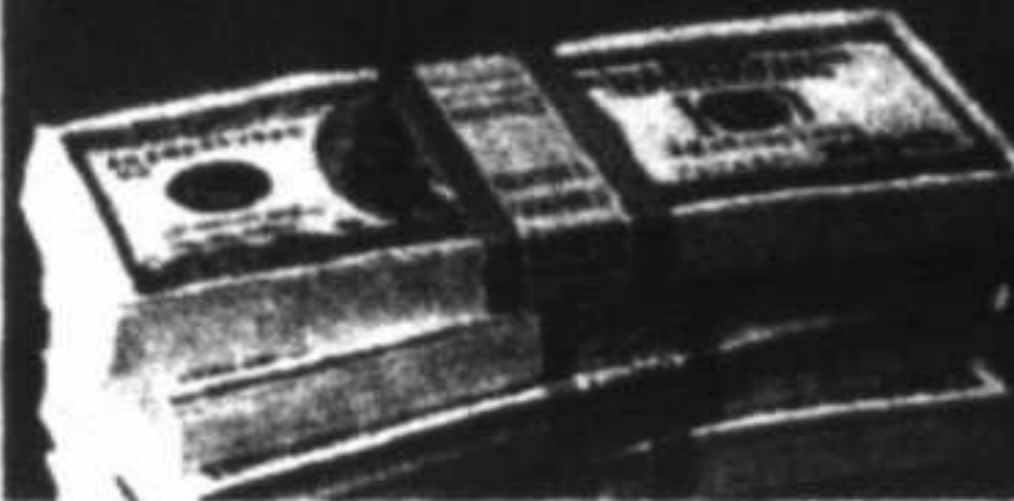


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## Beauchamp, Johnson consider plans for runoff

By Simone Jasper  
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Midland County judge candidates James Beauchamp and Terry Johnson will again be on the ballot after voting results on Tuesday forced them into a runoff. The men hope to engage with Midlanders before voters' next opportunity to hit the polls in May.

Beauchamp garnered 39.66 percent of the 12,041 votes cast in the three-person primary election race. Johnson received

the second-highest amount of votes cast, or 32.30 percent of the total.

With no candidate exceeding 50 percent of the vote, Beauchamp and Johnson will vie for the Republican nomination in a runoff election May 22.

Beauchamp said the county offers various services, so he expects to address several issues in the upcoming months. He also said a



Beauchamp

range of topics — including public safety and infrastructure — tie into the future of the community.

"Probably the issues won't change a whole lot — if any, really," he said. "The big thing for Midland is, we've had enormous growth and we're continuing to see enormous growth."

For Johnson, the focus will be on the points he has addressed



Johnson

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throughout his campaign, including roads and local management of the Midland County Horseshoe complex.

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## UPBEAT BUSINESS

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Tim Dow, president and chief operating officer of Pioneer Natural Resources, speaks Tuesday during the 2018 CERAWEEK by IHS Market conference in Houston.

## Permian is focus of US optimism at CERAWEEK

■ Oxy senior executive: Country is going to be dominant force

By Kiah Collier  
Texas Tribune

HOUSTON — Oil industry executives — particularly those doing business in Texas — are resoundingly upbeat about the business thanks to higher prices, new cost-saving technologies and projections of growing global demand.

That's been the overwhelming sentiment at CERAWEEK, the famed annual energy conference put on by IHS Market where Saudis, shale cowboys and

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everyone in between descend on Houston to talk themselves up, feel each other out, and — at least lately — console each other in a time of great uncertainty for the industry amid the rise of renewables and a worldwide push to slash planet-warming carbon emissions.

"It's just a fantastic time to be in the energy business in the United States,"

said Cynthia Walker, a senior executive at Houston-based Occidental Petroleum, echoing no fewer than a half dozen other American industry leaders who spoke at the gathering, which ended Friday.

The country is going to be a dominant force not just in crude, she said, but also natural gas and petrochemicals.

Occidental is the largest oil producer in the Permian Basin — the hottest oilfield in the United States and a key reason for the industry's upbeat outlook.

The ancient, hydrocarbon-rich seabed that spans West Texas and southeastern New Mexico has been a focal point of escalating domestic energy production

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## MISD: Allocations per student higher at choice schools

By Stewart Doreen  
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Midland ISD is spending nearly twice per average student at the magnet schools compared to other elementary schools, according to a district administrator.

Chief Academic Office Patrick Jones had previously told the Reporter-Telegram that those schools — Bowie Fine Arts Academy, Pease Communications and Technology Academy, Washington STEM Academy and Carver Center (gifted and talented school) — receive extra funds because of their specialty. Midland ISD Chief Financial Officer Darla Moss confirmed this in an email, writing that Bowie, Pease, Washington and Carver received an average of \$190 per student, versus the other 24 elementary campuses where the average was \$100 per student.

MISD recently has been reviewing the need for teacher stipends at the magnet campuses. However, the district has made clear those schools receive more money per student. That point was repeated last week during the school board's first workshop on the budget for the upcoming school year.

At the meeting it was reported 2017-2018 allocations per student were:

- High school: \$196.44
- Freshman high school: \$133.35
- Junior high school: \$119.50
- Elementary: \$100.47
- Choice ("magnet" and "gifted and talented"): \$190.48
- Improvement required campuses: \$100.91

The extra amount in total dollars given to choice schools, according to the district, was \$1.5 million. Of that total,

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# CERAWEEK recap ... Oil gets its swagger back

By Jordan Blum  
Houston Chronicle

Nothing like higher crude prices to give the oil industry its swagger back. After three years of lamenting a worldwide oil glut, "lower for longer" crude prices and the existential threat of peak demand, oil executives, ministers and analysts last week exhibited a rediscovered confidence at the CERAWEEK by IHS Markit, the annual energy conference in Houston. Even though the conference theme focused on a coming energy transition, oil industry officials dismissed the threat of electric cars and renewable power, arguing that oil will drive the global economy for decades to come.

"This is not a sunset industry," said Mark Papa, the shale oil pioneer and CEO Centennial Resource Development. "It's a growth industry."

CERAWEEK attendance hit a record 4,300 this year, an increase of more than 20 percent from last year's 3,500. Higher oil prices played a part boosting attendance, a spokeswoman for IHS Markit said. A year ago, the oil prices slid below \$50 a barrel by the end of the conference. This year, crude settled above \$62, climbing nearly 2 percent on Friday.

Executives largely downplayed the idea that global oil demand will peak anytime soon, a welcome outlook for Houston and other U.S. oil companies, which are producing more oil than ever. Led by West Texas Permian Basin, oil and gas volumes are only expected to grow in coming years, with much of it exported to foreign markets.

The International Energy Agency expects global oil demand to increase by 7 million barrels a day in the next five years.

