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PBBOR: Home supply is below 1 month's worth

■ Board member: Affordable housing doesn't exist

By Stewart Doreen
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"There is no such thing as affordable housing in Midland, Texas."

That is the message Permian Basin Board of Realtors board member Ernesto Calderon gave Tuesday during the public comment period of the Midland City Council meeting.

Calderon's words were backed up by statistics, which show lower inventory and that the number of days-on-market have plummeted for affordable housing in Midland.

In March, homes sold between $200,000 and $249,999 were on the market for an average of 25 days. Homes sold between $250,000 and $299,999 were on the market for an average of 21 days.

It is a housing market on steroids as a Realtor schedules a weekend open house but the home is placed under contract before the open house takes place.

The Permian Basin Board of Realtors showed the sellers' market has become more lopsided as — for the first time since 2012 — more homes were sold during the month (206) than homes were available at the month's end (184). At the end

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HONORING CHILDREN



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Meredith St. Pierre, 2, helps her family plant trees Saturday in Windlands Park. The trees were donated by Apache Corp. to honor children born to or adopted by employees' families in 2017. In the inaugural Trees for Tots program, Apache donated 19 trees that employees and Keep Midland Beautiful TreeKeepers planted at the park's pavilion. More photos can be seen on Page 4A and at mrt.com.

Shale revolution could help US navigate challenges

■ Christi Craddick, other energy experts discuss role of Texas, the region

By Mella McEwen
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In the fall of 1973, the Arab oil embargo rattled the American economy, energy sources and sense of security.

Forty-five years later, the country continues to face geopolitical threats, but there is a far different energy environment because of the shale revolution centered in the Permian Basin.

There is no question the Permian is the most active producing basin in the world and will ultimately be the world's third largest source of crude oil, said Gary Sernovitz, a managing director at Lime Rock Partners. He was among speakers at the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute distinguished lecture on "Shale and Texas Energy: Past and Future," which was Thursday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

He said Wall Street investors are also watching the Permian Basin and how it addresses the challenges — such as infrastructure and water — posed by growing so rapidly into such a significant source of energy.

"I'm quite confident those issues are being handled," he said.

Christi Craddick, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, in addressing the issue of a national energy policy,

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More inside

Midland again tops list of Texas' oil-producing counties.

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Women's role in petroleum geology dates back a century

■ New book, documentary aims to restore their place in history

By Mella McEwen
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Peeling back the layers of the Earth's rocks can bring surprises for even the most seasoned geologist. The same can be said when researchers look into the history of the profession.

That was the experience of researchers looking into the history of women working as petroleum geologists.

"It was a surprise to all of us, looking at the history of women petroleum geology, that it goes back 100 years," said Robbie Rice Gries, founder of Priority Oil & Gas LLC. She is also the first woman to graduate from Colorado State University with a degree in geology and the first woman to serve as president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.



Gries

Gries was in Midland Tuesday as part of the Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series at the Petroleum Museum, discussing her book, "Anomalies:

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Cake from first date is perfect birthday gift
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Ford Motor Co.
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Chevron profits jump 36 percent as crude prices rise

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Chevron reported a $3.64 billion quarterly profit that surged up by 36 percent from the first quarter last year.

Chevron's revenues grew 13 percent to $37.8 billion and Chief Executive Michael Wirth attributed the growth to rising oil prices and Chevron's increasing oil and gas production volumes. Its oil equivalent production grew 6 percent up to 2.85 million barrels a day.

Wirth said oil and gas production in Chevron's expanding Permian Basin presence in West Texas grew 65 percent from last year. He also credited Chevron's new liquefied natural gas projects in Australia — Gorgon and Wheatstone — for ramping up LNG volumes and profits.

"First quarter earnings and cash flow improved significantly from a year ago," Wirth said. "We benefitted from growing production and higher prices. Our cash flow continues to increase with the powerful combination of expanding upstream margins and volumes."

While the project didn't contribute much to the first credit, Wirth touted the completion of Chevron Phillips' $6 billion petrochemical expansion in March in the Houston area, specifically at its campuses in Baytown and Old Ocean.

Chevron also increased its quarterly dividend payouts to investors from $1.08 to $1.12 per share. That's Chevron's first dividend hike since 2016 and its largest increase since 2014.

Landowners join forces to restore New Mexico grasslands

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Ranchers and land owners in southeastern New Mexico are joining forces to restore grasslands in the area amid the growth of invasive plants and severe drought conditions.

They are seeking to replace invasive bushes such as salt cedar or creosote with vast expanses of native grass, the Carlsbad Current Argus reports .

In Eddy County, for example, conservationists are introducing the herbicide tebuthiuron to hundreds of acres of soil on multiple ranches near Carlsbad. Those efforts are aimed at killing mesquite and salt cedars to make room for native grass.

"You can see remarkably what benefit the tebuthiuron has had," said Lisa Ogden, who ranches on several portions of Big Hackberry Ranch south of Carlsbad. "You can see the effect these woody plants have on the soil, and the benefit of getting rid of them."

The Western Landowners Alliance this month hosted a tour of Big Hackberry Ranch and other nearby range lands in southern Eddy County to show the impact herbicides can have on eradicating invasive bushes and increasing soil quality.



Adrian Hedden/Carlsbad Current-Argus via AP

Local landowners, scientists and government employees tour ranches in southern Eddy County to observe changes in vegetation caused by soil conservation efforts April 19 in Carlsbad, N.M.

New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts Project Manager Jesse Juen said treating the soil and restoring the native plants benefits the overall environment by allowing vegetation to capture more water during the rare rainfall. Conservation efforts are intended to address the individual needs of desert ranchers, Juen said.

"We're looking at how landowners are doing, especially in a drought-dominated area," he said. "And this is drought-dominated areas."

About 90 percent of New Mexico is suffering from drought conditions, Juen said, the country's highest rate.

Ranchers need to ensure enough vegetation grows on their land to feed cattle and other grazing livestock.

"I'm always anxious to learn what I can about improving soil quality," said rancher Fred Beard, whose property neighbors Ogden's. "Healthier brush means a better soil."

Ranchers could lose their soil without the proper vegetation, said Brenda Simpson, state rangeland management specialist with New Mexico's Natural Resource Conservation Service — an arm of the U.S. Agriculture Department.

She said native plants exude carbon-based sugars into the soil during photosynthesis, adding nutrients to the soil and causing greater vegetative diversity.

By using rotational grazing, Simpson said ranchers could ensure the health of the soil, thus the plants and their future availability to livestock.

Texas City hosts first supertanker as US crude gushes

By Alaric Nightingale
Bloomberg

A 2-million-barrel-carrying supertanker arrived for the first time at a jetty in Texas City as surging U.S. oil output drives up incentives to export.

The Nave Quasar, a Very Large Crude Carrier, signaled from the jetty at the Gulf of Mexico terminal on Friday morning, according to vessel-tracking data compiled by Bloomberg.

The tanker is being brought into Enterprise Products Partners' Texas City terminal to determine measurements for future VLCC loadings, at least of partial cargoes, according to a person familiar with the matter. Nave Quasar will not load any supplies for shipment, the person said. This site's water depth, also known as draft, needs to be increased to about 76 feet from 45 feet to enable supertankers to fully load. The company said it was too premature to discuss the project.

While profits from shipping U.S. oil overseas are surging on paper, the logistics to do so remain a challenge in a country that was set up for decades as an importer. The price of crude at Houston earlier this week tumbled to a record discount of more than $4 a barrel relative to Brent, the international benchmark. Freight costs on a very large crude carrier for delivery to Asia would probably be less than half that, highlighting the potential return for companies with the ability to get oil onto ships.

Shipments on VLCCs have proven difficult from U.S. Gulf Coast ports where waters can be too shallow once carriers are fully loaded, meaning cargoes move on smaller ships.

It still remains to be seen how much oil Nave Quasar will actually load. Another carrier, the Anne, tested at the Port of Corpus Christi last May but didn't collect a cargo.

The deepening price discounts are already driving up exports, which soared to a record 2.3 million barrels a day in the most recent data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, known as the LOOP facility, started exports in February and will receive its third VLCC in May, according to a person familiar with the matter.

U.S. crude output surged to 10.59 million barrels a day in the week to April 20, the highest in weekly data going back to 1983. The U.S. ended 40-year-old trade limits on crude exports in late 2015.

Lists of charters compiled by Bloomberg show the cost of recent U.S. Gulf of Mexico bookings to Asia would work out at about $1.50 to $2 a barrel, depending on where in the continent the ships go.

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Matthew 3:8
Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

Help wanted: The need to avoid too-low unemployment

THE ECONOMIST
M. Ray Perryman



The number of job openings in the United States has topped six million for several months now according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), up about a half million from a year ago and the highest the country has ever seen. Although the long years of high unemployment following the Great Recession make this welcome news, the United States may face major difficulties if unemployment drops too far or too fast. A certain amount of friction is needed to allow the economy to function. In some areas, the lack of available workers is already beginning to constrain growth, and it goes beyond specialized skillsets or workers.

I have studied labor force issues for decades. I've also seen the problems shortages can cause first hand as a long-time resident of the Permian Basin, where a jump in oil prices can lead to worker shortages almost overnight. With extremely low unemployment (well below 3 percent at times), it's common to see businesses forced to pay more (even signing bonuses) to employees at all skill levels (including those in fast-food restaurants) and shorten hours of operations because of staffing problems even as demand rises. People also leave important professions (such as teaching) for higher pay elsewhere as wages are bid up. Although the situation in that area is unique because of the dominance of a single industry that is notoriously cyclical, it offers valuable insights into the problem of ultra-low unemployment.

For the United States, underlying demographic patterns (including slower population expansion and the retiring of the Baby Boomers) are pointing toward reduced workforce growth in the future. If immigration policy is overly restrictive, the situation becomes even worse. Businesses are looking for ways to deal with the problem, such as automation and other capital investments reducing the need for workers.

The degree to which the substitution of capital for labor is possible varies by industry, but over time it is likely that the relative costs of machines and technology will fall compared to workers.

At the same time, machine learning and artificial intelligence could eliminate entire occupations in the future. Self-driving trucks could drastically reduce the need for drivers. Robotic retrieval systems could shrink workforce needs in warehouses. Software advances could eliminate many routine tasks. Automated online retailers reduce the need for staff in brick-and-mortar stores. While these changes free up workers, the challenge will be then equipping them to fill available jobs.

No one would argue for high unemployment, but it's also disruptive to the economy to have too few workers to fill available jobs. Dealing with the potential shortage will require a combination of technological advances, capital investments, sound immigration policy, and innovative training (and retraining) programs.

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BUSINESSBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

AimBank completes acquisition of Platinum Bank

AimBank has completed the acquisition of Platinum Bank with locations in Levelland, Lubbock, and Odessa.

AimBank currently maintains 18 full-service banks in the Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin and Big Country regions of Texas. The Platinum Bank acquisition furthers AimBank's vision of expanding its market share in West Texas.

"This acquisition is a representation of our continued growth, providing deeper roots in the area," remarked Scott Wade, CEO of AimBank.

"AimBank is committed to the growth in our communities through helping local businesses stay visible and strong." Wade remarked, "The Platinum Bank acquisition provides great value for our shareholders, expanded opportunities for our employees, and enhanced services for our new customers."

Merrill Lynch names market development manager

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management has named Catherine Haffner market development manager for its Community Market offices in Texas.

In this newly created role, she will work closely with local Merrill Lynch leadership — including market executives and local resident directors — as well as financial advisors to execute the firm's Community Markets growth initiative in Texas — including Midland, Amarillo, Lufkin, Waco, Abilene, Corpus Christi, Lubbock and surrounding communities.

Her responsibilities include helping to recruit and retain a diverse group of advisors in this area, supporting leaders and advisors in driving responsible growth, and identifying opportunities to create efficiency and improve the client experience through new tools and technology. In partnership with local Merrill Lynch resident directors, she'll also help to pursue new and existing business opportunities through active participation in these local communities.

Catherine has 25 years of financial services experience, more than half of which she has spent at Bank of America and Merrill Lynch. She most recently served as a private client advisor with J.P. Morgan.

PBRA announces food service excellence awards

The Permian Basin Restaurant Association, a chapter of the Texas Restaurant Association, has announced the recipients of the 4th Annual, 2018 Silver Spoon Awards for food service excellence.

- Administration — Marissa Seibold, Cork and Pig Tavern
- Back of the House — Livia Valenzuela, The Barn Door Steakhouse
- Bartender — Myranda Lara, Odessa Country Club
- Catering/Banquet — David Diaz, Odessa Country Club
- Chef — Laura Martinez — La Margarita
- Customer Service — Imelda Villanueva, Odessa Country Club
- Front of the House — Misty Kennedy, Odessa Country Club
- Management/Leadership — Ryan George, Odessa Country Club
- Rookie — Alfredo Garrido, Cork and Pig Tavern
- Service Staff — Brian Wells, Rockin' Q Smokehouse
- Veteran — Eva Calderon, The Barn Door Steakhouse

HIV SERVICES PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

Under the auspices of the Texas Department of State Health Services, StarCare Specialty Health System (formerly Lubbock Regional MHMR Center) serves as the HIV Services Administrative Agency (AA) for the following HIV service funds: Ryan White Part B, State Services, and Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA). The primary role of the Administrative Agency is to manage the funds and monitor the provision of HIV services in a fifty-eight (58) county area, referred to as PanWest, that includes Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland, and Odessa.

The following documents will be posted at www.panwest.org in the Download section:
1) Priorities and Allocations: This is a breakdown of how funding is split into the HIV service categories for the 2019-2019 grant year.

Comments, questions, and concerns are welcome. You may remain anonymous. If you do not have access to a computer, please call the AA to request a copy of the documents.

Please refer questions, comments and concerns to the HIV Services Administrative Agency as follows:

By mail: StarCare Specialty Health System, HIV Services Administrative Agency P.O. Box 2828, Lubbock, TX 79408-2828

By phone: (806) 766-0225 or toll-free (800) 658-6199 ext. 225 (English) ext. 308 (Spanish)

By e-mail: Krishna Patel: kpatel@starcarelubbock.org

By attending a meeting: May 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM 401 E. Illinois, 2nd Floor Rm 205, Midland

May 2, 2018 at 4:00 PM 1330 E. 8th Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Odessa

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[dec-o-rous]
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TODAYINMIDLAND

New judge named to Child Protection Court

From staff reports


Griffith

Dean Rucker, presiding judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region of Texas, has appointed Midlander Ellen Griffith as associate judge of the Child Protection Court of the Permian Basin. Griffith, who assumes her duties on June 12, will succeed Judge Sylvia A. Chavez, who is retiring.

Griffith is an assistant county attorney in the Midland County Attorney's Office, where her duties include representing the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in child protection cases and representing the state in civil mental health commitments.

Griffith graduated from the University of Texas-Clear Lake and earned her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. She has been licensed to practice law since 1998.

Things to do

- Family Fair 2018 by Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine. The event features a carnival, live music by the Tejas Brothers, bingo and more. 1401 Garden Lane. olgmidland.org.
- Bingo Nights hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, 4 p.m. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.
- Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8585.
- #HangoverSundays, 7 p.m. Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.
- Justin Langston, 7 p.m. Little Woodrow's, 3415 North Loop 250.
- Family Nite roller skating, 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.
- "Almost, Maine." 2:30 p.m. Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.


James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The West Texas Scholastic Chess Regionals were Saturday at Trinity School. More than 100 students in kindergarten through 12th grade competed. Trophies were awarded to the top players and prizes were presented to the best school teams. Additional photos may be seen at mrt.com and in a future edition.

Disaster drill volunteers needed

Midland International needs volunteers to act as patients and passengers for a live-action security drill that is planned for Saturday. The airport stages a full-scale drill every three years, according to the city.

Lunch is provided for all volunteers, and there will be a raffle for door prizes. To register, got to www.surveymonkey.com/r/DisEx2018.

Watering schedule

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

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

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

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500. The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Today in history

Today is Sunday, April 29, the 119th day of 2018. There are 246 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp.

In 1992, a jury in Simi Valley, California, acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of motorist Rodney King; the verdicts were followed by rioting in Los Angeles resulting in 55 deaths.

Source: The Associated Press

Lottery

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Pick 3 night: 1-9-5
Daily 4 morning: 7-5-3-3
Daily 4 day: 5-1-4-7
Daily 4 evening: 9-3-8-2
Daily 4 night: 5-4-1-7
Cash Five: 10-12-26-34-35
Triple Chance: 7-16-28-31-34-37-39-40-49-50
Lotto Texas: 7-12-13-30-33-38
Powerball: 20-22-28-45-50 BB: 8 Power Play: 5
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-5-6-7-8-9-12-14-15-17-20
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-5-7-8-9-13-14-19-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 4-6-8-10-12-13-14-15-16-17-22-24
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Weather

Saturday's temperatures
High 87
Low 52
Normal high 83
Normal low 54

April 28's records
Record high: 98, set in 1992
Low: 37, set in 2008

Precipitation
Friday ..... 0.00 in.
Saturday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... trace
Year total ..... 0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 2.47 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 22 mph
Gust speed: 28 mph

Today forecast
High: 85

Forecast for Sunday, April 29, 2018



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

Low: 61
Conditions: Mostly sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
Winds: South 15-20 mph today and tonight; gusts as high as 30 mph today and 35 mph tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:05 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:28 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 Libra if born before 2:11 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 29, 2018:
This year you greet many opportunities. A new hobby or interest could be quite time-consuming, but it will be worth it. You will want to share your knowledge with your friends and loved ones. If you are single, you will have more than a few opportunities to meet someone special, especially sometime before fall. Be open to a different type of personality. If you are attached, you might see a new dimension of your sweetie's personality. Take up a mutual interest or hobby together. SCORPIO understands your persistence and endurance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might hold off on making an important decision, at least for now. Make time for a favorite person who understands you well and will enjoy some extra time with you. Avoid being so serious-minded, especially when discussing a potential trip. Tonight: Opt for togetherness. This Week: Clarity marks the start of your week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Touch base with someone at a distance. Important news heads your way. You could feel as if you are being pulled in two different directions. You can handle various opinions and diverse ideas. You could feel the push and pull of a situation. Tonight: Respond to an offer. This Week: Others seem conflicted a good part of the week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your playfulness will be apparent early on, but the fatigue from your hectic schedule will wear on you as the day goes on. Make it a day to stay close to home, until and unless you change your mind. A partner who has been difficult seems to lighten up. Tonight: Take care of yourself. This Week: Regroup, as you have been slightly out of kilter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. A loved one lets you know how much he or she wants to be a bigger part of your life. Your imagination is on fire. The Full Moon today could keep your day exciting, to say the very least. A partner could be re-evaluating recent happenings. Tonight: Be very playful. This Week: You feel close to others, despite an unnatural sense of confusion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Stay close to home. You might be more relaxed than you have been in a long time. Be imaginative when dealing with family members. Do yourself a favor and refuse to get involved in any arguments that arise. Entertain from your home rather than go out. Tonight: All smiles. This Week: Try not to exacerbate a tense situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind. Be as clear as possible when dealing with a sibling and/or close relative. Be careful about getting into a bad cycle of gossiping. You will feel better if you make an effort to contact a close friend. Tonight: Try to understand where someone else is coming from. This Week: Be direct, no matter what happens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Be careful with a risk involving a financial matter. You could feel overloaded, as you have so much to do. Take your time making an important decision that could affect a long-term desire. Keep a strict eye on spending, and be sure to count your change! Tonight: As you like it. This Week: Speak your mind, but also be a willing listener.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You feel very different in the morning than you have as of late. You are empowered by a situation that is changeable. Extremes occur, as a Full Moon dominates the day. Emotions and logic seem to oppose each other. A relationship could take on a new hue. Tonight: With a favorite person. This Week: Curb a tendency to be overly strict.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might feel as if someone is pulling on you and causing you to get into a funk. Listen to your inner voice, and follow through on a particular challenge. You could be exhausted by the high volatility surrounding this Full Moon. Play it low-key. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. This Week: Not until Thursday will you feel like your normal self.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Emphasize friendship as well as your long-term desires. It might be exciting to juggle all the opportunities that come through on this Full Moon. Take your time before making a decision. You could be weighing the pros and cons of a bond. Tonight: On the Ferris wheel of life. This Week: You might stumble, but you will be OK.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Tension builds between you and others. It might feel as if you are experiencing some unusual pressure. You also might be juggling work-related issues as well as a domestic matter. Try to avoid making a decision just yet. Assume a holding pattern. Tonight: A must appearance. This Week: Note that there is a change in the air.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Work through a problem without so much concern about the ramifications. Some people might not be happy with your choices. Remember that everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. Different views are natural. Tonight: Off to the movies. This Week: You become mellower as the week goes on.

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Musician Willie Nelson (1933), comedian Jerry Seinfeld (1954), actress Uma Thurman (1970)

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Volunteers plant trees April 28, 2018, in Windlands Park. The trees were donated by Apache Corporation to honor children born or adopted into regional Apache employee families in 2017.



Olivia Dieleson, 4, plays with Martina De Napoli, 2, as volunteers plant trees.

HOMES

From 1A

of March, there was less than one month's supply on the market. Realtors have told the Reporter-Telegram a balanced market is between eight and 11 months of supply available.

"Although not a record month for total number of sales, after 15 straight record months for residential sales in Midland County, the real estate market in Midland continues its strong movement," said Carroll Nall, MLS executive director and vice president of operations for the PBBOR. "As the school year comes to an end and more families continue to move to the area, we expect the steady market trends to continue.

"We closed the month of March with about 180 houses on the market. Those numbers have gone up somewhat through the month of April and have risen to about 200 residential homes on the market for Midland County."

Nall said new home permits are up and new home sales are not necessarily included in the available MLS data.

"Latest records indicate that we had 97 new home permits issued in January of 2017. In January 2018, there were 150 permits issued."

March statistics

Average total on the market	184
Homes sold	206
Average days on the market	38
Average sold price	$307,048
Average list price	$314,027
Median sold price	$269,950
Median list price	$272,400
Total house sales sold (dollar volume)	$63.251 million

Average number of houses on market in March

2012	140
2013	197
2014	274
2015	533
2016	594
2017	318
2018	184

Total houses sold in March

2012	154
2013	158
2014	189
2015	140
2016	161
2017	231
2018	206

Average days on market in March

2012	48
2013	42
2014	45
2015	45
2016	88
2017	66
2018	39

Average sold price in March

2012	$215,889
2013	$242,091
2014	$287,860
2015	$295,094
2016	$283,687
2017	$284,012
2018	$307,048

Source: Permian Basin Board of Realtors

The most homes sold in any category was 37 — in the $250,000-$299,999 and $300,000-$399,999 ranges. The $63.251 million in total homes sold included two homes priced above $1 million and four priced between $750,000 and $999,999. The average home in the latter range was on the market for an average of three days, according to the PBBOR.

The 206 total homes sold in March represents the most sold since October and the first time more than 200 homes were sold in a month this year. In 2017, the average number of homes sold in a month was greater than 200. The 186 homes on the market at the end of March were the fewest since February 2013.

SHALE

From 1A

said that Texas' energy sources — from crude oil and natural gas to wind, solar and even geothermal — are a benefit because those choices help ensure reliability and controls energy costs. She said states should be free to tailor their own energy policies to their individual energy sources rather than adhere to a one-size-fits-all policy.

She said the industry has changed markedly in just the nearly four years since crude prices peaked above $100 a barrel and began to slide to a 13-year low of $26 a barrel. Today's technology of longer laterals and pad drilling means the commission is issuing one drilling permit for every four it issued in 2014. The commission in March issued more than 600 drilling permits for the first time since early 2015, she said. And yet, Texas production continues to rise, and the Permian is forecast to surpass 3 million barrels per day in the very near future.

She praised the current administration's policy of reducing regulations.

"For eight years (during the Obama administration) we were tracking over 200 regulations. Now we're tracking seven," she said.

America's energy resources will help the country navigate the challenges facing the country, according to Amy Myers Jaffe, an expert on global energy policy, energy and sustainability and geopolitical risk with the Council on Foreign Relations.

She said President Trump has a lot on his plate — from deciding to recertify the nuclear deal with Iran, which could reinstate sanctions on Iranian oil, to reaction to the May 20 elections in Venezuela, which could result in sanctions barring Venezuelan oil imports, to the intensifying conflict between Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

"It's very important to explain" to Trump about energy and trade, Jaffe said.

America's energy resources are already playing a role in trade talks with other nations, she said, pointing to China's purchase last year of six cargos of liquefied natural gas and energy's role in trade talks with that country. Texas' natural gas production and refined products are playing a role in efforts to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, she said. Mexico and Latin America are significant purchasers of natural gas and refined products from America, and that has enhanced our standing among some of those nations, she said.

"We have the most significant global position because we export," Jaffe said.

During a discussion of energy independence, Craddick said she believes the nation is already there. She pointed out that the nation's refineries are primarily configured to process the heavy crudes being brought in from the Middle East, Latin America and Canada rather than the light crudes coming out of America's shale plays.

"That's where the heavy crudes come in," Craddick said. "That's why we must have a vibrant market so we can process our oil and gas."

Like Sernovitz, she sees challenges ahead as the Permian Basin is expected to raise its production to record highs. Craddick also agrees with Sernovitz that infrastructure is a challenge — from pipelines to roads to ports to railroads to electricity.

She currently serves on a committee of the National Petroleum Council that will examine energy infrastructure.

Another challenge is manpower, and the area's very low unemployment will be a challenge. Craddick said that in order to attract the next generation of workers, the industry needs to tell the story of what it does and how it does it. An important part of that story, specifically for Texas, is how Texans benefit from the tax revenues — property, severance, sales — paid by the industry, Craddick said.

She pointed to the state's multi-billion dollar rainy day fund, which is funded largely by those oil and gas revenues. With voter approval, portions of that fund are being tapped for transportation needs and to develop water resources, Craddick said.

"If you don't tell your story, you'll have others telling it for you," she said.

ROLE

From 1A

Pioneering Women in Petroleum Geology 1917-2017."

The project began last year when the AAPG celebrated its 100th anniversary, she said.

"On a lark, we tried to identify the first 100 women in petroleum geology," she said.

By a stroke of luck, it was discovered the AAPG had its membership cards "from day one." Reviewing the early membership, she said it was "shocking to learn about these people and what they did early in the industry. They've been long forgotten and unheralded. They had been lost to history."

The book was written and an accompanying documentary made so people could discover the contributions these pioneering women made and, second, to make sure their history was not lost again, she said.

"The stories are just so compelling," Kitty Milliken, senior research scientist with the University of Texas' Jackson School of Geosciences, told the Reporter-Telegram by telephone from her Austin office.

She noted that the University of Texas educated a number of these early women geologists. She said she had researched the school's graduate program and was interested to find women are among the school's earliest recipients of masters' degrees in geology. In fact, "three of the first four masters' degrees went to women," she said.

In researching the history of women in petroleum geology, Gries identified three waves.

The first wave began a century ago during World War I when companies needed to replace male workers who had gone off to war.

"World War I was a big force that pushed companies into hiring women. They were losing help to the war and were desperate," she said. "Some of the most prominent, well-known, smartest companies were hiring women geologists."

Surprisingly, female geologists found a welcoming atmosphere because their male counterparts had experienced prejudice against geologists, she said.

"It was only recently that geology had begun being accepted as integral to the oil and gas industry," said Gries.

After both world wars, women were let go to make room for the men returning from war. But also, companies largely followed the rule that, when women married, they could no longer work outside the home. One exception was Amerada, which had a woman geologist who was so talented "they wouldn't lose her. She ran their Midcontinent operations, found lots of oil and oversaw a department of 100. When she married 13 years into her career, they didn't let her go. She hired married and unmarried women geologists," Gries said.

Between the two wars, three women geologists discovered a new technology that gave a huge economic benefit to the oil and gas industry: micropaleontology, which worked to correlate well-to-well data and help with the drilling of wells and finding the right reservoirs.

Dry holes fell dramatically, and within five years, 75 percent of the wells drilled were using this technology, according to Gries. And it was done at a time before electric logs and seismic surveys.

"So important was that technology that every oil company needed a micropaleontologist or they weren't competitive," she said.

And yet, those women ultimately had the credit taken away from them and they were written out of history, she said.

Hiring rose again, drastically, during World War II as women stepped in to replace the men who were off fighting, she said. A number of them went into the military in one form or another, and a lot went into the industry and found oil and gas, she said. This marked the second wave of female geologists.

From the early days of the 20th century through the 1920s, even the 1930s, there were a number of women pursuing graduate degrees at the school, said Milliken, estimating women comprised 20 to 30 percent of the graduate students in geosciences, about the same as today. But from 1942 to about 1945, during World War II, she said there were almost no degrees awarded because both men and women were working on the war effort.

After World War II, "there was a huge purge of women from the industry, according to Gries. One reason was to create jobs for men returning from war. But another reason was the Cold War. (Anti-communists such as) Sen. Joe McCarthy decided it was a point of U.S. pride that they didn't have women working outside the home," she said. "Moscow would display 18,000 female engineers and the U.S. would display 100 and say we were better because we could make the women stay at home. It was a difficult time for women who wanted to work in the industry between the 1940s and 1973."

After the war, thanks to the GI Bill and the booming economy, "men came back to the graduate program in droves," said Milliken, who said women students didn't match pre-war numbers until the 1970s. And it wasn't until the 1980s when there was a big uptick in women participating in the doctorate program, she said.

"I was surprised; I thought it would be steady," she said.

During that 30-year period, Gries said, "the women who went into the industry were special because they had to buck so much social prejudice. They had to know someone who knew someone who knew someone just to get a job. They'd often have to start off with grunt work and they were never given equal pay or equal opportunity for advancement. Those women were tough cookies if they stayed in the industry."

It's fair to say that 30-year disruption "colored our view of women in the sciences," Milliken said. "(Women in science) was seen as odd, but it was not odd. That disruption was odd."

Gries said she has talked to some of those women and, "across the board they said they loved their job, they loved what they did and they would suffer any of that to do what they loved to do."

Affirmative action, which began around 1973 as the government sought to force companies to offer equal pay and opportunity, launched the third wave identified by Gries.

The government had managed to get the steel industry and companies such as AT&T to offer equal pay and equal opportunity, but couldn't find a way to get the oil and gas industry on board, she said.

"Then someone had the bright idea of saying all government contractors must offer diversity, and if you take an offshore lease, you are a government contractor and you need to offer diversity. Overnight, the oil and gas industry began to diversify," she said.

"In 1973, everyone began meeting quotas, which was a nasty term, but in late 1973 we had the Arab oil embargo and soon everyone was hiring geologists, no matter the gender or handicap."

When she joined Texaco in 1973, her supervisor was open about her being a token hire. She said her nickname became "Token."

But within five years, she said those female geologists didn't realize affirmative action was a factor in their being hired. "They were convinced they were hired because they were so good," she said.

The struggle has taken years, but generally women hired as geologists today have equal pay, equal opportunity for advancement and recourse if they've mistreated. Many have risen to high levels in their companies, Gries said.

She said studies show diversity benefits corporate bottom lines and a mixture of men and women results in a better product because of the new brain power and out-of-the-box thinking from the female perspective.

Women tend to be more intuitive and that can be a big asset in exploring for oil and gas, she said.

Oil and gas explorers "need that intuition and out-of-the-box thinking," Gries said.

Oil companies across the Permian Basin host female students — from junior high through college — in an effort to interest them in a career in geology and engineering.

Gries said her career has fulfilled her dreams.

"I've gotten to travel, I've gotten to make a difference, I've gotten to provide energy," she said.

Though today's female geologists may not face the same obstacles as those a century ago, Gries said they need to share the same traits.

"Those women in 1917 knew they weren't going to win. The best they could do was have a career," she said. Today's female geologists should "build your skills, persevere, never give up and keep a sense of humor."

LOCALCRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND

Man charged with sexual assault

A Midland man was arrested Wednesday after he allegedly engaged in sexual activity with a teenager, according to court documents.



Grant

Larry D. Grant, Jr., 30, was released Friday on a $50,000 bond with conditions for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault of a child.

A Midland Police Department detective was contacted Wednesday in reference to a reported sexual assault.

Grant engaged in sexual activity with a teenage girl, according to his arrest affidavit.

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

MIDLAND

Man allegedly hits deputy with rock

A Midland man was arrested Wednesday after allegedly assaulting two deputies, according to court documents.



Hebert

Ryan Matthew Hebert, 22, was being held Friday on two $50,000 bonds for two counts of first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault against a public servant and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor of evading arrest.

Midland County deputies were dispatched Wednesday in reference to a man threatening to kill a woman.

The woman told deputies she went next door to give clothes to the kids at the residence when Hebert came out and threatened to kill her, according to the arrest affidavit.

Hebert, who had fled the scene, was located in an alley behind his residence. He picked up two stones and threatened to throw them at one of the deputies, according to the affidavit.

A deputy deployed his Taser but it didn't have any effect on Hebert, who then proceeded to throw a rock at the deputy, according to the affidavit.

As deputies attempted to place Hebert in custody, he charged toward them and threw the second stone, hitting one of the deputies on the face, according to the affidavit.

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

MIDLAND

Man arrested on stalking charge

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after allegedly stalking a female, according to court documents.



Hernandez

Gilbert Hernandez, 28, was being held Friday on a $50,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of stalking and $1,500 in bonds for three Class A misdemeanor charges.

A Midland police officer contacted a female Wednesday in reference to a report she had filed against Hernandez.

After the female requested that Hernandez stop contacting her, he repeatedly called and texted her, according to his arrest affidavit. Hernandez allegedly called the female 75 times between late Tuesday and early Wednesday.

Hernandez has threatened to hurt the female's family and kill her dogs, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Hernandez could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

ODESSA

Odessan arrested on murder charge in woman's shooting death

An Odessa man has been arrested in connection with a death that occurred Friday morning in North Odessa, according to a press release from the Odessa Police Department.



Nelson

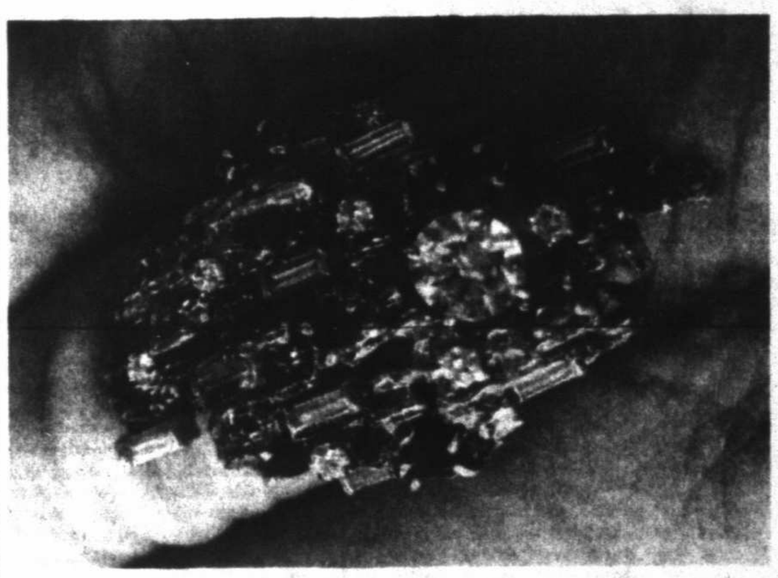
Jerome Nelson, 31, was being held Friday on a first-degree felony charge of murder in the shooting death of Rochel Zuniga, 28.

Odessa police were dispatched at about 2 a.m. in reference to a gunshot victim.

The investigation revealed that after a confrontation, Nelson shot Zuniga with a revolver, according to the release.

Nelson told police he passed out after the shooting, and when he awoke, he contemplated what to do before calling police, according to the release.

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Nelson could face up to life imprisonment.



Crime of the week

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

The complainant told deputies on Dec. 17 that they were moving with the assistance of a moving company. Several pieces of jewelry that had been placed in a purse for safe keeping. It was later discovered that the jewelry was missing from the purse. One piece of jewelry is a diamond-shaped ring having several diamonds with green gem stones. The jewelry is valued at more than $13,000.

Midland Crime Stoppers is offering a $1,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect involved in this theft. Call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS, or mobile app P3 TIPS or leave a secured tip online at midlandcrimestoppers.com. You will remain anonymous because no caller ID is ever used.

To view photo of the stolen ring, please visit our Facebook @MidlandTxCS or our website at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com.

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- **Facebook:** Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

Crime Stoppers fugitive

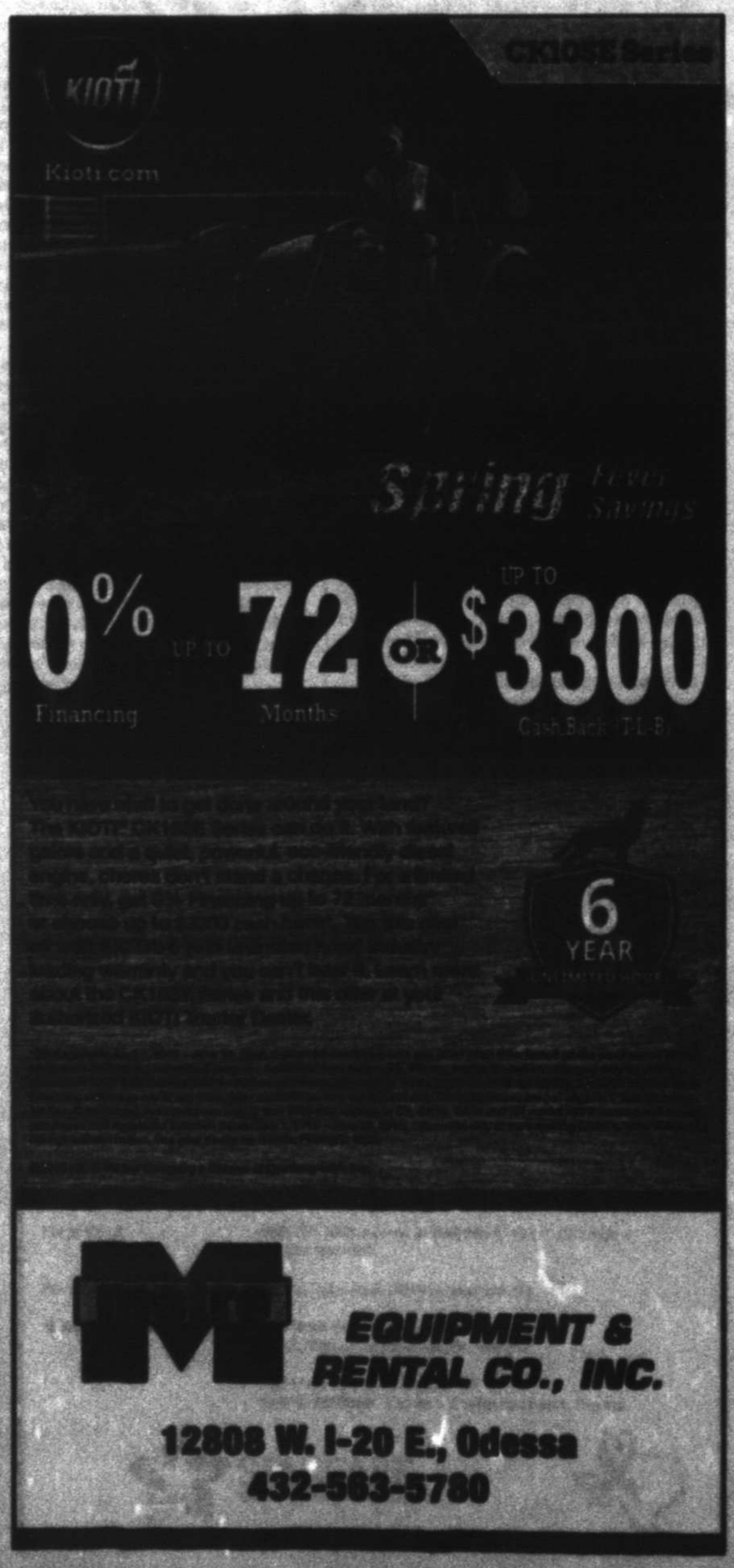
SANTOS ALMANZA

DOB: 5-8-1997
Height and weight: 6 foot; 260 pounds
Charge: Burglary of Habitation to Commit Assault — Violation of Probation

Almanza

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Susan Combs once cited endangered species to protect her own land

By Asher Price
Austin American-Statesman


Combs

Former Texas official Susan Combs, now overseeing endangered species policy in the Trump administration, has long argued that species habitat protections are a burden on ranchers and other property owners.

But 30 years ago, in a case involving her own property in the Big Bend region of West Texas, Combs sounded more like an environmentalist on the issue.

When the Rio Grande Electric Cooperative proposed building a 92-foot-tall steel transmission line across her ranch, she and neighboring, politically connected landowners joined with the Sierra Club, the National Audubon Society and other environmental groups in opposition. Besides arguing that the line was expensive, unnecessary and poorly designed, Combs said it could harm endangered birds and plants in the area, according to an American-Statesman review of Public Utility Commission documents related to the case.

Since the episode, Combs made a name for herself in Texas — as a western Travis County lawmaker, state agriculture commissioner and state comptroller — working to undermine federal limits on land use in areas where species are threatened with extinction.

To replace a more modest power line, one that had been strung along wooden poles roughly three decades earlier, the company proposed a 54-mile line that ran from east of Alpine toward Persimmon Gap, at the northern end of Big Bend National Park, and a 44-mile line running southwest from Persimmon Gap toward Study Butte, on the park's western side.

Speculation at the time was that Rio Grande Electric Cooperative officials were looking to serve a potential resort across the Rio Grande in the remote Mexican border town of Boquillas.

In a 1987 motion addressed to the Texas Public Utility Commission, Combs, a fourth-generation rancher and lawyer who lived in West Austin, argued the line would harm the "environmental integrity" of the area around her West Texas property.

A U.S. Fish and Wildlife field supervisor wrote the cooperative's wildlife consultant in 1986 to warn that the endangered and threatened species found in the area of the transmission line included the American peregrine falcon, Davis green pitaya succulent and Nellie cory cactus. He also wrote that a new population of endangered Lloyd's hedgehog cacti had been discovered within 150 feet of the existing transmission line right of way.

Environmental concerns

Testifying on Combs' behalf before public utility commissioners, who had the power to green-light or deny the transmission line proposal, were biologists with the Audubon Society and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

One testified that the electric cooperative had failed to evaluate the habitat for the black-capped vireo, a bird that at the time was being considered for endangered species designation.

"That the present line has been in place for 30 years does not indicate the proposed line will not impact falcons (or any other birds) in flight," Audubon Society biologist Murray Walton said.

"The probability of finding all specimens growing in the corridor is small, and any destruction of endangered plants, their habitat, or potential habitat for these endangered species is an adverse impact," he continued. "The proposed method of construction would not minimize damages to vegetation."

He said that other endangered plants, beyond the Lloyd's hedgehog cactus, could exist along the right of way.

Ken Kramer, former head of the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club, said Combs had approached the Sierra Club and Audubon Society about working together to oppose the transmission line — not the other way around.

"We interact a lot with landowners who don't get involved in the conservation movement until something like this hits their area," he said. "Obviously, she had a personal stake in keeping the transmission line off her property."

In 1995, Combs reported that she and her family owned 60,000 acres in Brewster County. At the time, she managed 20,000 acres for a relative and leased 50,000 with a partner, for a total of roughly 130,000 acres.

Among her partners in the transmission line fight were politically connected neighbors with spreads of their own: J.B. Love Jr., a Marathon attorney; San Antonio philanthropist and conservationist Sally Matthews Buchanan; and A.S. Gage Ranches, one of the state's largest cattle operations.

"These were big ranches that had really nice environmental conditions, as far as not having been disrupted a lot by human activity," Walton told the Statesman.

"When her property or pocketbook is affected -- she's an attorney who uses all the tools available to her," Walton said of Combs.

He said he was not paid by Combs to testify.

Ultimately, the Public Utility Commission rejected the power line.

Clashes over species protections

A few years later, as battles were joined between developers and environmentalists over endangered species and water quality protections in the Austin area, Combs embarked on a political career. Combs first won election in 1992 as a Texas House member representing western Travis County, and she set to work on rolling back environmental regulations like the city of Austin's newly enacted Save Our Springs ordinance.

At a rally of environmentalists at the Capitol in 1995, then-Austin City Council Member Brigid Shea held a sign that read "Jesus had Judas; Austin has Susan Combs."

Combs did not respond to a request for comment for this story.

But in 1995, interviewed for a story about property rights legislation she was carrying in the Texas House, Combs told the Statesman the species argument was one of several she had made in 1987 to defend her ranch from the transmission line.

Combs said she had learned during the case that the endangered Lloyd's hedgehog cactus lived in rock crevices on her ranch. "They're flourishing under my fond tutelage," she told the Statesman.

As agriculture commissioner and then as state comptroller, Combs continued to focus on endangered species issues. In 2011, when she was the state's top economic official, she persuaded lawmakers to shift oversight over species protections from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to her comptroller office.

In that position, Combs clashed often with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, part of the Interior Department, over restrictions imposed by the Endangered Species Act, which she viewed as an impediment to the state's business development.

A 2015 Statesman investigation found that Combs was an active opponent of the law, using her budget to finance studies on species that some academics criticized as politically skewed.

She regularly found fault with proposals from Washington to list species as endangered, variously citing inadequate science, low-ball economic impact projections or insufficient notification of local residents.

During a 2013 legislative briefing, she referred to proposed species listings as "incoming Scud missiles."

She also battled federal biologists over protection of the dune sagebrush lizard, whose habitat overlays West Texas oil fields. Federal officials later agreed not to list the rare lizard, instead allowing a state-sponsored protection plan financed by the oil and gas industry. Combs' replacement, Comptroller Glenn Hegar, also a Republican, last year fired the private company that had been charged with overseeing the work.

'Highly qualified'

Combs continued to resist the Endangered Species Act after leaving office. Her unused campaign money helped fund a petition to delist Central Texas' most famous endangered species, the golden-cheeked warbler, whose protected status prohibits development on valuable land in and around Austin. Though the Fish and Wildlife Service rejected the effort, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush in 2017 filed a lawsuit pursuing the dispute.

The Statesman revealed in 2015 that Combs and a high-ranking official in Bush's office — Anne Idsal, now the head of the Texas regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency — had pressed military officials at Fort Hood, prime habitat for the endangered golden-cheeked warbler, to play up the impact of the bird protections on military training as part of the delisting effort.

Combs was recently named the acting assistant secretary for fish, wildlife and parks at the U.S. Interior Department.

"Putting Combs in charge of the Fish and Wildlife Service is like appointing an arsonist as the town fire marshal," said Stephanie Kurose, endangered species specialist at the Center for Biological Diversity.

"Combs' history demonstrates her fanatical commitment to stripping away critical protections for our most vulnerable animals, not protecting them. As long as her industry pals make a profit, she won't think twice about letting a species go extinct."

Combs "fought every new listing in Texas" while she was in state government, said Melinda Taylor, director of the University of Texas Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law, and Business, and former director of the Environmental Defense Fund's ecosystem restoration program.

Interior Department spokeswoman Heather Swift said Combs "is highly qualified and we are more than confident that she will be an effective manager at Fish and Wildlife and Parks."

The transmission line fight was "consistent with her perspective on property rights," Kramer said.

As an official, Kramer observed, "she definitely made comments that were questioning federal endangered species protection." As a property owner, however, Combs was "taking advantage of legislation protecting endangered threatened species."

Combs still owns property in Brewster County, according to records with the Brewster County Appraisal District.

Looking back, the transmission line proposal, which would have been paid for by a substantial rate increase, "was a boondoggle at best," said Dan Laws, who retired Friday as the cooperative's longtime general manager. (He didn't work for the cooperative at the time of the transmission line proposal and was involved in fighting the line on the part of Texaco, a cooperative customer.) He said an engineering company had convinced the cooperative it needed the extra capacity, and that it stood to benefit from the project. He said the original line that still runs from the Alpine area to Persimmon Gap continues to be sufficient. The black-capped vireo was listed as endangered in October 1987 — nearly a year before the Public Utility Commission decided to nix the line. This month, federal officials said they were removing the bird from the endangered species list, with experts citing its recovery as a success story.

Lloyd's hedgehog cactus was taken off the endangered species list in 1999 after new scientific evidence suggested the plant was not a distinct species but rather a hybrid not evolving independently of its parental species — thus no longer qualifying for protection.

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Court upholds Texas' law in another big voter ID ruling

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas' voter ID law, which was twice blocked over findings of discrimination, can stay in effect for the 2018 elections, a U.S. appeals court ruled Friday.

It was the second major ruling over voting rights in the U.S. this week after an Arkansas judge on Thursday blocked that state's voter ID measure as unconstitutional.

But in a 2-1 decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, the Texas law that critics have slammed as one of the toughest voter ID measures in the nation was seen as a suitable replacement for the original 2011 law that a federal judge had likened to a "poll tax" on minority voters.

The biggest change to the Texas law, which accepts handgun licenses as sufficient identification to vote, but not college student IDs, is that voters without any acceptable photo ID can still cast a ballot so long as they sign an affidavit. Opponents and a federal judge in Texas balked at the revisions, saying criminal penalties tied to lying on the affidavit could have a chilling effect on voters.

U.S. Circuit Judge Edith Jones said the lower court went too far.

"The district court relied too heavily on evidence of Texas's state-sponsored discrimination from a bygone era," Jones wrote in her majority opinion.

The revisions to Texas' law were also supported by the U.S. Justice Department — a move that amounted to a complete reversal for the federal government, which under former President Barack Obama had joined minority rights groups in suing over the law. But two months after Donald Trump took office, the Justice Department abandoned the argument that Texas passed voter ID rules with discrimination in mind and said the changes should satisfy the courts.

Opponents bristled at the ruling but didn't immediately indicate their next step.

"We continue to firmly believe that the Texas photo ID law is one of the most discriminatory and restrictive measures of its kind," said Kristen Clarke, president of the Washington-based Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, one of the groups involved in the lawsuit.

Texas first passed the voter ID law in 2011, the same year the GOP-controlled Legislature adopted voting maps that were also struck down as discriminatory. Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton said Friday's ruling "removes any burden on voters who cannot obtain a photo ID."

The law was twice shot down by U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos — an appointee of then-President George W. Bush — who ruled that the strict requirements disadvantaged minorities and effectively dampened the electoral power of Texas' surging Hispanic population.

She also disapproved of the modified version, which makes knowingly lying on the affidavit to vote a misdemeanor.

Democrats said that provision could keep people home on Election Day over fears of incorrectly filling out a form. Republicans call those concerns unfounded but have also supported aggressive action against voter fraud, which is rare.

Earlier this year, a Texas woman was sentenced to five years in prison for voting in the 2016 presidential election when she was ineligible because she was on probation.

Thirty-four states have laws requiring or requesting that voters show some form of identification at the polls, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Arkansas' newly blocked law would have required officials to provide photo identification to voters free of charge if they didn't have any other photo ID. It also would have let voters without ID to cast provisional ballots by signing affidavits.

Pulaski County Circuit Judge Alice Gray, however, ruled there was no guarantee those provisional ballots would be counted and that they would face greater scrutiny.

US House OKs balloon pilot medical exams after crash

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The U.S. House has approved a measure requiring medical checks for commercial hot air balloon pilots in an effort to avoid a reoccurrence of a 2016 crash that killed 16 people in Texas.

The House voted Friday on a wide-ranging Federal Aviation Administration bill that includes a provision requiring medical checks similar to those required for helicopter and airline pilots.

The vote comes after federal investigators last year scolded the FAA for lax oversight in the wake of the deadliest hot air balloon crash in U.S. history.

The National Transportation Safety Board has determined that Alfred "Skip" Nichols was probably impaired by Valium, opioids and other drugs before the takeoff south of Austin.

The Senate has yet to consider its own version of the legislation.

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Border efforts may push immigrants to smugglers

■ Intensified approach, Trump rhetoric imperil their lives, activists say

By Jason Buch
San Antonio Express-News

LAREDO — The day after José Barragán Santos slipped across the Rio Grande in late March, a smuggler led him from a motel in this border town into the brush for a long trek north.

The 23-year-old from the southern Mexican state of Puebla left behind his wife and daughter to look for work in Dallas. After a day hiking through the ranch land north of Laredo, a helicopter appeared overhead, Barragán said during an interview at a detention center in Encinal.

The immigrants in his group scattered. That night, Barragán found himself alone and lost in the monte — the inhospitable mesquite and cactus thorn scrub that stretches from San Antonio to the border.

Along with being the busiest region for illegal crossings, South Texas also records more immigrant deaths than anywhere else along the border. But despite plummeting apprehensions by Border Patrol agents, deaths reported in the Rio Grande Valley Sector fell only slightly last year, and in the Laredo Sector the number actually climbed.

Activists worry that harsh rhetoric from the Trump administration and efforts to reduce both legal and illegal immigration are driving people into the arms of smugglers and putting their lives at even greater risk.

"It's a major crisis in this country in terms of lack of human rights, lack of humanity, lack of space for people already contributing to this country," said Eduardo Canales, director of the South Texas Human Rights Center.

The deaths of 10 immigrants last summer as they were smuggled to San Antonio from Laredo has focused attention on the issue. Since that deadly incident, the Border Patrol has launched a media campaign drawing attention to the dangers of smuggling in tractor-trailers.

"We don't address root causes, we don't address the question of labor demand here," Canales said. "We just criminalize and enforce and militarize, and the same old, same old status quo, which doesn't really address the question of human suffering and human misery and violation of human rights at the border and in the country."

Bypassing the checkpoints

Most of the illegal immigration to the U.S. occurs in South Texas, and the vast majority of that is in the Rio Grande Valley. In Hidalgo County, where the border wall sits on flood-control levees that are sometimes more than a mile from the banks of the river, immigrants often cross the border in large groups, then wait on the vega, or flood plain, to surrender to law enforcement and claim asylum.

Upstream in Laredo, the rugged terrain makes such mass crossings more difficult, but small groups of immigrants can wade or float across the Rio Grande and blend into neighborhoods, sometimes using creek beds to work their way inland before meeting with smugglers. They're taken to motels or stash houses and kept there until it's time to make the journey north.

Immigration checkpoints present the next obstacle. At least 20 blockades manned by Border Patrol agents straddle Texas highways, more than in any other state. The Supreme Court has given immigration officials wide leeway to set up permanent checkpoints near the border where they're allowed to ask travelers about their legal status in the U.S.

Barragán became lost in the brush when he was trying to bypass one of the busiest checkpoints in the country, about 30 miles up Interstate 35 from Laredo.

He said he stumbled across another group of immigrants and joined them, promising to provide payment to the smuggler.

"I didn't have any choice but to go with them or surrender to the immigration authorities," he said.

He followed the new group to I-35, where they hid in the brush and waited for a ride north. At dusk, a white SUV approached and he and eight or nine other people — the vehicle's driver later told Border Patrol agents he was transporting six immigrants, according to a court filing — climbed in, most of them lying in the back without seat belts, Barragán said.

They weren't on the road long before the Border Patrol tried to pull them over. The driver, Barragán and another man were arrested at the vehicle while the rest scattered into the brush, according to court records. Border Patrol agents tracked one of the other immigrants down. The driver faces smuggling charges, and Barragán is being held as a witness against him.

"They constantly, day-in and day-out, are putting these people at risk, and it's not just in the tractor-trailers," said Jason Owens, the Laredo Sector Border Patrol chief. "It's in these stash houses. They extort their families for money. They keep them in deplorable conditions. They walk them through the desert in some of the most austere and hostile terrain this country has to offer."

More than 9,000 vehicles, many of them trucks carrying goods from the busiest commercial port on the border, pass through the I-35 checkpoint every day. Despite the array of cameras, license plate readers, dogs and a mobile backscatter scanner, it presents a tempting target for smugglers.

"What they're exploiting is the volume of traffic that we see go through there," Owens said. "Of course our job is not only border security; we have to facilitate lawful trade and travel. So we have to balance those two interests at all times."

On July 22, a truck driven by James Bradley Jr. passed through the checkpoint north of Laredo. Bradley's commercial driver's license was suspended. The trailer hitched to his truck was also packed with people — one survivor later told police that there were as many as 200 people inside; others put the number between 70 and 100.

The truck continued to San Antonio, where more smugglers were waiting in a Walmart parking lot to pick up the immigrants for the next leg of the journey. A Walmart employee called 911 after being asked for water. By the time police arrived in the early morning hours of July 23, smugglers had taken some of the immigrants. First responders found 10 dead and dying people from Guatemala, Mexico and Ecuador.

'Seconds to inspect'

Bradley pleaded guilty in October to two felony counts of transporting immigrants in the country illegally for profit, resulting in death. He was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole.

At the I-35 checkpoint primary inspection, where Border Patrol canines pace between the seven lanes, agents start by asking about immigration status. If they're suspicious, they can hold up vehicles they want searched or scanned, said Enrique Martinez, the acting patrol agent in charge of the Laredo North Station. Three or four lanes are usually open for passenger vehicles, Martinez said, and when trucks are queuing up down the highway, agents must make that decision quickly.

"Agents literally have seconds to inspect a vehicle," he said. "And at that point, you have to decide if you want to send them to secondary to do additional inspection or allow them to continue on their travels."

On April 6, an agent working one of the inspection lanes recognized the driver of a beat-up silver Chevrolet SUV as a suspected smuggler. A dog alerted agents to the man's truck, and he was referred to secondary inspection. In the back of the truck, agents found clothes that they suspected were left behind by immigrants. The man had an outstanding warrant from La Salle County, and he was taken in to custody.

"If he dropped them off, we know the guide will take them to the pickup point," said Gabriel Acosta, Laredo Sector assistant chief patrol agent. "And if their ride doesn't pick them up, that brings a lot of other problems, like abandoned aliens. A lot of the time what happens, we see ones and twos on the side of the road hitchhiking."

Despite the deadly incident in July, smugglers continue to use tractor-trailers for smuggling, according to the Border Patrol. In January and February, agents in the Laredo Sector and the Valley stopped 30 semitrailers carrying a total of 448 immigrants. The Border Patrol doesn't keep historical figures on the issue, and the agency could not say whether that represents an increase or decrease from previous years.

The Border Patrol is offering what its officials say is a solution to the problem, and it's one the agency has been pushing for years even as border security spending has steadily increased: more resources.

The I-35 checkpoint is more than a decade old and insufficient for the amount of traffic it processes, agents said. It has fewer than half the number of lanes than the World Trade Bridge, one of Laredo's four international bridges. In interviews during April, Border Patrol supervisors in Laredo had a laundry list of requests that they said would help them do their job, including more agents, more canines and more capacity to process vehicles.

"The short answer is, we'd like to double our lanes," Acosta said.

Jonathan Ryan, executive director of the San Antonio-based nonprofit Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services that represented some of the survivors of the July trailer smuggling tragedy, took umbrage at the Border Patrol's request for more resources.

Ryan held up as an example of what he said is the agency's inefficient use of resources in a widely reported November incident in which agents followed to Corpus Christi a 10-year-old girl who passed through a checkpoint northeast of Laredo on her way to an emergency surgery.

'Increasingly dangerous'

Agents waited at a children's hospital, then took her into custody. She was eventually returned to her family in Laredo but not until after the Border Patrol was heavily criticized for detaining her and turning her over to a government shelter. Officials at the time responded that because the girl was a minor traveling without her guardian, they had no choice.

"There is no agency that is more wasteful, that is more inefficient and negligent with its use of federal funding than the U.S. Border Patrol," Ryan said. "The idea that an organization that utilizes its funding to arrest disabled children seeking lifesaving medical care needs more funding is not just absurd — it's downright terrifying."

He said increased border security and tactics taken by the Trump administration — like arresting the family members of unaccompanied children who are trying to reunite with relatives in the U.S., family separation at the border and a failure to process asylum claims, something for which the Obama administration was also criticized — drives immigrants into the arms of smugglers who put their lives at risk.

"From the beginning of the Trump administration, we have argued that the anti-immigrant rhetoric, the attacks on due process and the asylum system would not result in fewer people seeking protection in the United States, but instead would lead to more people taking increasingly dangerous modes of journey in order to do so," Ryan said.

Disability groups want a voice at the table in gun debate

By Ashley Lopez
KUT

AUSTIN — A disability rights group in Texas sent out a survey last month, trying to figure out how many of its members became disabled because of gun violence. The group, ADAPT of Texas, said it's an effort to collect data that will help inform Texas lawmakers on how they legislate guns.

Bob Kafka is an organizer with ADAPT and said that when gun violence happens, particularly mass shootings, the public tends to have a pretty limited discussion about what happens to the victims.

Susan Nelson was one of those victims. About 25 years ago, she was having dinner at a friend's house. Her friend had a gun.

"It was registered and everything," she said of her friend's firearm.

There was also a young man there that night. He'd been thrown out of his parents' house and seemed unstable. He found the gun and confronted both Nelson and her friend, saying he was going to rob and then kill them. Nelson said he then shot her in her left shoulder.

"I stood up to turn to run and was shot in the back of the head," she said. "My friend was as well, and that's the last part I remember from the shooting. My friend died in flight to the hospital, and I woke from a coma two weeks later."

She was 29 and had to start her life all over.

"I was paralyzed," she said. "I could barely read and write. My vision was really bad, so I had to spend the next seven months in therapy relearning everything and working really, really hard."

Her hard work paid off. Nelson can walk now and is writing again, working as an author and speaker. Her vision is good, but she still lives with various disabilities.



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Susan Nelson, author and public speaker on brain injury awareness and gun safety, is photographed at her home in Austin.

"It takes me longer to formulate my sentences because my brain doesn't work as fast to make the words come out of my mouth as fast as I'd like," she said.

This experience hasn't changed Nelson's relationship with guns very much, though. She grew up in southeast Texas surrounded by guns. She said she still thinks people who are responsible should be able to have them.

"I am not against guns. And I don't know that (for) everyone who gets shot (the ordeal is) going to turn them against guns," she said.

