at the Citizens Collection Station as needed. Acts as a Solid Waste Supervisor as needed.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provides input as to needed equipment and employment positions. Monitors supplies and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

Job Duties:
•Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
•Instructs employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
•Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
•Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed.
•Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
•Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on recycle issues.
•Keeps records and reports readily available.
•Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations
•Serve as service attendant when necessary.
•Serves as a Solid Waste Supervisor when necessary.
•Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to receive work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with cash and adhere to cash-handling policies. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communications skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste and/or supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class 'B' Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

Benefits:
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Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:
• Drive digital product sales.
• Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.
• Ability to conduct sales calls with SMB owners.
• Be in the field and on sales calls, leading by example, to sell our various digital products using the current and evolving sales process.
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• Develop coaching plans and track results through sales management team.
• Identify trends, quantify impact, and communicate improvement opportunities to the product team
• Primary source of sales pitch and strategy development and implementation for digital products.

Requirements:
• Highly knowledgeable with digital media. SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
• Confidence in pitching and closing business.
• Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments
• Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment
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Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance; performance and security analysis; and monitoring, tuning, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

Job Duties:
• Designs and coordinates segments of the IT architecture
• Manages server applications, including but not limited to social media, Active Directory, operating systems, and email.
• Produces and maintains IT design, architectural, and specifications documentation, as identified.
• Monitors information storage systems, schedules, and tools, including backup and recovery tasks, as identified.
• Provides research, development, and planning of the IT infrastructure.
• Is responsible for the validating, building, and testing IT solutions; analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues; and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned.
• Performs related duties as assigned.
• Subject to recall 24/7

Qualifications:
• Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field is required.
• Four years experience may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement.
• Valid Texas Driver's License

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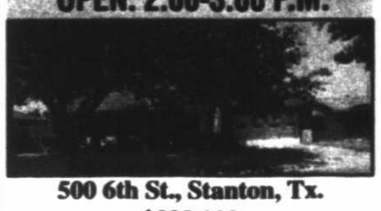
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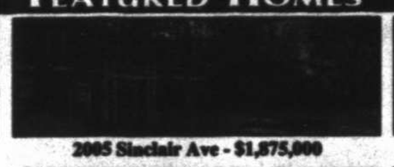
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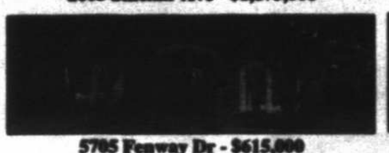
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One Bedrooms

501 Bokenkamp Dr-Nice large 1BR/1BA townhome, Updated kitchen, New HVAC unit, Complete w/Refrigerator & stove, Covered Large closets, small fenced area just steps from assigned carport.....SOLD...$80,500

Two Bedrooms

12 Oaklawn Park - Lovely Oaklawn Park condo/patio home. Beautifully maintained and updated home w/spacious rooms, lots of windows, storage, and 4 car garage. Lovely, open patios.....UC...$209,000
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Three Bedrooms

3 Lakes-Charming Charleston Masterpiece designed by Frank Welch w/3BR/3.5 BA, study plus office. Great terraces, and beautiful views of Lake on the banks of Saddle Club Lakes.....$949,000
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5317 Quicksand Cove- Another fabulous Glenn Miller home on quiet cul-de-sac ! As of 12/1/17 house is expected to complete late April to early May. . Now is the time to pick granite, paint , tile and carpet.....$559,000
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Three Bedrooms

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2109 W Wadley Ave-Spacious condo w/3 large bedrooms. Small gated back patio and open front patio/yard within walking distance of the pool. So many updates throughout.....UC...$105,900

Four Bedrooms

4020 Island Circle-Amazing property on the golf course in Green Tree North. Smart house w/Crestron system, All AV equipment including TVs remain. Pool relays. Outdoor kitchen. Outdoor living w/heaters and screens. Golf simulator addition. Much of the furniture and furnishings available!.....$2,300,000
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2 Longwood-Lovely 4 bedroom/3.5 Bath on quiet Cul-de-Sac! Must see!.....SOLD...$560,000
700 Augusta Dr- Fabulous 4 BR/4.5BA home on double lot w/pool! Beautifully updated w/today's style in mind! Hardwoods, granite, quartz, slate tile, high ceilings, each bedroom has its own bath, 3 car garage, open floor plan, bonus office, large utility, pool patio, too!! You'll love this one!! Move in condition!.....$640,000
4201 Ridgefield Ct- Beautiful, updated, 4 bdr plus bonus room home in ETCC North. Recent updates are hardwood floors, granite counters, bathrooms, carpet, kitchen appliances, pool (2014), fence, paint, HVAC system. Don't miss it! UC...$502,000
1102 Castle Rock Ct.-Fabulous 4BR/3BA Mark Payne made, W/wonderful open floor plan! 2 dining areas, game room, large utility room, 3 car garage. Just a few steps away from the walking trail area in Windland Park. Simply terrific!! UC...$507,000
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4401 Rosewood Dr - Spacious 4BR/3BA, In-law plan w/open living, dining. Tons of storage plus lovely family yard & storage building. Hot Tub and fridge stay. So much for so little!.....SOLD...$385,000
2308 Rue Dr - Beautiful, spacious 4 bedroom/2 Bath home in Kimber Lee. Hardwood floors, great kitchen with quartz counters tops and lovely yard with mature trees!.....SOLD...$289,000
609 5th St - Beautifully maintained 4BR/2BA home in Stanton on one of the prettiest tree shaded streets!! Large living open to kitchen/dining area. Covered back patio w/fully yard.....$295,000

Five or More Bedrooms

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4020 Island Circle- Closest home in town! Lovely throughout and perfect for family living. Gorgeous pool w/waterfall, great pool w/entertaining area. Pretty trees (front and back), Great view of lake.....SOLD...$570,000
2020 Palmwood Dr - Gorgeous updating in this 5/4.5 family home. Located on a beautiful cul-de-sac. Wonderful kitchen w/great amenities. Plus guest house!.....SOLD...$469,900
2020 Bennett Ct.-Immaculate w/versatile floorplan.Private wing could be guesthouse or others. Gourmet kitchen w/island, stainless appliances, granite surfaces. Great formals, spacious rooms, sparkling pool, manicured yard.....SOLD...$469,000
10 Lakes Dr- Custom built home in lovely Saddle Club Estates w/beautiful views of the lake and trees, tall ceilings, spacious rooms, great storage.Do list goes on. Wow!.....UC...$749,900
3214 Dogwood Ct.- Beautiful 4BR/4.5BA Flagstone around breathtaking Pool-plus Outdoor Kitchen!.....$749,900
4309 Bent Tree Trail- Gorgeous 5BR/4.5BA home! Private oasis in the back yard w/sparkling pool, spa, outdoor fireplace, fountain and Outdoor cooking area! Home has hardwood floors! Open kitchen, den, breakfast area; multiple gas fireplaces, 3 car garage. Beautiful!.....$749,900

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Lots, Land and Acreage

E Loop 250 S - 5 acre tract of loop 250 near CR 1150.....Call 682 Desk or Brandon Hall 682-1111
I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1116.28 acres, tariffs Postings. Call 682 Desk or Brandon Hall 682-1111.....$2,000,000
3201 W Hwy 349 - Once in a lifetime opportunity for building a dream home or 2 on this 1.39 ac tract of land @ Midland Country Club.....$199,000
6200 E. Co. Rd. 60-3750 sq. ft. w/in-law plan.....$399,000
1000 E Taylor Ave, Midland - 3.440 acres of vacant land zoned commercial.....$900,000
6000 Block-Nearly new residential lot in good neighborhood in Saddle Club South. Perfect for many buyers...SOLD...$80,000
2200 S. County Rd. 1150-Prime location 1.300 acres, to build a home that could face either South County Road 1150 or East County Road 90.....$97,500

Commercial Investment Property

1207 S Garfield St - One story office w/2 story 2 bay shop/warehouse. 5,712 sq ft.....Call 682 Desk or Brandon Hall 682-1111
2212 Hewett Hwy, Odessa-Tri-Tex metal buildings approx 19,240 sq ft on 1.838 acres.Call 682 Desk or Brandon Hall 682-1111
601 Hwy 158 D - Industrial warehouse of 4,000 sq ft on 4.10 acres (for lease).....Call 682 Desk or Brandon Hall 682-1111
2000 S. Co. Rd. 1250, Midland, Tx.-includes 5 buildings on 9.912 acres.
Total of 10,000 sq. ft.....Call 682 Desk or Brandon Hall 682-1111
1400 Connell St.-4,000 sq. ft. Industrial/shop w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage.....Call 682 Desk or Brandon Hall 682-1111
2400 W Louisiana Ave -Location...Location...Location this 40 acre lightly unlandscaped tract is 1/2 mile from additional sites.....UC...$2,500,000
2211 S. County Rd. 1150-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bath home on 20 acres.....$749,000
10001 W SH 52, Midland- 5.020 acres; 4,200 sq. ft. office built in 2012; 2 monster buildings to house overnight drivers. Perfect truck yard.....$799,000
11322 W Hwy 158, Gordon City- 20 acres of Ranch/Pasture land with 2,200 sq. ft. home: 4 bed, 3 bath, whole house generator.....$499,000
1200 Bridal St - Great office warehouse. Office 1200 sq ft. Warehouse 4800 sq ft. Great location just south of downtown close to county jail. Zoned C3.....$399,000
0 Dalton Pike Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park.....$399,000

Out of Town Properties

2009 Scotts Dr - Top quality workmanship! Custom finishes! Beautiful granite selection, chef's kitchen w/great work spaces & pantry. Extra storage! Plus so much more!..Odessa.....$359,000
609 5th St - Beautifully maintained 4BR/2BA home in Stanton on one of the prettiest tree shaded streets!! Large living open to kitchen/dining area. Covered back patio w/fully yard.....$295,000
7000 Pittsfield Ranch Rd- Better than New! Gently lived in w/numerous upgrades including synthetic grass in backyard, extra patio area.....$599,500
3001 Pointer Ln- (Bldg. 5 Unit B and Bldg. 9 Unit B) - Quality constructed, brand new Townhomes on the East side of Odessa, LOW MAINTENANCE, with sky high ceilings, granite, hardwood floors, downstairs master with dual sinks and a HUGE 2 car garage. Too many amenities to list - come and take a look!.....Each Unit $229,900
3001 Pointer Ln- Beautifully designed, quality constructed, brand new Townhomes on the East side of Odessa just off of Billy Hext. LOW MAINTENANCE!....Bldg 4- Unit B and Unit C for.....Each Unit $229,900
3001 Pointer Ln- (Bldg. 5, Unit A and C and Bldg. 9 Unit A)--Under Construction completion date est 5/2018. Superior quality, high-end amenities; BEAUTIFUL Townhomes on the far East side of Odessa off of Billy Hext.....Each Unit $249,900
3001 Pointer Ln -Brand new Townhomes on the East side of Odessa just off of Billy Hext.. LOW MAINTENANCE, quality constructed homes!.. Bldg 4- Unit A and Unit D for.....Each Unit $249,900



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4+ BEDROOMS

5101 N Midland Dr.-Amazing location! Home & barn sit on 14.87 AC (3 tracts)! Can be subdivided- to be sold as 1 pkg, 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 bed/2 shed/2 gar barns (built 1980)! Updated top-to-bottom! New Roof coming 3/2018!.....$2,700,000
4500 Island Dr.-Majestic estate on dble lt (1.482 ac) on 9th tee box in GTN! 6 or 7 bed/4 full+2 1/2 baths (in bunk)/ 3 or 4 living/huge 4 car gar! Dazzling pool w/ pool house w/bath, brick & iron fencing & landscaped grounds w/30+ trees!.....$1,700,000
401 Sir Barton Pkwy.-Stunning custom (by Woodruff)- to be completed 5/18! 6-7 bed/4-5 living/2 dining/5.5 bath+ guesthouse w/kitchen & bath! Top appliances, all hardwood floors, upstairs game room & plumbed for pool/water well!.....$1,650,000
3021 Tealtown Ct.-Spectacular estate w/3 or 4 bed/3 or 4 living/4.5 bath/3 car gar on grand cul-de-sac!4 fireplaces & wet bar! Dazzling pool, hot tub, workshop (2), 2 fp patios & +/-½ acre high brick & iron fencing! 2 side yards!.....$1,195,000
2500 Briarwalk Dr-Absolutely spectacular & better than new 4 bed/3.5 bath/pool room+media room+study (all rooms)/2 dining areas/4 car garage! Gourmet kitchen, soaring ceilings, plantation shutters & up to the minute finishes! Light & play open floor!.....$749,000
3011 Timber Wolf Trl.-Fantastic 4 bed/3 bath/3 car oversize garage, indoor and outdoor fireplaces & many builder upgrades home on 10 acres in Timber Wolf Estates! (water & septic included) Completion date: March 2018!.....$675,000
2501 Rosewood-Spectacular 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living (great room+game room)/2 dining/4 car gar- lovely landscaped corner lot/ refuge backyard &water well! Custom features-wood beams, knee butcher block island & skylight!.....$560,000
6011 Elkins Rd.-Spectacular Anderson Construction 4 bed/4 bath/3 car oversized garage home w/ builder upgrades on 5 acre lot! Granite, crown molding, walls of windows & outdoor kitchen! Still time to pick landscaping!.....$559,000
10210 SCR 1210-Fantastic unique property! 1.2 acres w/ runway, hangar, office & living accommodations! 50x70 hangar w/ retractable door! 2-story w/ 5 bedrooms/5 full bath/3 living/3 dining/2 car garage w/ workshop!.....$550,000
6301 Desert Wind-Spectacular 4 bed/3 bath/2 living (great room+formal)/2 dining/3 garage home on 4.7 acres! Gourmet kitchen, exposed beams, stone fireplace & tile flooring thru-out (carpet in beds)! Lg backyard w/pool & 2 sheds!.....$550,000
3407 Limestone Ln.-Absolutely fabulous 3 or 4 bed/2.5 bath/great room (+study or 4th bed)/2 dining/3 car garage thoughtout! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, & Austin Stone accents! Covered patio & low maintenance backyard w/ built...$429,000
5102 Tealwood Trc.-Fabulous 4 bed/3 bath/2+living (great room, formal+balcony office area)/2 dining/2 gar+circle drive overlaying golf course views in Green Tree! Pool sized landscaped yard! Fantastic!.....$469,000
5720 Grassland Blvd.-Fantastic 4 (or 5) bed/3.5 bath/2 or 3 living (great room, formal, study)/2 dining/3 car garage home w/fabulously updated gourmet kitchen! Flagstone extended patio!.....$479,000
4504 Greenwood-Spectacular find on very quiet cul-de-sac! Huge 4 bed/2.5 Bath/2 dining/2 living(den, game room) w/dazzling pool! Spacious bedrooms, closets & large living areas! High ceilings & wet bar!.....$469,000
204 Ridglea Dr.-Fabulous charm & character abound in this quaint old Midland home! 4 bed/1.5 bath/2 living/2 dining & fantastic covered porch perfect for entertaining! Delightful neighborhood close to downtown & dust pond!.....$349,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2570 Hwy 2210 (Elbe Lane)-Fantastic 3 bed/1.5 bath/2 living/3 dining/4 car gar w/8 carport home on secluded 20 acres! Guest house or barn + 40'x60' shop! 3 baths for living, goobits of beauty for hunting & plenty of room to grow livestock!.....$399,000
2414 Bobcat Dr (Odessa)-Absolutely darling 2 bed/2 bath/large open great room w/2 dining/formal+breakfast) executive style home! Soaring ceilings, recessed lighting & built-ins thru-out! Open patio w/landscaped backyard+storage shed!.....$249,000
601 E W Bohannon Dr.-Very nice 2-story 3 large bed/2.5 bath townhome w/carport! Many updates! Low maint house w/covered patio & lawn! Public laundry facility & beautiful community pool!.....$129,000
910 Dallas St (Gulfcrest)-Quaint 2 bed/2 bath/1 garage home in a fabulous location in Cuthman, TX! Cul-de-sac lot home w/ lg living & dining area w/ wonderful kitchen! Large shaded fenced backyard- perfect for play!.....$99,000

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

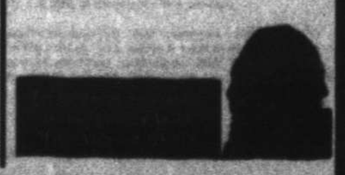
6000 CR 200, Cuthman, TX 79324-65 acres of beautiful country! Native grass, 2 stock ponds & all productive! 14-00 Morgan Mfg 1 bed/1 bath/ overhead HVAC, septic & satellite in. Storage bldg, tractor shy, feeds, stay fencing & reservoir!.....$250,000
1404 Tejas-7.9 Acres in 349 ranch estates (just north on big spring across from midland country club).....$100,000
710 E Buchanan St, Cuthman Tx 79324-Fantastic investment property for sale including the 8 plex apartments or guidance for building for another business! Great location on the west side of cuthman! 1211 sq ft 3/2/1 building, featuring a large studio, two storage rooms, an office and bathroom!.....$150,000
6210 Dallas Pl.-Fantastic double wide! (.212 acre) on Dallas Place in Green Tree Estates.....$150,000
Timber Wolf Estates, Ector- Brand new subdivision, approx. 2-5 Acre lots, plat available. Water available/buyer may opt for private! Buyers pay, Electrical stub, Can attend school in Ector Co. Lots starting at.....$70,000 - $120,000
400 S Lawson Rd.-2 more lots for sale next to this lot! Each lot is $100,000+ 3 additional lots for sale that are part fishing but will sell if all 6 lots are purchased! If lots together makes a total! Total average $.....$750,000
402 S Lawson Rd.-2 more lots for sale next to this lot! Each lot is $100,000+ 3 additional lots for sale that are part fishing but will sell if all 6 lots are purchased! If lots together makes a total! Total average $.....$750,000
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1201 Hwy 349, Stanton Tx 79382- 5 Acres perfect for industrial use located in industrial park southeast stanton! Approximately 1 acre yard fenced with caliche pad. Includes a partial office building 2200 sq ft and metal storage building!.....$125,000
Timber Wolf Estates-Fast growing subdivision 5 miles east of water city of midland, close to Hwy 1 access to 20 interstate. Plat available. Water available/buyer may opt for private! Buyers pay, Electrical stub, Can attend school in Ector Co. Lots from 2.5 Ac+/-.....$70,000
Gather Estates-Ector subdivision currently located in gardendale water district! Only 2 lots left, 2.5 acre plots. Each will be gravel driveway. Water available/buyer may opt for private! Buyers pay, Electrical stub, Can attend school in Ector Co.....$70,000

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5501 W.R. 1210.....SOLD!
1204 N Main St.....UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!
4310 Rosewood.....UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!
5711 Cowden North.....SOLD!
4313 Ridglea Drive.....SOLD!
10201 CR 110.....SOLD!
6113 Cheshire Gate Blvd.....SOLD!
2307 Glenlake Rd.....SOLD!
2309 Timber Wolf Trl.....SOLD!

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4309 Windy - 2 bed/2 bath.....$2,200



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DOT Driver II

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Essential Functions:
- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek.
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:
No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

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SALES/JOBS

Employment Account Executive

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking an Employment Account Executive just like you to join our team! We are looking for an experienced Human Resources executive that wants to help hiring managers in Midland and West Texas utilize our advanced hiring platform - TexasBackToWork.com. This platform allows hiring managers to access the largest pool of potential job candidates and track them through the recruitment process.

Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve hiring needs. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

The ideal candidate will have experience in the Human Resources area and will maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships with hiring managers. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local and regional businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the hiring process for our customers. You will be selling a digital hiring solution to your customers with a regional, statewide and national footprint.

Responsibilities Include:

· Consistently meets/exceeds revenue goals.

· Develops relationships with HR departments throughout West Texas to sell and promote Texas Back to Work.

· Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos

· Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

The Ideal Candidate:

· Experience within Human Resources or Employment Agency is preferred.

· You have an outgoing, resilient personality

· You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business

· You're confident and not willing to accept average

Required Skills & Experience:

· Passion to succeed and close deals

· Exceptional communication and presentation skills

· Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus

· Bachelor's degree preferred

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Fleet Technician

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

Job Duties:
- Diagnoses equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as ignition, steering, emission control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimates costs and rebuilds to specifications.
- Determines the appropriateness of off-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tires and mufflers.
- Inspects vehicles for state stickers.
- Determines readiness and fitness of new vehicles. Installs special equipment.
- Employee must provide own hand tools. City supplies major equipment including power tools, computerized analyzer, and other diagnostic equipment.
- Reads blue prints, electrical diagrams, manuals and other specifications in order to make repairs.
- Performs emergency repairs for various departments.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work orders, logs, historical information, and special written requests.

Qualifications:
- High School graduate or GED
- Knowledge of proper tools used in welding and fabrication
- Three years training as a mechanic or in a related field
- Valid Texas Class A CDL Driver's License within one year of employment
- Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate required within one year of employment.

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
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Code Enforcement Officer

Performs inspections of private and public properties to ensure compliance with municipal ordinances, zoning and land use regulations which govern the maintenance of property, grounds and structures.

Job Duties:
•Visually inspects properties for code violations as initiated by a complaint or routine inspection.
•Enters data into the computer to generate notice of violations to property owners or to record inspections.
•Responds to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
•Researches planned districts, nonconforming uses, plats and illegal uses of property for the department.
•Manages city contracts for the clearing of lots, to include bidding projects, preparing contracts, awarding contracts and preparing payments to contractors.
•Conducts inspections to ensure proper environmental compliance in response to complaints.
•Provides information to the public and contractors regarding the requirements of zoning and related code and city requirements.
•Conducts field inspections of junked and abandoned vehicles, abandoned structures and other properties for compliance with city codes.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.

Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional literature,plans, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skills in math. Skills to communicate both orally and in writing. Knowledge of office equipment including personal computer.

High school diploma or equivalent and a valid Texas driver's license required. Certification through Texas Department Health as a Certified Code Enforcement Officer, or ability to obtain after one year of training. Certification as Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, or ability to obtain within one year.

Benefits:
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Customer Service (Field Work)

Performs field work regarding current or past water service.

Job Duties:
•Turns water on for new customers, disconnects water for customers leaving or reconnects service that had been disconnected. Obtains new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
•Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
•Pulls meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
•Collects past due utilities bills so that water can be connected.
•Changes our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
•Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.

Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Skill in math in determining amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

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Effluent Distribution Technician

Maintains pivots in good working order and prevents holding ponds from overflowing.

Job Duties:
•Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center pivots in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
•Operates gates and lagoon system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines where and when to store water.
•Monitors operations in order to apply the proper amount of water.
•Repairs water line leaks and breaks.
•Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gullies caused by operations.
•Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central pivot units.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair motors or parts. Skill in writing to record results.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. C Operator's certification from the TNRCC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

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Electronics Tech - Airport

Performs routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electrician/Electronics Specialist.

Job Duties:

•Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.

•Assists the Electrician/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.

•Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring meters and devices.

High school diploma or equivalent plus two to three years of experience as an electrician required. Journeyman's License as an electrician required. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification Plant and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:
•Assists other Utility Department divisions as required.
•Performs operations and maintenance duties as required at WPP.
•Controls water distribution processes to meet regulatory standards.
•Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
•Maintains required records of operations.
•Generates monthly reports and maintenance records.
•Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
•Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
•Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
•Performs routine cleaning of assigned area.
•Maintains house and grounds at well field compounds.
•Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and basic operations and maintenance. Knowledge of chemistry and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% of evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Commercial license from the state of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazwoper Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Valid Texas class "B" CDL required or must be obtained within 1 year of employment.

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Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP

Troubleshoots and maintains electrical, SCADA and control equipment for the well field, Purification Plant, Water Pollution Control Plant, water storage towers, booster station.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assists in the development of the budget and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items to the appropriate division during the annual budget process.