"I am not losing any sleep over peak oil demand," said Amin Nasser, chief executive of Saudi Aramco, the national oil company of Saudi Arabia. "We must push back against the idea the world can do without proven and reliable resources."

Executives and officials focused more on population growth and emerging middle classes in the developing world, especially China and India, and less on flattening energy demand in developed countries, which are investing more in wind and solar power and electric vehicles. Robert Dudley, the chief executive of the British oil major BP, downplayed the company's predictions that global oil demand would peak before 2040, calling it more of a plateau with oil demand holding at high levels for years.

If anything, Mohammad Barkindo, the OPEC general secretary, the world needs to develop more oil and gas resources. Outside the United States, he said, investment in new oil and gas projects have plunged in the face of the last oil bust, meaning the world could face shortages and a "future energy crisis."

"Demand is very robust," Barkindo said. "The global industry needs to focus on this emerging threat."

U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry even painted strong oil and gas production as a moral imperative. He attacked climate change policies for allegedly denying developing nations the plentiful, cheap energy needed to lift people out of poverty.

"Look those people in the eyes that are starving and tell them, 'You can't have electricity,'" said Perry, a former Texas governor. "Because as a society we decided fossil fuels were bad. I think that is immoral."

Maynard Holt, CEO of the Houston energy consulting and investment firm Tudor, Pickering and Holt, said that rising oil prices typically renew optimism and energize the industry in the debates over peak oil demand and the clean energy future.

"The classic oil and gas guys are kind of pushing back on all these ideas of how fast alternatives and electric vehicles are coming," Holt said. "They're saying, 'Hey, don't kick us to the curb.'"

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## CERAWEEK

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and will remain so for the foreseeable future, according to industry executives and analyst forecasts.

Two out of three oil rigs deployed in the past 18 months in the United States were in the Permian, according to a report released this week by the International Energy Agency, with output expected to more than double by 2023. Major players including ExxonMobil are investing billions in the region.

Because of the type of crude produced there — light and low-sulfur and, thus, not as easily processable by Gulf Coast refineries, which are designed to process heavier crude — almost all of it will be exported to Europe and Asia, where demand is growing. That will position Corpus Christi to be the main oil exporting hub on the Gulf Coast, according to the IEA report, which also says the United States will soon become one of the top oil exporters.

That stream of energy — made possible in 2015 after Congress lifted a longtime ban on most crude exports — is expected to satisfy some 60 percent of projected growth in global oil demand through the next five years, IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol said.

"We have the golden goose right before us," said Tim Dove, CEO of Irving-based Pioneer Natural Resources, another large Permian operator.

Unemployment in Midland is "probably at a negative number," he said joking, saying the main challenge has been finding employees — particularly truck drivers.

Even amid the bust in 2016 — the year oil prices bottomed out in the mid-\$20s per barrel — many Midlanders were optimistic about a comeback, citing the geologic potential of the Permian. Before the advent of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, the basin had been considered mostly tapped out.

Thanks to those and other recent improvements in drilling technology that have improved efficiency and lowered costs, many Permian producers claim they could easily weather those kinds of low prices now. Dove said the company could break even at a price as low as \$15 per barrel. That ability will help break the boom-bust cycle, he said. Still, while no one seemed to be questioning the promise of the Permian, some key figures cast doubt on the potential of United States shale production as a whole and its ability to meet growing global demand.

Shale trailblazer Mark Papa, who made his name as head of EOG Resources Inc., told a panel audience that the amount of total U.S. oil production growth is "likely to disappoint" over the next few years because the most productive portions of the country's two other major shale plays, the Bakken Formation in North Dakota and the Eagle Ford in South Texas, have been largely tapped out.

That means "you'll have to rely primarily on the Permian to carry the load," he said. And "the Permian will be quite powerful but not enough to propel the total U.S. production to the levels that people expect."

Frenetic oil production in the Permian and shale plays across the United States beginning about a decade ago was widely credited for a price collapse that began in 2014. OPEC — the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries — had tried to compete with shale drillers but, along with Russia and some other producing countries, eventually struck an agreement to cut production through the end of this year. That has helped reduce a global supply glut and boost prices to more than \$60 per barrel.

A large OPEC delegation was present at the conference; they met with American shale drillers and other infrastructure builders race to keep up.

If they stay in place, the IEA projects that the United States will surpass Russia as the world's largest oil producer by the end of the year with the Permian playing a central role.

Escalating production has raised fears of bottlenecks as pipeline companies and other infrastructure builders race to keep up.

Warren, whose company was behind the controversial Dakota Access pipeline project, said opponents who had admitted to drilling through the pipeline should be "removed from the game pool," while Russ Girling,

the CEO of TransCanada Corp., the company behind the controversial Keystone XL pipeline project, described the opposition as a small group of extremists intent on keeping oil in the ground.

The majority of pipeline laid in North America through 2020 will be in West Texas to handle "soaring" output, according to the IEA report.

Earlier in the day, Mark Brownstein, vice president of the Climate and Energy Program at the Environmental Defense Fund, which appeared to be the only environmental group to present at the conference, questioned the need for a bunch of new pipelines given the rapid expansion of renewable energy.