This is something Kafka said he's expecting as the survey results come in. He wants to learn how many members are in this category and their thoughts on guns, in order to educate lawmakers and testify on gun legislation. Kafka said he hopes to hear a range of perspectives on guns from the community of people living with disabilities, because it's so big.

"We have people on both sides of the issue," he said. "There are probably NRA members in the disability community."

He points out that Texas' very conservative and very pro-gun governor, Greg Abbott, has used a wheelchair since he was 26 after a tree fell on him while he was jogging after a storm.

Kafka said we should hear from people who are disabled because of gun violence because we rarely do.

"Not only do we not talk about it, it's invisible," he said. "The media loves to focus on how many people died and then they have the sort of 'other injured,' but I've never seen where they follow the rehab of somebody."

Mass shootings also tend to garner a lot of media attention, said Noam Ostrander, with the Department of Social Work at DePaul University in Chicago. Ostrander said a lot of people become disabled because of day-to-day gun violence in major cities. For many years, Ostrander worked with gang members on the west side of Chicago who became paralyzed after being shot.

"The cost of that injury, and that often then becomes a public cost, is astronomical, and I think that would be shocking to a lot of folks," he said.

It's also easy to forget, Ostrander said, that among victims of gun violence, about three to five times the number of people who die from it actually survive.

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Why Wall Street shrugged off Southwest's first fatal accident

MITCHELL SCHNURMAN
The Dallas Morning News



When investors heard the news about Southwest Airlines, they started selling.

Southwest's stock price dropped 6.6 percent, the biggest intraday decline in more than seven months. Other airline stocks quickly followed and the industry fell more than any group on the S&P 500 index.

But this wasn't this month, when an engine blew during a Southwest flight and the debris broke a window, killed a passenger and led to an emergency landing.

The stock drop was a month earlier, after Southwest lowered estimates for a financial measure. Instead of revenue per seat mile increasing 1 to 2 percent, as initially projected, it would be flat for 2018.

That's hardly a bad number, given that Southwest had record revenue and record net income last year. But the update still rattled investors in the entire sector.

By comparison, Wall Street practically shrugged of the deadly mishap on the Southwest flight — and the fact that the failing engine is a type that's widely deployed around the globe. Made by CFM International, these engines have been powering jets for over two decades and are used in 6,700 aircraft around the world.

By the end of that week, the Federal Aviation Administration had ordered emergency inspections of the engines to look for fan blades that need to be replaced.

That sounds like a potential crisis. And the order came on the heels of some harrowing eyewitness accounts from Southwest passengers, including some who stepped forward to treat the injured.

But Southwest's stock price ended the week just slightly lower than it began, down 30 cents a share — or about half a percentage point.

Last month, after Southwest cut its revenue estimate, Southwest's stock price fell 6.9 percent for the week. An industry tracker, the Dow Jones U.S. Total Market Airlines Index, fell by almost the same amount.

Wall Street is often criticized for overreacting to news and putting too much emphasis on the potential short-term impact. In that light, the response to Southwest's engine failure is meaningful and even reassuring.

The smart money is betting there won't be much effect on public safety, customer confidence and Southwest's gold-plated brand.

"Southwest has such a good reputation with passengers that they're being given the benefit of the doubt," said Michael Davis, who teaches economics at the Cox School of Business.

The company has a strong safety record and this month's inflight fatality was the first ever from an accident. It responded to the incident aggressively, from CEO Gary Kelly speaking out at a news conference that day to sending $5,000 checks to passengers for unexpected expenses.

Southwest employees stayed in contact with passengers by phone and email, and one customer, Matt Tranchin, described the response as, "Friendly, understanding, concerned."

Southwest was respectful of Jennifer Riordan, the New Mexico resident who died on the flight, and tributes to her emerged quickly.

The pilot who landed the plane with one engine and a broken window was lauded for keeping her cool. After the flight, Southwest Capt. Tammie Jo Shults stepped out of the cockpit and introduced herself to passengers.

All airlines have a detailed plan for responding to such incidents, and the reaction from Southwest also comports with a corporate culture that's famous for putting people first.

"I can't imagine another airline surviving this as elegantly as Southwest," Davis said. "There's a halo that just seems to hover over the company."

A year ago, a passenger was dragged off an overbooked United Airlines flight and the video went viral. While the action was outrageous, it wasn't in the same league as a fatal accident. Still, United's stock price dropped 2.6 percent that week, far more than the Southwest dip.

For a greater contrast — and a reminder of the importance of safety in air travel — consider the reaction to Allegiant Air's recent troubles. The ultra low-cost airline, based in Las Vegas, had a plane skid off a runway in snowy Sioux Falls early this month.

Then 60 Minutes investigated the company's safety record for seven months and found over 100 serious mechanical incidents. They included mid-air engine failures, smoke and fumes in the cabin, rapid descents, flight control malfunctions, hydraulic leaks and aborted takeoffs, the news magazine reported.

Allegiant executives pushed back hard and said that safety was in the forefront of their minds and at the core of their operations. But in just over a week, Allegiant's stock price fell almost 18 percent.

Analyst Hunter Keay of Wolfe Research said the stock is a buying opportunity, in part because the oldest, most troublesome plane models are being replaced late this year. But the news report will alarm people, he said.

"By no means are we taking it lightly," he said about the overhang on the stock price and the likely negative impact on bookings.

He expects Allegiant customers will fly again with the company "based on their personal experiences."

That same consideration — personal experience — is probably bucking up Southwest, too. For years, even decades, Southwest has been building up goodwill with the flying public, employees and investors.

"Wall Street is reacting to how passengers perceive the facts," said SMU's Davis. "Ordinary people are not overreacting."

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Gas mileage standards won't fix climate change

By Virginia Postrel
Bloomberg

■ COMMENTARY

Ford plans largely to give up selling cars in North America, focusing instead on trucks and SUVs. The only sedans in its future lineup will be the Mustang and a crossover version of the Focus.

Meanwhile, the Donald Trump administration looks likely to roll back the Corporate Average Fuel Economy targets set by its predecessor's Environmental Protection Agency. The Barack Obama administration's CAFE standards require each automaker's fleet to average 54.5 miles a gallon by 2025. (Carmakers can lower their targets by earning - or buying from their competitors - credits for adopting EPA-approved technologies such as energy-conserving air conditioning or making electric cars.) Environmentalists, and states like California that love them, are up in arms.

But the administration has a point — if not the courage to do better. CAFE standards are an absurdly indirect way to regulate emissions. And Ford's decision demonstrates why.

Consider another energy-sucking invention that Americans love even more than their cars: mobile phones. In an independent trial conducted by consumer site Tom's Guide, the Apple iPhone 8's battery held its charge for 11 hours, 16 minutes, making it the longest-lasting in the Apple lineup. By contrast, the Asus ZenFone 3 Zoom topped the list at 16 hours, 46 minutes. The iPhone X, which Tom's Guide has rated the "best phone overall," scored a mere 10 hours, 49 minutes.

Different phones aimed at different consumers offer different features. Different companies pursue different strategies. They make different tradeoffs between performance, battery life and cost. A company can offer a full line of phones or specialize. It can sell feature phones with batteries that last for days or souped-up smartphones with fancy screens that gobble power. None of this is controversial. There is no federal law mandating that every company's lineup of phones average an 18-hour battery life by 2025. That would be ridiculous. Why should Apple change its iPhone designs or sell feature phones just to hit an arbitrary average?

But that's exactly what happens with automobiles.

CAFE regulations implicitly assume that every carmaker offers a full assortment of vehicles. They treat the "fleet" as the relevant unit to regulate. Higher average requirements distort corporate strategies and encourage companies that are good at making trucks to make compact cars as well, even if their customers don't want them. This artificially induced competition, often at giveaway prices, hurts manufacturers that are good at making small cars. The credit system ameliorates this effect by allowing small-car specialists to sell their credits to competitors who produce larger vehicles, but only in a roundabout way.

In the real world, on real streets, emissions depend not on car dealers' full offerings but on individual vehicles and the people who drive them. One drawback of CAFE standards is that they apply only to new cars, a tiny fraction of those on the road. So they take a long time to reduce actual emissions. The rest of us happily go on driving our out-of-date vehicles, using just as much gasoline as ever.

That gets to the second behavioral problem: Better gas mileage encourages people to drive more. CAFE targets are not, in fact, emissions standards. They were established as a response to the oil shocks of the 1970s, not to global warming. They were designed to conserve fuel. In a new, CAFE-approved gas-sipping car, you can go farther for the same amount of money.

The rules survive because the costs are hidden in corporate income statements rather than being made explicit at the gas pump. CAFE standards tell drivers that emissions are someone else's problem. But that's also why they fall short. They give the real decision makers — drivers — no reason to change their behavior.

It makes perfect sense for Ford to make trucks rather than cars, just as it does for Toyota to make hybrids. Whether the target is cars or smartphones, however, it makes no sense to dictate a company's product offering to pretend to fight climate change.

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Odessa, Midland rank 1 and 2 for those without college degrees

Odessa leads the nation in average income of those living in the city without a college degree and the amount (percentage-wise) those without a college degree earn over a living wage.

The average income of a person without a college degree living in Odessa was $37,794, according to a report issued last week by CreditLoan.com. Midland ranked second – not only in communities with between 100,000 and 249,999 residents but across the nation. Midland residents without a college degree earned an average of $31,452.

In terms of the income earned by those without a college degree compared to the living wage in the area, Odessa was again No. 1 percentage-wise. The average income was 40.1 percent greater than the living wage. Midland ranked fifth; residents without college degrees made 12.9 percent more than the living wage.

The living wage in Odessa is considered to be $25,168. The living wage in Midland is $27,643, according to CreditLoan.

CreditLoan also noted the percentage of people without a college degree in Odessa was 54.42 percent of the working population. In Midland that percentage is 48.93 percent.

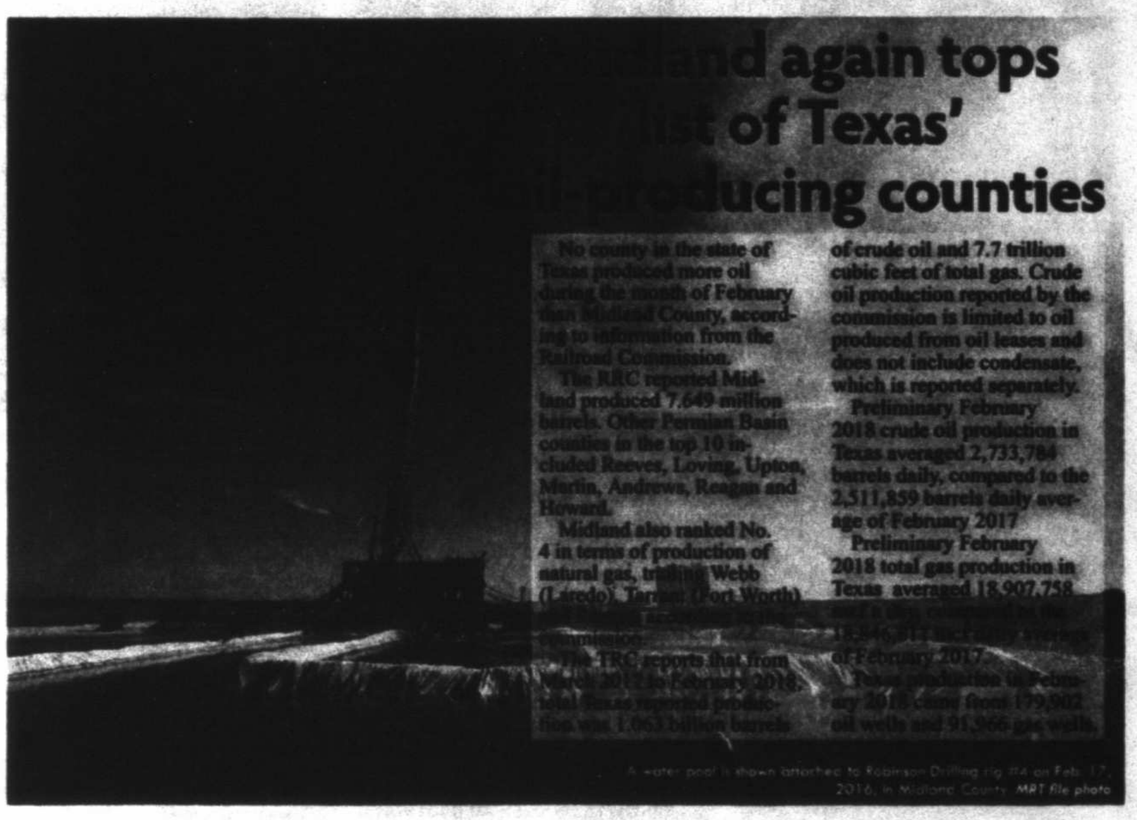
Not only were Odessa and Midland ranked 1-2 in terms of average income for a person without a college degree, the two metropolitan areas ranked 1-2 in the study overall. The report states metropolitan areas were based on a living wage (the minimum amount a full-time employee needs to earn to support a family), average salary and poverty rates. Overall, the most important factor was the ratio of income to living wage. Information from 2013-17 was used for the survey.

The only other metropolitan areas from Texas in the nation's top 25 were Victoria (12th) and Wichita Falls (23rd).

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No county in the state of Texas produced more oil during the month of February than Midland County, according to information from the Railroad Commission.

The RRC reported Midland produced 7,649 million barrels. Other Permian Basin counties in the top 10 included Reeves, Loving, Upton, Martin, Andrews, Reagan and Howard.

Midland also ranked No. 4 in terms of production of natural gas, trailing Webb (Laredo), Tarrant (Fort Worth) and Reeves counties.

The RRC reports that from ... 2018 to February 2018, total Texas reported production was 1.063 billion barrels of crude oil and 7.7 trillion cubic feet of total gas. Crude oil production reported by the commission is limited to oil produced from oil leases and does not include condensate, which is reported separately.

Preliminary February 2018 crude oil production in Texas averaged 2,733,784 barrels daily, compared to the 2,511,859 barrels daily average of February 2017.

Preliminary February 2018 total gas production in Texas averaged 18,907,758 ... 16,946,811 mcf per day average of February 2017.

Preliminary production in January 2018 came from 179,902 oil wells and 91,966 gas wells.

A water pool is shown attached to Robinson Drilling rig #4 on Feb. 17, 2016, in Midland County. MRT file photo

February 2018 Texas Top 10 Crude Oil-Producing Counties
ranked by preliminary production

Rank, County	Crude Oil (BBLS)
Midland	**7,649,986**
Karnes	5,568,782
Reeves	4,803,637
Loving	4,609,573
Upton	4,280,838
Martin	4,141,503
La Salle	3,374,791
Andrews	2,977,708
Reagan	2,926,075
Howard	2,692,454

February 2018 Texas Top 10 Total Gas- Producing Counties (Gas Well Gas & Casinghead)
ranked by preliminary production

Rank, County	Total Gas (MCF)
Webb	52.83 million
Tarrant	31.246 million
Reeves	24.292 million
Midland	**19.008 million**
Loving	17.663 million
Karnes	17.509 million
Panola	15.933 million
Johnson	15.135 million
DeWitt	14.832 million
LaSalle	13.754 million

February 2018 Texas Top 10 Total Condensate-Producing Counties
ranked by preliminary production

Rank, County	Condensate (BBLS)
Reeves	1,157,691
Culberson	1,051,937
DeWitt	921,706
Webb	838,828
Karnes	815,568
Loving	805,218
Dimmit	364,703
Live Oak	295,033
LaSalle	210,645
Wheeler	128,975

Report: Gas in Midland-Odessa highest in region

The average price of gasoline in Midland-Odessa is rising faster than the average across state during the last week and month.

TexasGasPrices.com reports the average price of gas in retailers across both cities was $2.748 on Thursday. That price is around 17 cents greater than the state average. Last week, the spread between the Midland-Odessa and state averages was 16 cents. One month ago, the spread was less than 14 cents.

Distributors have told the Reporter-Telegram there are many complexities in the fuel business that impact pricing. They pointed to the high cost of transportation from Gulf Coast refineries and the distance Midland is from pipelines.

Midland gas report

- Cheapest gas: $2.56 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds)
- Cheapest gas (non-membership store): $2.59 (H-E-B, Wadley/Midkiff Road; H-E-B, Andrews Highway/Loop 250)
- Most expensive gas: $2.85
- Most common price: $2.79
- Cheapest prices in West Texas: San Angelo: $2.39, Lubbock $2.45, Abilene $2.53, Odessa $2.55, Midland $2.56
- Average prices across the region: San Angelo $2.52, San Angelo $2.60, Abilene $2.65, Odessa $2.74, Midland $2.79.

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$2.748	$2.577
Last week	$2.678	$2.513
Last month	$2.521	$2.389
Last year	$2.391	$2.241

Source: TexasGasPrices.com and AAA Texas

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2301 College Ave.	Patio	1715 Gainesbury Lane	Residential Alteration
2801 W. Gulf Course Road	Patio	1814 Pueblo	Residence-Detached
1717 Pueblo	Swimming Pool	1214 Desert Rose Drive	New Residence
914 Calumet Street	New Residence	6 Oakmont Park	Residential Addition
1109 Buffalo Court	Residential Alteration	2106 Other Drive	Residence-Detached
219 S. Fort Worth Street	New Residence	4727 Country Club Drive	Residence-Detached
315 S. Fort Worth Street	New Residence	3203 Stratford Ave.	Residential Alteration
308 S. Fort Worth Street	New Residence	4306 Country Club Drive	Residence-Detached
1313 Stonehill Drive	New Residence	2800 Highland Street	Sign
4804 Wood Drive	Residential Alteration	611 E. Kent Ave.	Store Core Shell
1305 E. California Ave.	Residential Addition	3410 N. Big Spring St.	Store Core Shell
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EPA chief Pruitt's condo deal under scrutiny

By Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press



Pablo Martinez Monsivais

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt leaves after testifying before the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency is opening internal investigations into Scott Pruitt's $50-a-night condo deal with a lobbyist and other recent allegations, adding to about a dozen federal probes involving the EPA chief.

EPA Inspector General Arthur A. Elkins Jr. confirmed the new investigations in a letter to lawmakers written Wednesday and released Friday.

Pruitt's condo deal would be one of several recent allegations involving Pruitt that would be the topic of new or expanded investigations, Elkins wrote.

The Office of Government Ethics, which is the government's top ethics watchdog agency, and lawmakers had asked for investigations of the condo lease and others of the latest allegations raised involving Pruitt.

The agency's whistleblower hotline also had received calls on the same allegations, Elkins wrote.

EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox declined comment Friday, saying the agency does not publicly address matters related to the inspector general.

Pruitt for much of last year rented a Washington bedroom from a lobbyist whose husband had pending matters before the EPA. The unusual deal allowed the EPA chief to pay just $50 a night, and only on the nights he actually stayed there.

Both Pruitt and the lobbyist, Steven Hart, denied Hart had conducted any recent business with EPA. But Hart was forced to admit last week he had met with Pruitt at EPA headquarters last summer after his then-firm, Williams & Jensen, revealed he had lobbied the agency on a required federal disclosure form

Announcement of the new investigations comes a day after Pruitt weathered six hours of scathing questions and criticism from House Democrats on ethics allegations, in back-to-back hearings.

The hearings were seen as make-or-break for Pruitt in the wake of months of news reports into alleged misconduct that eroded support of the former Oklahoma attorney general at the White House.

Pruitt gave clipped, lawyerly answers to Democrat's questions on the ethics allegations on Thursday, repeatedly blaming subordinates for decisions he said he had no knowledge of.

The day ended without any obvious, immediate mortal blow to Pruitt politically, and no Republican lawmakers in the hearings joined calls on Pruitt to resign.

"He obviously hopes that the bad headlines generated by his bad behavior will go away, and that he won't be held accountable for his actions," said Rep. Don Beyer, a Virginia Democrat and one of the members of Congress asking for the expanded probes.

"The Inspector General's letter announcing new reviews assures us that this will not happen," Beyer said in a statement.

Pruitt is a onetime Oklahoma state lawmaker who built alliances to wealthy oilmen and influential Republican conservatives. As head of the environmental agency he has faced an unending series of revelations involving issues such as pricey trips in first-class seats and unusual security spending, including a $43,000 soundproof booth for making private phone calls.

He also demanded 24-hour-a-day protection from armed officers, resulting in a 20-member security detail that blew through overtime budgets and racked up expenses approaching $3 million.

The EPA's inspector-general, the Government Accountability Office and the White House Office of Management and Budget all have announced probes into several of the earlier allegations.

Besides Pruitt's housing arrangements, Elkins' letter indicated new or expanded investigations into more recent allegations about Pruitt's spending on travel and security; claims that he gave two favored staffers big raises despite White House opposition; and claims that he assigned one staffer to help him hunt for a house in Washington. Investigators also would look into news reports that the EPA punished staffers who went public with complaints about Pruitt's spending, Elkins indicated.



AP file photo

Mark Fields, executive vice president, Ford Motor Company, introduces the 2013 Ford Taurus SHO on April 20, 2011, at the New York International Auto Show. In about a year, a car that once was the most popular in America will die for a second time. Ford announced the car's demise Wednesday as part of major restructuring plan to focus capital spending on more popular SUVs and technology needed to morph into a mobility company.

Once America's best-selling car, the Ford Taurus dies, again

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — A car that once was America's top-seller is about to die — for a second time.

Ford Taurus, may you rest in peace at the salvage yard.

Blame the full-size sedan's slow demise on the national obsession with SUVs and Ford Motor Co.'s need to slash costs and remake itself for a new era of self-driving cars and shuttles.

Ford announced the car's passing this week as part of major restructuring plan aimed at focusing capital spending on more popular SUVs and technology needed to morph Ford into a mobility company.

The 114-year-old automaker said it would stop selling all car models in North America but two: the Mustang muscle car and a version of the compact Focus called Active. That means Ford's Chicago plant will stop making Tauruses next March. North American production of the Focus compact car and Fiesta subcompact will halt in May, while the midsize Fusion lives a few more years before it departs.

They'll be replaced by five new SUVs, all to deal with a market that has shifted dramatically in five years. Last month, trucks and SUVs were two-thirds of U.S. new vehicle sales. They were less than half in March of 2013.

"We will focus on products and markets where we know we can win," new CEO Jim Hackett said in making the announcement.

That means the end of the line for the Taurus, which was completely remade as a new car for a third time in the 2010 model year. The timing couldn't have been worse. It came out as high gas prices were sending families to more efficient midsize sedans like the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord. Then the SUV boom hit.

"It had everything going against it," said Karl Brauer, executive publisher for Kelley Blue Book and Autotrader.

The Taurus was built on heavy, older underpinnings, limiting Ford's ability to create more interior space or make the car more efficient, Brauer said. At the same time, midsize competitors used newer technology for better ride and handling and to expand inside space.

As a result, sales of the latest Taurus peaked in 2013 at nearly 80,000, falling to just over 41,000 last year.

The latest Taurus did develop a bit of a cult following, though, especially the 365-horsepower turbocharged performance version called S.H.O. for "Super High Output."

"It's really a sad thing to see a good car like that go," mused Corey Aaron of Buford, Georgia, who owns a metallic gray 2013 S.H.O. that he loves because it can out-accelerate many other cars yet looks like a sleepy family sedan.

Aaron, a member of an S.H.O. enthusiast club, says Ford is short-sighted for getting rid of a car with a loyal following. Before the Taurus, Aaron bought only foreign-brand vehicles, which he considered to have better performance and quality.

"After getting behind the wheel, it totally changed my perspective on domestic manufacturers," he said.

The Taurus debuted in late 1985 at a time when Ford was in financial trouble and needed a big hit. The company had found that American tastes were changing away from big, boxy sedans to more nimble and efficient European cars.

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Trump Administration faces a new urgency on NAFTA

By Don Lee
Tribune Washington Bureau

The Trump administration appears to be closing in on a deal on a revamped North American Free Trade Agreement, but is up against a very tight political deadline to meet its goal of forcing a congressional vote on a new pact by the end of the year.

After months of making little progress, high-level trade officials from the U.S., Canada and Mexico indicate that negotiations have been gaining momentum, and analysts monitoring the talks the last several days said Friday that there was a fair chance of reaching an agreement in principle in weeks or even days.

The president's chief trade negotiator, Robert Lighthizer, plans to continue discussions with his Canadian and Mexican counterparts in Washington on May 7. They need to close gaps on sensitive matters including trade in autos and farm goods and rules for handling investment disputes.

Canada and Mexico, rather than make politically unpopular concessions, may decide it better to prolong the talks, even at the risk of a U.S. withdrawal from NAFTA, as President Donald Trump has repeatedly threatened.

Moreover, Trump's practice of lumping different issues together for bargaining leverage has increased uncertainties about the fate of negotiations.

Last month, Trump gave an exemption to Canada and Mexico on hefty steel and aluminum tariffs, but only until May 1, saying what happens afterward would depend on how rewriting NAFTA comes along.

On Monday, Trump suggested that a NAFTA overhaul should include another one of his goals, tighter control of people entering from the southern border.

"Mexico, whose laws on immigration are very tough, must stop people from going through Mexico and into the U.S.," the president said on Twitter. "We may make this a condition of the new NAFTA agreement."

The Trump administration has good political reason to wrap up NAFTA talks in the coming days. It wants to lock in a deal ahead of Mexico's presidential election on July 1, in which a leftist candidate who opposes NAFTA is favored.

Trump and his Republican backers also have their sights on the U.S. midterm election. A successful conclusion to NAFTA talks could give a lift to the GOP and soften an expected loss of seats and possibly control of the House.

For Congress to complete work on a deal this year, Lighthizer would need to reach an agreement in principle very soon. That's because the parties need time to write a text, give a mandated 90-day notice to Congress and have an economic impact report completed before Congress can vote it up or down.

Trump is betting that his best shot for approval would come during the lame-duck session after the November election, when many lawmakers may be willing to take more difficult votes.

As part of the administration's legislative strategy, Trump could give the required six months' notice of withdrawal from NAFTA about the time a text is ready, essentially forcing Congress to accept the new accord or risk the end of the 24-year-old pact, according to trade experts.

"The status quo, which most members of Congress probably prefer, would not be an option," wrote William Reinsch, a senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, although he questioned the wisdom of employing such hardball tactics.

Such a move could inflame opposition. Nor is it clear whether Trump has the legal authority to pull out of NAFTA without congressional support. Many on Capitol Hill and Wall Street fear the potential political and economic fallout of termination.

An end to NAFTA would cause tariffs to rise and create other barriers that would almost certainly hurt trade, production and investments throughout North America.

Settling the NAFTA talks would allow the Trump administration to focus on another, more-fraught trade front with America's biggest trading partner, China. Trump said Lighthizer would join Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin in Beijing this week to discuss trade, in what could help lead to a thaw in increasingly tense relations with China.

On NAFTA, the tight political calendar already has spurred Lighthizer to soften his demands to overhaul rules on cars to increase auto and parts production in the United States. The issue has dominated recent negotiations, and a breakthrough could pave the way to settling other sticking points.

Toward that end, Lighthizer dropped his initial push for a new 50 percent minimum of U.S.-local content before a vehicle can get NAFTA's tariff-free treatment, and instead is looking at a different formula that could provide more work for American facilities. He has also shown a willingness to bend somewhat on his original proposal to raise the overall North American portion of the value of vehicles to 85 percent from the current 62.5 percent, meant largely to reduce reliance of parts from Asia in the assembly of cars and trucks.

But at the same time, Lighthizer has given little indication that he will make a broad retreat on major negotiating objectives, including eliminating or weakening certain NAFTA dispute resolution mechanisms, revising government procurement rules in favor of American firms, and inserting a new, so-called sunset provision that would allow the U.S. to reopen NAFTA after a period of time.

"This is where he sees creating a new American trade agreement model, and so he's not going to just drop all those rebalancing and restructuring issues," said Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, which has been a vocal critic of NAFTA. She added that it's also an opportunity for Lighthizer to get a trade deal that can pass Congress, unlike the Trans-Pacific Partnership that languished without enough support.

Trump has repeatedly blasted NAFTA as a bad deal for America, blaming it for destroying domestic jobs and factories as well as for adding to the large trade deficit with Mexico. But many economists point to factors such as automation for displacing U.S. workers and doubt that a revamped NAFTA would lead to a renaissance in manufacturing resulting in many jobs or much of a reduction in the deficit.

"I am not sure there's any agreement President Trump can accept politically," said Michael Camunez, a former Commerce Department official who is chief executive of Monarch Global Services, a consulting firm with offices in Los Angeles and Washington. "Even if Trump signs off on it — and that's a big if — Congress is fractured along very delicate lines," he said.

Congressional Democrats have urged Lighthizer to address Mexican workers' rights to organize and bargain for higher pay — something that Rep. Sander M. Levin, D-Mich., a key proponent for tougher labor standards, says will be important if the Trump administration hopes to win Democratic votes for passage of a new NAFTA.

"They have been slowly, incrementally beefing up their proposal," said Celeste Drake, a trade policy specialist at the AFL-CIO, referring to the Trump trade team's labor demands. But Drake, one of several hundred business and other stakeholders with whom U.S. trade officials have shared specific negotiating proposals, said she has not yet seen the administration's consolidated chapter on labor.

On balance, Mexican negotiators would prefer to make a deal and sign a NAFTA agreement before a new government is seated, analysts in Mexico said.

The political calculus includes a desire by the current government to enshrine certain rules on privatizing energy industries through NAFTA before a potentially new president takes office and makes that impossible.

The opposition leftist candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has a big lead in the polls and is considered to be more nationalistic and protectionist than the outgoing president, Enrique Pena Nieto.

But Mexican negotiators will be hard-pressed to accept U.S. demands on Mexican wages, as well as restrictive rules on textiles and perishable produce, among other changes. Mexican officials may decide it's worth the risk to delay and call Trump's bluff.

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Pompeo says Trump 'unlikely' to stick with Iran nuclear deal barring major fix

By Tracy Wilkinson
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, on his first full day on the job, said Friday it was "unlikely" that President Donald Trump will remain in the Iran nuclear deal after a May 12 self-imposed deadline barring a "substantial fix" negotiated with European leaders.

Speaking on the margins of a NATO summit for foreign ministers in Brussels, Pompeo said no decision has been made but that he was communicating Trump's position to allies in Europe and the Middle East.

"Absent a substantial fix, absent overcoming the flaws of the deal, he (Trump) is unlikely to stay in that deal," Pompeo said.

Trump has said he will decide by May 12 whether to withdraw from the 2015 international accord and unilaterally reimpose U.S. sanctions on Tehran.

He has repeatedly lambasted the agreement, which has successfully blocked Iran's ability to build a nuclear weapon, and has threatened to "rip it up."

European allies have sought to persuade Trump to remain a partner to the deal and have been negotiating a series of possible supplemental agreements to address his concerns.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel met with Trump at the White House on Friday, two days after French President Emmanuel Macron made a similar pitch during a state visit to Washington. The United States, Germany, France, Britain, Russia and China signed the deal with Iran.

Trump and other critics say the accord lets some of the nuclear restrictions on Iran expire over time. They also lambaste the fact that the nuclear negotiations did not address Iran's ballistic missile program or its support for militant groups elsewhere in the Middle East.

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Suspect in killing of Maine sheriff's deputy now in custody

Associated Press

NORRIDGEWOCK, Maine — A man accused of killing a sheriff's deputy was arrested Saturday outside a remote cabin, ending an intense manhunt in its fourth day in the woods of central Maine.

A law enforcement team used the slain deputy's handcuffs to arrest 29-year-old John Williams in a symbolic gesture, Sheriff Dale Lancaster said.

"We can now focus on the important task of respectfully laying our fallen brother to rest. Tonight, the citizens of Somerset County can sleep well and knowing that a dangerous man has been taken off the streets," the sheriff said.

Williams was wanted in the fatal shooting of Cpl. Eugene Cole early Wednesday after the two had an encounter on a darkened road in Norridgewock.

Cole became the first the first law enforcement officer to be killed in the line of duty in nearly 30 years in Maine.

Shirtless and shoeless, Williams appeared to be exhausted when he was led out of the woods Saturday. Officers put him into the back seat of an unmarked state police vehicle and detectives whisked him away.

"I'm just glad it ended peacefully, and no one else got hurt," said Tasha Raymond, whose kids have been forced to play indoors for the past four days.

Drugmakers push back against lawmakers' calls to tax opioids

By Geoff Mulvihill and Kyle Potter
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Facing a rising death toll from drug overdoses, state lawmakers across the country are testing a strategy to boost treatment for opioid addicts: Force drug manufacturers and their distributors to pay for it.

Bills introduced in at least 15 states would impose taxes or fees on prescription painkillers. Several of the measures have bipartisan support and would funnel millions of dollars toward treatment and prevention programs.

In Montana, state Sen. Roger Webb, a Republican, sees the approach as a way to hold drugmakers accountable for an overdose epidemic that in 2016 claimed 42,000 lives in the U.S., a record.

"You're creating the problem," he said. "You're going to fix it."

Opioids include prescription painkillers such as Vicodin and OxyContin as well as illegal drugs such as heroin and illicit versions of fentanyl. Public health experts say the crisis started because of overprescribing and aggressive marketing of the drugs that began in the 1990s. The death toll has continued to rise even as prescribing has started to drop.

A Pennsylvania opioid tax bill was introduced in 2015 and a federal version was introduced a year later, but most of the proposals arose during the past year. The majority of them have yet to get very far, with lawmakers facing intense pressure from the pharmaceutical industry to scuttle or soften the legislation.

Drugmakers and distributors argue that it would be wrong to tax prescription drugs, that the cost increases would eventually be absorbed by patients or taxpayers, and that there are other ways to pay for addiction treatment and prevention.

"We have been engaged with states to help move forward comprehensive solutions to this complex public health crisis and in many cases have seen successes," Priscilla VanderVeer, a spokeswoman for Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, said in a statement. "However, we do not believe levying a tax on prescribed medicines that meet legitimate medical needs is an appropriate funding mechanism for a state's budget."

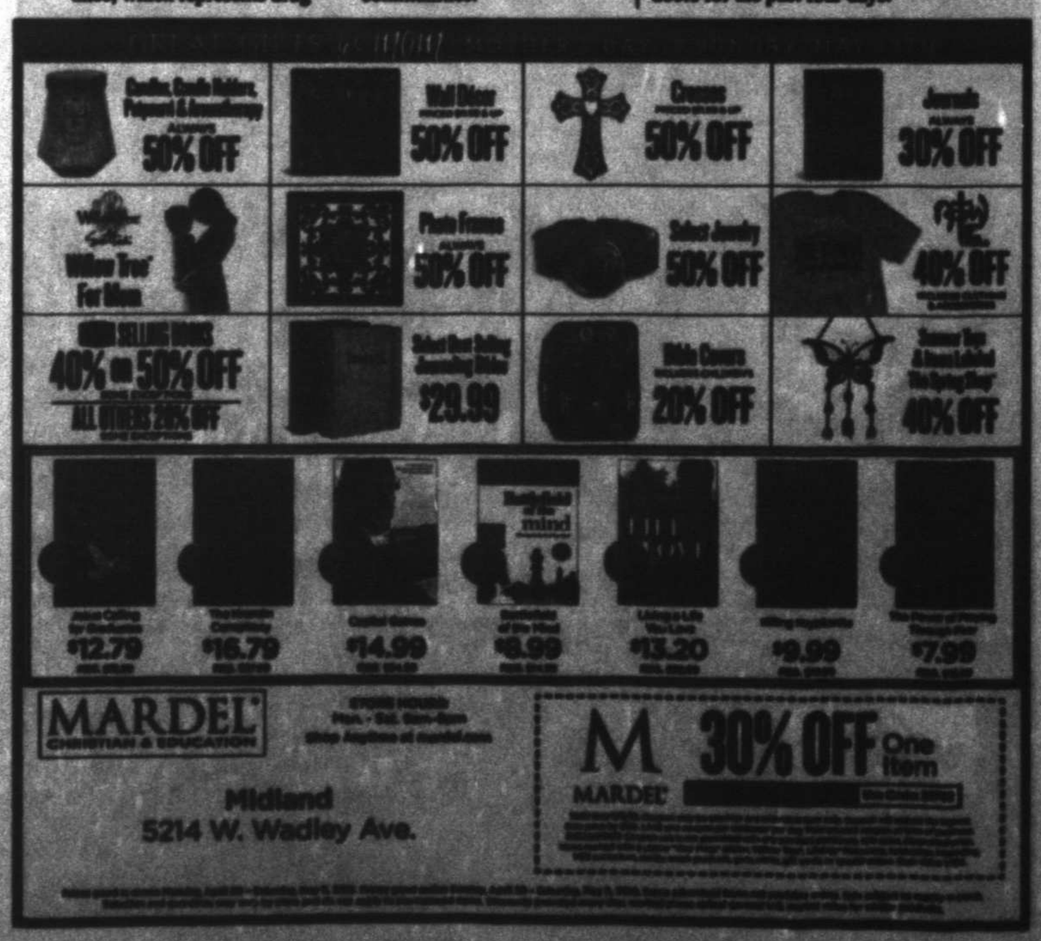
Two drug companies that deployed lobbyists — Purdue Pharma and Pfizer — responded to questions with similar statements.

A spokesman for the Healthcare Distribution Alliance, which represents drug distributors, said a tax would mean that cancer patients and those in end-of-life care might not be able to get the prescriptions they need.

The pharmaceutical industry has emphasized that the name-brand drug companies that make up its members already give rebates to states for drugs funded by Medicaid. Those rebates amount to billions of dollars nationwide that states could use to address opioid addiction, the trade group says.

State legislation to tax opioids comes as manufacturers and distributors are defending themselves in hundreds of lawsuits filed by state and local governments seeking damages for the toll the overdose epidemic has taken on communities.





Bookings for Southwest fall after fatal accident

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — Inspections of jet engines at Southwest Airlines turned up one cracked fan blade last year but no others since last week's deadly accident that investigators believe started when a weakened blade broke off during flight.

Southwest executives said Thursday that they have checked more than 25,000 fan blades since 2016 for signs of metal fatigue and the remaining 10,000 will be inspected by mid-May.

They also said that bookings have dropped since the April 17 accident and will cost Southwest between $50 million and $100 million.

Last-minute trips fell, but so did bookings into May. Southwest canceled some flights to send planes for inspections, and it stopped advertising on television and social media. President Tom Nealon said the airline's advertising "has a lot of fun, and we just don't think it's appropriate yet to bring that back."

Southwest disclosed the results of engine inspections and the downturn in bookings as it reported a 22 percent increase in first-quarter profit, to $463 million. The results were in line with Wall Street expectations.

On a conference call with analysts and reporters, the financial figures were overshadowed by the emergency landing of one of Southwest's planes last week in Philadelphia after an engine blew apart, knocked out a window, and killed Jennifer Riordan, a bank executive and mother of two from Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was the first accident-related death of a passenger in the airline's 47-year history.

"It was a dark day," CEO Gary Kelly said at the beginning of the call. He called Riordan "an extraordinary person" and credited the actions of the crew and other passengers during the emergency.

Southwest has 35,500 fan blades for its fleet of more than 700 Boeing 737 jets. After a fan blade broke off and triggered an engine breakup in August 2016, the airline started inspecting other engines as engine manufacturer CFM International recommended, said Chief Operating Officer Mike Van de Ven. Those checks turned up one bad blade in May 2017, and it was discarded, he said.

Since last week's accident, 8,500 more blades have been checked and none was found to show signs of metal fatigue, or microscopic cracks, Van de Ven said.

Kelly said Southwest never considered grounding any of its planes because it was following inspection recommendations from the engine manufacturer. Van de Ven added that metal fatigue in the widely used CFM fan blades was seen as extremely rare.

Analysts believe that any loss in bookings because of the accident will be temporary. JP Morgan's Jamie Baker said no other airline has reported gaining at Southwest's expense — although he noted it would be poor etiquette for other carriers to do so — and that any booking away from Southwest will be short-term.

The airline also announced that it plans to fly to four cities in Hawaii, not just Honolulu. That decision raises the stakes in a looming competition with Hawaiian Airlines and other carriers that fly to the islands from the West Coast. The Southwest flights are expected to start late this year or early in 2019.

Southwest also said it will lease coveted takeoff and landing slots at LaGuardia Airport in New York and Washington Reagan National Airport just outside the nation's capital from Alaska Airlines, allowing it to expand at two airports that are essentially full.

Lower income taxes helped Southwest overcome cheaper average fares and higher fuel and labor costs in the January-through-March quarter. Taxes dropped 28 percent from a year ago, saving the Dallas-based airline $54 million.

Excluding items such as fuel-hedging contracts, Southwest said it would have earned 75 cents per share, matching the forecast of analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue rose 2 percent to $4.94 billion. That was a Southwest record for the first quarter, but it fell short of the $5.02 billion that analysts in the Zacks survey had expected.

Southwest boosted revenue despite a drop of nearly 5 percent in the average one-way fare, to $146.33 — reflecting slightly short trips and competition on key routes. However, the airline carried 6 percent more passengers, and the average flight was fuller — 81.5 percent of seats were sold, compared with 79.9 percent a year earlier.

Labor costs roses 5 percent and fuel costs grew 6 percent.

Southwest shares were down 51 cents to $53.32 in afternoon trading.

Trading places

Investors looking to buy or sell stocks are turning more often to their smartphones, as apps and mobile devices take over many of the tasks previously done on personal computers.

The number of daily trades completed over a phone or tablet computer has skyrocketed at TD Ameritrade over the past several years, approaching one out of every four trades made with the Omaha, Nebraska-based online brokerage.

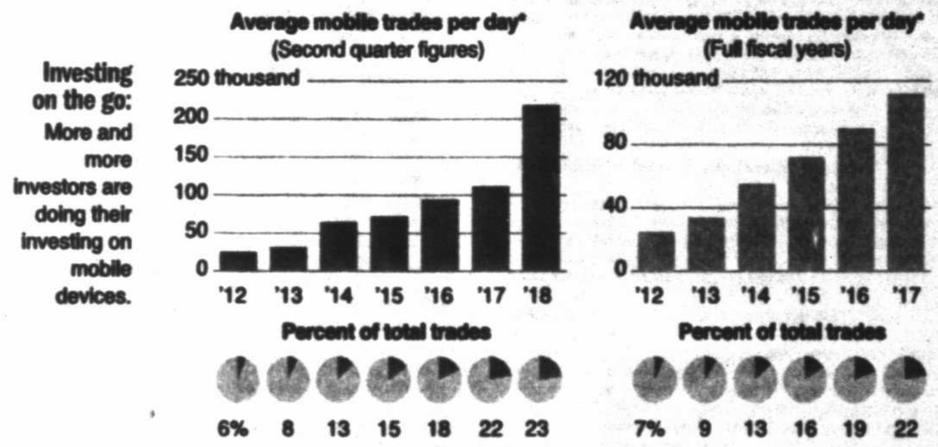
The trend is good news for the online broker because investors who can check their accounts on their phones tend to trade more.



"We know that mobile clients are more active," said TD Ameritrade CEO Tim Hockey.

Hockey forecasts that a few years from now, mobile trading will likely account for a majority of the trades handled by the company.

For comparison, roughly 111,000 of TD Ameritrade's daily trades were made on either a smart phone or tablet computer in the second quarter last year. That jumped to 218,000 in this year's fiscal second quarter, 23 percent of the total. Part of the increase came from TD Ameritrade's acquisition of rival Scottrade.



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Seven striking facts about the money tech companies are making

Associated Press

Everyone knows the tech industry is rich, but it can be challenging to get your head around just how much money it's minting.

Four of the industry's giants — Facebook, Microsoft, Amazon and Google parent Alphabet — reported unexpectedly large profits this week. (Amazon's profit more than doubled Thursday.) A fifth, Apple, releases earnings on Tuesday. These companies are the largest on Earth, at least in terms of their market value.

The large profits come even as the tech industry, notably Facebook, faces questions about the extent to which companies depend on collecting personal data on users to fuel their advertising revenue.

Raw financial figures only tell you so much, though. Here are seven facts you might not know about the lucre the technology industry is rolling in.

The five largest tech companies are collectively worth more than the entire economy of the United Kingdom. Investors value these companies at $3.5 trillion; the gross domestic product of the U.K. was $2.6 trillion in 2017, according to the International Monetary Fund. Only four national economies are larger than the combined tech giants: those of the U.S., China, Japan and Germany.

The same five tech companies are worth more than the next 11 most valuable U.S. corporations, a list that includes JPMorgan Chase, Johnson & Johnson and Walmart.

Apple makes roughly as much money every day as 2,500 average U.S. households can expect to see in a year. That's $151 million, a figure calculated from the company's expected profit in the January-March quarter and the median household income of $57,230, as reported by the Census Bureau .

For a more prosaic comparison, Apple makes almost three times what ExxonMobil does; the oil giant had an average daily profit of $54 million last year.

While you were looking at baby pictures or stalking your ex today, Facebook made $1.6 million. That's based on the 42 minutes a day the average user spends on Facebook, according to the research firm eMarketer. Facebook's profits were almost $5 billion in the first quarter — $56 million a day, $2.3 million an hour, $39,000 a minute.

The two big tech companies you almost never pay directly — Google and Facebook — can afford to offer you free services thanks to their hammerlock on digital advertising. The two will sell an estimated $61 billion in U.S. online ads this year, according to eMarketer.

That's more than a quarter of expected U.S. spending on all forms of advertising ($221 billion). All of it is in the hands of just two companies.

Mark Zuckerberg made $6.6 billion on Thursday, the day after Facebook reported earnings. The company's stock jumped 9 percent on the news; the Facebook co-founder owned 457.1 million shares as of Dec. 31.

Of course, that cuts both ways. When Facebook's stock slid 8 percent in a day after the Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal broke, Zuckerberg lost more than $6 billion.

With a single move, Amazon could create $2 billion out of thin air. The company just said it will raise the annual price of its Prime membership program to $119 from $99. Given that there are now over 100 million Prime members — and assuming they don't flee— that's a good chunk of change for sliding a few digits around.

If you'd put $10,000 into Apple stock in September 1997 when co-founder Steve Jobs came back as CEO, your stake would be worth $2.1 million today.

US businesses raise pay at fastest pace in 11 years

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. private-sector workers received the biggest pay raise in 11 years in the first three months of the year, a sign that the tight job market is slowly lifting wages.

The Labor Department said Friday that its employment cost index shows wages and salaries in the private sector rose 1 percent between January and March compared with the previous quarter. That's the biggest gain since the first quarter of 2007, before the Great Recession began.

The gain was boosted partly by healthy year-end commissions that are typically paid to sales workers at the beginning of the year. The increase may also reflect other one-time factors, such as bonuses paid out after the Trump administration's corporate tax cut took effect.

In the past year, wages for private sector workers rose 2.9 percent, the healthiest increase since the third quarter of 2008.

The unemployment rate is at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent and employers are hiring vigorously. Many businesses are struggling to find workers and they're offering higher pay as a result.

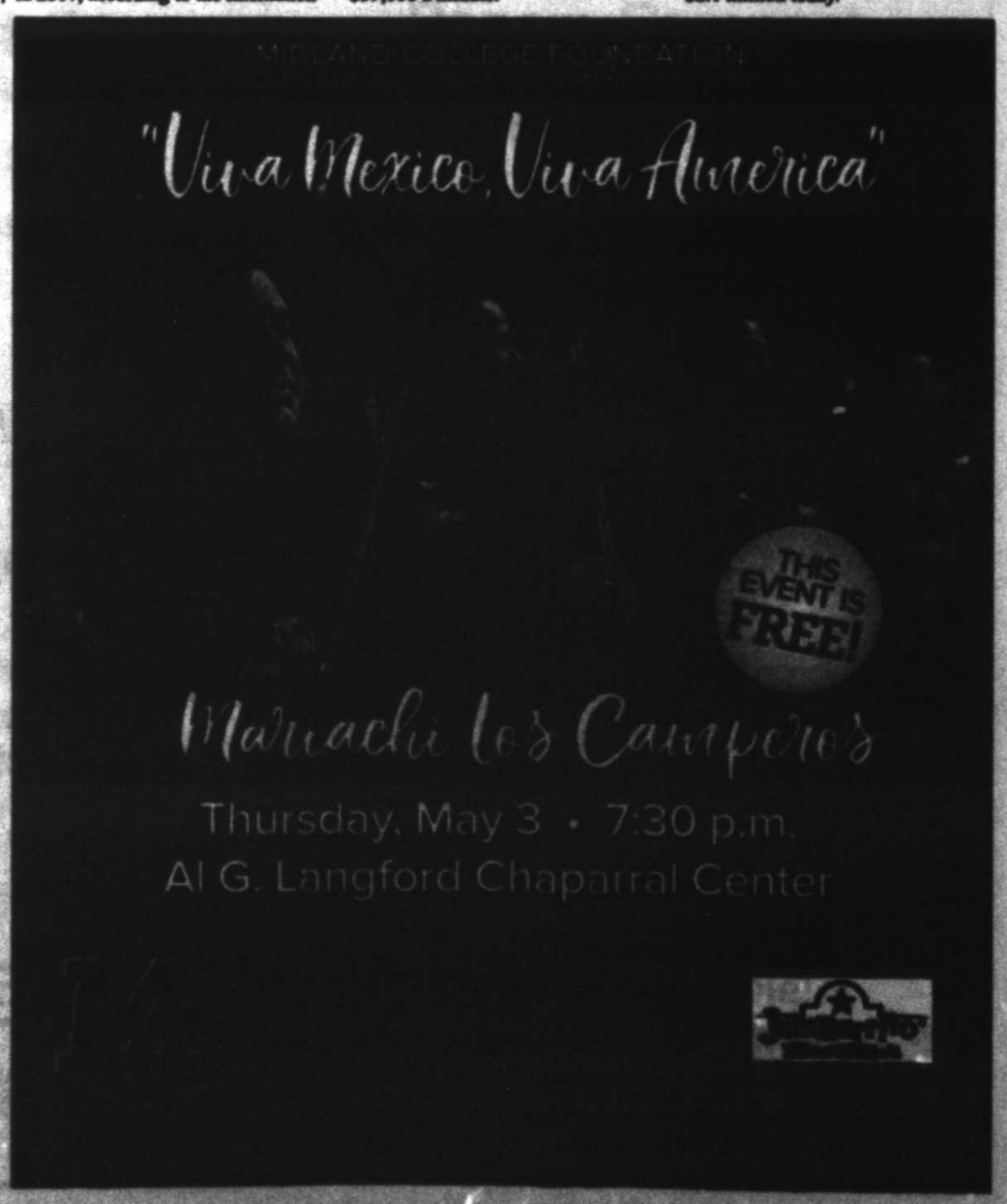
Still, wages for private sector workers rose at about a 3.5 percent pace in 2007, before the recession hit.

Stronger pay gains could add to inflationary pressure on the U.S. economy. Investors are closely watching for signs that the Federal Reserve will raise short-term interest rates more quickly to cool rising prices.

The Fed, which meets next week, has signaled that it may raise rates twice more this year, but some believe that if wages or prices accelerate, Fed policymakers may add a third hike.

The employment cost index measures health care and other benefits as well as pay. Overall compensation for U.S. workers rose 2.7 percent in the first quarter from a year earlier. That is also the fastest gain since the third quarter of 2008. Wages and salaries make up about 70 percent of total compensation, and benefits comprise the other 30 percent.

Other measures of pay have also risen, but at a choppier pace. Average hourly pay as measured in the monthly jobs report has increased 2.7 percent in the past year.



Timeline in Bill Cosby's sexual assault case

Associated Press

Bill Cosby was convicted Thursday of drugging and molesting a woman in 2004 at his home near Philadelphia. The 80-year-old comedian could spend the rest of his life in prison for assaulting former Temple University women's basketball official Andrea Constand.

Key events in the case:

2002

Cosby meets Constand at Temple University in Philadelphia, his alma mater, where she manages the women's basketball team and he serves as a celebrity booster and trustee. (The Associated Press does not usually identify people who say they are the victims of sexual assault, but Constand has agreed to allow her name to be used.)

2004

January: Cosby drugs and assaults Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home, according to her testimony. The defense says any sexual encounter was consensual and happened earlier. The timing is important because Cosby was charged only a few days before the statute of limitations was set to kick in. Cosby has said he gave her three blue pills to alleviate stress before lying on the couch with her and engaging in sex acts. Cosby was 66, Constand was 30.

2005

January: Constand, now back home in suburban Toronto, tells her mother something happened with Cosby. They go to police, who suggest they record him on a phone call. On the call, Cosby said he engaged in "digital penetration" but refuses to say what pills he gave her. The case is referred to Pennsylvania authorities. Cosby lawyer Walter Phillips calls the allegations "pointedly bizarre." Constand tells The Philadelphia Inquirer, "I did what I thought was right."

February: Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce Castor announces he will not charge Cosby. He considers the case weak, citing the yearlong delay, Constand's continued contact with Cosby and the failure of other accusers now coming forward to have ever filed a police complaint.

March: Constand sues Cosby for sexual battery and defamation.

2006

NOVEMBER: Cosby settles the case for nearly $3.4 million after giving four days of deposition testimony about his affairs with young women over a span of 50 years. A confidentiality agreement prevented either side from discussing the case, and the settlement amount was only released during this month's retrial.

2014

October: Comedian Hannibal Burress calls Cosby a rapist in a standup act caught on video and shared online. More women accuse Cosby of assaulting them.

December: The Associated Press petitions to have documents in Constand's 2005 lawsuit unsealed. Cosby fights the request.

2015

July: U.S. Judge Eduardo Robreno grants the AP's motion, saying "the stark contrast between Bill Cosby, the public moralist and Bill Cosby, the subject of serious allegations concerning improper (and perhaps criminal) conduct, is a matter as to which the AP — and by extension the public — has a significant interest." The documents include deposition excerpts in which Cosby acknowledges giving a series of women pills and alcohol before sex.

August: Montgomery County authorities reopen the 2005 criminal case, aware the 12-year statute of limitations for aggravated sexual assault has not yet run.

Dec. 30, 2015: Cosby is arrested, enters a not-guilty plea and is released on $1 million bail.

2017

June 17: After more than 52 hours of deliberations over six days at his first trial, jurors report they are deadlocked, prompting the judge to declare a mistrial. Prosecutors immediately announce they'll put him on trial a second time.

August: Cosby hires new lawyers, including Tom Mesereau, the high-profile attorney who won an acquittal in Michael Jackson's child molestation case.

2018

January: Cosby performs in public for the first time since the scandal broke in 2015, taking the stage for about an hour at a Philadelphia jazz club.

March: Judge Steven O'Neill agrees to let five additional accusers testify at the retrial, giving prosecutors a chance to portray Cosby as a serial predator who drugged and molested women. The defense argues that "ancient allegations" would confuse, distract and prejudice the jury.

April 3: The judge gives Cosby's legal defense a huge lift by saying they can call a witness, Marguerite Jackson, who says Constand talked about framing a celebrity before she lodged sexual abuse allegations against Cosby in 2005. The judge also helps the defense case by ruling jurors can hear how much Cosby ultimately paid Constand in the 2006 civil settlement.

April 4-5: A jury of seven men and five women — 10 of them white, two of them black — is seated. Three of the six alternates are black.

April 9: Cosby's retrial begins.

April 12: Former model Janice Dickinson tells jurors the comedian gave her a pill he claimed would ease her menstrual cramps but instead left her immobilized and unable to stop an assault she called "gross."

April 13, april 16: Constand takes the stand for two days, telling jurors Cosby knocked her out with three blue pills he called "your friends." During cross-examination, Cosby's lawyers tried to show her as a "con artist."

April 18: Defense star witness Marguerite Jackson testifies Constand talked about framing a celebrity for a big payout.

April 24: Cosby's lawyers launch a withering attack on Constand and five other women in closing arguments. Defense attorney Kathleen Bliss chastises Constand for "cavorting around with a married man old enough to be her grandfather."

April 26: Cosby is convicted on three charges of aggravated indecent assault. His lawyer says the "fight is not over" and he plans to appeal.

Cosby verdict met with conflicting emotions by some black people

By Errin Haines Whack
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — It is difficult to overstate the pride, admiration and sense of ownership many black Americans felt watching Bill Cosby at the height of his career in the 1980s and '90s.

As Dr. Cliff Huxtable, Cosby starred in a top-rated network sitcom about a loving, successful black couple and their wholesome children. "The Cosby Show" shifted the paradigm for millions of viewers for what a black family could look like. And it made Cosby an idol to many African-Americans in an era long before the country would see a black family living in the White House.

All of which explains why the comedian's downfall Thursday was met with particular pain, disappointment and conflicted feelings in the black community. For many black people, news of Cosby's sexual-assault conviction was hard to hear, even for fans who believed his accusers.

"We have been split from Day One about his innocence because of our need to have a hero that looks like us," said Tarana Burke, the black woman who created the #MeToo hashtag in 2006 and recalled growing up listening to albums of Cosby's comedy routines and later watching him as "America's Dad."

She warned against confusing Cosby with the roles he played.

"Cliff Huxtable was a good person, but that character doesn't reflect the character of (Cosby's) life," Burke said. "Fat Albert is not a serial rapist. Bill Cosby is."

Cosby carefully crafted his persona over half a century in public life and on the big and small screen. In the 1960s, he became the first black actor to star in a network show, "I Spy." He later created the children's cartoon program "Fat Albert," based on childhood friends, and then "The Cosby Show."

He would go on to win the 2002 Presidential Medal of Freedom and made it his role to admonish blacks to take personal responsibility, his stinging commentary hitting home because of the man, husband and father many believed Cosby to be.

When word of some of the allegations against Cosby broke in 2014, in part because of a stand-up routine by black comedian Hannibal Buress, many African-Americans who had long admired the TV star were hurt. All told, more than 60 women would accuse Cosby of sexual assault.

Some black people who grew up watching shows like "The Cosby Show" and the Cosby-created spinoff "A Different World" were conflicted about continuing to watch.

Rutgers University women's studies professor Brittney Cooper said it's time for black people to drop their support for the entertainer and his work.

"There's an ongoing conversation about can we love the art and dismiss or disavow the artist," said Cooper, author of the recent book "Eloquent Rage," which explores the Cosby allegations. But "we have to stop deciding that art is a reasonable spoil of war, that we will ignore all the casualties. We can't separate Cosby from his art."

What's next for Bill Cosby following sex assault conviction

Associated Press

Bill Cosby, who was accused of drugging and sexually molesting a woman at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004, was found guilty Thursday of three counts of aggravated indecent assault. He was allowed to remain free on $1 million bond but was told he can't travel outside the county where his home is. His lawyer said he will appeal.

A look at what happens next:

Sentencing date

The sentencing will take place in 60 to 90 days, but no date was set.

Assessment as a sex offender

Anyone convicted of a sexually violent offense in Pennsylvania must undergo an assessment to determine if he or she is a "sexually violent predator." A state board has 90 days to make a recommendation to the judge, who has the final say.

A sexually violent predator is anyone convicted of a sexually violent offense who has a "mental abnormality or personality disorder" that makes him or her likely to engage in predatory sexually violent offenses. Sexually violent predators must receive at least monthly sex offender counseling for life and are put on a state police offender registry.

How long a sentence could he get?

Cosby could get up to 10 years in prison on each of the three counts. He is likely to get less than that under state sentencing guidelines, but given his age, 80, even a modest term could mean he will die behind bars. Defendants are sometimes allowed to remain free on bail while they appeal.

Where would he be imprisoned?

The state Department of Corrections says Cosby's age and any health issues he has would not have any bearing on what prison he is sent to because any prison would be able to take care of him. Spokeswoman Susan McNaughton says the state would evaluate Cosby like any other inmate to determine where he serves his sentence.

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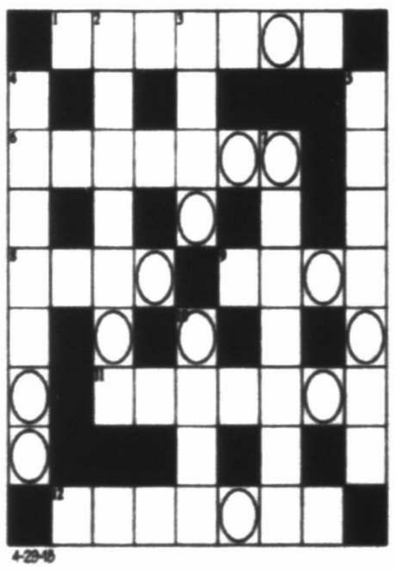
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12. Beauty ___	TAGNAEP

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4. Footstool	KSAHCOS
5. Blow up	PXEODLE
7. Type of strong storm	NOPYHTO
10. Cloudy air	ZAHE

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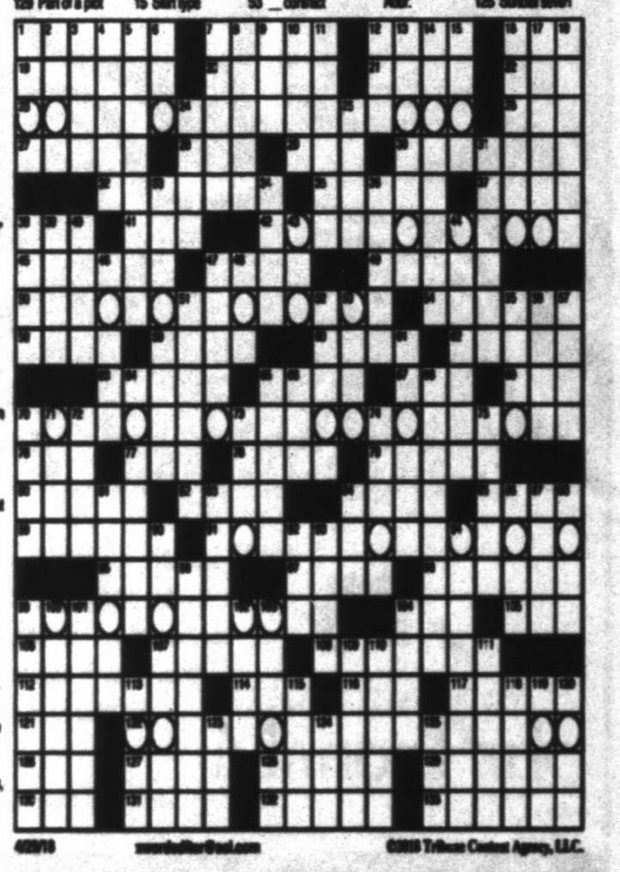
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91 Recreational area with pipes, bowls and ramps
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97 Clarifying words
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99 Dripping-off places?
104 Beehive State native
105 SAT scores, e.g.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Korea summit puts nuclear ball in Trump's court

By Eric Talmadge
Associated Press

■ AP ANALYSIS

SEOUL, South Korea — After a summit high on theatrics, emotional displays of Korean reconciliation and some important but familiar sounding plans to boost bilateral relations, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has safely returned to Pyongyang and South Korean President Moon Jae-in to his official residence in Seoul.