Job Duties:
•Troubleshoots and repairs electrical service to any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Troubleshoots and repairs control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Troubleshoots and repairs SCADA equipment at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Programs SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Instructs users of SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Calculates electrical loads for equipment and installs wiring.
•Determines equipment and supplies required for jobs by reading code books and blue prints.
•Keeps abreast of changes in the Electrical Code and Regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
•Maintains inventory of supplies used and replaces as needed.
•Perform Operations & Maintenance duties as assigned.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Ability to read operator's manuals, blue prints and schematics in order to maintain electrical, SCADA and control equipment throughout the Utilities Department in good working order. Skill in the operation of electrical and mechanical hand and power tools. Employee must perform mathematical calculations in order to determine electrical needs. Skill in writing to record results and track work. Will be on-call.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. A valid Apprentice Electricians license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 12 college hours of electronics coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class 'C' or above water works license.

Benefits:
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Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector

Perform responsible work in support of city engineering staff. Work relates to engineering construction activities such as construction inspection of municipal projects involving construction of asphalt or concrete pavement, sidewalks, ramps, water lines and sewer lines.

Job Duties:
•Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Tests materials and workmanship as required.
•Maintain daily diary and records on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
•Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provides information to update record drawings.
•Inspect traffic control devices for compliance with plans and the Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Make safety inspections to note deficiencies for correction.
•Analyze field construction problems and assists engineers with recommending corrections.
•Performs survey work as requested by Engineering staff.
•Coordinate with traffic, utility companies, landowners, etc. before and during construction.
•Acts as project field coordinator for contractors, utility companies and city departments.
•Researches utility locations and right of way, assemble plat and deed information and produces plan views.
•As appropriate, trains and evaluates the progress of other employees.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Must be able use and communicate by hand-held radio. Basic skill in the use of a variety of machines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.

Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, surveyors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or scheduling work. Must possess skill to observe, read, and interpret written technical materials and construction drawings. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment.

Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certifications preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

Extensive skill in observing, reading and interpreting written technical materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and other state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate in drafting with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plats for boundary surveys.

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
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Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater

Performs manual and unskilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of acquired skills and operates several types of light vehicles and equipment. Does related work and training as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to water and sewer system maintenance. Knowledge of the processes used in utility maintenance. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools. Skill in the use of heavy equipment utilized in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and jet truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas CDL Class A driver's license required or must be obtained within 6 months of employment. Must possess or be able to obtain Wastewater Certification Class I and Water Distribution D Certificate with in a reasonable length of time.

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Equipment Operator - Landfill

Disposes for refuse through the use of heavy equipment at the Landfill.

Job Duties:
•Disposes of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
•Maintains access roads to the Landfill.
•Covers refuse at the end of each day.
•Maintains all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
•Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
•Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to disposal. Knowledge of the processes used in collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, tilts, claws and hydraulic systems as well as simple shovels, brooms and rakes. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent, plus one to three years of equipment operation preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
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Lab Technician

The employee is responsible for performing, monitoring, and interpreting the results of tests necessary for the operation and regulatory compliance of the water and wastewater operations of the City of Midland. They are also responsible for the interpretation and implementation of regulations promulgated by State and Federal authorities.

Assists in the development of the budget for laboratory operations and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items during the annual budget process.

Monitors expenditures during the year.

Job Duties:
•Responsible for the daily operation of laboratories in support of the Utilities Department. Conduct bacteriological, chemical, physical and instrumental analysis of water and wastewater samples submitted to the laboratory.
•Maintains equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as for the City's facilities. This includes accurately maintaining extensive records tracking all chemicals, supplies, and equipment used for daily operations.
•Collects, analyzes, and interprets results of environmental, water and wastewater samples.
•Prepares reagents for use at the laboratory and performs standardization of reagents to ensure quality.
•Must maintain work area, supplies, and equipment in an orderly, safe, and clean manner.
•Maintains accurate and extensive analytical data records of data for future use.
•Investigates and reports on complaints and all other problems delegated by the Director of Utilities.
•Make monthly reports or as required to the Water Regulator Agencies and Utilities.
•Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
•Keeps apprised of State/Federal regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
•Performs related duties as required. Available for on-call obligations and work on weekends as needed.

Qualifications:
Employee has contact with general public, other employees, and other organizations.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Must have skill in writing to record results of analysis. Employee generates memos and reports of work performed. Ability to perform chemical analysis. Must have thorough knowledge of chemistry and good knowledge of water and wastewater treatment. Must possess knowledge of computer software and applications. Working in experience lab preferred.

Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Biology or related field is preferred. Must be able to obtain Class D water operator license in the State of Texas within a year after hired and be able to maintain the license while employed.

Benefits:
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Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

Maintains all electrical equipment used to monitor and control oil well services equipment. Home nightly.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- 6 months experience maintaining and repairing electronic instrumentation and automation equipment.
- Valid operator's license with clean driving record.

Comprehensive Benefits package!
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Lead Water Purification Plant Operator

This position requires a demonstrated ability to perform advanced functions related to the operation and maintenance of equipment at all water treatment facilities. This position functions as a Lead Operator and also as Chief Plant operator when required, performing complex analysis of the Water Treatment Plant operations and having direct charge of the operation of a water treatment facility or Water Production Facilities. Positions at this level provide instruction and assistance to lower level Water Treatment Plant Operators. This position is normally filled by advancement from the Water Treatment Operator II. Position requires three to five years of experience in a Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator and must possess a minimum of a Class 'C' Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the time of accepting position.

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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MIDLAND Hiring

NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services

Maintains the animal shelter and grounds, provides quality care for the animals in our custody and assists the public and other animal control personnel.

Job Duties:

•Processes animals that are brought to the animal shelter by providing health evaluations, parasitic controls, scanning for microchips and placing in the proper holding are.
•Maintains the sanitation and environment of kennel areas, cat facilities, quarantine areas, wildlife facilities and sick/injured animal room.
•Assists in euthanasia and the disposal of animals as required.
•Maintains and operates the animal cremation system for mass disposal and private cremations.
•Picks up large quantities of dead animals from veterinarians for disposal by cremation.
•Micro-chips animals that leave animal controls custody.
•Unloads dead and live animals from the public, veterinarians and animal control offices.
•Performs preventative maintenance on equipment, building and grounds.
•Provides assistance to visitors.
•Operates a vehicle to pick up dead livestock and supplies and other machinery.
•Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or animals that may be in the kennel. Employee may have direct contact with other animal control personnel such as the SPCA, various humane societies and animal rescue organizations.

Ability to deal with the public and provide humane care for the animals. Some knowledge in the recognition of animal diseases is needed. Ability to follow both written and oral instructions is also necessary

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must be able to obtain Department of State Health Services Basic Certification within one year of employment. Must be able to obtain euthanasia certification within six months of employment.

Benefits:
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Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex

Performs all routine maintenance work for the parks division at the sports complex, including special events.

Job Duties:
•Performs routine buildings and grounds maintenance.
•Removes trash from containers.
•Inspects grounds and athletic areas and facilities for repairs.
•Operates and maintains equipment used in daily operations. Fills out reports and submits to supervision.
•Helps set up of special events and sports tournaments.
•Works weekends and evenings as required.
•Performs other related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in troubleshooting air conditioning and plumbing. Ability to operate hand tools and equipment such as mowers, gas powered trimmers, saws and other gardening and maintenance tools.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas Driver's License, CDL preferred.

Benefits:
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Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling water/solids to drill rigs, trucking crews, etc. Hauls water/solids from well locations to proper disposal facilities.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Comprehensive Benefits package!
- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
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MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Over the course of its history, the city of Midland has grown from a small farming community to one of the biggest cities in West Texas located within the famed Permian Basin. Throughout that time, Midland Independent School District has been there to help students learn and pick up the vital skills needed to be prepared for the future. With a hard-working collection of educators, faculty and support staff that totals near 3,000, MISD helps to serve over 25,000 students in the area including 27 elementary schools, four junior high schools, two freshman high schools, one alternative high school, one early college high school, two 6A high schools, and a technology center.

The near 3,000 employees led by current Superintendent Orlando Riddick combine to form the backbone of the MISD. Hard work, dedication and a commitment to the students is seen on daily basis as they work to help students to get the most out of their education from the elementary level all through high school in preparation of jumping directly into a career or taking the next step in education.

While Midland has experienced fluctuations in its population over the years, the area is poised to see plenty of growth in the immediate future thanks to the infusion of billions of dollars of investment from oil and gas and other companies. With that future growth in mind, MISD and its employees remain committed to providing a top-quality education for all students from start to finish .

Midland Independent School District offers its employees a wide range of benefits including medical, dental and vision coverage, life insurance, paid time off, sick leave, a retirement plan and much more.

For more information about MISD, contact their office at (432) 240-1000 or visit their website at www.midlandisd.net.

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Delivering high quality, cost-efficient correctional, detention, community reentry and electronic monitoring services are just some of what The GEO Group, Inc. strives to be the best at in the industry.

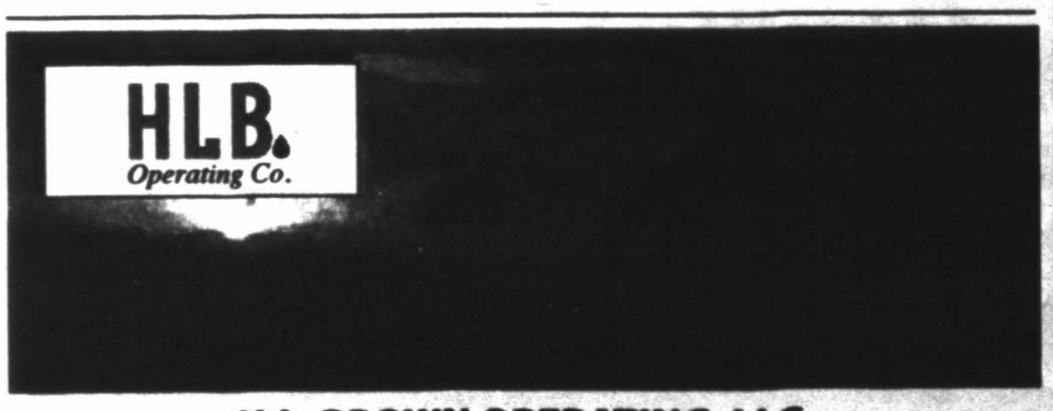
GEO Group operates facilities all around the country, including locally with the Big Spring Correctional Center.

The history of the company dates back to 1984 as Wackenhut Corrections Corporation (WCC) was formed as a division of The Wackenhut Corporation (TWC). In 2003, the company changed its name to The GEO Group, Inc.

After 34 years in business, the company has several facilities around the country and elsewhere around the world in other countries including Australia, Great Britain and South Africa. According to the company's website, GEO Group, Inc. manages or owns 141 correctional, detention and community reentry facilities that combine to have 96,000 beds.

GEO offers its employees competitive compensation, a comprehensive package of benefits including medical, dental and vision, employee incentives and recognition, extensive training to perform the responsibilities of the job to the highest degree and more.

For more information about the company, contact their location in Big Spring at (432) 264-0060 or visit their website at www.geogroup.com



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H.L. Brown Operating, LLC is a private, independent oil and gas exploration and production company headquartered in Midland. The company has placed their main focus on the vast resources of the Permian Basin stretching from West Texas into Southeastern New Mexico utilizing both conventional and unconventional opportunities.

Backed by a team of professionals that combine over a century of industry experience, H.L. Brown Operating, LLC has a proven track record that helps deliver economically attractive rates and reserves to the company's investors.

Taking great pride in all the work they perform, the company embraces its small, independent mindset by doing things including drilling and producing wells at very efficient costs. That results in getting strong, consistent production and reserve growth from their oil and gas assets.

H.L. Brown Operating, LLC and its employees take great pride in staying true to their closely held core values through their decisions, actions and attitudes on an everyday basis.

For more information about the company, contact their office at (432) 683-5216 or visit their website at

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J&W Services and Equipment Company, Inc. provides competitive pay for employees as well as health benefits, life insurance, vacation pay, a 401k plan after one year of employment, and much more.

For more information about J&W Services, contact their Midland office at (432) 687-0515, or visit their website at www.jandwservices.com.





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HOW DO YOU MANAGE YOUR UNEMPLOYMENT STATUS IN LINKEDIN?



By Alex Thompson

Using LinkedIn in your job search is a smart move not only because the majority of recruiters use it in identifying talent, rather it helps your efforts to win the perfect job search end of them all – networking.

The six degrees of separation philosophy fuels LinkedIn's successful networking platform that provides you with multiple contacts within your reach. The obstacle when you are between jobs is how to present your unemployment status, or if you should mention it at all. Below are a few helpful methods to put you miles ahead of your unemployed competition.

When you present on your profile page can send ads and signals to those in your database. The more time with maintaining your unemployment status is trying to project your previous employment, which is required.

Using your employment status as an introduction can easily start a lively conversation to a point and if you aren't careful. A couple of weeks ago, I was following up a job candidate and before that conversation started and have pointed many times at some of the mistakes from others.

On one occasion, they recently recently the head operations of a person that just was from a role in a position. Both when they described themselves as unemployed. They felt the strength of their connections during the entire time they researched looking for a job, from a colleague to "get to know your" position to some of a short focus of any part.

There are a variety of schools of thought in talking about your unemployment status when networking. It comes to people and through social media profile. Should you say you are unemployed or should you state your skills and the industry you are targeting? In both cases, being upfront is always the best option to build value and bring you to value. Unemployment is temporary – make sure your professional network is not.

The key is how you present looking for opportunities without looking to desperate signal that you are looking for anything that would "fit".

There are numerous ways to let others know you're looking for opportunities. Some of the most creative who share they are currently staying busy. Contract positions, project work, getting back to school or anything that shows activity is better than just talking about your employment status.

What are your thoughts? Should you downplay yourself as unemployed or focus on your skills, what you are currently doing, projects or



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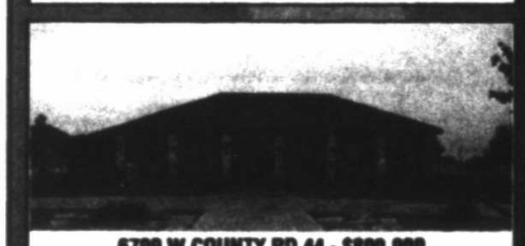
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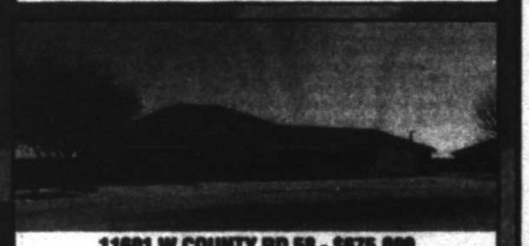
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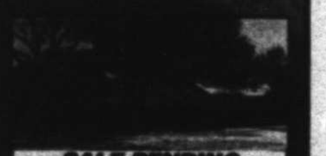
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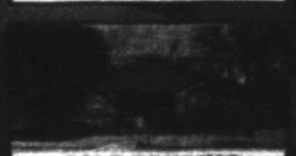
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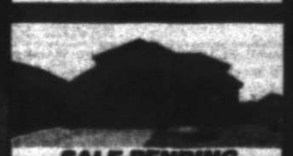
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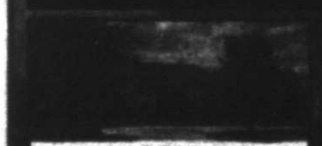


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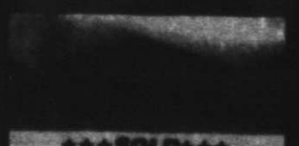
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Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

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Job Duties:
•Repairs equipment including pumps, chemical feeders, valves and specialized equipment.
•Performs preventative maintenance on plant equipment according to manufacturer's recommendations.
•Performs annual maintenance at plants including but not limited to cleaning and painting of water treatment basins and painting of equipment.
•Performs electrical repairs including wiring of electric motors, switches, and panels.
•Troubleshoots electrical problems including checking and repairing control circuits.
•Serves as a shift relief as needed, assuming full authority, duties and responsibilities of position that is being filled.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of plant operations and maintenance. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Skill in the use of hand tools, test equipment, and welding tools. May work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. One to three years experience in a related field preferred. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Water license within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must posses a valid Texas Class 'B' CDL or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
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NOW HIRING

Service Center Technician

Performs tire installation and repair and general maintenance on vehicles and machinery.

Job Duties:
•Repair flat tires. Removes and installs wheels and tires from vehicles and equipment.
•Responds to requests for towing and service calls.
•Performs electrical jump starts on vehicles and equipment.
•Performs diagnostic checks on batteries and alternators. Changes out as necessary.
•Balance tires.
•Performs engine oil and filter changes. Changes transmission oils and filters.
•Cleans and maintains shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
•Orders and issues parts.
•Opens work orders, charges out parts and closes work orders as required.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and vendors in order to diagnose repairs and order materials for repair.

Knowledge of proper tools used in general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as wreckers, tire hammers and breakdown bars, tire and wheel balancers, tire machines, jacks, air impact wrenches, fork lifts and assorted hand tools. Skill in the reading and practical application of manuals, schematics and other similar specifications used by city departments. Ability to

read, measure and calculate types and sizes of materials needed and ability to reason amount of time that will be used in the actual repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

High school diploma or equivalent plus one year of general service station experience is required. Experience in fueling vehicles, changing oil and oil filters, and changing or repairing auto and large equipment tires is also required. Employee must have dependable transportation and a telephone at their residence. A valid Texas license required, CDL preferred. Must have a State of Texas Inspection License or ability to obtain within 90 days.

DAYS & HOURS:
Monday - Friday; 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
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- Paid Holidays
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NOW HIRING

Utility Plant Operator - Water Purification Plant

The primary function of a Water Plant employee is to perform semi- skilled and skilled operations and maintenance duties in our water facility, including monitoring, operating, maintaining and adjusting equipment. Additionally, an employee performs data collection and reporting functions to ensure compliance with Federal and State water quality requirements & Standards.

Job Duties:
- Gathers and computes chemical analysis of water samples. Interprets and logs results.
- Controls water treatment processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and monitors various water plant equipment and machinery.
- Maintains daily and hourly records of plant operations
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage within the City.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Reports maintenance issues that arise to plant Operations.
- Assists maintenance personnel as assigned and when needed.
- Performs routine cleaning of work areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Must work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Surface Water license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must posses a valid class 'C' Texas driver's license.

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NOW HIRING

Well Field Technician - Paul Davis

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:
•Assists other Utility Department Divisions as required.
•Performs Operations & maintenance duties as required at WPP.
•Controls water disinfection processes to meet regulatory standards.
•Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
•Maintains required records of operations, generates monthly report and maintenance records.
•Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
•Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
•Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
•Performs routine cleaning of assigned area. Maintains grounds at well field compounds.
•Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

RELOCATION MANDATORY

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and tower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Groundwater license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must posses a valid Texas Class "B" CDL required or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Utility Plant Operator - WPCP

Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

Job Duties:
•Collects water samples for testing and analysis in primary treatment area.
•Operates and maintains primary treatment equipment and observes the operation of related plant equipment.
•Reads gauges, records information and reports problems to the Operator, or other supervisors.
•Performs janitorial and grounds keeping duties in assigned areas.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and supervisors on plant condition and in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders to collect samples for analysis. Skill in writing to record results. Shift work required.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus ability to obtain C operator's certification from the TNRCC within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shift; Rotating Days Off

Benefits:
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CDL Mixer Drivers

4J Concrete, LLC is hiring CDL drivers, form setters and concrete finishers. Excellent pay. Call (432) 934-1384.

CDL Drivers

Pro Oil and Gas Services now hiring CDL drivers class A with hazmat, tanker endorsement. Start pay $29 hour depending on experience. Insurance and benefits. Must have clean driving record and pass Dot physical and drug test. Must also pass federal background check. 14/7 work schedule. Send resumes too: ajurado@prooilc.com.

CDL HOTSHOT DRIVERS NEEDED

Lee R's Enterprises, Inc. is now accepting applications for Owner Operators and Company Drivers. Looking for experienced drivers at least 25 years of age with 1 year of CDL driving experience. Prefer experience in driving 1 to 2 ton trucks with flatbed trailers along with Winch/Pulls. Commissioned jobs are paid weekly for all drivers. Benefits for company drivers include Health insurance, uniforms and cell phone allowance. For more information please call our office at 432-570-6283 or come by 2608 W. Co. Rd. 140, Midland, TX. 79706 to fill out an application. Email resumes to leerobertsre@ymail.com

CLASS A CDL DRIVER

Acme Brick Company is now hiring a Class A CDL Driver. Minimum of 24 months of commercial driving experience. Possess a Texas CDL. Must be able to pass a drug screen, DOT physical, and background evaluation. We offer competitive wages, full benefits, and 401K. Please apply online www.brick.com/careers. Call our office if you have any questions 432-699-5017.

MIDLAND County

NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

Performs manual and unskilled labor on traffic signs and markings, which often involves the use of acquired skills. Operate several types of light and heavy vehicles, equipment, and tools. Do related work and training as required.

Job Duties:
•Assist in loading and unloading transported equipment.
•Operate equipment used in the daily activities of the Traffic Operations division such as paint machines, sign installation equipment, welders and other heavy equipment.
•Perform maintenance, service minor repairs on vehicles and equipment.
•Install and maintain roadway signs, markings and all other traffic devices.
•Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment.
•Maintain records of work performed, schedules, status reports and work orders.
•Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee must be able to communicate effectively with employees, management and citizens in order to effectively receive and complete assigned work.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to traffic control devices and operations. Knowledge of the processes used in traffic control maintenance. Employee must be able to follow instructions for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and striping truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders is also required.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class 'A or B' CDL required, or must obtained within 6 months of employment.

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
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Mobile Crane Operators

Wanted Crane working NCCCO certified hydraulic, all terrain operators. Rigging. Pay based on experience. Email: [illegible]@yahoo.com

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

MIDLAND County

NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Transportation

Under Supervision, performs unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled duties in the maintenance and repair of the City's street infrastructure. Performs a variety of tasks including general labor and the operation of light and heavy equipment used in the repair of streets, alleys, and drainage ways.

Job Duties:
•Performs routine maintenance and repair of City streets and alleys through the operation of light and heavy equipment including walk-behind saws and compactors, dump trucks and water trucks, and other equipment related to the maintenance of streets and alleys.
•Performs daily preventative maintenance of equipment.
•Performs manual work and general labor such as making street and curb cuts.
•Maintains tools and equipment.
•Assists with the proper set up of work zone traffic control.
•Assists in loading and unloading of transported material and equipment.
•Fulfill on-call duties as required and outlined on Transportation's on-call roster.
•Assists with the maintenance of Transportation's buildings and grounds.
•Assists other City divisions and departments, as needed.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee must effectively communicate with all co-workers, managers, and citizens. Must effectively communicate with managers regarding work orders.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to read materials including equipment manuals and daily work logs. Ability to read fluid levels and fuel gauges. Ability to receive and understand training materials and demonstrations regarding the proper operation of light and heavy equipment for which employee has no prior knowledge or experience.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class A or B Commercial Drivers License required.

Monday - Friday; 7:30 am until 4:00 pm; Overtime work may be required.

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
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- Paid Holidays
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Frac Sand CDL Drivers & Owner Operators

Local trucking company Now hiring Frac Sand Class A CDL Drivers & Owner Operators, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79706

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MIDLAND County

NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Transportation

Operates some motorized equipment, hand tools and assists Equipment Operators in the maintenance and/or construction of streets, alleys and drainage channels. Installs devices that provide for the orderly and predictable movement of all motorized, non-motorized and pedestrian traffic.