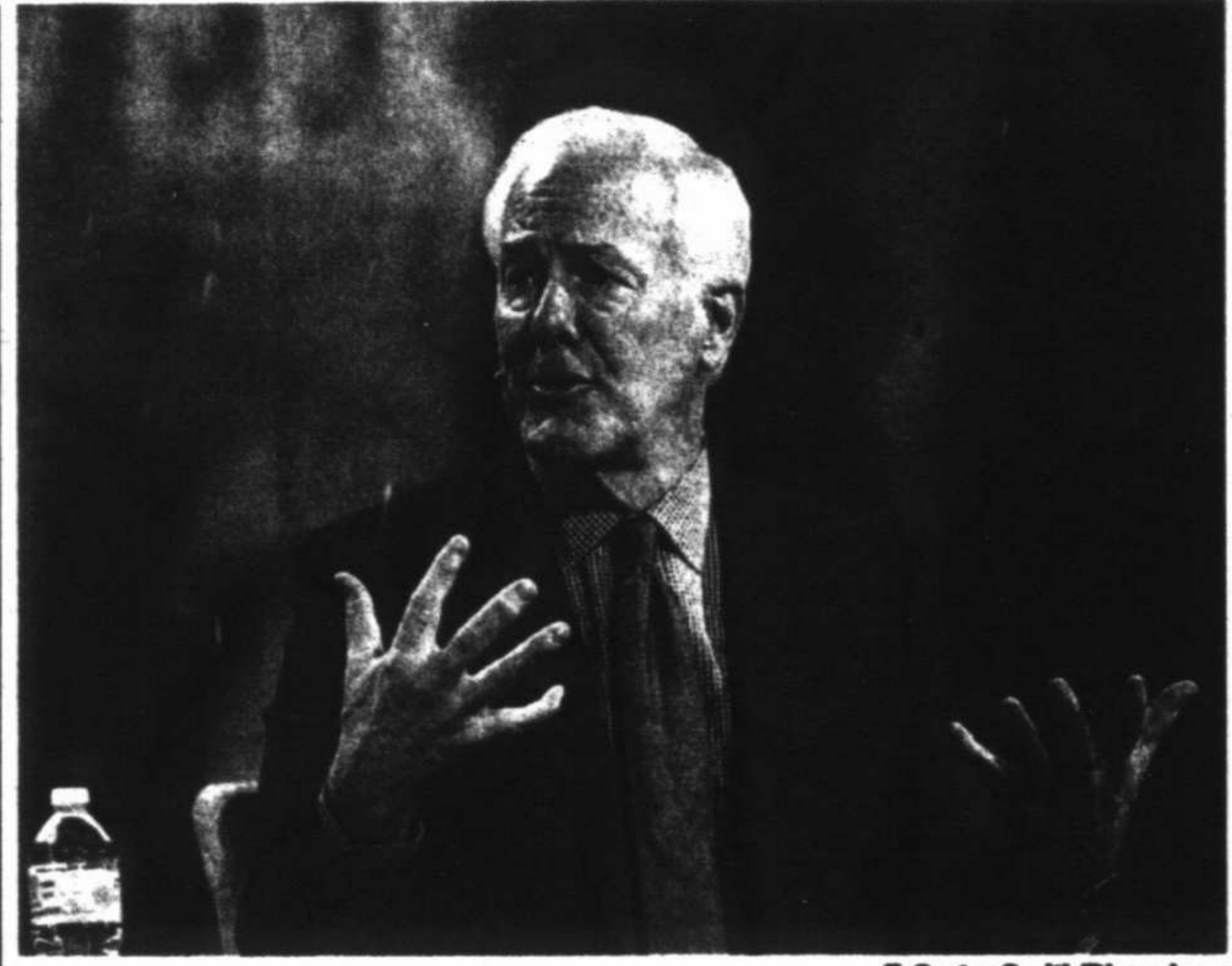
But in stark contrast to sentiments at the state Capitol, industry executives — particularly Europeans, but Americans, too — spoke about climate change as a real threat that must be addressed. They vowed to reduce planet-warming carbon emissions with some, like Royal Dutch Shell CEO Ben van Beurden, describing it as a moral imperative and others describing it as something consumers are demanding.

Several executives, particularly from the power sector, raved about their Tesla and the rise of electric vehicles, which were another major conference topic. Sessions involving renewables were almost always standing-room-only.

But oil executives made it clear that fossil fuels will remain king for now — van Beurden said it will be the core of Shell's business "for decades to come."

Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who now heads the U.S. Department of Energy under President Trump — whose name was barely uttered during the conference — flipped the morality argument on its head, describing efforts to curb fossil fuel production for the sake of environmental protection as "immoral" because of the potentially devastating economic impact to poorer countries. He also stressed that long-sought-after energy independence is on the horizon for the United States. Natural gas executives emphasized that they, too, are here to stay — and have a big role to play in reducing carbon emissions.

That fossil fuel is far cleaner burning than coal or oil, and is increasingly abundant in the wake of the shale revolution. Alternatives won't be able to meet energy needs for some time, said Amin Nasser, the head of Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia's state-owned oil company, in a speech.



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Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, speaks during the 2018 CERAWEEK by IHS Markit conference Friday in Houston. CERAWEEK gathers energy industry leaders, experts, government officials and policymakers, leaders from the technology, financial, and industrial communities to provide new insights and critically-important dialogue on energy markets.

## Cornyn 'concerned' about NAFTA talks

By James Osborne  
Houston Chronicle

Sen. John Cornyn said Friday he was "concerned" about the future of the North American Free Trade Agreement as the Trump administration continues to press ahead with what he described as "populist impulses."

Cornyn, who, as the majority whip, is the second most powerful Republican in the Senate, said President Donald Trump has in meetings raised the possibility of issuing a notice of termination to Mexico and Canada, which would set in motion a U.S. withdrawal from the 24-year-old free trade pact.

"We said, 'No, no, no,'" Cornyn said at the CERAWEEK by IHS Markit energy conference, hosted by the consulting firm IHS Markit. "We need to convince him trade deficits aren't the end all and be all."

Negotiations on the agreement continue between the three nations. Speaking at the White House Thursday, Trump said, "I have a feeling

we're going to make a deal on NAFTA" before adding that if no deal can be reached, "then we're going to terminate NAFTA and we'll start all over again or we'll just do it a different way."

Economists, businesses and political leaders in Texas have worried that dismantling NAFTA would be disastrous for the state economy. Texas companies sold nearly \$100 billion in goods to Mexico in 2017, accounting for about 40 percent of the state's exports, according to WiserTrade.org, which tracks trade data.

Trump's comments on NAFTA also have stoked fears in the Texas oil and gas industry that the movement of oil, natural gas and fuels across both the Mexican and Canadian borders could be interrupted. And now with Trump putting tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum, the prospects of a trade war developing are rising.

During his appearance, Cornyn said he worried about the departure of National Economic Council Director Gary

Cohn, a free trader who was said to have opposed the tariffs. Trump, who has called NAFTA "the worst trade deal ever made," is increasingly surrounded by protectionists in the White House, including Peter Navarro, an economist and trade adviser to Trump.

"I'm sorry to see Mr. Cohn leave and the ascent of Navarro, who I think has a lot of wrong ideas," Cornyn said. "The president needs advice and it can't be one side of the equation."

But Cornyn and Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, who also appeared at CERAWEEK Friday, said the administration had changed "everything" for the U.S. energy sector by pulling back environmental regulation and reducing tax rates. Trump has moved to expand drilling on public lands and moved to undo emissions and other rules put in place under the Obama administration as it pursued an agenda aimed at combating climate change.

The recently enacted tax overhaul slashed corporate tax rates to 21 percent from 35 percent.

"When you think about where we were last year and where we are this year, it's a world apart," Murkowski said.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### MIDLAND West Texas National Bank promotes new chief leading officer

Steve Young has been promoted to be West Texas National Bank's chief leading officer, according to a company press release.

Young has more than 30 years of commercial transactional experience and extensive banking experience in the areas of project finance, risk management and corporate energy lending. Young also has industry experience in midstream project development, asset acquisitions and strategic planning.

He most recently was WTNB's senior vice president of business development. "WTNB is excited about the experience that Young brings to our senior management team, as well as the relational and financial opportunities he will develop in the markets we serve," Chris Whigham, president, said.