But is buyer's remorse about to set in?

Despite its feel-good emphasis on relationship-building, the first inter-Korean summit in more than a decade left a lot of question marks around the biggest and most contentious agenda item of them all: denuclearization. And that puts the ball squarely in the court of President Donald Trump, whose much anticipated sit-down with Kim is expected to be just weeks away.

For Moon and Kim, that was probably a feature, not a bug. They were both looking to make a show of Korean unity. But it could complicate matters for Trump, who has raised expectations of a deal with Kim to abandon his nuclear weapons much higher. In the long run, that could complicate things for everyone involved.

For sure, Friday's daylong summit inside the Demilitarized Zone that divides the Koreas was a major step forward for diplomacy and could set a more solid foundation for future, more substantive talks. Starting off with a meeting that establishes goodwill and personal relationships at the highest level is a smart move, particularly when there is so much animosity in the air.

Moon also proved he really knows how to put on a show — and Kim revealed his skill at playing along for the cameras.

The two seemed almost like old pals, hugging and holding hands, sitting off to themselves on a footbridge in the Demilitarized Zone for a private "chat" that lasted nearly a half hour. As they exchanged their first handshake, Moon motioned for Kim to cross the concrete slab that marks the division of the nation — a hugely symbolic, albeit highly choreographed, moment.

Kim then went off script, according to South Korean officials, and motioned for Moon to take a step back and join him in the North. The seemingly impromptu dance seemed to encapsulate the reality — some might say absurdity — of their nation's division along the 38th parallel, a decision made not by Koreans themselves but by a U.S. military trying to counter Soviet expansion after Japan's defeat in World War II.

The summit follows meetings between Kim's father, Kim Jong Il, with South Korean presidents in 2007 and 2000. Each produced similar sounding vows to reduce tensions, replace the current armistice that ended the fighting in the 1950-53 Korean War and expand cross-border engagement.

One difference from Friday's summit was the pledge by Kim and Moon to officially declare an end to the conflict this year.

They also announced a series of engagement measures. They will set up a liaison office in the North Korean city of Kaesong, which is near the border and is the site of a now shuttered industrial complex that had for years been the biggest joint project between the two countries. Moon will visit Pyongyang in the fall, high-level military talks will be held next month and reunions will be arranged for families separated by the war.

All of these measures are significant.

They underscore a real policy shift in the South away from the hard-line approach taken by its previous president, Park Geun-hye. Moon clearly is interested in pursuing a less volatile relationship with the North on several fronts and appears unwilling to put all of that on hold until Kim agrees to some sort of quick and complete denuclearization.

He also seemed to steer well away from human rights issues, which have been all but forgotten in the shadow of the North's nuclear program. That's a bit of a blow to Tokyo, which has been largely sidelined lately and was hoping that Moon would bring up the matter of what happened to Japanese abducted by North Korea in the 1970s and '80s.

More importantly, the softer approach, while helping many South Koreans breathe easier after the exceptionally high tensions of last year, puts Seoul and Washington on conflicting paths.

Trump welcomed the talks on Twitter.

But the messaging from the White House remains ambiguous. Trump has suggested Pyongyang must demonstrate a commitment to denuclearization before his policy of maximum pressure on the North can change.

Moon, on the other hand, seems willing for the most part to kick the nuclear issue down the road.



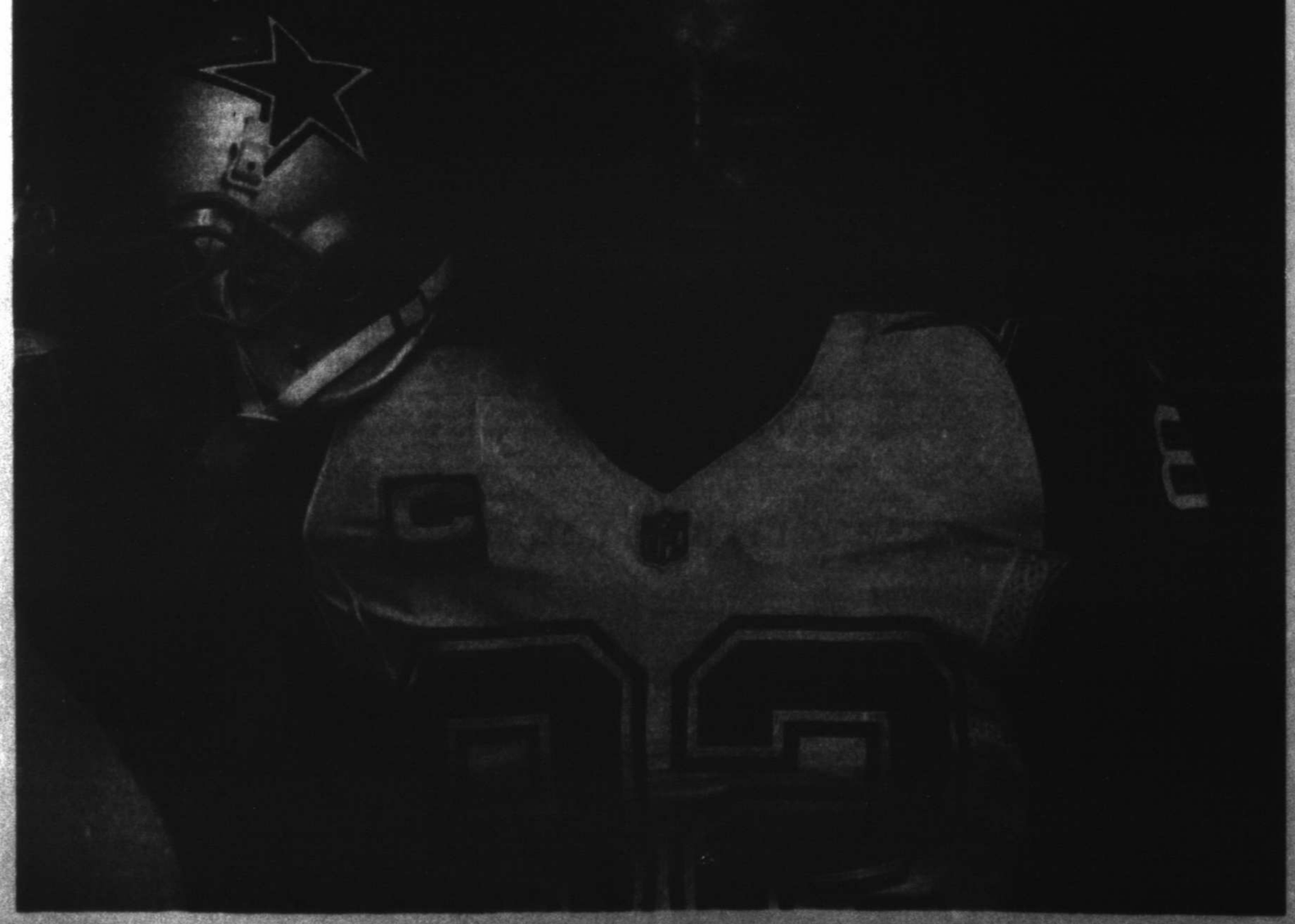


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VIEWPOINTS

The science on climate change is not settled



WAYNE CHRISTIAN
Railroad Commission

In my experience, many people misunderstand the overall impact of the oil and gas industry on our state and world. Many view oil and gas as an antiquated energy source — a relic of the past that will soon be replaced with so-called "green" alternatives. However, when looking at our ever-growing need for energy, it quickly becomes very clear that fossil fuels are going to remain our primary source of energy for the foreseeable future. In my opinion, that is not a bad thing.

Few discoveries have impacted the world around us more than oil, natural gas and coal. The story of energy before fossil fuels is simple a one — most work was done by human or animal muscle. This caused most of the world's population to live short lives of hard labor in extreme poverty. The global average life expectancy in 1800 was only 25 years, with 30 percent of children dying before age 15. During the 19th century, 80 to 90 percent of the U.S. population did back-breaking work on farms and spent a whopping 74 percent of family income on food, clothing and shelter.

Around 1800, things began to change. Many people began to live easier, longer, healthier and wealthier lives. Incomes rose sharply and steadily, following the industrial revolution. With that increase in income, life expectancy greatly improved. Today, the average person lives more than three times longer than the average person in 1800. This is partly because climate-related deaths, such as starvation and hypothermia, have decreased 98 percent in the U.S since the use of oil and gas became widespread at the beginning of the 20th century. Because of oil and gas, our lives are no longer defined by extreme hunger, cold or hardship.

It's easy to forget these things given the way the mainstream media reports climate change. By bombarding us with sensationalist predictions of death and destruction, they make it seem like using oil and gas to drive our cars and heat our homes is bad. In the pages of New York Magazine, one prominent climate alarmist wrote that climate change will make Earth uninhabitable due to "famine, economic collapse, and a sun that cooks us."

The activist media then claim that climate change is "settled science" and that 97 percent of scientists agree that the main reason for global warming is man-made greenhouse gases. But that's not true either; real science is never "settled" and 97

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Bob and Heidi Fu pray together during the China Aid banquet Thursday at Midland Country Club.

Mao-era religious oppression returns

The year ahead is expected to be brutal for China's citizens

By China Aid

■ COMMENTARY

As China puts up the front of a strong, modern nation, dark abuses lurk beneath the surface, pulling it backwards to the time of Mao Zedong's oppressive Cultural Revolution.

The Cultural Revolution, which lasted from 1966-1976, served as a major turning point in Chinese history. Out of it sprang a fresh vigor for catapulting China into a modern, communist nation via eliminating dissenting voices and unifying ideology around Maoist thought. Those who objected or held jobs deemed contradictory to Communist Party ideals were tortured or killed. In the years following Mao's death, his successor, Deng Xiaoping, saw the faults in his policies and dismantled many of them.

But the abuses never stopped, even as China swelled to global economic prominence. Now, Chinese President Xi Jinping walks a dangerous precipice: his rule is poised to tip China back into another Cultural Revolution.

In April 2016, Xi introduced the idea of "Sinicizing" religion, or trimming theological teachings until they aligned with the ideals of the Communist Party and asked officials across China to implement policies that restrict religion accordingly. Such Sinicization resulted in a revision of China's Religious Affairs Regulations on Feb. 1, adding sections forbidding children under the age of 18 from entering religious venues, regulating who can start religious schools or accept students from abroad to study religion, specifying that religious activities must be held in government-approved locations, etc.

For many religious institutions that value their freedom, this is a death sentence. The new regulations leave little parameters for Christians to meet in China's unregistered "house" churches, which blossomed in the margins left open for interpretation in the old regulations. Now, Chinese officials are routinely cracking down on churches, declaring their meetings illegal, and arresting, torturing, and sometimes even killing their members.

The government-registered Protestant churches, known as "Three-Self Churches," barely fare better. Although they are technically legal, they routinely undergo censorship, including the forced installation of facial recognition surveillance cameras and the reviewing of sermons by Chinese officials. Additionally, if these churches stand up for their rights in any way, they too face beatings, monitoring, and arrest.

This widespread suppression extends beyond Christianity and includes Tibetan Buddhists, Uyghur and Kazakh Muslims, and practitioners of various spiritual practices throughout China, such as Falun Gong. In China's northwestern Xinjiang Autonomous Region, where predominantly Muslim ethnic minorities compose more than half of the population, the government often purposefully labels the actions of peaceful devotees of Islam "extremist" and polices them on falsified terrorist suspicions. More ominously, a network of "political training centers" and "anti-extremist training centers" have sprung up throughout the region in the past few years, and Chinese officials are filling them to overflowing with Kazakh and Uyghur prisoners who traveled abroad or were charged with trumped up charges. Such centers employ torturous measures, such depriving prisoners of sleep and strapping them into painful positions, and we recently verified a report in which 20 inmates had to be hospitalized after suffering mental breakdowns. The hospitalization, however, was an authoritarian attempt to evade scrutiny, as they should have been sent to see qualified mental health professionals in psychiatric wards instead.

Chinese citizens are permitted the right to a lawyer, but those who defend human rights often face just as arduous of a road as their clients. Just for representing people victimized by the government, lawyers often face lengthy prison sentences, torture and even execution.

Last February, renowned Christian human rights lawyer Li Baiguang died after visiting a doctor because of stomach pain. Hours later, the hospital claimed he died of liver complications and hastily cremated his body, ruining any hope for an independent autopsy to be conducted. Shortly before his death, a team of men abducted Li from a hotel in China's eastern Zhejiang province, where he was staying while representing farmers whose land the government had illegally acquisitioned. They took him to a forest, where they beat him, threatened to dismember him if he did not leave by 10 a.m. the next day, and then abandoned him in a field. Police investigations later

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JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

Honor Barbara Bush with a donation to literacy

Most of us obviously did not attend the magnificent Texas funeral for Barbara Bush, but if you want to show your respect, if you want to do something acknowledging her contributions to this country, buy a child a book. Or, if you have children, either read to them or make sure they are reading. Call your local library or grade school and see if the people there need help with reading programs.

There's still lots, lots more you can do to abet the grand cause of literacy embraced by this recently deceased first lady, who was also known for her courage, wit and wisdom. While involved in other matters, such as boosting the spirits of a couple of men named George, she was particularly engrossed in using the printed word as a way of fighting for better lives for millions, adults as well as children.

I myself crossed paths with her when I and others were trying in the late 1980s to encourage newspapers nationally to get more involved in this very serious issue. At that time, I was at a newspaper in El Paso and was first motivated by hearing an educator speak about how reading was the single most important thing in the intellectual development of children, that this is the primary way in which they enlarge their vocabularies, learn grammar and spelling and learn to write.

Beyond that, others observe, it's how we master concepts and learn to think sequentially and logically while absorbing all sorts of subject matter.

What's needed, many said, is for children to be read to from early on, to be surrounded by books and, when they learn to read, to read a lot. Especially if a child comes from a disadvantaged home, there is a need for preschool and then excellent teachers and, quite likely, special tutors. Many never get this, and tens of millions of American adults read at nothing higher than a grade-school level. The consequences of low-level literacy are a little bit of everything bad, such as poverty, diminished opportunities and homelessness.

Barbara Bush, described as having been a zealous reader herself, was drawn more into this issue by the fact that one of her sons, Neil, was dyslexic — a condition in which the written word is

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Baking a cake from the first date is the perfect birthday gift



MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

Bodacious and I got an actual letter in the mail from my mom last week. Mom has been stewing about the lost art of letter writing, so Bodacious and I were excited to see what she had penned to us in her beautiful script. Would it be a story from her childhood? Perhaps a fond memory regarding me, her favorite daughter? Undoubtedly, words of wisdom to be treasured in a cedar chest for my own grandchildren to read one day.

"Hi, there!" she wrote. "I finally found my old recipe card for The Hubs' favorite chocolate cake for y'all to make him for his birthday. Happy baking."

Wait. Um, what? You sent me a recipe card so that I could bake my husband a cake? Geez, thanks. You know, giving someone an object that creates more work for them is not my idea of a gift. It's kind of like getting a washing machine or a hand mixer on your anniversary. Gifts are supposed to be special and thoughtful.

"P.S. Mel, tell the kids about the picnic with this cake."

Now that made me giggle. I hadn't thought in years about the story behind this particular cake. Mostly because I wanted to preserve my own dignity.

Nineteen years ago, I was 25, living in College Station and working in communications for Texas

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Melanie Nicholas

Columnist Melanie Nicholas recently baked a mocha cake for her husband's birthday. She said it was the first time she baked a cake completely from scratch. The recipe is posted on Facebook @melanienicholas73.

Obituaries



Camron Taylor Stotts

Camron Taylor Stotts, 42, of Midland, Texas, sadly passed into eternity on the night of Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Camron was born to Don Taylor Stotts and Rita Kay Stotts on November 28, 1975 in Odessa, Texas. Camron loved Jesus Christ with all of his heart, all of his mind, and all his strength. Over the course of his life, Camron impacted many in the Midland-Odessa community.

Graduating from Midland High School in 1994, Camron continued his educational endeavors on to Midland College, ultimately receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas in 1999. At the time of his death, Camron was pursuing his Master's degree in Applied Nutrition from the University of New England. Camron had a deep love for people! He desired for people to know Jesus Christ the way he did, and it was evident.

No one else in this world was lavished in Camron's love more than his wife, Jami Stotts, and his four children, Owen, Oliver, Miles, and Hannah Stotts. Camron and Jami were soulmates who began their forever relationship in the eighth grade. Thirteen years later, Camron and Jami married in October of 2002.

Camron loved to take adventures with his family. Whether it was to the outskirts of the Rocky Mountains, or driving days on end to Disney World in Florida, Camron loved to make memories with his family that would last forever. As much as he enjoyed the adventures, Camron was passionate about teaching his family about his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. No greater accomplishment did Camron achieve in his life than being the one to lead his children to know the love of Jesus Christ.

An avid adventurer to his core, Camron loved to be outside in God's country. From an early age, Camron loved to hunt, fish, and go camping with his family and friends. Later in life, Camron became a world-class runner, cyclist, and all around triathlete, competing in and winning competitions across the United States. During his training for the many triathlons and various races in which he competed, Camron became an advocate for Whole Food, Plant Based Nutrition. Camron had a deep conviction to take care of the temple that God had given him to steward. His advocacy for Whole Food Plant, Based Nutrition led Camron to encourage and mentor hundreds of people throughout the Midland-Odessa area.

Camron loved to serve people. Many organizations across Midland-Odessa were energized with Camron's enthusiasm and hard-working spirit. Restoration Farm was founded by Camron and Jami Stotts with a mission to house, equip, and help restore the lives of single mothers with children. He desired to equip women to be restorers of homes and rebuilders of lives. As a fundraiser for Restoration Farm, Camron birthed the Energy City Half Marathon, which raises a majority of the organization's operating funds.

Camron was also a part of the board for Healthy City, a non-profit organization with a mission to raise awareness about a whole, plant-based foods diet and increasing education on how to improve overall health and prevent and reverse most common diseases. Camron served his family and community with a deep desire to see people live and enjoy life!

Camron is survived by his loving wife, Jami Stotts, and wonderful children, Owen, Oliver, Miles, and Hannah Stotts, all of Midland.

Camron is also survived by his loving mother, Rita Stotts, sister Kristie Nuckols of Odessa, and brothers Cary and Craig Stotts and their respective families.

Camron has been preceded in death by his loving father, Don Stotts of Midland, grandparents, Don Carlon and Geraldine Stotts of Lubbock, and Owen and Patricia Marcy of Lubbock.

Pallbearers for Camron Stotts are Cary Stotts, Craig Stotts, Jae Lewis, James Thompson, John Cavitt, and Philip Knight.

Honorary pallbearers are Taylor Stotts, Trent Stotts, Chris Davis, Andrew Strand, and Evan Rogers.

The family has asked that donations be made in Camron's name to Restoration Farm, Healthy City, and Midland Classical Academy.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2018 at Mid-Cities Community Church with Pastor Daniel Stephens officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 580-3000



Jesse "Jesse" Manuel Garcia

Jesse "Jesse" Garcia, 61, passed away to the loving arms of his Lord and Savior on April 25, 2018 surrounded by his family.

He was born in Midland, Texas at Midland Memorial Hospital to Jose and Lorraine Garcia where he also took his last breath. Jesse was raised and educated in Midland, where he made his trade as a concrete and labor worker up until his passing. Jesse was a hard worker from sun up to sundown, always willing to lend a helping hand.

He was kind, compassionate, enjoyed cooking, always wanted to be around family, hang out with his good friend Lula Lea, telling jokes, he had a laugh like no other and had a strong love for his grandbabies.

In his quiet time, he enjoyed drawing, reading his Bible, sharing scriptures with his older sister, listening to Tejano music, sharing stories with his twin sister and drinking a cold beer after a hard day's work. He loved watching movies and the Dallas Cowboys.

Survivors include two sons, Jesse Garcia, Jr. and Matthew Garcia; three daughters, Tammy Rodriguez, Chanda Mendez, and Crystal Elenbaum; one brother, Marty Garcia (Susan); three sisters, Josie Galan (Luis), his twin Teri Jo Garcia, and Marie Kelly; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and by several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Lorraine Garcia; his brothers, Joe "Pete" Garcia and Lupe Garcia; and his sister, Juanita Garcia.

Viewing will be Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with a Rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday night at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Funeral mass is set for Monday, April 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine.

We wish to thank the doctors, nurses and staff for their kindness and compassionate care at Midland Memorial Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, donations to assist with funeral cost may be made to Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

The family is grateful to all of those who showed kindness, hospitality and friendship to Jesse along the way. He will be deeply missed and always in our hearts.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2300 S. Big Spring - Midland, TX - (432) 682-3703



Lois Louise Wade Kuykendall

Lois Louise Wade Kuykendall of Midland passed away at the age of 87 on Thursday, April 26, 2018.

The family will receive friends on Sunday April 29, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Monday April 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park

Lois was born on June 5, 1930 to Odell and Edgar Wade in Rockdale, Texas. She graduated from Rockdale High School in 1948. Lois married JR Kuykendall in 1950 in Midland, Texas. She enjoyed Tri-Chem, crocheting, and her trips to the Midland Senior Center. She had a great love of visiting with people and a true passion for the Lord.

She is survived by her children, Jimmy and Kay Kuykendall of Midland, Tommy and Dana Kuykendall of Midland, Don and Mary Kuykendall of Buffalo, Texas, Terry and Kelly Kuykendall of Midland, and Debbie Kuykendall of Midland; brother, Ronnie Wade of Houston, Texas; 17 grandkids, 27 great-grandkids, and two great great-grandkids.

She is preceded in death by her husband, JR Kuykendall; daughter, Leishlaire Langley; granddaughter, Kristi Kuykendall; and brother, Burton Wade.

Pallbearers will be Danny Langley, Bryan Kuykendall, Jody McKinney, Jeremy Johnson, Kevin Kuykendall, and Roy Don Kuykendall.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to Midland Senior Center or Home Hospice 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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Nancy Jeanne Duniven

Nancy Jeanne (Hargrove, Pendergrass) Duniven, of Midland, Texas, passed away the morning of Thursday, April 26, 2018 in her home in the arms of her daughter, Gina. Nancy had been in bad health for many years but being the fighter she was powered through as long as she could.

Nancy was born in Chapel Hill, Texas on September 26, 1938. Nancy loved to read, watch sports, and the camaraderie with her fellow bingo players. Her favorite past time was playing gin. She kept score and definitely kept you on your toes through every hand! She was a huge fan of "good" music and loved to dance. Though small in stature, she was a fearless force. When she spoke you had better be listening because she always offered the most amazing wisdom and spot on insight.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Clara Hargrove; father, George Hargrove; sister, Bennie Butler; sister, Evelyn Bingham; daughter, Stacy Kinsey; grandsons, Trenton Thomas and Shane Day; and husband, Richard Duniven.

She is survived by five daughters, Sherry Cox, Mary Swinney, Caron Griffith, Regina Perry Day, and Nancy Padgett; and by 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at the West Kentucky Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

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

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Pamela Evelyn VanDyke

Pamela Evelyn VanDyke, 87, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on April 25, 2018.

Pamela Evelyn VanDyke (nee Austin) was born April 18, 1931 in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England, to the late Winifred and John Austin. She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Jim Allen VanDyke. She is survived by her son, Michael Steele VanDyke (Carolyn), daughter Donna VanDyke Ericson (Mark), and grandchildren April, Amy, Alicia, Seth, and Miles.

While out with friends in 1952, she happened to walk into a party as young Airman Jim VanDyke was walking out. He quickly turned his crew around and captured the heart of the lovely Pamela. They were married in England and shortly thereafter received orders to return Stateside. They sailed choppy seas on the USNS General Maurice Rose and arrived well ahead of schedule to New York City. Little did they know that the US Navy did not "arrive ahead of schedule", and they circled the Statue of Liberty for three days while watching the sailors conduct drills.

Pamela loved planting her flower garden and creating a beautiful home for her family. She had the soul of a poet and wrote "Tom Burt's Hill", a place she loved as a child, when awakening from a dream. It was published in her hometown newspaper, which noted that Tom Burt's Hill is next to an estate in the town center nicknamed Poet's Corner.

Graveside services for Pamela are scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton, Texas.

Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Ellis Funeral Home
Funerals & Cremations
Denny 4001 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-5555

Samuels Chartier

A memorial service will be held at the First Methodist Church of Trent at 12:00 p.m. Saturday May 5, 2018. Arrangements are by Starbuck Funeral Home in Merkel.

Death Notices

Manuel Castillo

Manuel Castillo, 80, passed away April 26, 2018.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamesa Road from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for friends and family.

Funeral services will be held in Machovio Herren, Mexico. Burial will follow at Pantoon Municipal.

Survivors include his loving wife, Juliana Castillo; three sons, Manuel Castillo (Cuate), Arturo Castillo, Efren Castillo; six daughters, Nora Castillo de Contreras, Isela Castillo de Olivas, Ester Castillo, Margarita Castillo de Contreras, Elva Castillo, Blanca Castillo de Carnero; one brother; two sisters.

Michael "Mike" Mestas

Michael "Mike" Mestas, 47, passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at The Branch at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Midland.

Michael is survived by his wife, Rooney Mestas; daughters, Lola and Mary Jane; parents, Lynne and John Mestas; and by a sister.

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

CHRISTIAN —

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percent of scientists don't agree. Using the same academic papers used to reach the 97 percent number, an economist found that only 1.6 percent of scientists explicitly stated that man-made greenhouse gases are the main cause of climate change.

In fact, the science of climate change is far from settled. The United Nations climate models are constantly being "updated" or modified, and wildly irresponsible climate predictions — like the starvation of 4 billion people during the 1980s — have not happened. That doesn't sound like settled science to me.

Like everything else in life, there are advantages and disadvantages to using fossil fuels. I argue that the advantages of having cheap, plentiful and reliable energy vastly outweigh the disadvantages. Additionally, we have regulatory bodies, such as the Railroad Commission of Texas, to oversee the production and transportation of fossil fuels, mitigating the disadvantages and punishing bad actors who harm our environment.

It is arrogant for individuals on either side of an academic debate to only consider one side of an argument. The politicization of climate "science" and related attempts by academia and the mainstream media to shame "climate deniers" is both wrong and dangerous for our democracy.

We need to set politics aside and have the courage to admit what we know and, more importantly, what we don't know — and we don't know whether man-made greenhouse gases are impacting our climate in a harmful way. What we do know is that more than 1 billion human beings don't have access to enough electricity, and as a result, have shorter, more difficult lives. It is time for us as a civilization to put mankind first and work to ensure that energy is cheap, plentiful and reliable for everyone.

Editor's Note: This editorial first ran on the Texas Tribune.

AMBROSE —

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seen as a confused mess. He would likely not finish high school, she was told, but special efforts paid off, it turns out, and she began to think about how special efforts could pay off for others around the country. As a consequence, she was among those assisting in the passage of the 1991 National Literacy Act that focused on adults, helping teach vast numbers to read better.

Then she started the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. It has distributed hundreds of millions of books and helped 40 million kids. Its programs include one where teens tutor first-, second- and third-graders. The foundation works with preschool programs to bring disadvantaged kids up to average skills by the first grade. The foundation also helps parents earn high school diplomas so they can help their children more and do better in life themselves.

A host of serious issues are tied up in all of this, even including high crime rates that have an association with parents allowing their children to watch lots and lots of TV while they stay away from books. Right now, we have teachers striking over too little pay, and I am not saying pay does not matter, but what about too little reading proficiency in New York schools where teachers are the highest paid in the United States? It's not all dusty facts, clearly, but we need more reminding and the kind of activism in which people become heroes, for instance.

So tune into this issue and just maybe get a book co-authored by a dog with connections to the Bush foundation. It's called "Millie's Book: As Dictated to Barbara Bush," and I hear it's a howl.

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Influential Burning Man festival co-founder dead at 70

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Larry Harvey, whose whimsical decision to erect a giant wooden figure and then burn it to the ground led to the popular, long-running countercurture celebration known as "Burning Man," has died. He was 70.

Harvey died Saturday morning at a hospital in San Francisco, surrounded by family, Marian Goodell, Burning Man Project CEO said. The cause was not immediately known, but he suffered a stroke earlier this month.

Longtime friend Stuart Mangrum posted on the organization's website that Harvey did not believe in "any sort of existence" after death.

Burning Man takes place annually the week before Labor Day in Nevada's Black Rock Desert.

There they must carry in their own food, build their own makeshift community and engage in whatever interests them. On the gathering's penultimate day, the giant effigy — or Man, as it is known — is set ablaze during a raucous, joyful celebration.

Harvey spoke little about himself, and it is often hard to discern truth from fiction.

He believed he was conceived in the back of a Chevrolet by parents who abandoned him soon after his birth, he once told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

His brother, Stewart Harvey, said in a post Saturday that the two were adopted by Sonora "Sherry" and Katherine Harvey and grew up outside of Portland, Oregon. The brothers, who were not related by blood, were extremely close.

Harvey said he hitchhiked to San Francisco at age 17, arriving just as the 1965 Summer of Love was ending. He settled in the Haight-Ashbury district for many years.

After that first fire in 1986, Burning Man flourished as Harvey meticulously oversaw its every detail from the various communities that would spring up overnight to its annual arts theme to the beautifully crafted temple that sometimes Burning Man and is also burned.

NICHOLAS

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A&M. If you have ever been an adult living in a college town, you will know how hard it is to meet anyone over the age of 21 but under the age of 60. It had been almost five years since I met anyone worth even telling my mom about. In short, I was lonely.

It was purely happenstance that I ran into The Hubs so many years after high school. Though we were friends at Lee High, we hadn't seen each other much over the last decade. He was visiting Aggieland with a buddy and wondered if we could have dinner. Even though 10 years had passed, he hadn't changed much. He was still handsome and funny, living in Midland and working as a nurse.

After one casual dinner, another trip to College Station and about 20 phone calls, we planned our first official date. In fact, it was 19 years ago this very weekend. It also happened to be his 28th birthday and my first time to meet his parents. To say I was feeling a little pressure to pull off something spectacular would be an understatement. I drove to Midland and enlisted the help of my mother and brother. I was smitten and wanted everything to be perfect.

What do you do for someone who you don't really know very well but probably already love? I was going for a romantic grand gesture but not in a scary, stalker kind of way. For his gift, I decided to buy him a star from the International Star Registry. I wanted to give him the fancy certificate at sunset, and a picnic in the park would be the perfect backdrop for seeing stars. Mom promised to make a birthday cake for our date, and my foodie brother volunteered to take me to H-E-B to pick out dinner.

My brother loaded our basket with smoked salmon, fancy cheeses, crusty bread, water crackers, dill spread and fruit. He tracked down the wine steward who reviewed the menu and picked out a bottle of Beaujolais for our evening. When we got it all home, he packed the picnic basket for me, complete with cloth napkins, silverware and crystal glasses. I took my great-grandmother's flower garden quilt for us to sit on.

By the time I had everything together, I had quite an armful. I picked Kiwanis Park, just down the street from Goddard Junior High School and my mom's house, for our picnic. I was nervous, but my team had outdone themselves. My brother even included candles and a lighter. We spread out everything and uncorked the wine. I immediately regretted my white shirt and linen pants – I looked good but dreaded the inevitable red wine spill.

I couldn't wait to show him the small, perfect cake. It combined The Hubs' favorite flavors, dark chocolate and coffee, and I may even have implied that I baked the cake myself. But, let's not dwell on that. I remember taking the lid off the cake pan, smelling the sugar and cocoa. And I remember feeling so accomplished. I had done it: the perfect, romantic first date. We lit the candles and poured the wine; I tried to relax. We were talking and fixing our plates, when we heard three distinct clicks. Chick-chick-chick, hollow and metallic.

"What was that?" we wondered. But I didn't have to wait long. Suddenly the park's automatic sprinkler system erupted from the ground, spraying thousands of gallons of water on me, soaking everything. I was mortified, but more than anything else, I was frozen in shock. Like a horrified blond statue, I could not move. I watched The Hubs start to throw everything into the basket as fast as he could. In a truly heroic move, I grabbed the wine and bolted for the car. I looked like a drowned rat as we stumbled into the front door of my mom's house, and I realized that my white shirt and pants were transparent from the soaking.

My humiliation was now complete. My brother, who was sitting in the living room, just looked at me, and kept saying, "Ohhhh, I am so sorry," over and over. All the food was ruined, including the cake. It was under a quarter of an inch of water, just slogging around in its Pyrex dish. Poor guy, he never even got a bite of his own birthday cake.

That night, I learned that my husband-to-be was an excellent sport. He didn't care about the cake or the water, or the fact that he had to borrow a dry shirt from my brother the first time they met. Talk about awkward. And I was surprised when he wanted to see me again. I am not for the faint of heart. We married two years later, on the heels of his 30th birthday.

Now, I can laugh about that night. And our kids sure loved hearing the story behind this cake. Oh, thank you, Mom, for helping me that night and for sending me the recipe. This really is a perfect gift. I'll post the recipe on my Facebook page for anyone who wants to try it! It is delicious!

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'Fish witch' has talent for catching fish, making lures

TUMBLEWEED SMITH



When I drove up to L.E. Fowler's house at White Oak, near Longview, half the driveway was taken up with a huge, well-equipped fishing boat. I could tell I was in the right place. Lots of people had told me about this legendary fisherman. Some call him a fish witch because he can catch fish where nobody else can. Some say he's psychic. Whatever you call him, he knows where and when to catch fish.

He has won some big tournaments and has served as a fishing guide. Once on a successful outing, one of his customers asked him how he was catching all those fish. L.E.'s girlfriend, who was along on the fishing expedition, was quick with the answer.

She said, "I'll tell you how he's catching all those fish. He thinks like a fish."

Another time, L.E. was with some fishing buddies swapping stories at Uncle Ed's Tackle Shop in Longview.

"They were talking about people being lucky," says L.E. "This one guy said, 'I'll tell you who the luckiest man in this country is and that's L.E. Fowler. He'll catch a 10-pound bass out of a bar ditch.' I don't want to sound like I'm bragging but you know, some people are talented to do different things. I've always been able to catch fish. There were 12 of us kids, and we ate what we caught or killed."

L.E. makes fishing lures that look like museum-quality pieces of art. He carves them with simple tools while sitting in his easy chair watching television.

"Everything is done with my pocket knife, my eye and my imagination."

He has sold them in 25 states under his company, What a Lure.

"I sell one of these baits for $50. It takes me about eight to 10 hours to make one. People seem to treasure them and won't hardly fish with them because they're afraid they'll lose them. For years, I wouldn't let 'em have one that they had paid for until I caught a fish or two with it just to make sure it would catch fish."

His lures are in such demand that he traded a dozen of them with Bass Pro Shop, which outfitted his fishing boat, putting equipment and supplies worth thousands of dollars. Both Bass Pro shop and L.E. were happy with the trade.

He patented a device called a hypnotizer, which attracts fish. He teamed up with some marketing people but that didn't last long.

"They wanted to fly me all over the world, and I didn't want to do that. I sold them just out on the water; people were following me around wanting me to sell them one."

L.E. has cabinets full of his carvings. Some are life-size busts of presidents, movie stars, animals and birds. They are carved from California walnut. He has another house, and it's full of his carvings.

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revealed that the car they drove belonged to a female official.

Li's legacy is carried on by many others in China, but they often languish behind bars. Wang Quanzhang, a lawyer who was taken away in a 2015 crackdown on those who defend human rights, has not been heard from in almost three years. His wife, Li Wenzu, recently organized a protest march to try to get information about him. Followed by supporters, media, and carrying her young son, she set out on foot from Beijing to Tianjin — where she believes he is being held—planning to walk the more than 70-mile distance. A week after she started, officials intercepted her, escorted her back to Beijing, and placed her under house arrest.

Because of cases such as these, we collect year-by-year statistics on the Chinese government's abuses and publish our findings in our Annual Reports, which can be found at chinaaid.org. While we have seen consistent increases in persecution across the years, there has been a particularly alarming uptick in government suppression since Chinese President Xi Jinping took power in 2013, with the number of persecution cases tripling since then.

Considering these factors, the year ahead is expected to be brutal for the religious citizens residing in China. Officials are using the new Religious Affairs Regulations to enforce Sinicization and unjustly harass and arrest innocent citizens. Additionally, the Vatican is poised to mend a decades-old rift between itself and the Chinese Communist Party and assist in appointing bishops for state-run Catholic churches. This paves the way for the Vatican-loyal, unregistered bishops to be replaced by those approved by the Communist Party and possibly gives the Chinese government the backing it needs to suppress unofficial churches further.

In response, we will continue to raise our voices for those China tries to silence and expose the abuses happening, encourage the abused and equip the targeted to effectively take a stand for their rights. We will also take their stories in front of prominent governing bodies such as the U.S. Congress and EU and UK Parliaments to urge policymakers to intervene on their behalf.

Above all, we know that by pushing back, we are clearing the way for people in China to experience the full extent of their freedoms and fighting against China's impending relapse into a second Cultural Revolution. We do this in hope that one day, every person in the world will be free.

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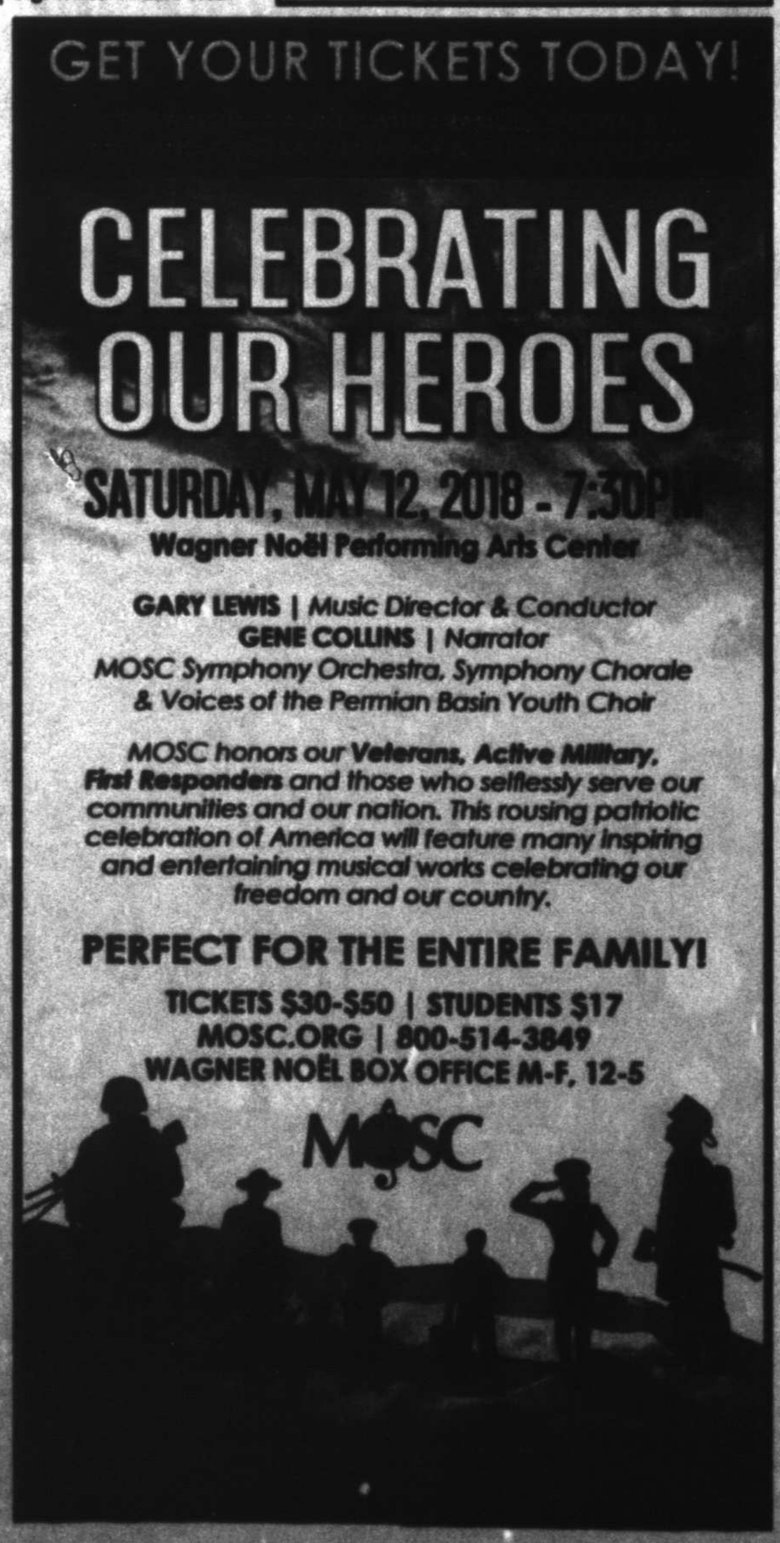
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How many times can you be knocked down before you give up trying to get back up again? How many times will it take before you give up hope?

Margaret was referred to us by another local agency. Her daughter and mother of three young, school age children, Belinda, has been in jail for the last six months awaiting trial for various offenses. Leo, the father of these three children, is not able to care for them. Various other family members were also in no position to take care of these children either. Consequently, when Belinda was put in jail, all three children went into foster care. Margaret, who lived in another state and was in poor health, made the decision to quit her job and move here to Midland to get her grandchildren out of foster care and provide them some stability while their mother was in jail. Leo, although he could not have his children live with him, did step up and provide financially for them and Margaret with a place to live and their basic living expenses. Margaret supplemented that support by working part-time at fast food restaurants and getting the children on food stamps and Medicaid. Soon they settled into a new normal.

Unfortunately, life delivered them a series of back to back knockdowns that sent their world spinning. Margaret was diagnosed with cancer and lost her part time job. Leo was then arrested, placed in jail and is being held without bond as he awaits trial. Leo was able to pay half of this month's rent for Margaret and the kids before he was taken away. However, Margaret's landlord locked her and the children out of their residence until she could come up with the remainder of this month's rent. This left Margaret and the children living in their car for the past several days. The final blow came when Belinda was found guilty on all of the counts she faced and was sentenced to 5 1/2 years in federal prison. With both parents now in jail, their grandmother out of work, in poor health, facing cancer treatment, and with no house to live in, these three precious children were again threatened to be put back into the foster care system. We were able to stop that by paying for the remainder of this month's rent along with the next several month's rent and utilities. We asked Margaret to keep us abreast of their situation and assured her we will help in any way we can until Leo gets released and back to work. This grandmother and children do not need any more trauma in their lives.

Please pray for this family. And thank you for donating. Your support gives these cherished souls some much needed and greatly appreciated hope. God bless you all.



Dallas should never send its Lee statue to Texas museum

ROBERT WILONSKY
Dallas Morning News

On Saturday, I drove to a Civil War museum in White Settlement. Which only sounds like a punch line.

Wanted to see up-close the Texas Civil War Museum, for now the possible home of Dallas' Alexander Phimister Proctor's 1935 statue Robert E. Lee and Young Soldier that overlooked Turtle Creek Boulevard until the City Council snatched it from its perch last September. On Wednesday, the council will vote to auction off the bronze to the highest bidder, which is the sole option on the agenda, or loan it to the museum per a recommendation from the Office of Cultural Affairs.

Last month, Mayor Mike Rawlings all but demanded the statue's sale so "at least we got $1 million toward doing something right." But that isn't what his Confederate monuments task force recommended. The group consisting of artists, educators, religious leaders and a high-school student wanted it loaned to a local museum or "educational institution" where it could be discussed in "full historical context of the Civil War, Reconstruction, 'Lost Cause' mythology and the 'Jim Crow' era." Barring that, the task force said, the Lee monument should remain in storage for three years, after which the city should revisit the subject.

Selling the statue only became Option No. 1 when it became clear the Texas Civil War Museum was no option at all.

Jennifer Scripps, head of the Office of Cultural Affairs, told me she called everyone she could think of — "cemeteries, private buyers and obviously all of the Dallas institutions" — and no one wanted Lee. That included the Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance, which says it doesn't have the room.

"There's probably not a perfect solution here," Scripps said.

I'll fess up: I'd never heard of the Texas Civil War Museum until last month, when it appeared in a council briefing as the only the only willing taker for the Lee bronze. Light digging turned up a 2006 Dallas Morning News article, which said it was owned by private collectors Judy and Ray Richey and that a chunk of its collection came from the late Texas Confederate Museum in Austin, which the United Daughters of the Confederacy began curating in the years following the Civil War. The museum's then-exec director told this newspaper, "We try to be balanced."

Just weeks ago, Star-Telegram columnist Bud Kennedy wrote that the museum "has purposely displayed artifacts equally." Which I guess is mostly true: Enter through the gift shop, and the left side of the place is filled with Union artifacts — guns, swords, canteens, overcoats, playing cards, flags, cannons — while the right side is devoted to items worn and used by the men who wore the grey.

But it's no more 50-50 than a coin toss with a two-headed quarter.

The vestiges of the Texas Confederate Museum tilt the collection southward. So, too, does the film playing in the theater: "Our Homes, Our Rights: Texas in the Civil War," in which the "sectional crisis" is presented almost entirely as a tussle over states' rights. There's scant mention of slavery — and when you do see a photo of a family of slaves, they're counted among the "self-reliant pioneers" who came to Texas "from all over the world." John Fullinwider, the Dallas educator and activist, rightly calls the movie "a lovely bit of 'Lost Cause' propaganda."

If the Dallas City Council wants to put the Lee bronze in a place where it might have some context, this is not that place. The only place I saw the words "slaves" and "slavery" was near the front of the exhibit, in short caption accompanying old copies of Uncle Tom's Cabin. It noted that Southerners accused the author of "negatively stereotyping" the Southern way of life.

The woman who took my $6 was wearing a Confederate States of America lanyard, decorated with the Confederate battle flag. The museum wasn't crazy crowded on a dreary, drizzly Saturday — mostly older folks with a few Moms and Dads with tykes in tow. I asked one couple why they were there. They said they were from northeastern Florida, driving around the country in their RV, and figured it was a good place to stop on a rainy day.

I asked what they thought about the place, and mentioned this is where Dallas was considering sending the Lee. They already knew all about it. And they were ... unhappy, let's say.

"Robert E. Lee was pivotal in reuniting this country after the war," said Maria Celeste Upthegrove, who said she had moved to the U.S. from Cuba. She castigated the council for removing Lee from his longtime home in Oak Lawn.

"He is being savaged by people who have an agenda of divisiveness," she said, launching into a history lesson I've heard too many times at council open-mic sessions.

On my way out, I hit the gift shop, larded with CSA belt buckles and "the ONLY reproductions ever made from General Robert E. Lee's Dress Sword Belt Plate." There were Chinese-made lenticular Lee postcards, which twist history and ignore fact. And there's a whole row of tchotchkes decorated with the Confederate battle flag, including stickers, flags and pencils.

My son later noticed the pencil was manufactured in Taiwan for a Pennsylvania company called Love of Money Inc.

Sell the Lee statue, Dallas. Sell it now.

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Barbara Bush made Americans take her on her own, undyed terms

ANN GRIMES
Special to the Washington Post

As first lady, Barbara Bush championed literacy, the "cause" for which she is best known. Her true cause, however, was the I-am-what-I-am attitude that quietly cleared a path for how women of a certain age in the public sphere could thrive on their own terms.

The moving tributes in the aftermath of her death aside, she once was seen as a campaign liability: She was too old-fashioned, too frumpy, too blunt and, perhaps most egregious of all, too old. Sixty-three when her husband became president, she remains the oldest woman ever to have assumed the role of first lady.

In 1988, I was covering the presidential campaign and writing a book called "Running Mates." The book asked: What does it take to be a first lady? The role seemed anachronistic, even back then. I met with Bush several times over the course of the race; she invited me for a sit-down chat in the comfort of the family home in Kennebunkport, Maine, and later, as first lady, at the White House. Politics in this country is a family business, but being first lady is not for the faint of heart.

It wasn't easy for Barbara Bush — especially in 1988. That year, a new breed of political spouse emerged. Wives of the Democratic presidential contenders duked it out at a first-ever "first ladies forum" during the Iowa caucuses. Stylish, professional women, several of them lawyers like Elizabeth Dole — the wife of the Republican candidate Bob Dole — tried to redefine the role while avoiding missteps on the campaign trail. A matron pitted against all these younger rivals, Barbara Bush had a special challenge: how to create a persona that fit with the times.

Initially, she was ambivalent about heading to the White House. During the campaign, news accounts described aides to her husband, George H.W. Bush, as privately saying that they would have preferred a more glamorous and visible wife. They urged her to dye her shock of snowy white hair — her most striking feature.

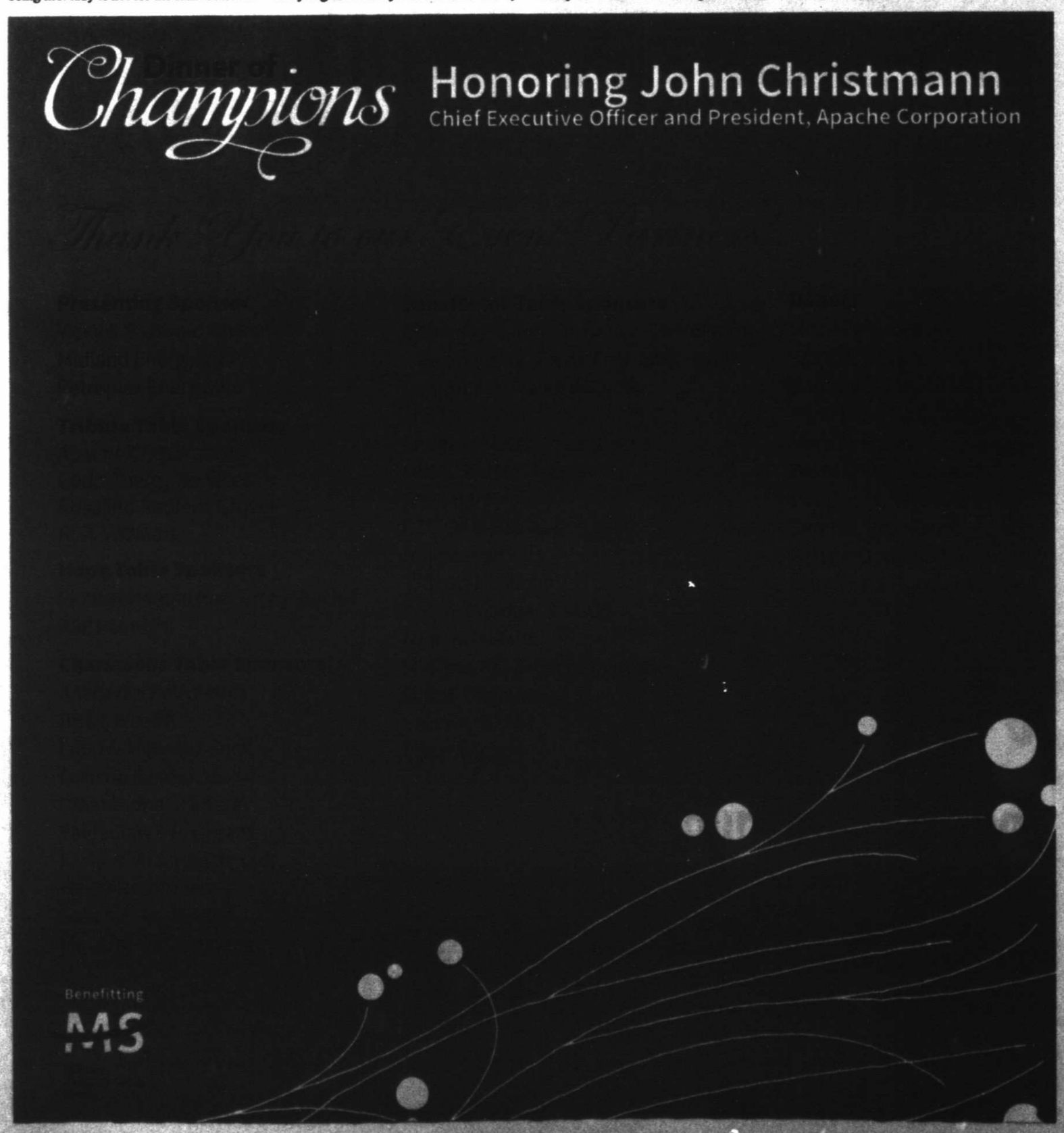
Her poll numbers were low. She stung herself with an often-quoted remark about Geraldine Ferraro, who had been Walter Mondale's running mate in 1984 and the first female vice presidential nominee. Bush had once called Ferraro the "4-million dollar — I can't say it but it rhymes with rich."

Newspapers called Bush a dinosaur.

Bush fought back with humor. Reporters noticed that she'd get a laugh by feigning a story of how voters approached her after her husband's events to say, "I enjoyed your son's speech!" But she was not immune to the slights. "She's lucky I didn't burst into sobbing tears," Bush told The New York Times after a popular talk show host had bluntly asked, "Your husband is a man of the '80s, and you're a woman of the '40s. What do you say to that?"

But Bush didn't dye her hair. She didn't change her style. And she couldn't change her age. She did make herself known. Like many political spouses, Bush kept her political opinions out of the public sphere, but behind the scenes, she displayed a steely determination. Her opinions carried weight, especially when it came to staff and campaign organization.

While her public stance then may have been at odds with her private self, Bush more recently let down her guard, allowing: "I don't know how women could vote" for Donald Trump. Hillary Clinton's loss hit some women hard — especially those who'd broken gender barriers themselves only to hit a glass ceiling. Many sought from her validation that "a woman of a certain age" could continue to be a force, maintain a presence, matter, not just disappear. "I just wanted to see an 'old bag' rule," a friend confided to me on election night. Like Bush, many of those women are "old bags" now. There's a lot of white hair beneath the dye jobs. Back in 1988, Bush described herself as "a late bloomer." Indeed, she came into her own and stepped forward at a time when many people, men and women, start to step back. She beat back her critics, wouldn't let others push her around and gained power over time. She showed that if "old bags" in the United States did not yet rule, they would not be counted out.



Dear Starbucks: Why don't you just charge for table space?

JACQUIELYNN FLOYD
Dallas Morning News

If you don't like coffee, even if the mass-replicated pseudo-Italian slacker vibe makes you antsy, Starbucks is inevitable.

Ultimately, you will be seduced by its utility. I caved a long time ago, conceding that the chain's usefulness as a neutral meeting place or satellite office outpost sometimes outweighs its baroque overproduction of what ought to be an honest cup o' joe.

That said, its ubiquity creates a level of scrutiny a mom-and-pop diner doesn't expect in the event of a spectacular managerial screw-up.

Which is exactly what Starbucks got — and richly deserved — when two black men at a Philadelphia outlet were arrested and hauled off in handcuffs for "trespassing," defined in this case as not ordering anything and asking to use a restroom.

What's absurd is that these two men, who were waiting on a third person for a business meeting, were doing exactly what Starbucks' corporate mission has purported it wants: For customers to use its stores as a "community space" or "third place" (in addition to home and work) to treat as a familiar, personal hangout.

A quick Wall Street Journal survey published last weekend found the chain doesn't have a consistent policy for handling people who take literally the invitation to treat Starbucks as their "third place" without seeing a cash transaction as part of the deal.

According to the Journal, Starbucks "guidelines for how to treat lingering nonpaying customers in general are vague at best — if they exist at all."

The chain's founding billionaire, Howard Schultz, said the Philadelphia store manager was exercising "unconscious bias" in singling out black male customers. The corporation will shut down all of its company-owned stores for an afternoon next month to conduct "anti-bias training" for employees — sorry, "partners."

I certainly don't think this mystery manager needed to call the cops, and I don't think the cops needed to arrest these guys once they got there.

I also don't think it's wise to leave it on individual managers to make snap judgments over the difference between waiting for someone, lingering and loitering; to decide who has had enough time to finish up and who hasn't; to make arbitrary judgments over who can use the bathroom and who can't.

All of this furor entirely sidesteps the fact that the central mission of Starbucks is not to provide a cozy "community hangout" or give you a place to revise your unpublished screenplay. It is to make money. Pretending otherwise is what got them in trouble.

A few weeks ago, I met a couple of former colleagues for a quick reunion. We chose a Starbucks near Love Field. I arrived first and staked out a table, figuring I would wait for them to arrive to place an order. It was probably 10 minutes or so, and nobody said a word.

Here is my suggestion: Rent table space. Install a meter on every table, where, with the swipe of a credit card or a cellphone app, you can claim the table for, say, an hour. You could charge more in busy, high-volume urban locations.

I would gladly have paid a modest fee to use the space late last year, when our home internet service was disrupted by an electrical storm and we had to wait a week for repairs. My neighborhood has plenty of Starbucks to choose from, so I spent a lot of time as a space-consuming, Wi-Fi-using, outlet-hogging table camper.

Figuring the polite thing to do was to order something, I got a bottle of water or juice, even though I didn't want it. I didn't even try ordering coffee, which, according to some guides, requires eight separate decisions for every cup.

That was $3 or $4, plus a $2 tip for the person who sold it to me, which seemed fair. But if there are unwritten rules, how do you know what they are? How long did that entitle me to use the table? Should I have kept ordering more drinks, even if I didn't finish them? If there were plenty of empty tables, was I less obligated to buy than if there weren't?

I would have been happier just renting the table at an established price, leaving the server a tip. Ordering would have been optional, and I wouldn't have had to worry about it.

Frankly, I didn't have much to worry about. Because the reality here is that a 50-something white woman in a prosperous suburb is a lot less likely to be ordered to move-it-along than a young black man in a downtown district.

I'm less likely to get pulled over for a minor infraction, or questioned about a holdup or bawled out for jaywalking. The Philadelphia Starbucks incident just underscored the reality that the rules can vary, depending not always on what you do, but on who you are.

But thanks, Starbucks — and I mean this sincerely — for giving me an easy, predictable place to do a little work or meet friends. It would be easier, though, if you just charged me for using the space.

That way, we'd all know what the rules are. And they'd be the same for everybody.

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Bernie Sanders wants you to have a good job; but there's a catch

MEGAN MCARDLE
Washington Post

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., wants you to have a good job. He wants everyone to have a good job. In fact, he wants to guarantee it, and he's joined Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Cory Booker of New Jersey, two other potential Democratic presidential hopefuls, in proposing some sort of program to provide a highly paid job with the federal government to every American who wants one.

Unlike other ideas gaining vogue on the left, this actually seems vaguely centrist in its premise, despite its venerable socialist history. Democrats, after all, are the party of big entitlement spending, and Republicans are the party that says "Get a job!" If you smash those two things together, you get something that sounds kind of ... moderate.

The details, unfortunately, are a devil.

Sanders wants the government to provide guaranteed jobs at $15 an hour, plus benefits. His office did not, a representative demurely told Washington Post reporter Jeff Stein, yet have cost estimates for this proposal.

Perhaps we can help the senator out. With two weeks of paid vacation, each worker would make roughly $31,000 a year. Add, conservatively, about $10,000 for benefits, and the total cost would be about $40,000.

The United States has between 25 million and 50 million workers making less than this total compensation package. Millions more are unemployed or fully out of the labor force. Assuming most of them did the rational thing and signed on, that would make for a $1 trillion to $2 trillion annual program — rivaling or exceeding our total expenditure on Social Security, with maybe Medicaid thrown in for good measure.

Of course, Walmart won't just shut its doors; it will raise wages to compensate, keeping many of those workers in the private economy. In fact, that's what advocates of a guaranteed job program really want: an attractive alternative that forces private employers to pay more.

Unfortunately, we can't assume all employers can just raise wages at will, especially in poor rural areas, where $15 is often within striking distance of the median wage for all workers. In those areas, at the very least, the Sanders plan would gut local businesses, forcing even more workers into the guaranteed job program and depriving communities of the services they provide. Though, at least the owners of those businesses would have the comfort of knowing that a $15-an-hour job awaited them, too.

Which brings us to the other question: What would all these people do?

Advocates seem to be imagining something like the New Deal's Works Progress Administration or Civilian Conservation Corps. But those programs existed in a very different country. For one thing, in that country, the unemployment rate hovered between 15 and 25 percent, so hiring a few million workers had little impact on private labor markets. For another, those labor markets were also very different.

In 1940, only one-quarter of adults had completed high school, and only 5 percent had a college degree. Work tended to be physical, involving skills that workers either already had or could quickly learn. In that market, it's pretty easy to announce that you're going to build a road and hand a shovel to whoever shows up.