Job Duties:
- Performs routine maintenance and/or construction on streets, alleys, right of ways, drainage channels, etc.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of motorized equipment or hand tools.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as weed cutting, pothole repair, shoveling, etc.
- Maintains tools and equipment in good and safe operating condition.
- Performs any related duties needed to complete projects.
- Installs and maintains signage throughout the city.
- Paints lane lines on the streets and thoroughfares. Paints designated curbs.
- Installs lane marking devices.
- Trims trees in order to clear sign obstructions.
- Fabricates signs.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work schedules, status reports and records of work orders.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to train on some motorized equipment or tools. Ability to read materials such as equipment manuals and work orders. Ability to write and record information such as feedback on work request/work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Sanitation Driver

Drives a single or tandem axle side loading refuse packer truck and collects and disposes of solid waste. Serves as standby driver until a regular route becomes available. Works at recycling center when required sorting recyclables. May be assigned to a roll-off truck or boom truck instead of side loaders.

Job Duties:
•Drives a sanitation vehicle and collects and disposes of solid waste from containers. Collects and disposes of yard waste and large, bulky items when assigned to hand pick up.
•Travels to and from the landfill in order to dispose of waste materials.
•Assists in litter pickup and similar programs when required.
•Maintains and inspects vehicles and performs safety checks daily.
•Maintains records of work performed for supervisor such as vehicle check list, trip logs and repair reports.
•Any solid waste management activity required of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
•Assists in recycling activities.
•Assists in solid waste disposal related activities when not driving a regular route.
•Performs other related duties as assigned.

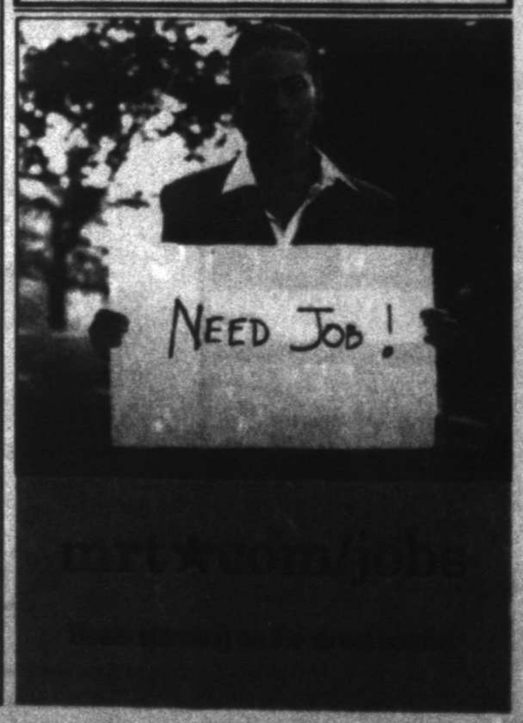
Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will inquire regarding disposal procedures. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints on services provided.

Knowledge of processes used in the collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to read and write and follow oral and written instructions from supervisor. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, claws and various hydraulic systems as well as shovels, brooms and rakes.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred with six months to one year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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- Paid Holidays
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Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0306634
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 23, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 830373
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 29, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	MASSEY UNIT	
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	2813H	
Lease/Unit Acres	:	403.74	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	107.0	
Lease Lines	:	755.0 F SOUTH L,	230.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines	:	755.0 F SOUTH L,	230.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 100.0 F N L
330.0 F WEST L
Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 26 Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 438
Survey: T&P RR CO, GIL, M
Lease Lines : 22.0 F SOUTH L
340.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines : 2625.0 F NORTH L
990.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0310271
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 2, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 837848
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 7, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	CARLA EAST B	
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	6223LH	
Lease/Unit Acres	:	1051.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	71.0	
Lease Lines	:	220.0 F NORTH L,	394.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines	:	220.0 F NORTH L,	394.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 220.0 F NORTH L
394.0 F WEST L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 61 Block: C Abstract: 41
Survey: CCSD&RGNG RR CO
Lease Lines: 10.0 F NORTH L
60.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 10.0 F NORTH L
60.0 F WEST L

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

On March 20, 2018 Sharon Gaylor of 118 Timberlime Lane Bastrop, Texas 78603 was appointed executrix of the estate of Steve Michael Clower, Deceased. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to present them to the executrix or the attorney office of Mark Threadgill 5100 Andrews Hwy. Midland, Texas. 79707 within 4 months of this first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

Legal and Public Notices

Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Pioneer Natural Resources, 5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Irving, Texas 75039 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Miles D Lease, Well Number 2D. The proposed disposal well is located 3 miles South of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4200 to 5900 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) 512/463-6792).

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0306616
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 23, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 830361
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 29, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0310274
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 2, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 837684
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 7, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Austin, Texas 78711-2967
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Survey Lines	:	265.0 F NORTH L,	394.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
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Lease Lines: 265.0 F NORTH L
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Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 61 Block: C Abstract: 41
Survey: CCSD&RGNG RR CO
Lease Lines: 10.0 F NORTH L
330.0 F WEST L
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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

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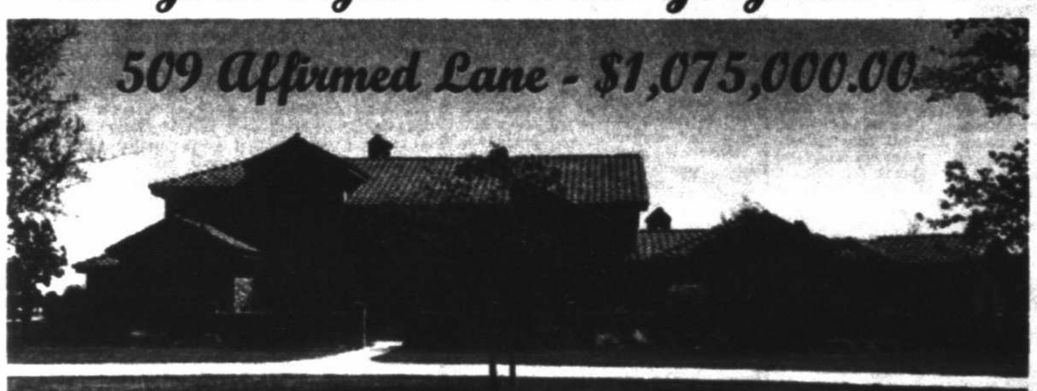
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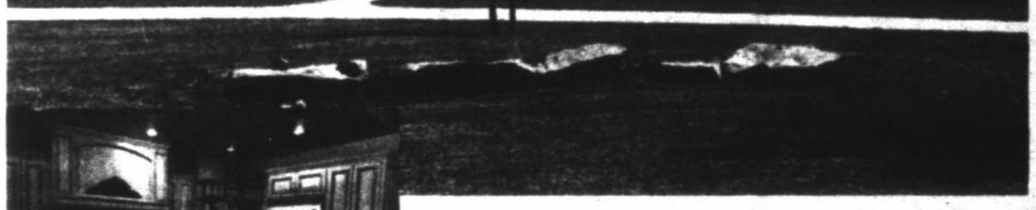
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Set Your Sights On This Gorgeous Soloman Estates Home!

509 Affirmed Lane - $1,075,000.00











Captivating and beautiful this 4/3.5 home with 3903 square feet and 1.167 acres features towering ceilings with beautiful beams, a gourmet kitchen and spacious downstairs master suite with a private patio. The master bathroom has a large walk through shower and spacious walk-in closet. Leading to the master suite the built-in office area makes for a convenient out of the way work area. Located downstairs the large media room can host the perfect movies with it's own refrigerator, microwave and large storage closet. The impressive staircase leads to two bedrooms separated by a shared bathroom with divided vanities and an abundance of cabinet space. Off the breakfast area the cozy patio with a wood burning fireplace, high ceiling, built-in refrigerator, Green Egg, and BBQ pit, will make for the perfect Saturday night get together. Beautifully landscaped, the pool size yard has a 20x20 shop with an additional parking pad and a separate play area. With warm neutral colors throughout, this fabulous home offers so much more.









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Proposal #2018-012

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Proposal #2018-014

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals to paint the breezeway of several buildings located on the main campus. There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2018 in the Maintenance Facility and Warehouse Breakroom. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2018** in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0306893
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 23, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 636372
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 29, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642852] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 1, Bl. X, HILLIARD, H P Survey, A-11, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 1 miles S direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6781.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY May 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	MASSEY UNIT	
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	4213H	
Lease/Unit Acres	:	403.74	
Nearest Lease Line (R)	:	107.0	
Lease Lines	:	775.0 F SOUTH L	230.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines	:	775.0 F SOUTH L	230.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 100.0 F N L
330.0 F W L

Terminus Location
RH County: MIDLAND
Section: 28 Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 438
Survey: T&P RR CO. GL, M
Lease Lines : 22.0 F SOUTH L
340.0 F W L
Survey Lines : 2625.0 F NORTH L
660.0 F EAST L

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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Mason Coleman, at (737)7042399

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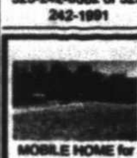
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3121 Fairfield Lane	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, Well & Generator	MLS #50014139	UNDER CONTRACT	$450,000
10507 E. Co. Rd. 109	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, HUGE shop in Greenwood	MLS #50012632	UNDER CONTRACT	$384,000
1216 Comair Drive	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Const.	MLS #50012569	NEW LISTING	$369,000
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2513 Cimarron	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage + shop	MLS #50012756	UNDER CONTRACT	$309,000
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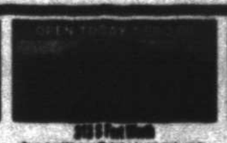
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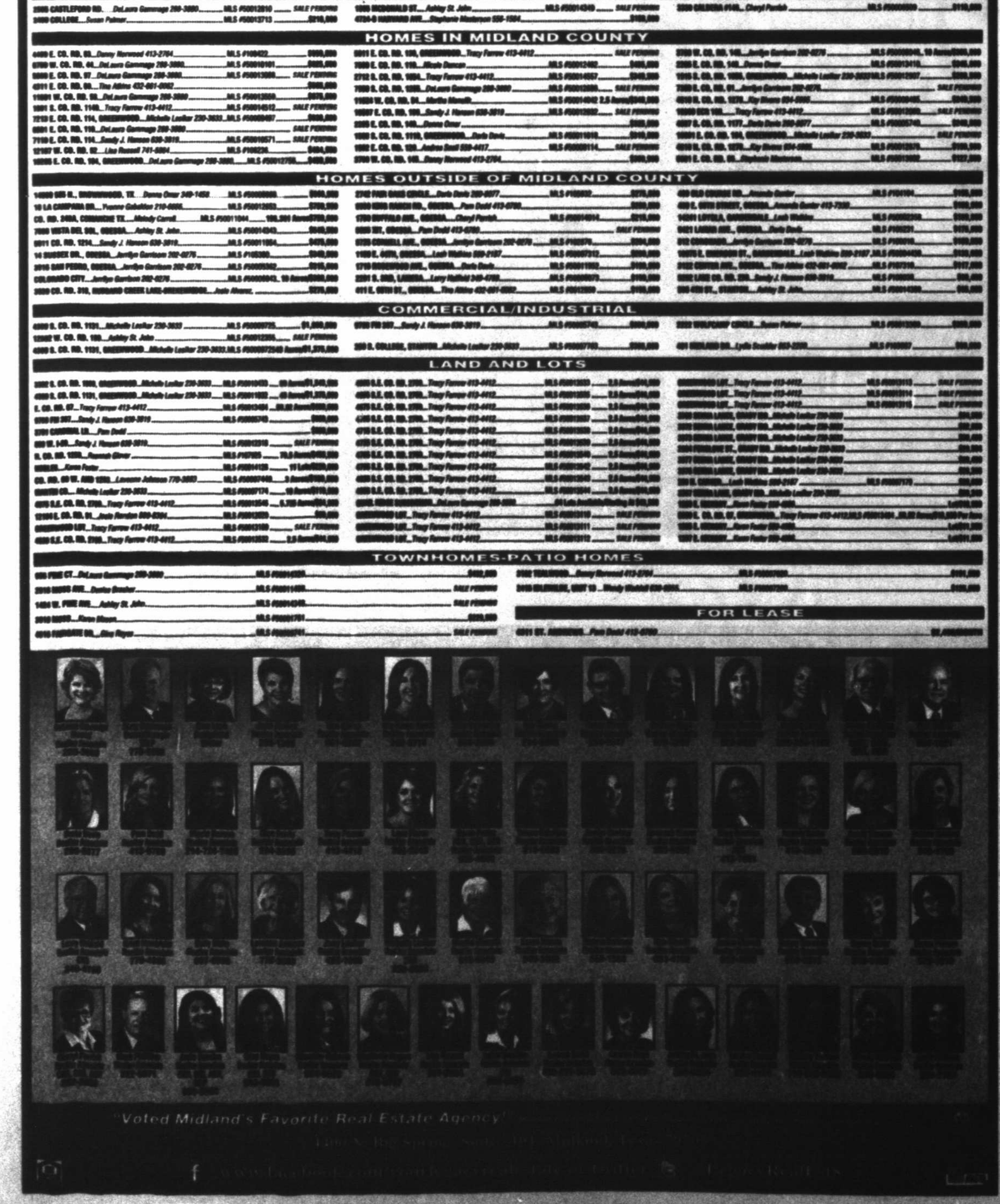
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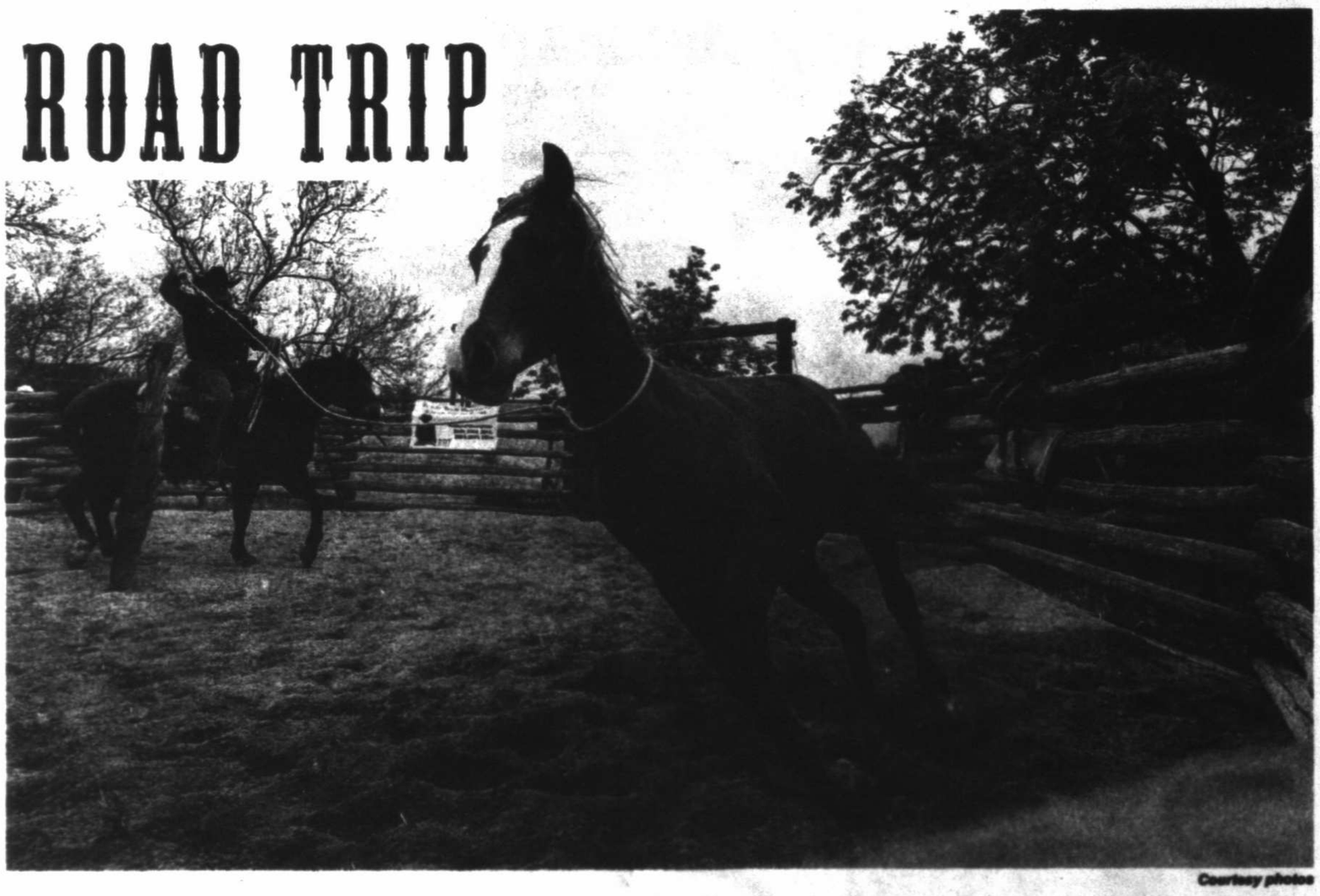
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Ranch Day in Lubbock will take you back in time

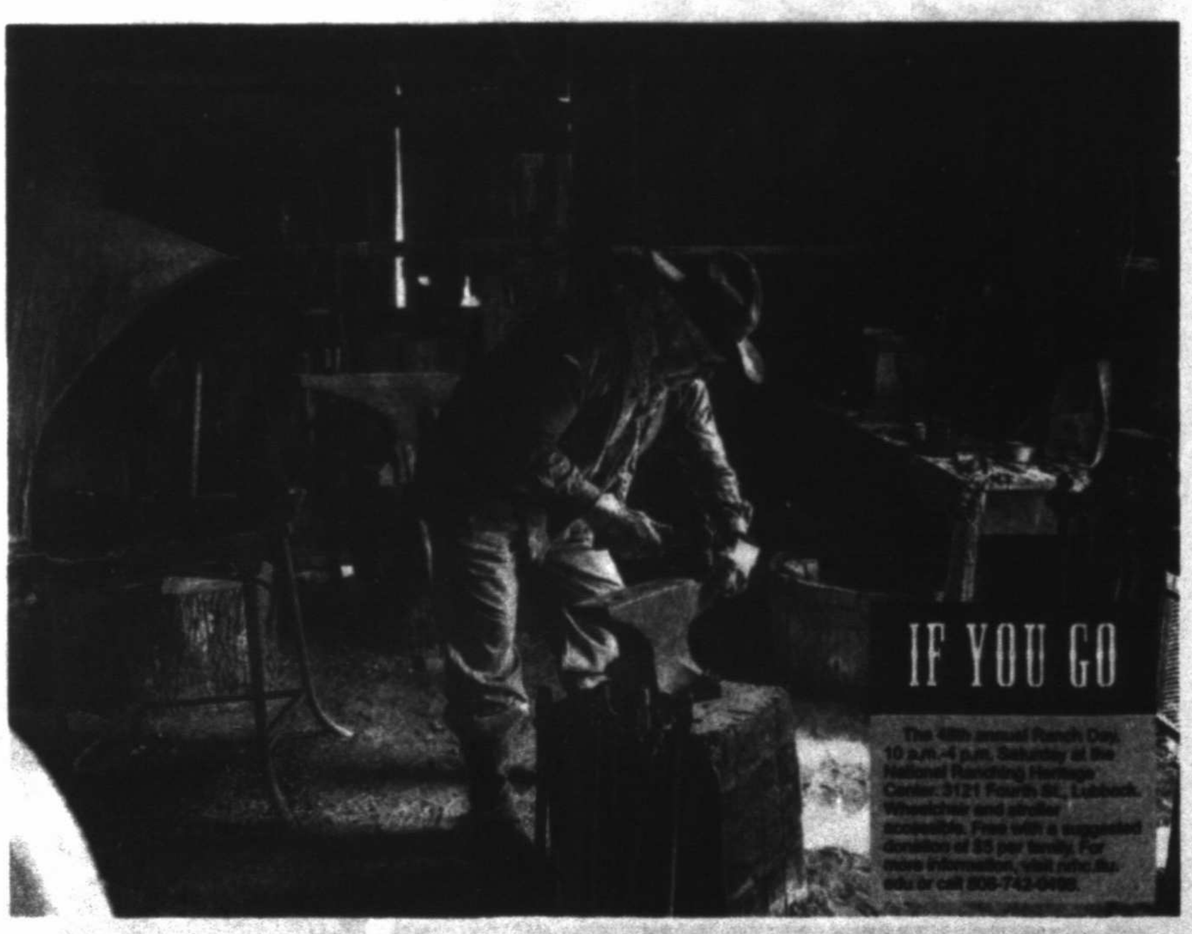
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Most Midlanders have done the easy day trip to Lubbock to enjoy different scenery. The Hub City features shopping and dining options that aren't in this area. Lubbock even has its fair share of tourist attractions. But this particular Saturday, a day trip could turn into a memorable one.

More than 5,000 visitors are expected for the National Ranching Heritage Center's 48th annual Ranch Day. The 19-acre park will put history on full display with chuck wagons, horses, cowboys, square dancing, livestock and more. The event is family friendly but also comes with a big helping of education.

"Hands-on activities and demonstrations will focus on ranch skills and the history and science of ranching," Julie Hodges, Helen DeVitt Jones

Please see RANCH DAY/4E



Blacksmith Lewis Nesley fires up the shop equipment in the 1917 blacksmithing shop. Visitors can watch him create ranch gear during National Ranching Heritage Center's Ranch Day.

5 QUESTIONS

Rachel Kerr Ritter



Ritter

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My sister is a long time resident of Manor Park, and I have been thinking about making the move for a while.

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Village South at Manor Park



NAMES & FACES

OUT&ABOUT

by Julie Donnelly





BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Leslie Holland, from left, Beth Giles, Tonya Gilstrap, Laney Abbotts, Melissia Hoke

SUPPORTERS BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland held its signature fundraiser, Bowl For Kids' Sake, recently at Bowlero. This year's theme was "Rock and Bowl," and many supporters that showed up perfectly dressed for the part.

Bowlers enjoyed Jimmy John's subs, Popeye's chicken strips, Gatti's pizza and desserts while trying to hit their strikes. Prizes were given away to winning teams, and drawings were held throughout the fundraiser.



BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Sophia Rodriguez, back from left, Elijah Rodriguez and Antonio Villasenor, and Mia Rodriguez, front from left, Antonio Villasenor Jr., Saul Villasenor, Olivia Rodriguez and Reyna Villasenor



BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Ashley Eason, back from left, Hayden Woodard and Caleb Ortiz, and Catalina Ortiz, front



BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

Paul Cain, from left, Bennett Casey, Hannah Glover, Madison Carson, Rocky, Tatum Cain, Abbey Cain, Hana Tejani, Savannah Cain and Genevieve Daniels



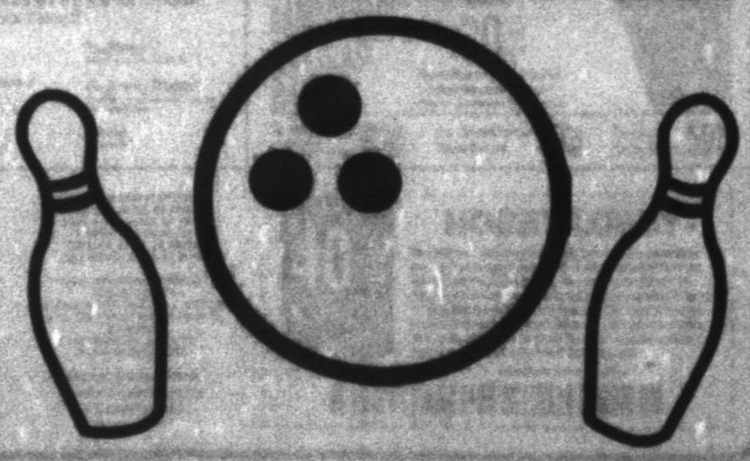
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Crystal Ray, back, and Jessica Rose, front from left, April Rose, Leah Pigsley and Sandra Suarez



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Jessica Vasquez, back left, Sophia Dudley, Elijah Perales, Aj Baker and Braden Hilliard

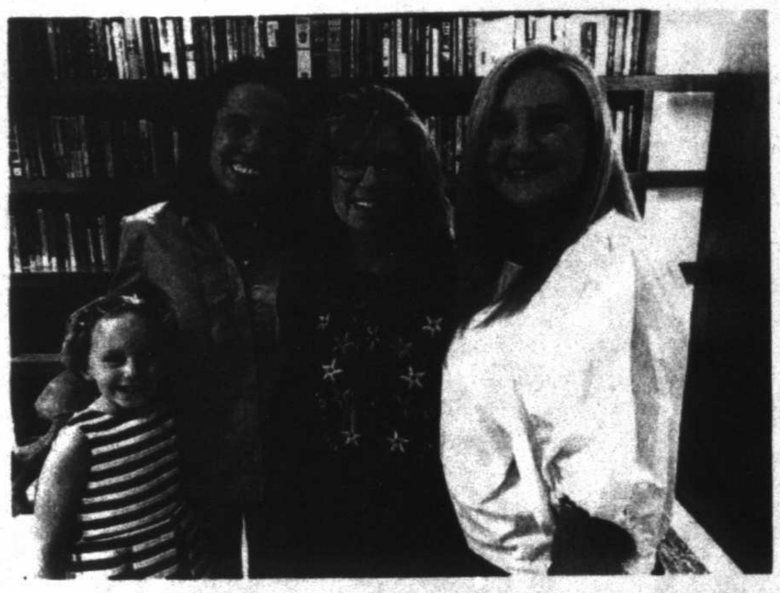


Sororities celebrate founding

Midland Alumnae members of Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma once again teamed up to celebrate the founding of their respective sororities with the annual "Monmouth Duo." This year's party took place in the home of Louisa Fikes.