Young

### MIDLAND Simon appoints Midland Park Mall manager

Retail real estate company Simon, owner of Midland Park Mall, has appointed Chris Tilley Jr. as general manager at the mall.

In this role, he will manage all day-to-day operations, maintenance, budgeting and tenant and community relations while creating a world-class shopping experience for guests. Additionally, he will be responsible for overseeing the security and marketing efforts of the center.

Tilley Jr. most recently served as assistant general manager at Lenox Square in Atlanta, Georgia. "We are thrilled to welcome Chris to Midland Park Mall," said David Johnson, Regional Vice President, Southwest Region. "He is a proven performer and his knowledge of our industry and Simon makes him a perfect fit."



Tilley

### MIDLAND Frost elects five at Midland-Odessa branches

Wesley Bownds, region president of Frost-Permian Basin, announces the bank has elected the following:

Maryann Martin to Vice President, Corporate Banking, Faudree.

Jose Rodriguez to Personal Banking Officer, West County Customer Service, West County.

Jessica Beverly to Administrative Officer, Corporate Banking, Midland Tower.

Jose Sosa to Relationship Banking Officer, Corporate Banking, Midland Tower.

Tony Klingman to Relationship Banking Officer, Corporate Banking, Midland Tower.



Martin



Rodriguez

### VIRGINIA Space tech company Immortal Data hires CFO

LEESBURG — Immortal Data, an aerospace technology company based in the greater Washington, D.C., area but with its research and development facility in Midland, has announced James Wolff as its new chief financial officer.

Wolff is a litigator, entrepreneur and investor, according to a company press release. He has developed startups in the fields of cellphone apps, 3-D printing technology, home consumer products and commercial space. He co-founded D-Shape Enterprises, a mega-scale concrete 3-D printer company with the first permit for 3-D printed construction in the U.S.

"We are pleased to welcome James to our corporate family," Immortal Data CEO Dale Amen said. His profound and diverse expertise is aligned with our culture and will complement and fortify our leadership team. Immortal Data's end success both now and in the future will depend on impeccable character, dedication to excellence, and an army of talent that is cohesive, focused, and team. We are proud to announce his becoming part of Immortal Data's management team."

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Singo Nights, 4 p.m., 501 Veterans Airport Lane, 682-5511. Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wedley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.

Monday Sidestreet Strutters, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. liveonstage-pb.com.

Tuesday and Wednesday 'Dirty Dancing,' 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Friday through Sunday Permian Basin Comic Con will feature guest artists, vendors, contests and more at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. pbcomiccon.com. The event includes 'Magic the Gathering' Preliminary Pro Tour Qualifier.

Friday Musical Thrones: A Parody of Ice and Fire, 8 p.m., 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$35-\$60. wagnernoel.com. The comedy show introduces favorite characters from 'Game of Thrones' as the audience runs through all seven seasons of the show.

Saturday Los Imperables with Adrian Urbe and Omar Chaparro, 9 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$50-\$105. wagnernoel.com. The comedy battle featuring the popular Mexican comedians will be performed entirely in Spanish.

Meetings

Commissioners' Court 9 a.m. Monday Auxiliary Courtroom Midland County Courthouse 500 North Loring St.

Commissioners' Court On or after 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Auxiliary Courtroom Midland County Courthouse 500 North Loring St.

Spring Break

Things to do

'Timez Adventure' invites children and families to create using LEGO bricks at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. The exhibit also features creations by LEGO Master Builders along with a photo booth and a life-size adventure vehicle.

Think. Make. Spring Break! 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org. The daily program will feature cartoons, outdoor movement, claytime and crafts.

Art Camp is a come-and-go program for children who will make crafts through different art materials, 11 a.m. Monday through Friday, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Princess Ballet Camp is open to children ages 4-8, 1 p.m. Monday.

Thursday, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Comfortable clothes encouraged. Ballet shoes provided. Registration not required but space is limited.

DIY Mini-notebook Craft for ages 13-19, 4 p.m. Monday, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Dog Tales, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Midland County Public Library

Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Children can read to trained assistance dogs.

Enchanted Impress, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Guests 13-19 can practice improv skills at this workshop.

Video Game Tournament for ages 13-19, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.



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Jessica Rios leads a hip-hop to health dance session Saturday in the parking lot outside of ClackCo Concierge Pharmacy during an open house at the new business on Wadley Avenue.

Lottery

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Lotto Texas: 5-15-27-32-38-46 Powerball: 43-44-54-61-69 BB: 22 Power Play: 3 All or Nothing morning: 2-5-6-7-8-9-10-14-15-17-19-21 All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-5-8-11-12-17-18-20-21-23 All or Nothing evening: 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-13-19-20-21-22 All or Nothing night: 1-3-4-8-11-14-15-16-17-18-21-24