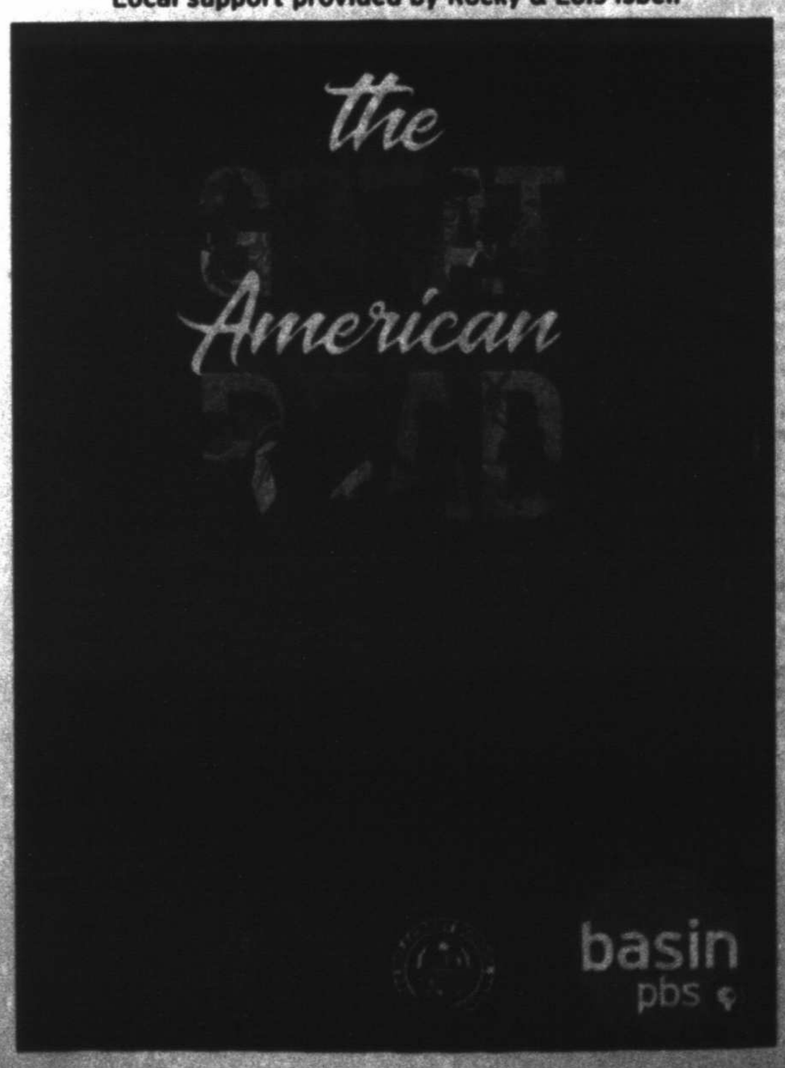
But modern Americans generally have different sorts of skills. And modern roads aren't built by armies of men wielding shovels, but with expensive heavy machinery you must be trained, expensively, to use. There are infrastructure tasks that virtually anyone can do, such as painting schools. But they aren't what we most need done — and, also, someone's already being paid pretty well to do them.

The government doesn't much use many of the skills that low-wage workers have, such as bartending or short-order cooking. And it doesn't have much presence in areas that employ a lot of low-skilled, undifferentiated labor: retail, fast food, call centers. Even in categories where the government does have needs, those needs are limited. The federal government might well be able to use more home health-care aides, day-care workers and clerks. It probably cannot use 25 million of them.

The impulse behind this idea is noble, and correct: that all Americans should be able to earn a decent living for themselves. But nobility can't take a backseat to practicality. This old socialist standby deserves to stay exactly where we left it — on the ash heap of history.



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Democrats can learn from Emmanuel Macron

■ French, US presidents get along because Trump is accorded respect, dignity his office deserves



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Emmanuel Macron and President Trump don't agree on much. Macron is a globalist; Trump is a nationalist. Macron is a free-trader; Trump just imposed protectionist tariffs on steel and aluminum. Macron wants the United States to remain in Syria; Trump wants to get out. Macron wants to preserve the Iran nuclear deal; Trump wants to scrap it. Macron wants the United States to rejoin the Paris climate deal; Trump withdrew from the accord.

And yet there they were, the French and American presidents air-kissing on the White House portico, clasping hands at the podium of a joint news conference, clutching arms as they walked down the colonnade and clinked glasses at the first state dinner of the Trump presidency. "He is perfect," Trump declared of Macron (after brushing what he said was dandruff off of the French leader's suit). The displays of amity have left Washington and Paris agog at le bromance.

How can two men so diametrically opposed get along so well? Simple. Macron holds his ground on issues that matter to him, but he treats the president of the United States with respect — and has found his respect reciprocated.

Democrats in Washington should try it.

In a toast at the state dinner, Macron explained his approach this way: "We both know that none of us easily changes our minds, but we will work together, and we have this ability to listen to one another." Wouldn't it be refreshing to hear Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., or House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., say the same? At the end of his visit, Macron was asked how he could have such a warm relationship with Trump while disagreeing with him on so many issues. "It's the same thing in all families," he said. "Let's share the disagreements ... To just say 'I disagree and I don't want to speak with you' (is) ridiculous."

Yes, it is.

After Macron delivered an address to Congress in which he warned against the dangers of "isolationism, withdrawal and nationalism," many suggested that his speech was a "rebuke" to Trump. No, it wasn't. Macron didn't rebuke the president; he expressed respectful disagreement on a host of issues. Too many in Washington can no longer tell the difference.

Instead of simply applauding Macron's words, perhaps Democrats ought to emulate Macron's actions. Today, the Democratic Party is no longer the opposition; it is the self-proclaimed "resistance" that considers its job to stop Trump from doing or accomplishing anything. Even in areas where both parties traditionally cooperate, such as the approval of qualified nominees, Trump's candidates face near unified Democratic opposition. While cooperation on difficult issues such as tax cuts or Obamacare may be a bridge too far, Democrats are so blinded by their contempt for Trump that they cannot bring themselves to work with him on issues where they profess to agree, such as infrastructure or extending protections under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. These failures hurt the millions of ordinary people who depend on leaders in Washington to work together for the good of the country.

Macron's visit has shown that it does not have to be this way; people can vigorously disagree and still find ways to work together. We have no way of knowing what, deep down, Macron really thinks of Trump. Perhaps the warmth between them is genuine — modeled, as Macron suggested in his address to Congress, on how Lafayette and Washington "forged a tight relationship fueled by respect and affection." Or perhaps Macron has chosen to behave with respect and decency for the good of France and the world, because he knows the stakes are too high to do otherwise.

Democrats might want to do the same. Here at home, there is no shortage of critical challenges Republicans and Democrats need to address — and the stakes are also too high to indulge feelings of contempt.

Perhaps it's too much to expect a Trump-Schumer bromance, or Trump-Pelosi air kisses. But Macron's visit should provide a lesson for Democrats: It's amazing what you can accomplish when you treat the president of the United States with the respect and dignity his office deserves. To which I can only say: Vive la France!

OUR VIEW

Paying employees to make them go away is intolerable

Apparently, it pays good to be bad.

Two weeks ago, the new chief of the Midland Police Department was sent packing after an investigation allegedly confirmed violations of the city of Midland's personnel policy. Steve Henry was terminated and given six month's salary.

Last week, Midland ISD reported two Goddard Junior High teachers resigned after the discovery of a video showing them "engaged in inappropriate behavior in the campus gymnasium." The district put the two teachers on administrative leave before they resigned. And even though they resigned, the two teachers will remain on administrative leave and will receive more taxpayer dollars until their contracts run out at the end of the school year.

We shake our head at these recent events. Frankly, they make us sick.

In the case of the city, there was a clause in Henry's contract that calls for such a payment. The existence of this clause, according to the city, supposedly allows the city to hire better employees. The mayor said it wasn't the clause that required the payment of about $72,500 that bothered him as much as that Henry was in Midland for only a few months. As if handing over that amount of money for alleged harassment is OK if you have more experience under your belt. It isn't. The city needs to fix this and put all employees on notice that this is not acceptable.

The situation with the school district isn't any more tolerable. We didn't get an answer on the record why these two teachers will receive a paycheck for the rest of the semester. Their contribution to the district is circulating around social media and television websites. It's disgusting.

It's time for government entities to stand up and say "no more." In our view, we want their employees to know that Midlanders will not tolerate such behavior and will not accept government paying you to make you go away.

Those employees should know ahead of time that if their actions are so reprehensible that they are terminated, they will not get a single additional dollar from the taxpayers. Employees should know the community will back government entities if these employees choose to fight those decisions in court — even if it costs more than writing a check to make people go away quietly.

We will put you on the record about what you have done for all the world to read. If it is embarrassing to you, that is not our concern. We will back our government entities for doing the right things, because what we have seen over the last two weeks is wrong.

It is time this community calls for its elected representatives to stand for what is right. We have to be able to hold our heads high knowing we did the right thing, not something that caused less grief. We didn't do that with the former police chief or with the Midland ISD teachers.

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Cable TV loses clarity, provides static

■ Primetime talk shows should inform the public — not push agendas or pander to constituents



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Much of cable television has become toxic. The poison comes from overheated primetime shows that blend together things that don't mix: news, analysis and opinion.

I've been a guest on these shows on multiple networks for more than 15 years, dating back to my first appearance on Fox News' "The O'Reilly Factor." Bill O'Reilly and I would argue, but always with mutual respect. He never cut me off, shouted me down or dumped me from a segment. He often gave me the last word. O'Reilly was unpredictable, like the time he told then-presidential candidate Donald Trump that changing the 14th Amendment to eliminate birthright citizenship for the children of illegal immigrants was unwise and unconstitutional. That kept things interesting.

Lately, I've lost interest in every single nighttime cable news offering. My wife — who has traveled this road with me over the years — calls the current roster of programs "clown shows." But that is an insult to clowns.

In recent months, I've turned down invitations to appear on MSNBC shows where the producers wanted me to criticize Trump for his immigration crackdown, which is stoking fear and separating families. Glad to do it. But I don't remember many segments on MSNBC during the previous administration where guests criticized Barack Obama for his immigration crackdown, which stoked fear and separated families.

I've also rejected requests from CNN, because the network seems so deeply invested in its increasingly personal mud-wrestling match with Trump that most of its anchors, reporters and commentators are incapable of giving the president even an ounce of credit when it's due. They gloss over scandals involving Democrats, while piling on every misstep by the White House. When settling scores with Team Trump, truth comes second.

As for Fox News, where I appear most often, letting Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham drone on about immigration just about every night — in the most simplistic and dishonest manner — shows about as much sound judgment as giving your 16-year-old a bottle of liquor and the keys to the car. Both hosts are rude, snarky, condescending and full of themselves.

I wouldn't mind them talking about immigration so much if they actually understood the subject. They don't. For one thing, since both Carlson and Ingraham work in Washington, geography works against them. If you want to learn about immigration, you can't do it from the banks of the Potomac River. You're better off on the Rio Grande. The Fox News hosts' schtick is shallow, dismissive and one-dimensional. Instead of challenging people, they go easy on them. No thinking required; feeling will suffice. The hosts are good communicators, but they don't seem very smart. And they're not making their viewers any smarter, either. Worse, when they talk about immigration, they don't mind pushing people's buttons and coddling racists who think Latino immigrants hurt America.

These shows chalk up ratings by focusing on hot-button topics that are driven by emotion. They produce discussions that viewers come to with preformed points of view in search of validation. They oversimplify everything, which short-changes viewers and leaves them ill-prepared to confront opposing views on the rare occasions that they venture outside their bubbles.

Meanwhile, the audience has been divided into silos. Conservatives flock to Fox News. Liberals cling to MSNBC. And if you're an anti-Trump Democrat who likes to pretend that you're in the middle of the road, CNN welcomes you.

These shows should inform the public — not push agendas or pander to constituents. Producers, bookers and hosts have been reduced to brazen opportunists, keenly aware of the political leanings of viewers and feverishly tossing them red meat.

It is enough to make you want to become a vegetarian.

We probably won't see a CNN host tell her viewers that there is no such thing as "Russian collusion," or that the GOP tax cuts help the economy. Likewise, we're not likely to hear a Fox News host tell the members of his core audience that there is no such thing as a "level playing field" in the trade debate or a "sanctuary city" when discussing immigration.

Such honesty, maturity and sophistication might cause viewers to change the channel. The networks can't have that. With so many other choices about how to spend their time, folks might not find their way back.

From the Left | Doonesbury



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H-1B visa crackdown is bad for DFW's booming job market

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The Dallas-Fort Worth region creates so many new jobs, averaging over 100,000 annually over the last five years, that it has to rely on outsiders to fill 'em.

California, New York and Illinois have provided a steady stream of newcomers for decades. Mexico, India and China are major contributors, too. Together, domestic and international migrants account for nearly half of the Texas workforce.

Another piece of the puzzle is the H-1B visa program, the nation's largest temporary employment plan — and another source of strength for D-FW.

The program allows companies to hire foreign-born workers with specialized skills and high levels of education. H-1B visas are for three years and can be extended for another three-year term, and they can be a path to permanent residency.

They're used primarily for technology workers, but universities, engineering firms and public schools depend on them, too. Dallas ISD has over 250 bilingual teachers on H-1Bs, and officials are going to Mexico next week to recruit more.

Employers in Dallas-Fort Worth were awarded 74,000 H-1B visas from 2010 to 2016, the second-most in the nation, according to the Pew Research Center. The largest metro, which includes New York, Newark and Jersey City, had over three times more H-1Bs.

But Dallas had more of the visas than Washington, Boston and San Jose, which are often hailed as tech talent centers.

The ranking reflects our booming labor market and diversified economy. But the H-1B pipeline is under pressure because the Trump administration has proposed several changes as part of the president's "Buy American and Hire American" agenda.

Startup visas, spouses

This month, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said it wants to revise H-1B rules "to increase focus on obtaining the best and brightest foreign nationals" and "to better protect U.S. workers and wages," USCIS director Francis Cissna wrote in a letter to the Senate.

It's also working to end two Obama-era programs. One allows spouses of H-1B visa holders to be employed here and the other admits foreign entrepreneurs to start companies in the U.S. The so-called startup visa has attracted just 10 applicants, Bloomberg reported last week.

"The Trump administration is killing it with bureaucracy," Bloomberg wrote.

The Trump administration has ramped up H-1B oversight, requiring renewals to be made in person and requesting additional proof that the workers are needed and being paid top-tier salaries, The Associated Press reported. An expert told the AP that the government scrutiny was unprecedented.

The government caps the total number of H-1Bs at 85,000 a year for private employers, and about 10 percent more are awarded to schools, nonprofits and research organizations that are exempted from the cap.

In early April, the government received over 190,000 applications for the visas. For the sixth consecutive year, it held a lottery to allocate the documents.

While opponents criticize the program for lowering wages and taking jobs from Americans, business leaders insist that it's needed. Eric Schmidt, former executive chairman of Google's parent company, said last year that the cap on H-1Bs was "the single stupidest policy in the entire American political system."

H-1B visa holders account for a relatively small share of the workforce — a few percentage points. But they bring specialized skills and help fill key gaps. They must have at least a bachelor's degree or equivalent, and in Dallas, 43 percent have an advanced degree.

That's especially helpful because Texas is a laggard in education and must import top talent. Over three-quarters of immigrants from India have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared with 27 percent of the Texas population, according to a Dallas Fed report.

H-1Bs "represent a new influx of educated workers," said Neil Ruiz, Pew's associate director of global migration and demography.

Key tech skills

Just over half of the total visas awarded from 2001 to 2015 went to Indian nationals, Pew said, and they're important contributors to Dallas' telecom and software companies.

"They're part of our fabric, and we simply don't have the numbers to fill those seats on our own," said Matt Bomberger, managing director for Experis IT, a tech staffing company that often gets several hundred H-1B visas a year.

In D-FW, the unemployment rate is less than 2 percent for tech workers that Experis is seeking, he said. Nationwide, the jobless rate falls steadily for workers with college degrees and higher — and that's a telling data point on the importance of the visas.

DISD's total of over 250 teachers working on H-1Bs puts it among the top Dallas employers for the category. This week, district officials are going to Mexico City to interview 300 to 500 candidates, and those selected must eventually pass a series of state tests. The district aims to add at least 50 bilingual teachers for the 2019-20 school year.

"There's such a shortage of teachers that we have to go abroad to find qualified people," said Jordan Carlton, manager of talent acquisition at DISD. "It's one of the only ways to avoid having an empty classroom."

Visa holders and job candidates in Mexico are worried about Trump's talk on immigration and proposals for the H-1B, Carlton said. That's despite the fact the school district is exempt from the H-1B cap.

"They're nervous about their livelihood, and they're worried about their status," Carlton said.

We should be nervous about recruiting enough talent, because it fuels our economy.

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The Texas Miracle won't last without early childhood education

By Betsy Price, Kara Waddell and Libby Doggett
Texas Tribune

■ COMMENTARY

The "Texas Miracle" has become a common description for the state's vibrant economy and successes. While we have much to celebrate, meeting the needs of our current workforce and providing our children with a solid educational foundation are critical to maintaining opportunity and potential in the State of Texas.

Fortunately, there is a straightforward solution that will create the best opportunity for educational success, while solving our most difficult workforce challenges — access to quality early education for all children. When you provide access to quality early childhood education across a community, you are overcoming both workforce and educational obstacles.

Employers face numerous challenges to recruit, train and retain top talent. One of the primary barriers for any parent in the workforce is lack of access to high-quality child care, which is an early learning program. High-quality child care can cost about $1,000 a month — if you can find it. This burdens families across the income spectrum, especially for those with multiple young children. A family with two children under the age of five could pay up to 30 percent of their household income for child care.

Improving a child's life in the earliest years with early education is one of the smartest investments we can make for our youngest Texans. A child's zip code should never be a predictor of future success; providing educational opportunity at the earliest age possible ensures we enhance every child's future. We know that 90 percent of a child's brain develops by age 5, but our education pipeline is still not prioritizing education at this critical time from age 0 to 5. Throughout Texas, the lack of access to quality early childhood education comes at a significant cost to our students. During the 2016-2017 school year, the Texas Education Agency reported only 59 percent of our children were kindergarten-ready. We are forcing many of our children to play catch-up before they even get started.

The best opportunity to develop a thriving workforce and build an educational pipeline starts with using Texas cities as laboratories for change in the early learning space. To promote this, Fort Worth is hosting teams from 20 of the largest cities in Texas. "Momentum 2018: Texas City Early Learning Summit" brings together city leaders from nonprofits, school districts, municipal government and philanthropy. This summit is about partnering with families for stronger children, a thriving workforce and improved educational outcomes.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to early education. We know best practices and innovative initiatives are happening in our major Texas cities and some of the smaller communities. We see a focus on improving the quality of early learning programs, extending access to more families, making the whole system more efficient and giving parents better skills as their children's first and most important teachers.

Important efforts throughout Texas are enhancing quality early child care. In San Antonio, the collaborative PREK4SA, started in 2011 by then-Mayor Julian Castro, is now serving 25 percent of San Antonio's four-year-olds in a high-quality full-day program. Fort Worth ISD is recognizing the value of universal free full-day pre-kindergarten by combining limited state funding and voter-approved bond funds, grants and a generous donation from the Rainwater Charitable Foundation.

These are just two examples of numerous positive stories we see across the state. We want to build on the momentum in our communities to develop a master plan for education that begins the moment children are born. We will turn to the Texas Legislature in 2019, supporting important statewide efforts to prioritize early education. This includes support for Gov. Greg Abbott's efforts to prioritize high-quality pre-kindergarten, and advocating to improve access to quality child care.

If you are worried about the workforce of tomorrow, look no further than at the infants and toddlers of today. The most efficient and cost-effective workforce training is to enhance and strengthen programs that serve our youngest children, birth to age five. There is no more important priority in Texas than the future of our children, and we are rolling up our sleeves to create the strongest educational foundation for our youngest Texans.

Bad data, not cuts to abortion clinics, is the cause of skyrocketing maternal mortality

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FORT WORTH —

Texans may well remember the shocking 2016 study on maternal health and mortality that found the rate at which new mothers were dying in the Lone Star state to be alarmingly — almost unbelievably — high.

The study published in the medical journal Obstetrics and Gynecology said that in 2012 Texas reported 147 women who died from pregnancy-related causes — a more than doubling over the previous year.

Indeed, the mortality rate was unmatched by any other state or nation in the world, rendering Texas a deadly place for new mothers, as national and local headlines were quick to report.

The study authors did not assign a cause for the sudden, puzzling increase in maternal deaths, but pro-choice abortion rights advocates were quick to offer an explanation of their own.

The rise in maternal deaths occurred just after the Texas Legislature reduced funding for family planning services and added new restrictions to abortion clinics. In the wake of the cuts, more than 80 clinics, many of which provided abortions, closed their doors.

"Women have been left out in the cold," said Sarah Wheat, a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood. She called these clinics a "gateway to the healthcare system" for many women and strongly implied their closings were responsible for the startling increase in maternal deaths.

Former state senator Wendy Davis joined the fray, railing against her former Republican colleagues, all but blaming them for the deaths of 600 Texas women between 2000-14.

The Guardian's Jessica Valenti, an outspoken abortion rights proponent, was even more blunt. She boldly declared, "Politics is killing mothers in Texas."

To these observers the connection seemed easy or at least politically convenient.

And "in the absence of war, natural disaster, or severe economic upheaval," what other reasonable explanation could there be for the dramatic and sudden increase in maternal mortality rates?

Try the simple and even obvious one: the researchers were using bad data.

Earlier this month, two years after the original study was released, the same medical journal published further analysis of maternal mortality rates in Texas over the same period of time, and determined that the number of maternal deaths in Texas in 2012 was actually 56, about a third of the 147 initially reported.

The second study, conducted by the Texas Department of State Health Services, found that data coding errors in previous research misclassified a number of deceased women as pregnant. These were human errors, understandable and forgivable, but not without consequence.

In seeking to correct these statistics, the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force cross-referenced birth and death certificates and medical records for all 147 women whose 2012 deaths were attributed to pregnancy-related health issues.

They discovered instead that only 56 deaths fell under the definition of maternal mortality, not only a far smaller number, but one more in line with maternal mortality findings in other states.

Maternal mortality rates in the U.S. are among the highest in the developed world for reasons that remain unclear. But Texas is hardly the outlier that it was once thought to be.

To their credit, the legislature and Gov. Greg Abbott prioritized maternal health after the release of the 2016 study, extending the mandate of the state's maternal health task force until 2023.

The task force is charged, among other things, with looking at the health disparities and racial and socioeconomic status of women. It seeks to equip healthcare providers with best practices and procedures for caring for pregnant women, and provide better solutions to help women with postpartum depression.

Improving the maternal health landscape and protecting new mothers should remain high priorities for the state, even in the wake of the corrected data.

But this latest study underscores the importance of accurate information in public policy making. And it should be a admonition to abortion rights advocates looking to draw hasty conclusions for political gain. But we'll have to manage our expectations on that score.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Barbara Bush's legacy is of service, grace

I was fortunate to be serving the Midland Reporter-Telegram as editorial page editor in the years that George H.W. Bush was president and then while his son, George W. Bush, was governor of Texas and president.

The recent death of former first lady Barbara Bush brought back a flood of memories of the wonderful years spent in Midland during that time period. I got to know all of the Bushes in those years, and yes, they were very special people who helped to create some of the charm that Midland still experiences.

Barbara Bush possessed the characteristics that endeared her to the people of the nation. She was a remarkable first lady who established a legacy of service and grace that will long be remembered.

Bill Modisett

Community is well-served by Culver Juvenile Center

We respectfully urge our county commissioners and county judge to support the Culver Juvenile Center with full funding.

We understand there are more than 50 youth gangs in our community, and the number of homeless grows. These cause serious problems for our law enforcement and judicial system.

Culver is a critical cog in dealing with these problems. To limit funding or to close Culver might cause disastrous unintended consequences.

We recently heard presentations by Judge Kyle Foster and Forest Hanna, who were convincing that our community is being very well-served by Culver, and the cost is in line with other juvenile centers in Texas.

Therefore, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" seems to fit.

Moreover, for some years, our church has visited the youth on a weekly basis to give them encouragement and spiritual guidance. We have seen with our own eyes how dedicated and compassionate the Culver staff has been.

They are angels to our troubled youth.

While we appreciate the hard choices and difficulties our commissioners have in keeping our county budget streamlined and efficient, we also believe that our county funds could not be spent in a better way than helping our youth.

Some things are not measured by money alone.

L.E. Sawyer Jr.

Election Letters

(Candidate letters have a limit of 200 words)

County Judge

Johnson is businessman with integrity

Several years ago, Terry Johnson was hunting mule deer in Andrews County. Terry was by himself. Terry shot a mule deer buck. As Terry approached the area where the deer was last seen, the deer rose and began to move. Terry, an ethical hunter, quickly placed a second follow-up shot ending the hunt.

As he approached the fallen deer, he observed a second mule deer buck lying dead close by.

Terry had mistakenly shot two mule deer bucks. Only one buck was allowed by law. Any avid hunter knows that this can, and does, occur despite being cautious when hunting.

Terry immediately contacted the game warden. When you violate a game law, you face losing your hunting privileges for life. Your vehicle can be seized as can your weapons, plus, there could be a hefty fine.

The game warden was incredulous that Terry had turned himself in. Terry was released without further action.

That's integrity. Doing the right thing when no one is looking.

And Terry is a 43-year businessman in the Midland community.

A businessman with integrity.

I trust the county's business to him under his leadership. I urge Midland to support Terry Johnson for county judge.

Jess Malone

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Should US cities be testing driverless cars?

In the name of safety, allow testing on cities' streets



ARLINGTON, Va. — Policymakers at every level of government are grappling with the question of whether fast-emerging driverless car technology is safe enough for public roads.

Caution is a virtue, but there is also a cost to waiting. The sooner we get safe, usable driverless cars on the road, the sooner we can get drunk or distracted drivers off of the road.

About 94 percent of accidents are caused by human error. One in four involves alcohol.

We tend to be more comfortable with the devil we know, but humans are far more dangerous behind the wheel than the driverless tech that exists. Google's Waymo has driven more than 5 million miles in autonomous mode on public roads without a fatality.

Driverless cars finally have the green light for road testing in many states. Cities may be a different story.

California, for example, recently began accepting applications for statewide testing permits, yet San Francisco Mayor Mark Farrell requested that any company testing in his city participate in an additional program.

Given the recent tragedy in Tempe, Arizona, where an autonomous vehicle killed a jaywalking pedestrian, Farrell's request sounds sensible.

However, cities lack both the authority and the expertise to effectively regulate driverless testing. By attempting to act as gatekeepers to their streets, they might actually limit the real-world testing that we clearly need.

First, while most cities lack the authority to stop companies from testing, the mere specter of an additional level of bureaucracy is sometimes a powerful deterrent. Similar issues arise when cities attempt to undermine everything from Uber to solar panels to wind turbines.

Previously, cities' autonomous vehicle testing programs have been designed to make up for states' inaction. Pittsburgh, for example, touted its more streamlined process when Pennsylvania was slow to act. But as states catch up and federal safety guidance continues to improve, fewer cities need their own processes. Going forward, local governments are more likely to create duplicative burdens that chase away innovators.

Second, it is unclear what, if any, value cities are adding to the process.

As Washington, D.C., transportation policy experts Ian Adams of the R Street Institute and Marc Scribner of the Competitive Enterprise Institute recently noted "local jurisdictions simply are not qualified to evaluate what is 'safe' behavior when it comes to vehicle design, safety or performance."

Safety requirements for cars are regulated federally by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, with additional state regulations occasionally creating more requirements.

San Francisco won't be the last major city to impose additional safety checks on autonomous vehicles. Unless states place clear limits on local governments, they'll wind up with a wild west-style patchwork of neighboring cities full of differing ideas about which types of cars are legal and which aren't.

No state wants to be left behind as others enjoy the economic and societal benefits of a technology that has the potential to save countless lives. It would be a shame for a few cities to spoil its role in the future for any state.

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Arizona's Uber subsidy put taxpayer money, lives at risk



ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Research and development is the engine that drives innovation and long-term corporate profitability. Businesses spend billions every year to develop new products and technologies, even though most of these audacious projects will never bring a product or service to market and recoup their high costs.

So it's little wonder corporations will jump at the chance to reduce their risks and costs by transferring them to taxpayers, which is what Uber and other companies are doing in Arizona with their nascent autonomous vehicle technology.

The difference between many of the government subsidies doled out to corporations and allowing Uber and other businesses to use public roads to test new vehicles' technology is that this subsidy not only harms taxpayers' bank accounts, it also puts American lives in jeopardy.

In a bid to attract Uber and other companies to Arizona, Republican Gov. Doug Ducey issued an executive order in 2015 permitting companies to test self-driving cars on Arizona's public roads.

"We needed our message to Uber, Lyft and other entrepreneurs in Silicon Valley to be that Arizona was open to new ideas," said Ducey about the order.

Ducey's decision to transform Arizona's roads into a free training ground for Uber and other companies sure is cheaper for business than forcing them to build costly testing facilities — including in, say, Arizona — to simulate the real-world conditions of vehicle and pedestrian traffic for their self-driving vehicles.

Indeed, it seemed like a win-win situation for the Grand Canyon State and Uber — until an inevitable tragedy on a public road occurred earlier this year in Tempe.

On March 18, an Uber test vehicle for autonomous driving struck a woman crossing a road at night with her bicycle. Uber immediately suspended all driverless vehicle testing.

Then Ducey updated his executive order in what spokesman Daniel Scarpinato stated "provides enhanced enforcement measures and clarity on responsibility in these accidents."

Sorry, governor and Uber executives, this decision is too little, too late.

States shouldn't be afraid of innovation and creating business-friendly environments, but the Arizona situation is different.

Here, Arizona's policy makers chose to make the welfare of a single powerful business, Uber, a higher priority than the safety of its citizens, turning the state's roads into a testing ground for unproven technology so corporations can reduce their R&D costs and increase their bottom lines.

Innovation is a pillar of capitalism, and the United States is the world's leader in technology because it has historically been an incubator for entrepreneurial innovation.

But businesses must be responsible for their own R&D costs. And governments should hold corporations accountable when their products are released to the public without being safe.

Uber, as well as other companies such as Lyft and Waymo, should bite the bullet and build their own advanced testing facilities for self-driving vehicles — just like all of the world's major automakers.

Once deemed safe in their own controlled settings, they could then pay private landowners to use their roads until the technology is fully ready for the public.

Until it is manifestly clear that self-driving vehicles are safe, states shouldn't let this or any other emerging technology that poses a societal threat be tested on public grounds.

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Smith wins long jump, advances to state meet for third time

From staff reports

ARLINGTON — Midland High senior Sametria Smith now holds the distinction of being a three-time state meet qualifier.

Smith won the girls long jump and placed second in the 100-meter low hurdles, qualifying for state in both events during Saturday's Region I-6A Track and Field Championships at Maverick Stadium.



Smith

Smith claimed long jump gold with a leap of 19 feet, 4 inches to advance to state for the third consecutive year in the event, and she garnered her first regional gold in the event since 2016.

Smith faced the most adversity in the 100 hurdles, as she entered the event as the third seed after prelims behind DeSoto's Antoinette Bradley and McKinney Boyd's Alyssa Miller.

However, Smith edged Miller in a photo finish for second-place and the final automatic berth to state in Saturday's 100 hurdles finals. Both hurdlers posted identical times of 14.14 seconds.

Smith's time of 14.14 was a season best and ranks 10th in the state this year according to athletic.net. Smith had struggled with slow starts all year, but that changed Saturday.

"I came out of the blocks fast finally and it came down to me running my hardest at the end," Smith said.

Smith will be going to UIL state meet, May 11-12 in Austin, in the 100 hurdles for the second straight year.

"We were really proud," MHS girls track coach Laura Taylor said. "Going into the final, she had the third-fastest time, we knew she had to fight really hard. One of the best things about Sametria is that she performs to her highest abilities when she really needs to."

Smith is the only Midland ISD athlete going to state.

Lee senior Matt Stansell finished sixth in the boys discus (141-9), Lee sophomore Anaya Woods came in sixth (125-11) in the girls discus and Midland High junior Jenia Mitchell finished 12th in the girls 1,600 (5:27.03).

Odessa Permian senior Calyha Brown won the regional discus title with a throw of 139-11.

Big Spring's Martinez, Andrews' throwers shine at I-4A meet

LUBBOCK — Big Spring senior Aaron Martinez continued his team's tradition of winning both the boys 400 meters and 800 at the Region I-4A Track and Field Championships at Lowrey Field.



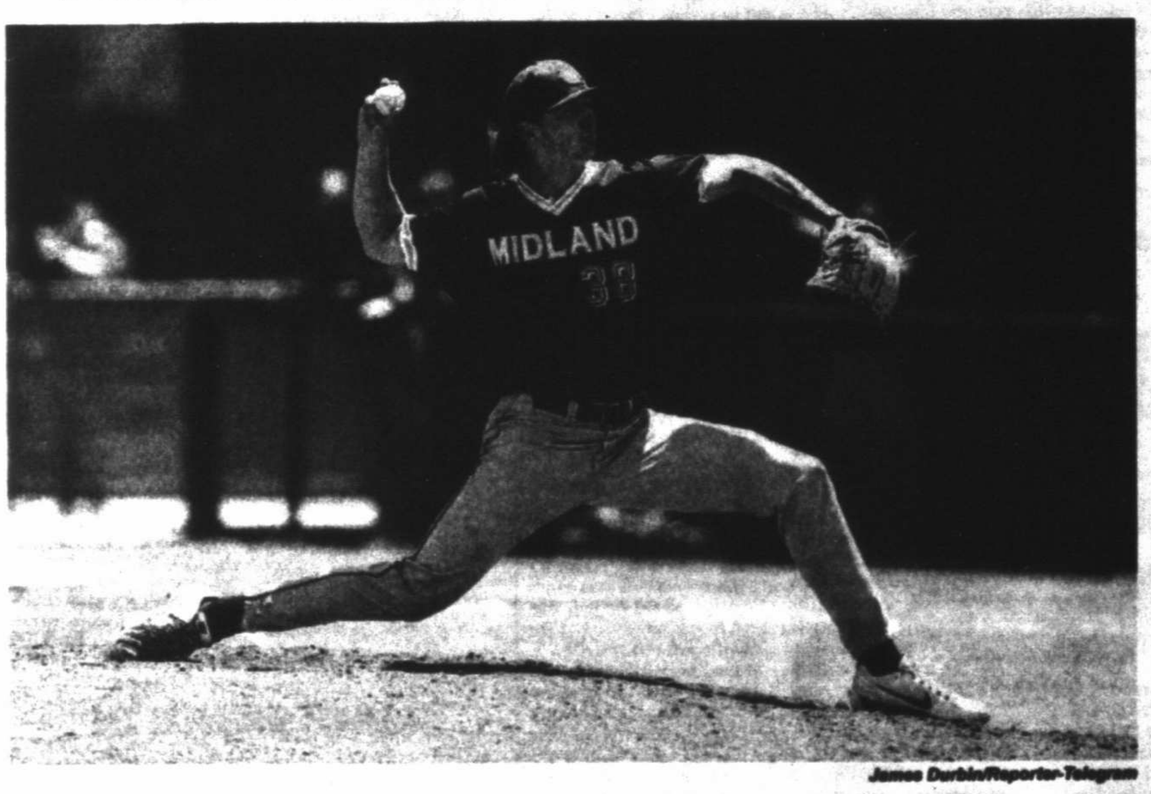
Mechler

Martinez captured first in the 400 meters with a time of 49.99 seconds and claimed first with a meet record time of 1:56.83 in the 800, Saturday at Texas Tech's track stadium.

Martinez followed in

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MC routs Plainsmen



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Chandler Eaton pitches against Frank Phillips College on Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

Momentum swings help Chaps sweep FPC

By Will Korn
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After turning in two quality performances in Friday's doubleheader sweep of Frank Phillips College, the Midland College pitching staff endured early hiccups during Saturday's twin bill.

But in both games, the Chaps' arms answered with authority and provided their high-scoring offense with a pair of early momentum shifts. MC went on to rout the visiting Plainsmen 10-2 in seven innings and then 19-2 in five to complete the four-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference sweep at Christensen Stadium.

MC improved to 34-17 overall and 24-8 in WJCAC, keeping pace with conference leader New Mexico Junior College entering the season's final series against Odessa College next weekend.

The Plainsmen (16-35, 11-21) wasted no time jumping on Chaps' starter Chandler Eaton in Game 1, as it only took six pitches for FPC to grab a 2-0 lead in the first on a home run by Brett Esau. But Eaton minimized the damage and proceeded to hold FPC to just four hits over the next four frames.

In the meantime, the Chaps had taken a 4-2 lead after three innings, headlined by an RBI triple to center by Jordan Billups in the third. Eaton completed his quality start by allowing the two runs on six hits over six innings, while striking out six for the win.

MC head coach Hector Rodriguez said Eaton's resiliency early in the contest set a tone for the team's always-dangerous lineup. With Eaton in full command, MC pulled away with three runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

"I told Chandler at the end of the first inning 'Hey, the game is starting man, let's go,'" Rodriguez said. "Then he really, really pitched well. He took the game over and then our hitters do what they do, just put pressure on with good quality at-bats."

The Chaps out-hit FPC, 10-6 in the first game and also benefited from four Plainsmen errors.

But the Plainsmen made thing just as difficult to open the second contest.

MC left-handed starter Aaron Weseman loaded the bases on three consecutive walks and was pulled from the game by Rodriguez after only 16 pitches — 14 of them missing the strike zone.

With FPC threatening to take another early lead, MC sophomore right-hander Noel Solis entered the game and slammed the door shut on the rally with a fly out, a strikeout and a pop out on 10 offerings. The MC dugout exploded in excitement as Solis and the Chaps headed back into the shade.

"You usually don't have a momentum changer or a tone changer in the first," Rodriguez said. "I told Noel before the game 'You're right behind him.' We had a huge momentum change in the first and we rode with it."

Solis said he is used to working out of tough situations, as it is something he did routinely last for MC last season.

"I just used my past experience and it all worked out," said Solis, who notched the win after allowing four hits and a run over four innings of relief. "The defense helped out the whole way. I just throw strikes and put the ball in play."

Energized by Solis' clutch presence,

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Texans address needs in draft, add competition to roster

By Joshua Koch
Associated Press

HOUSTON — In Brian Gaine's first draft as the general manager of the Houston Texans, he wanted to add three things to the offensive and defensive side of the ball — speed, athleticism and explosiveness.

In doing that with his eight picks, Gaine also added competition to multiple positions on the Texans roster.

"The one thing I want people to understand is that we're always going to be trying to add competition to the roster regardless of the position whenever it makes sense," Gaine said. "Any players we added to the roster this year through the draft we think has a chance to make the team."

Gaine worked his way through the past two days, not making any draft day trades, and addressed his team's needs.

Gaine admitted the opportunities to make trades were there and he did come close to making some moves.

"Always tempted," Gaine said about making a trade. "I'm always looking for an opportunity to improve the team. At every turn and every opportunity when we were selecting, I'm evaluating the pros and cons of going up to get a player or sitting tight or the opportunity to move back."

Heading into the draft, the Texans' deepest needs were on the offensive line, in the secondary and at tight end.

Gaine utilized four of his eight picks to bolster the secondary and the tight end spot.

In the third round, Gaine drafted University of Central Florida tight end Jordan Akins. Then in the sixth round, Gaine selected Mississippi State tight end Jordan Thomas.

"It's important, especially in our offense at tight end



Brett Coomer / Houston Chronicle

Houston Texans general manager Brian Gaine leaves his introductory news conference at NRG Stadium on Jan. 17 in Houston. Gaine is the Texans third general manger in team history.

because we have different roles and different jobs as it relates to the composition of the group, in terms of the Y and the F and how we use those guys," Gaine said about adding depth to the tight end position.

"Ideally we want them to be fully dimensional, but we like having versatile tight ends who can do different jobs."

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Post-draft Cowboys moving on without Bryant, maybe Witten

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — The Dallas Cowboys kept talking up the receivers they already had going into the NFL draft after dumping Dez Bryant in a cost-cutting move.

They ended up having to tout their tight ends as well when ESPN reported on the draft's second day that Jason Witten was planning to retire after 15 seasons to join the "Monday Night Football" crew as lead analyst.

Even with all the talk, Dallas still addressed a pair of positions that figure to look dramatically different after years of Bryant and Witten at or near the top of the club's list of receiving leaders.

A day after drafting receiver Michael Gallup in the third round, the Cowboys traded one of their three picks in the sixth Saturday to the Los Angeles Rams for receiver Tavon Austin, the eighth overall pick in 2013 when the franchise was still in St. Louis.

The Cowboys took a tight end with the second of two picks in the fourth round in Stanford's Dalton Schultz. Their first pick in that round was defensive end Dorance Armstrong from Kansas.

"I think we're better because I think we've got a great read on where we were as we sort through Dez, as we sort through the what ifs of Witten," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. "I think we've got more clarity now than we did when we started the draft."

As for those players on the roster before the draft, the Cowboys don't expect a No. 1 receiver to emerge because they don't think their offense will be structured that way without Bryant.

Dallas wants quarterback Dak Prescott to feed off the run with 2016 rushing leader Ezekiel Elliott, so free-agent pickup Allen Hurns could be the top receiver without numbers similar to what Bryant posted during his best run from 2012-14.

The Cowboys also signed journeyman Deonte Thompson to go with incumbents Terrance Williams and Cole Beasley. Dallas took a receiver out of the equation Saturday by sending Ryan Switzer to Oakland for defensive lineman Jihad Ward.

"When you lose a player like Dez and what he's brought to the table throughout his career, we're remaking our receiving room," executive vice president Stephen Jones said. "I do think we wanted to do things that, as Jerry has said, that's Dak-friendly."

ESPN reported Friday that Witten was planning to retire to join the network, but Jerry Jones said the franchise leader in games, catches and yards receiving hadn't made a decision and wanted the weekend to think about it.

Without Witten, the Cowboys currently have nine career catches from the tight ends on their roster — all by

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Richard W. Rodriguez/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones makes a brief statement about the announced retirement of tight end Jason Witten during an news conference Friday in Frisco.

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FRIDAY'S SCORE
San Antonio 4
Midland 2

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at San Antonio
2:05 p.m.

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Saturday	Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
San Antonio 4 Midland 2	Midland at San Antonio 2:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio 11:05 a.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland 6:30 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland 11 a.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
Texas Tech at TCU, 1 p.m., ESPNU
Oklahoma at Oklahoma State, 3 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC
Texas A&M at Mississippi State, 3:30 p.m., SEC

College Softball
LSU at Florida, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Texas at Oklahoma, 1 p.m., ESPN2
Oregon at Washington, 3 p.m., ESPN2
Ole Miss at Arkansas, 4 p.m., ESPNU

Golf
SEC Championships, 6:30 a.m., SEC
PGA: Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Final Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Final Round, 2 p.m., CBS
Web.com: United leasing & Finance Championship, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: MEDIHEAL Championship, Final Round, 5 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Texas at Toronto, Noon, FSSW
Arizona at Washington, 12:30 p.m., MLB
Oakland at Houston, 1 p.m., ATTSW
NY Yankees at LA Angels, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
PL: West Ham United FC vs. Manchester City FC, 8 a.m., NBCSN, NBCU
Bundesliga: 1. FSV Mainz 05 vs. RB Leipzig, 8:30 a.m., FS1, FXDEP
PL: Manchester United FC vs. Arsenal FC, 10:30 a.m., NBCSN, TELE
Bundesliga: SV Werder Bremen vs. Borussia Dortmund, 11 a.m., FS2, UniMas, UDN
MLS: Colorado Rapids vs. Orlando City SC, 3 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
MLS: Los Angeles FC vs. Seattle Sounders FC, 8 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

Motorsports
F1: Azerbijan Grand Prix, 7:05 a.m., ESPN2, GALA, UDN
Monster Energy Cup Series: GEICO 500, 1 p.m., FOX, FXDEP
NHRA: NHRA Four-Wide Nationals, 5 p.m., FS1

National Basketball Association
East Quarterfinal, Game 7: Indiana at Cleveland, Noon, ABC, ESPNDEP
West Semifinal, Game 1: Utah at Houston, 2:30 p.m., ABC

National Hockey League
East Semifinal, Game 2: Pittsburgh at Washington, 2 p.m., NBC
West Semifinal, Game 2: Winnipeg at Nashville, 6 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis
ATP: Barcelona, Final, 9 a.m., TENNIS
ATP: BMW Open by FWU, 5 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at Toronto, Noon, KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Oakland at Houston, 1 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at San Antonio, 2 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Golf
Midland College at WJCAC Tournament, Roswell, N.M.

JC BASKETBALL

MC'S FRASER SIGNS WITH IDAHO

Midland College sophomore Marquell Fraser recently signed a letter-of-intent with the University of Idaho men's basketball team.


Fraser

The 6-foot-4, 200-pound guard from Ontario, Canada, led the Chaps this past season with 17.1 points, 6.8 rebounds and added 4.0 assists per game.

Fraser spent only one season at MC under head coach Pat Rafferty after transferring from Virginia Commonwealth University.

"He's going to bring some toughness and some ruggedness to the team," Rafferty was quoted on the University of Idaho athletics website. "He's just a kid that competes really hard. He's good off the dribble. He can get in the lane and finish, and he can get in the lane and kick. He's just a rugged, hard-playing kid."

Added Idaho coach Don Verlin: "Marquell is a great fit to our Vandal basketball family. He is a strong, physical guard who has a great feel for the game. Coach Rafferty and his staff have done a great job of developing him into a tough competitive guy who should make an immediate impact for the Vandals next season."

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned LHP Tanner Scott to Norfolk (IL). Recalled OF Joey Rickard from Norfolk.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Added RHP Juan Minaya (Charlotte-IL) on 25th man. Optioned RHP Gregory Infante to Charlotte (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Dylan Cease from Charlotte.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Trevor Oaks from Omaha (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Selected the contract of RHP Matt Magill from Rochester (IL).
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned INF David Bote to Iowa (PCL). Reinstated INF/OF Ben Zobrist from the 10-day DL.
CINCINNATI REDS — Assigned INF Cliff Pennington outright to Louisville (IL).
NEW YORK METS — Optioned RHP Jacob Rhame to Las Vegas (PCL). Reinstated LHP Jason Vargas from the 10-day DL.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned 2B Cory Spangenberg to El Paso (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Recalled RHP Walker Buehler from Rancho Cucamonga (Cal).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned OF Tyler O'Neill to Memphis (PCL). Recalled RHP Josh Doherty from Memphis.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed OF Mac Williamson on the 7-day DL and INF Joe Panik on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Austin Slater and RHP Derek Law from Sacramento (PCL). Selected the contract of INF Alen Hanson from Sacramento. Reinstated RHP Chris Stratton from paternity leave. Transferred RHP Mark Melancon to the 60-day DL.
Frontier League
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed Co Brady Andrews and Jay Cap, and OF Jose Figueroa.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed OF Kenny Peoples-Walls.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled G Mackenzie Blackwood from Adirondack (ECHL) to Binghamton (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Grand Rapids F Eric Tangrud one game.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Placed D Kyle Duncan on season-ending injured reserve.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Big 12
Texas Tech 6, TCU 0
Oklahoma State vs. Oklahoma, late
West Virginia 5, Texas 0
Baylor 10, Kansas State 3
Cincinnati 7, Kansas 6
SEC
Mississippi State 11, Texas A&M 6

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	5	1	1	16	21	9
New York City FC	5	1	2	17	15	8
New England	4	1	2	14	13	7
Columbus	4	2	3	15	13	10
Orlando City	4	2	1	13	14	12
New York	3	2	3	12	14	8
Chicago	3	2	3	12	11	10
Philadelphia	2	3	3	9	8	10
Montreal	2	3	3	9	10	13
D.C. United	1	4	3	6	9	15
Toronto FC	1	4	1	4	8	13

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	5	1	1	16	15	10
Vancouver	4	2	1	13	13	7
Los Angeles FC	3	2	3	12	10	9
FC Dallas	3	2	3	12	9	8
LA Galaxy	3	2	1	10	9	10
Real Salt Lake	3	4	1	10	9	10
Minnesota United	3	3	2	11	11	11
Houston	3	3	2	11	10	11
Colorado	1	2	3	6	9	14
Portland	1	4	2	5	12	14
San Jose	1	4	2	5	10	15
Seattle	1	5	1	4	10	15

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday, April 27
Vancouver 2, Real Salt Lake 0
Saturday's games
Atlanta United FC 4, Montreal 1
Chicago 2, Toronto FC 2, tie
Philadelphia 3, D.C. United 0
Columbus 2, San Jose 1
New England 1, Sporting Kansas City 0
Minnesota United 2, Houston 1
New York at LA Galaxy, late
Today's games
Orlando City at Colorado, 3 p.m.
FC Dallas at New York City FC, 5:30 p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 8 p.m.
Monday, April 30
Philadelphia at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2
New England at Montreal, 6 p.m.
New York City FC at New York, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota United, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Seattle, 9 p.m.
FC Dallas at Los Angeles FC, 9 p.m.
Atlanta United FC at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
LA Galaxy at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 3
Real Salt Lake at Orlando City, 4 p.m.

Cowboys fans hope team made right picks



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If you are a Dallas Cowboys fan, it's hard to feel too comfortable during the NFL Draft.

Like Forrest Gump somewhat said: Jerry Jones is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get.

There have been some drafts, like the one two years ago, where Jerry seemed to make some right calls. In other drafts, not so much.

But through the first three rounds, I would say the Cowboys have had some safe but solid picks.

Some may have been surprised that the Cowboys didn't take a wide receiver in the first round. However, going into the draft linebacker was just as big of a need with Anthony Hitchens leaving as a free agent and Sean Lee getting up there in age and constantly battling injuries.

Getting Leighton Vander Esch out of Boise State is a player who has the potential to be a solid to very good linebacker in the NFL. However, if he doesn't reach his potential, this could be compared to the Bobby Carpenter pick in the 2006 draft.

Plus, folks shouldn't be surprised with the Cowboys picking Boise State defenders. In the past they have picked up Tyrone Crawford and Demarcus Lawrence and have had success.

The biggest problem with the Vander Esch pick is that the Cowboys still didn't address their need to add an impact receiver to replace Dez Bryant.

By the time they got to picking at No. 50 overall, potential receiving candidates like Courtland Sutton, Christian Kirk and James Washington were already off the board.

The Cowboys did the next best thing and take offensive lineman Connor Williams out of Texas. If Connor Williams is the Connor Williams of 2016, that's a big pick-up. Even though he was hampered by a knee injury in his last season with the Longhorns, he's another player that can potentially be an impact player on the offensive line as the Cowboys can play him at guard or be a backup at left tackle if Tyron Smith is again battling injuries.

Taking Michael Gallup out of Colorado State in the third round is probably not the impact wide receiver Cowboys were looking for.

Here's another player with good upside as scouts think he has a chance to get even better with time. He's definitely not what Bryant was when he was in college, but he's got the tools to probably surpass and be more productive than Terrance Williams (I know, that's not saying much).

Let's face it, going into the draft the Cowboys had needs in most areas. They may still need that No. 1 impact receiver, I still don't think they've ever addressed the safety need since Darren Woodson retired, and now they may need to add a tight end with Jason Witten looking like he will retire to join a TV booth.

There has been chatter that the Cowboys are trying to work out a trade with Seattle for safety Earl Thomas. If Jones works that deal out, I'll take back at least some of the bad things I've said about him in recent year.

Witten could change his mind and come back, and Gallup might end up being that No. 1 receiver and be regarded as one of the steals of the draft.

That all sounds hopeful, and yes maybe a little naïve.

As a Cowboys fan, that's all most of us can do.

■ Count me in as one of those folks who were shocked that the Cleveland Browns pulled the trigger and drafted Baker Mayfield No. 1 overall.

That's why the Browns are the Browns.

It's no secret that I have never been a fan of Mayfield. I don't like him because he played for Oklahoma or he talked smack about Texas Tech when he transferred or that he won games.

What I dislike about him is that sometimes he acts like a spoiled brat. In fact I don't care for anybody if they act like that, whether they play football or not.

I understand he feels like he's been disrespected since not getting those big offers out of Lake Travis High School and he has to prove himself to people. Hey Baker, you've proven yourself. Now act like you belong.

It reminds me of a politician, who gets voted into office and constantly has to address crowd sizes.

I mean, is it really necessary?

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Nash, Bergeron score twice, Bruins beat Lightning in Game 1

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tuukka Rask tossed a broken skate blade up the ice in frustration, but hardly lost his cool.

"I didn't throw it at anybody," the Boston goaltender said Saturday. "If I threw it at somebody, I'd like to apologize, but I didn't. I just wanted to make sure that everybody saw that my blade was off."

Rask settled after allowing a second-period goal while trying to let officials know he had a problem with his left skate, finishing with 34 saves in the Bruins' 6-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning in Game 1 of their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Rick Nash had two goals and the Bruins' high-scoring line of Patrice Bergeron, David Pastrnak and Brad Marchand combined for 11 points, however Rask's ability to retain his composure after Mikhail Sergachev's goal trimmed Boston's lead to 3-2 was every bit as important.

"He was really good," Boston coach Bruce Cassidy said. "He gave us more than a chance to win early on when we were still trying to find our legs. We weren't executing very well. They were better than us, and then our top guys started finishing their chances."

Bergeron also scored twice and had an assist on one of Nash's goals for the Bruins, who finished one point behind Tampa Bay for the Atlantic Division title, as well as the No. 1 seed in the East.

Marchand had a goal and three assists, while Pastrnak finished with four assists in a dominating performance.

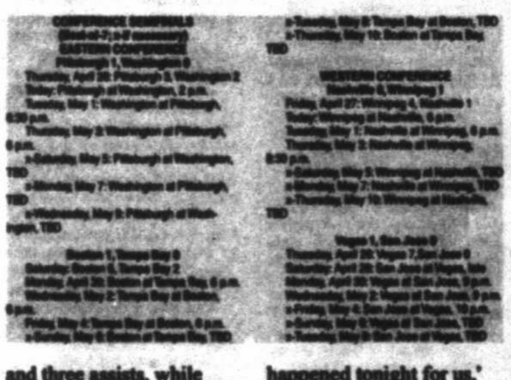
A second goal by Marchand was waved off because of a cross-checking penalty on Pastrnak.

"You need your best players to be your best players, and clearly that happened tonight for us," Cassidy said.

Dan Girardi also scored for the Lightning, who trailed by one goal entering the third period.

Marchand and Bergeron hiked Boston's advantage to 5-2 before Jake DeBrusk added an empty-netter with 6:19 remaining.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE



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the footsteps of former Big Spring teammate Ian Gonzales, who swept both the 400 and 800 races at the 2016 and 2017 regional meets. Gonzales held the meet record of 1:57.76 in the 800 before Martinez eclipsed it Saturday.

Martinez qualified in both events to the UIL Class 4A State Track and Field Championships, May 11-12 in Austin.

Andrews junior Jacob Mechler broke his own meet record with a winning throw of 174 feet, 0 inches in the boys discus, eclipsing the mark of 171-1 he set in 2016.

Andrews sophomore Paxton Hair placed second in the discus with a heave of 173-11, which surpassed the previous meet record as well and qualified him for state. Big Spring junior AJ Gonzales finished third in the discus with a 144-7 and is eligible for a wild-card to state.

Big Spring junior Jeremiah Cooley won the boys long jump with a distance of 22-8 ½. In the girls high jump, Big Spring senior Ajanique Wells advanced to state with a second-place showing of 5-4.

The Big Spring 400 relay placed third with a time of 3:22.49.

The Big Spring boys finished third in the team standings with 51 points, trailing only team champion Wichita Halls Hirschi (68 points) and Midlothian Heritage (52 points).

Schaefer leads Garden City girls to 2nd

SAN ANGELO – Garden City senior Kenzie Schaefer won the girls 800 meters with a time of 2:25.99 at the Region II-A track meet at LeGrand Stadium, qualifying for state in the event for the second straight year.

In the girls 1,600 relay, junior Allison Halfmann, junior Lyndee Walker, junior Ixchel Sotelo and Schaefer teamed up to lead Garden City to a first-place finish with a time of 4:14.20.

As a team, the Garden City girls placed second with 62 points, trailing only meet champion Water Valley with 70 points.

Garden City freshman Jordan Driver qualified for state in her first try by placing second in the girls 100 low hurdles with a time of 16.64.

The Grady boys 1,600 relay team of junior Alijah Ontiveros, junior Jordan Rodriquez, junior Marshall Cox and sophomore Cristian Jimenez finished first with a time of 3:30.77.

Grady junior Alyssa Lyon qualified for state with a second-place showing in the 300 intermediate hurdles (48.95) and placed third in the triple jump with a 34-11 ¾.

Rankin senior Markus Black earned a state invite with his runner-up finish in the 100 meters (11.33).

Garden City junior Cesar Chavez finished third in the boys 100 high hurdles (16.13), Jimenez came in third in the boys 400 (51.68) and Rankin freshman Carlos Cura placed third in the boys 1,600 (4:55.52).

All three are eligible for wild card invitations to state. The Rankin boys finished fourth with 40 points.

Forsan's Garcia wins 200 at region I-2A

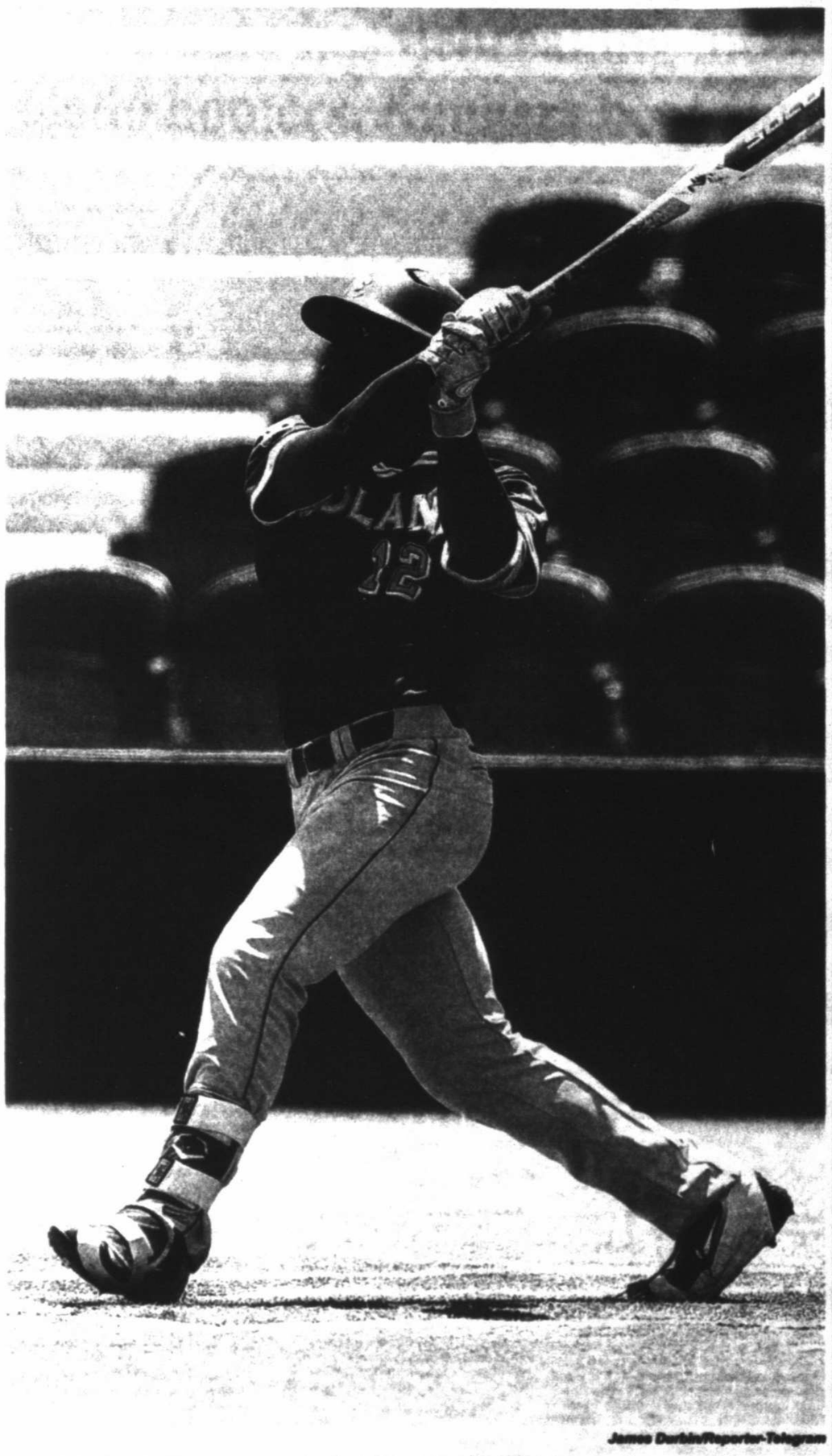
ODESSA – Forsan junior Emily Garcia is headed to the state meet after she claimed gold in the girls 200 meters (25.64) at Saturday's Region I-2A meet at Ratliff Stadium.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
5/03 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
5/07 6:00 Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation, PetSmart
5/13 6:00-11:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic at Ulmer Park
6/16 am 4th Annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1 Mile



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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Jordan Billups (12) swings against Frank Phillips College, Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

MC

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the Chaps scored three runs in the first, second and third innings before blowing the game wide open with 10 runs in the fourth.

MC sent 14 men to the plate in the fourth, racked up seven hits and also worked four walks in an inning headlined by a three-run, line drive home run to center by Frainyer Chavez.

Chavez said his team was feeling the physical effects of playing its fourth game in four days. But all that changed once the bats got rolling following Solis' Houdini act in the first.

"He came up there and executed three outs for us and that was a huge help. It was the fourth game (of the weekend), we were tired and that inning gave us energy to go back and do our job," said Chavez, who went 3-for-7 with six RBI on the day. "After something like that, everybody is excited, everybody wants to help the team get a win."

Added Benton Rogers, who was 3-for-4 with four RBI and a home run in the second inning of Game 2: "After the inning we just fired back and that's what we do best as a team."

Jordan Billups finished the day 4-for-8 with five RBI and four runs for MC, while Riley King was 5-for-9.

Duncan Chew was 3-for-4 over the two games for FPC.

MC racked up 19 hits in Game 2, six of them for extra bases.