The women dined from a buffet of meats, cheeses, crackers, breads, dips, fruit and vegetables and enjoyed catching up with one another.

Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma were founded on the campus of Monmouth College in Illinois, in 1867 and 1879, respectively.









Monmouth duo

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Hattie Fikes, Louisa Fikes, Kathy Harrison and Kali Davis.
McKenzie Carleton, back, and Kim Carleton, front from left, Avery Klunick, Mary Susan Hunter.
Alex Guisinger, from left, Lizzy Beal, Annabelle Gardaphe, Reagan Wesson and Kate Huey.
Casey Goree, from left, Taylor Craighead, Samantha Shannon and Kathryn Hanson.

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Piano students perform at jazz festival

Midland Music Teachers Association sponsored the Student Affiliate Jazz Festival on April 14 at Midland College. Students were performed a jazz, boogie or blues song. They were judged by association teachers and received a rating and a ribbon.

Students who played in the festival were:

Allie Cooksey, Ansley Davidson, Joshua Davidson, Hallie Doonan, Wilson Doonan, Allison Doonan, Ethan Harris, Jacob Kaczor, Jordan Kaczor, Sophia Kaczor, Kristin Gibbons, Josiah Sykes, Brylie Sykes, Mary Kate Wetendurf, Izzy Winston, Sammy Setiadarma, Clay Ready, Gracie Morgan, Samuel Montez, Jiya Spies, Jayin Spies, Shaan Spies, Maddie McBrayer, Ella Field, Lola Mestas, Elva Fowler and Julien Reyes.

Also, Grace Koo, Gregory Gallardo, Halle Rylander, Asher Golden, Bliss Curry, Caleb Masonheimer, Jordan Murdock, Abbagayle Roberts, Sarah Masonheimer, Morgan Crutchfield, Macie Stack, Truman Stack, Joseph Kim, Michaela Rusert, Hannah Lee, Lydia Lee, Amulya Ganta, Lucy Harvey, Cotton Harvey, Joshua Galindo, Priya Patel, Adam Garcia and Ashlin Brown, Mary Brown, Jaiden Catalasan and Jian Catalasan.

Also, Sybella Underwood, Cenzie Pyeatt, Bayleigh Hanugun, Amelia Morris, Leon Samaniego, Brinda Potlusi, Mahathi Chadalavada, Dessa Snyder, Nayeli Onate, Sanjana Vadlapatla, Anjali Vadlapatla, Emma Salas, Rebeca Silva, Lucas Todd, Kaitlyn Young, Jenna Young, Josie Reed, Dub Johnston, Addey Johnston, John Scogin, Ben Scogin, Lily Scogin, Rosa Gonzalez, Shayne Thompson, Addison Sparks, Kailynn Chinikidiadi and Macy Joy Luke.

And, Max Jordan Pressler, Sophia Grace Johnson, Mia Angelina Johnson, Sophia Chen, Claire Xu, Annie Alleman, Maryann Yang, Miranda Yang, Isabella Jae Barrera, Michael Thomas Herrera, Corinne Suzanne Berry, Madeline Kate Rhoads, Jay Ze Chen, Richard Black, Tripp Arnold, Annabella Arnold, Gloria Koo, Eunice Koo, Wyatt Mason, Thomas Robnett, Levi Mason, Brylee Russell, William Russell, Lucas Kim, Elizabeth Inskeep and Thomas Roark.

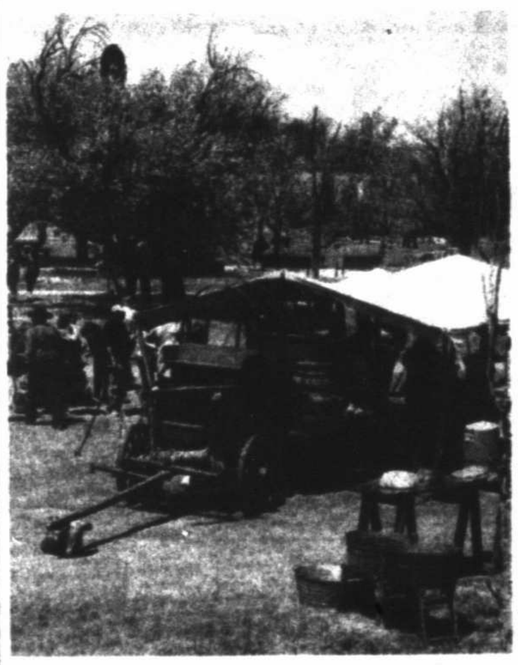
Participating teachers were Tina Childers, Jo Ann Collett, Natalie Eustace, Joy Finley, Elaine Golden, Ellen Gossett, Ruth Ann Griffin, Kristi Law, Joan Lucas, Phyllis Mason and Shari Santorelli.

Source: Midland Music Teachers Association



ABOVE: Young guests can enjoy roping and other ranch-related activities during National Ranching Heritage Center's Ranch Day. BOTTOM LEFT: Vintage chuck wagon on display during National Ranching Heritage Center's Ranch Day. BOTTOM RIGHT: This 1886 half-dugout is from the original Matador Ranch in Dickens County at the National Ranching Heritage Center.

Courtesy photos





Ranch Day

From 1E

director of Education said in a press release. "Children will have an opportunity to churn butter, ride a horse and make quilt squares, but they also will learn about wind energy, beef science, entomology, anthropology, forensic science, archery, ranch wildlife and more."

The NRHC preserves the history of ranching in partnership with Texas Tech. The park features 49 structures in chronological order that display the evolution of ranching from the 18th to the 20th centuries. The park also features 42 life-size bronze outdoor sculptures and a museum with seven galleries of art, photography and artifacts exhibiting western ranching life past and present.

The plans for the Ranching Heritage Center (now called the National Ranching Heritage Center) began in 1966 by the Texas Technological College president and a group of local business leaders and ranchers. For a decade, the center took its shape and during that time the center introduced Ranch Day to invite people to see the progress and enjoy western entertainment.

"History doesn't exist without a storyteller. If no one told the story, it would be as if nothing ever happened," Jones said. "Our 19-acre historical park was assembled to represent the birth, growth and maturity of ranching west of the Mississippi River just as colonial Williamsburg represents the nation's history east of the river. We tell the ranching story to new generations."

That story has been told often. Last year, the center received more than 60,000 visitors from around the world — most recently a German tour group.

"Germans are unusually interested in cowboy culture because of a German author named Karl May, whose stories were the inspiration for our Lone Ranger and Tonto," she said.

The annual event has brought in between 4,000 to 6,000 visitors each year. Even with a large crowd expected, NRHC coordinator Sue Jones reassures people won't be jampacked into the park.

"This is such a fun time of the year at the center with all the animals and the people coming in," she said. "But it never feels like a crowd. Because the park is so spread out, everyone can enjoy the park."

Jones hopes people will travel to partake in the history and the fun of Ranch Day.

"There is so much history here, and the older you get, the more you're interested in it. So there is something for all ages. Younger guests can enjoy the live animals and watch the stick horse rodeo by the Texas Tech rodeo team. People can grab a bite and hang around to make a day of it."

Ranch hosts dressed in pioneer costumes welcome guests who can then partake in leather stamping, horseback rides, rope making, paint-branding cattle and even ranch science demonstrations. They also serve as docents for questions about the establishment.

Even with all of the aforementioned planned for the day, festivities still include a diverse spread of live entertainment.

Magician Barry Moffitt will host the old-time "Snake Oil" show. Singer Tim McKenzie performs on the barn stage, and Lubbock author Nathan Dahlstrom will sign copies of his latest "Wilder Good" children's book "Black Rock Brothers."

A team of square dancers will even perform. "One of the most impressive things about Ranch Day is the large number of organizations and individuals that help make this happen," Hodges said

More than 185 community volunteers assist with the event.

With a day packed with activities and live shows, the NRHC offers free admission to the one-day event.

"We are a nonprofit organization so, yes, it is free, but we do encourage donations," Woods said. "But please come on out. Ranch Day is the closest thing most people will ever get to understand the history of ranching which is important to the West Texas area."

Bridge

With Bob Jones

Making the best of it

Neither vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠Q8643
♡K83
◇2
♣Q854

WEST ♠J1097 ♡A5 ◇KQ3 ♣K963
EAST ♠K2 ♡10962 ◇1098764 ♣7

SOUTH
♠A5
♡QJ74
◇AJ5
♣AJ102

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♡*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

*Transfer to spades

Opening lead: Three of ♣

North should have passed two spades. He overbid his hand, leading to a poor contract, but South set out to make the best of it.

The opening club lead ran around to declarer's 10. A heart to the king held the trick, and a club back to the jack lost to West's king. West shifted to the king of diamonds, ducked by South, and then reverted to clubs. South won his two remaining club tricks, ending in dummy, and paused for thought. East had discarded three diamonds on the clubs, so South decided this was an indication that East had started with four hearts, so he led a heart back to his seven! West won with his ace, perforce, and shifted to the jack of spades — queen, king, ace. South cashed the queen of hearts, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠8643
♡Void
◇Void
♣Void

WEST ♠109 ♡Void ◇Q3 ♣Void
EAST ♠2 ♡10 ◇109 ♣Void

SOUTH
♠5
♡J
◇AJ
♣Void

West discarded the nine of spades on the jack of hearts. South led a spade, putting West on lead and forcing him to lead a diamond into the ace-jack. "I knew you could do it," said North.

Bridge

Permian Bridge Club

April 9

Audie Brooks-Marlene Blumentritt, Ann Servatius-Charlie Grimes, Greg Keys-Linda Scarpelli, Dorothy Brenneman-Patti Heard, Betty Moore-Linda Buzan, Ann Brooks-Mary Tift

April 10

Martha Poss-Blumentritt, James Hawkins-Bob Bacon, Ricki Perry-Bonnie Hubbard, Audie Brooks-Bill Brooks, Paula Baggett-Buzan, Janet Stoltz-Heard

April 11

Buzan-B. Brooks, Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Hawkins-Bacon, Brenneman-Baggett

April 12

Ann Servatius-Sonya Hopkins, Phyllis Maxwell-Georgia Temple, Helen Davis-John Seymour, Buzan-Scarpelli, Linda McDonald-Linda Farrar, Debbie Conner-Sandy Hill

Mary Louise Dyer-Audie Brooks, Belle Harris-Em Carnett, Tift-Ann Brooks, Keys-David Hudson

Overall: Servatius-Hopkins, Maxwell-Temple, Dyer-Audie Brooks, Harris-Carnett, Tift-Ann Brooks, Keys-Hudson, Davis-Seymour, Buzan-Scarpelli, McDonald-Farrar, Conner-Hill

April 13

Debbie Conly-K.C. Evans, Blumentritt-Curry, Kay Arrell-Perry, Heard-Baggett, Buzan-Moore, Audie Brooks-B. Brooks



Courtesy photo

Pictured left to right are, Jeff Floyd, Kristin Reid, Debbie Roland, Reggie Jones, MaryAnn Miles, Pat Hunter, Nancy Kirk, Kathleen Cox, and Janett Frentress.

Master gardeners receive awards at conference

DEBBIE ROLAND
Permian Basin Master Gardener

The Permian Basin Master Gardeners received three awards at the Texas Master Gardener State Conference, which was earlier this month at the beautiful Texas A&M University campus. The awards program recognizes AgriLife volunteers for satisfying their mission of serving their local communities.

The awards received by Permian Basin Master Gardeners at the 2018 conference are:

- First place in research went to EarthKind for its grape cultivar trial.
- Second place in the youth Junior Master Gardener program went to "Plant Fun" at the Midland YMCA.
- Third place in educational programs went to The Great Tomato Roundup or "Can you Really Grow a Tomato in West Texas" by the Permian Basin Master Gardeners. Master gardeners are trained to share horticultural knowledge with Permian Basin residents in all areas of horticulture. We attend classes on gardening topics that are relevant to our region, and in turn, we teach what we learn through seminars, workshops, demonstration gardens and one-on-one communication.

There are more than 7,000 certified master gardener volunteers in Texas, which has more than 100 local chapters. We gain much of our knowledge through horticultural research sites in the Permian Basin. This ensures that we deliver information that is suitable for West Texas landscapes.

Master gardener volunteers are the backbone of the AgriLife horticulture program and volunteer thousands of hours in our communities to improve residents' lives through research-based knowledge. Local research has long been a top priority for AgriLife volunteers. Master gardeners actively participate in all aspects of local plant trials, including the evaluation process that measures how well a particular species responds to our tough growing conditions.

If you are interested in attending classes taught by Permian Basin Master Gardeners, visit us at westtexasgardening.org and be sure to follow us on Facebook. To learn more about the Texas Master Gardener program, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at 686-4700 or email jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

Carolina chickadee prefers areas that are forested

MICHAEL PRICE
Wild About Texas



I have mentioned in this column literally a hundred times, and I am sure that I will write about it another hundred, but the common names that have been applied to some of the diverse species of wildlife around us makes me almost chuckle out loud. There is one funny-named avian species that, for more than one reason, brings a smile to my face every time I observe one. And that species is the Carolina chickadee.

The Carolina chickadee (*Poecile carolinensis*) is a true homegrown bird in the sense that it occurs only inside the man-made borders of the United States. It is an extremely common bird throughout most of the southeastern U.S.; it is called "Carolina" because it was first officially described by John James Audubon in the state of South Carolina. Its range of occurrence can be described as from the Lake Okeechobee area of central Florida, northward up the Atlantic seaboard to Philadelphia, westward almost to Springfield, Illinois, southwestward from there to Amarillo, south to Del Rio and then straight eastward. It is obviously much more common in the eastern portions of Texas than the western areas, although it does wander out here from time to time. The bird in the photo accompanying this column was observed in Midland County.

This chickadee prefers to live in areas that are heavily forested, whether that be in naturally occurring settings or in the "feral" forestry provided by human landscaping in city parks and backyards. It is not a migratory species.

There are three species of the genus *Poecile* that occur in the United States, and this variety is the smallest by a short margin (no pun intended!). Adult's body length is a diminutive 4 3/4 inches, while the wingspan is a mere 7 1/2 inches.

But what the chickadee lacks in size and stature, it definitely makes up for with good looks and an energetic and belligerent attitude. The upper parts are gray, while the under parts are white with a gray wash. The wings are also gray and are decorated with white edging. The face is very distinctive with a solid black head cap, a black bib and bright white cheeks. The black bill is small and almost disproportionately sized, while the legs are blackish gray in colonition.

Much of the time, this species dwells in either pairs or in small groups. It occasionally will unite with other small birds, such as titmice or warblers, to feed. During the warmer months its primary food source is insects such as moths and grasshoppers, while during the colder months it feeds upon seeds and berries. However, after the breeding season has begun, this little bird can have quite the attitude as it competes with other small birds for suitable nesting sites. Both male and female excavate the nesting site in a dead tree.

The nest is then lined with various grasses, leaves and even hair and feathers. Five to eight white eggs, which are adorned with reddish markings, are laid, and both parents incubate them for less than two weeks. During this time, if a predator happens to disturb the nest, the adults will hiss and actually lunge at the intruder, acting like a bullsnake or hog-nosed snake in defensive mode.

Upon hatching, the young grow quickly as they are fed by both parents. The juveniles will remain in the nest for an additional two weeks before they disperse. Males and females are monogamous, but many times the female will leave her mate to find another male in a different territory if the nesting and young-rearing is unsuccessful for a year.

This species will have one to two broods annually. Studies have shown that the population dynamics of this tenacious little species is stable and even quite abundant. Many individual flocks can be enticed into a backyard setting by placing sunflower seeds and suet in a feeder or bird houses with the appropriately sized holes.

About the laughable common name of chickadee? Well, that comes from the most utilized vocalization of this species, which is a high-pitched "*chick-a-dee-dee-dee.*"

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USDA, FDA work to keep off the market potentially unsafe GMOs

JEFF FLOYD
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension



Changing any creature in a lab sounds like the mysterious work of Frankenstein, but there are many ways a plant or animal can change. Among the most controversial changes are those made by researchers who modify the DNA of an organism with the goal of improving it. These modified plants and animals, sometimes called genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are the result of removing, inserting, replacing or mutating a gene or genes.

It is controversial and highly politicized. Discussions for or against GMOs center around two broad arguments. One side warns about negative consequences as a result of tinkering with DNA. After all, the monster did "take out" half of his creator's family in an effort to kill Frankenstein. The other side of the argument believes that nature should be tamed to provide rainbows and unicorns for all of mankind.

Can you keep GMOs out of your life? The bulk of the American diet and many of our clothes are already made from genetically modified organisms. You won't find that on the food pyramid. More than 90 percent of corn, soybean and cotton grown in the U. S. has been genetically modified. Livestock is raised on a diet of GMOs. A little over half of the beets used in sugar production are genetically modified. Engineered fruits and vegetables such as apples, potatoes and summer squash have marched into the market. The list of GMO products is certain to increase over the next decade.

Currently, you may need to dig deep to learn if a product contains GMOs. Companies aren't required to tell you. Congress passed a GMO label law that was to be largely worked out by July; however, the U.S. Department of Agriculture says it isn't on track to reach that deadline.

Genetic engineering may offer some advantages. Some GMO crops such as herbicide-resistant cotton can be grown using fewer pesticides, which saves production costs and translates to you and I holding on to more of the dollars we toil for every day. Other crops have been designed to give higher yields. Although many people believe that non-GMO crops are safer and more nutritious, few differences have been found. At least in the case of one product called Golden Rice, GMOs are more nutritious. Studies show that Golden Rice has the potential to save the sight of millions in developing countries by providing a low-cost path to vitamin A.

But there also are disadvantages. One notion that strikes fear into GMO critics is the potential for ingesting a new protein or enzyme that would cause an allergic reaction. Another concern is that certain medicines may lose their effectiveness because some GMOs are made using fragments of antibiotic- resistant bacteria. Fortunately, thousands of research papers over the course of more than 30 years have not been able to directly link any increased health risks to GMOs. Yet, it would be wrong to say that all future GMOs will be safe, just as it would be wrong to say that hidden within them is the equivalent of Frankenstein's monster.

The USDA and the Food and Drug Administration are working to keep potentially unsafe GMOs from entering the market. They use a rigorous process that begins before approval is granted for field trials and continues beyond final delivery to consumers. All GMOs undergo in-depth studies that can take the better part of 15 years and cost more than $100 million before they are ever used.

Home gardeners sometimes take special precautions to avoid GMO seeds. This isn't necessary. Seed packets that read 'Non-GMO seeds' are examples of either clever advertising or advanced planning by seed companies. Since GMO seeds cost millions to develop, they aren't released to the general public. Once available, farmers can use them but they must agree not to give away the technology hidden within their crops. Any patents associated with a genetically modified product given legal rights to its developer, which is an entirely different and almost equally debated topic.

To learn more about GMOs in horticulture, call the AgriLife Extension Service at 686-4700 or email jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.



Butterflies' life depends on milkweed feasting

NORMAN WINTER
On Gardening

As we all strive to get our hands on every native milkweed for our states and to the ultimate benefit of the Monarch butterfly I thought I might plug its use for the other guys. Your first thought might be I'm talking about the Queen or Soldier butterflies that are related to the Monarch and also must have milkweeds as larval host plants.

That's important too, but I am speaking for the ability of the milkweed this time to be a nectar source for butterflies and hummingbirds. In other words, we love milkweeds because they are extraordinarily beautiful and intricate in their design making them great plants for the landscape or the backyard wildlife habitat. Of course, Monarchs, Queens, and Soldiers butterflies could not survive without them.

If you stop and pay attention, however, you'll notice milkweeds are like the 'pollinator luncheon junction' for an assortment of butterflies. Currently in the hill country of Texas not too far from San Marcos, Wimberly and Dripping Springs you'll find the Antelope Horn milkweeds (Asclepias asperula) blooming everywhere.

My brother, scouting for monarch and queen caterpillars like everyone else, was stunned to find thirteen or more hairstreak butterflies and bees, too, hitting on the blossoms. I'm a hairstreak lover from way back so this excites me about as much as monarchs.

There were gray hairstreaks and numerous Juniper hairstreaks. If you have never seen this green and rusty orange Juniper hairstreak with white bands you are missing a real treat. Speaking of hair streaks, I have been treated once in Texas and once in Georgia to what I consider the most beautiful of all, the Great Purple Hairstreak, appreciating the milkweed nectar.

At the National Butterfly Center in Mission, I photographed the Red-bordered Pixie feeding on milkweed. Many enthusiasts have this butterfly at the top of their so-called must-see bucket list.

When you consider that hummingbirds and bees also frequent milkweeds then there is surely the impetus for the nursery industry to maximize production of milkweeds and the gardening public to open the pocketbook and purchase.

Grow several of these, and your family will experience the whole lifecycle of the butterfly. The landscape itself will also become a picture of the color. Plant them in full sun with fertile well-drained soil, and you will find them to be virtually maintenance free.

Once you have yours planted, then the fun begins. Unbeknown to you, unless you are watching, eggs will be laid, we call this ovipositing. These eggs will soon hatch into caterpillars that are as exotic looking as the butterflies. Unless you live in the South, you only see the Monarch caterpillar on your milkweed.

This is a cause for family celebration. These caterpillars will eat, and they do so with a voracious appetite lasting for around two weeks. You might think this stripping of the foliage would prove to be the demise of the plant but in no-time, you will have more leaves and flowers.

The caterpillars will seem to disappear. They will be attaching themselves head downward and shedding their skin. Now it is time to go on the hunt for what is known as a chrysalis.

Chrysalis is another name for pupa. You will find these hanging almost unnoticed on the underside of the leaf, or a branch. I have also found them hanging from the wire of a nearby fence and even the eave of the house. The chrysalis looks green but in reality, it is clear, and colors become apparent as the Monarch gets closer to emergence.

This is the kind of fun that the kids or grandkids will enjoy, and the experience will make lasting memories. Adding to the memories will not just be watching the lifecycle of Monarch butterflies but the graceful flight and nectaring of an assortment of butterflies and hummingbirds too!

Norman Winter, horticulturist, garden speaker and author of, "Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South" and "Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden." Follow him on Facebook @ NormanWinterTheGardenGuy.

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Spring is busy time for bees and their keepers

DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

Spring is the busiest time of year for bees and their beekeepers. Queens begin laying their eggs, scouts head out of the hive to find food to replenish diminished stocks, and the rest of the workers shoulder the load in raising more brood.