Weather

Saturday's temperatures High: 86 Low: 42 Normal high: 69 Normal low: 40

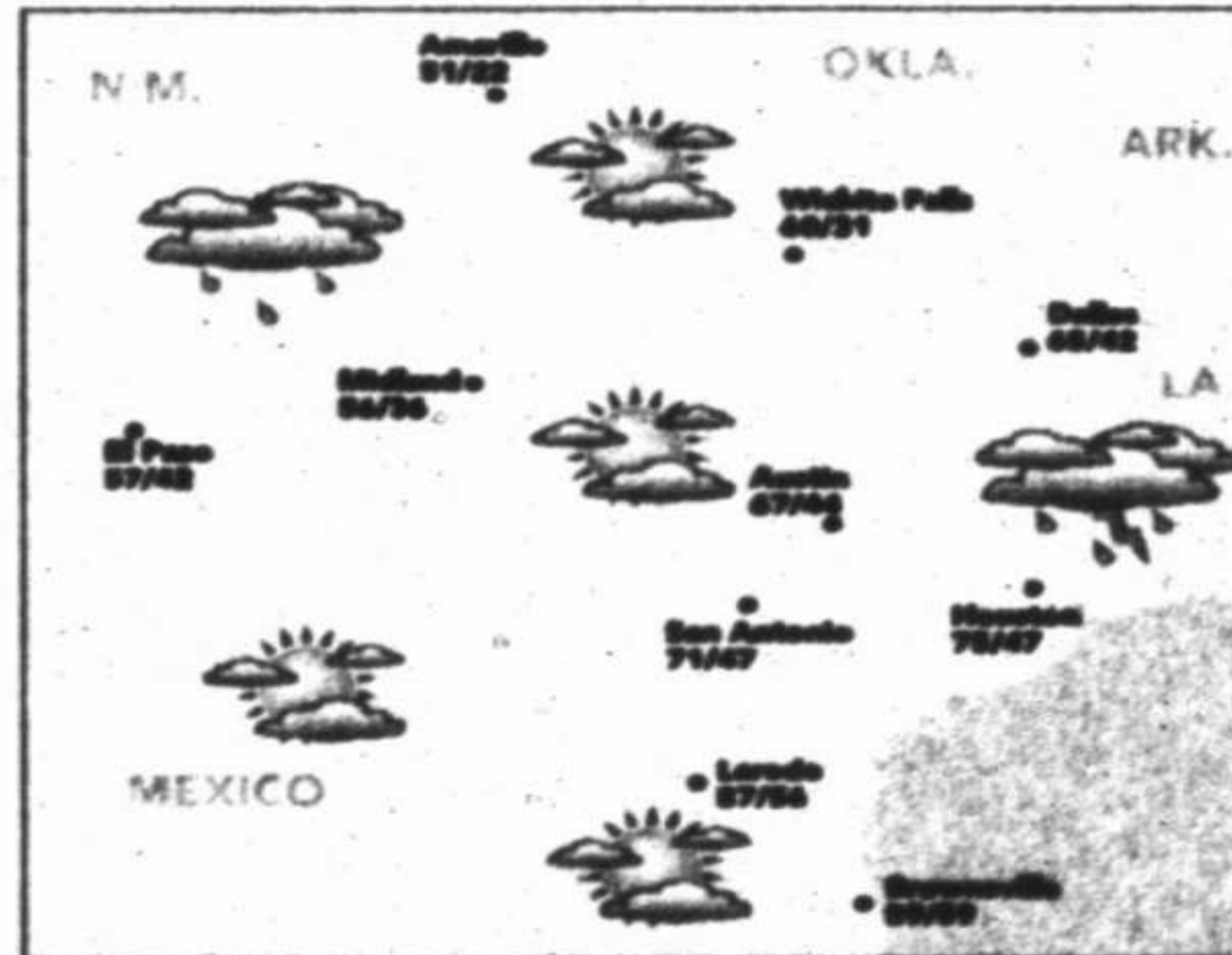
March 10's records Record high: 88 set in 1954 Record low: 14 set in 1948

Precipitation Saturday: 0.00 in. Sunday: 0.00 in. Month total: 0.00 in. Year total: 0.05 in. Normal total (year to date): 1.46 in.

Winds Wind speed: 22 mph Gust speed: 26 mph

Today's forecast High: 58 Low: 37

Forecast for Sunday, March 11, 2018



Conditions: Cloudy today/ mostly cloudy tonight Winds: Northeast 10-20 mph today, with gusts up to 30 mph likely/northeast

5-10 mph tonight Chance of rain: None Sunrise: 8:04 a.m. Sunset: 7:54 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 Pisces and a Moon in Capricorn all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 11, 2018: This year you feel unusually inspired. Use this quality to manifest more of what you want and desire. You will witness the results quickly. You also will see life from a different perspective and be more content than you have been in the past. If you are single, you will meet someone who intrigues you. This person will teach you to be more open to travel and different cultures. If you are attached, relating to your spouse becomes more of a pleasure for you. Your mutual goals also change. CAPRICORN is serious-minded.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Use today for reviewing your professional and community commitments. Your intuitive side engages, and it helps you to recognize what is no longer possible. This case of yourself as well. Discussions could be intense with a partner. Tonight: Tap into your imagination. This Week: After Monday, you will wear more sandals.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) You might want to take the day off and get some

extra R and R. You will need to distance yourself from many of your friends in order to take a much-needed timeout. Be more in tune with what is possible. If you can, make your Sunday calls. Tonight: Try something new. This Week: Take the lead Monday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The Moon in your sign energizes you. Unexpected events encourage you to lead in a certain direction. A discussion with a partner might help your relationship become more bonded, which promises a special day and mood. Tonight: Accept someone's efforts to please you. This Week: Express your need for change.

CANCER (June 21-July 23) Don't defer to others, and listen to what they share. The unexpected energizes you. You are likely to find that a loved one or close friend has changed and approaches situations differently. Detach and look at the long-term implications of this attitude. Tonight: Relax to a good movie. This Week: All eyes turn to you and your decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) You might be eyeing a project that needs to be completed. For many people, this could involve your taxes. For others, it could be a half-done project at home. You'll be delighted when your family are finished. These clients to you will want to celebrate! Tonight: Time to relax. This Week: Like it or not, you will not dominate — unless you will.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) Respond to a loved

one's request without judgment. You are full of get-up-and-go. Presently, you are more willing than usual to go along with what is happening. Your flexibility delights those who are around you. Tonight: Be open to a new place or a new type of cuisine. This Week: Get as much done Monday as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Stay centered. You will not encounter a hassle if you remain alert and know what you desire. A loved one delights you with his or her plans. Others can run the show, perhaps not as you would, but they will get the job done. Tonight: Indulge a roommate or a family member. This Week: Trust that you will make up for lost time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might want to be more self-disciplined. When facing a desire to make a purchase or jump on a risk, you could be hard-pressed to say "no." Only you can decide what you want to do. You seem to come from a

more secure spot. Tonight: Share some news with a close friend. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be aware of the costs of proceeding as you have been. You might not like the outcome. An ounce of prevention works well and does not force your hand. Remain responsive to an older family member. Tonight: Make sure you have no obstacles, then let go and watch a good movie. This Week: Expect to be working late most of the week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Know what you want, but understand that a surprising event or call could point to changing your plans. Perhaps you will have to postpone a specific goal, but not for long. You seem what someone is going to do before he or she acts. Tonight: Do exactly what you want. This Week: Indulge someone's communication and news.