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Game 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 10, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 3, 7 INNINGS

FPC	000	020	0	–2	5	4
Midland	121	400	x	–10	9	0

Ryan Marcus, Freddy Cotton (5), Brandon Gonzalez (5), Jared Dueling (6) and Gabriel Chavez, Chandler Eaton, Brandon Holley (7) and Cameron Mahan. W – Eaton. L – Marcus. 2B – FPC: Dariain Chew; MC: Ethan Burton, Garrett Wilkinson. 3B – MC: Jordan Billups, Cade Bolinger. HR – FPC: Brett Sims; MC: Jordan Billups.

Game 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 10, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 3, 5 INNINGS

FPC	000	11	–2	8	2	
Midland	202	(10)	–	12	19	0

Josh Garza, Dylan Solis (5), Rayvant Lee Mahone (6), Brandon Aguirre (6) and Braydon Reeves, Aaron Waterman, Noel Solis (1), Justin Lewis (3) and Garrett Wilkinson. W – Solis. L – Garza. 2B – FPC: Noel Solis 2; MC: Benton Rogers, Garrett Wilkinson. HR – MC: Ethan Burton, Riley King. HBP – FPC: Marcus Ramos; MC: Frainyer Chavez, Benton Rogers.

Records: Frank Phillips 30-20, 11-11 in WJCAC; Midland College 34-17, 24-8 in WJCAC
Next: Midland College at Ranger College, (DH), noon Friday; El Paso CC at Frank Phillips College, (DH), noon Friday

HS BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

SOFTBALL
GREENWOOD 10
FABENS 0

PECOS – Kyndall Dove spun a three-hit shutout to lead Greenwood to a Game 2 run-rule victory in five innings and a sweep of No. 25 Fabens in the best-of-three Class 4A bi-district playoffs, Saturday at Pecos High.

The Rangerettes (17-13-3) avenged their 2017 bi-district round loss to Fabens, and advanced to face Levelland (18-13-1) in the area round at a date, time and location to be determined.

For Greenwood, Karlie Savage went 2-for-4 with a double, two RBI and a run; Mollie Snowden was 1-for-3 with an RBI and three runs scored; Kaitlan Keel went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Ashton Rowoldt was 1-for-3 with a walk and two runs scored.

Dove struck out four batters and walked two over five innings, while throwing 52 of her 77 pitches for strikes.

"It was an amazing series," Rangerettes head coach Lee Anne Curry said. "I have never seen my kids more intense and have more fun at the same time. Everybody was on their game. Offensively, at the end of district we struggled, but over the last two days, it really put itself together. I couldn't have asked for anything better."

Fabens (24-8) was beset by eight errors in the loss.

Greenwood will be playing in the area round for the first time since 2015.

GREENWOOD 10, FABENS 0, 5 INNINGS

Greenwood	321	04	–	10	11	2
Fabens	000	00	–	0	3	8

Kyndall Dove and Payslee Sims, Sofia Salcido and Paola Holguin. W – Dove. L – Salcido. 2B – Greenwood: Karlie Savage, Jaylene Valenzuela, Kaitlan Keel

Records: Greenwood 17-13-3, Fabens 24-8
Next: Greenwood vs. Levelland, area round, TBA

BASEBALL
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 5
FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 3

Behind a strong start from Carter Eckles and a two-run home run by Quinn Kenney, Midland Christian rallied past Fort Worth Christian in TAPPS Division II District I action, Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark.

With the win, MCS (18-11-1, 7-5) secured the district's No. 2 playoff seed and will face El Paso Lydia Patterson Institute in the bi-district round at a date, time and location to be determined.

MCS fell behind 3-0 in the first inning, before a double by Trace Blue and inside-the-park home run by Kenney tied the game at 3-3 in the fourth.

The Mustangs scored the winning runs in the fifth on a bases-loaded walk by Zac Tilton and a sacrifice fly by Blue. MCS out-hit FWC, 9-7 in the game.

Mustangs starter Carter Eckles yielded the three unearned runs on seven hits over 6 1/3 innings, while striking out six and walking four.

Gage Jordan was 2-for-3 with a run for MCS.

MCS 5, FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 3

FWC	300	000	0	–3	7	1
MCS	003	200	x	–5	9	1

Smith, R. Pentecost (6), C. Pentecost (8) and Austin; Carter Eckles, Dakota Snyder (7) and Zac Tilton. W – Eckles. L – R. Pentecost. 2B – FWC: R. Pentecost; MCS: Trace Blue. HR – MCS: Quinn Kenney.

Records: FWC 17-11, 7-5 in TAPPS Division II District I; MCS 19-11-1, 7-5 in TAPPS Division II District I
Next: MCS vs. El Paso Lydia Patterson Institute, TBA in TAPPS Division II bi-district

HS SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

5A, Played Friday
Region I
Bi-District
Class 5A

Abilene (AHS) vs. Abilene Wylie (WHS)
Game 1: Abilene 10, Wylie 0; Game 2: Abilene 7, Wylie 6; Abilene wins 2-0

El Paso Eastwood (EP) vs. Odessa High (OHS-I), TBA, Paso
Game 1: Odessa High 7, El Paso Eastwood 6; Game 2: Odessa High 12, Eastwood 2; OHS wins 2-0

Keller (KHS) vs. Arlington Martin (AMHS)
Game 1: Keller 12, Arlington Martin 2; Game 2: Keller 11, Arlington Martin 1; Keller wins 2-0

Midland (MHS) vs. El Paso Andress (EPA)
Game 1: Midland 12, El Paso Andress 1; Game 2: Andress 12, Midland 7; Game 3: Midland 11, Andress 6; Midland wins series 2-1

Keller Timber Creek (TC) vs. Arlington (HHS), TBA, Crosby
Game 1: Timber Creek 6, Arlington 1; Game 2: Timber Creek 12, Arlington 0; TC wins 2-0

El Paso Coronado (EPC-I), TBA vs. Midland High, TBA
Pantego Panther Creek (14-11-1, TBA) vs. Abilene High (AHS)
Game 1: Abilene High 12, Panther Creek 1; Game 2: Abilene High 10, Panther Creek 0; Abilene High wins 2-0

Plano (PISD) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (FM)
Game 1: Marcus 2, Plano 0; Game 2: Plano 10, Marcus 0; Game 3: Plano 5, Marcus 1; Plano wins 2-1

Rockwall (RHS), TBA vs. Allen (AHS)
Game 1: Rockwall 10, Allen 0; Game 2: Allen 7, Rockwall 6; Allen wins 2-0

Flower Mound (FM) vs. Allen (PISD)
Game 1: Flower Mound 9, Allen 0; Game 2: Flower Mound 7, Allen 0; Flower Mound wins 2-0

Mansfield Timberview (TV) vs. Cedar Hill (CHHS), TBA, Waxahachie
Game 1: Midlothian 7, Cedar Hill 6; Game 2: Midlothian 10, Cedar Hill 2; Midlothian wins 2-0

Fort Worth Arlington Martin (AMHS) vs. Mansfield Timberview (TV)
Game 1: Timberview 11, Arlington Martin 1; Game 2: Timberview 11, Arlington Martin 2; Timberview wins 2-0

Fort Worth Southwest (FWS) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (PHS)
Game 1: Paschal 10, Southwest 0; Game 2: Paschal 11, Southwest 0; Paschal wins 2-0

Euless (EHS) vs. Keller (KHS)
Game 1: Keller 5, Euless 3; Game 2: Keller 7, Euless 1; Keller wins 2-0

Mansfield (MHS) vs. Fort Worth Boswell (FWB)
Game 1: Mansfield 12, Boswell 2; Game 2: Mansfield 11, Boswell 3; Mansfield wins 2-0

Euless (EHS) vs. Arlington Martin (AMHS)
Game 1: Euless 12, Martin 1; Game 2: Euless 10, Martin 0; Euless wins 2-0

Southlake Carroll (SC) vs. Wylie (WHS)
Game 1: Wylie 5, Carroll 3; Game 2: Wylie 7, Southlake Carroll 6; Wylie wins 2-0

Duncanville (DHS-I, 9-7) vs. Coppell Cox (CHS), Hilsboro
Game 1: Duncanville 5, Coppell Cox 2; Game 2: Duncanville 5, Coppell Cox 0

Dallas Sunset (DS) 7, Haltom 1

Colleyville Heritage (CH-I, 20) vs. El Paso Americas (15-17, FS), El Paso Rusk, Alpine
Game 1: Colleyville Heritage 12, El Paso Americas 4; Game 2: Americas 12, Heritage 7; Game 3: Heritage 11, Americas 6; Heritage wins series 2-1

Keller Timber Creek (TC) vs. Arlington (HHS), TBA, Crosby
Game 1: Timber Creek 6, Arlington 1; Game 2: Timber Creek 12, Arlington 0; Keller wins 2-0

El Paso Coronado (EPC-I, 9-7) 5, Midland High 1

Fort Worth Paschal (14-11-1, TBA) vs. Abilene High (AHS)
Game 1: Abilene High 12, Fort Worth Paschal 1; Game 2: Abilene High 10, Paschal

Guzman has tiebreaking hit, Gallo homers, Rangers beat Jays

By Ian Harrison
Associated Press

TORONTO — Eleven games into his big league career, Ronald Guzman is displaying the poise of a veteran in pressure situations.

Guzman hit a tiebreaking, two-run single in the sixth inning, and the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 on Friday night, winning a series opener for the first time in nine tries.

Joey Gallo homered and scored twice and Nomar Mazara had three hits and two RBIs as the Rangers won back-to-back games for the second time this season. Texas, which beat Oakland 4-2 on Wednesday, won consecutive 10-inning games at Houston on April 14 and 15.

Guzman broke a 4-4 tie with a single to left off Marcus Stroman (0-3), driving in Gallo and Mazara.

"He had a heck of a night tonight," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

The rookie first baseman said he's quickly learned to concentrate more on his own approach rather than concern himself with who's on the mound.

"The first couple of games I got lost a little bit because I was thinking too much about the pitcher, giving him maybe too much credit," Guzman said. "I'm thinking more about myself. The last couple of games, that's what I've been able to do, stick to my plan, make them throw my pitch."

Mike Minor (2-1) allowed four runs on nine hits in six innings to win for the first time in three starts. Minor walked none, struck out four and retired 11 of the final 12 batters he faced.

"Mike did a great job controlling damage," Banister said.

Kevin Jepsen got two outs and Alex Claudio got one, Chris Martin worked the eighth and Keone Kela finished for his fifth save in five opportunities.

Justin Smoak had the second four-hit game of his career but was thrown out twice on the bases for the Blue Jays, who have lost six of eight.

Stroman allowed six runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings, and has given up at least four earned runs in all five starts this season. His ERA rose from 8.55 to 8.88.

"I want to get back to being elite," Stroman said. "I'm a little off right now. Just doing everything I can to get back to where I need to be."

The Rangers jumped on Stroman with a four-run first. Mazara hit a two-run single and Gallo followed with a drive to left, his eighth.

"To put up four against Stroman is huge," Mazara said.



Frank Gunn/The Canadian Press via AP

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Bartolo Colon (40) works against the Toronto Blue Jays during second inning American League baseball action in Toronto on Saturday.

MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

American League

RAYS 12
RED SOX 6

BOSTON — Wilson Ramos went deep again and scored on Denard Span's inside-the-park homer, helping the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Boston Red Sox 12-6 on Saturday for their eighth consecutive victory.

It's the longest win streak for Tampa Bay since taking nine in a row in July 2014. The resurgent Rays have won nine of 10 overall to move within one game of .500 at 12-13.

Johnny Field and Carlos Gomez also connected for Tampa Bay, and Matt Duffy finished with four hits. Field's three-run drive in the ninth was his first career homer.

MARINERS 12
INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND — Jean Segura hit a two-run homer and matched a career high with four RBIs, helping the Seattle Mariners rout the Cleveland Indians 12-4 on Saturday.

Nelson Cruz, Kyle Seager and Ryon Healy also connected in Seattle's highest-scoring game of the season. Dee Gordon had two hits and scored three times, and Cruz finished with four hits.

Mike Leake (3-2) allowed four runs in six innings in his second victory against the Indians this season. The right-hander also beat Cleveland on April 1 in Seattle, allowing two runs in seven innings.

WHITE SOX 8
ROYALS 0
GAME 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Carson Fulmer pitched seven innings of four-hit ball and Daniel Palka had four hits, leading Chicago to another victory over Kansas City.

The White Sox are 5-0 against the Royals this season and 3-16 against other opponents. The Royals have been outscored 32-11 in their five-game losing streak and are a major league-worst 1-12 at home.

Fulmer (2-1) walked three and struck out three. Palka hit his first career homer in the seventh, a three-run shot off Burch Smith.

ROYALS 5,
WHITE SOX 2
GAME 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eric Skoglund overcame a leadoff homer by Tim Anderson that led to a bench-clearing incident, pitching Kansas City past the Chicago White Sox 5-2 to end the Royals' five-game losing streak and give them a split of Saturday's day-night doubleheader.

Anderson celebrated as he rounded the bases and Royals catcher Salvador Perez said something to him as he crossed the plate.

In the bottom of the first, Perez reached on an error and moved to second base when Lucas Duda walked to load the bases. There, Perez and Anderson, the shortstop, had more words as both dugouts and bullpens emptied.

TIGERS 9,
ORIOLES 5

BALTIMORE — Miguel Cabrera homered and drove in five runs and the Detroit Tigers snapped a three-game skid with a 9-5 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday night.

Cabrera finished with three hits and has 11 homers in 34 games at Camden Yards.

Francisco Liriano (3-1) allowed three runs and six hits with one strikeout and two walks over 6 1/3 innings. He has beaten Baltimore twice this year.

National League

CUBS 3
BREWERS 0

CHICAGO — Jose Quintana pitched seven sharp innings to help the Chicago Cubs beat Milwaukee 3-0 on Saturday and continue his dominance of the Brewers.

Quintana (3-1) has thrown 24 straight scoreless innings against Milwaukee dating to July 28. The left-hander tossed six innings of three-hit ball in a 3-0 win at Miller Park on April 8.

Tommy La Stella drove in two runs with a pinch-hit single in the seventh, and Javier Baez had a run-scoring double in Chicago's third straight victory.

DIAMONDBACKS 4
NATIONALS 3

WASHINGTON — David Peralta connected twice in his first multihomer game and Nick Ahmed scored the winning run on a bases-loaded walk in the 10th inning, sending the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 4-3 victory over the Washington Nationals on Saturday.

The NL West-leading Diamondbacks took the first two games of the weekend set in Washington to become the first NL team since the 1907 Cubs to win nine straight series to start a season.

Ahmed led off the 10th with a double off Sammy Solis (0-1). Peralta walked with one out before Austin Adams replaced Solis and issued consecutive walks to Jarrod Dyson and A.J. Pollock, putting the Diamondbacks in front.

DODGERS 15
GIANTS 6

SAN FRANCISCO — Chase Utley hit three doubles and a single as the Los Angeles Dodgers did damage against every San Francisco pitcher except emergency reliever Pablo Sandoval, routing the Giants 15-6 Saturday in the first game of a day-night doubleheader.

Sandoval was summoned from third base to begin the ninth inning and, in his first major league pitching appearance, retired three straight batters on grounders. The 2012 World Series MVP threw 11 pitches, helping preserve the Giants' bullpen for the second game. He also had a hit and an RBI.

Chris Taylor, who homered, and Utley each scored four times. Joc Pederson had four hits and drove in four runs, and Cody Bellinger had three hits and three RBIs as Los Angeles ended a three-game losing streak.

PHILLIES 4
BRAVES 1

PHILADELPHIA — Phillies center fielder Odubel Herrera reached way into the bushes beyond the wall to make a sensational catch that robbed Freddie Freeman of a home run, but the Atlanta Braves wound up beating Philadelphia 4-1 Saturday night.

Freeman later hit an RBI triple and Nick Markakis homered, helping Mike Foltynewicz and the Braves win for the ninth time in their last 12 games in Philadelphia.

The Braves led 2-0 in the third inning when Freeman hit a drive to deep center. It looked like a two-run homer off the bat, but Herrera jumped high and reached far over the fence.

MARLINS 4
ROCKIES 1

MIAMI — Wei-Yin Chen pitched into the sixth inning in his first start in nearly a year and the Miami Marlins beat the Colorado Rockies 4-1 on Saturday night.

Chen (1-0) allowed one run and four hits in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out three and walked two in his first game since last May 1 against Tampa Bay due to an elbow strain.

Derek Dietrich homered and drove in two runs for the Marlins, and Martin Prado had three hits and two RBIs in his second game of the season after returning from a hamstring injury. Miami has won three of four.

PIRATES 6, CARDINALS 2

PITTSBURGH — Francisco Cervelli hit his fourth home run of the season as part of a two-RBI effort in the Pittsburgh Pirates' 6-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday.

He hit just five homers in all of 2017.

It's been quite a strong start for the 32-year-old. Through the Pirates' first 27 games, he leads the team in RBIs with 20, is second in home runs and batting average (.307) and on-base percentage (.393).

Interleague

TWINS 3
REDS 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Jake Odorizzi pitched into the seventh inning, Mitch Garver homered and the Twins snapped an eight-game losing streak.

Odorizzi (2-2) gave up one run and five hits. Fernando Rodney worked around two walks while pitching a scoreless ninth for his third save in six chances.

Scott Schebler homered for the Reds, and Devin Mesoraco had two hits. Joey Votto went 0 for 3 with a walk, stopping his homer streak at four games.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

MISSIONS 4,
ROCKHOUNDS 2
At Nelson Wolff Stadium, San Antonio

TOP HITTERS: San Antonio catcher Austin Allen was 2-for-4 with a home run and two runs scored ... Teammate and left fielder Rod Boykin was 2-for-3 ... Midland catcher Sean Murphy was 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: Missions starter Miguel Diaz fanned three Midland batters and walked two over three hitless and scoreless innings ... Midland starter Joel Seddon allowed one earned run on four hits, while striking out five over five frames ... San Antonio closer Robert Stock notched his first save of the year with a perfect ninth.

HIGHLIGHTS: Josh Naylor singled to push San Antonio ahead 1-0 in the bottom of first, before Michael Gettys homered in the fourth to stretch the Missions' lead to 2-0 ... Midland tied the game in the top of the sixth on Murphy's double and a ground-out by Seth Brown, but Peter Van Gansen restored San Antonio's lead with a single in the home half ... Allen belted a solo home run in the eighth.

NOTES: The RockHounds went 1-for-7 with runners in scoring position Saturday. ... With the loss, Midland dropped to 2-4 against San Antonio this season. The Missions lead the series, 2-0 ... The series continues at 2:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — TBD; San Antonio — RHP Logan Allen (2-1, 4.15)

TL standings

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	12	8	.600	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	12	9	.571	½
Arkansas (Mariners)	10	10	.500	2
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	10	14	.417	4½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	14	8	.636	—
San Antonio (Padres)	13	9	.591	1
Midland (Athletics)	12	10	.545	2
Frisco (Rangers)	5	17	.227	9

Saturday's Games
Springfield 6, Arkansas 1
Northwest Arkansas 6, Tulsa 2
Corpus Christi 6, Frisco 1
San Antonio 4, Midland 2

Today's Games
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 2:05 p.m.
Midland at San Antonio, 2:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 2:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Springfield, 2:10 p.m.

MISSIONS 4, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	SA	ab	r	h	bi
Sportman	4	0	0	0	Tellez dh	2	1	0	0
E.White 2b	3	0	1	0	Naylor 1b	4	0	1	0
Ramirez lf	3	1	1	0	Pearce dh	4	0	1	0
Murphy c	4	1	1	1	Allen c	4	2	2	1
Vartigan cf	2	0	0	0	Overstreet 2b	4	0	0	0
Martinez rf	4	0	1	0	Van Gansen 3b	3	0	1	1
Brown 1b	4	0	0	1	Gettys cf	3	1	1	1
Martin ss	4	0	1	0	Allday rf	3	0	2	0
Siddall dh	4	0	1	0	Boykin lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	6	2	Totals	30	4	8	3

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San Antonio ..... 100 101 01x — 4

E — Murphy (5), DP — Midland 2, San Antonio 1. LOB — Midland 7, San Antonio 5. 2B — Murphy (12), Allen (8). HR — Gettys (3), Allen (6). SB — E.White (5), CS — Van Gansen (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Seddon	5.0	4	2	1	3	5
Gorman L, 1-1	2.0	3	1	1	0	2
T. Healy	1.0	1	1	1	0	1
San Antonio						
Diaz	3.0	0	0	0	2	3
Jester	2.0	2	0	0	0	2
Johnson W, 2-1	2.0	4	2	2	1	1
Yardley	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Stock S, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

HBP — By Diaz (E. White).
T — 2:36. A — 5,873.

McCullers, Altuve lead Astros over Athletics 11-0

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Lance McCullers threw seven sharp innings, Jose Altuve had four hits and the Houston Astros beat the Oakland Athletics 11-0 Saturday night.

Altuve hit a towering home run that left the ballpark and doubled. George Springer, Derek Fisher and Marwin Gonzalez also homered in the highest-scoring this season for the World Series champions.

McCullers (4-1) allowed two hits, striking out seven without a walk for his third straight win. The right-hander was perfect before Mark Canha singled to lead off the sixth inning. McCullers has not given up more than one run in each of his last three starts.

Altuve singled and scored in the first, hit an RBI double in the second and had a solo home run in the sixth.

Fisher hit a two-run homer in the fourth and Springer had a leadoff drvie in the sixth. Gonzalez, who had a sacrifice fly in the third, hit a solo home run into the second deck in right in the seventh. Houston got to Daniel Mengden (2-3) early, with three runs in the first on sacrifice flies by Yuli Gurriel and Josh Reddick followed by an RBI double by Alex Bregman.

Mengden was tagged for five runs and six hits in a season-low 2 1/3 innings.

Trainer's room

Athletics: RHP Paul Blackburn, who is currently on the 60-day disabled list with a strained right forearm, is throwing out to 90 feet but not off the mound, manager Bob Melvin said. OF Boog Powell (sprained right knee) is doing strengthening and conditioning but no baseball activity, Melvin said.

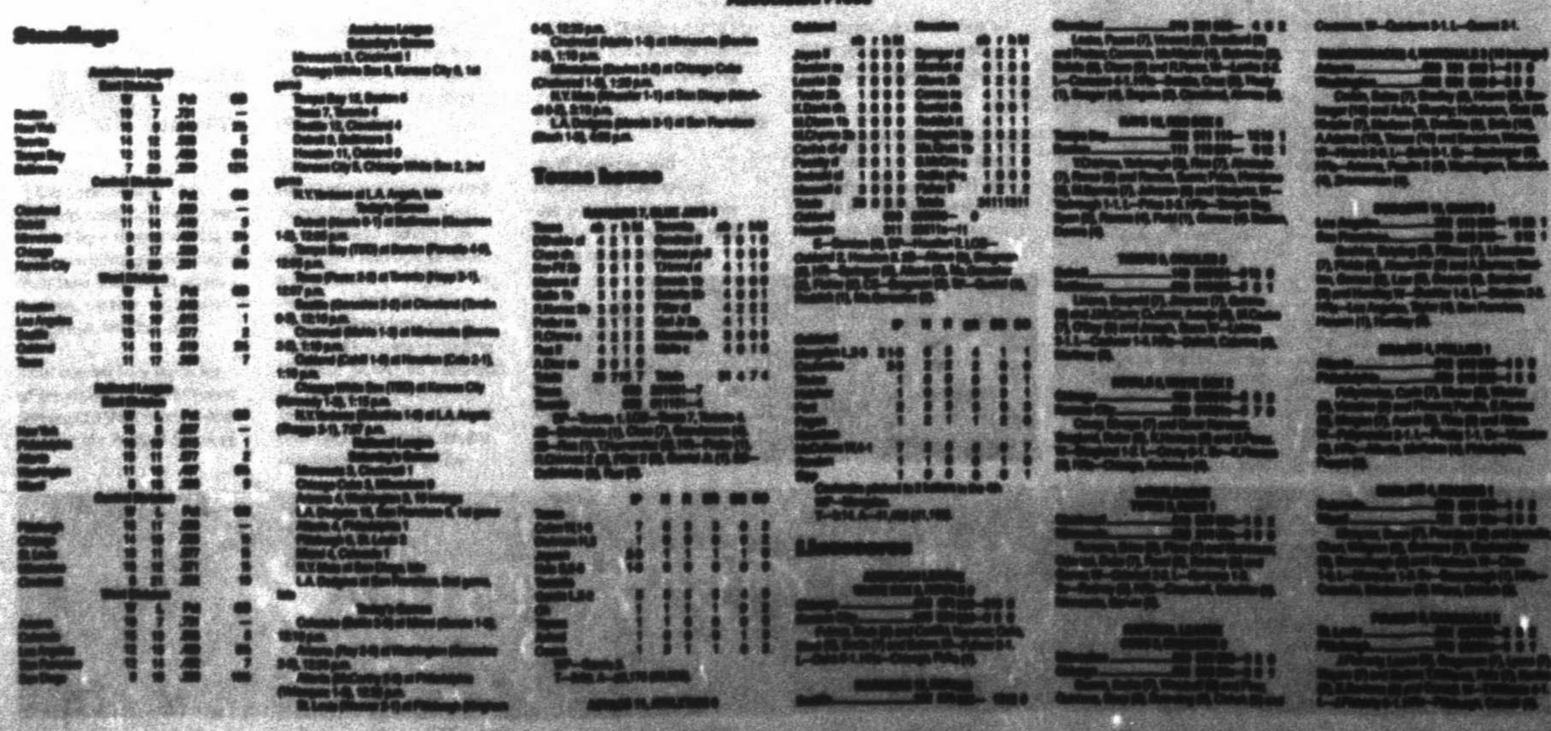


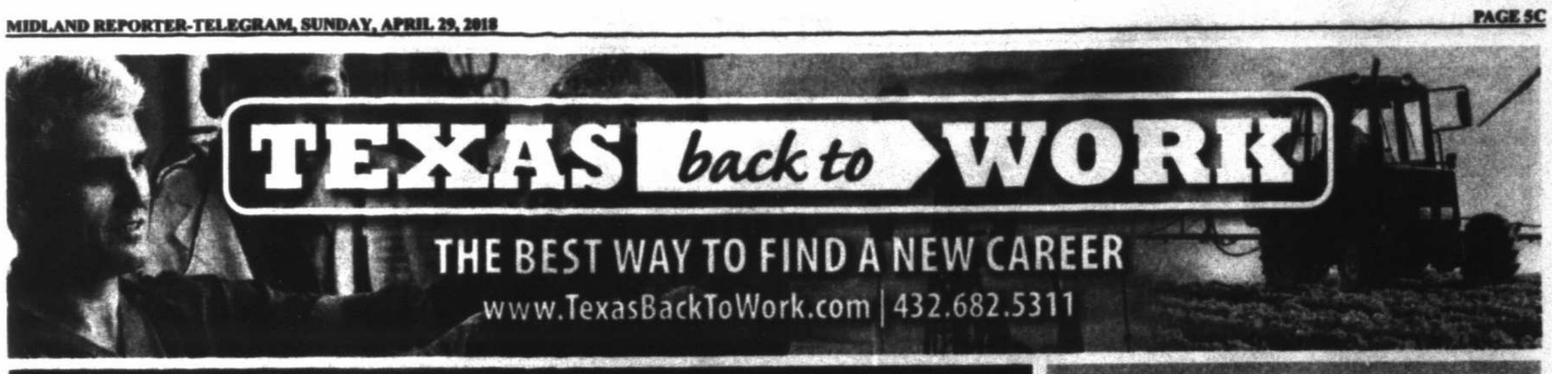
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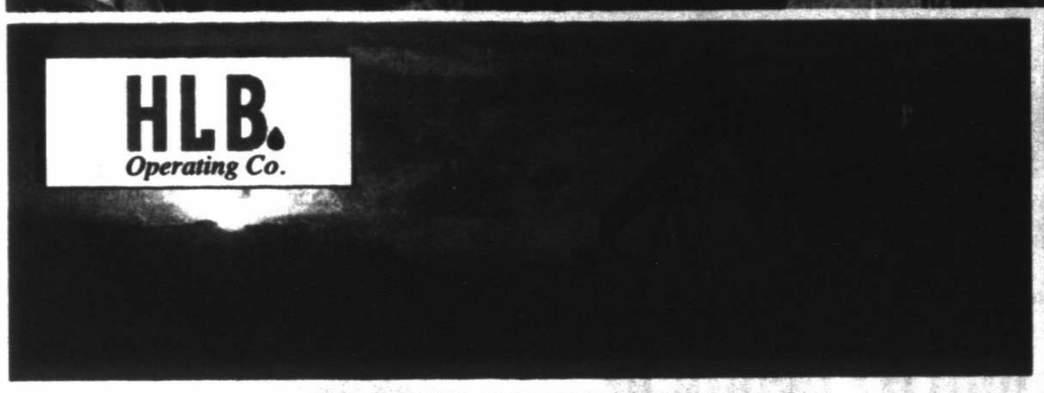
Houston Astros' Jose Altuve, right, slides safely past Oakland Athletics catcher Bruce Maxwell to score on Josh Reddick's sacrifice fly during the first inning of a game Saturday in Houston.

MLB GLANCE

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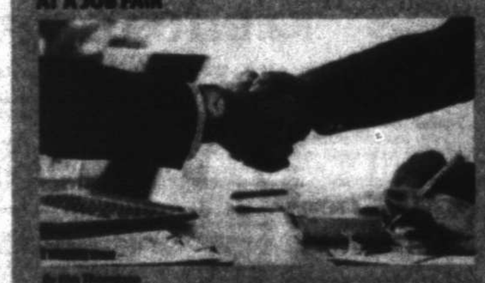
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TEXANS

From 1C

Secondary is primary

Gaine bookended his first draft with a pair of picks to help the secondary.

With his first pick in the third round, Gaine took Stanford safety Justin Reid and with his final pick in the seventh round selected San Jose State cornerback Jermaine Kelly.

"We want to have a versatile secondary because of the variations of things we do in sub-package defense," Gaine said.

Adding to O-Line

Gaine filled the Texans' need on the offensive line with Mississippi State tackle Martinas Rankin in the third round.

Gaine's other three picks were spent on wide receiver and outside linebacker.

"With the additions we made in this draft on the offensive side we feel like we added more weapons to surround Deshaun Watson with," Gaine said. "We also did add offensive linemen through free agency and the draft."

With his lone pick of the fourth round, Gaine scooped up Texas Tech wide receiver Keke Coutee with the 103rd overall pick.

Texans offensive and special teams assistant Wes Welker also played his college football at Texas Tech before playing 12 years in the NFL.

"We've been in contact a lot throughout this whole process," Coutee said. "He worked me out in my private workout, so just being able to work with him and him teaching me the game a little more and how to run routes is really good."

Getting defensive

After the Coutee pick, two of the Texans' final four picks were spent on outside linebackers.

Gaine drafted Wake Forest's Duke Ejiofor with his 177th overall pick and Stanford's Peter Kalambayi with the 214th overall pick.

Ejiofor finished his Wake Forest career with 128 tackles and 23½ sacks. He also had 41 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and six pass deflections.

Ejiofor and Kalambayi join a defensive unit that includes J.J. Watt, Jadeveon Clowney and Whitney Mercilus.

"This is a dream come true," Ejiofor said. "I've watched J.J. Watt, Clowney and Whitney Mercilus. This is crazy, I can't believe I'm about to join them and learn so much from them."

Ejiofor is recovering from right shoulder labrum surgery, but said he will be ready for training camp.

Still need

The one area the Texans didn't add to through the draft was at quarterback.

Houston has three quarterbacks on the roster in Watson, Brandon Weeden and Joe Webb III.

"We feel comfortable with the group we have at the moment," Gaine said.

COWBOYS

From 1C

fourth-year player Geoff Swaim.

Dallas is high on Blake Jarwin and hopeful that former Baylor basketball player Rico Gathers can develop. Gathers hasn't played a regular-season game and missed all of his second season after sustaining a concussion in training camp last year.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT NO. 1: Because of all the talk about Bryant and Witten, first-round pick Leighton Vander Esch was overshadowed. The linebacker from Boise State, taken 19th overall, could be a walk-in starter. Jerry Jones likes to compare him to Rolando McClain, a key man in the middle when the Cowboys won the NFC East in 2014. Dallas took another linebacker in the sixth round (Indiana's Chris Covington).

PLAN FOR AUSTIN: Rams coach Sean McVay used Austin as more of a hybrid, with some wildcat and other change-of-pace looks as a runner in the last of five disappointing seasons for the speedy receiver. The Cowboys have similar plans for him, and high hopes for more production than Austin had while the Rams surged to the NFC West title in the first year under McVay after 10 straight losing seasons.

TILTED TOWARD OFFENSE: Six of the nine picks were offensive players. The third-day choices were Schultz, quarterback Mike White of Western Kentucky (fifth round), receiver Cedrick Wilson of Boise State (sixth) and Alabama running back Bo Scarbrough (seventh).

STILL NEED: The Cowboys didn't draft a safety despite moving one of last season's starters, Byron Jones, back to cornerback. At the moment, the starters appear to be Jeff Heath and Xavier Woods, a sixth-round pick last year.

Kevin Kisner, Scott Brown team for one-shot lead at Zurich

Associated Press

AVONDALE, La. — Kevin Kisner had another great day at TPC Louisiana, rolling in putts seemingly from everywhere. Teammate Scott Brown wasn't having as much success, but a clutch birdie on the closing hole gave the duo a one-shot lead heading into the final round of the Zurich Classic.

Kisner holed three birdie putts from 20 feet or more and teamed with Brown to shoot an 8-under 64 in better ball on Saturday. They topped a crowded leaderboard that featured 13 teams within four shots of the lead.

"It was a dogfight for us today," Brown said. "I felt like Kevin played great. I kind of left him high and dry a couple times."

But Brown came up big on the par-5 18th when his third shot from a greenside bunker settled within 2 feet.

Kisner and Brown started the round one shot off the lead and made five birdies on the front nine. The back nine wasn't as smooth, with two bogeys mixed in with five more birdies, giving the team a three-day total of 20-under 196.

"We had a chance to probably run away a little bit and we just couldn't ever get two balls in good position on the back nine," Kisner said. "Still leading the golf tournament. Feel good. In the right position, where we need to go."

The duo lost on the fourth hole of a playoff to Cameron Smith and Jonas Blixt last year at TPC Louisiana, the first for the Zurich as a team event.

They'll face plenty of challengers on Sunday, when the tournament returns to the more difficult alternate-shot format.

Tony Finau and Daniel Summerhays shot a bogey-free 63, and Michael Kim and Andrew Putnam teamed for a 66. Both teams were one shot back.

Summerhays and Finau, both from Utah, played together last year at TPC Louisiana but missed the cut.

"I think our games are just flat-out better this year, this time around," Summerhays said. "We've definitely picked up each other when the other one has kind of been on the outs."



Joe S. Lee/The Dallas Morning News via AP

NFL Network's Scott Hanson, left, talks with Seattle Seahawks cornerback Shaquill Griffin, center, and Shaquem Griffin on stage during the NFL draft in Arlington, Saturday.

Shaquem Griffin finally hears his name at NFL draft

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Shaquem Griffin came back. The crowd loved it.

Players in attendance not selected in the first two days of the NFL draft usually head out of town before the fourth through seventh rounds.

Griffin, who sat through 100 names being called in the first three rounds, wasn't in AT&T Stadium on Saturday.

Then he was after Seattle spent the 141st overall selection on the Central Florida linebacker who has no left hand.

That fifth-round choice, announced in Seattle, drew loud cheers from fans at Jerry's World.

Griffin, whose left hand was amputated when he was young, has become the feel-good story this year and one of the most popular players in this draft because of his perseverance, outgoing personality and, of course, his talent.

"I mean that was amazing," Griffin said. "To even have an opportunity to come back, I didn't think I was going to be able to come back and do it ... I don't remember seeing too many people who have left and came back.

"That was the most amazing experience of my entire life. Me thinking about it, that moment, to be up on that stage and having the crowd go crazy, it was like we had won the Peach Bowl all over again. It was nuts."

Griffin helped UCF go undefeated last season, then blew through the NFL combine with a 4.38 in the 40, sensational lifting work with his prosthetic, and a can-do attitude.

Exactly the sort of player the Seahawks seem to find; they drafted his twin brother, Shaquill, out of UCF last year.

"It's been a really good experience," Shaquem said. "I would have been crazy to turn an experience down like this. I'm just glad I was one of the selected few to be here."

Griffin had one of the more unusual ways of finding out he was chosen.

"I was using the restroom and my brother came and tackled me with my cellphone, saying 'answer it, answer it,' and I looked, and that's when tears started pouring down," Griffin explained.

"I literally went to use the restroom and that's when my brother busted in and tackled me. I think I was more scared of him tackling me in the bathroom and not knowing what was happening than anything."

Griffin received, by far, the biggest cheers of the day — louder even than when the Cowboys' selections were announced. And he made a promise: "Great things are coming to Seattle."

Griffin's selection early in the fifth round enlivened a day in which most picks are relatively unknown or obscure players. Not all, though.

Michigan defensive tackle Maurice Hurst was taken one spot in front of Griffin by Oakland. The All-American would have gone much earlier, but a heart condition was discovered at the combine, dropping him far down draft boards.

He had 5½ sacks as an interior rusher and led all nose tackles and defensive tackles with 49 total quarterback pressures, according to Pro Football Focus.

"It's tough thinking that you're one of the top players in the draft and having good tape and everything like that, just having to wait," Hurst said. "You believe you're better than guys who go ahead of you is tough. I'm just happy to be in the right place and a great organization."

As for his health, "I'm ready to go right now."

Another All-American, Iowa linebacker Josey Jewell, was taken by Denver at No. 106. He's not considered quick, but he is active and seemed to be in on every tackle for the Hawkeyes.

"A lot of that is instincts. A lot of film watching for me," he said. "It really helped me because I did not run the fastest time ever, not even close. I had to be able to make up from somewhere else."

2018 NFL DRAFT SELECTIONS



PRO GOLF SCORES



Homebound: Most teams stay local for spring practices

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

Teams that hold spring practice sessions out of town each year believe it prepares their players for road games while providing a chance to connect with fans and attract recruits.

Yet, the vast majority of programs still choose to hold spring workouts on campus.

Of the 86 Football Bowl Subdivision programs that responded to an Associated Press survey, only seven had spring practice sessions out of town and away from its home stadium this year: Arkansas, Florida Atlantic, Memphis, Oregon, Oregon State, Texas Tech and Washington State. There are 129 FBS programs, to the AP heard from 67 percent of them.

For the last six years, Texas Tech has held at least one spring workout in Midland. The Red Raiders also visited the Dallas Cowboys' Frisco headquarters this spring.

"It's incredible to have 300 recruits watching your program and your product, and to have our incredible Dallas alumni base who show up in droves every time we're in this area," Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said after the Frisco scrimmage. "And it's great for our players to work the travel process, (experience) a new environment and come out here and have to play here in front of a bunch of people."



Wade H Clay/Special to the MRT

Texas Tech quarterback Jett Duffey (7) attempts a pass at a spring scrimmage on March 24 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Florida Atlantic even found a way to do some community service while heading off campus. The Owls' Fort Lauderdale scrimmage included a youth camp in which proceeds benefited families affected by the deadly shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Other coaches believe the benefits of conducting a scrimmage out of town are outweighed by the drawbacks.

Northern Illinois coach Rod Carey held a practice in Chicago two years ago and decided afterward it wasn't worth the trouble. He hoped the practice would help attract prospects but determined that a much bigger benefit comes from having potential recruits actually see the campus. Recruits are permitted to attend the off-campus practices, but coaches can't have any contact with them in that setting.

Carey also said his team didn't practice effectively after a long bus ride.

"I won't do that again," Carey said.

Harvick, eyeing 4th win of year, to start on Talladega pole

By John Zenor
Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — A different Busch will be Kevin Harvick's nearest competitor at Talladega Superspeedway — at least at the start.

Harvick will start on the pole Sunday at Talladega while he goes for his fourth win of the year, which would break a 3-3 deadlock with streaking Kyle Busch. Starting with him up front: Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Kurt Busch.

Even for oft-chaotic Talladega, drivers have said Sunday's race seems more unpredictable than usual with questions about the cars' handling. NASCAR changed the restrictor plates after Friday's practice laps in which Jamie McMurray's car flipped a number of times.

The change is expected to sap some horsepower from the cars.

"I've never really seen this much uncertainty going into a plate race before," Kurt Busch said. "So everybody's got their hands full. Handling will be at an all-time premium. And you have to make the right adjustments on the car. At the same time, you have to protect the car.

"I think (Sunday's) race will be about a patient race. It'll be about the old-school mentality of 'Protect your car and put yourself in position to win.'"

Riding a three-race winning streak, points leader Kyle Busch will start in 19th after failing to advance in qualifying. He and Harvick have dueled for Cup dominance during the first nine races while taking turns winning three in a row.

NASCAR Monster Energy GEICO 500 Lineup
By The Associated Press
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Talladega Superspeedway
Talladega, Ala.
Lap length: 2.66 miles
Car number in parentheses

1. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 194.449 mph.
2. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 194.082.
3. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 193.525.
4. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 192.886.
5. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 192.754.
6. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 192.730.
7. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 191.804.
8. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 191.723.
9. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 191.643.
10. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 191.344.
11. (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 191.340.
12. (20) David Ragan, Ford, 191.089.
13. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 191.089.
14. (10) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 191.478.
15. (43) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 191.313.
16. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 191.288.
17. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 191.167.
18. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 191.111.
19. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 191.103.
20. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 190.988.
21. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 190.986.
22. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 190.943.
23. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 190.495.
24. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 190.140.
25. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 189.797.
26. (95) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 189.797.
27. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 189.721.
28. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 189.714.
29. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 189.645.
30. (32) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 189.630.
31. (95) DJ Kennington, Toyota, 187.232.
32. (62) Timothy Peters, Ford, 187.088.
33. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 186.998.
34. (66) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 186.600.
35. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 185.711.
36. (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 185.167.
37. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 183.703.
38. (00) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 182.848.
39. (51) Timmy Hill, Ford, 181.691.
40. (16) Aric Almirola, Ford, 175.572.

NASCAR XFINITY RESULTS

Sparks Energy 300 Results
Saturday
At Talladega Superspeedway
Talladega, Ala.
Lap length: 2.66 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (8) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, 115 laps, 49 points.
2. (15) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 115, 42.
3. (5) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 115, 41.
4. (20) Noah Gragson, Toyota, 115, 0.
5. (2) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 115, 45.
6. (22) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 115, 31.
7. (4) John Hunter Nemechek, Chevrolet, 115, 37.
8. (9) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 115, 36.
9. (12) Cole Custer, Ford, 115, 35.
10. (24) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 115, 27.
11. (27) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, 115, 26.
12. (15) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 115, 25.
13. (28) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, 115, 24.
14. (0) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 115, 23.
15. (7) Shane Lee, Chevrolet, 115, 24.
16. (16) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 115, 21.
17. (23) Vinnie Miller, Chevrolet, 115, 20.
18. (28) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 115, 19.
19. (29) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 115, 18.
20. (38) Kaz Grala, Ford, 114, 17.
21. (18) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 114, 16.
22. (19) Ryan Reed, Ford, 114, 23.
23. (1) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 114, 24.
24. (21) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 114, 13.
25. (10) Matt Tifft, Chevrolet, 114, 22.
26. (31) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 114, 11.
27. (39) Timmy Hill, Dodge, 114, 10.
28. (32) Josh Bilicki, Toyota, 114, 9.
29. (36) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Toyota, 114, 8.
30. (11) Austin Cindric, Ford, 114, 7.
31. (25) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 113, 6.
32. (37) David Starr, Chevrolet, 112, 5.
33. (40) Mike Harmon, Dodge, 112, 4.
34. (35) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, suspension, 78, 3.
35. (24) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, fuel pump, 69, 2.
36. (17) Dylan Lupton, Ford, accident, 32, 1.
37. (14) Ty Majeski, Ford, accident, 32, 1.
38. (6) Ryan Truex, Chevrolet, accident, 32, 0.
39. (26) Chad Finchum, Chevrolet, accident, 32, 1.
40. (33) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, accident, 32, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 139.265 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 17 minutes, 44 seconds.
Margin of Victory: .102 seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 29 laps.
Lead Changes: 12 among 11 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D.Hemric 1-37; R.Sieg 38; D.Hemric 39-42; R.Reed 43; E.Sadler 43-52; J.Green 53; M.Annett 54; C.Bell 55; E.Sadler 55-74; J.Allgaier 75-100; A.Cindric 110-112; T.Reddick 113-114; S.Gallagher 115
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): D.Hemric 2 times for 39 laps; J.Allgaier 1 time for 26 laps; E. Sadler 2 times for 20 laps; A.Cindric 2 1 time for 3 laps; T.Reddick 2 1 time for 2 laps; J.Green 1 time for 1 lap; S.Gallagher 1 time for 1 lap;

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6804 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@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 694-5178 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

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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

Midland High Basketball Camp of Champs
When: June 18-20
Where: Midland High large gym
Ages: Incoming second-sixth grade girls and boys (8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.); incoming seventh-ninth girls and boys (10 a.m.-noon)
Cost: $50 for incoming second-sixth graders; $60 for incoming seventh-ninth graders, please send payments to Midland High School, Attention: Wes Torres, 906 W. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701

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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
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Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Zant's Elite Volleyball Camp
When: July 23-July 26
Where: First Presbyterian Church
Ages: 10th-12th grade, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.; Eighth-ninth grade, 10 a.m.-noon; Sixth-seventh grade, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Cost: $75
More for info: Please contact Heidi Zant at heidizant@aol.com

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 689-1718 or go to www.pbbstx.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 woman 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 432-638-1654 or Debbie Bounds at 432-413-6040

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

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For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
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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

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For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
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What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
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When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Redneck Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
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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

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Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Royse-Moorbourn 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 Halley, president at halleyshawn@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 Sheetists
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 comanchetrailsheetists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stake and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-19
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-694-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Haskins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodfield Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyotastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $40 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
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

COM Competitive Dive Team
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

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
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 Heidi Winkler at 972-955-8080, e-mail WestTexasTennis@gmail.com or visit www.westtexas-tennis.com.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4048

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $85, 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 934-707-0822 or email jmalcolmtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatetribes.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email gerypeterson@mygrande.net or visit midland-walkabout.wordpress.com

Mother's Day SPECIALS

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

TUESDAY - SATURDAY 9am - 8pm

BODY BEAUTIFIER $300
Aromatique Beautifying Massage - 50 min.
Beautifying Body Glow
Aromatique Therapy Facial - 50 min.
Beautifying Pedicure - 40 min.
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Appx. 3.5 hours (Regular $320)

DELIGHTFUL GETAWAY $145
Aromatique Massage - 30 min.
Mini Facial - 30 min.
On-The-Go Pedicure - 40 min.
Mini Manicure - 25 min.
Appx. 2 hours (Regular $160)

MOM KNOWS BEST $140
Swedish Massage - 50 min.
Elemental Facial - 50 min.
Appx. 2 hours (Regular $155)

MOMMY AND ME $110
2 Mini Manicures
2 Mini Pedicures
Appx. 1 hour per person (Regular $120)

SIMPLE RELAXATION $110
Swedish Massage - 50 min.
Aveda Spa Pedicure
Appx. 2 hours (Regular $130)

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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.

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Job Duties:
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•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.

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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, office 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 bending
• Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test

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Associate Traffic Engineer

Job Duties:
• Support or substitute for the City Traffic Engineer as needed .
• Oversee 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
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LVN -Full Time needed for Addiction medical clinic. Early morning hours. Medication Management, TB tests, Mixed drinks, medical orders. Paid vacations, holidays, personal days. Routine travel between Midland and Odessa. No health insurance available. Please fax resume to 800-571-5364.

MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE

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NOW HIRING

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 hardware 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, databases, 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, constituents, 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:
• Health care Plans
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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:
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- 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 80 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position.

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Endeavor Energy Resources

DOT Driver II

JOB DESCRIPTION: Job responsibilities include local (within Midland City and County) transportation by truck for Endeavor Energy completions or production crews. Cargo transport varies depending on driver's licensing.

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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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 right-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 coordination 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, acquisitions 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:
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- 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 in 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 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

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Janitor/Maintenance Technician

Local company seeking a janitor/ maintenance technician to work through vendor management program for maintenance activities in engine room and other auxiliary buildings near Spraberry, Texas. Must be able to maintain performance and complete tasks in a timely and safe manner in a variety of environments and temperatures; be able to lift heavy objects and follow all work and safety requirements including wearing fire retardant clothing, steel-toed boots, safety glasses with side shields and hearing protection. High school diploma and prior maintenance experience required. Send resume to Operations Manager, P. O. Box 462, Midland, Texas 79705.

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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:
- Health Care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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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.

$13.00 PER HOUR

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.



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PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - ***MUST BE DEPENDABLE***
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

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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 services.
•Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
•Dispatchers 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 dissemination 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 specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 30 WPM.
Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.
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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
•Serves 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.

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The residence is nestled in the beautiful Saddle Club North Townhouse area on a cul-de-sac and is loaded with amenities that you will find in very few homes anywhere. The house is heated with radiant floor heating to alleviate winter drafts. There is also a switch that heats the front walk to melt ice and snow and the home is literally filled with extras that make it truly a one-of-a-kind home. Months were spent designing every aspect for upmost enjoyment.

Tall soaring ceilings make you feel like you are outside as you step into the grand foyer. There is a large living room, a wonderful dining room, a den, an upstairs media/kids/hobby room. Then...to stop your heart as it beats, there is an elaborately designed kitchen that opens into a spacious breakfast/morning/family area complete with windows and doors opening onto a morning patio on one side and the pool area on the other side. There is a private study off of this area also for the computers and electrical equipment to keep them hidden.

State of the art appliances, gas stove, built-in refrigerator/freezer and custom countertops are just the start of this fabulous kitchen for the most serious cooks! This was all designed for family living from top to bottom. There is a vegetable sink and the storage in the kitchen is beyond belief.

This property has 4 garages, 5 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 1 half bath and abundant storage and living areas beyond your wildest dreams. As the old saying goes, "they just don't make them like this anymore" and there are none to be found to compare to this home. Drop by today and view this fantastic home from 2 to 4. It is being shown by Skeet Doss, Broker of the Doss Team at Midland 1st Choice.















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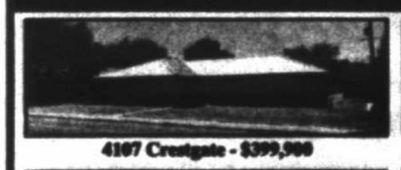
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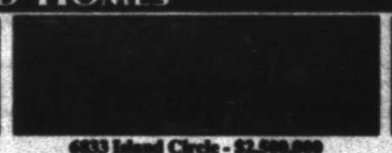
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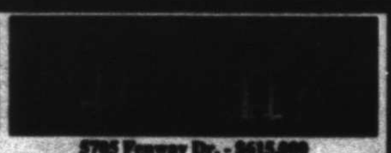
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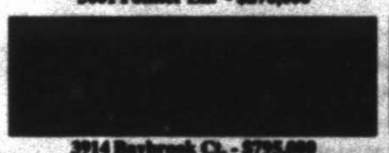
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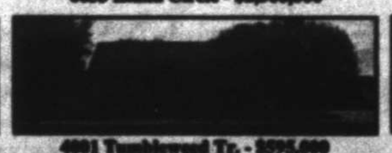
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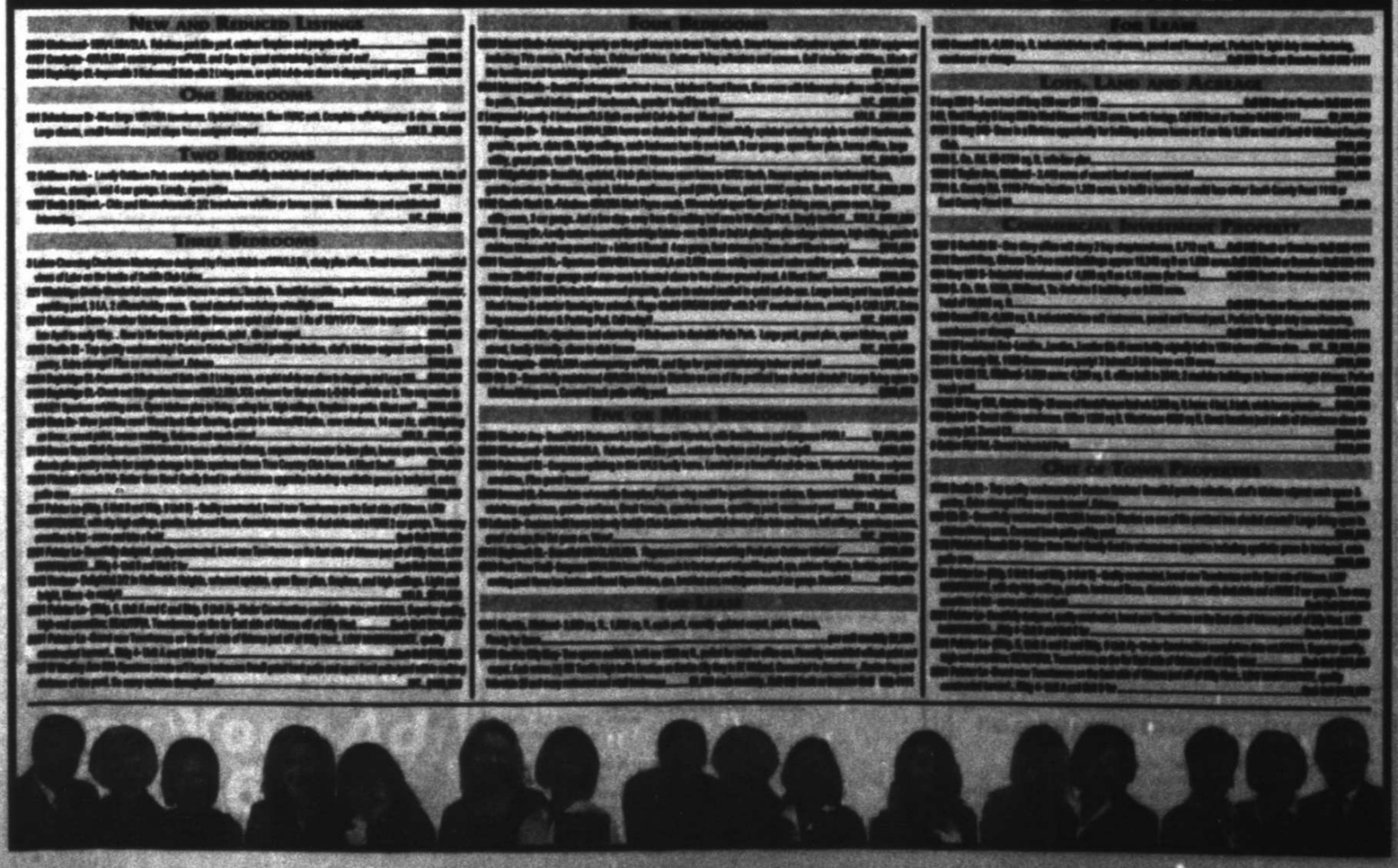


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Digital Media Account Executive

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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 a Digital Media Account Executive just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

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.
- Consult and educate clients in Digital Advertising and Marketing.
- Assist sales and marketing in promoting the entire line of digital products.
- 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
- Bachelor's Degree preferred
- Valid US driver's license and reliable transportation.

The perks:
- A great work environment it's never boring here!
- Paid in-depth sales and product training.
- Competitive base salary, uncapped commissions for unlimited earning potential, and significant opportunity for advancement within the company
- Collaboration ideas and input are always welcome
- Health, dental, 401k, paid time off we have you covered

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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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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 tasks, 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

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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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:
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- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
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NOW HIRING
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:
- Health care Plans
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Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling water/solids to drill rigs, fracturing 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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- Tuition Reimbursement
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SKILLED LABOR

MIDLAND

NOW HIRING
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 out 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.

Benefits:
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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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NOW HIRING
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.

SUBSIDIARY 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.
- Troubleshoots 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.
- Performs 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.

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NOW HIRING

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 posses skill to observe, read, and intepret 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.

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NOW HIRING

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, lifts, 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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NOW HIRING

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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Lab Technician

The employee is responsible for performing, monitoring, and intrepreting 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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NOW HIRING

Lead Water Purification Plant Operator

This position requires a demonstrated ability to perform advanced functions related to the operator 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 B. 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.

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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 correction 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 officers.
•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 operations.

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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NOW HIRING

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 outfields.
•Inspects grounds and athletic areas and facilities for repairs.
•Operates and maintains equipment used in daily operations. Fills out reports and submits to supervisor.
•Helps set up of special events and sports tournaments.
•Waters treatments and overlays 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 blowers, saws and other gardening and maintenance tools.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas Driver's License. CDL preferred.

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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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Local Drivers

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts 5am - 5pm (14/7 rotational) never on call, optional overtime.

Qualifications:
• High school education or equivalent.
• Valid operator's license.
• Clean driving record.
• DOT compliant

Comprehensive Benefits package!
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• 401 K
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NOW HIRING

Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

Performs skilled & Semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upkeep. Perform manufacturers recommended preventative maintenance to equipment at the Water Purification Plant.

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 possess a valid Texas Class 'B' CDL or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:
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Service Center Technician

Performs the 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 wrenches, 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 measure 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.