For beekeepers, late summer and autumn are the primary harvest periods for honey, while winter provides a pause for equipment cleaning and repair. Spring is all about honeybee regeneration, said Jeffrey Harris, a research professor with the Mississippi State University Extension Service.

"Bees are seasonal animals that depend upon flowers," Harris said. "You can't grow brood without pollen, and there's only a discreet amount of time available for blooming."

Beekeeping seasons vary in length according to climate, of course. That ranges from about 10 weeks in Alaska to 11 months or more along the Gulf of Mexico.

"The seasons are shorter in Alaska but you can make more honey per colony," Harris said. "Things bloom hard and daylight runs about 20 hours per day. Down here (Mississippi), it's greatly different. We have a little winter lasting about two weeks."

Overwintering honeybee colonies in hives is tricky but not unworkable. The key to high wintering success is ensuring that the bees are healthy at the beginning of the cold season and have enough nutrition to carry them over.

Beekeepers face colony mortality because of disease-carrying mites, moisture building up in the hives and extreme cold. Few plants will bloom outdoors in single-digit temperatures, and their absence triggers starvation.

"If bees are to starve, it's generally in February and March," Hollis said. "We don't start to see much flowering down here until March.

"Beekeepers need to provide artificial syrup and candy (pollen patties) to sustain and help them with the ups and downs of weather in the early spring."

The four types of bees most commonly seen in North America are wild bees, bumblebees, Mason bees and honeybees.

Honeybees are among the first of the bee species to become active each year, said Andony Melathopoulos, a bee specialist with Oregon State University Extension.

"Unlike all the other bees in the U.S., they winter as a colony so they can jump into action as soon as it gets warm" — approximately 55 degrees Fahrenheit, he said. "In the middle of the winter, all the rest of the bees are in some form of dormancy, either in the ground or in hollow stems."

Gardeners can make their properties more hospitable by choosing plants attractive to bees, massing them in broad strips or swaths, and selecting those that flower successively, starting in early spring, Melathopoulos said.

"People should be aware that many plants with gorgeous blooms don't always attract pollinators," he said. "A hybrid tea rose has really no benefit to pollinators. So look out for plants that pollinators visit when strolling around your neighborhood."

"The best policy is to plant a variety of bee-attractive flowers, ones with different shapes and colors, that bloom at different times of the year," Melathopoulos said.

Mother-in-law's bragging puts pressure on college candidate

DEAR ABBY
Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



DEAR ABBY: After a lot of talk and no action, I finally made the decision to further my education with a master's degree. At present, I have one more required undergraduate credit to complete at the local university. My husband and I are excited that I finally made the decision and am following through.

The problem is my mother-in-law. She has told everyone I have been accepted into the master's program at a prestigious school in my area — one I am hoping to get into. Abby, we recently threw a surprise party for her mother and everyone was congratulating me. I was embarrassed and had to correct them, saying that was my hope, but I haven't yet applied.

I have asked her to please stop, but it continues. I know she's excited and proud of me, and for that I am thankful, but now I'm incredibly nervous that if I don't get in I'll look like a failure. Suggestions? — NERVOUS IN THE EAST

DEAR NERVOUS: I am unsure why your mother-in-law would continue to spread information she knows isn't true. Perhaps it's wishful thinking. If you tell her that what she's doing only increases the pressure on you, she may pipe down, but don't count on it.

Because you can't control what comes out of her mouth — and the cat is out of the bag, so to speak — you have two choices. Gain admission to that master's program or, if that doesn't turn out to be possible, level with the people who prematurely congratulate you and explain that your MIL jumped the gun and acceptance wasn't a sure thing. The only thing you shouldn't do is allow yourself to be embarrassed about it.

DEAR ABBY: A recent death in my family has affected me greatly. Her love for others was boundless; her enthusiasm for life unparalleled. Her sense of humor was remarkable. When my spirits were down, she greeted me with love every day and was a positive influence.

I'm speaking about my labradoodle, Molly. I was lucky enough to have her in my life for nine years. My problem is, people don't get it. Molly was family. I loved her, she died and I'm heartbroken. I'm being told to "get over it" — she was "just a dog."

I understand that some people don't like dogs and that's OK. What I don't get is that they can't seem to grasp that I have experienced a great loss. Am I being silly? I feel like I have lost a child. Your input would be greatly appreciated. — GRIEVING IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR GRIEVING: You are not being silly. Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your precious Molly.

Unless someone has experienced what you have, it can be difficult to empathize. Because you are grieving, I hope you will reach out to Molly's veterinarian and ask if he or she knows about a support group you can join to help you through this difficult period. Being able to discuss all of your feelings with people who have suffered the same loss can be healing.

Italian dressing is easy way to marinade meat

HINTS FROM HELOISE
King Features Syndicate



Dear Heloise: My mother used to make your baked Italian chicken, and I still remember how great it tasted. It was easy and quick to prepare, so can you reprint that recipe for us working women? — Pam M., Ashboro, Ind.

Pam, I always loved this recipe! Here it is:

Heloise's Italian Chicken

- 1 chicken, cut up or equivalent in parts
- 1 (8-ounce) bottle nonfat (or regular) Italian salad dressing
- 1 medium onion, peeled and sliced
- 4 medium potatoes, sliced (peeled or not) into bite-size pieces.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a casserole dish with nonstick spray. Place the chicken in the casserole dish and cover with the Italian dressing. Top with onions and potatoes. Bake for about 1 hour, or until done.

If you want more easy-to-prepare recipes that are sure to please your family, order my pamphlet All-Time Favorite Recipes online at Heloise.com.

FYI: Italian dressing makes an easy, fast marinade for meat. — Heloise

CUT RECIPE IN HALF

Dear Heloise: When cutting a recipe in half, should the cooking time be reduced? Just to let you know, I enjoy reading your column in The Gaston (N.C.) Gazette. — A Reader, Gastonia, N.C.

It all depends on what you're cooking. A cake probably would be just under half the time, while a roast usually would be a little over half the time. If it's a stir-fry, it's the same time. You'll have to keep an eye on your recipe to judge how long something needs to cook. — Heloise

LETTER OF LAUGHTER

Dear Heloise: Every Christmas Eve, I serve oyster stew, along with salad and crackers. I made the Heloise Olive Nut Dip spread and served it to my olive-hating son-in-law. He loved it and commented on how delicious it was. That's when we told him one of the main ingredients happened to be olives! We had a hard time holding our laughter inside! — Kate C., Mechanicsburg, Pa.

ICE CREAM DRESSED UP

Dear Heloise: Sometimes I have an unexpected guest(s) for dinner, and finding a last-minute dessert is difficult. I discovered that you can take a simple dish of ice cream and dress it up with some whipped cream and chopped nuts. I always encircle the ice cream with whipped cream, or some other topping, sprinkle nuts on top and add a dab of whipped cream on top. Stick a wafer cookie in it and you have dressed-up ice cream. — Hazel P., Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

CEREAL CHANGE

Dear Heloise: I have found that a good way to change up cold cereal is to add texture by using fruit-flavored yogurt rather than milk. Double the goodness. — Dona in Houston

BUGGED BY BUNS

Dear Heloise: Why can't hamburger buns be packaged in bags of four? Our family of two invariably has to throw out some of the contents of the larger packages. — T.B. in Alabama

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SUNDAY MORNING — APRIL 22, 2018

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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid	This Week		Church	Paid	Count
KOSA CBS	(n) Sunday	Homecom.	First Baptist Church		CBS Sunday Morning (N)			Face the Nation		Mission	First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	Hunters	Hunters	Bookman	Bookman	Bill Nye	Bill Nye	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Tonight	Tonight
KPEJ FOX	Paid	W.Athlet	Insight	FIRSTAve	Fam Moves Sunday		Odyssey	Paid	Outdoors	Outdoors	Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	Light of Southwest		Greenfield	Mission	In Touch Ministries		On Wings	Messiah	Stephanie's Heart		Home Vids	
KWES NBC	Minute	Sounds	In Search	BBM Min.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Paid	Paid	3 Minute	Paid
KPBT PBS	Sesame	D.Tiger	PhilaPet	Splendid.	3M	Cat	Int Gol	Wild K.	O. Squad	Arthur	Church	Dinotrain
KUPB UNI	Piquelo	Piquelo	Programa	Piquelo	Dr. Juan		Al punto		Aqui y Ahora		Aldea	Aldea
KOSA MNT	LaMisa	LaMisa	Space	Homes.	Grace	Hamilton	PrePrado	Garden	First Baptist Church		Connect	Walking
FLIX	Movie	(n)	Two Weeks ('16, Com)	Sally Field			Death Becomes Her ('92, Com)	Meryl Streep		(n)	Punch Drunk Love	
HBO	(n)	Something	(n) Elvis Presley Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd cont				(n) Elvis Presley Pt. 2 of 2			(n)	Charlie's Angels ('19, Pol	
HBO2	Leslie	(n) Barry	(n)	Logan ('17, Act) Hugh Jackman				Wentworth		(n)	Wentworth	Villarrell
HBOS	(n)	Mom In Pairs					(n)	Glass Vector Girl Eastwood		(n)	I Am Evidence (N)	
MAX	(n)	Wall Julia Roberts	(n)	Maverick ('94, West) Mel Gibson			(n)	Limping Up With the R...		(n)	Bibi Bodin...	
MAX2	Movie	(n)	A Cure for Wellness ('17, Thri) Dane DeHaan				(n)	Manifest Violence		(n)	Cellmates ('1...	
PLEX			(n)	The Naked Gun 2 1/2:...			(n)	The Naked Gun 33 1/3:...	Movie	(n)	Harry Trey...	
SHOW	(n)	Inside	Fall Any Dutch		Boxing Showtime Championship Boxing Site: Barclays Center -- Brooklyn, N.Y.						TheCircus	
TMC	(n)	Eddie Man	(n)	Fury Any Summer			(n)	A Beautiful Mind ('01, Dra) Russell Crowe			Transporter 3	
ABE	Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders "Sandy"			
AMC	(n)	Fear the Dead	(n)	Fear the Dead	(n)	Fear the Dead	(n)	Fear the Walking Dead		(n)	Fear the Dead	Fearthewd
BET		Blended Bishop	D. Otter	Morton	Pages	Pages	Pages	Pages	Pages	Browns	Browns	
BRAVO	Watch	Watch	Southern Charm		Southern Charm		Southern Charm		Still It Like Sunset		Vanderpump Rules	
CMDC	(n)	Paid Programs										
CNN	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Parnell Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	Dolling Sea Gold		Local	Spartans	Mixed "Stone Cold"		Mixed and Afield		Mixed and Afield		Mixed and Afield	
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ESPN	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		E60 (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	E:60 Pictures (N)		E:60		SportsCenter (N)		E:60 (N)		U.S. Football All-Star Challenge			
FNC	(n)	FOX & Friends Sunday					Morning Follows		Media Buzz		Kennedy's Notes (N)	
FOOD	Rules	Heart	Southern	Southern	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Cooking	Chefs	Barefoot	Barefoot
FREEFORM	(n)	Girls to Edie ('14, Adv) Eva Hein									Grounding Up With	
FSW	Paid	Thunder	UEL Mag.	UCL Mag.	Paid	Paid	NCAA Football Baylor Spring Game				MLB Baseball	
FX	Unbiddable	Unbiddable	Unbiddable	Unbiddable	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	90 Min Allergy		(n) Legion	
HALLMARK	(n)	Appetite for Love ('16, Rom) Taylor Cole			(n) The Sentinel ('96, Thri) Kiefer Sutherland				(n) A Taste of Romance		(L) Still Standing	
HGTV	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property
HISTORY	Top Gear	Top Gear	Top Gear		Counting Cars: Below "Get Your Kicks" (N)						Counting Cars: Below	
LIFETIME	Amazing	World Asr.	I Almost	Paid							Pretty Little Liars	
MSNBC	News (N)	Business	Politicsnation (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		All In (N)				MSNBC Live (N)	
NBCSN	Marathon	League Live (L)	(n)	EPL Soccer West Ham vs Arsenal (L)			League Live (L)		(n)	EPL Soccer Swan.Mun. C. (L)		
NICK	ALVINNN!!	ALVINNN!!	Rugrats	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge						
SPIKE	Paid Program		Cops	Cops	E. Power	Off-Road	Truck Y.	3 Wheels	It Was Me		Ice Bar	Bellas
SYFY	Paid	Paid										
TBS	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Friends
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TBT	Law & Order		LawOrder "Partner"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Poison"		LawOrder "Undead"		Everybody Loves	
TVLAND	(n) Chris	(n) K. Hills	(n) The Golden Girls		K. Hills	K. Hills	K. Hills	K. Hills	K. Hills	K. Hills	K. Hills	K. Hills
USA	Paid	Paint	In Touch	Kidnap	Unsolved		SVU "Unstoppable"		SVU "Confession"		SVU "Contention"	
WGN	Lund	Chefs	Leading	Paid			NA Comeback Town Hands		Cops		Cops	Cops

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — APRIL 22, 2018

	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	NBA Basketball Playoffs Boston vs Milwaukee (L)					NBA Basketball Playoffs Golden State vs San Antonio (L)					News (N)	Paid
KOSA CBS	NFL Films		PGAC Yahtzee									
KWWT CW	Bridget.	Bridget.	FastLife	FastLife	Broke	Broke	Mom's F.	Mom's F.	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX											Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	Shelter	Meet Mary Alice	Creation		Light of Southwest		Light of Southwest		NCH Invest	Hideaway	Homestead	Homestead
KWES NBC	Paid	Think Tech	Paid	Paid	NBC Sunday Today Cas Royals (L)						Hello (N)	Mysteries (N)
KPBT PBS	Wild Kratts	Wildfire	Martha	Martha	Clifford	Daddy	Daddy's Words"		NBA	Hawks. (N)	Kratts	Chronicle
KUPB UNI	Friday NFL Prime! Veracruz at Pumas (L)				Aguilas Aguilas		Como Dos el Dicho		El punto		Noticiero	Noticiero
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SUNDAY PRIME TIME — APRIL 22, 2018

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Sunday's Football Primetime Without DH	Hamilton Bill "Rep 14" (N)		Jeopardy! "Back Ace" (N)		News (N)	20/20 "Obsession"
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	All Rise	Instinct "Homeless" (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Outside the Lines" (N)	Bull "The Friendship Game" (N)	Carol's Second Act	60 Minutes	48 Hours (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Dreaded by An Angel "Confession"	Columbo "A Trace of Murder" (N)	Columbo "A Trace of Murder" (N)	Family Guy "Road to the Multiverse"	Family Guy	Bob's	Bob's
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3							
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11							
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9							
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8							
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16							
KOSA MNT	15	10		15	10							
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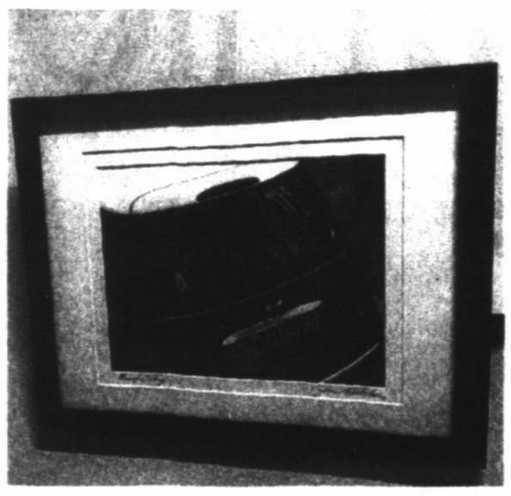
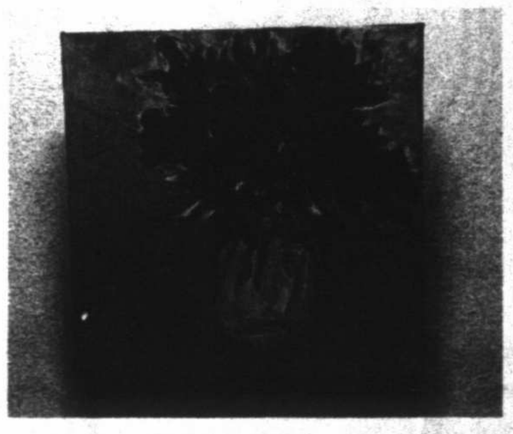
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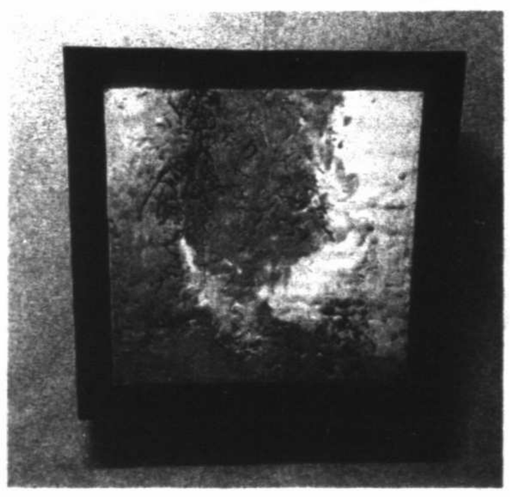
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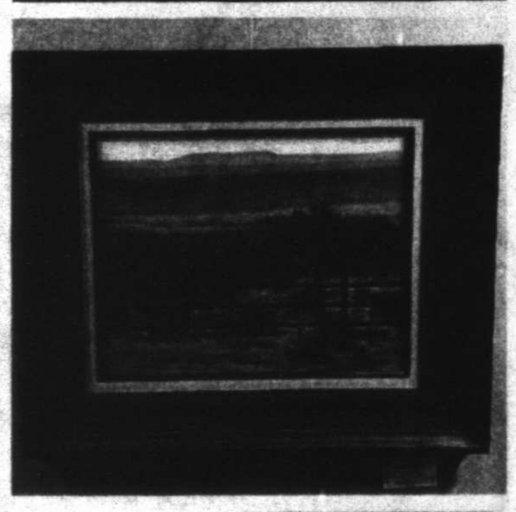
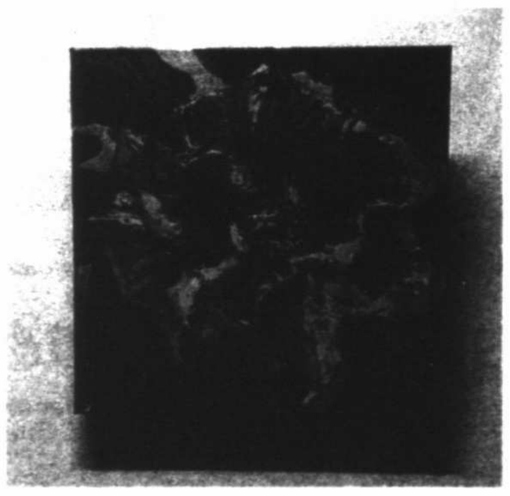
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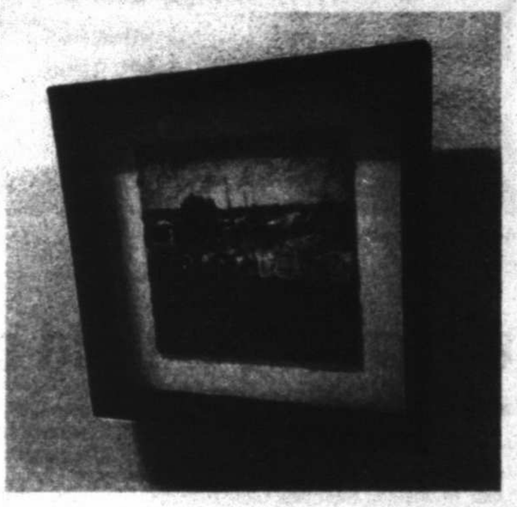
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Spring show





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The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces is currently exhibiting its Spring Show featuring art by local groups like the Midland Arts Association, the Midland Palette Club and Sibley Camera Club. The art is on display during the building's business hours.

CALENDAR

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APRIL 22-28

TODAY

Studio Ghibli Fest 2018: "The Cat Returns" (dubbed). 12:55 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

"Man of La Mancha" by Sul Ross Theatre. Through April 29. 2 p.m. Sundays, 8:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in Marshall Auditorium at Sul Ross University, E. Highway 90, Alpine. $12. sulross.edu.

Cassatt in the Basin! Cassatt String Quartet featuring works by Melinda Wagner, Lev 'Ljova' Zhurbin, and Alexander Borodin. 3 p.m. in the Wagner Brown Auditorium at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.

MONDAY

"Little Women" screening. Basin PBS will host a preview to the upcoming mini-series by PBS and Masterpiece. 6 p.m. at Andrews County Library, 109 NW First St. basinpbs.org.

Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Bridge game play. 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

Studio Ghibli Fest 2018: "The Cat Returns" (subtitled). 7 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

TUESDAY

Palette Club Painting. 9 a.m.to noon, Tuesdays at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. palettecubmidland.com.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Wine, Women and Shoes benefiting Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center will feature wine tasting, designer shopping, the Shoe Guys, live auction and more. 6 p.m. at the Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. winewomenandshoes.com/midland.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. $6. For more information, call 638-3707 or 250-8215.

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. bbbeesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time. 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Cassatt in the Basin! The quartet will give a lecture and demonstration. 9 a.m. in the Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.

Cobra Kai premiere fest. "The Karate Kid." 7 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

THURSDAY

Basics of Whole-food Plant-based vs. Vegan by the Lifestyle Medicine Center. Limited space so online registration is required. 6-7 p.m. at Midland Memorial West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway $5. Eventbrite.com.

"Little Women" screening. Basin PBS will host a preview to the upcoming mini-series by PBS and Masterpiece. 6 p.m. at Junior League of Midland, 902 W. Dengar Road. basinpbs.org.

West Texas Film Festival: Short Film Series. The event will screen "Far from the Tree" and "Mini Maestro." 6 p.m. at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free.

Cassatt in the Basin! Student concert with the Cassatt String Quartet and musicians from area high schools. 6 p.m. in the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. cassattinthebasin.net.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

FRIDAY

"No Business Like It." The McLaren Comedy Festival winning play opens Friday and runs through May 19. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

Maluma. 7 p.m. at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Hwy 191. $30-$50. haciendmidland.com.

SATURDAY

Authors signing: Jaden Murray Evans will sign "Magical Block Tower" and "Rain." McKinley Noel Evans will sign "The Caterpillar's Big Day." 11:30 a.m. at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

"Cendrillon" by The Met: Live in HD. Massenet's take on the Cinderella story comes to life in this new production. 11:55 a.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. $23.77 adults, $21.60 seniors, $17.28 children. fathomevents.com.

Author signing: Jimmy Patterson will sign "Midland A to Z," a book for children. 10 a.m.-noon at George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 West Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

"Composting: Why and How" by the Permian Basin Master Gardeners. 10 a.m.-noon at the West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Westcliff Drive. $10. westtexasgardening.org.

"Scientist, Scientist, Who Do You See?" storytime. Young readers will learn about scientists and how they changed the world. 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Viva La France! by the Midland Festival Ballet. This new show features three ballets: "Les Mimes," "Flames of Paris" and "Gaite Parisienne." 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. midlandfestivalballet.org.

MOSC: "Sounds from the Continent" with MOSC Chorale. 7:30 p.m. April 28 at the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, 800 W. Texas Ave. $15. MOSC.org.

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"Somehow, I Don't Feel Comfortable" is an installation by Momoyo Torimitsu of two giant, smiling pink bunnies facing off and pitching forward within a confined space. Through May 20. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

New: Visions 2018: "An Eastern Interpretation of Western Art." The series by the Arts Council of Midland hosts works by Lubbock artist Bo Tan through June 10. at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave.

"The Fragile Bee" is an exhibition of artwork by Nancy Macko comprised of photographs, prints and mixed media installation. Through July 8. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. At the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Spring art exhibit features works by the Midland Arts Association, Palette Club of Midland and Sibley Camera Club at The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. A St.