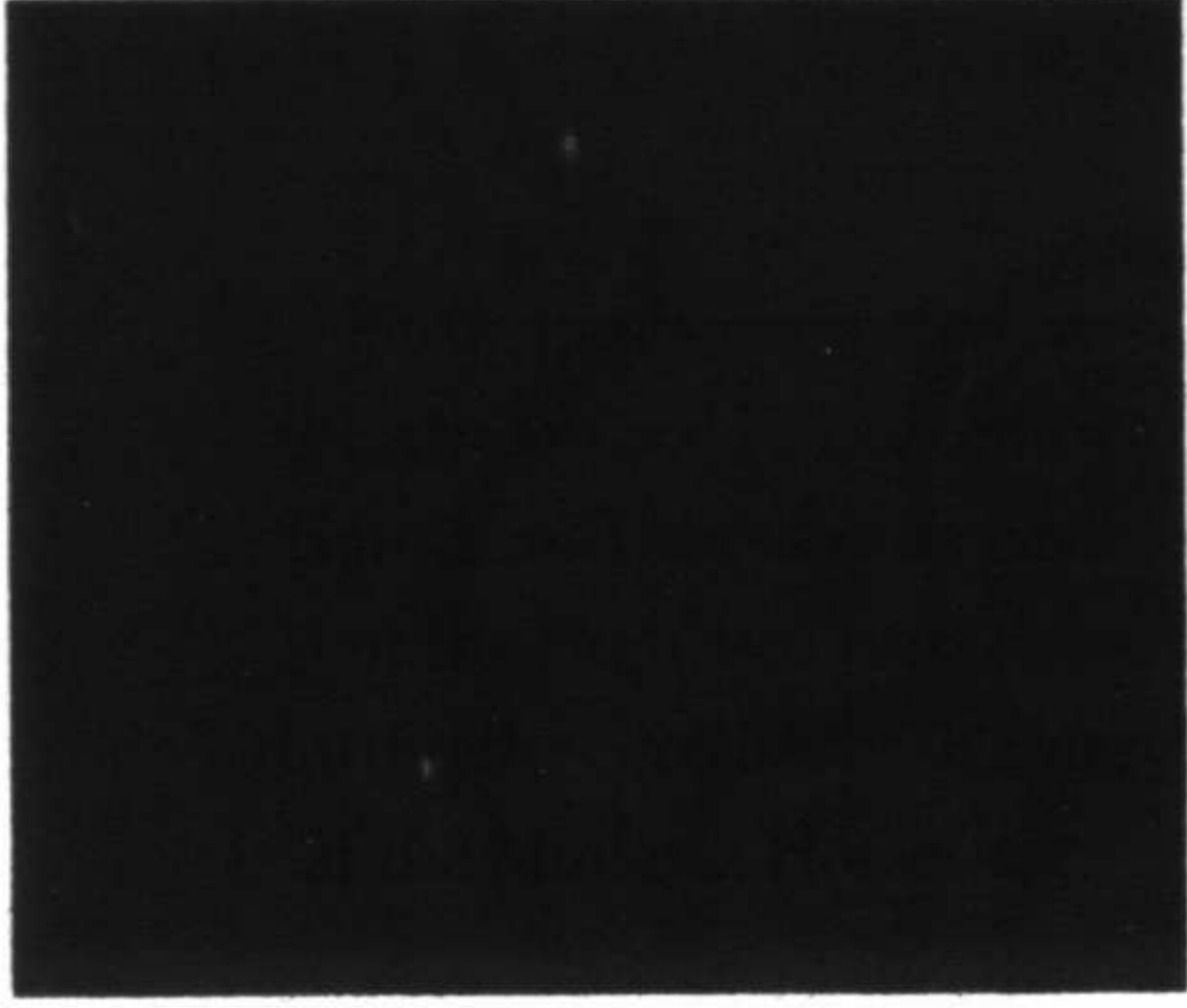
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are a situation differently from how the majority of people do. You might not be able to convince someone that you are right, at least not initially. Know that it will take a while for you to convince this person. Remember, results will count here. Tonight: Pick a favorite spot. This Week: Do not lose track of your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your thoughts seem to bring you what you desire. A friend reaches out to you, and the conversation you have reminds you of how much this person has changed over the past few months. You see the possibility of a project forming. Tonight: Hang out with friends. This Week: You enter your power days Tuesday.

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# Fun & Highland Games



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ABOVE: Chris Shuttleworth, from Near Braunfels, throws the braemar stone Saturday. BELOW: Royce Fontenot, from Yukon, Oklahoma, throws the braemar stone.



Amber McDowell, from San Antonio, tosses the sheaf bag.

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

## Lose an hour of sleep but gain knowledge about daylight saving time

Austin American-Statesman

It's daylight saving time again. Assuming you were not at work on the overnight shift, you lost an hour of sleep when we turned our clocks forward by one hour at 2 a.m.

What's the point? That's still being argued. But we move clocks forward one hour in the spring, the idea goes, to use less indoor lighting because of the longer days of summer. We revert to "standard time" in the fall by turning clocks back one hour.

Everyone does this? Nope. Hawaii and Arizona don't use daylight saving time. At Hawaii's tropical latitude, the state sees little difference between summer and winter daylight. Perennially hot Arizona opted out because an extra hour of sunlight would mean higher costs in energy usage (mostly from air conditioning). But at least 70 other countries

observe a daylight saving time shift.

Who started it? The idea has been around for centuries, but some point to Ben Franklin's satirical 1784 essay that suggested the late-rising French take advantage of morning sunlight to save on candles. Germany was the first country to adopt daylight saving time in 1916 to save energy during World War I. Other industrialized countries, including the United States, quickly followed.

Saving or savings? "Daylight saving time" is correct; "daylight savings time" is incorrect.

When does it end? Daylight saving time ends this year at 2 a.m. Nov. 4.

While you're at it... The Austin Fire Department recommends using the milestone of changing clocks to check and, if necessary, change the batteries in your smoke detector.

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# Last week in Amazon-o-mania: You get an HQ2 visit! And you get an HQ2 visit!

By Arnessa Garrett  
The Dallas Morning News

Word has been trickling out that Amazon has been making visits to the 20 cities in the running to host its HQ2, with each one tripping over the other to say that Amazon officials had quietly deigned to grace their presence.

### D.C. SPIN

It all started Monday when The Washington Post reported that Amazon officials had been spotted chatting up bigwigs in their neck of the woods a week before, breathlessly noting there are three locales in the D.C.-area still on Amazon's list, and Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post, so there!

### BIG D BRAG

Of course, Dallas being Dallas, we couldn't just let that go unanswered. On Tuesday, sources confirmed



Highway I-30 traffic shown Jan. 14, 2011, with the Dallas skyline in the background. Dallas is one of the many cities vying to land Amazon's second headquarters.

to The Dallas Morning News that Amazon visited in February, way before venturing to D.C. And the Amazonians were practically picking out their offices downtown, so there!

### COLORADO CALLING

Also Tuesday, The Denver Post let it be known that Amazon team visited in January, and it included 10 people, and they spent

three days, and they rode on transit, so there!

More Texas talk: On Thursday, Gov. Greg Abbott confirmed that Amazon had visited not one but two Texas cities — the other being Austin. Texas has two shots at this, so there!

Yankees yakking: By Friday, when The Boston Globe announced that Amazon officials were spotted last week looking at a local site, it knew enough to play

it cool and warned residents, "don't get too excited."

It appears there are a few cities still waiting for Amazon to drop in. Toronto says it's not worried. But Atlanta might want to check and make sure Amazon didn't lose its address. Apparently all Amazon has said to Atlanta is that it would be there "soon." Yikes.

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## STATEBRIEFS

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### RICHMOND

#### Woman sentenced for mistreating special-needs teens

A Houston-area woman has been sentenced to 35 years in prison for the mistreatment of seven special needs teenagers found in 2016 locked in a room strewn with human waste.