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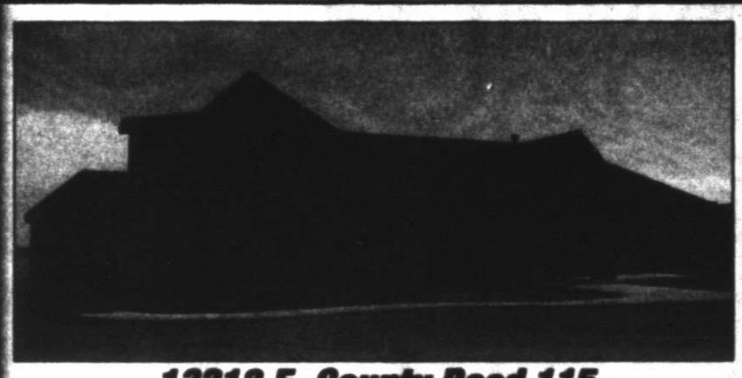
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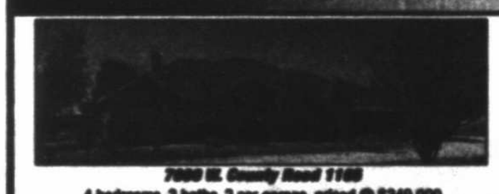
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202 S. Shackelford	11,000 Sq. Ft.	$799,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

1100 E. Co. Rd. S 2001	Stanton/10 Acres	$124,900
1401 HWY 176	Big Spring/20 Acres	$249,000
CR. Co. Rd. S 2001	Stanton/41.76 Acres	$499,000
County Rd. 124/80	320 Acres	$2,000,000

FEATURED PROPERTIES



7009 W. County Road 1168
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $349,900



2013 Woodhaven Drive
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $569,000



6109 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $699,000



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OPEN HOUSES

5102 Tockwood Trl	OPEN THIS! 1:30-4:00
204 Virginia Dr	OPEN THIS! 2:00-4:00
3311 Timber Wolf Trl	OPEN THIS! 2:00-4:00
6311 Chino Rd	OPEN THIS! 2:00-4:00

4+ BEDROOMS

5311 N Midland Dr. -Amazing location! Home & barn sit on 14.87 AC (3 lots)! Can be subdivided- to be sold as 1 pkg. 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 Dbl/2 Shelf gar home (built 1980)! Updated top-to-bottom! Sun Pool coming 2018!! $2,700,000

4200 Island Dr. -Majestic estate on oblk 9 (1.402 ac) on 10th tee box in QTH! 6 or 7 bed/4 full-2 1/2 baths (in bonus)! 3 or 4 living/dogs 4 car gar! Dazzling pool w/ pool house w/bath, brick & iron fencing & landscaped grounds with+ trees! $1,700,000

401 Sir Dunbar Pkwy. -Charming custom (by Woodruff)- to be completed 8/18! 5-7 bed/4.5 living/4.5 baths+ guesthouse w/ kitchen & bath! Top appliances, all hardwood floors, upstairs game room & planked for pool/water wall! $1,350,000

2021 Tradmore Ct. -Spectacular estate w/3 or 4 bed/3 or 4 living/4.5 bath/3 car gar on grand cul-de-sac! 4 bedroom & wet bar! Dazzling pool, hot tub, sunshelf (!), 2 fp patios & + to high finish & true fencing! 2 side yards! $1,199,000

2500 Belvedere Dr. -Absolutely spectacular & tailor fine new 4 bed/3.5 bath/grand room-ready-to-entertain-style home on 1/2 acre in Belvedere Estates! Lg lot & play-ready style! $749,000

2011 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! Janitor & septic included! Completion date: March 2019! $599,000

6311 Chino 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 fireplace! Will close to pick landscaping! $599,000

1200 BOX 1210 -Fantastic unique property! 1.2 acres w/ privacy, hangar, office & living accommodations! 16x70 hangar w/ retractable door! 2-story w/ 3 bedrooms/4 full baths/1 living/2 car garage w/ workshop! $599,000

1105 Castle Rock Ct. -Stunning custom Rick Payne (2012) built 4+-/4 bed/4 living/4 car gar w/ kitchen w/ top-of-the-line appl, granite/stone w/plenty of cabinets, gourmet kitchen & outdoor appliances, and wood flooring throughout! Low maintenance exterior- great for entertaining! $749,000

4201 Desert Wind -Spectacular 4 bed/3 bath/2 living (great room+formal)/2 dining/3 garage home on 4.7 acres! Gourmet kitchen, expanded beams, stone fireplace & tile flooring throughout (carpet in beds)! Lg backyard w/pool & 2 sheds! $599,000

2407 Limestone Ln. -Absolutely fabulous 2 or 4 bed/2.5 bath/grand room (+study or 4th bed)/2 dining/3 car garage shop w/epoxy floor! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, & Austin Stone accents! Covered patio & low maintenance backyard w/ turf! $369,000

1710 E Belvedere Dr. -Absolutely fabulous 5 or 6 bed/4 bath/2 or 3 living (pool, game room, media room, wine cellar+ more, really!) pr home w/ backyard oasis! Gourmet kitchen, stainless appliances, custom cabinets & granite! Outdoor kitchen, huge backyard w/ extra-sized pool! $599,000

5102 Tockwood Trl. -Fabulous 4 bed/3 bath/2 living (great room, formal+study+ office area)/2 dining/2 gar+shop home w/ pool in Stone Trail Pool area! Landscaped pool! Fantastic! $499,000

4204 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd -Lg lot w/ gated entry! Huge 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 dining/2 living/den, game room/ refreshing pool! Spacious bedrooms, closets & large living areas! High ceilings & wet bar! $599,000

204 Virginia Dr. -Fabulous charm & character abound in this custom old Midland home! 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living/2 dining & fantastic covered porch perfect for entertaining! Delightful neighborhood close to downtown & check yours! $549,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5205 Stacy Cove (Du Lane) -Fantastic 3 bed/2.5 bath/2 living/2 dining/2 car gar with carport home on secluded 3/4 acre! Great location on busy + Hillcroft dining! 3 suites for living, portable al fresco for dining & plenty of room to grow! Reasonably $399,000

5104 Shackelford Dr (Emerald) -Absolutely darling 2 bed/2 bath/large open great room with dining/granite breakfast/2 incredibly cute luxury! Soaring ceilings, recessed lighting & built-ins throughout! Open patio with retractable awning shade! $249,000

1502 Adams Ave. -Darling 3 bed/2 bath home recently built in 2016- like new! Light & bright kitchen, gorgeous dark tile wood laminate flooring, huge living area, spacious master w/private bath & backyard w/ privacy fence! $199,000

201 W W Robertson Dr. -Very nice 3-story/ 3 living/ 3 bed/2.5 bath townhome w/ carport! Many updates! Low maint home w/covered patio & Great Public Swimming facility & beautiful community pool! $199,000

208 Dallas St (Odessa)-Quick! 2 bed/2 bath/1 garage home in fabulous location in Odessa, TX! Cut-de-sac lot home w/ lg fenced & shaded backyard- perfect for play! $89,000

1910 W Taylor (Odessa)-4 bed/1 full bath and 1 three quarter bath/2 living/2 car carport home on large lot in Odessa, TX! Huge fenced & treed yards w/ lots of room for chickens, covered patio & chain link fenced yard! $99,000

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

4200 SE 29th, Odessa, TX 79766-10 acres of beautiful country home grass, 2 shade yards & all graveled! 14,000 Square Utility! 1 bed/1 bath/ covered RV/MC, work & outdoor kit, Storage Utility, workers rm, bath, also fencing & covered $249,000

1400 Sigler-7.5 Acres in 5/10 mesh estate (just north on Sly spring across from midland country club) $199,000

400-420 E Louisiana Rd.-Prime commercial land in high traffic area! Perfect for an office building, retail store, gas station, restaurant or church! 5 additional lots for sale that are not listed- All 6 lots make a block! $249,000

712 W Stanton St, Odessa, TX 79763-Great investment property for cash or exchange! Have also listed as a purchase for Utility to make several investments on a block with 6 homes! 1211 & 1215 Utility Lane- single family, two storage rooms, an office & 3 homes! $299,000

Timber Wolf Estates, Wolfe - Several acre subdivision, options, 5-8 Acre lots, still available. Water utility systems are all in place & buyers only. Graveled drive, Gas stubed right at entrance lot, also have 2,000 sq ft ..... $70,000 - $100,000

4100 East Way, Big Spring TX 79720 - 4 Acres perfect for following use: Invest in industrial park and lease/ market! Approximately 1 acre yard fenced with outdoor yard, Includes a small office building 720 sq ft and small storage building! $99,000

Timber Wolf Estates-Fantastic 4 acre lot with 4+ sq ft cabinet, stainless, high 9 ceiling & fireplace, gas stubbed. Other subdivision properties are available right off Rogers square. Residential lots, Commercial lots and Acreage lots! Starting at $20,000 sq ft. $20,000

Online Auction-Online auction ending 5/10/18! Check out our website for more info! Many properties, from office equipment to vehicles, plus specialty auctions! $20,000

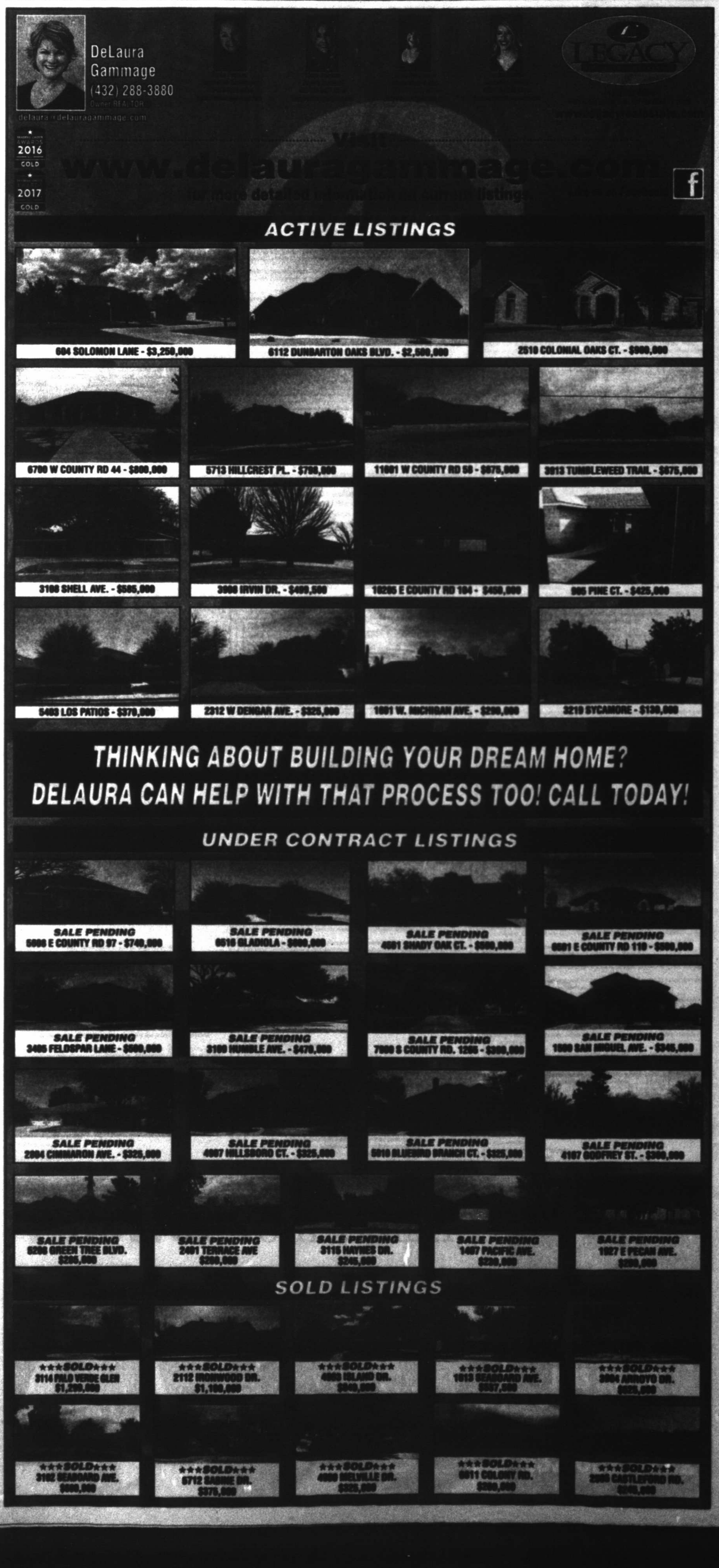
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2201 Westwood	UNDER CONTRACT!
6710 Belle Pl	UNDER CONTRACT!
6710 Edgewood	UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!
6800 Edgewood	UNDER CONTRACT!
7200 Stacy Hollow	UNDER CONTRACT!
2014 Roosevelt	UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!
2400 Guthrie Rd	UNDER CONTRACT!
1304 E Dale St	UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!
6101 Pete Dr	SOLD!
6800 Highland Blvd	SOLD!
6711 Cynthia Wells	SOLD!
4710 Hastings Oaks	SOLD!
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3405 FELDSPAR LANE - $500,000
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3116 HAYNES DR.
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1913 SEABOARD AVE.
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3102 SEABOARD AVE.
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5712 SABINE DR.
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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 affect 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 possess a valid class "C" Texas driver's license.

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
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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 possess a valid Texas Class "B" CDL required or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

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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 disinfection 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 tower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity 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" 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. Valid Texas class "B" CDL required or must be obtained within 1 year of employment.

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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

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Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

Perform 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 hand equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and striping truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders to 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:
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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 fuild 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:
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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 requests/work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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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 bags, 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.

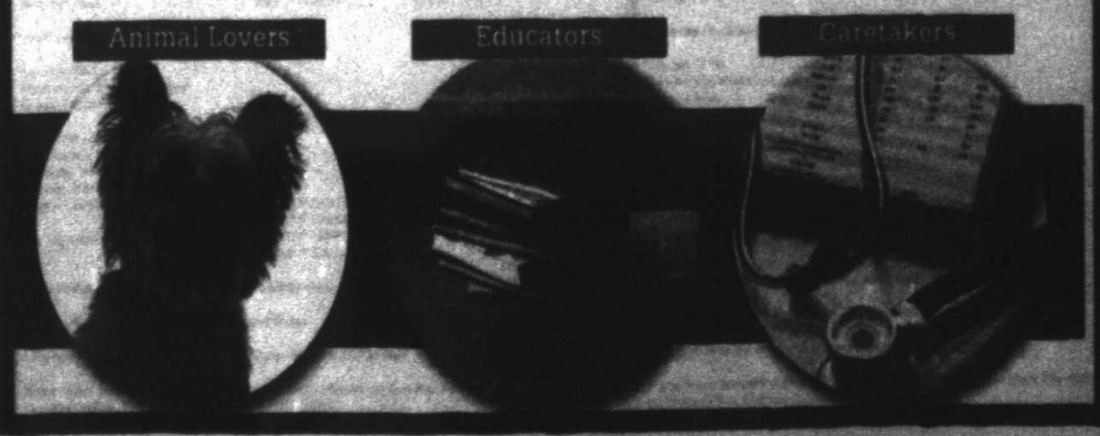
High school diploma or equivalent preferred with six months to one year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] 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, Blk. X, HILLIARD, H P Survey, A-11, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 1 miles S direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

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Lease/Unit Well No.	:	4313H	
Lease/Unit Acres	:	403.74	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	107.0	
Lease Lines	:	795.0 F S L,	230.0 F W L
Survey Lines	:	795.0 F S L,	230.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
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Terminus Location
SH 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
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Legal and Public Notices

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3.31- acre tract of land located in Section 24, Block 40, T-1-S, T & P RR. Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of Briarwood Avenue, approximately 2,460-feet west of Holiday Hill Road. ETJ, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
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City Secretary

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43.97-acre tract all out of land out of the east 1/2 of Section 18, Block 40, T-1-S, T & P RR. Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located on the west side of South FM 1788, approximately 187-feet north of West County Road 127. ETJ, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert C. Holzhauser, Deceased, were issued on April 26, 2018, in Cause No. P-19432, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Lora Holzhauser, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 3106 W. Louisiana, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 26th day of April, 2018.

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(432) 682-3672 (FAX)

By: Robert H. Dawson
State Bar No. 05926000
bdawson@cbtd.com

ATTORNEYS FOR
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

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70.04-acre tract of land out of Section 20, Block 38, T-1-S, T & P RR. Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of East Loop 250 North, approximately 1,872-feet east of North County Road 1182. ETJ, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0306834
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

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Call: 432-682-6222
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Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

"Application is being made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Dollar General Store #18622 located at 905 Todd Drive, Midland, Midland County, TX 79706. Officers of said Corporation are Steven R. Deckard, CEO, John Garratt, CFO, and James W. Thorpe, Secretary/CMO."

General Announcements

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Estate Sales

ESTATE SALES BY LAMAR COATS
2819 Caldera Blvd - (Midland)
Friday 9am-2pm Saturday 9am-1pm Sunday 2pm-4pm
Beautiful house full of decorative items, lots of new furniture. To see photos go to estatesales.net

Legal and Public Notices

Pharr & Company will receive bids for the Iraan General Hospital Physical Therapy Expansion & Renovation - Iraan, TX, on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 @ 3:00pm. Email bids to bids@pharrco.com or fax to 806-763-5843. Pre-bid meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 @1:00pm at the project jobsite. All questions must be received by 5:00 pm, Friday, May 11, 2018. Contact - Kenneth Barthold (806) 763-5263 kenneth@pharrco.com.

Legal and Public Notices

GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2700 FM 1379
Midland, TX 79706

BID ADVERTISEMENT

The Greenwood Independent School District is accepting bids for an exterior lighting project until May 9, 2018 at 12:00 pm. Detailed specifications for this project are available at 2700 FM 1379, Midland, TX 79706. Contact (432) 253-6678 or (432) 253-6677 to pick up a packet (including a detailed Bill of Materials, Description & Map of lighting locations). GISD reserves the right to accept/refuse any or all bids.

Legal and Public Notices

Public Notice
Proposal #2018-015

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for a tractor. 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 15, 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)685-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

Legal and Public Notices

Public Notice
Request for Proposals
#2018-012

Midland College is accepting competitive sealed proposals for roofing and repairs for areas on Advanced Technology Center, located at 3600 North Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705. A Walk-Through Conference will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the Midland College Maintenance Facility and Warehouse. The proposal forms and specifications may be obtained at the walk-through conference. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 17, 2018, at which time they will be opened and read aloud in the Administrative Board Room in the Pavehouse Administrative Building #108. For proposal packet information, contact the College's consultant, Greg Carroll, at (806)789-3267. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Primary Runoff Elections held on May 22, 2018 will be tested on May 1, 2018 at 9:00 AM at 2110 North A Street, Suite 103 to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Deborah Land
Elections Administrator

AVISO PÚBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección Primaria Decisiva que se llevará a cabo el 22 de mayo de 2018 se probará el 1 de mayo de 2018 a las 9:00 AM en 2110 North A Street, Suite 103 para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todas las proyectos de ley.

Deborah Land
Oficial de Elección

Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

NISSAN 2005 Sentra Special Edition one owner, 198K miles. Runs good. Needs struts. Excellent gas mileage. $2,100 OBO. 530-991-1980

Pickup Trucks

2005 FORD truck F250 lariat, Diesel, Crew Cab. Under 80,000 miles. Perfect Condition inside and out. No heavy use. Used only to pull a travel trailer. Must see. $15,400

Commercial Vehicles

Heavy Equipment



1999 STERLING Hot Oil Unit, email AUSTINPSHGODA@HOTMAIL.COM for pricing, spec sheet, and more photos.

Motorcycles

HARLEY Davidson, 2013 Street Bob. Custom bike. Saddlebags, windshield, Lizard lights, etc. 12,500 Miles. $7,000. Call 432-352-7470.

Recreational Vehicles

2014 RBD 5th Wheel TT 3 slide outs, 2 ac's, W/D, fully equipped and self contained, 1 owner, no pets, no smoking, Asking $20,000 or OBO. MUST sale by 4/29/18 Call (817)-791-1317

Fax It... 682-6999

RV Vehicles

2015 WINDJAMMER travel trailer by Forest River, 3025W, loaded, 2 AC's, diamond package, all fiberglass. 432-978-9085

2017 Platinum 37 FT 5th wheel, 3 slide outs, completely loaded, will sacrifice (817)-291-3943

2017 38 FT DLB slides,rear slid out, king bed, W/D, DLB ac's, power oning, tub/shower, will sacrifice best offer Call (817)- 939-6905

Recreation Vehicles

2016 5TH wheel 43', 4 slideouts, 2 bedrooms, 3 AC's, washer & dryer.l Excellent condition. $37,000 OBO. 817-975-0374

2016 HIDEOUT travel trailer by Keystone, 31', loaded, located in Lubbock. 210-360-0006

Houseboat-Stardust cruiser Super Nicel 58FT, Powered with two 350 Chevy engines, low hours, central hits, upper deck & waterslide, Kohler generator, sleeps 6, Lake Amistad, DelRio,TX.$65,000 OBO. (432)-881-6095.

ROYAL TRAVELER 2016 5th wheel. Like new 40' self contained, 4 slideouts, sleeps 7, fully loaded, full kitchen, garden tub w/shower, full washer & dryer, lots of storage, full surround sound, entertainment center, electric fireplace, 3 AC's w/ heat, electric awning, electric jacks. Pet & smoke free in perfect condition. $38,000. OBO. 817-825-6155

Garage-Estate-Yard Sale

Yard - Garage Sales

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1116 S. Fairgrounds Road. Fri., Sat. & Sun. 7am-6pm. ESTATE SALE/ GARAGE SALE/ YARD SALE!! Collectibles, antiques, vintage including furniture.

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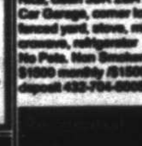
FREE HITACHI 65 in. rear projection television. Works good! Call for pick up 432-694-6116

Free to good home rescued cats and kittens. Call Brian 432-661-1817.

Miscellaneous

Straight edge drummer looking for a home. 432-704-1127

Real Estate Rental-Sale



4400 Thompson Dr 6A Nice, clean 3BR 2BA 1 Car Garage, corner lot / fenced yard, stove, microwave, refrigerator No Pets. Non Smokers. $1000 monthly /$1000 deposit 432-704-6008

16804 N. Wichita, Gardendale. Beautiful country home on 4 acres. 3/2 with oversized garage. 2,728 sq. ft., remodeled throughout. Pedestal fencing. 1800 sq. ft. shop and small barn. Covered breezeway with 20'x24' carport, patio and wonderful sunroom. $409,200 By appointment. 432-638-0500 or 432-208-3000 leave message.

Residential Sales

Single Family Homes

3 BED/2 bath bricked older home in Big Spring TO BE MOVED - $10,000 OBO. Call (432)-213-3574

FENCED in Commercial corner lot for sale, owner finance. Has water, electric, & sewer. Property comes w/ RV that sleeps 6, 52 ft. insulated trailer, and partially built storage bldg & trailer. $138,000, $10,000 down, 10% interest. Monthly payments negotiable. Contact Bill at 432-682-5157 or 432-631-2905 for more info.

FOR SALE by Owner 4 BR 3 bath patio home 2616 Noel Ave. 2480' sq. ft. Updated kit. Great layout and location. Shown by appt. 432-664-6116. Priced at $329,770.00

Lots/Acreage for Resale

Lake house for sale with separate 2 bedroom 1 bath guest house, also has carport with 1 car garage. New roof, asking $64,500. Can be seen online at Morgan Real Estate Sweetwater,TX

Double Wide 28 X 60 - 7 months old with transferable warranty, reason for selling have to re locate, - 3 bedroom - 2 bath - living, family and kitchen - open plan - has - deck - fenced in yard , - storage building , financing available, can be seen on craglist , (432-661-8737)

Acreage

ODESSA,TX 642.67 acres fenced, well, will divided, price $995.00 per acre, leave message if no answer, Call (210)-274-6051

DEER LEASE White Tail Mule deer at Best, Texas. Need 5 hunters at $1,800 per gun Contact 940-284-1518

COMMERCIAL YARD/ BUILD TO SUIT FOR LEASE 5 ACRES, FENCED 2 AC CALICHED. $2250/MONTH JUST EAST OF MIDLAND 432-694-7764

MIDLAND INDUSTRIAL Whse. 2703 W Industrial, 1800-4500 s.f. Dock Highdoorage units, 830-369-0215

COMMERCIAL OFFICE Building for sale in Eunice, New Mexico. 2,600 sq. ft. brick office. 6 separate offices, conference room, men & women restrooms. 20' x 60' new shop building. Large fenced yard. Lots of parking, very clean. Call 575-390-5981 or 575-631-4980 for more information.

40 AC. N. OF COMSTOCK. NEAR LAKE AMISTAD. W. TX BRUSH COUNTRY. DEER, JAVELINA, TURKEY, QUAIL & DOVE. $2,000 DOWN, $391/MO. CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. 830-370-0720 ranchlandsplus.com

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Large South Texas ranch. Mighty Improved. High fenced, great deer, turkey, dove and quail hunting, several irrigation wells, food plots, very nice hunting and ranch lodges, game managed, no production, some minerals convey.

320 acres Bandera county near Camp Verde, permanent creek, 2 dams, also Gold, county road front.

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Greg Tom, Broker. 830-739-0320.

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Commercial

10715 FM 307 Greenwood (Across from Elementary School) For sale by owner. 12 acres + 2800 sq. ft house. Retail - Oilfield - Residential. 432-230-6781

Mobile-Modular Homes

18 FOOT TRAVEL trailer for rent. Greenwood, one person, no pets, furnished. $550/mo. All bills paid. 432-413-6451.

Mobile Home Sales

DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE Home 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 living area. Must be moved. Asking $45,000. 432-488-9104



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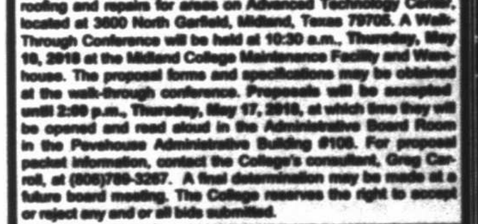
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BROWNWOOD WATERFRONT 2/2 HOME 2 LOTS AND A BOAT SLIP $90,000

BROWNWOOD WATERFRONT 3/2 HOME 8 LOTS AND A BOAT SLIP $199,000

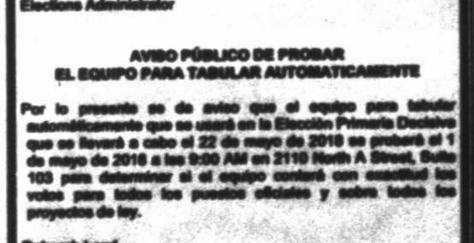
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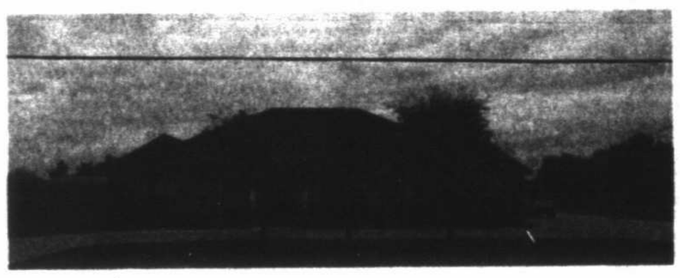
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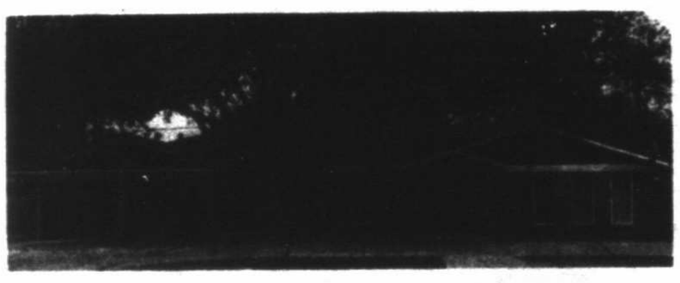
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Nearly 79 million adults—or 32% of the U.S. population—lived in a shared household in 2017. A shared household is defined as a household with at least one extra adult who is not the head of household, a spouse or unmarried partner of the head, or an 18- to 24-year-old student. For comparison, in 1995, 55 million adults—or 29% of the population—lived in a shared household, according to Pew Research. However, millennials living with their parents is still a popular trend. A separate Pew report in 2016 found that for the first time in 130 years, American adults ages 18 to 34 were more likely to be living in their parents' home than living with a spouse or partner. Pew says that dating back to 1880, the most common living partner was a romantic one...❑

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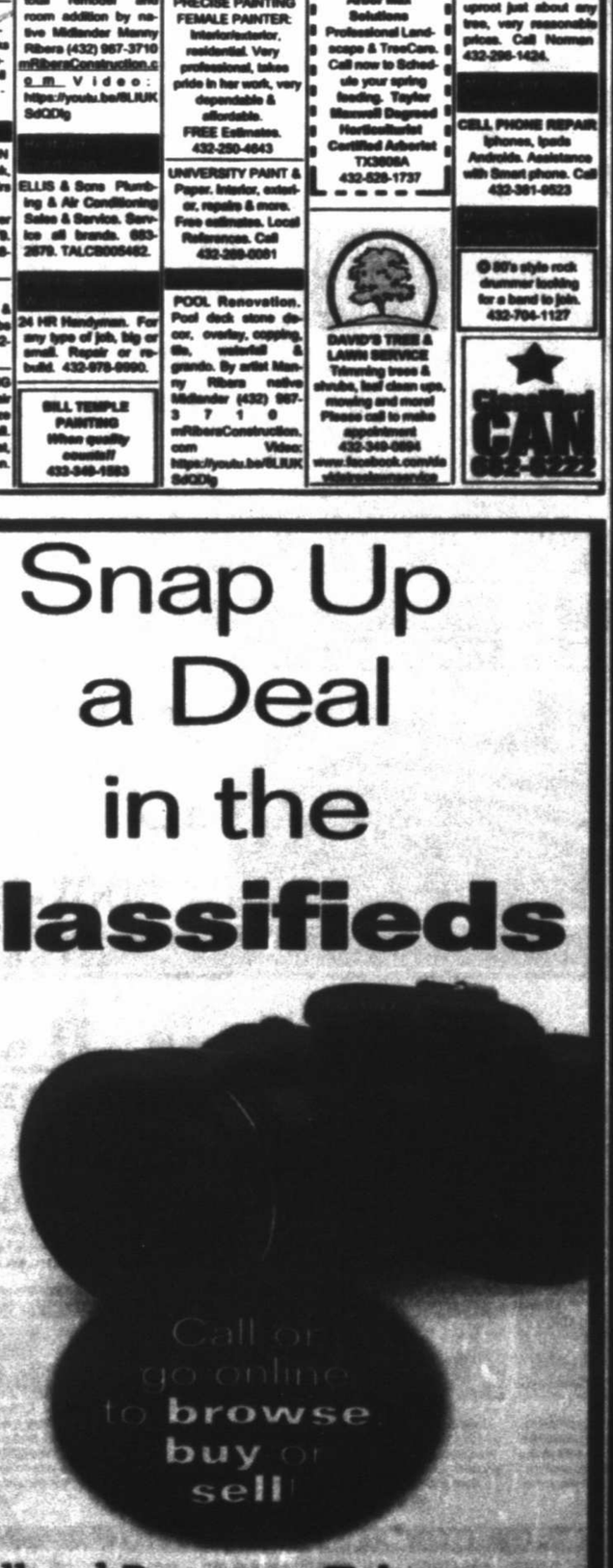
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Millennials Recognize the Value of Homeownership

Millennials are increasingly entering the housing market as first-time buyers and are expected to lead the growth in new home buyers too, the National Association of Home Builders reports from its analysis of Census data. The overall homeownership rate of millennials is at 36 percent, which is the largest gains among all age groups in 2017, the Census data shows. Millennials are the nation's largest demographic group, and more than 70 million are expected to enter the housing market over the next few years. "Millennials are recognizing the benefits of homeownership and are eager to buy their first homes," says Randy Noel, chairman of the NAHB. "And contrary to conventional wisdom, this generation is in the market for single-family homes in the suburbs as they look ahead to raising their families." Homebuilders are responding by increasing the amount of entry-level homes they are building, according to the NAHB. But they note that rising construction costs and limited lot availability have created challenges to building smaller, single-family detached homes that are affordable to first-time buyers and yet still cost-effective for builders. More townhomes may be the answer, builders say. The townhome sector plunged during the Great Recession, but it has steadily been on the rise since 2009. Townhouse construction was up 7 percent in 2017 over 2016, according to Census data. Builders are also taking note of millennials' preferences as they look to add inventory. Millennials desire a three-bedroom and two-bathroom home, outdoor space, flexible areas that can be used for multiple purposes, and more luxurious finishes, such as quartz countertops, the NAHB says of its surveys. *Source: National Association of Home Builders*

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4 Tips for Choosing the Right Fence

Many of us are looking to squeeze in one last home improvement project of the season; for those looking to fence in their yard, below are four top tips for choosing the fence that is right for you.

Decide your goal. Why are you installing a fence in the first place? Whether you want to keep kids or pets in, deter pests, for privacy or just for aesthetics, the reason behind your fence will help you decide the proper material, height, and dimensions. It would be a nightmare to install a new fence just to have your puppy jump over it or wriggle right under. Do your research before you commit.

Consider maintenance. How much time are you willing to spend on fence upkeep? Understanding this will help you decide what material to go with. Wood, while often considered the loveliest, is the most high-maintenance, as it needs to be re-stained and re-painted every handful of years. Aluminum or vinyl is relatively low-maintenance, and easy to replace—if your manufacturer continues to make the same model.

Price it right. Fences can range from $2,500 to $8,000, depending on many variables such as materials chosen and size of your yard. Be sure to shop around for prices before making a decision.

Shop for a contractor. As with any home improvement project, shop around for the best contractor. Be sure to ask the right questions. How much experience do they have installing fences? Do they have experience with the particular fence of your choosing? Also, make sure to get several quotes, as well as references.

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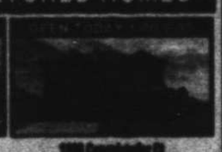
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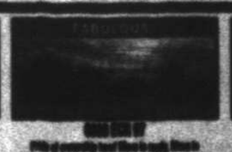
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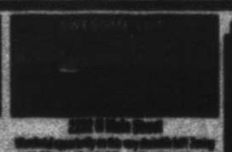
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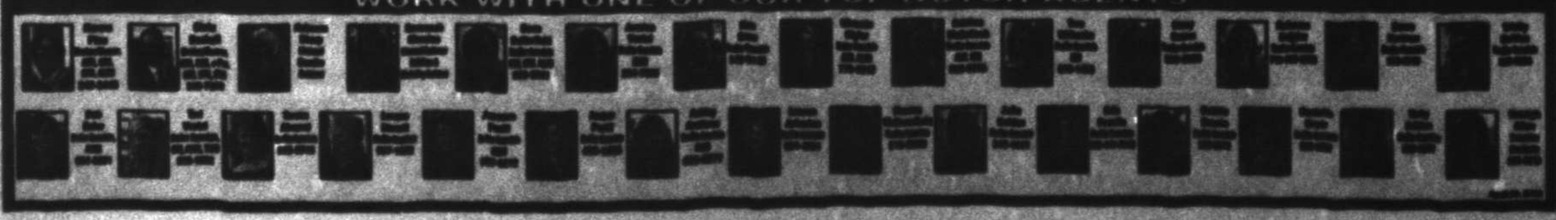
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1901 GLADEWOOD DRIVE....Kay Rivera 934-5905 ..... MLS #50014084 ..... $795,000
6303 DUNRAVEN...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50014584 ..... SALE PENDING
5313 SHADY WIND COURT....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50014303 ..... SALE PENDING
4217 BAYBROOK PL....Karen Foster ..... MLS #50011851 ..... $719,000
3405 FELDSPAR LANE...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50013710 ..... SALE PENDING
1101 CASTLEFORD DR....Denise Brasher $499,000
2904 SENTIMO....Donna Omar ..... MLS #50013240 ..... $499,000
5711 CRANSTON PLACE....Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50014178 ..... $499,000
9109 WIDENER STRIP....Danny Norwood ..... MLS #50004532 ..... $488,000
6301 DUNRAVEN CT....Stacy Gonzalez ..... MLS #50013550 ..... SALE PENDING
4403 WOODHOLLOW DR....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50014047 ..... SALE PENDING

1216 CORVAIR DR....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50012909 ..... $369,900
1217 CORVAIR DR....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50012908 ..... SALE PENDING

JD HOMES CONSTRUCTION
609 S. ADAMS ST...Josie Reedon 889-8304 ..... MLS #50012722 ..... SALE PENDING

ARMADILLO HOMES, LLC
7207 E. CR. RD. 91...Melody Carrol ..... MLS #50008826 ..... $370,000

HOMES CONSTRUCTION
910 S. BAIRD ST...Josie Reedon 889-8304 ..... MLS #50012067 ..... SALE PENDING

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

604 SOLOMON LANE...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50000055 ..... $3,200,000
8132 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50012849 ..... $2,900,000
609 AFFIRMED LN....Denise Brasher ..... MLS #50014360 ..... $1,975,000
2910 COLONIAL OAKS CT...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50012754 ..... $1,900,000
6700 W. CR. RD. 44...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50010101 ..... $1,900,000
5713 HILLCREST PL...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50012307 ..... $1,795,000
4200 GREENVILLE....Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50010426 ..... SALE PENDING
2101 DEEANNA....Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50013110 ..... $899,000
3913 TUMBLEWEED TR...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014000 ..... $875,000
5329 RIDGEFIELD CT....Roannah Glover ..... MLS #50014048 ..... $849,000
3304 HAVANA CT....Karen Foster ..... MLS #50011311 ..... $829,000
4425 VENDE GLEN COURT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50014448 ..... $829,000
3109 SHELL AVE...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014036 ..... $809,000
1901 GLADEWOOD DRIVE....Kay Rivera 934-5905 ..... MLS #50014084 ..... $795,000
6303 DUNRAVEN...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50014584 ..... SALE PENDING
5313 SHADY WIND COURT....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50014303 ..... SALE PENDING
4217 BAYBROOK PL....Karen Foster ..... MLS #50011851 ..... $719,000
3405 FELDSPAR LANE...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50013710 ..... SALE PENDING
1101 CASTLEFORD DR....Denise Brasher $499,000
2904 SENTIMO....Donna Omar ..... MLS #50013240 ..... $499,000
5711 CRANSTON PLACE....Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50014178 ..... $499,000
9109 WIDENER STRIP....Danny Norwood ..... MLS #50004532 ..... $488,000
6301 DUNRAVEN CT....Stacy Gonzalez ..... MLS #50013550 ..... SALE PENDING
4403 WOODHOLLOW DR....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50014047 ..... SALE PENDING

3701 CARDINAL LN....Pam Dodd $499,000
4409 GREEN TREE BLVD....Gina Reyes ..... MLS #50013622 ..... $499,000
3800 RIVER DR....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50013679 ..... $499,000
605 PINE CT....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014320 ..... $489,000
1 GAILLARD PARK....Roannah Glover ..... MLS #50014088 ..... SALE PENDING
4501 SHADY OAK CT....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50013590 ..... SALE PENDING
3109 HUMBLE AVE....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50013574 ..... SALE PENDING
7000 S. CR. RD. 1205....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50012695 ..... SALE PENDING
5403 LOG PATRO....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014141 ..... $379,000
1604 NORTH G....Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #50000505 ..... $369,000
5012 LLANO CT....Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50014540 ..... SALE PENDING
4321 STOREY AVE.-DUPLEX....Skye Faris ..... MLS #50014101 ..... $359,000
2312 W. DENBAR AVE....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... $355,000
2504 CIMARRON AVE....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014199 ..... SALE PENDING
6016 GLADIOLA....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014408 ..... SALE PENDING
5910 BLUEBIRD BRANCH CT....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014155 ..... SALE PENDING
4007 HILLSBORO CT....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50013658 ..... SALE PENDING
4709 ROSEWOOD....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50000582 ..... SALE PENDING
3913 CIMARRON....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50012755 ..... SALE PENDING
3102 PRINCETON....Leah Watkins ..... MLS #50010427 ..... $299,000
4709 BISHOPS CASTLE....Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50000043 ..... SALE PENDING
5406 SAN SABA CT....Gina Reyes ..... MLS #50000830 ..... $295,000
5209 GREEN TREE BLVD....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50013585 ..... SALE PENDING
2021 HOGG AVE....Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50000731 ..... $270,000
2909 SKYLINE....Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ..... $270,000

1415 PINE....Lavonne Johnson 770-3093 ..... MLS #5001414 ..... $270,000
109 CLUB DR....Josie Alvarez $264,500
2401 TERRACE AVE....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014545 ..... SALE PENDING
2505 DOUGLAS....Karen Foster ..... SALE PENDING
4604 NEBRAS DR....Leah Watkins 559-2167 ..... SALE PENDING
6000 KING RANCH RD....Pam Dodd $260,000
1200 ALCOVE CT....Darla Davis ..... MLS #50014059 ..... $260,000
3705 FAIRHAVEN....Larry Hatfield $260,000
1200 PRAIRIE LANE....Leah Watkins 559-2167 ..... MLS #50000433 ..... $260,000
3627 SILVERADO AVE....Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50013745 ..... $254,500
5300 CANADIAN....Pam Dodd 413-6799 ..... SALE PENDING
6000 KING RANCH RD....Pam Dodd 413-6799 ..... $250,000
3301 W. SHAMROCK....Larry Hatfield ..... MLS #50014200 ..... $249,500
4000 SHROPS CASTLE DR....Cheryl Parrish 357-3053 ..... MLS #50003188 ..... $249,500
3501 CLAIRMONT DR....Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50001051 ..... $249,000
3115 HAYDEN DR....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014353 ..... SALE PENDING
3305 EDGEMONT DR....Leah Watkins $250,000
6210 CANADIAN....Donna Omar ..... MLS #50003775 ..... $235,000
1407 PACIFIC AVE....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014251 ..... SALE PENDING
1601 CASCADE CT....Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50012399 ..... SALE PENDING
3901 DOUGLAS....Pam Dodd ..... SALE PENDING
1003 KELLY AVE....Martha Manelli 557-6744 ..... MLS #50004091 ..... $232,000
4504 CIMARRON....Larry Hatfield ..... MLS #50014200 ..... $229,500
1109 HILLTOWN RD....Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50000001 ..... $229,500
2412 EMERSON CT....Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50000158 ..... $229,500

702 SINCLAIR AVE....Lisa Russell ..... MLS #50012959 ..... $225,000
405 CHEROKEE DR....Leah Watkins 559-2167 ..... MLS #50004711 ..... $225,000
3001 STANDLORD....Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $225,000
3405 DOYD AVE....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50007035 ..... $225,000
3004 SINCLAIR....Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50000805 ..... $224,000
4007 CORONA....Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50013117 ..... SALE PENDING
600 SIERA LN....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50003252 ..... $223,000
5011 PRINCETON....Donna Omar $220,000
3000 W. SHAMROCK....Martha Manelli 557-6744 ..... MLS #50001315 ..... $215,000
3010 EDGEMONT DR....Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50013040 ..... $214,000
3025 JORDAN AVE....Skye Faris $213,000
600 WHITLEY DR....Skye Faris ..... MLS #50000410 ..... $204,000
3200 E. U ST....Larry Hatfield ..... MLS #50011403 ..... $199,500
2900 HOYA DR....Leah Watkins 559-2167 ..... MLS #50002102 ..... $199,000
4400 PENINSULE DR....Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50000761 ..... $179,900
4003 PRINCETON AVE....Josie Reedon 889-8304 ..... MLS #50011260 ..... SALE PENDING
3000 WHITLEY WAY....Leah Watkins 559-2167 ..... $199,000
1002 JEFFERSON....Lavonne Johnson 770-3093 ..... MLS #50014000 ..... SALE PENDING
300 S. DALLAS ST....Darla Davis ..... MLS #50002102 ..... $187,000
6204 SAN ANTONIO....Danny Norwood ..... MLS #50004027 ..... $180,000
3105 OLAND AVE....Wendy Waddell 638-9055 ..... MLS #50000053 ..... $180,000
600 SHERRIE....Denise Brasher ..... MLS #50013024 ..... SALE PENDING
4702 CORONADO....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50000521 ..... $149,000
1600 MIDWAY....Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50000870 ..... $134,000
4400 PENINSULE....Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $104,000

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

3400 COLLEGE....Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50013713 ..... $210,000
1005 MCDONALD ST....Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50014349 ..... SALE PENDING

4204-B HARVARD AVE....Stephanie Masterson 556-1594 ..... $100,000
3219 SYCAMORE....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014416 ..... $100,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

4400 E. CR. RD. 60...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #100422 ..... $999,000
6700 W. CR. RD. 44...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50010101 ..... $900,000
5600 E. CR. RD. 97...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50013098 ..... SALE PENDING
4311 E. CR. RD. 86...Tina Atkins 432-661-0062 ..... $685,000
11301 W. CR. RD. 18...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50013655 ..... $675,000
1001 S. CR. RD. 1140...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50014512 ..... SALE PENDING
7213 E. CR. RD. 114, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... MLS #50000407 ..... $599,000
5501 E. CR. RD. 110...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... SALE PENDING
7119 E. CR. RD. 114...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50010571 ..... SALE PENDING
12107 W. CR. RD. 62...Lisa Russell 741-5904 ..... MLS #100239 ..... $494,000
10200 E. CR. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50012759 ..... $480,000

6911 E. CR. RD. 120, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... SALE PENDING
7000 E. CR. RD. 110...Nicole Duncan ..... MLS #50012402 ..... $469,000
2712 S. CR. RD. 1084...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50014057 ..... $349,900
7200 S. CR. RD. 1205...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50012688 ..... SALE PENDING
11600 W. CR. RD. 94...Martha Manelli ..... MLS #50014042 2.5 Acres $349,000
10007 E. CR. RD. 102...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50012692 ..... SALE PENDING
2200 S. CR. RD. 140...Donna Omar $325,000
1200 S. CR. RD. 1110, GREENWOOD...Darla Davis ..... MLS #50011610 ..... $319,000
1002 E. CR. RD. 120...Andrea Snell 559-4417 ..... MLS #50000114 ..... SALE PENDING
5700 W. CR. RD. 140...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... $300,000

5700 W. CR. RD. 140...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50000045, 10 Acres $295,000
2200 E. CR. RD. 140...Donna Omar ..... MLS #50013410 ..... $245,000
1205 S. CR. RD. 1065, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... MLS #50012697 ..... $200,000
7000 E. CR. RD. 01...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... SALE PENDING
4310 N. CR. RD. 1270...Kay Rivera 934-5905 ..... MLS #50000495 ..... $249,000
4007 S. CR. RD. 1177...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #50000740 ..... $245,000
10001 E. CR. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... SALE PENDING
4310 N. CR. RD. 1270...Kay Rivera 934-5905 ..... MLS #50012670 ..... $199,900
4001 E. CR. RD. 81...Stephanie Masterson ..... MLS #50013602 ..... $197,000

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

14000 SIR H., GREENWOOD, TX...Donna Omar 349-1458 ..... MLS #50000609 ..... $999,000
10 LA CAMPANA DR....Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6000 ..... MLS #50012693 ..... $799,900
CO. RD. 2000, COMANCHE TX....Melody Carrol ..... MLS #50011044 ..... 155.391 Acres $795,000
7000 VISTA DEL SOL, ODESSA....Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50014343 ..... $649,000
6911 CR. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50011954 ..... $475,000
14 SUSSEX DR., ODESSA...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #100300 ..... $349,000
3016 SAN PEDRO, ODESSA...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50000302 ..... $315,000
COLORADO CITY...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #50000043, 10 Acres $300,000
3000 CR. RD. 310, HUBBARD CREEK LAKE-BRECKENRIDGE...Josie Alvarez $270,000

2742 VIA CASA GRACIA...Darla Davis 260-8077 ..... MLS #100332 ..... $275,000
6000 KING RANCH RD., ODESSA...Pam Dodd 413-6799 ..... $270,000
1709 BUFFALO AVE., ODESSA...Cheryl Parrish ..... MLS #50014014 ..... SALE PENDING
6000 ZIP, ODESSA...Pam Dodd 413-6799 ..... SALE PENDING
6720 CORNELL AVE., ODESSA...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #100276 ..... $264,000
1100 E. 46TH, ODESSA...Leah Watkins 559-2167 ..... MLS #50007312 ..... $260,000
1710 DEERWOOD AVE., ODESSA...Darla Davis ..... MLS #50011102 ..... $255,000
2201 S. 3RD, LAMESA...Larry Hatfield 340-4702 ..... MLS #50000073 ..... $250,000
611 E. 90TH ST., ODESSA...Tina Atkins 432-661-0062 ..... MLS #5013559 ..... $249,000

420 OLD CHURCH RD....Amanda Gunter ..... MLS #104104 ..... $189,000
403 E. 10TH STREET, ODESSA...Amanda Gunter 413-7220 ..... $189,000
10201 LOYOLA, ODESSA...Leah Watkins ..... MLS #50002305 ..... $183,000
5421 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA...Darla Davis ..... MLS #100224 ..... $179,000
612 CORONADO....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ..... MLS #100400 ..... $169,000
10210 E. CR. RD. 01...Leah Watkins 559-2167 ..... MLS #50004439 ..... $169,000
3122 CORTEZ AVE., ODESSA...Tina Atkins 432-661-0062 ..... MLS #107310 ..... $117,000
4002 LAKE CO. RD. 320...Cindy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #100220 ..... $99,400
300 4TH ST., STANTON...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50014288 ..... $95,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

4300 S. CR. RD. 1131...Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... MLS #50000725 ..... $1,800,000
12302 W. CR. RD. 100...Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50012355 ..... SALE PENDING
4300 S. CR. RD. 1131, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... MLS #50007249 Acres $1,370,000

6700 FM 307...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50007749 ..... $999,000
200 S. COLLEGE, STANTON...Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... MLS #50007702 ..... $225,000

2222 WOLFCAMP GRADE....Susan Palmer ..... MLS #50013309 ..... $200,000
404 MAIN, ELBOW DR....Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ..... MLS #102257 ..... $150,000

LAND AND LOTS

3002 S. CR. RD. 1000, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... MLS #50010433 ..... 10 Acres $1,640,000
4200 S. CR. RD. 1131, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... MLS #50011832 ..... 40 Acres $1,320,000
E. CR. RD. 87...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013494 ..... 59.88 Acres $599,000
1200 FM 307...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50005343 ..... $500,000
3304 CARDINAL LN....Pam Dodd $399,000
600 W. I-20...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ..... MLS #50012310 ..... SALE PENDING
S. CR. RD. 1200...Roannah Glover ..... MLS #107305 ..... 79.5 Acres $400,000
GOINS...Karen Foster ..... MLS #50014139 ..... 11 Lots $330,000
CO. RD. 60 W. AND 1200...Lavonne Johnson 770-3093 ..... MLS #50007449 ..... 9 Acres $180,000
GOINS CO....Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... MLS #50007174 ..... 10 Acres $110,000
4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013540 ..... 6.733 Acres $94,000
12100 E. CR. RD. 91...Josie Reedon 889-8304 ..... MLS #50012859 ..... $89,000
GREENWOOD LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013400 ..... SALE PENDING
4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013502 ..... 2.5 Acres $14,000

4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013503 ..... 2.5 Acres $14,000
4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013504 ..... 2.5 Acres $14,000
4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013505 ..... 2.5 Acres $14,000
4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013506 ..... 2.5 Acres $14,000
4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013507 ..... 2.5 Acres $14,000
4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013508 ..... 2.5 Acres $14,000
4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013509 ..... 2.5 Acres $14,000
4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013510 ..... 2.5 Acres $14,000
4200 S.E. CR. RD. 2700...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013511 ..... 2.5 Acres $14,000
GREENWOOD LOT...DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... 60 Lots/Building Pd $40,000
GREENWOOD LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013310 ..... SALE PENDING
GREENWOOD LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013311 ..... SALE PENDING
GREENWOOD LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013312 ..... SALE PENDING

GREENWOOD LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013313 ..... 6402 PENDING
GREENWOOD LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013314 ..... $20,000
GREENWOOD LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ..... MLS #50013315 ..... SALE PENDING
2000 CIMARRON LANES, COUNTY RD....Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... $20,000
2002 CIMARRON LANES, COUNTY RD....Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... $20,000
2010 CIMARRON LANES, COUNTY RD....Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... $20,000
2004 PENINSULE ST., COUNTY RD....Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... $20,000
2007 CIMARRON LANES, COUNTY RD....Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... $20,000
2010 CIMARRON LANES, COUNTY RD....Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... $20,000
2200 EL CAMINO...Leah Watkins 559-2167 ..... MLS #50007179 ..... $20,000
2007 CIMARRON LANES, COUNTY RD....Michelle Lasiter 230-3033 ..... $20,000
1200 E. GOINS...Karen Foster 230-4000 ..... 1 Lot $15,000
4000 S. CR. RD. 07, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #50013494 ..... 59.88 Acres ..... $10,000 Per Acre
1200 E. GOINS...Karen Foster 230-4000 ..... 1 Lot $11,000
1207 E. GOINS...Karen Foster 230-4000 ..... 1 Lot $11,000

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

105 PINE CT....DeLaura Gammage 269-3000 ..... MLS #50014334 ..... $439,000
2010 HOGG AVE....Denise Brasher ..... MLS #50011405 ..... SALE PENDING
1424 W. PINE AVE....Ashley St. John ..... MLS #50014348 ..... SALE PENDING
2010 HOGG....Karen Mann ..... MLS #50001701 ..... $329,000
4200 FAIRGATE DR....Gina Reyes ..... MLS #50000741 ..... SALE PENDING

3102 TERRACE....Danny Norwood 413-2764 ..... MLS #50012926 ..... $199,000
3410 GLENHAVEN, UNIT 10...Wendy Waddell 638-9055 ..... MLS #50007200 ..... $149,000

FOR LEASE

4211 ST. ANDREWS...Pam Dodd 413-6799 ..... $2,400/month





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Daimia Partin takes a picture of a dress for her sister, Savannah, March 23 at Howard Payne University in Brownwood as her 3-year-old son, Barrett, watches. Partin was looking at prom dresses for her sister, a sophomore at Priddy High School. HPU's Social Work Club sponsors the Cinderella Project, which makes slightly used prom dresses available to high school girls at no cost.

Howard Payne University students offer donated prom dresses

By Ronald W. Erdrich
Abilene Reporter-News

BROWNWOOD — At $500 a frock, "one-and-done" sounds painful when applied to a prom dress. But for many girls, that's exactly what it comes down to.

"My mom had seven kids" Sierra Spruill said. "It's hard to pay for prom dress for each one."

Spruill is a senior at Howard Payne University and the president of the Social Work Club. It's a service club at the university whose members assist groups within the larger community outside of the school.

"We do a blanket drive for the Salvation Army, we help with National Night Out," Spruill said. "We reach out to organizations in our community that need a little help."

The Social Work Club recently held its annual Cinderella Project to assist girls with the cost of prom. The expenses add up real quick for a spring formal dance.

"Prom dresses range from $200 to about $400, or $500, depending on sequins and all of that. They are crazy expensive," Spruill said. "A prom dress is pretty much a one-time thing; you don't re-wear a prom dress. You go the first time and that's your grand finale for that dress."

The philosophy works when it comes to a wedding dress, not so much in any other context, however. Consequently, there are a lot of slightly used — or even purchased but never worn — prom frocks in the world.

Wouldn't it be great to sort through some of

Please see PROM/4E



Sierra Spruill, the president of the Social Work Club at Howard Payne University hangs prom dresses on a rack.



Skylare Strasser, 17, of Bangs, holds up a white dress as she and her grandmother, Debbie Williams, look for a prom dress.

5 QUESTIONS

Andy Salcedo | Actor

OUT&ABOUT

by Julie Donnelly





EASTER EGG HUNT

Michael Martinez, back, and Sofia Izaguirre, front row from left, Julien Izaguirre, Mikaela Martinez, Ariana Valdez and Andrea Chapa



EASTER EGG HUNT

Isela Sanchez, back row from left, John Sanchez, Mark Sanchez and Adriel Sanchez; and Addison Sanchez, foreground

KIDS WITH DOWN SYNDROME ARE CELEBRATED

"That little something extra" was celebrated in a big way at Fasken Park on March 21, World Down Syndrome Day. Friends and family of hostesses Jill and Justin Ham, Kim and Shane Stokes, Lana and Jae Lewis and Sarah and Sam Beaufait gathered at the park with bikes, scooters, soccer balls, footballs, basketballs and skates to play in honor of their children who were born with Down syndrome — a condition in which there is an extra chromosome.

Cookies, cake, fruit, water and drinks were served.

CITY HOSTS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The city of Midland hosted its annual Easter Egg Eggstravaganza March 30 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. Thousands of eggs covered the grass until children ran and filled their Easter baskets. Prize eggs, hidden among the hunted eggs, included strips of paper announcing the kids had won baskets filled with goodies, cotton candy and other sweet treats.

A surprise prize egg in the "3 and under" group included a bicycle that was donated by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Midland. After the hunt, children enjoyed opening their eggs and meeting the Easter bunny.



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Mary Carter, back, and Lindy Ham, front row from left, Emery Ham, Aubri Williams, Laney Kate Johnston, Emma Doucet and Abby McClendon



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Joslynn Cooke, back, and Joseph Cooke



EASTER EGG HUNT

Susie Aleman, back row left, and Arelis Borunda; and Michael Borunda, front row from left, Jenny Aleman, Juan Aleman and Kayden Roque



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Laura Allen, left, and Penny Allen



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Sophia Lewis, left, and Lana Lewis



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Jayden Pedroza, from left, Emily Pedroza, Naydelyn Pedroza and Cristina Calvillo



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Zalya Chavez, back row from left, Viola Chavez and Isaac Chavez; and Addis Chavez, front



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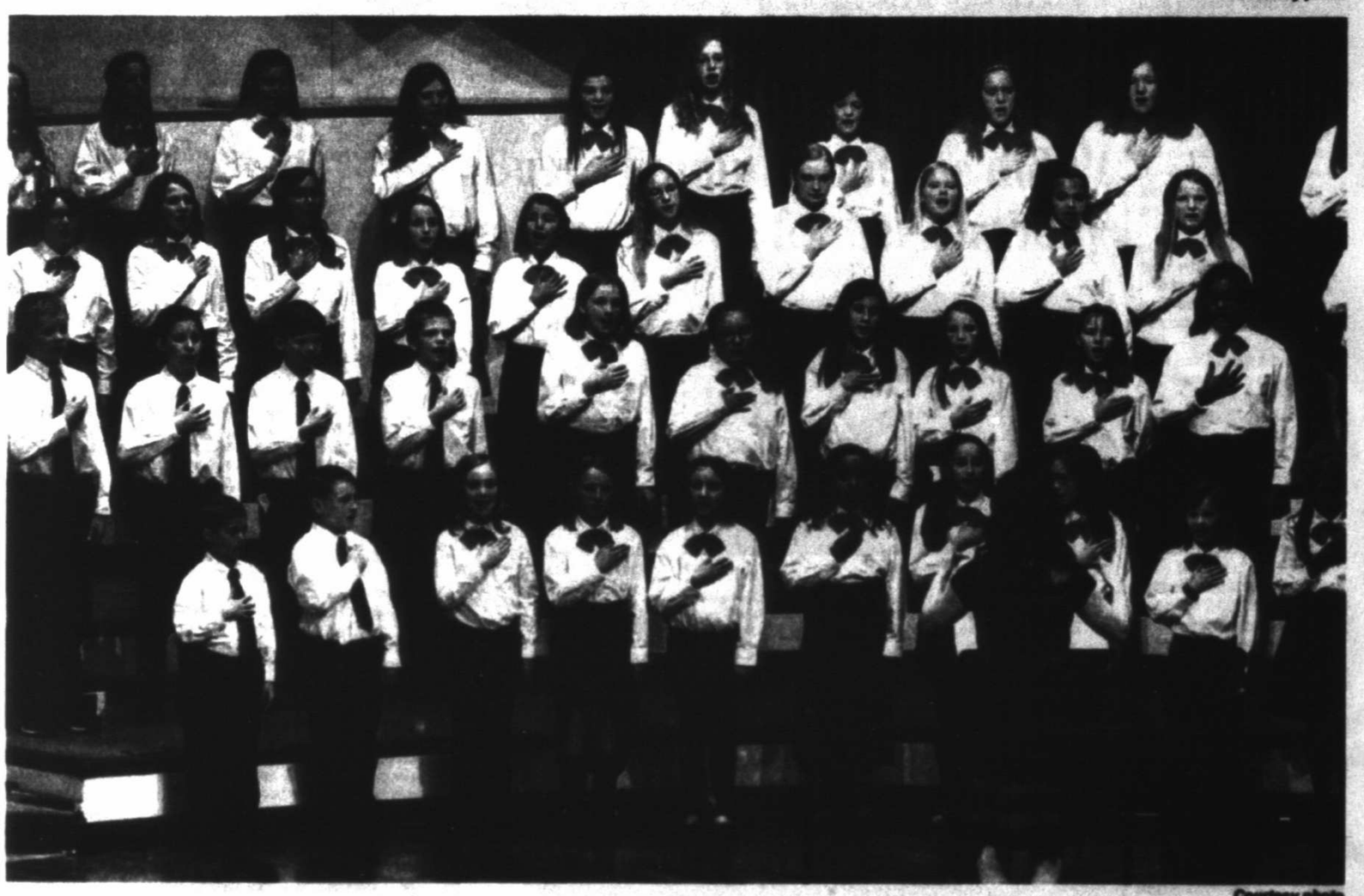
Kim Stokes, left, and Adley Stokes

RIGHT: Michael McWilliams, president of the Midland Shared Spaces board, toasts Autumn Vest, the nonprofit's executive director. Vest was introduced to the community April 5 at a reception for MSS' spring art show.



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BELOW: Members of Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale's Voices of the Permian Basin presented a spring concert, "We Sing," April 15 at First Presbyterian Church. The youth choir is under the direction of Emily Baker; accompanist is pianist LuAnn Lane. The choir is made up of third- through eighth-graders from Midland and Odessa.



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Ford - Blonkvist

Miss Cathryn Haley Ford and Mr. James Christopher Blonkvist were united in marriage on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at seven o'clock in the evening, at First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas. The Reverend Steven Schorr officiated the marriage ceremony. Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception at the Petroleum Club of Midland where the guests danced to the music of the Groove Nation Orchestra of Denver, Colorado. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Cancun Grill restaurant.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Michael Ford of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Natalie Joyce Bell of Brenham and of the late Mr. William Ulmer Bell of Dallas and Mrs. Peggy Duncan Ford and of the late Mr. William Thomas Ford of Midland.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Michael Blonkvist of Midland. He is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Pat Blonkvist and of the late Dr. Timothy Brent Blonkvist of Midland and Dr. James Colton Elder and of the late Mrs. Beverly Smith Elder of Nashville, Tennessee.

The bride, presented in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, wore a Mira Zwillinger chiffon gown with a sheer illusion bodice and back with delicate lace and beading ornamentation. She wore a Monique Lhuillier wedding veil that was also worn by her sister, Kelly Ford Reese, and her sister-in-law, Kathryn Dennis Ford.

Serving as her matron of honor was her sister, Kelly Ford Reese of Midland. Serving as her bridesmaids were sisters-in-law of the bride, Kathryn Gresham Blonkvist, Kathryn Dennis Ford and Whitney Blonkvist Gripp of Midland; a cousin of the bride, Chelsea Shay Friesen of Dallas; friends of the bride, Micaela Lewis Alvarez of San Francisco, California; Anna Paulson Barnett of Austin; Courtney Blair Rosen of Washington, District of Columbia; Rachel Marie Vandergeugten of Kalamazoo, Michigan and Sara Alvarado Davis, Carter Goree, Michelle Floyd Harris, Carrie Gates Hawkins and Claire McLaughlin Stanton of Midland.

Serving as the best man was the groom's brother, Kevin Michael Blonkvist, junior. The groomsmen were his brothers-in-law, Cameron Michael Ford, John James Gripp and Harrison Greer Reese of Midland; cousins of the groom, Brady O'Neill Blonkvist of Midland and Timothy Brent Blonkvist, junior of San Antonio; friends, Brandon Aubrey Batch of Washington, District of Columbia; Michael Jacob Feldt, Michael Houseman Gresham, Turner Moore Hardwick, Russell John Podraza and Spencer Colby Sell of Dallas; John William Foose of Lubbock; Ernst Preston Perry and Matthew Griffin Sledge of Austin; Justin Benjamin Toon of Fort Worth; Hunter Brett Bergman, Zachary Andrew Chisos Khudek, John Bronson Shaw, John Stapler Staub and Benjamin Keith Williams of Midland.

The flower girls were a cousin of the bride, Katerina Joy Ford of Austin and nieces of the bride, Annie Louise Blonkvist, Melanie Ingram Gripp and Frances Belle Reese of Midland. The ring bearers were a cousin of the bride, Jason Alden Ford of Austin and nephews, Kevin Michael Blonkvist, III, John James Gripp, junior, Kevin Whitfield Gripp and Robert Harrison Reese of Midland. The uncle of the bride, James Kyle Ford of Austin, was the scripture reader.

The groom is a graduate of Midland High and of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Christopher also earned an Entrepreneurship Master of Business Administration degree from the Acton School of Business and is currently employed with Fortress Energy Partners in Midland.

The bride is a graduate of Midland High and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance from the University of Notre Dame. Haley received a Juris Doctorate degree from the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver and is currently a land attorney for Crownquest Operating, LLC in Midland.

The couple resides in Midland after a honeymoon in Kauai, Hawaii.



Kolesnikova - Hubbard

Mrs. Natalia Velikova and Mr. Viktor Kalitsun are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ksenia Kolesnikova, of Austin, Texas, to Patrick Coleman Hubbard, also of Austin. Patrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Hubbard of Midland, Texas.

Ksenia graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, and a Master of Science in Business Analytics. She is employed at Facebook.

Patrick received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and will receive a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering in August. He is employed at Steger Bizzell Engineering in Georgetown, Texas.

The couple plan to marry June 2, 2018, in Austin, Texas.

'Busy' Trump admits he didn't get wife much for her birthday

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Are flowers and a card enough?