"Modern Frescos: Ali Cavanaugh." The exhibition runs through May 13. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

"Captured by Detail: Camille Engel." The exhibition runs through May 20. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Blakemore Planetarium at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave. 685-1112.

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Free admission. highskywing.org.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St. 682-5447.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. 683-4403. pbpetro.org.

Scarborough-Lindsey House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointments. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

Oil Report



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Water pools attaching to a hydraulic fracturing site managed by Octane Energy in 2016 near Stanton.

Study finds strong correlation between basins, green jobs

■ Midland among top five cities offering green jobs, second in those seeking green jobs

By Mella McEwen
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While Midland oil companies are generating tens of thousands of jobs across all aspects of the energy business, it's also generating green jobs.

"We find a strong correlation with the cities with a lot of oil and gas and mining jobs per capita, and also green jobs," Andrew Flowers, economist with the job search site Indeed.com, said in a phone interview.

A study he authored in advance of Earth Day – today — found that Midland ranks fourth nationwide in the number of green job postings and second nationwide in the number of people seeking green jobs, second only to Bismarck, North Dakota.

"That tells me Midland will need these workers," he said, especially as oil companies continue to drill more wells and produce more crude and natural gas.

The top green job is an environmental specialist, followed by environmental health and safety officer, environmental technician and water treatment specialist.

Flowers said these positions can help Permian Basin oil and gas companies abide by environmental regulations and conduct research and development to help operators continue exploration and production activities in an environmentally responsible manner. And in areas with intense hydraulic fracturing activity, environmental specialists and water treatment specialists will be needed to ensure fracturing is done according to regulations and in an environmentally responsible manner, he said.

"Oil and gas and the environment will go hand in hand," he said.

Flowers said his findings broaden the definition of a green job.

"If you think of a green job, characteristically it's in a verdant place like Colorado, where people work for a nonprofit protecting the environment. Those are green jobs. But the sheer number of jobs where the task is to protect the environment is in industries that are working with natural resources," he said

Companies that extract and develop those resources are often required to have environmental personnel in place, he said. And they often hire environmental specialists to ensure they extract the resources without liability.

A number of these green jobs require college degrees, he said, but there are also technical jobs such as solar installer, that require some training, perhaps certification or an associate degree. Flowers said his findings should serve as a guide for community colleges looking at ways to improve their workforce training offerings

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'Shale paradox' calls for close look at good, bad of shale revolution

By Mella McEwen
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For all the benefits the shale boom has provided, shale reservoirs remain what Scott Tinker calls enigmatic.

Tinker, director of the University of Texas at Austin's Bureau of Economic Geology, discussed what he calls shale's paradox with members of the Midland chapter of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists. Shale resources are large, yet recovery has been small. Shale producers make money, they lose money. Shale production impacts local economies but benefits the global economy. Shale products impact the local environment but benefits the global environment.

"The narrative these days is about good energy and bad energy. Shale has been painted as bad energy," Tinker said. "But on average, it's good energy, in terms of the economy, peoples' livelihoods. It has literally changed the energy landscape."



Eddie Seal/Bloomberg

A floor hand signals to the driller to pull the pipe from the mouse hole on Orion Drilling Co.'s Perseus drilling rig near Encinal in Webb County in 2012. The Perseus is drilling for oil and gas in the Eagle Ford Shale, a sedimentary rock formation underlying an area of South and East Texas.

The United States has added 5 million barrels of crude production a day since the shale revolution began, bringing it to a record 10 million barrels a day. The Permian Basin alone is now producing about 3 million barrels a day.

Moving from the "phenomenal" shale resources the country contains to reserves requires the right technologies, the right infrastructure, the right political climate, the right regulatory climate, the right economic framework, Tinker said. And there are "phenomenal" shale resources around the globe that can be developed with a similar proper framework, he said.

He said U.S. energy consumption has been essentially flat for over two decades, while carbon

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Big Dog Drilling's Rig 31 marks three years accident-free

By Mella McEwen
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Big Dog Drilling has been sinking its teeth into safety over the last several years.

That effort paid off as the company recently celebrated three accident-free years for its Big Dog Rig 31, grilling steaks for the crew as they drilled Endeavor Energy's Rio Frio 25-32 Unit 1 #112 well in southern Midland County.

"The guys did a really good job getting to that point," said Charlie Fincher, field drilling superintendent with Big Dog.

He credited each crew member's focus and commitment to safety, saying they each took ownership of the need to operate safely.

"We wouldn't be at three years accident-free without them taking ownership," said Fincher, who has been with Big Dog nine years.

He said each tour has safety meetings before work begins and even during tours and before major job change. Whether the safety meetings last 10 or 20 minutes, he estimates six to eight are held each tour.

"We also do a couple of observation cards per tour."

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ARM Energy, Ares Management move forward with development of Salt Creek Midstream

■ Salt Creek will span 250,000 acres in Delaware Basin

By Mella McEwen
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Houston's Ares Management LP and ARM Energy Holdings LLC are moving forward in their plans to develop Salt Creek Midstream LLC in the Delaware Basin.

Salt Creek was formed last year as a joint venture between the two companies as a full-service midstream provider offering gas and crude gathering services, compression, cryogenic processing and treating services. A greenfield development project, Salt Creek spans Culberson, Pecos, Reeves, Ward and Winkler counties in Texas and Lea and Eddy counties in New Mexico. ARM Midstream, a subsidiary of ARM Energy, will operate the project.

"Salt Creek Midstream is currently a pure play Permian midstream company," Michael Christopher, chief financial officer with ARM Energy, told the Reporter-Telegram by email.

The first phase of the project is expected to be commissioned this month

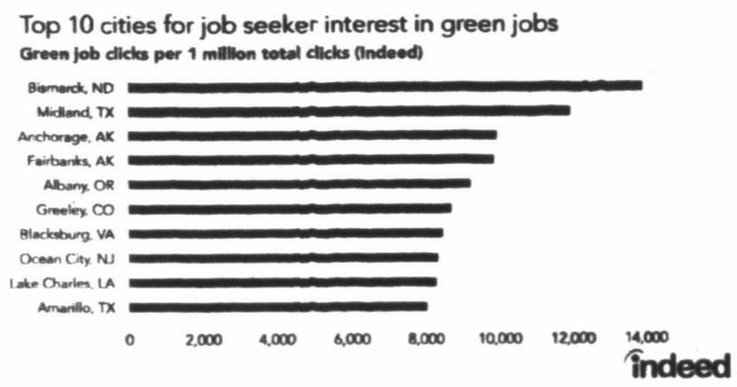
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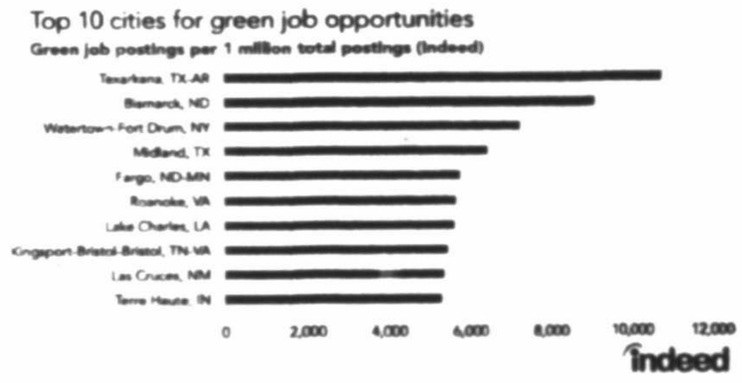
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Top 10 green jobs in the US

Percent of green job postings (Indeed)

Job	Share
Environmental specialist	41.5%
Environmental health and safety officer	9.7%
Environmental technician	5.0%
Water treatment specialist	4.4%
Solar installer	4.3%
Environmental manager	3.8%
Environmental health officer	3.6%
Safety, health and environment assistant	3.1%
Environmental engineer	2.9%
Water resources engineer	2.8%



Green

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or course offerings. Solar installer, for example, has been steadily creeping up the list of top green jobs, Flowers said.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the median salary for environmental specialists is about $69,000 per year and the number of green jobs is expected to grow by 11 percent between 2016 and 2026, faster than non-green jobs.

There is great interest in green jobs among the young professionals entering the workforce, he said. That's why companies like Exxon Mobil have been branding themselves as more than an oil and gas company but one that has scientists and engineers working on green projects.

For the study, Flowers and his fellow researchers looked at job postings with key words such as sustainable, biomass or biofuel, environment, green, ecology, among others and "came up with 30 titles we feel confident are tasked with protecting the environment. It's the best method we have to determine what constitutes green jobs."

Petroleum Professional Development Center

All classes will be held at the Midland College PPDC building, 221 N. Main St.

To register, go to the Midland College PPDC's New Website: https://mcce.midland.edu

PetroSkills: Gas Lift - GLI
Instructor: John Martinez
Start Date: April 23-27, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4315 - Register directly with PetroSkills

Waterflooding: Performance Predictions and Surveillance
Instructor: Dr. Michael Wiggins
Start Date: April 23-27, 2018 – Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. to Noon
Cost: $3,975; Out of State: $4,000

Energy Land Management
Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: April 26-27, 2018 – Thursday - Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $675; Out of State $700

Professional Technical Sales
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: April 27, 2018 – Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State: $275

New Course: LMKR: Geomodeling with GVERSE
Registered directly with LMKR: cvilleri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Andrew Vessel
Start Date: April 30, 2018 – Monday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $750

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils
Instructor: Kerry Sublette
Start Date: April 30, 2018 – Monday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $395; Out of State: $420

Critical Title Issues
Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: April 30, 2018 – Monday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Land Titles, Title Examination and Title Opinions
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 2, 2018; End Date: May 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., May 1, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Chaining, Interpreting and Curing Title
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 2, 2018; End Date: May 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., May 1, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method
Instructor: David M. Orchard
Start Date: May 3 - 4, 2018 – Thursday - Friday -8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State: $425

Optimizing Oilfield Systems Using Spreadsheet Models
Instructor: Peter L. Galusky, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
Start Date: May 7, 2018 – Monday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $350, Out of State $375

PetroSkills: Unconventional Resources Completion and Stimulation –URCS
Instructor: Larry Britt
Start Date: May 7-11, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4190

Petroleum Land Management
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 8, 2018; End Date: May 9, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $649; Out of State: $674

Sucker Rod Pumps: From Basics to Troubleshooting Sand and Gas Interference
Instructor: Rodney Sands
Start Date: May 8, 2018 8 a.m. to Noon and May 9, 2018 8 a.m. to Noon – Tuesday and Wednesday – ½ days
Cost: $150; Out of State $175

New Course: LMKR: GGX – Project and Data Management Essentials
Registered directly with LMKR: cvilleri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Andrew Vessel
Start Date: May 8-9, 2018 – Wednesday - Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1000

New Course: LMKR: PRIZM – Petrophysics Essentials
Registered directly with LMKR: cvilleri@lmkr.com
Instructor: John French
Start Date: May 10 -11, 2018 – Monday – Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1500

"OLD" (Pre-1968) Electric Logs: A Quick Review

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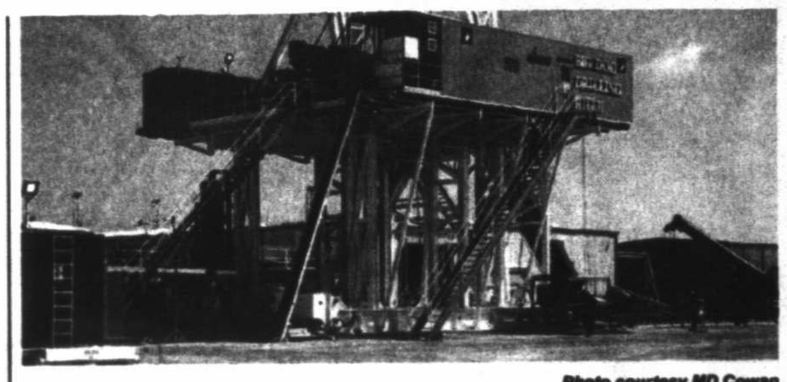


Photo courtesy MD Cowan

Big Dog Drilling's Rig 31 recently celebrated three accident-free years as it continues drilling Wolfcamp wells in southern Midland County for Endeavor Energy Resources.

Big Dog

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Every concern, from small to big, matters, he said. "If you take care of the little things, the big things will take care of themselves."

It's important for crew members to speak up if they see hazardous conditions or work being done in an unsafe manner, he said. It's especially important for experienced crews, he said.

"Don't be afraid to say anything if something's not right," he said. He also urged experienced crew members to serve as mentors to new crew members, something that will be important as new hires flock to the Permian's increasingly active oil fields. Big Dog Rig #31, which was delivered to Big Dog by MD Cowan of Odessa in April 2015, features state-of-the-art technology including a 30-foot substructure, Canrig top drive and catwalk, a 1,500-barrel mud system and three 1,600 horsepower mud pumps.

Fischer cautioned that all that new technology and automation brings more safety issues "because each piece starts automatically."

It can also lead to complacency. A big part of a successful safety record is not being complacent, he said.

Getting to three years accident-free "is hard work. It takes focus. Any little thing can take the rig down. Any new person, for that matter."

Asked if he's looking forward to celebrating six years accident-free, Fischer replied, "It's more like one year at a time. Actually, it's more like a day at a time."

SALT CREEK MIDSTREAM

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and Christopher told the Reporter-Telegram Salt Creek should have 260 million cubic feet per day of processing capacity well before the end of the year. The system will primarily be comprised of multiple cryogenic processing facilities as well as crude and natural gas gathering pipelines, compression and treating facilities.

Commitments for more than 250,000 dedicated acres from multiple producers active in the Delaware Basin have been secured.

"The current acreage dedications indicate the strength of various levers, one of which is takeaway, but certainly multi-stream capability as well as downstream connectivity and intelligence," stated Christopher. Salt Creek officials expect the strength of the Delaware will provide decades of high-return drilling inventory, which drill drive future growth for the company.

Given the billions of dollars being directed towards midstream infrastructure, Christopher was asked if it's easier for midstream companies to get financial backing compared to upstream exploration and production companies.

"The answer is nuanced," he replied. "Exploration and production companies with great acreage in the Delaware, SCOOP/Stack or Denver-Julesburg may find it reasonably painless to secure financing. ARM — Salt Creek's operator and one of its owners — has a track record of midstream success. That track record made financial backing less challenging to secure. That, plus Ares' own experience in the Basin and ARM's relationship with ARES, made the financing equation simpler to solve."

Shale

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dioxide emissions fell 20 percent from 2005 to 2015.

For all that, there remains the call for more renewable energy. Proponents even note that the cost of renewables has fallen dramatically, he said.

"That's true, in a sense, if you look at cost per unit," Tinker said. But all forms of renewable energy have additional costs that add up, he said, listing those costs as including power lines, batteries and backup generators.

"Renewables have an environmental impact," he said, starting with the need to mine and process the metals and elements needed, not to mention the chemicals involved. Wind turbines alone require a lot of metals, including copper and wire. Then there's the manufacturing needed to generate wind turbines, solar panels and batteries. And the land required to host wind or solar farms, the transmission lines needed to transmit the electricity generated by those farms to homes and businesses. Then there's the disposal of that equipment when it wears out.

Yes, he said, shale production has an impact on the local environment "but we're getting better at cleaning it up."

And increased natural gas use globally to generate electricity is resulting in lower CO2 and nitrogen oxide emissions and a cleaner atmosphere.

Shale producers are seeing their cash flow catch up with that of their peers who aren't focused on shale, he said. They have also helped create jobs and economic growth in their communities."A healthy economy lifts people from poverty and allows for investment in the environment," and the energy industry has played a significant role in generating healthy economies, Tinker said. "Our job is to get out there and educate people about our industry and be proud of what we do," he said.

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Phillips 66	$65.09		
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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Compass Energy Operating LLC
Sugg "2" #17
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Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 7493 fsl, 4608 fwl, Sec 27, Blk 9, Abst. 197U, ULS, 10 nw Big Lake; TD 10000; API #42-383-40216 Permit issued 4/9

Tom Green County

Banner Operating LLC
Livingston #2230
Funk (San Andres); 331 fwl, 933 fsl, Sec 22, Blk 5, Abst. 85680, H&TC RR, 21 nw San Angelo; TD 2000; API #42-451-32876 Permit issued 4/12

Upton County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Bird 13-14 H #281
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2128 fsl, 927 fwl, Sec 13, Blk D, Abst. 132, EL&RR, 18.4 ne Rankin; TD 11000; API #42-461-40826 Permit issued 4/10

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Powell "10A" #3
Jack Herbert (Strawn Pennsylvanian); 1992 fwl, 1338 fsl, Sec 10, Blk 41, T-5-S, Abst. 1427, T&P RR, 16.74 ne Crane; TD 12000; API #42-461-40831 Permit issued 4/12

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Andrews County

Ring Energy Inc.
Celo #1H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 630 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-34, Abst. 558, PSL, 14 nw Andrews; TD 5100; API #42-003-47778 Permit issued 4/13

Ector County

Independence Resources Management LLC
Whittenburg #11WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 518.5 fsl, 1902.2 fel, Sec 27, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 60, T&P RR, 10.2 sw Odessa; TD 11000; API #42-135-43585 Permit issued 4/11

Independence Resources Management LLC
Whittenburg #9MS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 518.5 fsl, 1949.2 fel, Sec 27, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 60, T&P RR, 10.1 sw Odessa; TD 11000; API #42-135-43588 Permit issued 4/11

Independence Resources Management LLC
Whittenburg #10LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 518.5 fsl, 1929.3 fel, Sec 27, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 60, T&P RR, 10.4 sw Odessa; TD 11000; API #42-135-43589 Permit issued 4/11

Independence Resources Management LLC
Whittenburg #9LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 518.5 fsl, 1969.2 fel, Sec 27, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 60, T&P RR, 10.4 sw Odessa; TD 11000; API #42-135-43587 Permit issued 4/11

Glasscock County

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Barbee B 47-38 (Alloc-A) #1NM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 9336 fsl, 657 fwl, Sec 47, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 192, T&P RR, 15.7 se Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-173-37859 Permit issued 4/13

Howard County

Diamondback E&P LLC
Middle Knott Unit 21 #1LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1025 fsl, 270 fsl, Sec 21, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 400, T&P RR, 13.1 ne Big Spring; TD 8750; API #42-227-39549 Permit issued 4/13

Sabalo Operating LLC
Getlo 25-36 #1AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 320 fnl, 535 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 348, T&P RR, 0.40 w Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39574 Permit issued 4/13

SM Energy Company
Flatch B #1322LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 419 fnl, 2153 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 33, T-1-S, Abst. 370, T&P RR, 4.72 sw Big Spring; TD 9800; API #42-227-39589 Permit issued 4/12

Loving County

Amaredev Operating LLC
Boyd 11 #Y 1WB
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnwl, 350 fnel, Sec 10, Blk C-24, Abst. 1250, PSL, 22.8 ne Mentone; TD 13360; API #42-301-33989 Permit issued 4/11

EOG Resources Inc.
Rustler D Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 1368 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 76, PSL, 16.9 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33897 Permit issued 4/10

EOG Resources Inc.
Reed 24 Unit #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 465 fwl, 5169 fsel, Sec 24, Blk C-26, Abst. 499, PSL, 15.3 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33981 Permit issued 4/10

EOG Resources Inc.
Reed 24 Unit #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 465 fwl, 5137 fsel, Sec 24, Blk C-26, Abst. 499, PSL, 15.3 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33982 Permit issued 4/10

EOG Resources Inc.
Reed 24 Unit #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 470 fnel, 9083 fsel, Sec 24, Blk C-26, Abst. 499, PSL, 15.3 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33983 Permit issued 4/11

EOG Resources Inc.
Reed 24 Unit #6H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 439 fnel, 8053 fsel, Sec 24, Blk C-26, Abst. 499, PSL, 15.3 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33984 Permit issued 4/10

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Big Horn 56-1-19 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 385 fnl, 351 fel, Sec 19, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 149, T&P RR, 24.2 nw Mentone; TD 16000; API #42-301-33987 Permit issued 4/12

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Big Horn 56-1-19 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 385 fnl, 376 fel, Sec 19, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 149, T&P RR, 24.2 nw Mentone; TD 16000; API #42-301-33988 Permit issued 4/12

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ren State 13 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 225 fsl, 500 fwl, Sec 13, Blk C-24, PSL, 22.9 ne Mentone; TD 16000; API #42-301-33966 Permit issued 4/12

Martin County

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Sale Ranch E14P #116H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1054 fsl, 408 fsl, Sec 14, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 647, T&P RR, 10.2 nw Stanton; TD 10470; API #42-317-41390 Permit issued 4/9

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Sale Ranch E14Q #117H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1037 fsl, 419 fsl, Sec 14, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 647, T&P RR, 10.2 nw Stanton; TD 10470; API #42-317-41391 Permit issued 4/9

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Sale Ranch E14R #118H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1020 fsl, 430 fsl, Sec 14, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 647, T&P RR, 10.2 nw Stanton; TD 10470; API #42-317-41392 Permit issued 4/9

XTO Energy Inc.
Lenorah 1-21 #0824SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2510 fwl, 600 fnl, Sec 18, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 623, T&P RR, 5.5 se Lenorah; TD 8750; API #42-317-41347 Permit issued 4/9

Midland County

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Kendra-Amanda PSA 3 #28LL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3688 fnl, 3427 fel, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 346, T&P RR, 11.1 sw Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-42426 Permit issued 4/11

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Kendra-Amanda PSA 4 #31UL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3750 fnl, 1631 fel, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 346, T&P RR, 11.3 sw Midland; TD 9400; API #42-329-42428 Permit issued 4/11

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Kendra-Amanda PSA 5 #32LL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3780 fnl, 1631 fel, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 346, T&P RR, 11.3 sw Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-42429 Permit issued 4/11

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Kendra-Amanda PSA 1 #33UL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3810 fnl, 1631 fel, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 346, T&P RR, 11.3 sw Midland; TD 9400; API #42-329-42427 Permit issued 4/11

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A14 #2502MH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 436 fnl, 760 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42419 Permit issued 4/11

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A15 #2503MH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 436 fnl, 1375 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42425 Permit issued 4/13

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A6

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Petroleum Professional Development Center

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Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: May 11, 2018 – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $425; Out of State: $450

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: May 14-16, 2018 – Monday – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1095; Out of State: $1020

Gas Lift Design and Operations
Instructor: Michael K. Johnson
Start Date: May 14 – 17, 2018 – Monday – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1800; Out of State $1825.00

Division Orders 101
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: May 15, 2018 – Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State: $425

Introduction to Well Completion
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: May 17 -18, 2018 – Thursday - Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $720; Out of State: $745

Advanced SQL
Instructor: Mark Edgar
Start Date: May 21, 2018 – Monday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $450; Out of State

Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods
Instructor: John Stermole
Start Date: May 21-24, 2018 – Monday – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $2595; Out of State $2620

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: May 22-23, 2018 – Tuesday - Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

2018 Permian Basin Environmental Regulatory Seminar
Location: Midland College Carrasco Room – Main Campus
Start Date: May 24, 2018 – Thursday – 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: Now through April 22nd – Early Bird Pricing: $155 In state; $180 Out of State
Cost: April 23rd through May 13th – Full Price - $200 In State; $225 Out of State
Cost: May 14th -24th - Late: $250 Instate; $275 Out of State
(Price includes breakfast

New Course: LMKR: Data Clean Up
Registered directly with LMKR: cviteri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Scott Oelke
Start Date: May 31, 2018 – Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $800

Right of Way Acquisition Training
Instructor: Don Valden
Start Date: May 30, 2018 - Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; $525 Out of State

Advanced Right of Way Acquisition Training
Instructor: Don Valden
Start Date: May 31, 2018 – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; $525 Out of State

Well Service and Pressure Control
Instructor: Mike Cure
Start Date: June 4, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $375, Out of State $400