Fifty-five-year-old Paula Sinclair was sentenced Friday after pleading guilty to several counts of causing serious bodily injury to a child.

The teens found in the Richmond home ranged in age from 14 to 16 years old. Authorities say they were fed two daily meals of rice and beans and disciplined for things like making too much noise.

Sinclair and a former husband adopted the children in 2003 and 2004 and had been their foster parents. Sinclair was arrested along with her husband, 79-year-old Allen Richardson, who is being held at the Fort Bend County jail on charges that include aggravated assault with a

### deadly weapon.

### CARROLLTON

#### Two arrested following high school soccer brawl

Two people have been arrested following a brawl involving two North Texas high school soccer teams that drew spectators from the sidelines and stands.

Carrollton police told The Dallas Morning News that a player was taken into custody along with an adult Friday and charged with assault.

The fight began toward the end of a game between Hebron and Lewisville when two players began arguing.

Video shows players wrestling to the ground and others piling on before a man rushes from the sideline and appears to strike a player in the face.

Both schools are in the Lewisville school district and district spokeswoman Amanda Brim told WFAA-TV that the behavior of players and fans was "clearly unacceptable."

## MISD

From 1A

Carver received \$40,000, according to the district.

MISD officials told the board last week that per-student costs help cover non-salary allocations, basically those things school officials need to get their jobs done. That is a vast range from extracurriculars to specialty programs to copier charges to professional development and supplies. Officials said not factored in to that per-student amount are maintenance and utilities. That money also doesn't include Title I funding: federal dollars provided to help school districts meet the educational goals of low-income and at-risk students. MISD Officials

also said athletics are not factored into the per-school allocations.

MISD reports there are seven regular elementary schools and one improvement required school receiving less than \$100 a student. On the list provided for the workshop, school names were not provided. Two of those schools collect less than \$90 a student.

Three of the four choice schools collect more than \$190 a student, and one of those receives \$204.94 per student, the second-most of any school inside the district (not including Midland Alternative Program).

One of the four high schools receives \$237.11 per student — the top non-MAP campus in the

district. Moss wrote that the high school receiving the least money per-student is Early College High School at Midland College (\$155.75).

The other two high schools collect \$192.72 and \$200.19 per student, respectively.

Jones previously said

that when Midland ISD's newest choice school, the collegiate prep at Sam Houston, opens its doors next fall, it is likely to have a larger per-student allocation than regular elementary schools. Moss wrote the district doesn't have a tentative budget for Sam Houston.

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Grace Jones and Terry Johnson look over voting results Tuesday evening at Johnson's home.

## RUNOFF

From 1A

Johnson's top priority remains law enforcement. If elected, he would be able to work on the county budget, including the portion for the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

"My property protection is very important to me," said Johnson, who owns a business in the county. "And then our personal protection — I lived out in the county for 18 years. You want to be safe."

In the primary election, the two candidates ran against Stephen M. Robertson, who missed the runoff after receiving 28.04 percent of the votes.

In the county judge race, 7,145 votes were cast during the early voting period, and 4,896 were cast on the primary election day. As former chairman of the Midland County Republican Party, Beauchamp said he was somewhat disappointed with the election turnout.

"I had hoped because of all of the contested races — both on the judicial front, county judge, everything else — that we'd have more people turn out to vote," he said.

Beauchamp, whose campaign efforts focused on direct voter contact, said he looks forward to continuing to communicate his platform. He previously said that chairing the county Republican Party helped him understand frustrations of the rank-and-file electorate.

Johnson said that with three candidates in the county judge race, he also expected more people to vote.

He plans to examine ways to encourage voters to participate in the primary runoff, which typically has lower turnout.

"We've got a good base," Johnson said. "We've got some good support. Right now, we're exploring new avenues, new ways to get our message out."

The men are seeking the position of Mike Bradford, who isn't running for a fourth term as county judge. The Republican nominee will face Democratic candidate Steven Schafersman in November.

Before the primary election, Schafersman went to forums to listen to the Republican candidates. Schafersman, a scientist, said he focuses on details and attempts to understand the consequences of actions.

"The rapid growth we're experiencing, it has both pluses (and) minuses," he said. "I think the city and the county need to deal with this growth better in a number of ways."

Some of the major topics for Schafersman's campaign include property tax and transportation. He said Democratic voter numbers tend to be lower in midterm election years, but he thinks frustrations about President Donald Trump could make a difference in 2018.

## Key conservative group Empower Texans records 13-17-4 record in primary election

By Andrea Zelinski  
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — One of the wealthiest tea party-aligned establishments trying to influence Texas politics fell flat in last week's primary election, losing half of the races it invested time or money in.

Empower Texans endorsed 34 candidates who ran in the March 6 Republican primary election. Of those, 13 won, 17 lost and four will continue on to a runoff election in May.

One of their biggest wins was unseating Republican Rep. Jason Villalba, a moderate from Dallas who has also attracted the ire of Texans for Vaccine Choice, a grassroots group that fights against mandatory child vaccines.

Another was the defeat of Rep. Wayne Faircloth, a Republican from Galveston who was also under attack by Gov. Greg Abbott this election cycle.

The conservative Republican group is known for threatening moderate Republicans with primary election challenges and using strong-arm tactics and large campaign contributions to help candidates loyal to their positions win state office. In the 2016 election season, the group spent \$1.8 million supporting candidates, making it the eighth highest campaign contributor, according to Texans for Public Justice, a government watchdog group.

The group has tried to storm the Texas House, run by moderate Republican Joe Straus who is not seeking reelection this year. The group is trying to amass supporters to support the House Freedom Caucus, which advocates for key conservative issues, like the Second Amendment and pro-life issues.

Straus, however, has funded several moderate Republican candidates to fend off challenges from Empower Texans. In those races, Empower Texans lost nine contests, and won three, ousting Villalba and Faircloth, while also beating Clint Bedsole in an open race.

Here's the list of winners, losers and runoff candidates Empower Texans endorsed, and how much of the vote they earned.

### WON

- State Sen. Bob Hall — Senate District 2 — Seeking reelection
- State Sen. Charles Schwertner — Senate District 5 — Seeking reelection
- State Sen. Joan Huffman — Senate District 17 — Seeking reelection
- Rep. Pat Fallon — Senate District 30 — Defeated incumbent Sen. Craig Estes
- Rep. Matt Schaefer — House District 6 — Seeking reelection
- Steve Toth — House District 15 — Open seat
- Mays Middleton — House District 23 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Wayne Faircloth
- Rep. Mike Lang — House District 60 — Seeking reelection
- Rep. Kyle Biedermann — House District 73 — Seeking reelection
- Jared Patterson — House District 106 — Open seat
- Jonathan Boos — House District 113 — Open seat
- Lisa Luby Ryan — House District 114 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Jason Villalba



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Mike Canon, candidate for state Senate District 31, looks over early voting results Tuesday at the Midland County Annex.