On Melania Trump's 48th birthday, President Donald Trump worried Thursday that his gift might not be sufficient.

Trump got an interview with "Fox & Friends" going by giving a shout-out to the first lady: "So, happy birthday to Melania," he said.

Asked what he had gotten his wife, Trump said: "I better not get into that because I may get in trouble. Maybe I didn't get her so much."

Justifying that, he added, "You know, I'm very busy."

He later offered that he had gotten Mrs. Trump "a beautiful card and some beautiful flowers" and added that she's a wonderful wife.



Andrew Harnik/Associated Press

President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump prepare to greet French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife, Brigitte, Macron as they arrive Tuesday for a state dinner at the White House.

The president isn't the only one who's been busy.

The first lady planned Tuesday's state dinner for the president of France. Last weekend, she attended the Houston funeral of former first lady Barbara Bush. And she and the president recently hosted the Japanese prime minister and his wife at the Trumps' Florida estate for a two-day visit.

Mrs. Trump's office said she spent her birthday with family.

BRIDGE

Permian Bridge Club

April 16

Marlene Blumentritt-Dorothy Brenneman, Belle Harris-Kay Sewell, Ann Servatius-Linda Buzan, Greg Keys-Linda Scarpelli, Em Carnett-Darlynna Rush, Terri Melton-Linda McDonald

April 17

Ann Parish-Buzan, Flo Curry-Servatius, James Hawkins-Bob Bacon, Kay Arrell-Tommie Strack-Janet Stoltz-Brenda Brauner

April 18

Blumentritt-Curry, David Hudson-Keys, Hawkins-Bacon, Scott Vaughan-Lonnie Yee, Betty Moore-Buzan

April 19

Dorothy Blair-Blumentritt, Phyllis Maxwell-Georgia Temple, Helen Davis-John Seymour, Douglas Brown-Buzan, McDonald-Linda Farrar

Scarpelli-Keys, Mary Louise Dyer-Sarann Savage, Mike Schluster-Deborah Brookins, Sonya Hopkins-Sewell

Overall: Blair-Blumentritt, Keys-Scarpelli, Dyer-Savage, Maxwell-Temple, Schluster-Brookins, Hopkins-Sewell, Davis-Seymour, Buzan-Brown, McDonald-Farrar

April 20

Curry-Blumentritt, Bacon-Hawkins, Servatius-Strack, Stoltz-Paula Baggett, Bonnie Hubbard-Ricki Perry, Sue Marshall-Sally Reeder, Arrell-K.C. Evans, Buzan-Moore

April 22

Curry-Evans, Blumentritt-Perry, Grimes-Servatius, Buzan-Strack

BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Fred's brilliancy

Both vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠AKQJ5
♡K52
◇A96
♣K9

WEST
♠83
♡J64
◇102
♣A87542

EAST
♠9742
♡A108
◇K875
♣Q10

SOUTH
♠106
♡Q973
◇QJ43
♣J63

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Opening lead: Five of ♣

Esther was thrilled to be playing with Fred once again. Fred was still a fine player, but he seldom came to the club anymore. Esther invited him often, and she was always excited when he accepted. She couldn't keep up with Fred as a player, but she loved the challenge.

Esther, West in today's deal, led her fourth-best club. Declarer played low from dummy, Fred played his 10, and South won with the jack. The contract was a poor one, seeming to need a 4-4 club split, or a miracle blockage, plus a successful diamond finesse. Declarer started by running the queen of diamonds. This lost to Fred's king and Fred returned the queen of clubs to Esther's ace.

Esther wasn't quite sure what had happened, but it seemed possible that all of her clubs were now high. Nervously testing the waters, she led her eight of clubs. Sure enough, it held the trick and Esther gleefully ran the rest of her clubs. She then shifted to a heart and they defeated the contract by three tricks!

"You blew it at trick one," said North, in the process of losing yet another partner. "You could have played high from dummy at trick one or low from your hand. Either play would have let you make nine tricks. You got it wrong in both hands!"

No one mentioned Fred's brilliant play at trick one, and Fred was too modest to bring it up. Great play!

PROM

From 1E

those? That's exactly the idea behind the Cinderella Project, now in its 12th year.

"Girls want to experience the prom. Every year, as juniors and seniors you get to go and it's a piece of your high school experience," Spruill said. "Not having to pay for that makes it one hundred percent better."

That's right. Instead of $500, girls could get a prom dress for the cost of a breath of fresh air. Remember all those dresses in the world? There's lots of now-wiser girls who love passing them on.

"We put out flyers at Howard Payne and (the dresses) come from the girls on campus, or even from the guys whose sisters bought dresses," Spruill said. "(People) in the community hear about the drive and contact us to say they have dresses to donate."

One of the most interesting twists are those girls who came a year or two before to get a dress, and then returned that garment to pick out a new one.

"That's truly a blessing, that they get to take away and give at the same time," Spruill said. "They got to give back, to what was giving to them."

The event is held at HPU's Girling Center for Social Justice and there's no eligibility requirements. The club asks the girls to fill out a questionnaire asking where they are from, how many dresses are required and to whom the dresses are going. The club reaches out to local school districts to determine their dates for prom to strategically coordinate their own two-day event.

"So that it will benefit as many schools as possible," Spruill explained.

Skylare Strasser, 17, came from Bangs with her grandmother, Debbie Williams. Strasser was getting nowhere finding a dress at a retailer that she liked.

"I looked everywhere; David's Bridal, Beall's, even the glamour shop downtown and I couldn't find anything in my size that would actually look good on me and be slimming," she said. "I heard about this Cinderella Project and I said to my Nana, 'Nana, we have to go to this 'cause you never know. They could have all sorts of dresses!'"

It was a good bet, Strasser left satisfied with what she found.

"We were really excited, it's an awesome thing they're doing," said her grandmother.

Daimia Partin was shopping for her sister Savannah, a sophomore at Priddy High School. The younger girl was competing in a track meet in Zephyr that afternoon.

"She couldn't be here, but we definitely needed a free dress because we don't need to spend the money," Partin said.

"We have a brother that's a senior this year, and he's got to get invitations and everything. We are trying to save money and this is what we decided to do."

Partin deserves a particular shout-out; not only was she shopping for dresses and texting photos of them to her sister, she also had to keep an eye on her 3-year-old son Barrett.

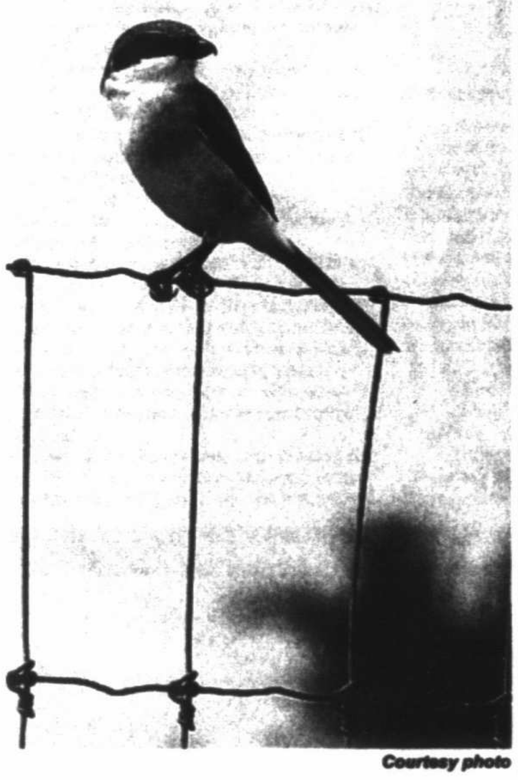
If you've ever been a little boy stuck in a dress shop, you know it doesn't exactly rise to the heights of diversion you're accustomed to. Fortunately, cartoons nowadays play on smartphones.

"The theme this year is Enchanted Garden, so we're kind of looking for green but other then that I'm not too sure," Partin said. "I've probably gone through about eight and thought 'OK, maybe this one,' and sent it to her."

In between running the 400, her sister settled on "the prickly one." So far, so good.

"That's what we're going for," Partin said, sounding relieved.

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The loggerhead shrike

Carnivorous loggerhead shrike exhibits puzzling behavior



MICHAEL PRICE
Wild About Texas

To us "civilized" mammals, some animal behaviors can be construed as downright gruesome and are puzzling to even the most avid naturalist. One example is of a robin-sized bird whose behavior has made such an impression that it is often referred to locally as the "butcher bird," although its real name is the loggerhead shrike.

The loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) is a modcrately sized species of carnivorous bird whose natural range year-round includes most of the southern United States, including Texas except for the very southern part of the state. In the valley, it can be observed during the winter months only. During the summer months, this species can also be seen in the upper Midwest.

Adult loggerhead shrikes can typically be described as having an overall bluish-gray hue to its upperparts, while the underparts are a bit lighter in coloration. The large head is capped gray as well, but there is a distinctive black eye stripe that makes this bird appear to be wearing a black mask. The beak is also black and is markedly hooked. The wings are black and have a singular white patch per wing. The long and slender tail is colored like the wings. Mature specimens average around 9 inches in height with a wingspan of about 13 inches.

Like many carnivorous species of birds, this variety leads a solitary life except during the breeding season when it will be monogamous. The female does much of the nest-building, making her cup-shaped nest out of small branches, grasses and feathers. The nest is usually constructed in bushes or trees less than 20 feet above the ground. The female will lay and incubate one or two clutches of four to seven eggs annually, and each clutch of the 1-inch long, brown mottled gray eggs takes just over two weeks to hatch. The female is also the primary caregiver, although the male occasionally will feed the young during their three-week stay in the nest. The youngsters are colored similarly to the adults, except they typically have indistinct brown barring on the underparts.

The loggerhead shrike is a carnivore in the strictest meaning of the word. Insects, arachnids, amphibians, reptiles, small rodents and even juveniles of other bird species are preyed upon. Shrikes often will position themselves on utility poles, power lines, fenceposts and barbed wire fences to watch for potential prey. When one is spotted, the shrike will pounce on its prey using its sharp claws and beak to immobilize the victim.

What happens next is a behavior that would make Vlad the Impaler cringe. The prey is carried off and impaled on a sharp object such as a cactus needle or more frequently, a barbed wire fence. However, unlike Vlad, this behavior is not carried out as revenge.

Researchers speculate that this habit may be to soften the food item for later consumption, it may serve as a reminder to the bird of productive past hunting grounds, and/or may just act to mark its territory from other shrikes. Whatever the reasoning, this behavior has provided this species with the name of butcher bird.

The loggerhead shrike is a common bird whose population numbers appear to be down only in areas of the upper Midwest. Look for this species in open areas with barbed wire fencing where it can utilize its keen eyes to locate prey and where it can show off its prizes in the gruesome way that it does.

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Colored plants add punch to the garden

CAROL SIDDALL
Permian Basin Master Gardener

Do you paint your garden with a certain color of flowers? I do mine by seasons so, for spring I have lavender (irises, hyacinths) and yellow (tulips, columbine, daffodils). In summer I choose reds (roses, petunias, geraniums), and for fall I usually have oranges and bronzes (mums). I love color in my garden.

Yellow has an uplifting effect on people. I have read that yellow is the first color processed by the eye. With that being said, it might be used more as a statement plant with a mixed color planting rather than as a main color. Yellow represents sunshine and cheerfulness.

Red makes a "wow" statement and is my favorite. I like red as it is easily seen from the road and is an attention-getter. In the language of flowers, red stands for love, the reason red roses are so popular on Valentine's Day. I have found that the right amount of red in my garden can raise my energy level. You need to watch how much red you use because it can be a little overpowering.

Blue has a calming effect and helps me with relaxation. In the spring, I have larkspur all over my back yard — grass included. I love to sit in the back and watch the wind move the blooms. It truly is relaxing to see that with lavender irises nearby. My husband, Jimmie, doesn't mow the back grass until the larkspur has died down.

A color we don't think about planting in our gardens is green. I can see where it would be restful.

There are so many varying shades of green that a combination of colors would make for a positive impact in your garden. If you have shade, plants that are green and would work in shade are hostas, ferns, elephant ears and caladiums (white ones would work well with other green-colored plants).

Whatever color you like, consider a new plant in that color for an added punch in your garden.

Mountain laurels make spring more incredible

NORMAN WINTER
On Gardening

The mountain laurels are blooming in the South adding to what has been an incredible spring. No doubt, under Mother Nature's watchful eye, the mountain laurel bloom will progress northward in amazing fashion.

Stunning is a word I often use to describe a particular plant but today that word is reserved for the apparent lack of utilization of the wonderful large shrub or small tree that is native from Louisiana to Indiana eastward to Maine and then down to Florida.

With that huge geographical range, we hopefully have answered your first question: No, you don't have to have a mountain to grow it. Yet, you'll find them along mountainous roads and a wide variety of habitats. If you grow azaleas, rhododendrons or blueberries you are a prime candidate for a mountain laurel, and I say let it happen.

Botanically speaking, the mountain laurel is known as *Kalmia latifolia*. When you first see it in full bloom, you may think it's some kind of rhododendron. They indeed are in the Ericaceae family so they are related.

You'll find them in some of the most spectacular scenery in our country. My wife, Jan, and I were doing a little mountain-laurel hunting with the camera and found a breathtaking old specimen hanging over the gentle rapids of Palmetto Creek in Harris County, Georgia.

Trout fishermen in the Blue Ridge Mountains tell of seeing them hanging over the Toccoa, Chattooga and Nantahala rivers. You'll find them in residential areas, too, so you do not have to have a river, either.

Morning sun and afternoon shade is the common joke around my house. While that would be perfect, know that you'll find them in more shade and more sun, too. They can reach 15 feet in height and look dazzling at less than 6 feet. That can be their spread, as well.

What you'll notice on older specimens is a gnarling, curving trunk with branches that look as though they have a story to tell of times past and things they have experienced. This stout wood was once used for tool handles.

If you ever have the chance to stand in front of an old-timer in bloom, you'll leave feeling as though you have just experienced something grand in the world of plants and that perhaps you have just been taught a lesson on beauty, patience and a persevering spirit.

In the home landscape we recommend the mountain laurel to be planted in fertile, humus-rich acidic soil that drains with fervor. If you have tight heavy soil, don't fret; plant in raised beds.



Courtesy photo

Mountain laurels

In one of my favorite spots along a smaller moving creek, I can see rose pink, light pink and white native ones all growing within mere feet of each other. A search online shows you the rich colors that are available.

The flowers are so exotic in their design. They are borne in terminal clusters, each measuring up to an inch and giving the distinct look of being a five-sided cup. As I mentioned, ours are blooming now in late April but in your area blooming could be June.

Wouldn't it be fun to just follow the mountain laurel blooms across the county finishing in Maine? It probably would be even more rewarding to plant some at your home for your children and grandchildren to experience over the years. Then someday, your descendants, or someone else's, would look with amazement and learn a lesson of perseverance with the gnarly branches and beautiful flowers.

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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Chicken is marinated, roasted

Cooking On Deadline

Katie Workman, Associated Press

Oregano, lemon, garlic, glugs of olive oil ... these are just a few of the ingredients that make Greek food so appealing. They match up well with all sorts of other hero ingredients, from potatoes to chicken to seafood.

In this recipe, chicken gets a nice soak in a Greek marinade with all of those delicious flavors and then is simply roasted in the oven. You can use that time to putter around making a salad, and trying to get someone else to set the table.

Try serving them with some simply cooked millet or orzo, and a very lightly dressed baby greens salad.

Boneless chicken breasts with the skin left on have a few really good things going for them. One, the skin keeps the chicken moist as it cooks. Two, the skin crisps up in the hot oven, and I know of few chicken-liking people who don't covet the crispy skin. Three, the absence of the bone allows the chicken to cook more quickly than bone-in chicken.

Boneless chicken breasts with the skin are not always easy to find pre-packaged in the supermarket, but you can ask the butcher to cut the bones out for you. You can also, of course do it yourself with a steady hand and a very sharp knife, but feel no shame if this isn't within your comfort zone. Boneless, skinless chicken breasts are also just fine, and if you want to use bone-in chicken breasts, just add another 15 to 20 minutes of cooking time.

You could serve these with some wedges of lemon in case people want one last hit of fresh, tart citrus.

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Greek roasted chicken breasts

Serves 4

Start to finish: 30 minutes plus marinating time

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons kosher or coarse salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 boneless skin-on chicken breasts (6 to 8 ounces each)
- Lemon wedges to serve

In a large bowl, container or sturdy zipper-top bag, combine the olive oil, garlic, lemon juice, vinegar, oregano, salt and pepper. Stir or shake to combine thoroughly. Add the chicken, turn it to coat well, and then cover or seal and refrigerate for 12 to 24 hours (or even up to 2 days).

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Remove the chicken from the marinade and place on the baking sheet skin side up. Roast for about 25 minutes until cooked though. Serve hot, warm or cold, with lemon wedges if desired.

Nutrition information per serving: 221 calories; 103 calories from fat; 12 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 86 mg cholesterol; 654 mg sodium; 1 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 0 g sugar; 27 g protein.



Green Chick Pea Hummus with pita and crudite.

Kirk McKoy/Los Angeles Times/TNS

Fresh chickpeas can be used in salads, soups, stews

Culinary SOS

Noelle Carter, Los Angeles Times

While you can readily buy dried or canned chickpeas at your local supermarket, fresh chickpeas, also known as garbanzo beans, aren't so common a find. Similar to fava beans and English peas, fresh chickpeas grow on vines and generally contain one to two beans per pod. The smallish pods can frequently be found in Middle Eastern and Latin markets, as well as at the occasional farmers market stand. To shell the beans, simply pop the peas out of their thick, fuzzy pods; figure that one pound of pods will yield half its weight in peas. Then blanch the beans in salted water until tender, only a minute or two.

Like fava beans and peas, fresh chickpeas can be used in a variety of dishes ranging from salads to soups, stews and spring ragouts. Reader Sandi Coffey is a big fan of the green chickpea hummus at the Rooftop by JG in Beverly Hills. The dip, made with the vibrant beans, is flavored with garlic, lemon, fresh mint and a touch of jalapeño, and served with pita bread or a assortment of crudité including cucumbers, baby turnips, radishes and rainbow carrots. It's a perfect dish to celebrate the colorful bounty of spring.

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Green chickpea hummus from The Rooftop by JG

40 minutes.

Serves 4 to 6

- 12 ounces of fresh shelled green chickpeas or garbanzo beans, plus extra for garnish
- 1/2 teaspoon of chopped garlic
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped jalapeño
- 1/2 cup of extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for garnish
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, more if needed
- Fresh dill sprigs, for garnish
- Fresh basil sprigs, for garnish
- Whole wheat pita or crudité, for serving

1. Blanch the chickpeas in a pot of boiling water just until tender, 1 to 2 minutes; then shock in a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking. Drain the chickpeas well and add to the bowl of a food processor, along with the garlic, lemon juice, jalapeño and 1/2 cup oil, processing until almost smooth but with a little texture. Season with salt to taste.

2. Serve the hummus garnished with extra chickpeas, fresh herb sprigs and a drizzle of olive oil along with the pita or crudité.

Note: Adapted from a recipe provided by the Rooftop by JG in Beverly Hills.

Spatzle Primavera is made with vegetables, cream and cheese

Sara Moulton

Associated Press

Springtime is the right time for Pasta Primavera, which is, after all, the Italian word for spring. There's some controversy about who invented this wonderful dish, but everyone agrees that it was made famous in the late '70s at New York's Le Cirque restaurant. In any case, the recipe consists of spring vegetables, cream and cheese. How far wrong can you go?

My take on this classic swaps out the traditional Italian pasta for the fresh egg pasta called spatzle, a kind of soft noodle that's widespread throughout southern Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, Moselle and South Tyrol. "Wait a minute," you say. "Homemade pasta? Sounds like too much work." Not to worry. The spatzle will be ready to cook in the time it takes to bring a pot of water to a boil.

Spatzle dough is about the consistency of a thick pancake batter, which means it's much more liquid than typical pasta dough. You can make it with electric beaters or by hand. The only requirement is using the right tool for the job: a spatzle maker. The device looks like a metal washboard with holes on it, topped by a small open box made of metal. You set the "washboard" over the pot of boiling water and pour the batter into the little box. The dough drips through the holes as you slowly move the metal box back and forth along the washboard to cut the strands of pasta. Some folks have suggested that you can use a colander with large holes instead of a spatzle maker, but I've never had success with that utensil.

"Who needs yet another kitchen gadget?" you say. I strongly believe that you do. With a spatzle maker in house — you can easily find them online for about $12 — you'll find yourself making fresh pasta once a week, because doing so is that simple.

Here I've combined the pasta with typical spring ingredients — asparagus and peas — along with mushrooms, to make it more substantial. But you're welcome to toss it instead with any of your favorite sauces.

Spatzle Primavera

Start to finish: 1 hour (30 active)

Servings: 4 to 8

- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt plus extra for salting the water
- 1 pound asparagus
- 1 pound shelled fresh or defrosted frozen peas
- 8 ounces assorted whole mushrooms, halved or quartered, if large
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 240 grams (about 2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 ounce grated Parmigiano-Reggiano, plus extra for garnish
- Chopped fresh dill for garnish

Bring a large pot of boiling salted water to a boil. Break or cut off the bottom tough part of the asparagus and, if it is thicker than 1/3-inch, peel it from right underneath the tip all the way to the bottom of the stem. Working in a few batches, add the asparagus to the water and simmer until they are al dente but not cooked through (1 minute for thin asparagus and 2 minutes for thick), transfer them to a bowl of ice and water to chill. When they are chilled, pat them dry and slice them crosswise, at an angle, 1/2-inch thick. Set aside. If using fresh peas, add them to the water and simmer them until al dente, about 2 minutes. Use a strainer to remove them from the water and set them aside. If using defrosted frozen peas, do not cook them at this point (they were already blanched before they were frozen).

In a large skillet cook the mushrooms in the oil over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until they are golden, about 8 minutes. Add the chicken broth and cream and bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and simmer until thickened, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

In an electric mixer stir together the flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt, add the eggs and 1 cup water and beat until the mixture is smooth. The consistency should be like that of thick pancake batter. If it is thicker, add additional water, a few tablespoons at a time, until it reaches the desired consistency. Place the spatzle maker over the pot of boiling water and slowly pour the batter into the box, letting it drip down into the water. Boil for a few minutes (taste a piece of pasta to see if it is just al dente). Strain the spatzle and add it to the skillet along with the asparagus, peas and cheese. Bring to a boil and simmer, stirring, until just heated through. Add salt and pepper to taste and serve right away topped with additional cheese, if desired, and the dill.

Nutrition information per serving: 450 calories; 195 calories from fat; 22 g fat (11 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 131 mg cholesterol; 388 mg sodium; 48 g carbohydrate; 7 g fiber; 7 g sugar; 16 g protein.

Mom hopes to claim son's ashes as widow moves on

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: My adult son passed away two years ago at a young age. We were very close while he was growing up. He married young, and I maintained a great relationship with both him and his wife. They gave me the most precious grandchildren any woman could ask for, and I am extremely active in their little lives.

My daughter-in-law has moved on. She met a nice young man, and they are planning to be married in the near future. Do you think I would be out of line to request to have my son's ashes back home with me? We live near each other, I love her very much, and we still have a great relationship. I don't want to damage it by asking this if it's not appropriate.

I would pass his ashes on to his children when they grow up, of course, but for now, I'd love to have my son back home with me and his dad because she has started her new life. My husband is noncommittal about the subject. When I broach it, he says he "doesn't want to talk about it." I really have no one to ask or confide in about this. Your thoughts would be most appreciated. — STILL BROKENHEARTED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR STILL BROKENHEARTED: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your clearly dearly beloved son. If you would like to have his ashes after his widow remarries, I doubt she would be offended if you asked what her plans are for them and if you could have them or split them with her.

I can understand why you would want them, but I'm not at all certain your grandchildren would welcome that responsibility when they become adults. Your husband may be reluctant to discuss this because he is still grieving and hurting, too. However, because you are, as you say, still brokenhearted, please consider grief counseling and joining a grief support group.

DEAR ABBY: I have an elderly friend who complains nonstop when I phone her. She lives a three-hour drive from me and expects me to be the one to call. She doesn't carry long-distance on her home phone, and her sight is too poor to dial numbers, although she's able to see the TV.

I feel sad for her, but I dread calling her because of her negative attitude about life in general. It's a shame to end a 40-year friendship, but I don't believe I'm helping her or myself by listening to all her complaints. Should I write her and say I wish she'd try to be more positive? She has health issues, but I know many people who try to be pleasant in spite of poor health. — FEELING BAD FOR HER, BUT ...

DEAR FEELING BAD: If the alternative to telling your elderly friend how her constant negativity affects you would be to drop her entirely, convey to her what you have written to me. The woman appears to be very isolated and possibly depressed. If she has family, suggest they involve her in activities for seniors in the community. Contact with other seniors might give her spirits and her outlook a much-needed boost.

Serve tangy Chinese beets as a side dish or in a salad

Hints from Heloise

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Dear Heloise: Everyone at my house loves your Chinese beets. Unfortunately, I lost the recipe, and I'm not sure what ingredients to use, or the amounts. Would you reprint this recipe? – Stacy W., Portland, Maine

Stacy, I love this recipe, too, so here it is:

Chinese Beets

- 6 cups cooked sliced beets, or 3 (16 ounces each) cans sliced beets
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup vinegar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 24 whole cloves (but if you don't care for a strong taste, start with 12)
- 3 tablespoons ketchup
- 3 tablespoons oil (optional)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Salt to taste

Drain the beets. Set aside 1 1/2 cups of the liquid. In a medium saucepan, place the beets and reserved liquid. Then add all the remaining ingredients. Mix well and cook for 3 minutes over medium heat, or until the mixture thickens. Let cool before storing in the refrigerator. Serve as a side dish or in a salad. What more tasty treats for your family?

This dish is very "tangy," but if you enjoy waking up your taste buds, you'll love my Chinese Beets. To get this and other recipes to delight your family and friends, order it online at heloise.com. — Heloise

Debug the pantry

Dear Heloise: I found weevils in my rice and cereals. If a box has a pour spout or any closure that's not airtight, then go to a dollar store and buy a cheap set of containers with a twist-off top or a snap closure, and put food in them. Tiny bugs can get into nearly any container that's made of paper. — Grace W., Chalmette, La.

Greek yogurt versus heavy cream

Dear Heloise: In recipes that call for heavy cream, can I use Greek yogurt instead? — Lois D., Buckhall, Va.

Lois, it's not uncommon for cooks to use Greek yogurt in place of heavy cream in recipes for cold soups or sauces. However, heavy cream usually contains about 36 percent fat, while Greek yogurt usually contains a much lower fat content, making it less ideal for baked goods, such as custards, cakes and any recipe that relies on fat content. — Heloise

Dishwasher cleans many things

Dear Heloise: I've discovered that there are a number of things you can clean in your dishwasher besides dishes. Things such as makeup trays that are plastic, my husband's baseball caps (he has several), my daughter's plastic teacup set and much more! — Joan G., La Crosse, Ind.

Cart art

Dear Heloise: I was at a grocery store that had grocery carts placed around the store with a sign stating: "Change your mind? Put the items here and we will restock them." Great idea! — Kathy M., via email

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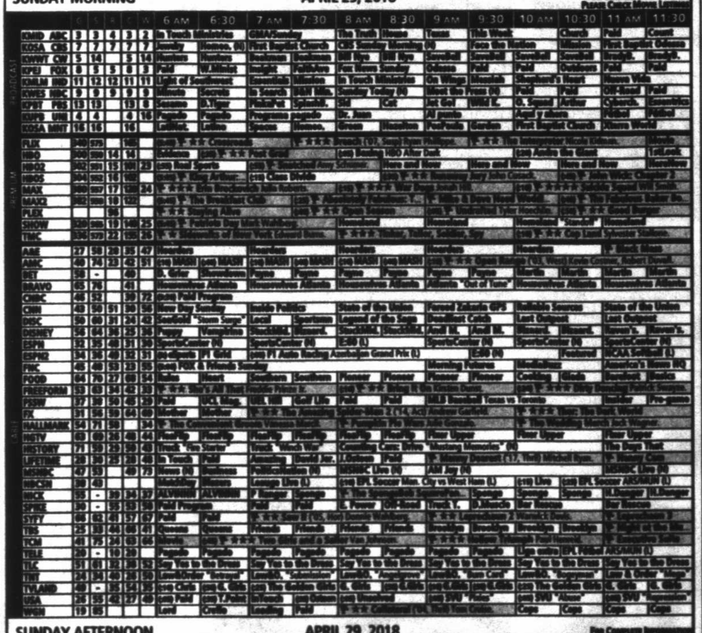
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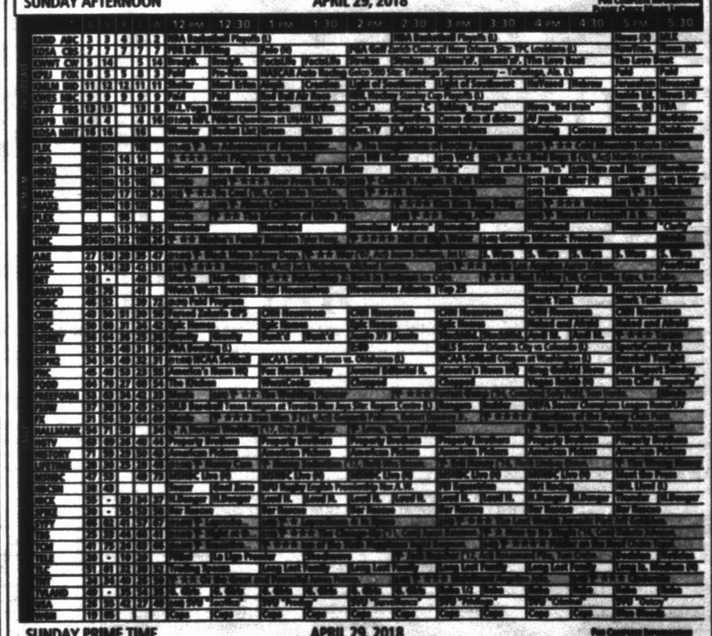
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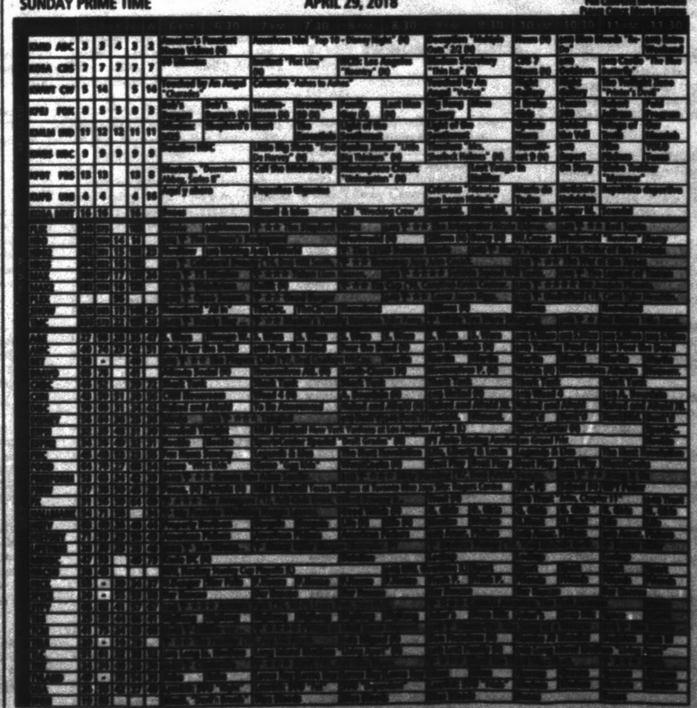
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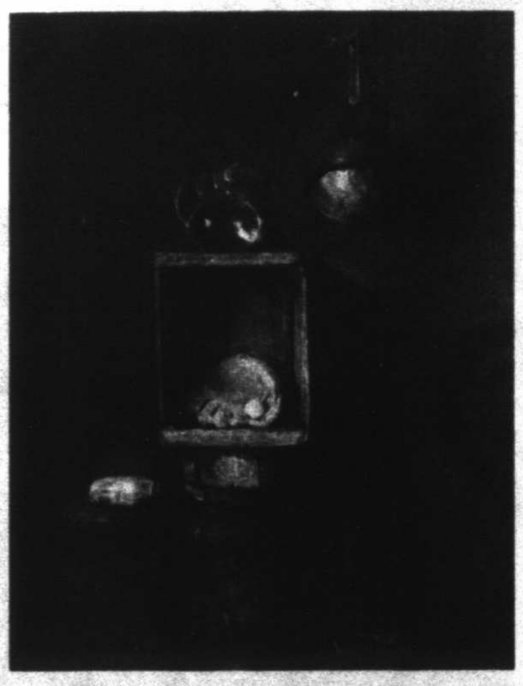
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TODAY

Family Fair 2018 presented by Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine. The event features a carnival, live music, bingo and more. Noon to 10 p.m. at OLG, 1401 Garden Lane. olgmidland.org.

"Labyrinth" The Jim Henson fantasy adventure starring David Bowie returns to the big screen for three days. 2 p.m. today, 7 p.m. today through Wednesday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

NEW: "No Business Like It." The McLaren Comedy Festival-winning play runs through May 19. 2:30 p.m. today. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

CLOSING: "Almost, Maine." 2:30 p.m. at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

MONDAY

Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Wine Review: White wines. This edition of the new series explores four white labels available on the menu. 6:30 p.m. at Bean and Grape, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. $30. Call 695-4045 for a reservation.

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.

Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, Richard Thompson. 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $33.50-$61. wagnernoel.com.

TUESDAY

Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m.to noon, Tuesdays at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. palletteclubmidland.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.

Cooking Class: Spanish Tapas with Chef Chris Maher. 5-8:30 p.m. at Bear Claw Knife and Shear, 4706 N. Midkiff Road. cookingstudiotaos.com.

Urban Sketching workshop offers lessons on how to draw and paint on the go. Kit included. 6-8 p.m. at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. $85. palletteclubmidland.com.

The Four Freshmen, 7 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Liveonstage-pb.com.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Schaubauer Drive. $6. For more information, call 638-3707 or 250-8215.

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meeting, 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Introducing the Barnes and Noble Book Club. The club will discuss "The Female Persuasion" by Meg Wolitzer. 6-9 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.

THURSDAY

Scott Dykema 2018 art show. 4-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Ballroom Dance Studio, 4400 N. Big Spring Road.

Dinner and Dancing with free bachata lessons, social dancing and music by DJ Rey. 5-10 p.m. at Cafe at the Gardens, 1006 Stanolind Ave. Dinner reservations can be made by calling 687-1478. alldredgegardens.com.

Carnegie Send-off Concert with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin choir. The performance is presented by the Rea Charitable Trust. 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 415 N. Lee St., Odessa. Free.

Mariachi Los Camperos perform as part of the Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series. 7:30 p.m. at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St. Midland.edu.

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

Star Wars Day will feature a costume contest, trivia and photo ops with Star Wars characters. Guests can also learn blaster and light saber skills. 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Aphasia Awareness Concert 2018 with Beach Boys tribute band Surf's Up. 7 p.m. at Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Arena Trail. Free. aphasiawtx.org.

The sixth annual Jockey, Juleps and All that Jazz by Communities in Schools Permian Basin. The event will feature a cocktail party, three-course dinner, live music, derby hat contest, auctions and more. 7-11 p.m. at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. cispb.org.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season. The market will include live music and food trucks onsite. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Market at the Gardens, 10 a.m. at Alldredge Gardens, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road.

Free Comic Book Day 2018. Free comics while supplies last. The day will also have face painting, prizes and more. Noon-10 p.m. at The HIVE Comics, 3615 N. Dixie Blvd., Odessa.

ON DISPLAY

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NEW: The 2018 UT Permian Basin Junior/Senior Juried Art Exhibition. On display through Thursday at the Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery at UTPB, 4901 E. University Bvld., Odessa. utpb.edu.

"Somehow, I Don't Feel Comfortable" is an installation by Monoyo 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. highkywing.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 appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.



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A non-working pumpjack sits over land leased by Diamondback Energy for horizontal drilling in 2016 outside Midland.

Permian oil activity on the rise

■ Petroleum index surges 29 percent from a year ago

By Mella McEwen
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Oil and gas activity in the Permian Basin continues to surge, strengthened by higher commodity prices.

The Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index for February climbed 28.9 percent from February 2017 levels amid double-digit increases in crude prices and the rig count and a rise in the number of drilling permits issued by the Railroad Commission.

Still, the index remains nowhere near its record high reached in November 2014 as crude prices were beginning to fall. Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the index, said it won't return to that level any time soon.

"Just as the (Midland-Odessa) economy continues to surprise, so does the oil and gas business," he said. "The nature of the oil and gas business has changed so dramatically, and for the better" that the levels of activity recorded in 2014 may no longer be needed.

"Productivity is at record highs and climbing rapidly," Ingham said.

He reported that crude production volumes — which never actually declined during the downturn — were up 19.5 percent higher in February than February 2017 and are 18.6 percent higher year-to-date than the first two months of 2017.

Ingham said those record production volumes are being achieved with fewer drilling permits and well completions and with a rig count that remains well below the 2014 peak.

That jump in output "is astounding, and clearly producers are capable of producing more with less," he said. "It's what every industry aims for, yet this is a stunning outcome: Lower aggregate rig count, drilling permits and completions, yet they're still sufficient to produce record oil volumes."

The February rig count averaged 348, up 38.1 percent from 252 last February and is averaging 339 rigs so far this year, up 39 percent from a year ago. Ingham said increasing production with fewer rigs has been a trend dating back about 15 years.

"It's a testament to the changing nature of production in the Permian — more efficiency, more productivity, more automation," he said,

It is the function of any industry to supply consumers with what they want, when they want it and at a price point they can afford, Ingham said. Rising oil production from the Permian Basin, from Texas and from the United States suggests there is an abundance of supply for the foreseeable future, he said.

Crude prices averaged $58.72 per barrel in February, up 17.4 percent from $50.03 last February. Prices so far this year are averaging $59.41 per barrel, a gain of 19.7 percent.

Ingham said prices have been stimulated by the removal of 1.8 million barrels of crude from the market by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and several non-OPEC nations, and prices would be lower today if that amount had not been removed.

Yet rising production from the Permian, Texas and the nation remains a concern for the markets, even if the global demand picture is improving, Ingham said.

"We might be our own enemy," he said. "What's different today is the demand picture. Of that 1.8 million barrels removed from the market, I promise you at least 1.5 million barrels have been added back by the U.S. We're going to close that gap, and then it will be critical to see what OPEC and its allies do."

The Railroad Commission issued 573 drilling permits in February, up 1.6 percent from 564 last February and has issued 1,229 permits in the first two months of 2018, up 16.9 percent from 1,051 a year earlier.

Permian Basin producers reported 486 oil well completions in February, up 98.4 percent from 245 a year ago and have completed 1,036 oil wells so far in 2018, up 111.9 percent from 489 in 2017.

Ingham said he is mystified that the number of drilling permits and well completions is not higher given the surge in production volumes.

"I wonder if those numbers will begin to reflect that in the coming months," he said. Even if fewer drilling rigs can produce more crude, "you still need drilling permits and completions reports."

Despite the efficiency gains, the region's energy industry needs more workers. Ingham said direct oil and gas employment in Midland-Odessa is rapidly increasing and should surpass pre-downturn highs in the next month or two. Oil and gas employment in February jumped 26.3 percent to 35,840 from 28,375 last February. For the year, employment is averaging 32,130, an increase of 14.7 percent from the 28,020 averaged in 2017.

Rising payrolls are an illustration of how the value of that crude production — $3.5 billion in February — is flowing through the economy, Ingham said. He said wages will be rising rapidly as suggested by the demand for labor and the apparent difficulty companies are having finding a sufficient number of workers.

Natural gas prices slumped 16.5 percent to average $2.18 per Mcf in February, down from $261 last February. Natural gas prices are averaging $2.68 to date this year, down 7.3 percent from $2.89 last year.

Operators reported 49 natural gas well completions in February, up 444.4 percent from nine last February. Operators have completed 84 gas wells in the first two months of the year, up 500 percent from 14 a year ago. Natural gas production volumes were 16.6 percent higher than the previous February and are up 15.5 percent so far in 2018 compared to 2017.

"The general feeling is there's a sense of oil and gas activity being back where it was and the phenomena that was experienced in 2014 is back," Ingham said.

Hiring program marketed to small companies

■ West Texas Safety Training Center, Walton Management partner to help firms take advantage of Work Opportunity Tax Credit for hiring new employees

By Mella McEwen
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ODESSA — Permian Basin companies across the energy industry spectrum are scrambling to beef up their payrolls. But they may be overlooking a federal program designed to hire and train employees.

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit was the focus of last week's annual meeting of the West Texas Safety Training Center, held at the MCM Elegante Hotel.



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Oil rig workers move a drill string away from a wellbore to be stacked in 2017, near College Station.

The center has partnered with Walton Management Services to help members access the credit. The credit offers employers up to $9,600 per employee they hire from select target groups, such as veterans

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Noble Energy, local officials break ground on Pecos field office

From staff reports

Noble Energy executives, employees and contractors joined with Pecos officials to break ground on Noble's new field office.

"Our current activity is focused in the heart of the Delaware Basin… in Reeves County," said David Burger, vice president of Texas operations for Noble Energy. "The new office we are building is a symbol of what is to come."

Noble is partnering with Pecos locals to assess community needs and help develop applicable programs and has signed up to be a two-year sponsor of the Pecos Rodeo, is a sponsor of the Pecos DARE program and is a member of the Pecos Chamber of Commerce.



Photo courtesy Noble Energy

Lee Robison, from left, senior vice president with Noble Energy; Lupe Davis, executive director of the Pecos Area Chamber of Commerce; David Burger, vice president of Texas operations with Noble; Venetia Seale, Pecos mayor; and Gary Willingham, executive vice president of Noble, participate in the groundbreaking for Noble's Pecos field office.

Noble has grown from 22 employees and

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Oil industry cautiously optimistic emerging from downturn

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Dan Lindsey has been in the oil industry since 1976. A consultant and drilling supervisor for Cyclone Drilling, he's seen a lot of industry ups and downs in 42 years, but said the most recent oil bust was the worst.

"This last downturn was the first time I've been without a job for more than a couple months," he said.

Those were a tough few years, he said, and while he stuck with it and rode out the bust, many others didn't.

"We lost a lot of good people (in 2015 and 2016)," Lindsey said. "Lots of people left the industry and never came back."

But now, with rig counts going up and oil prices remaining stable above $60 a barrel, Lindsey said he's feeling a lot better now.

"We've got a pretty good future," Lindsey said about Campbell County oil. "We're on the upswing right now."



Rhianna Gelhart/Gillette News Record via AP

Tyler Miller, the co-owner of Earth Works Solutions and winner of the 2018 Wyoming Small Business Person of the Year award, poses March 28, in Gillette, Wyo.

Follow the numbers

While far from the $100-plus oil was commanding when the U.S. market was booming, keeping above the $60 a barrel threshold gives companies incentive to produce again since oil crashed to below $30 in January 2016.

Rig counts also have started to rebound, from zero in Wyoming to 29 as of April 13, including six working rigs in Campbell County and nine in Converse County.

Those numbers can be interpreted in many ways, but for Wyoming residents the most important is jobs, said David Bullard, senior economist for the state Department of Workforce Services.

"The rig count is right around 30 now, but I've seen it up over 100 for part of 2006 (when oil was booming)," he said. "It's hard to say what a good level is. To be around 30, we're still down compared to ... then, but we're up quite a bit from the single-digits in early 2016."

For Wyoming's workforce, those higher rig counts mean more jobs, Bullard said, including Campbell County, which saw a loss of 1,271 oil and gas support service jobs from the third quarter of 2014 (2,422 jobs) through the third quarter of 2016 (1,151 jobs).

Over the next year through the third quarter of 2017, the latest numbers the state has compiled, oil and gas service employment has picked up by nearly 30 percent, from 1,151 to 1,495.

Those job losses did more than put people out of work, said Bruce Hinchey, president of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming. It led to many of the state's skilled oil field workforce leaving to find work elsewhere.

Now that oil activity is picking up again, many companies are having trouble filling some jobs that have become available again, he said.

"We definitely had a bust and a lot of people who were laid off moved to other states to get work," he said, adding that the rebound over the last nine months has been welcome. "It's not booming, but it's certainly picked up a lot."

In Campbell County, Vermona Petersen manages the Gillette office of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services. She confirmed many support services are having trouble finding enough good workers.

"When we had our local career fair March 22, we had so many employers we filled the facility and had to put some employers on a waiting list," she said. "Employers are hiring and there's some really good jobs out there."

Now that oil is picking up again, she said employment becomes "a big challenge. It's one of the reasons we had the career fair ... and it's a community-wide problem. I see job growth in every sector of our community. Is it booming job growth? No, but we have growth in multiple sectors."

Bust busted, but not booming

Paul Hladky, vice president of Cyclone Drilling, said riding out the bust was tough, but that although "we're definitely better than we were a year ago. we're definitely not fully recovered."

Since joining the company in 1998, Hladky has been through three downturns, and this most recent one is by far the longest and deepest.

His company has rigs in Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota and New Mexico. It peaked at 28 active rigs in 2014. Now, 13 are running, including six in Wyoming.

He expects to see a slight uptick in the second half of 2018, but nothing too crazy. For now, things are remaining steady, and that's not a bad thing.

"Where we're at today, there's some stability, which is comforting," he said. "This could be the new norm."

In the fourth quarter of 2017, Wyoming saw a 24.5 percent increase in taxable sales over the fourth quarter of 2016, and it was largely due to increased activity in the oil field, said Wenlin Liu, principal economist with the state's Economic Analysis Division. Converse County saw a nearly 200 percent increase in that year, while Campbell County saw a 26 percent jump.

Liu said oil prices are the highest they've been since before the downturn.

"Five years ago, people would have looked at $65 and thought, 'That's terrible,'" said Rob Godby, director of the University of Wyoming Department of Economics and Finance. "Times have changed, and for the better."

Hladky said he doesn't see any reason for a large change in the price of oil.

"I think we're going to see this $55-$65 oil for some time, unless there's a major disruption in supply," he said.

Oil production is increasing "a lot faster than employment recovery," Liu said, which is a sign of a more efficient industry.

Thanks to advances in technology such as horizontal drilling, companies can produce the same amount of oil at a lower cost and with fewer employees, Liu said.

Godby said the increased efficiency is a direct effect of the downturn.

When oil prices were at $30, companies were faced with a decision: become more efficient or go out of business.

"If we want to continue to work, we have to be cost-effective," Hladky said.

A well that used to take 35 days to drill can now be drilled in nine to 12 days, Hladky said. And an entire rig can be moved to a new location within three days.

The oil bust created "a more intense focus on running as efficiently as possible," Godby said, and it's made the U.S. oil industry very resilient.

"We learned to live with (the low prices) and continued to produce," he said. "There's a lesson to be learned there. Given opportunity and time, people come up with solutions to problems."

Fiscal responsibility

In 2013, Earth Work Solutions, a Campbell County construction company, was so busy in the oil fields that it had to subcontract out-of-county truck drivers to meet the demands of its clients, said owner Tyler Miller. Now is the busiest he's been since that time, and he only expects to get busier.

Business started picking up in the beginning of this year, he said.

Earth Work builds roads and pads for oil rigs, as well as ponds to dispose of excess water. Miller has been getting many calls from existing clients as well as new ones, and he expects his company's workload to increase as the weather warms up.

"I think it's going to be a very busy summer, provided that oil prices stay up," he said.

To keep up, Miller said he's "being very careful," renting equipment instead of investing in new machinery.

"We don't want to get saddled with debt if there is a sudden downturn or something," he said. "It's being responsible, being optimistic but cautious at the same time."

Cyclone Drilling finished building a new rig in January, and has two more new ones slated for the rest of the year. Adding to the company's rig fleet was a tough decision, Hladky said, because it's difficult to find a balance between being conservative and remaining competitive.

"It doesn't sound like it would be very intelligent to build rigs right now," he said. "But we're striving for market share. It's a risk that's worth it if we want to stay relevant in the market."

It also is a risk that helped keep another local company afloat.

One bust to another

Dust Control Inc. was in a unique situation a few years ago. The fabrication company, which had been in Gillette for more than three decades, had worked almost exclusively in the coal industry.

Then the coal bust happened and "we were almost broke," said Del Shelstad, the company's vice president.

That's when Dust Control got into another struggling industry.

"We were lucky enough to get some business from Cyclone Drilling to build oil rigs," he said. "The Hladkys actually were trying to keep companies like us from starving. Even though they didn't have a job for oil rigs to go on, they were still building oil rigs."

Things started picking up at about Christmas last year, and he said he's looking forward to working in his first oil uptick and "trying to manage that appropriately."

Although Shelstad is willing to grow his business according to his customers' needs, he doesn't want to stretch out too thin.

Oil production up, producing jobs down

Despite the 30 percent increase in oil and gas service jobs in Campbell County through three quarters of 2016 to 2017, actual drilling jobs is another story.

During that time, jobs working directly for oil producers fell 13 percent, from 325 to 284, according to the Department of Workforce Services.

That's an example of some of these efficiencies that companies are forced to come up with to weather a bust, Bullard said.

The unemployment rate across the state has decreased, in part because the labor force has shrunk.

"There's definitely been a shortage of workers right now," Miller said. "Everybody I know is looking for good, qualified workers."

"We've been lucky enough to find a few (welders)," Shelstad added. "It's a good indicator (for the energy industry) when those guys are hard to find."

Hladky said Cyclone is hiring workers in the support fields, like electricians, mechanics and welders. The hardest position to find, he said, are instrumentation and control technicians because he's competing with not just other drilling companies for those workers, but other industries as well.

What's ahead

Hladky said he expects things to keep steady this year, with a slight uptick in the third and fourth quarters.

"Right now, the demands are steady. There hasn't been any major demand disruption," he said. "If anything, there's that uptick in demand globally for energy.

"I don't know if I'd characterize Wyoming as a boom yet, but it's certainly expanding," Godby said. "We're certainly not on par with the major players in the country in terms of production increase."

How much growth happens in Wyoming "depends on the potential of the price increase and the willingness of operators to choose the Powder River Basin to develop," he said.

Although the Powder River Basin "is a lucrative play," he said it depends on "who's playing and what other choices they have."

Godby said that if another downturn happens, companies will be "less likely to continue to invest in a place like Wyoming over other places that are more proven" like the Permian Basin. For now and the foreseeable future, people are going to need oil.

"Demand for oil is going to be there for a long, long time — unless everyone stopped driving," Godby said.

Hladky said although he feels good about the industry today, he's "comfortably uncomfortable."

"Things change rapidly in our industry, so we're never too comfortable," he said. "And we also have to perform because the market is highly competitive."

Shelstad said he's excited for the rebound to continue.

"Absolutely, I'm ready," he said. "I think our entire community's ready."

Struggling Weatherford shrinks loss, grows revenue

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Financially struggling Weatherford International is still losing money, but the energy services firm is shrinking its losses and growing its revenues.

Weatherford, which operates out of Houston, posted a $245 million loss for the first quarter versus a $448 million loss a year ago. Despite selling assets and shrinking, Weatherford's revenues jumped 3 percent to $1.42 billion from the same three months a year ago.

"As we continue on our transformational path, our results for the first quarter of 2018 reflect our focus on planning and executing tangible actions to improve our position as a strong, viable and innovative organization," said Weatherford Chief Executive Mark McCollum.

Weatherford recently sold its North American hydraulic fracturing business to industry leader Schlumberger and next plans to see its land drilling business, which is primarily based in the Middle East.

Weatherford was considered part of the so-called "Big Four" energy services giants with Schlumberger, Halliburton and Baker Hughes, also of Houston. But the company has struggled for years, running into problems even before the oil bust that devastated the sector. Weatherford has shrunk to fewer than 29,000 workers worldwide from 67,000 in early 2014.

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contractors working in Pecos out of two trailers to 197 employees and contractors working out of five trailers. The new office, designed to accommodate that growth, will be constructed at 2315 W. Dexter. The company is currently running six rigs in the Delaware Basin and three completions crews.

"This asset is the largest contributor to Noble Energy's oil growth. With its exceptional economics and large inventory, we expect the Delaware to deliver substantial growth. We plan to be part of this community for the long term," said Gary Willingham, Noble's executive vice president of operations.

Noble has secured the second-largest acreage position in the southern Delaware Basin following two acquisitions in 2015 and 2017. Last year, the company increased production from 9,000 barrels a day to more than 45,000 barrels a day by the end of the year. Noble's Delaware Basin production is expected to climb more than 140,000 barrels per day by 2020. Noble Midstream Partners has three central gathering facilities in service and two more underway to accommodate expected production growth.

Pecos Mayor Venetta Seals and Lupe Davis, executive director of the Pecos Area Chamber of Commerce, participated in the ceremony, and representatives of the Pecos Rodeo, DARE., and the Pecos city manager's office attended the celebration.

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and members of households that receive food stamps or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families benefits.

"This federal government program has been around a long time," said Phil Young, president and chief executive officer of the center. He said area employers have failed to take advantage of the program and it's time to keep some of that tax money at home to benefit local residents.

Meeting speaker John McCauley, business development manager with Walton, said the tax credit was on the verge of disappearing last fall as Congress was crafting its tax reform legislation. He said the House of Representatives had eliminated the credit in its version, but the Senate restored the credit. Congress retained the credit in the final version that was signed into law in December.

He said in its earlier days, the program was marketed to companies with large number of employees.

"It wasn't marketed to smaller companies," he said. "Without technology, we couldn't reach them or partner with organizations like the West Texas Safety Training Center."

Because of technology, he can reach the 200, 300 or 400 companies that are members of the center.

"That adds up," he said.

Technology has allowed Walton Management to design a platform that streamlines tax credit screening, tracking applicants, hiring management and payroll systems.

WTSTC members can broaden their search for employees because of the tax credit, McCauley said.

"They can keep more of their tax dollars to fund initiatives to recruit and hire," he said. "As Phil said, companies are trying to find employees outside the community. They can't rely on the Permian Basin anymore."

He said when employers hear about the program — which began in the 1970s under President Jimmy Carter and was expanded in the 1990s — "They have two reactions: 'Why didn't I know about this?' And 'It sounds too good to be true.' But it is."