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6: Land and Leasing
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: June 4, 2018; End Date: June 28, 2018;
Registration Deadline: Noon, June 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6: Oil and Gas Lease Interpretation, Negotiation and Interest Calculations
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: June 4, 2018; End Date: June 28, 2018;
Registration Deadline: Noon, June 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Well Control Drilling/ Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: June 4 - 8, 2018 – Monday – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

PetroSkills: Completions and Workover - CAW
Instructor: Hector Vargas
Start Date: June 4-8, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4810 - Register directly with PetroSkills

IHS Markit: Kingdom Basic Geological Data Loading
Instructor: Jenga Ngalawa
Start Date: June 4, 2018 - Monday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $700 - Register directly with IHS Markit

IHSMarkit: Kingdom Geological Interpretation
Instructor: Jenga Ngalawa
Start Date: June 5-6, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1400 - Register directly with IHS Markit

IHSMarkit: Kingdom Geosteering
Instructor: Jenga Ngalawa
Start Date: June 7, 2018 – Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $700 - Register directly with IHS Markit

SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Database
Instructor: Mark Edgar
Start Date: June 12, 2018 - Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State: $400

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: June 12-13, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

New Course: LMKR: Shale Petrophysics Training
Registered directly with LMKR: cviteri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Marc Connolly
Start Date: June 13-14, 2018 – Wednesday - Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1580

PetroSkills: Production Chemistry
Instructor: Dr. Carlos Palacios
Start Date: June 18-22, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4290 - Register directly with PetroSkills

PHDWin
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: June 19-20, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State: $650

New Course: Gas Lift and Production Optimization in Unconventional
Instructor: Rajan Chokshi, Ph.D.
Start Date: June 20, 2018 – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; $525 Out of State (Lunch Included)

New Course: LMKR: Geomodeling with GVERSE
Registered directly with LMKR: cviteri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Andrew Vessel
Start Date: June 25, 2018 – Monday - Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1000

WILDCATS

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Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

Approach Operating LLC
Pangea West #8509
Wildcat; 7498 fnl, 7049 fwl, Sec 65, Blk BB, Abst. 3120, GC&SF RR, 26 n Ozona; TD 3200; API #42-105-42453 Permit issued 4/12

Texas RRCD 8

Brewster County

Cody Energy LLC
State JMB McGill #101
Wildcat; 470 fsl, 500 fel, Sec 236, Blk 10, Abst. 5837, GH&SA RR, 24.5 mi Alpine; TD 14000; API #42-043-30320 Permit issued 4/11

New Mexico

Lea County

Matador Production Co.
Florence St Com #204
Wildcat; Sec 23 T23S R34E; 330/S & 528/E; 8 1/2 mi N Ochoa; Rot 16200 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44572

EOG Resources Inc.
Gem 36 State Com #721
Wildcat; Sec 36 T25S R32E; 363/S & 293/W; 13 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17190 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44568

Roadhill Operating Co. LLC
Tatanka Fed #1
Wildcat; Sec 11 T26S R35E; 230/S & 790/W; 8 1/2 mi SW Jal; Rot 17125 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44569

Roadhill Operating Co. LLC
Tatanka Fed #2
Wildcat; Sec 11 T26S R35E; 230/S & 1923/W; 8 1/2 mi SW Jal; Rot 17550 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44582

Roadhill Operating Co. LLC
Tatanka Fed #3
Wildcat; Sec 11 T26S R35E; 230/S & 1994/W; 8 1/2 mi SW Jal; Rot 18556 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44583

Roadhill Operating Co. LLC
Tatanka Fed #4
Wildcat; Sec 11 T26S R35E; 230/S & 439/E; 8 1/2 mi SW Jal; Rot 17122 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44570

Roadhill Operating Co. LLC
Tatanka Fed #5
Wildcat; Sec 11 T26S R35E; 230/S & 411/E; 8 1/2 mi SW Jal ; Rot 18550 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44571

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Courtesy DrillingInfo

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#2503LH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 435 fnl, 1330 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42433 Permit issued 4/13

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A7 #2503BH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 480 fnl, 1375 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42437 Permit issued 4/13

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A18 #2513CH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 480 fnl, 1285 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42436 Permit issued 4/13

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Germania W5V #22H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 466 fsl, 1256 fel, Sec 5, Blk 36, Ast. 487, T&P RR, 15.3 e Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-42430 Permit issued 4/13

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Germania W5W #23H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 466 fsl, 1236 fel, Sec 5, Blk 36, Ast. 487, T&P RR, 15.3 e Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-42431 Permit issued 4/13

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Germania W5X #24H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 466 fsl, 1216 fel, Sec 5, Blk 36, Ast. 487, T&P RR, 15.3 e Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-42432 Permit issued 4/13

Pecos County

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Chimera 3601A-142 #11H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 142, Abst. 3545, T&STL RR, 12 se Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-371-39718 Permit issued 4/12

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Big Tex 2524A-142 #11H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 142, Abst. 5973, T&STL RR, 12 se Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-371-39717 Permit issued 4/12

Rosehill Operating Company LLC
Neal-Lethco 41 #H001
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 41, Blk OW, Abst. 4910, TT RR, 7 sw Coyanosa; TD 9706; API #42-371-39716 Permit issued 4/12

Reeves County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Vicksburg State 55-4-26 Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 540 fnl, 1470 fwl, Sec 29, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 807, T&P RR, 18.6 se Orla; TD 11140; API #42-389-36988 Permit issued 4/9

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Vicksburg State 55-4-26 Unit #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 540 fnl, 1500 fwl, Sec 29, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 807, T&P RR, 18.61 se Orla; TD 11450; API #42-389-36987 Permit issued 4/13

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Vicksburg State 55-4-26 Unit #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 540 fnl, 1530 fwl, Sec 29, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 807, T&P RR, 18.61 se Orla; TD 11350; API #42-389-36989 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Lee #407AH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 445 fnl, 2350 fel, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-3, Abst.3697, T&P RR, 11.5 s Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-36994 Permit issued 4/10

Apache Corporation
Lee #408BH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 445 fnl, 2320 fel, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-3, Abst.3697, T&P RR, 11.5 s Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-36995 Permit issued 4/10

Apache Corporation
Lee #409AH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 700 fnl, 1580 fel, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-3, Abst.3697, T&P RR, 11.5 s Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-36996 Permit issued 4/10

Apache Corporation
Lee #410BH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 700 fnl, 1550 fel, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-3, Abst.3697, T&P RR, 11.5 s Orla; TD 16000; API #42-389-36997 Permit issued 4/10

Apache Corporation
Cypress State #103AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 2492 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 71, Abst. 2998, PSL, 11.3 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37021 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Cypress State #104BH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 2432 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 71, Abst. 2998, PSL, 11.3 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37022 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Cypress State #105AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 2402 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 71, Abst. 2998, PSL, 11.3 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37023 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Cypress State #202AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 2461 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 71, Abst. 2998, PSL, 11.3 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37025 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Cypress State #203AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 1626 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 71, Abst. 2998, PSL, 11.4 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37028 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Cypress State #106BH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 1596 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 71, Abst. 2998, PSL, 11.4 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37026 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Cypress State #107AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 1566 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 71, Abst. 2998, PSL, 11.4 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37027 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Cypress State #108BH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 775 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 71, Abst. 2998, PSL, 11.6 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37029 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Cypress State #109AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 745 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 71, Abst. 2998, PSL, 11.6 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37030 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Cypress State #110BH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 715 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 71, Abst. 2998, PSL, 11.6 w Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37031 Permit issued 4/13

Apache Corporation
Chinook #107PT
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 159 fsl, 1161 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 56, Abst. 4802, T&P RR, 10.1 s Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37002 Permit issued 4/13

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Riverside 21601 #6H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 220 fsl, 516 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 2741, T&P RR, 6 se Orla; TD 10725; API #42-389-37012 Permit issued 4/13

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Riverside 21601 #7H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 220 fsl, 2100 fel, Sec 36, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 2741, T&P RR, 6 se Orla; TD 10725; API #42-389-37013 Permit issued 4/13

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Prewit #U 31H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 320 fsl, 303 fwl, Sec 13, Blk 5, Abst. 427, H&GN RR, 1.7 s Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-37011 Permit issued 4/13

ConocoPhillips Company
Alpha State #1H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 580 fsl, 788 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 57, T-1, Abst. 600, T&P RR, 11.7 nw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-389-37003 Permit issued 4/11

Energen Resources Corporation
Liberty State Unit 9-69 #706H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 700 fel, Sec 9, Blk 54, T-4-S, Abst. 775, T&P RR, 14.7 nw Pecos; TD 12500; API #42-389-36982 Permit issued 4/10

Energen Resources Corporation
Misbehaving State C19-19-14A #605H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 1060 fnel, Sec 20, Blk C-19, PSL, 11.9 nw Pecos; TD 12500; API #42-389-36966 Permit issued 4/12

Energen Resources Corporation
Misbehaving State C19-19-14B #705H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 1020 fnel, Sec 20, Blk C-19, PSL, 11.9 nw Pecos; TD 12500; API #42-389-36969 Permit issued 4/13

Energen Resources Corporation
Misbehaving State C19-19-14C #606H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 703 fnel, Sec 20, Blk C-19, PSL, 11.8 nw Pecos; TD 12500; API #42-389-36970 Permit issued 4/13

EOG Resources Inc.
State Bluewing Unit A #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 363 fel, Sec 2, Blk 55, Abst. 4742, T&P RR, 15.1 nw Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36983 Permit issued 4/9

EOG Resources Inc.
State Cortez Unit #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 299 fnl, 1912 fel, Sec 3, Blk 55, Abst. 794, T&P RR, 13.4 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36990 Permit issued 4/9

EOG Resources Inc.
State Cortez Unit #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 299 fnl, 1879 fel, Sec 3, Blk 55, Abst. 794, T&P RR, 13.4 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36991 Permit issued 4/9

EOG Resources Inc.
State Cortez Unit #6H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 299 fnl, 676 fel, Sec 3, Blk 55, Abst. 794, T&P RR, 13.4 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36992 Permit issued 4/9

EOG Resources Inc.
State Cortez Unit #7H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 299 fnl, 642 fel, Sec 3, Blk 55, Abst. 794, T&P RR, 13.4 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36993 Permit issued 4/10

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
Chupacabra 1213-7 #21H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 310 fel, Sec 25, Blk C-3, Abst. 1687, PSL, 25.69 se Pecos; TD 15000; API #42-389-36998 Permit issued 4/12

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
Chupacabra 1213-7 #31H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 281 fel, Sec 25, Blk C-3, Abst. 1687, PSL, 25.69 se Pecos; TD 15000; API #42-389-36999 Permit issued 4/12

Jetta Permian LP
Malibu State 72 02-20 #1H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fwl, 249 fsl, Sec 2, Blk 72, Abst. 3991, PSL, 5.85 ne Toyah; TD 12000; API #42-389-37018 Permit issued 4/13

NBL Permian LLC
Pappadew State 243-244 Unit A-1 #11HL
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp); 1170 fel, 330 fnl, Sec 242, Blk 13, Abst. 1676, H&GN RR, 23.1 sw Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-36965 Permit issued 4/12

NBL Permian LLC
Ghost State 45-46 Unit B #66H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp); 330 fel, 720 fnl, Sec 46, Blk 72, Abst. 1951, PSL, 15.4 sw Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-37001 Permit issued 4/10

Oxy USA WTP LP
Toyah 4-9-4N #14H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 194 fsl, 761 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 735, T&P RR, 11.2 s Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36984 Permit issued 4/9

Oxy USA WTP LP
Toyah 4-9-5N #15H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 193 fsl, 721 fel, Sec 9, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 735, T&P RR, 11.2 s Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36985 Permit issued 4/11

Oxy USA WTP LP
Toyah 4-9-6N #74H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 255 fsl, 162 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 735, T&P RR, 11.1 s Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36986 Permit issued 4/11

Oxy USA WTP LP
Toyah West 4-9 #13NH
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 255 fsl, 2500 fel, Sec 9,

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There's a third issue—which is collateral damage. "So many wells are drilled so close together, it's not uncommon for the fracturing of one well to affect the production in a nearby producing well," Sumner points out. "It can be the same with untreated bacteria. Communication between wells can cause untreated or undertreated bacteria to be pumped from one well into another—and that well could be yours or someone else's, if the wells are at the edge of a lease. It's almost like coughing in someone's face, except more expensive," says Sumner.

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Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 735, T&P RR, 11.1 s Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-37000 Permit issued 4/12

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ligon 730 #4301H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 791 fwl, 4212 fsl, Abst. 923, C. Wolf, 20 se Pecos; TD 11400; API #42-389-37004 Permit issued 4/11

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ligon 730 #4102H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 776 fwl, 4238 fsl, Abst. 923, C. Wolf, 20 se Pecos; TD 10300; API #42-389-37005 Permit issued 4/12

PCore Exploration & Production II LLC
Bulldog #1HA
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp); 200 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 20, Blk C-16, Abst. 3121, PSL, 36 w Fort Stockton; TD 12000; API #42-389-36972 Permit issued 4/9

PCore Exploration & Production II LLC
State OL Sarge #1HA
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp); 200 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 14, Blk 1, Abst. 4347, H&TC RR, 33.6 w Fort Stockton; TD 12000; API #42-389-36976 Permit issued 4/11

PDC Permian Inc.
Argentine State 7170 1U #B 1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 659 fsel, 689 fswl, Sec 71, Blk 4, Abst. 416, H&GN RR, 3.12 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-37006 Permit issued 4/12

PDC Permian Inc.
Argentine State 7170 2U #S 2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 659 fsel, 730 fswl, Sec 71, Blk 4, Abst. 416, H&GN RR, 3.12 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-37007 Permit issued 4/13

Primexx Operating Corporation
Cash Unit 176-177W #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 130 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 176, Blk 13, Abst. 1353, H&GN RR, 27.5 sw Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-37010 Permit issued 4/13

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Roadrunner State 2 #1H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 433 fnl, 526 fnel, Sec 1, Blk 54, T-4-S, Abst. 771, T&P RR, 17 nw Pecos; TD 16000; API #42-389-37020 Permit issued 4/13

Ward County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Wheat Trust 1-36 #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fswl, 400 fsel, Sec 35, Blk 1, Abst. 1022, W&NW RR, 13.31 n Barstow; TD 13000; API #42-475-37522 Permit issued 4/13

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Graham #13
Marston Ranch (Clearfork); 2056 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 6, Blk B-20, Abst. 677, PSL, 8.34 se Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-475-37518 Permit issued 4/11

Winkler County

Champion Lone Star Operating LLC

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Ector County

Cross Timbers Energy LLC
Connell Heirs #2
Jordan (Fusselman); 2372 fwl, 1869 fnl, Sec 12, Blk B-16, Abst. 900, PSL, 3.4 sw Penwell; TD 7977; Comp 3/20/2018; producing from 7855-7862; pump 58 BO, 16 MCF, 1353 BW, 41.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43553

Glasscock County

Hunt Oil Company
Calverley B-Reed 60 #106HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1929 fel, 279 fnl, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 431, T&P RR, 15.1 sw Garden City; TD 8681 TVD, 19591 MD; Comp 4/2/2018; producing from 9357-19389, fracture stimulated; gas lift 848 BO, 853 MCF, 1447 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 480 psi, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-37669

Hunt Oil Company
Calverley B-Reed 60 #106HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1929 fel, 249 fnl, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 431, T&P RR, 15.1 sw Garden City; TD 8511 TVD, 19260 MD; Comp 4/2/2018; producing from 9026-19058, fracture stimulated; flow 385 BO, 392 MCF, 1699 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 450 psi, 41.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-37668

Hunt Oil Company
Calverley B-Reed 60 #206HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 219 fnl, 1929 fel, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 431, T&P RR, 15.1 sw Garden City; TD 8126 TVD, 18751 MD; Comp 4/2/2018; producing from 8517-18555, fracture stimulated; gas lift 226 BO, 277 MCF, 1946 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 350 psi, 41.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-37670

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Spitfire 29-39 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 501 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 46, Blk 29, Abst. 1047, PSL, 9.8 ne Mentone; TD 11812 TVD, 16992 MD; Comp 3/21/2018; producing from 12175-16831, treated with acid; flow 1178 BO, 2159 MCF, 6199 BW, FTP 2301 psi, 44.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-33245

Midland County

XTO Energy Inc.
John Braun A Unit 2 #0126SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1907 fel, 2391 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 40, T-4-S, Abst. 1401, T&P RR, 19 sw Midland; TD 8908 TVD, 16870 MD; Comp 3/18/2018; producing from 9220-16724, fracture stimulated; flow 433 BO, 512 MCF, 1416 BW, FTP 325 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-41522

XTO Energy Inc.
John Braun A Unit 2 #0145SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1966 fel, 2385 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 40, T-4-S, Abst. 1401, T&P RR, 19 sw Midland; TD 8717 TVD, 16768/ MD; Comp 3/18/2018; producing from 8979-16633, fracture stimulated; flow 283 BO, 326 MCF, 1158 BW, FTP 310 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-41520

XTO Energy Inc.
John Braun A Unit 2 #0115AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1937 fel, 2388 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 40, T-4-S, Abst. 1401, T&P RR, 19 sw Midland; TD 9444 TVD, 17545 MD; Comp 3/17/2018; producing from 9757-17411, fracture stimulated; flow 941 BO, 472 MCF, 1736 BW, FTP 340 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-41521

Reeves County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Solstice 56-2-19 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 308 fnl, 273 fel, Sec 19, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 585, T&P RR, 1.38 ne Orla; TD 10179 TVD, 15024 MD; Comp 3/23/2018; producing from 10418-14802, fracture stimulated; flow 9216 MCF on 40/64 inch choke, FTP 1856 psi; API #42-389-35754

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Gaines County

Sheridan Production Company LLC
Crump Estate O9A #3H
Dempsey Creek (San Andres)-Horizontal; 748 fsl, 1649 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-28, Abst. 1958, PSL, 24 sw Seminole; TD 4552 TVD, 9966 MD; Comp 3/23/2018; producing from 5175-9730, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 184 BO, 208 MCF, 1255 BW, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-38469

New Mexico

Eddy County

Mack Energy Corp.
Rudolph Federal #2
Crow Flats; Sec 21 T16S R28E; 940/S & 330/W, BHL: 968/S & 2615/E; EL 3605 GL, TD 4000 MD, 1902 TVD, PBTD 3969 MD; Spud 12-1-17, Comp 1-12-18; production is through treated perfs: 2122-3920. Treat: 244 bbls 15% acid, 2,083 bbls SW, 10,929 bbls x-link, 24,569# 100 mesh, 262,294# 30/50 WI. IP: 1-28-18 Pump 24 hrs 55 BO, 855 BW, 66 MCF, GOR 1200, Gty 35. Cag: 8 5/8 @ 495 w/922 sx, 5 ½ @ 4000 w/725 sx, 2 7/8 @ 1396; API #30-015-44499

Apache Corp.
Cedar Lake Federal CA #409
Cedar Lake; Sec 4 T17S R31E; 1108/N & 963/E. BHL: 424/N & 356/W; EL 3956 GL, TD 9508; Spud 1-8-17, Comp 1-21-17; production is through treated perfs: 5954-9508. Treat: 1666 bbls acid, 2,645,500# sd. IP: 12-17-17 Pump 24 hrs 334 BO, 1242 BW, 334 MCF, GOR 1397. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 660 w/600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3500 w/1400 sx, 7 @ 5094-9498 w/660 sx, 5 ½ @ 9498, 2 7/8 @ 5439; API #30-015-43520

Apache Corp.
Cedar Lake Federal CA #725
Cedar Lake; Sec 7 T17S R31E; 2290/S & 485/W. BHL: 2388/N & 337/E; EL 3723 GL, TD 9385 MD, 5363 TVD; Spud 10-3-17, Comp 11-28-17; production is through treated perfs: 5705-9271. Treat: 2,44,030# sd, 1,551 bbls acid. IP: 12-13-17 Pump 24 hrs 337 BO, 715 BW, 222 MCF, GOR 658. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 413 w/500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3516 w/1400 sx, 7 @ 4751-4776 w/660 sx, 5 ½ @ 4777-9385, 2 7/8 @ 5072; API #30-015-44399

Lea County

Chisholm Energy Operating LLC
Lea South 25 Federal Com 1 BS #11
South Lea; Sec 25 T20S R34E; 300/S & 1830/E. BHL: 350/N & 1700/E; EL 3744 GL, TD 14074, PBTD 14074; Spud 9-14-17, Comp 11-14-17; production is through perfs: 10014-13974. IP: 12-6-17 Flow 24 hrs 589 BO, 1513 BW, 674 MCF, 64/64" Ch, CP 320. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1849 w/1373 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5817 w/2602 sx, 5 ½ @ 14078 w/2308 sx; API# 30-025-43036

COG Operating LLC
Smalls Federal #7
Wildcat; Sec 28 T22S R34E; 190/S & 2010/W. BHL: 261/N & 1328/W; EL 3411 GL, TD 14780 MD, 10125 TVD, PBTD 14734 MD, 10125 TVD; Spud 11-7-16, Comp 1-25-17; production is through treated perfs: 10336-14705. Treat: 81,396 gals 7 ½% acid, 8,507,457# sd, 10,640,112 gals fluid. IP: 1-25-17 Flow 24 hrs 75 BO, 729 BW, 167 MCF, 15/64' Ch, TP 2350. Cag: 16 @ 2205 w/2000 sx, 11 ¾ @ 3740 w/1700 sx, 8 5/8 @ 5225 w/1700 sx, 5 ½ @ 14780 w/1950 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9695; API #30-025-43068

Breitburn Operating LP
Encore M State #20
Blinebry/Tubb/Drinkard/Wantz; Sec 29 T22S R37E; 2096/N & 2205/E. BHL: 1973/N & 2082/E; EL 3368 GL, TD 7640, PBTD 7543; Spud 4-11-17, Comp 5-20-17; production is through perfs: Bli 5520-6097. Tubb 6126-6199, Drk 6429-6666, Abo 6705-7116. IP: 5-22-17 Pump 24 hrs 124 BO, 597 BW, 403 MCF. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1183 w/862 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4533 w/1304 sx, 5 ½ @ 7632 w/1534 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6377; API #30-025-43656

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #137
Triple X; Sec 34 T23S R33E; 218/S & 1942/E. BHL: Sec 27 2629/S & 1310/E; EL 3642 GL, TD 17,722 MD, 10,093 TVD, PBTD 17,679; Spud 3-3-17, Comp 9-9-17; production is through treated perfs: 11164-17630. Treat: Frac w/33,306 gals acid, 9,109,400# prop. IP: 11-65-17 Flow 24 hrs 236 BO, 518 BW, 385 MCF, TP 388, CP 1085, GOR 1631.356. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1365 w/1130 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5140 w/1590 sx, 5 ½ @ 17775 w/2215 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9493; API #30-025-43487

EOG Resources Inc.
Neptune 10 State Com #601
Triple X; Sec 10 T24S R33E; 164/S & 1082/W. BHL: Sec 3 217/N & 1022/W; EL 3613 GR, TD 22,447 MD, 12,268 TVD, PBTD 22,324 MD, 12,263 TVD; Spud 10-25-17, Comp 2-16-18; production is through treated perfs: 12,438-22,324. Treat: Frac w/25,791,961# proppant, 403,165 bbls load fluid. IP: 2-24-18 Flow 24 hrs 1434 BO, 6334 BW, 2583 MCF< 42 Ch, TP 2221, GOR 1801, Gty 39. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1357 w/1160 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5130 w/1250 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11719 w/585 sx, 5 ½ @ 22437 w/936 sx; API #30-025-44124

EOG Resources Inc.
Jolly Roger 16 State #301
North Red Hills; Sec 16 T24S R34E; 1057/N & 330/W. BHL: 229/S & 323/W; EL 3555 GR, TD 14,845 MD, 10,159 TVD, PBTD 14,733 MD, 10,155 TVD; Spud 8-23-17, Comp 9-30-17; production is through treated perfs: 10,385-14,733. Treat: Frac w/11,020,550# proppant, 184,156 bbls load fluid. IP: 10-8-17 Flow 24 hrs 1290 BO, 3945 BW, 1473 MCF, 64 Ch, CP 654, GOR 1142. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1257 w/1110 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5222 w/1390 sx, 5 ¼ @ 14835 w/2455 sx; API #30-025-43925