Petroleum Professional Development Center

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To register, go to the Midland College PPDC's New Website: https://mcce.midland.edu

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

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: cviteri@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: cviteri@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-1958) Electric Logs: A Quick Review
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; $160 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 and lunch)

New Course: LMKR: Data Clean Up
Registered directly with LMKR: cviteri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Scott Oelfke
Start Date: May 31, 2018 – Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $900

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: $4610 - 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: $1500

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

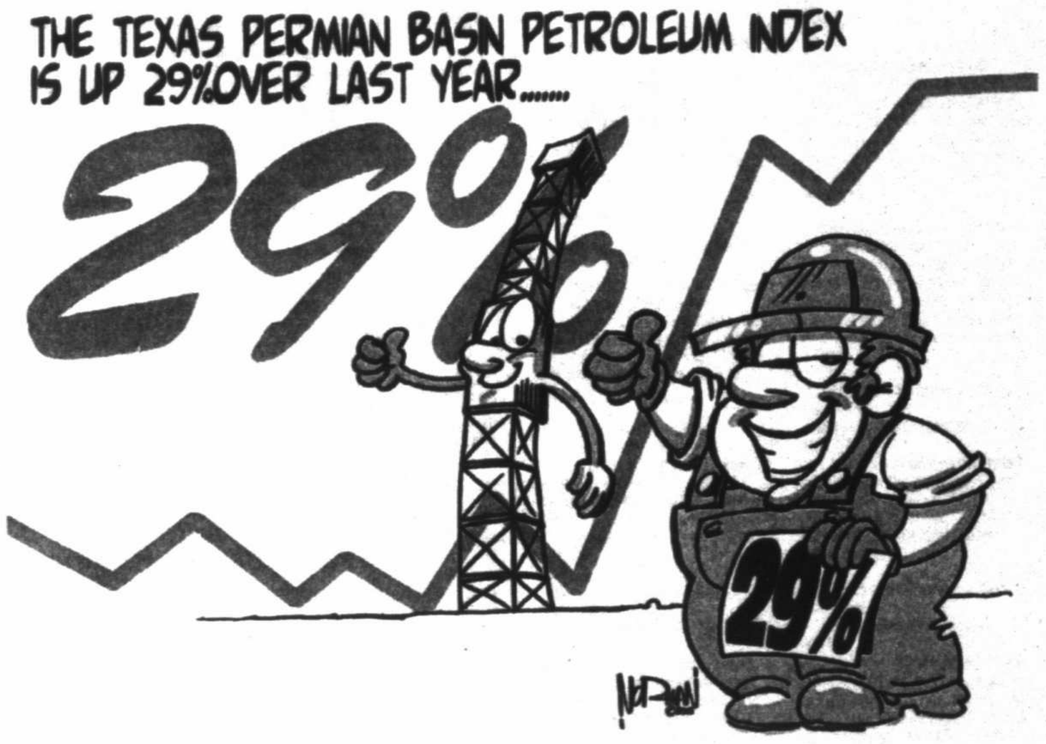
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Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: June 19-20, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State: $650

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

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Calculations
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: July 5, 2018; End Date: July 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: Noon, July 5, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text

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Posted	$64.70
Energy Transfer Partners*	$64.50
Flint Hills Resources*	$64.50
Phillips 66	$64.67
Plains*	$64.50
Shell Trading	$64.70
Nymex futures	$68.21*

*Net price without transportation charge

Note: Posted prices as of April 25

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Texas RRCD 7C

Irion County

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 212-217 Alloc 13 #34HT
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 405 fnl, 1159 fel, Sec 212, Blk 1, Abst. 832, T&P RR, 7.53 nw Barnhart; TD 8000; API #42-235-36268 Permit issued 4/17

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Woods 212-217 Alloc 14 #36HS
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 405 fnl, 1139 fel, Sec 212, Blk 1, Abst. 832, T&P RR, 7.53 nw Barnhart; TD 8000; API #42-235-36269 Permit issued 4/17

SEM Operating Company LLC
Mayer #4504WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 5819 fnl, 5191 fel, Sec 45, Abst. 686, WC RR, 1.79 ne Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-36262 Permit issued 4/17

SEM Operating Company LLC
Mayer #5014WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 7412 fsl, 3268 fwl, Sec 50, Abst. 1222, WC RR, 1.89 nw Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-36270 Permit issued 4/16

SEM Operating Company LLC
Mayer #5016WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 7412 fsl, 3298 fwl, Sec 50, Abst. 1222, WC RR, 1.91 nw Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-36271 Permit issued 4/16

SEM Operating Company LLC
Linthicum B #08WB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 205 fnl, 2052 fel, Sec 1137, Abst. 53, C&M RR, 9.56 se Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-36272 Permit issued 4/17

SEM Operating Company LLC
Linthicum B #10WB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 205 fnl, 2022 fel, Sec 1137, Abst. 53, C&M RR, 9.56 se Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-36273 Permit issued 4/17

Reagan County

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
RCR 180-197 Alloc 04 #29HT
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 577 fsl, 635 fel, Sec 197, Blk 1, Abst. 599, T&P RR, 5.5 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40219 Permit issued 4/18

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
RCR 180-197 Alloc 03 #31HS
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 576 fsl, 616 fel, Sec 197, Blk 1, Abst. 599, T&P RR, 5.5 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40220 Permit issued 4/18

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
RCR 180-197 Alloc 03 #32HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 576 fsl, 596 fel, Sec 197, Blk 1, Abst. 599, T&P RR, 5.5 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40221 Permit issued 4/18

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
RCR 180-197 Alloc 02 #34HT
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 576 fsl, 576 fel, Sec 197, Blk 1, Abst. 599, T&P RR, 5.5 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40222 Permit issued 4/18

Upton County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Strider #3BB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2273 fsl, 250 fel, Sec 30, Blk 37, T-5-S, Abst. 574, T&P RR, 2.6 se Midkiff; TD 10000; API #42-461-40832 Permit issued 4/18

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Shackelford 7-6A-A #4401H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 230 fsl, 405 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 400, T&P RR, 28.1 n Rankin; TD 10164; API #42-461-40833 Permit issued 4/20

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Shackelford 7-6A-A #4301H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 260 fsl, 405 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 400, T&P RR, 28.1 n Rankin; TD 9909; API #42-461-40834 Permit issued 4/20

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Shackelford 7-6A-A #4201H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 290 fsl, 405 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 400, T&P RR, 28.1 n Rankin; TD 9679; API #42-461-40835 Permit issued 4/20

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Andrews County

Lime Rock Resources IV-A LP
UL 10 Harmon #6H
Fuhrman-Mascho-Horizontal; 1980 fwl, 2130 fnl, Sec 27, Blk 10, Abst. 311U, ULS, 14.4 sw Andrews; TD 5100; API #42-003-47796 Permit issued 4/16

Ring Energy Inc.
Undine #1H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2260 fnl, 1754 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 14, Abst. 455U, ULS, 14 nw Andrews; TD 5100; API #42-003-47800 Permit issued 4/20

Culberson County

Chevron USA Inc.
DR State Wise Unit 1 #0011WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 39980 fel, 11085 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 60, T-1-S, Abst. 2803, T&P RR, 24.88 nw Orla; TD 9000; API #42-109-33311 Permit issued 4/17

Chevron USA Inc.
DR State Wise Unit 1 #0012WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 39985 fel, 11085 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 60, T-1-S, Abst. 2803, T&P RR, 24.88 nw Orla; TD 9000; API #42-109-33312 Permit issued 4/17

Chevron USA Inc.
DR State Wise Unit 1 #0013WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 39910 fel, 11085 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 60, T-1-S, Abst. 2803, T&P RR, 24.88 nw Orla; TD 9000; API #42-109-33313 Permit issued 4/17

Chevron USA Inc.
DR State Wise Unit 1 #0014WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 39935 fel, 11085 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 60, T-1-S, Abst. 2803, T&P RR, 24.88 nw Orla; TD 9000; API #42-109-33314 Permit issued 4/17

Scala Energy Operating LLC
Sheriff Bart State Unit 36 25 #101H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 390 fel, Sec 36, Blk 61, T-2, Abst. 6734, T&P RR, 26.87 se Pine Springs; TD 9400; API #42-109-33309 Permit issued 4/16

Scala Energy Operating LLC
Sheriff Bart State Unit 36 25 #2H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 370 fel, Sec 36, Blk 61, T-2, Abst. 6734, T&P RR, 26.87 se Pine Springs; TD 9000; API #42-109-33310 Permit issued 4/16

Ector County

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BJ" #106
Lowe West (Strawn); 3587 fsl, 1000 fwl, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 3, G&MMB&A, 5.3 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-135-43582 Permit issued 4/17

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BJ" #107
Lowe West (Strawn); 1980 fwl, 2977 fsl, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 3, G&MMB&A, 5.3 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-135-43584 Permit issued 4/17

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BJ" #109
Lowe West (Strawn); 2450 fsl, 3302 fwl, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 3, G&MMB&A, 5.7 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-135-43589 Permit issued 4/17

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BJ" #110
Lowe West (Strawn); 880 fwl, 2450 fsl, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 3, G&MMB&A, 5.3 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-135-43590 Permit issued 4/17

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BJ" #111
Lowe West (Strawn); 1650 fsl, 1650 fwl, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 3, G&MMB&A, 5.4 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-135-43591 Permit issued 4/17

Glasscock County

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Barbee B 47-38 (Alloc-A) #1NU
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 342 fsl, 662 fwl, Sec 47, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 192, T&P RR, 15.7 se Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-173-37880 Permit issued 4/17

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Barbee B 47-38 (Alloc-B) #2NM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 342 fsl, 707 fwl, Sec 47, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 192, T&P RR, 15.7 se Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-173-37881 Permit issued 4/17

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Barbee B 47-38 (Alloc-C) #3NM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 415 fsl, 1863 fwl, Sec 47, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 192, T&P RR, 15.7 se Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-173-37882 Permit issued 4/17

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Barbee B 47-38 (Alloc-C) #3NU
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 390 fsl, 1863 fwl, Sec 47, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 192, T&P RR, 15.7 se Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-173-37883 Permit issued 4/17

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Barbee B 47-38 (Alloc-D) #4NM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 440 fsl, 1863 fwl, Sec 47, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 192, T&P RR, 15.7 se Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-173-37884 Permit issued 4/17

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Barbee B 47-38 (Alloc-F) #6NM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 9851 fsl, 1010 fel, Sec 47, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 192, T&P RR, 15.7 se Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-173-37885 Permit issued 4/17

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Barbee B 47-38 (Alloc-H) #8NM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 9835 fsl, 1010 fel, Sec 47, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 192, T&P RR, 15.7 se Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-173-37886 Permit issued 4/17

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Cook E 20E #5H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 240 fsl, 870 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 1252, T&P RR, 10.7 sw Garden City; TD 10100; API #42-173-37869 Permit issued 4/19

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Cook E 20F #6H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 195 fsl, 870 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 1252, T&P RR, 10.7 sw Garden City; TD 10100; API #42-173-37872 Permit issued 4/19

Howard County

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Gibson Unit A-A2 28-21 #7AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 198 fsl, 173 fwl, Sec 28, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 1237, T&P RR, 19.1 nw Big Spring; TD 8500; API #42-227-39508 Permit issued 4/17

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Gibson Unit A-A2 28-21 #8AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 416 fsl, 1473 fel, Sec 28, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 1237, T&P RR, 19.1 nw Big Spring; TD 8500; API #42-227-39523 Permit issued 4/17

CrownQuest Operating LLC
SWR JGM 28 #1
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 467 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 28, Blk 34, T-1-N, Abst. 1428, T&P RR, 0.9 w Big Spring; TD 12000; API #42-227-39575 Permit issued 4/16

Energen Resources Corporation
Powell SN 36-25 06 #906H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 199 fsl, 312 fel, Sec 36, Blk 34, T-3-N, Abst. 1410, T&P RR, 5.6 nw Knott; TD 9500; API #42-227-39579 Permit issued 4/19

Energen Resources Corporation
Powell SN 36-25 06 #106H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 199 fsl, 282 fel, Sec 36, Blk 34, T-3-N, Abst. 1410, T&P RR, 5.6 nw Knott; TD 9500; API #42-227-39580 Permit issued 4/19

Energen Resources Corporation
Powell SN 36-25 02 #102H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 199 fsl, 898 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 34, T-3-N, Abst. 1410, T&P RR, 5.6 nw Knott; TD 9500; API #42-227-39577 Permit issued 4/19

Energen Resources Corporation
Powell SN 36-25 04 #104H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 199 fsl, 892 fel, Sec 36, Blk 34, T-3-N, Abst. 1410, T&P RR, 5.6 nw Knott; TD 9500; API #42-227-39578 Permit issued 4/19

Granader Energy Partners II LLC
Leech 32-41 Unit B #8LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 355 fel, Sec 29, Blk 31, T-1-N, Abst. 94, T&P RR, 2.41 n Sand Springs; TD 10000; API #42-227-39583 Permit issued 4/20

Sabalo Operating LLC
Priscilla 23-14 #4SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 422 fsl, 295 fel, Sec 23, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 274, T&P RR, 9.21se Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39576 Permit issued 4/17

Surge Operating LLC
Wolle-Brophy Unit 48-04 #8SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Hor-

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izontal; 301 fnl, 850 fel, Sec 45, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 356, T&P RR, 16.8 nw Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-39582 Permit issued 4/18

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Ash 55-1-32 Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 375 fnl, 1891 fel, Sec 41, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 112, T&P RR, 17.62 nw Mentone; TD 12500; API #42-301-33971 Permit issued 4/19

RSP Permian LLC
Ludeman A 2525 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2259 fnl, 270 fel, Sec 25, Blk C-25, Abst. 1211, PSL, 18 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33920 Permit issued 4/20

RSP Permian LLC
Ludeman B 2525 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2259 fnl, 310 fel, Sec 25, Blk C-25, Abst. 1211, PSL, 18 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33921 Permit issued 4/20

Martin County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Deets 36B #4
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC; 475 fwl, 220 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 35, T-3-N, Abst. 1193, T&P RR, 7.5 se Flower Grove; TD 12000; API #42-317-41385 Permit issued 4/17

CrownQuest Operating LLC
General Patton 55 #3
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 475 fel, 765 fnl, Sec 55, Blk A, Abst. 331, Bauer & Cockrell, 6.1 w Knott; TD 12000; API #42-317-41404 Permit issued 4/16

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Shaw 13-8 #281
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 448 fsl, 280 fwl, Sec 13, Blk 35, T-2-N, Abst. 71, T&P RR, 5.5 ne Lenorah; TD 12000; API #42-317-41401 Permit issued 4/17

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Shaw 13-8 #282
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 473 fsl, 280 fwl, Sec 13, Blk 35, T-2-N, Abst. 71, T&P RR, 5.5 ne Lenorah; TD 12000; API #42-317-41402 Permit issued 4/17

Guidon Energy Management Services LLC
Holt Ranch 21-10 (Alloc 3NH) #5UL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1424 fel, 465 fnl, Sec 320, Abst. 999, Garza CSL, 7.2 nw Tarzan; TD 10500; API #42-317-41329 Permit issued 4/18

Guidon Energy Management Services LLC
Holt Ranch 21-10 (Alloc 3NH) #6LL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1424 fel, 420 fnl, Sec 320, Abst. 999, Garza CSL, 7.2 nw Tarzan; TD 10500; API #42-317-41330 Permit issued 4/18

Guidon Energy Management Services LLC
Holt Ranch 21-10 (Alloc 4NH) #7UL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1424 fel, 375 fnl, Sec 320, Abst. 999, Garza CSL, 7.2 nw Tarzan; TD 10500; API #42-317-41331 Permit issued 4/18

Hunt Oil Company
Scharbauer #109HM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 656 fel, 484 fsl, Sec 325, Abst. 424, La Salle CSL, 18.24 nw Stanton; TD 7500; API #42-317-41403 Permit issued 4/17

XTO Energy Inc.
Lenorah 1-21 #0601BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 331 fwl, 600 fnl, Sec 18, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 623, T&P RR, 5.5 se Lenorah; TD 9215; API #42-317-41344 Permit issued 4/20

XTO Energy Inc.
Lenorah 1-23 #0623SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1633 fwl, 600 fnl, Sec 18, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 623, T&P RR, 5.5 se Lenorah; TD 8525; API #42-317-41346 Permit issued 4/16

XTO Energy Inc.
Lenorah 1-14 #0614AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2560 fwl, 600 fnl, Sec 18, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 623, T&P RR, 5.5 se Lenorah; TD 8980; API #42-317-41358 Permit issued 4/20

Midland County

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer Jr #0071LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 365 fsl, 1883.2 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 773, T&P RR, 10 sw Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42439 Permit issued 4/16

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer Jr #0072LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 365 fsl, 1908.2 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 773, T&P RR, 10 sw Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42440 Permit issued 4/16

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer Jr #0073LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 365 fsl, 1933.2 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 773, T&P RR, 10 sw Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42441 Permit issued 4/16

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer Jr #0081LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 365 fsl, 921.1 fel, Sec 42, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 773, T&P RR, 10 sw Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42442 Permit issued 4/16

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer Jr #0082LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 365 fsl, 896.1 fel, Sec 42, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 773, T&P RR, 10 sw Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42443 Permit issued 4/19

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer Jr #0083LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 365 fsl, 871.1 fel, Sec 42, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 773, T&P RR, 10 sw Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42444 Permit issued 4/17

Chevron USA Inc.
BRD Wrigley Unit #0201 WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1282 fnl, 2070.4 fwl, Sec 12, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 795, T&P RR, 11.2 sw Midland; TD 10350; API #42-329-42446 Permit issued 4/17

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A5 #2513LH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 435 fnl, 1285 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42434 Permit issued 4/17

Feshan Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BJ" #108
Lowe West (Strawn); 4451 fwl, 3012 fsl, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 2, T&P RR, 6 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-329-42438 Permit issued 4/17

Hunt Oil Company
Boone-Coffee 40 #204HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3079 fwl, 2968 fnl, Sec 8, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 948, T&P RR, 18.27 se Midland; TD 8175; API #42-329-42457 Permit issued 4/19

Hunt Oil Company
Boone-Coffee 40 #104HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3104 fwl, 2969 fnl, Sec 8, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 948, T&P RR, 18.27 se Midland; TD 8550; API #42-329-42458 Permit issued 4/19

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranchland B Unit #4311H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1445 fnl, 932 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 1, T&P RR, 1.7 e Midland; TD 10000; API #42-329-42336 Permit issued 4/16

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranchland B Unit #2811H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1295 fnl, 932 fel, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 1, T&P RR, 1.7 e Midland; TD 9350; API #42-329-42337 Permit issued 4/16

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford Tank Farm NE7P #116H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1270 fsl, 2560 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42394 Permit issued 4/20

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford Tank Farm NE7Q #117H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2560 fsl, 1250 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42395 Permit issued 4/20

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford Tank Farm NE7R #118H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1230 fsl, 2560 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10500; API #42-329-42396 Permit issued 4/20

Pecos County

Diamondback E&P LLC
State Neal Lethco B 20-19 #2WA
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 198 fsl, 2585 fnl, Sec 20, Blk 142, Abst. 8670, T&STL RR, 11.3 se Coyanosa; TD 10350; API #42-371-39720 Permit issued 4/17

Diamondback E&P LLC
State Neal Lethco 7-8 D #4WA
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 356 fsl, 3180 fnl, Sec 2, Blk 203-1/2, Abst. 8410, Mrs. E. Price, 13.54 se Coyanosa; TD 10500; API #42-371-39730 Permit issued 4/19

Diamondback E&P LLC
Neal Lethco B 21-22 #2WA
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 198 fsl, 2555 fnl, Sec 20, Blk 142, Abst. 8670, T&STL RR, 11.36 se Coyanosa; TD 10350; API #42-371-39721 Permit issued 4/18

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Bubblin' Crude 0807B-143 #81HX
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 551 fsl, 382 fel, Sec 8, Blk 143, Abst. 8678, T&STL RR, 10 se Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-371-39729* Permit issued 4/19

Reeves County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Juniper State Unit 2-3 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 770 fnwl, 290 fswl, Sec 3, Blk 2, Abst. 363, H&GN RR, 13.98 se Orla; TD 11500; API #42-389-36750 Permit issued 4/16

Apache Corporation
Navajo #401AH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 717 fsl, 513 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 55, Abst. 1758, T&P RR, 7 se Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-37016 Permit issued 4/16

BHP Billiton Petroleum (TxLa Operating) Co.
State Caldwell 57-T2-35X26 SA #W102H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 637 fwl, Sec 35, Blk 57, T-2, Abst. 635, T&P RR, 2.7 sw Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36942 Permit issued 4/18

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Blacktop 21601 1 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnl, 2625 fel, Sec 1, Blk C-20, Abst. 2525, PSL, 5 se Orla; TD 10750; API #42-389-37037 Permit issued 4/20

Capitan Energy Inc.
Ave State 36 #3H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2705 fel, 441 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 58, T-2, Abst. 3622, T&P RR, 7 sw Orla; TD 12000; API #42-389-37046 Permit issued 4/18

Capitan Energy Inc.
Ave State 36 #4H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2729 fwl, 430 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 58, T-2, Abst. 3622, T&P RR, 7 sw Orla; TD 12000; API #42-389-37039 Permit issued 4/18

Capitan Energy Inc.
Ave State 36 #5H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2699 fwl, 441 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 58, T-2, Abst. 3622, T&P RR, 7 sw Orla; TD 12000; API #42-389-37040 Permit issued 4/18

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
St. Clair Unit 2827 #11H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 309 fnwl, 316 fwl, Sec 28, Blk 4, Abst. 1892, H&GN RR, 6.3 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-37017 Permit issued 4/16

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
Davis 2728 Unit #10H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 287 fswl, 251 fnwl, Sec 27, Blk 4, Abst. 394, H&GN RR, 6.3 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-37036 Permit issued 4/17

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
Sandhu State #12H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 291 fsl, 643 fel, Sec 14, Blk 54, Abst. 44562, T&P RR, 12 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-37038 Permit issued 4/18

Energen Resources Corporation
Skyfall State Unit 55-8 #606H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 540 fel, Sec 8, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 6030, T&P RR, 9 sw Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-389-36884 Permit issued 4/19

Energen Resources Corporation
Skyfall State Unit 55-8 #706H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 590 fel, Sec 8, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 6030, T&P RR, 9 sw Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-389-36885 Permit issued 4/19

Energen Resources Corporation
Kath 3-11 A #601H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnwl, 250 fswl, Sec 11, Blk 3, Abst. 51, H&GN RR, 13.8 nw Pecos; TD 11500; API #42-389-37041 Permit issued 4/19

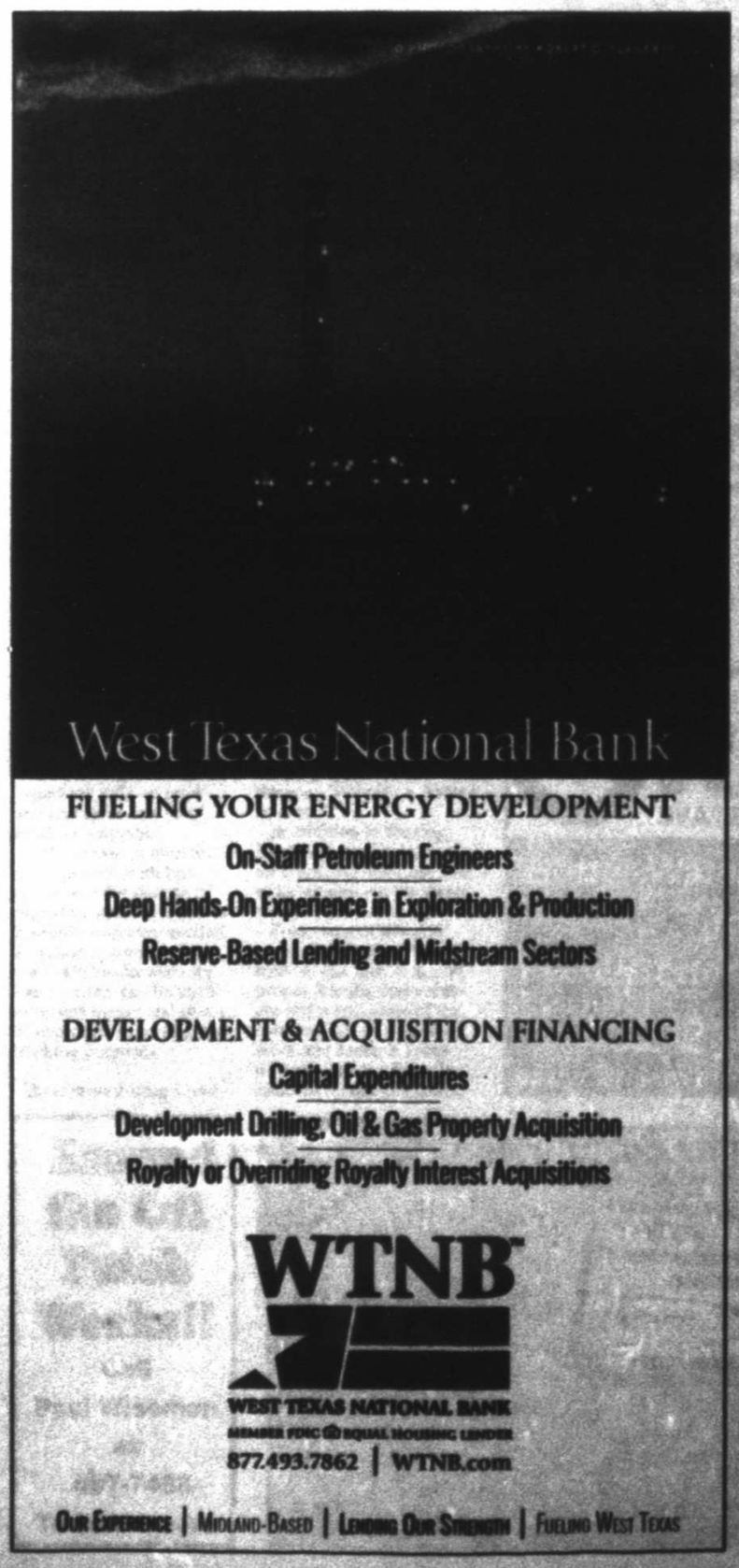
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Kath 3-11 B #603H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1065 fnwl, 250 fswl, Sec 11, Blk 3, Abst. 51, H&GN RR, 13.9 nw Pecos; TD 11500; API #42-389-37042 Permit issued 4/18

Energen Resources Corporation
Kath 3-11 C #605H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 792 fswl, 250 fswl, Sec 11, Blk 3, Abst. 51, H&GN RR, 14 nw Pecos; TD 11500; API #42-389-37048 Permit issued 4/20

EOG Resources Inc.
State Creek 17-8 Unit #8H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 813 fsl, 875 fel, Sec 17, Blk 57, PSL, 24.7 nw Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-37043 Permit issued 4/18

EOG Resources Inc.
State Creek 17-8 Unit #9H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 818 fsl, 2408 fel, Sec

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MDC Texas Operator LLC
Gallant Fox 9 #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 220 fsl, 1880 fel, Sec 9, Blk C-18, Abst. 3606, PSL, 8.92 w Pecos; TD 10250; API #42-389-36946 Permit issued 4/17

Mewbourne Oil Company
TXL South 56-T2-2X11 #W001CF
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 317 fnl, 819 fel, Sec 2, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 1963, T&P RR, 37.4 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-37033 Permit issued 4/19

Mewbourne Oil Company
TXL South 56-T2-2X11 #W002DE
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 251 fnl, 865 fel, Sec 2, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 1963, T&P RR, 37.4 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-37056 Permit issued 4/20

Oxy USA Inc.
Cooper 27-26-2W #12H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 881 fnl, 270 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 743, T&P RR, 14.1 se Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-37050 Permit issued 4/20

Oxy USA Inc.
Cooper 27-26-3W #13H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2627 fnl, 227 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 743, T&P RR, 14.4 se Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-37052 Permit issued 4/20

Oxy USA Inc.
Cooper 27-26-4W #14H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2627 fnl, 277 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 743, T&P RR, 14.4 se Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-37054 Permit issued 4/19

Oxy USA Inc.
Cooper 27-26-5W #15H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 901 fnl, 277 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 743, T&P RR, 14.7 se Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-37053 Permit issued 4/20

Oxy USA Inc.
Cooper 27-26-6W #16H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 861 fnl, 277 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 743, T&P RR, 14.7 se Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-37055 Permit issued 4/20

PDC Permian Inc.
Windy Mountain 7879 2U #B 2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1446 fnwl, 658 fswl, Sec 75, Blk 4, Abst. 418, H&GN RR, 5.13 w Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36751 Permit issued 4/19

PDC Permian Inc.
Windy Mountain 7879 1U #B 1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1445 fnwl, 700 fswl, Sec 75, Blk 4, Abst. 418, H&GN RR, 5.13 w Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36776 Permit issued 4/19

PDC Permian Inc.
Argentine State 7170 3U #A 3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 659 fsel, 730 fswl, Sec 71, Blk 4, Abst. 416, H&GN RR, 3.12 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-37008 Permit issued 4/16

PRI Operating LLC
Darlington Unit 11B4 #4H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 1740 fel, Sec 14, Blk C-5, Abst. 5936, PSL, 17.4 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-36848 Permit issued 4/18

PRI Operating LLC
Darlington Unit 11B5 #5H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 1770 fel, Sec 14, Blk C-5, Abst. 5936, PSL, 17.4 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-36849 Permit issued 4/18

Primexx Operating Corporation
Zacate Unit 151-152E #10H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 263 fsl, 405 fel, Sec 150, Blk 13, Abst. 1504, H&GN RR, 18 sw Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-37034 Permit issued 4/20

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Gunsmoke 191-190 Unit A #2H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2302 fnel, 775 fnwl, Sec 191, Blk 13, Abst. 305, H&GN RR, 13.5 sw Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-37035 Permit issued 4/17

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Monroe 28-39 Unit D #14H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1395 fel, Sec 27, Blk 5, Abst. 434, H&GN RR, 6.3 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-37051 Permit issued 4/20

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Monroe 28-39 Unit D #34H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 386 fsl, 1365 fel, Sec 27, Blk 5, Abst. 434, H&GN RR, 6.3 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-37059 Permit issued 4/20

Rosetta Resources Operating LP
Monroe 28-39 Unit D #15HL
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 915 fsl, 440 fel, Sec 27, Blk 5, Abst. 434, H&GN RR, 6.3 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-37060 Permit issued 4/20

Upcurve Energy LLC
B Johnson State 33 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 410 fnl, 275 fwl, Sec 33, Blk 72, Abst. 5710, PSL, 4.45 se Toyah; TD 11300; API #42-389-37019 Permit issued 4/20

Winkler County

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
UL Maroon 0904-21 #2H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 947 fnl, 1949 fel, Sec 16, Blk 21, Abst. 56U, ULS, 4.27 w Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-34109 Permit issued 4/18

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
UL Maroon 0904-21 #3H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 1187 fnl, 2220 fel, Sec 16, Blk 21, Abst. 56U, ULS, 4.27 w Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-34110 Permit issued 4/16

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Borden County

Surge Operating LLC
Kraken Unit A 06-43 #4AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 313 fsl, 2113 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 31, T-3-N, Abst. 1204, T&P RR, 12.5 sw Gail; TD 10000; API #42-033-32463 Permit issued 4/17

Surge Operating LLC
Nessie Unit A 34-46 #2AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2401 fnl, 653 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 31, T-3-N, Abst. 847, T&P RR, 9.9 e Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-033-32465 Permit issued 4/20

Cochran County

Element Petroleum Operating III LLC
Where Choo Choo Go Unit 56-57 #6H
Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2516 fsl, 380 fel, Sec 56, Abst. 38, T. Harrison, 13 se Bledsoe; TD 6200; API #42-079-33388 Permit issued 4/18

Element Petroleum Operating III LLC
Bart Olsen Unit 26-28 #1H
Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 1192 fsl, 380 fwl, Sec 26, Abst. 18, T. Harrison, 15 se Bledsoe; TD 6200; API #42-079-33386 Permit issued 4/16

Element Petroleum Operating III LLC
Are We Awake Unit 18-14 #5H
Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 1 fsl, 788 fel, Sec 18, Blk W, Abst. 276, PSL, 10 se Bledsoe; TD 6200; API #42-079-33389 Permit issued 4/19

Crosby County

Juno Operating Company III LLC
Sue Hancock #924
Hoople (Clearfork); 914 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 9, Blk D-19, Abst. 380, D&SE RR, 7.3 ne Slaton; TD 5000; API #42-107-32153 Permit issued 4/19

Gaines County

Pitts Energy Co.
Devon #1H
Tedbit (San Andres)-Horizontal; 460 fsl, 400 fel, Sec 92, Blk H, Abst. 568, D&W RR, 7 se Loop; TD 5300; API #42-165-38679 Permit issued 4/19

Ring Energy Inc.
Mormo #1H
Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 240 fsl, 377 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-22, Abst. 2017, PSL, 9 s Seminole; TD 5100; API #42-165-38695 Permit issued 4/16

Ring Energy Inc.
Morta #1H

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Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 1284 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-22, Abst. 2017, PSL, 9 s Seminole; TD 5100; API #42-165-38702 Permit issued 4/18

Ring Energy Inc.
Mephitis #1H
Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 2190 fel, Sec 2, Blk A-22, Abst. 2017, PSL, 9 s Seminole; TD 5100; API #42-165-38703 Permit issued 4/17

Ring Energy Inc.
Merope #1H
Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 2568 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-22, Abst. 2017, PSL, 9 s Seminole; TD 5100; API #42-165-38704 Permit issued 4/20

Ring Energy Inc.
Vail #1H
ODC Northeast (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 1284 fwl, Sec 242, Blk G, Abst. 706, WT RR, 13 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38699 Permit issued 4/16

Ring Energy Inc.
Vail #2H
ODC Northeast (San Andres)-Horizontal; 181 fsl, 2188 fel, Sec 242, Blk G, Abst. 706, WT RR, 13 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-387069 Permit issued 4/20

Ring Energy Inc.
Loki #3H
ODC Northeast (San Andres)-Horizontal; 234 fsl, 1290 fwl, Sec 305, Blk G, Abst. 69, CCSD&RGNG, 12.3 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38709 Permit issued 4/20

Sheridan Production Company LLC
PS Dunbar 25 #2H
Dempsey Creek (San Andres)-Horizontal; 960 fnl, 1188 fwl, Sec 5, Blk A-28, Abst. 673, PSL, 25 sw Seminole; TD 10600; API #42-165-38707 Permit issued 4/19

Sheridan Production Company LLC
PS Dunbar 25 #3H
Dempsey Creek (San Andres)-Horizontal; 958 fnl, 1228 fwl, Sec 5, Blk A-28, Abst. 673, PSL, 25 sw Seminole; TD 10700; API #42-165-38705 Permit issued 4/18

Garza County

CML Exploration LLC
Davis #3
Happy (Spraberry Lime); 714 fnl, 1215 fel, Sec 20, Blk 2, Abst. 1000, T&NO RR, 14 s Post; TD 5100; API #42-169-34259 Permit issued 4/19

Lamb County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Anton-Irish Clearfork Unit #614
Anton-Irish; 7375 fwl, 1623 fnl, Sec 32, Blk 1, Abst. 98, R.M. Thomson, 4.1 ne Anton; TD 6700; API #42-279-30428 Permit issued 4/20

Motley County

E.N. Patton Oil Company Inc.
Taylor #5
The 8th Dimension (Canyon Reef); 1400 fwl, 2092 fsl, Sec 151, Blk M, Abst. 581, Matador Cattle Co., 18.7 ne Matador; TD 5500; API #42-345-30342 Permit issued 4/19

Yoakum County

Riley Permian Operating Co. LLC
Madcap 731-706 #1XH
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 450 fnl, 600 fel, Sec 770, Blk D, Abst. 1850, J.H. Gibson, 7.4 nw Denver City; TD 9000; API #42-501-36984 Permit issued 4/17

Steward Energy II LLC
Savage 551 #2H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 234 fel, 260 fsl, Sec 506, Blk D, Abst. 1593, J.H. Gibson, 5.65 se Plains; TD 5800; API #42-501-36989 Permit issued 4/18

Steward Energy II LLC
Sixteen Stone 416 #4H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2180 fwl, 623 fnl, Sec 453, Blk D, Abst. 359, J.H. Gibson, 11.05 sw Plains; TD 5600; API #42-501-36990 Permit issued 4/20

Steward Energy II LLC
Beretta 385 #4H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2173 fwl, 2019 fsl, Sec 432, Blk D, Abst. 1344, J.H. Gibson, 4.95 e Plains; TD 5600; API #42-501-36988 Permit issued 4/17

Steward Energy II LLC
Peticolas #1H
Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 182 fel, 192 fsl, Sec 105, Blk D, Abst. 116, J.H. Gibson, 15.02 nw Plains; TD 5600; API #42-501-36987 Permit issued 4/17

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC
Matador 646 C #1H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 473 fsl, 2310 fel, Sec 599, Blk D, Abst. 525, J.H. Gibson, 11.6 sw Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36985 Permit issued 4/16

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #980
Dodd; Sec 10 T17S R29E; 330/N & 1800/W; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 10000 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44807

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #983
Dodd; Sec 10 T17S R29E; 2025/N & 1150/W; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 10000 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44808

Percussion Petroleum Operating LLC
Huber Federal #17
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 34 T19S R25E; 479/S & 1005/W; 6 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 8324 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44792

Matador Production Co.
Joe Coleman 13 23S 27E RB #221
Purple Sage; Sec 14 T23S R27E; 558/N & 385/E; 3 mi S Otis; Rot 15700 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44805

Caza Operating LLC
Forehand Ranch North 22 21 St #1
Purple Sage; Sec 22 T23S R27E; 1405/N & 250/E; 4 mi W Loving; Rot 19026 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44809

Matador Production Co.
DR K 24 23S 27E RB #204
Purple Sage; Sec 23 T23S R27E; 159/s & 292/E; 3 mi W Loving; Rot 14300 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44804

Oxy USA Inc.
Cypress 33 Fed Com #11
Purple Sage; Sec 33 T23S R29E; 28/N & 1307/E; 5 mi NE Malaga; Rot 17558 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44795

Oxy USA Inc.
Cypress 33 Fed Com #12
Purple Sage; Sec 33 T23S R29E; 28/N & 1277/E; 5 mi ne Malaga; Rot 17576 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44796

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Tomb Raider 1 12 Fed Com #528
Livingston Ridge; Sec 1 T23S R31E; 360/N & 980/E; 15 mi S Halfway; Rot 21962 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44810

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Yardbird 2 W2CN Fee #2
Purple Sage; Sec 2 T24S R28E; 205/N & 1980/W; 2 1/2 mi N Malaga; Rot 15050 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44800

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Yardbird 2 WOCN Fee #1
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 2 T24S R28E; 205/N & 1940/W; 2 1/2 mi N Malaga; Rot 14160 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44801

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Yardbirds 2 W0DM #1
Purple Sage; Sec 2 T24S R28E; 205/N & 610/W; 2 1/2 mi N Malaga; Rot 14160 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44802

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Yardbirds 2 W2DM Fee #2
Purple Sage; Sec 2 T24S R28E; 205/N & 660/W; 2 1/2 mi N Malaga; Rot 15050 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44803

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 17 Fed Com #21
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 8 T24S R29E; 238/S & 142/E; 3 1/2 mi NE Malaga; Rot 13590 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44793

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 8 Fed Com #24
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 8 T24S R29E; 238/S & 172/E; 3 1/2 mi NE Malaga; Rot 18730 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44794

Oxy USA Inc.
Pecos Valley CC 9 8 Fed #23
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 8 T24S R29E; 2134/S & 569/W; 3 1/2 mi NE Malaga; Rot 18781 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44797

Oxy USA Inc.
Pecos Valley CC 7 Fed #25
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 8 T24S R29E; 2163/S & 560/W; 3 1/2 mi NE Malaga; Rot 13471 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44798

Oxy USA Inc.
Pecos Valley CC 7 Fed #26
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 8 T24S R29E; 2108/S & 577/W; 3 1/2 mi NE Malaga; Rot 13504 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44799

Cimarex Energy Co.
Scoter 6 31 Fed Com #7
Purple Sage; Sec 6 T25S R27E; 410/S & 1090/W; 3 mi SE Black River; Rot 19235 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44806

Cimarex Energy Co.
Davinci 7 18 Fed Com #31
Purple Sage; Sec 7 T25S R27E; 390/N & 1450/E; 4 mi SE Black River; Rot 18463 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44791

Lea County

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Federal #2
West Maljamar; Sec 8 t17S R32E; 936/S & 2501/E; 1 mi W Maljamar; Rot 13088 Yeso; API #30-025-44588

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Federal #3
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 2080/S & 2350/W; 1 mi W Maljamar; Rot 12896 Yeso; API #30-025-44589

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Fed #4
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 2237/S & 2449/W; 1 mi W Maljamar; Rot 12783 Yeso; API #30-025-44590

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Fed #12
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 1035/S & 2600/E; 1 mi W Maljamar; Rot 13503 Yeso; API #30-025-44591

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Fed #13
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 1240/S & 2480/W; 1 mi W Maljamar; Rot 13333 Yeso; API #30-025-44592

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Fed #14
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 2237/S & 2580/W; 1 mi W Maljamar; Rot 13433 Yeso; API #30-025-44593

Occidental Permian LP
South Hobbs G/SA #274
Hobbs; Sec 10 T19S R38E; 1772/N & 1051/W; 1 mi S Hobbs; Rot 6000 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-44608

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Stary Cat 8 5 Fed #212
Sand Dunes; Sec 8 T23S R32E; 598/S & 2081/W; 16 mi SE Halfway; Rot 29968 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44599

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Stray Cat 8 5 Fed #21
Sand Dunes; Sec 8 T23S R32E; 602/S & 1989/E; 16 mi SE Halfway; Rot 19975 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44600

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Stray Cat 8 5 Fed #214
Sand Dunes; Sec 8 T23S R32E; 598/S & 964/E; 16 mi SE Halfway; Rot 19996 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44601

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Ibex 10 B3MD Fed Com #1
NW Antelope Ridge; Sec 15 T23S R34E; 185/N & 750/W; 7 mi N Ochoa; Rot 16288 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44585

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Ibex 10 B3OB Fed Com #1
NW Antelope Ridge; Sec 15 T23S R34E; 185/N & 1650/E; 7 mi N Ochoa; Rot 16288 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44587

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Ibex 10 B3NC Fed Com #1
NW Antelope Ridge; Sec 15 T23S R34E; 185/N & 1750/W; 7 mi N Ochoa; Rot 16288 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44586

Devon Energy Production Co.
Green Wave 20 32 Federal State Com #2
Bobcat Draw; Sec 20 T26S R34E; 2456/S & 271/W; 11 SW Ochoa; Rot 22523 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44594

Devon Energy Production Co.
Mean Green 23 35 Federal Com #1
SW Jabalina; Sec 23 T26S R34E; 2449/S & 890/E; 11 mi S Ochoa; Rot 23440 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44595

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Mean Green 23 35 Fed Com #2
SW Jabalina; Sec 23 T26S R34E; 2449/S & 860/E; 11 mi S Ochoa; Rot 22611 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44596

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Mean Green 23 35 Fed Com #3
SW Jabalina; Sec 23 T26S R34E; 2449/S & 830/E; 11 mi S Ochoa; Rot 22681 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44597

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Reagan County

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Hickman O #2074SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 375 fnl, 4013 fwl, Sec 207, Blk 1, Abst. 564, T&P RR, 7 e Big Lake; TD 9985 TVD, 16978 MD; Comp 3/22/2018; producing from 7535-16921, fracture stimulated; gas IR 891 BO, 765 MCF, 1102 BW, FTP 105 psi, 38.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-39992

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Hickman P #2075AS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 375 fnl, 4053 fwl, Sec 207, Blk 1, Abst. 564, T&P RR, 7 e Big Lake; TD 6750 TVD, 17040 MD; Comp 3/22/2018; producing from 7310-16998, fracture stimulated; gas IR 495 BO, 320 MCF, 1307 BW, FTP 90 psi, 38.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-39993

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Andrews County

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BN" #2310
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2310 fsl, 1980 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 40, T-1-N, Abst. 17, T&P RR, 8.3 ne Gardendale; TD 11550; Comp 3/23/2018; producing from 8471-11451, fracture stimulated; pump 181 BO, 497 MCF, 365 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47631

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BW" #2314
Spraberry (Trend Area); 990 fsl, 1980 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 40, T-1-N, Abst. 17, T&P RR, 8.2 ne Gardendale; TD 11550; Comp 3/29/2018; producing from 8516-11411, fracture stimulated; pump 69 BO, 234 MCF, 397 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47635

Glasscock County

Royalty Land & Development Co. Inc.
Lois Blalock #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1980 fnel, 1320 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 515, T&P RR, 13 nw Garden City; TD 11100; Comp 3/22/2018; producing from 8722-8920; pump 5 BO, 1 MCF, 17 BW 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-31215

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Zion 55-1-17 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 574 fnl, 2370 fel, Sec 17, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 100, T&P RR, 21 nw Mentone; TD 11341 TVD, 21413 MD; Comp 3/31/2018; producing from 11669-21259, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 12174 MCF on 48/64 inch choke, FTP 1750 psi; API #42-301-33295

Martin County

XTO Energy Inc.
Patricia Unit 1 #4843SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1403 fnl, 600 fel, Sec 36, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 757, T&P RR, 2.3 ne Lenorah; TD 8177 TVD, 19094 MD; Comp 3/23/2018; producing from 8663-18958, fracture stimulated; flow 481 BO, 276 MCF, 2781 BW, FTP 510 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-40706

XTO Energy Inc.
Patricia Unit 1 #4813AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1454 fnl, 600 fel, Sec 36, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 757, T&P RR, 2.3 ne Lenorah; TD 8522 TVD, 19863 MD; Comp 3/24/2018; producing from 9229-19527, fracture stimulated; flow 1252 BO, 991 MCF, 1481 BW, FTP 700 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-40723

XTO Energy Inc.
Patricia Unit 2 #4808SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2311 fsl, 600 fel, Sec 36, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 757, T&P RR, 2.5 ne Lenorah; TD 8998 TVD, 19892 MD; Comp 4/9/2018; producing from 9460-19746, fracture stimulated; flow 1123 BO, 789 MCF, 2443 BW, FTP 600 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-40732

XTO Energy Inc.
Patricia Unit 2 #4828SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2281 fsl, 600 fel, Sec 36, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 757, T&P RR, 2.8 ne Lenorah; TD 8297 TVD, 19235 MD; Comp 4/7/2018; producing from 8832-19110, fracture stimulated; flow 699 BO, 480 MCF, 3442 BW, FTP 350 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-40726

Reeves County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Balsu 56-3-41 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 41, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 595, T&P RR, 3.5 nw Orla; TD 10209 TVD, 14965 MD; Comp 3/31/2018; producing from 10516-14782, fracture stimulated; flow 3750 MCF on 40/64 inch choke, FTP 853 psi; API #42-389-35654

Oxy USA WTP LP
Granada 11 #14H
Wolfone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 308 fsl, 987 fel, Sec 11, Blk C-7, Abst. 1258, PSL, 9.6 se Pecos; TD 10840 TVD, 15787 MD; Comp 3/29/2018; producing from 10705-15609, fracture stimulated; flow 1239 BO, 2701 MCF, 3746 BW on 50/64 inch choke, FTP 725 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-36514

Oxy USA WTP LP
Granada 11 #15H
Wolfone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 308 fsl, 1912 fel, Sec 11, Blk C-7, Abst. 1258, PSL, 9.6 se Pecos; TD 10825 TVD, 15750 MD; Comp 3/29/2018; producing from 10607-15556, fracture stimulated; flow 1088 BO, 1699 MCF, 3294 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 500 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-36515

Oxy USA WTP LP
Granada 11 #73H
Wolfone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 308 fsl, 19527 fel, Sec 11, Blk C-7, Abst. 1258, PSL, 9.6 s Pecos; TD 10650 TVD, 15469 MD; Comp 3/28/2018; producing from 10270-15282, fracture stimulated; flow 2247 BO, 4874 MCF, 4885 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 725 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-36516

Ward County

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
Lucy Adams #0104
Estes Block 34 (Pennsylvanian); 1980 fnel, 1985 fsel, Sec 39, Blk 34, Abst. 184, H&TC RR, 7.83 nw Monahans; TD 9830; Comp 3/23/2018; producing from 7802-9481, fracture stimulated; pump 125 BO, 176 MCF, 421 BW, 40.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-37389

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Dickens County

Halliburton Operating Company
Neaves #1
Wildcat; 662 fsl, 1667 fnl, Sec 279, Blk 1, Abst. 148, H&GN RR, 4 ne Spur; TD 4894; Comp 3/22/2018; producing from 4813-4818, treated with acid; pump 56 Bo, 59 MCF, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-125-31369

Garza County

Cholla Petroleum Inc.
Giles #25
Arlene (Glorieta); 468 fsl, 468 fwl, Sec 85, Blk 5, Abst. 45, GH&H RR, 8.5 e Post; TD 3328; Comp 4/5/2018; producing from 2986-3036, treated with acid; pump 4 BO, 574 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34218

Cholla Petroleum Inc.
Giles #27
Arlene (Glorieta); 660 fsl, 4001 fwl, Sec 86, Blk 5, Abst. 668, GH&H RR, 8.5 e Post; TD 3172; Comp 4/2/2018; producing from 2992-2996, treated with acid; pump 13 BO, 410 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34236

New Mexico

Eddy County

Oxy USA Inc.
Turkey Track 9 10 State #32
Turkey Track; Sec 9 T19S R29E; 2160/N & 360/E. BHL: Sec 10 2286/N & 162/E; EL 3395 GR, TD 19251 MD, 8981 TVD, PBTD 19175 MD, 8981 TVD; Spud 6-12-17, Comp 10-30-17; production is through treated perfs: 9229-19045. Treat: 12,784,212 slick wtr, 61,582 gals 15% HCK acid w/152,388,8208 sd. IP: 12-3-17 Flow 24 hrs 2824 BO, 660 BW, 3480 MCF, 64/64" Ch, TP 434, CP 197, GOR 1232. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 391 w/372 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3665 w/1385 sx, 5 ½ @ 19222 w/2819 sx; API #30-015-44109

Percussion Petroleum Operating LLC
Goodman 22 #1
North Seven Rivers; Sec 22 T19S R25E; 376/N & 2136/W. BHL 376/N & 2671/W; EL 3471 GR, TD 6327, PBTD 6294; Spud 9-11-17, Comp 11-17-17; production is through treated perfs: 3178-6238. Treat: Frac w/1,048 bbls acid, 6,100,2750 proppant in slick water. IP: 1-24-18 Pump 24 hrs 788 BO, 3327 BW, 383 MCF. Cag: 9 5/8 @ 1237 w/840 sx, 5 ½ @ 6327 w/21540 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2510; API #30-015-44382

Oxy USA Inc.
Pelton MDP1 18 Federal #3
Cotton Draw; Sec 18 T24S R31E; 170/N & 1928/W. B HL: 200/S & 2513/W; EL 3534 GL, TD 14784 MD, 10010 TVD, PBTD 14762 MD, 10010 TVD; Spud 9-7-17, Comp 12-7-17; production is through treated perfs: 10114-14620. Treat: 7308992 gals slick water, 6300 gals linear gel, 21940 gals 7.5% acid w/875961OF sd. IP: 12-18-17 Flow 24 hrs 1151 BO, 2521 BW, 2173 MCF, 44,128 Ch, CP 982, GOR 1888. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 643 w/830 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4344 w/1220 sx, 5 ½ @ 14777 w/2125 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9736; API #30-015-44333

Nearburg Production Co.
Cottonwood 29 32 Federal Com #1
Welch; Sec 29 T26S R28E; 150/N & 1120/W. BHL: Sec 32 340/S & 681/W; EL 3433 GL, TD 13710 MD, 8986 TVD, PBTD 13560 MD, 8986 TVD; Spud 7-28-17, Comp 10-30-17; production is through treated perfs: 8868-13486. Treat: 121,875 bbls SW w/3,099,1469 100 mesh, 3,807,4869 20/40. IP: 12-24-17 Flow 24 hrs 115 BO, 2801 BW, 136 MCF, 64/64 Ch, TP 400, CP 825, Gty 48. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 454 w/594 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1631 w/430 sx, 5 ½ @ 13559 w/2339, 2 7/8 @ 8474; API #30-015-43702

Lea County

Nemo Fund I LLC
Moo San Andres Unit 35 #104
East Crossroads; Sec 35 T10S R36E; 10/N & 2310/E. BHL: 330/S & 330/E; EL 3990 GL, TD 9917 MD, 4999 TVD, PBTD 9872; Spud 1-117-1, Comp 4-6-17; production is through treated perfs: 5997-9880. Treat: 345 bbls acid. IP: 10-1-17 Pump 24 hrs 10 BO, 618 BW, 8 MCF. Cag: 9 5/8 @ 2364 w/1200 sx, 5 ½ @ 9917 w/2265 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4884; API #30-025-43469

COG Operating LLC
Nelson Federal Com #13
West Maljamar; Sec 15 T17S R32E; 2358/S & 1895/W. BHL: Sec 10 221/N & 1677/W; EL 4046 GL, TD 13699 MD, 8873 TVD, PBTD 13529 MD, 8873 TVD; Spud 5-2-17, Comp 9-1-17; production is through treated perfs: 8231-13480. Treat: Acdz w/181,440 15% acid, Frac w/727,776 gals 91 wtr, 11,190,345 gals slick wtr. IP: 9-4-17 Pump 24 hrs 464 BO, 1837 BW, 497 MCF, GOR 1098, Gty 37.5. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1025 w/780 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2320 w/625, 5 ½ @ 5200-13699 w/3000 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8953; API #30-025-43705

Matador Production Co.
Airstrip 31 18 35 RN State Com #132
Airstrip; Sec 31 T18S R35E; 850/S & 1638/W. BHL: 231/N & 1943/W; EL 3937 GR, TD 15408 MD, 10539 TVD, PBTD 15392; Spud 6-10-17, Comp 8-23-17; production is through treated perfs: 10899-15248. Treat: 12,370,3208 sd. IP: 9-10-17 pump 24 hrs 1172 BO, 1438 BW, 549 MCF, GOR 468, Gty 40.8. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1936 w/2885 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3974 w/1158 sx, 5 ½ @ 15382 w/2460 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9990; API #30-025-43916

Nearburg Production Co.
Lea South 25 Federal Com #10
South Lea; Sec 25S T20S R34E; 330/S & 2130/W. BHL: 350/N & 2168/W; EL 3759 GL, TD 19085 MD, 10878 TVD, PBTD 18978 MD, 10879 TVD; Spud 7-4-17, Comp 11-06-17; production is through treated perfs: 10945-18918. Treat: 83,040 bbls SW w/3,804,1379 100 mesh +2,475,1179 20/40. IP: 11-10-17 Flow 24 hrs 804 BO, 2240 BW, 891 MCF, 36/64" Ch, CP 630, GOR 823, Gty 37. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1043 w/1146 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5030 w/2335 sx, 5 ½ @ 19075 w/1782 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10707; API #30-025-43409

Caza Operating LLC
Eagle Claw Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 5 T20S R36E; 190/N & 407/W. BHL: 1004/S & 825/W; EL 3999 GR, TD 18,832, PBTD 18,495; Spud 9-5-17, Comp 11-1-17; production is through treated perfs: 11726-18,832. Treat: 197469709 sd. IP: 11-27-17 Flow 24 hrs 1690 Bo, 1250 BW, 1192 MCF, 2500#

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UTPB Business Students and Faculty Honored for Achievements

UT Permian Basin recognizes its best and brightest leaders, scholars in the College of Business honors ceremony.

The 13th annual University of Texas of the Permian Basin College of Business (COB) honors ceremony was held on Friday, April 20, 2018 in the Science and Technology Building Cooper Auditorium. The COB awards are hosted annually by UT Permian Basin and recognize the outstanding leadership and achievements of organizations, student leaders and faculty for 2018. Students and advisors nominate organizations and individuals to win a variety of awards.

Included among the celebration was the induction of business students into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. This society encourages and honors academic achievement in the study of business while cultivating and celebrating leadership and professional excellence. Beta Gamma Sigma is the largest alumni group in the world for graduates of AACSB accredited business programs.

Others recognized at the event included accounting students who were inducted in the Institution of Management Accounts. Katie Michaels was awarded the College of Business graduate student of the year. Three Business faculty were recognized as COB faculty of the year. They include Narita Holmes (teaching), Shuming Bai (research) and Cheryl Prachyl (service).



Left to right: Recipients of the UTPB College of Business Faculty of the Year Awards Narita Holmes - Teaching, Shuming Bai - Research and Cheryl Prachyl - Service.

BETA GAMMA SIGMA
THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY



Above: UT Permian Basin Provost, Dr. Daniel Heinmermann and Midland City Councilman and UTPB Alumni, J.Ross Lacy congratulate a student on her academic achievements during the Beta Gamma Sigma induction ceremony. Below: College of Business students stand to be recognized for academic achievement in the study of business at accredited business programs.



UTPB Career Center Olympics Winners recognized



The UTPB Career Center is proud to recognize Anaricki Arbaz, Priyanka Dhakal, Yolanda Escobedo, Sarbagya Malla, Laura Olivas, Rebecca Ornelas, Lissette Perez, Rafael Sanchez, Valerie Valdez, Emmanuel Wehasa, and Sisay Mathabeti. All of these students scored a perfect 390 points and tied for first place by attending all 12 UTPB Career Services workshops and seminars during the spring semester. All eleven contestants will split the prize pool of $2250 dollars. Consolation prize winners included Larisa Lopez (370) and Hillary Agbenyin (370) who earned enough points to receive a UTPB towel and Eugenia Sanchez (340) who earned enough points to win a UTPB cutting board. More than 50 students competed in the competition. All first place winners are pictured above.

Spring 2018 UT Permian Basin Commencement Ceremonies May 5, 2018

10 a.m. Ceremony
Baccalaureate Degrees
College of Arts and Sciences

Art
Communication
Criminal Justice
Criminology
English
History
Humanities
Music
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Social Work

College of Nursing

Nursing

Graduate Degrees
College of Arts and Sciences

English
History
Mathematics
Public Administration

1 p.m. Ceremony
Baccalaureate Degrees
College of Arts and Sciences

Athletic Training
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Geology
Kinesiology
Mathematics

College of Education

Child and Family Studies
Multidisciplinary Studies

Graduate Degrees
College of Arts and Sciences

Biology
Criminal Justice Admin.
Computer Science
Geology
Kinesiology

College of Education

Bilingual Education
Counseling
Educational Leadership
Professional Education
Reading

Special Education
4 p.m. Ceremony
Baccalaureate Degrees
College of Business

Accountancy
Applied Arts and Sciences
Economics
Finance
Industrial Technology
Management
Marketing

College of Engineering

Mechanical Engineering
Petroleum Engineering

Graduate Degrees
College of Business

Business Administration
Professional Accountancy

Save the DATES

April 30, 7 pm
Brass and Woodwind Ensemble Concert

Rea Greathouse Hall, Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
For more information about music at UTPB, contacdt MUSIC@utpb.edu or go to utpb.edu/music.

May 3, 5:30 pm
Patriotic Cord Reception

honoring graduating student veterans
Mesa Building, Room 2110

May 4, 5:30 pm
Nursing Graduates Pinning Ceremony

honoring Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates
Cooper Lecture Hall - Science and Technology Building, Room 1010

May 9, 11:30-1:30 pm
Blessing of the Hands

honoring graduating nursing students and celebrating Nurses Week
Mesa Building, Room 2110

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WILDCATS

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Texas RRCD 7C

Runnels County

The Window Operating Co.
Colburn #3
Wildcat; 468 fel, 662 fnl, Sec 88, Blk 64, Abst. 831, HT&B RR, 3.7 nw Winters; TD 5000; API #42-399-35544 Permit issued 4/20

Texas RRCD 8

Crane County

Boaz Energy II Operating LLC
Cowden 36 #1
Wildcat; 1794 fnel, 1901 fnwl, Sec 36, Blk 2, Abst. 229, H&TC RR, 10.25 sw Crane; TD 6200; API #42-103-36599 Permit issued 4/19

Mitchell County

Realta Energy Inc.
Shorthorn #2503
Wildcat; 711 fwl, 1870 fnl, Sec 25, Blk 19, Abst. 220, LN Co, 10.8 sw Westbrook; TD 5900; API #42-335-35979 Permit issued 4/16

Realta Energy Inc.
Hereford 37 #1
Wildcat; 467 fwl, 2500 fsl, Sec 37, Blk 29, T-1-S, Abst. 6047, T&P RR, 9 sw Westbrook; TD 5900; API #42-335-35978 Permit issued 4/16

Texas RRCD 8A

King County

Cholla Petroleum Inc.
Pitchfork Parker #1
Wildcat; 1765 fnl, 2451 fel, Abst. 287, Somervell CSL, 8 sw Guthrie; TD 4999; API #42-269-32976 Permit issued 4/16

New Mexico

Eddy County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Tomb Raider 1 12 Fed Com #718
Wildcat; Sec 1 T23S R31E; 380/N & 1040/E; 15 mi S Halfway; Rot 21962 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44811

Lea County

Rose Hill Operating Co. LLC
Tatanka Federal #6
Wildcat; Sec 11 T20S R35E; 220/S & 765/W; 10 mi SW Monument; Rot 17590 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44584

Energen Resources Corp.
Angus St 24 35 16 #456
Wildcat; Sec 16 T24S R35E; 510/N & 449/E; 4 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 16414 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44607

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Red Hills West Unit #19
Wildcat; Sec 8 T26S R32E; 150/S & 1205/W; 17 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 16869 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44602

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Red Hills West Unit #20
Wildcat; Sec 8 T26S R32E; 200/S & 1205/W; 17 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 16631 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44603

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Red Hills West Unit #21
Wildcat; Sec 10 T26S R32E; 150/S & 660/W; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22116 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44604

COMPLETIONS

Courtesy DrillingInfo

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Ch. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1960 w/1715 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4330 w/940 sx, 5 ½ @ 18532 w/1805 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10742; API #30-025-42988

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Lea Unit #59
Wildcat; Sec 19 T20S R35E; 2270/S & 660/W. BHL: Sec 18 350/N & 280/W; EL 3676 GL, TD 18800 MD, 11023 TVD; Spud 4-16-17, Comp 6-13-17; production is through treated perfs: 11584-18730. Treat: 4,681 bbls acid, 8,623,892# sd & 248,383 bbls wtr. IP: 10-17-17 Pump 24 hrs 843 BO, 432 BW, 1251 MCF, Gty 41. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1845 w/1500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5803 w/3925 sx, 5 ½ @ 18800 w/3500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10361; API #30-025-43035

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Bilbrey 34 27 B2MD Fed Com #1
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 34 T21S R32E; 270/S & 405/W. BHL: 340/N & 611/W; EL 3780 GL, TD 20770 MD, 10680 TVD, PBTD 20728 MD, 10683 TVD; Spud 8-8-17, Comp 11-28-17; production is through treated perfs: 11004-20726. Treat: 18,336,301 gals slick wtr carrying 12,983,083# mesh sd, 6,111,020# white sd. IP: 11-30-17 Flow 24 hrs 851 BO, 2710 BW, 853 MCF, 36/64" Ch, CP 960, GOR 1002, Gty 47.8. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 906 w/775 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4779 w/1200 sx, 7 @ 11202 w/975 sx, 4 ½ @ 10262-20730 w/600 sx; API #30-025-43872

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 15 Federal P12 #1
Jennings; Sec 15 T26S R32E; 52/S & 1365/W BHL: 181/N & 343/W; EL 3149 GL, TD 13947 MD, 8998 TVD, PBTD 13891; Spud 6-16-17, Comp 10-27-17; production is through treated perfs: 9287-13773. Treat: 73833258 proppant. IP: 12-23-17 Flow 24 hrs 730 BO, 2140 BW, 1377 MCF, 56/64" Ch, TP 599, CP 1037, GOR 1863. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 669 w/690 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4512 w/1480 sx, 5 ½ @ 13937 w/1738 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8788; API #30-025-43613

EOG Resources Inc.
Ophelia 22 Fed Com #704
Wildcat; Sec 22 T26S R33E; 200/N & 644/W. BHL: Sec 27 2364/N & 335/W; EL 3294 GL, TD 19693 MD, PBTD 19582 MD, 12362 TVD; Spud 9-25-17, Comp 12-20-17; production is through treated perfs: 12800-19582. Treat: Frac w/18,170,099# proppant, 240,963 bbls load fluid. IP: 12-23-17 Flow 24 hrs 2962 BO, 5183 BW, 4645 MCF, 52 Ch, CP 1822, GOR 1558, Gty 43. Cag: 10 ¾ @ 997 w/1035 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11649 w/2700 sx, 5 ½ @ 19679 w/779 sx; API #30-025-44006

EOG Resources Inc.
Ruby 2 State Com #601-Y
Hardin Tank; Sec 2 T26S R34E; 220/N & 1198/W. BHL: 251/S & 332/W; EL 3304 GR, TD 17,288 MD, 12,550 TVD, PBTD 17,184 MD, 12,551 TVD; Spud 10-22-17, Comp 1-16-18; production is through treated perfs: 12700-17184. Treat: Frac w/11,857,958# proppant, 158,449 bbls load fluid. IP: 1-28-18 Flow 24 hrs 671 BO, 8691 BW, 1198 MCF, 48/64 Ch, CP 1605, GOR 1786, Gty 39. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1084 w/1190 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5313 w/1980 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11820 w/550 sx, 5 ½ @ 17278 w/575 sx; API #30-025-44103

With pipeline trapped by north-of-the-border politics, Kinder Morgan says Oh! Canada!

By Ryan Maye Handy
Houston Chronicle

Kinder Morgan spent six years navigating the Canadian bureaucracy to win approval to expand its Trans Mountain pipeline to move crude from the tar sands of Alberta to ports on the Pacific Coast of British Columbia. But now, six months after the Houston company began construction, the project is trapped between feuding federal and provincial governments, driving a frustrated Kinder Morgan to shut down work on the multibillion dollar pipeline in the hope of pressuring Canadian officials to resolve their differences.

The unusual and dramatic move underscores the increasing challenges faced by pipeline operators in Houston and elsewhere as they race to carry crude oil and natural gas from booming North American fields to markets. Pipelines have become crucial to ensuring the future development of shale plays in West Texas and oil sands in Canada. But the once boring components of the energy supply chain are now fueling the passions of local government officials concerned about spills and environmentalists keen on limiting the spread of fossil fuels.

Kinder Morgan is only the latest pipeline company to become entangled in disputes with an array of opponents, whose efforts to block projects in the United States and Canada have proven remarkably successful, jeopardizing the oil industry's ability to develop resources and carve a bigger piece of global oil demand. For Canada, Kinder Morgan's 609-mile expanded Trans Mountain pipeline would not only help solve the nation's long-standing problem of getting its crude to international markets, but also become geopolitical tool to shape Canada's trading relations with China and other Asian nations.

"Investment in Canada and the ability to monetize their energy potential is hugely important for North American energy independence," said Darren Horowitz, managing director of energy equity research at Raymond James in Houston. "It's not just clearing immediate hurdles."

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has sought to balance his environmental policies with pledges to support the country's energy industry and the economy of Alberta, which relies on oil and gas development. In 2016, he approved two major pipeline projects including Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain, but rejected a competitor pipeline proposed by Enbridge, a Canadian company.

Kinder Morgan's $5.9 billion project traverses provincial parks, recreation areas and the scenic mountain ranges that stretch across British Columbia on its way from land-locked Alberta to the sea. An existing pipeline along the route can carry about 300,000 barrels of oil a day, but Kinder Morgan's proposed expansion would nearly triple the capacity to 890,000 barrels.

Unlike previous attempts to build pipeline projects from the tar sands, Trans Mountain has received all the major environmental and regulatory permits from Alberta and the Canadian federal government that it needs to begin construction. But in British Columbia — as different politically from Alberta as Texas is from California — federal approval of the pipeline has been appealed and more than a dozen lawsuits have mounted to stop its construction.

Even as Kinder Morgan prepared to increase its spending on the project by tenfold — from around $30 million a month to as much as $300 million when it begins laying pipe in July — British Columbia Premier John Horgan pledged to keep fighting and delaying the pipeline expansion. As a result, two weeks agao Kinder Morgan said it would halt work on the project and gave Canada until May 31 to resolve B.C. opposition.

"That is unsupportable unless we are confident that we can finish what we start," said CEO Steve Kean during a call with analysts earlier this month. "The stated intent to further regulate may very well not be the last thing we see. But we can't build a project in the court house."

Kean assured analysts that the company, which employs 1,850 in Houston, has planned for a potential collapse of the project, including taking that possibility into account when it increases its dividend. The company last week said it increased its dividend to 20 cents per share in the first quarter from 12.5 cents per share at the end of 2017.

In recent years, efforts to get oil and gas out of isolated areas dependent on more expensive rail transport have been stymied by the complexities of international and local politics and a growing environmental movement that has made opposing pipelines a special cause. Pipelines to Canada's tar sands, which yield a heavier crude that produces more greenhouse gases that lighter grades, such as Texas shale oil, have been particular targets.

Enbridge's Northern Gateway and TransCanada's Energy East and Keystone XL pipeline projects have all collapsed in the face of protests. While the Trump administration revived the Keystone project — initially shut down by President Barack Obama — the project still needs approval in Nebraska, where it has faced fierce opposition from landowners and environmentalists.