Centennial Resources Production
Romeo Federal Com #1
North Red Hills; Sec 22 T24S R34E; 400/N & 660/W. BHL: 285/S & 380/W; EL 3534 GL, TD 15905 MD, 11210 TVD, PBTD 15854 MD, 11204 TVD; Spud 1-21-17, Comp 7-30-17; production is through treated perfs: 11604-15808. Treat: 50,484,420# proppant (100 mesh & 40/70), 47,742,816 gals fluid, (HCL 15% & slickwater). IP: 8-17-17 Flow 24 hrs 1570 BO, 4438 BW, 1380 MCF, 54 Ch, CP 800, Gty 40.8. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1280 w/1280 sx, 8 5/8 @ 5442 w/1300 sx, 5 ½ @ 9903-15900 w/1560 sx; API #30-025-42999

EOG Resources Inc.
Audacious BTL 19 Federal Com #4
Wildcat; Sec 19 T25S R33E; 2589/S & 955/E. BHL: Sec 30 238/S & 915/E; EL 3436 GL, TD 19714 MD, 12319 TVD, PBTD 19613 MD, 12318 TVD; Spud 10-4-17, Comp 2-2-18; production is through treated perfs: 12590-19613. Treat: Frac w/17,620# proppant, 290,899 bbls load fluid. IP: 2-10-18 Flow 24 hrs 2122 BO, 6230 BW, 4292 MCF, 42/654" Ch, CP 2475, GOR 2023, Gty 42. Cag: 10 ¾ @ 1090 w/975 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11611 w/3120 sx, 5 ½ @ 19704 w/7890 sx; API #30-025-43885

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CLS Walton #0836NW
Kermit; 2630 fwl, 6625 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 74, Abst. 1843, PSL, 6.5 nw Kermit; TD 3700; API #42-495-34078 Permit issued 4/9

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
UL Maroon 0904-21 #1H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 1171 fnl, 2232 fel, Sec 16, Blk 21, Abst. 56U, ULS, 4.27 w Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-34108 Permit issued 4/13

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
UL Maroon 0904-21 #4H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 964 fnl, 1938 fel, Sec 16, Blk 21, Abst. 56U, ULS, 4.27 w Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-34111 Permit issued 4/13

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
UL Spruce 1621-21 #1H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 189 fwl, 860 fnl, Sec 16, Blk 21, Abst. 56U, ULS, 4.27 w Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-34104 Permit issued 4/12

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
UL Spruce 1621-21 #3H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 178 fwl, 843 fnl, Sec 16, Blk 21, Abst. 56U, ULS, 4.27 w Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-34106 Permit issued 4/12

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Borden County

Surge Operating LLC
Nessie Unit A 34-46 #1AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2431 fnl, 614 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 31, T-3-N, Abst. 847, T&P RR, 9.9 e Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-033-32461 Permit issued 4/10

Surge Operating LLC
Rougarou Unit B 36-48 #5AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 370 fsl, 2479 fel, Sec 25, Blk 31, T-3-N, Abst. 228, T&P RR, 10.1 nw Vincent; TD 10000; API #42-033-32464 Permit issued 4/12

Surge Operating LLC
Fenrir Unit A 10-03 #3AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 273 fsl, 1228 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 1144, T&P RR, 3.83 ne Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-033-32462 Permit issued 4/13

Cochran County

Windy Cove Energy II LLC
Emerald #4102SH
Plateng (San Andres)-Horizontal; 600 fsl, 1020 fwl, Sec 16, Blk L, Abst. 175, PSL, 15.5 nw Plains; TD 6000; API #42-079-33382 Permit issued 4/10

Dawson County

SDX Resources Inc.
Jeter 27 #3
Dawson (Mississippian); 660 fsl, 1320 fwl, Sec 27, Blk 34, T-5-N, Abst. 77, T&P RR, 9 s Lamesa; TD 11000; API #42-115-33770 Permit issued 4/9

Gaines County

Joint Resource Company
Renegade #4H
Carter-New Mexico (San Andres)-Horizontal; 910 fsl, 400 fsl, Sec 5, Blk A-9, Abst. 589, PSL, 24.7 nw Seminole; TD 5900; API #42-165-38694 Permit issued 4/11

Ring Energy Inc.
Muta #2H
Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 221 fnl, 345 fwl, Sec 9, Blk A-22, Abst. 2395, PSL, 9 s Seminole; TD 5100; API #42-165-38698 Permit issued 4/13

Ring Energy Inc.
Mena #1H
Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 215 fsl, 2186 fel, Sec 2, Blk A-22, Abst. 2017, PSL, 9 s Seminole; TD 5100; API #42-165-38696 Permit issued 4/12

Ring Energy Inc.
Loki #1H
ODC Northeast (San Andres)-Horizontal; 150 fsl, 380 fel, Sec 305, Blk G, Abst. 69, CCSD&RGNG, 12.3 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38697 Permit issued 4/13

Zarvona Energy LLC
SHUSA 15 #16
Harris (San Andres)-Directional; 335 fsl, 2120 fnl, Sec 15, Blk A-22, Abst. 463, PSL, 12 s Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38689 Permit issued 4/10

Scurry County

Verado Energy Inc.
Oscar #2H
Garden City South (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 430 fwl, Sec 99, Blk 3, Abst. 388, H&TC RR, 10.1 se Snyder; TD 14000; API #42-415-35395 Permit issued 4/12

Verado Energy Inc.
Kate 143 Unit #4H
Garden City South (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 5053 fnl, 430 fwl, Sec 100, Blk 3, Abst. 1839, H&TC RR, 11.4 se Snyder; TD 14000; API #42-415-35396 Permit issued 4/12

Yoakum County

Riley Permian Operating Co. LLC
Festus 648-681 #4XH
Plateng (San Andres)-Horizontal; 200 fwl, 2475 fnl, Sec 648, Blk D, Abst. 1647, J.H. Gibson, 14.26 sw Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36680 Permit issued 4/9

Riley Permian Operating Co. LLC
Miss Kitty 689-704 #1XH
Plateng (San Andres)-Horizontal; 530 fel, 2180 fnl, Sec 689, Blk D, Abst. 554, J.H. Gibson, 8.37 nw Denver City; TD 9000; API #42-501-36681 Permit issued 4/13

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC
Bruce E. Gentry Jr. 647 #2H
Plateng (San Andres)-Horizontal; 160 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 647, Blk D, Abst. 557, J.H. Gibson, 13.18 nw Denver City; TD 9000; API #42-501-36682 Permit issued 4/12

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC
Longhorn. 708 #1H
Plateng (San Andres)-Horizontal; 128 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 708, Blk D, Abst. 1631, J.H. Gibson, 10.79 nw Denver City; TD 9000; API #42-501-36683 Permit issued 4/13

New Mexico

Eddy County

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Logan 35 P Fed #23
Northeast Red Lake; Sec 35 T17S R27E; 190/S & 480/E; 9 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4029 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44784

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Vandagriff 7A Fed #1
Red Lake; Sec 7 T18S R27E; 520/N & 1590/E; 6 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4814 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44783

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Sapphire 11 12 B2KK St #1
Turkey Track; Sec 11 T19S R29E; 1100/S & 1455/W; 10 1/2 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 14125 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44785

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De ORO Fed #123
Getty; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 131/N & 1829/E; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12353 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44764

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De ORO Fed #131
Getty; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 884/N & 300/E; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13596 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44765

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De ORO Fed #132
Getty; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 248/N & 1889/E; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13858 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44766

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De ORO Fed #133
Getty; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 101/N & 1829/E; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13857 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44767

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De ORO Fed #201
East Burton Flat; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 884/N & 330/W; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13983 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44768

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De ORO Fed #202
East Burton Flat; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 248/N & 1859/W; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 14221 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44769

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De ORO Fed #203
East Burton Flat; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 101/N & 1859/E; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 14210 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44770

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Mach Grande State 23 29 32 WA #5
Purple Sage; Sec 32 T23S R29E; 272/S & 720/E; 4 mi NE Malaga; Rot 14781 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44786

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Mach Grande State 23 29 32 TB #6
Cedar Canyon; Sec 32 T23S R29E; 272/S & 660/E; 4 mi NE Malaga; Rot 14477 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44787

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Mach Grande State 23 29 32 SB #7
Cedar Canyon; Sec 32 T23S R29E; 272/S & 660/E; 4 mi NE Malaga; Rot 13360 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44788

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Mach Grande State 23 29 32 WXY #10
Purple Sage; Sec 32 T23S R29E; 272/S & 630/E; 4 mi NE Malaga; Rot 14649 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44789

Oxy USA Inc.
Cal Mon MDP1 35 Federal #1
Cotton Draw; Sec 35 T23S R31E; 110/N & 972/W; 20 mi S Halfway; Rot 14974 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44771

Oxy USA Inc.
Cal Mon MDP1 35 Federal #2
Cotton Draw; Sec 35 T23S R31E; 110/N & 1002/W; 20 mi S Halfway; Rot 14951 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44772

Oxy USA Inc.
Cal Mon MDP1 35 Federal #3
Cotton Draw; Sec 35 T23S R31E; 120/N & 2594/W; 20 mi S Halfway; Rot 14988 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44773

Oxy USA Inc.
Cal Mon MDP1 35 Federal #4
Cotton Draw; Sec 35 T23S R31E; 120/N & 2624/W; 20 mi S Halfway; Rot 14991 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44774

Oxy USA Inc.
Cal Mon MDP1 35 Federal #5
Cotton Draw; Sec 35 T23S R31E; 110/N & 1028/E; 20 mi S Halfway; Rot 14998 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44775

Oxy USA Inc.
Cal Mon MDP1 35 Federal #6
Cotton Draw; Sec 35 T23S R31E; 110/N & 998/E; 20 mi S Halfway; Rot 15029 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44776

Oxy USA Inc.
Corral Draw 14 13 Federal #21
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 14 T25S R29E; 440/N & 180/E; 9 mi NE Malaga; Rot 16489 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44777

Oxy USA Inc.
Corral Draw 14 13 Federal #22
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 14 T25S R29E; 503/N & 2540/E; 9 mi SE Malaga; Rot 16733 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44778

Oxy USA Inc.
Corral Draw 14 13 Federal #23
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 14 T25S R29E; 2143/S & 2540/E; 9 mi SE Malaga; Rot 16590 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44779

Oxy USA Inc.
Corral Draw 14 13 Federal #24
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 14 T25S R29E; 2113/S & 2540/E; 9 mi SE Malaga; Rot 16490 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44780

Oxy USA Inc.
Corral Draw 14 13 Federal #25
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 14 T25S R29E; 660/S & 2200/E; 9 mi SE Malaga; Rot 16549 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44781

Oxy USA Inc.
Corral Draw 14 13 Federal #26
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 14 T25S R29E; 620/S & 2200/E; 9 mi SE Malaga; Rot 16549 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44782

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Shovel Head Fed Com #28
West Maljamar; Sec 5 T17S R32E; 430/S & 230/E; 1 mi NW Maljamar; Rot 14125 Yeso; API #30-025-44519

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Federal #1
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 615/S & 2460/E; 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 13133 Yeso; API #30-025-44528

Matador Production Co.
Nina Cortell Fed Com #131
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 3 T22S R32E; 150/N & 525/W; 10 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15709 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44551

Matador Production Co.
Nina Cortell Fed Com #132
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 3 T22S R32E; 150/S & 1847/W; 10 mi SE Halfway; Rot 16675 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44552

Matador Production Co.
Nina Cortell Fed Com #133
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 3 T22S R32E; 150/S & 2116/E; 10 mi SE Halfway; Rot 16689 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44553

Matador Production Co.
Nina Cortell Fed Com #201
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 3 T22S R32E; 150/S & 555/W; 10 mi SE Halfway; Rot 16815 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44554

Matador Production Co.
Nina Cortell Fed Com #202
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 3 T22S R32E; 150/S & 1676/W; 10 mi SE Halfway; Rot 16823 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44555

Matador Production Co.
Nina Cortell Fed Com #203
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 3 T22S R32E; 150/S & 2088/E; 10 mi SE Halfway; Rot 17307 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44556

Oxy USA Inc.
Mesa Verde Bone Spring Unit #22
Mesa Verde; Sec 18 T24S R32E; 250/S & 1285/W; 14 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 20641 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44559

Oxy USA Inc.
Mesa Verde Bone Spring Unit #23
Mesa Verde; Sec 18 T24S R32E; 250/S & 1255/W; 14 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 20570 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44560

Oxy USA Inc.
Mesa Verde Bone Spring Unit #24
Mesa Verde; Sec 18 T24S R32E; 250/S & 1225/W; 14 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 20623 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44561

EOG Resources Inc.
Bandit 29 St Com #503
East Triste Draw; Sec 29 T24S R33E; 409/N & 2244/E; 9 mi W Ochoa; Rot 19589 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44562

EOG Resources Inc.
Bandit 29 St Com #504
East Triste Draw; Sec 29 T24S R33E; 409/N & 2277/E; 9 mi W Ochoa; Rot 19593 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44563

EOG Resources Inc.
Gem 36 State Com #501
Sanders Tank; Sec 36 T25S R32E; 330/S & 294/W; 13 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 16931 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44567

EOG Resources Inc.
Fox 30 State Com #705
Bobcat Draw; Sec 30 T25S R34E; 2192/S & 1928/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 20047 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44557

EOG Resources Inc.
Fox 30 State Com #706
Bobcat Draw; Sec 30 T25S R34E; 2190/S & 978/E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 20071 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44558

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #603
Hardin Tank; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 843 /N & 2523/W; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17259 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44573

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #710
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 745/N & 2257/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17715 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44574

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #711
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 745/N & 2290/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17430 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44575

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #712
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 643/N & 2490/W; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17717 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44576

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #713
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 260/S & 2027/W; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 20110 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44577

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #714
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 293/S & 2027/W; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 20387 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44578

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #715
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 328/S & 2027/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 20114 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44579

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #740
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 259/S & 2597/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17914 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44580

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #741
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; 292/S & 2597/W; Rot 20571 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44581

EOG Resources Inc.
Magnolia 15 #702
Sanders Tank; Sec 15 T26S R33E; 297/S & 493/W; 12 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17482 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44584

EOG Resources Inc.
Magnolia 15 #704
Sanders Tank; Sec 15 T26S R33E; 330/S & 493/W; 12 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17697 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44585

EOG Resources Inc.
Magnolia 15 #741
Sanders Tank; Sec 15 T26S R33E; 264/S & 493/W; 12 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17682 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44586

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UT Permian Basin Football Wraps Up 2018 Spring Season

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UT Permian Basin football put a close to its 2018 spring season this past weekend as Orange defeated Black 21-14 on a last-second 23-yard touchdown to Matt Harper. With its spring game in the books, the team's focus turns to the start of their 2018 season just four months away.

One of the biggest questions remaining after spring camp is at starting quarterback. The Falcons return Kameron Mathis and Mike Myers at the position and brought in transfer Sam Allen from Sam Jose State this winter. All three quarterbacks rotated at the position with each team in last weekend's spring game and the group combined to go 22-37 for 238 yards and three passing touchdowns with one running TD.

"Kameron was probably the most fluid in running the offense the spring," Carrigan noted. "He increased his completion percentage incredibly. Mike did a great job of coming back from the concussion he suffered last year and in being more confident and making plays with his feet. Sam was good at hitting the deep ball. We'd like to see Kam get better at the deep ball, Mike get better with the nuances of the offense and Sam not just always look for the deep ball and the big play and play within the offense."

A pair of players on the defensive side of the ball that Carrigan noted for their leadership and performance this spring are defensive end John O'Kelley and safety Marquis Davenport. O'Kelley is entering his sophomore season and was the 2017 Lone Star Conference Freshman of the Year, leading the Falcons with 5.5 sacks, tying for the team lead with three forced fumbles and sharing the NCAA lead with four total blocked kicks on the season. Davenport returns to the field for his first year of competition after sitting last season out due to injury and has made an immediate impact in the secondary.

"Both of those guys being at positions where they're on the edge of the defense, one an outside linebacker/defensive end and the other at nickel, you have to account for them in both the run and pass games, when they blitz and when they drop," said Carrigan. "For John to have the year he had and get named Freshman of the Year, you're always concerned if it gets to their head. It definitely did not; he's one of the hardest working guys we have and when you watch him the motor never stops. I'm excited to watch him in year two."



Sophomore Baylon Ware makes a catch in the 2018 UTPB Spring Game which was held April 14 at Ratliff Stadium

UTPB kicks off 2018 on the road for the first two weeks, beginning the year Sept. 1 at Texas Southern in Houston with a trip near the Canadian border the next Saturday at Northern Michigan in Marquette, Mich. Sept. 8. The home schedule starts on Sept. 15 when Midwestern State comes to Odessa in the Lone Star Conference kick off for both teams. Homecoming is scheduled a month later on Oct. 13 when Humbolt State of Arcata, Calif. comes to Ratliff Stadium, and the Falcons return to Midland the following week to take on Angelo State Oct. 20 at Grande Stadium.

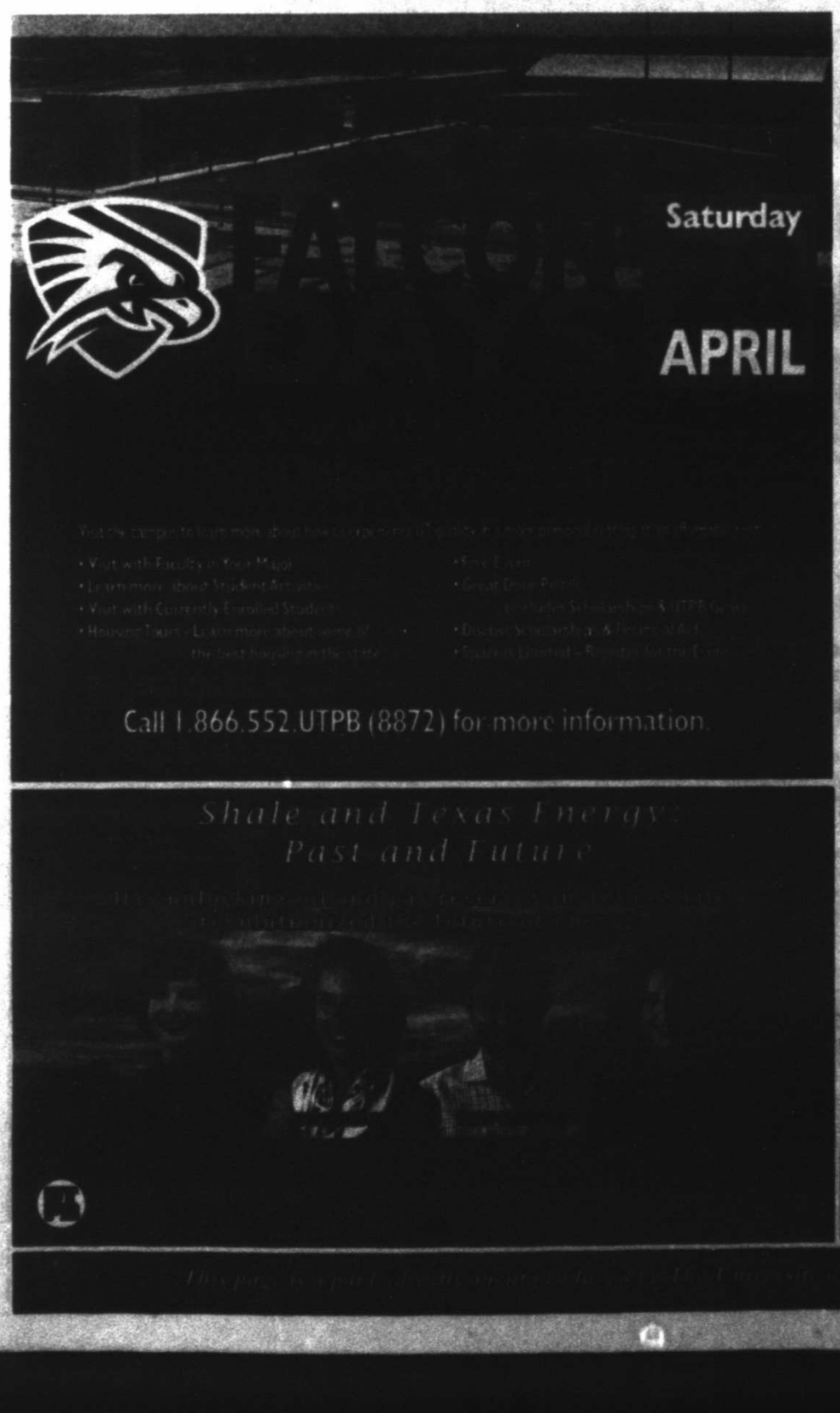
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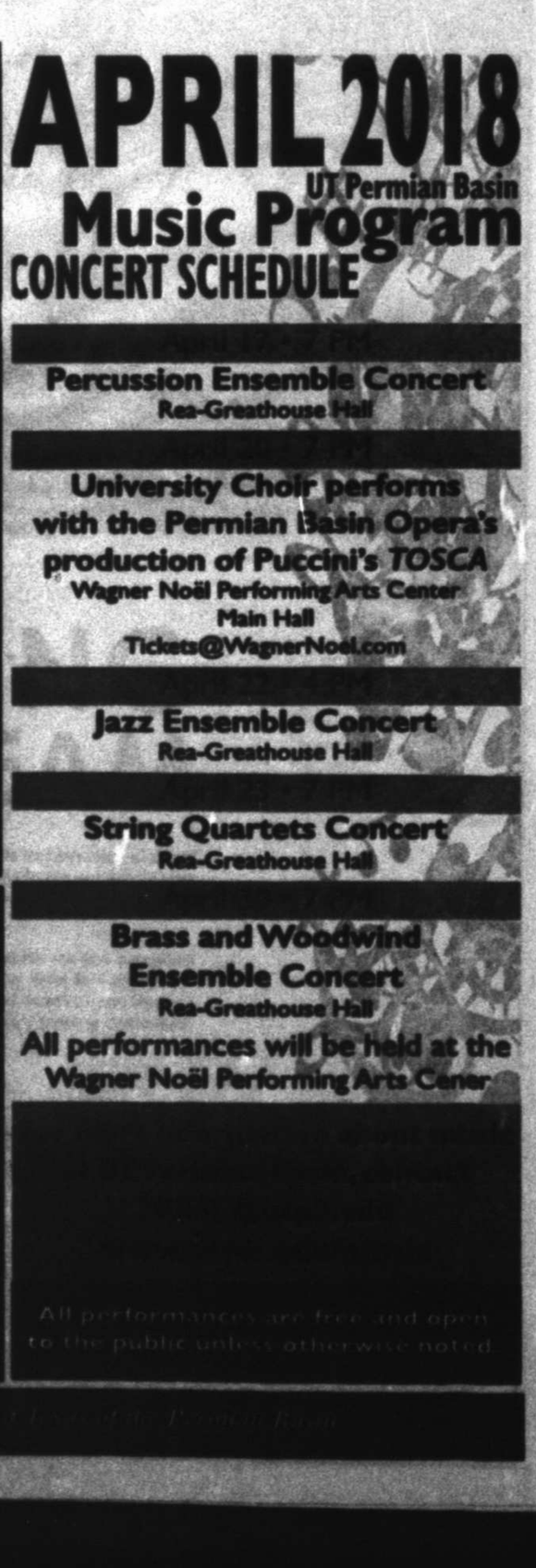
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Mesa Building, Room 2110

May 4, 5:30 pm - Pinning Ceremony
honoring Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates
Cooper Lecture Hall - Science and Technology Building, Room 1010

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