- Rep. Valoree Swanson — House District 150 — Seeking reelection

### RUNOFF

- Stuart Spitzer — House District 4 — Open seat
- Thomas McNutt — House District 8 — Open seat
- Deanna Maria Metzger — House District 107 — Open seat
- Matt Beebe — House District 121 — Open seat

### LOST

- Mike Canon — Senate District 31 — Challenged incumbent Sen. Kel Seliger
- Bryan Slaton — House District 2 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Dan Flynn
- Garrett Boersma — House District 9 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Chris Paddie
- Danny Ward — House District 11 — Challenged incumbent Travis Clardy
- Emily Kebodeaux Cook — House District 18 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Ernest Bailes
- Damon Rambo — House District 25 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Dennis Bonnen
- Amber Pearce — House District 45 — Open seat
- Jay Wiley — House District 47 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Paul Workman
- CJ Grisham — House District 55 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Hugh Shine
- Mark Roy — House District 64 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Lynn Stucky
- Drew Brassfield — House District 67 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Four Price
- Jason Huddleston — House District 88 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Ken King
- Armin Mizani — House District 98 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Giovanni Capriglione
- Bo French — House District 99 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Charlie Geren
- Chris Falls — House District 122 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Lyle Larson
- Kevin Fulton — House District 126 — Open seat
- Susanna Dokupil — House District 134 — Challenged incumbent Rep. Sarah Davis

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## Dems pledge to limit superdelegates, but don't say how

By Bill Barrow  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Democratic Party's hierarchy on Saturday acknowledged the "perceived influence" of insiders over voters in picking a presidential nominee, but don't know yet how to settle an issue that bedeviled the bitter nomination fight between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders in 2016.

At issue is the role of Democratic National Committee members, elected officials and other party dignitaries — known collectively as superdelegates. They overwhelmingly favored Clinton, who won the nomination, though her wide advantage among this group ultimately saddled her with charges of favoritism.

The DNC, at their winter meeting, approved language that simply committed the party to reducing the "perceived influence" of those party leaders in the nominating process, a goal that both Clinton and Sanders

endorsed during the 2016 convention.

How to do that, the DNC didn't say. The next chance comes this summer when a party committee digs into the matter again.

The dispute pits those Democrats who want to tie the nomination more exclusively to the voters' preferences and veteran party hands who want to maintain their sway and status in presidential politics.

The DNC chairman, Tom Perez, insists the party "will improve the democratic process" before 2020.

Along with changing superdelegate rules, the party is promising to retool its system of nominating caucuses and primaries, with the goal of making them more accessible to voters, including newcomers to Democratic politics.

Perez frames the overall effort as necessary to prevent the resentments that weighed down Clinton in 2016. "If we're going to win elections, you've got to earn the trust of voters, and many

voters had a crisis of confidence in the Democratic Party," Perez told The Associated Press, adding that the notion of DNC players "putting their thumb on the scale" had "a lot of negative consequences."

Superdelegates are convention delegates by virtue of some official post: DNC members, governors, members of Congress, party elders including past presidents and vice presidents, former national party leaders. Unlike pledged delegates whose ties to a specific candidate are mandated by the results of primaries and caucuses, superdelegates get to vote as they please.

At the 2016 convention, unpledged superdelegates accounted for about 15 percent of the all presidential nominating votes.

Clinton almost certainly wouldn't have needed any of them to become the nominee. She won at least 3 million more primary votes than Sanders nationally, giving her a clear lead among pledged delegates who made up the overwhelming majority of the votes at the Philadelphia convention.

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# Los Cabos resorts, American tourists thrive amid backdrop of Mexican cartel violence

By Alfredo Corchado  
The Dallas Morning News

LOS CABOS, Mexico — Joel Boschee heard the warnings to stay away from his favorite vacation spot. He saw the headlines describing an explosion of violence.

At the urging of family members, he and his wife toyed with the idea of spending their leisure time in another exotic spot. They tried Hawaii.

In the end, the elegance of Los Cabos, its raw desert beauty surrounded by glistening Pacific and Sea of Cortez waters, lured them back.

The Boschees say they felt safer here than in some U.S. cities.

"I'm more concerned about going to Chicago than Cabo because I hear there's someone killed every day there," said Boschee, of South Dakota. "We've never run into any problems. It's always been friendly and fun. A nice place to visit."

As spring break begins for many Texans this week, Mexico remains the top destination for American tourists. In 2017, 85 percent of Mexico's 35 million international visitors came from the U.S., according to Mexico's tourism secretary.

For many, sunbathing on beaches against a backdrop of violence is becoming the new normal. Last year, the state of Baja California Sur's murder rate ranked third in Mexico trailed only the coastal states Colima and Guerrero.

The spike in violence, due to rival drug cartels warring over distribution routes, has left gruesome scenes of bodies hanging from overpasses and, in at least one instance, a fatal shooting of an alleged rival cartel member on a beach in Cabo. The mayhem comes as Los Cabos, a favorite destination for North Texans, set new tourism records in 2017, with 2 million visitors, up about 20 percent in 2016. Daily, there are several nonstop flights from Texas, including three from Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.

Last week, the State Department warned of a security threat in the popular destination of Playa del Carmen, in the southern state of Quintana Roo on the Caribbean coast. Two weeks ago, a tourist ferry exploded, injuring 26 people, including five U.S. citizens. Explosives were found on a second ferry recently. The Mexican government is investigating both incidents.

"Security is our priority, and we're not taking any chances, certainly not dropping our guard," said Rodrigo Esponda, managing director of the Los Cabos Tourism Board. "We're doubling our efforts to make sure tourists not only enjoy their visit, but feel safe at all times."

## STEPS TO BOOST SECURITY

More than 90 percent of the local economy depends on tourism, Esponda said, adding that the government and civic leaders are taking a number of steps to boost security. Those steps include increasing the military's presence, a tactic that has proven controversial in other cities, including Ciudad Juarez and Tijuana.

Esponda and other business leaders, including the National Chamber of the Restaurant Industry, CAN-RAC, approved a five-point, \$47 million private-public partnership to shore up security. The plan, currently underway, includes building a new base for Marines and adding more than 200 surveillance cameras across the small state of Baja California Sur. Additionally, all restaurant workers, valet parking attendants and hostesses must wear a special uniform to help tourists identify them.

"This is a way for the industry to best secure the safety of our tourists and for us to have more control over the main tourist area," said Glauco Vela, managing director of Sunset Mountain restaurant and vice president of the restaurant chamber.



Alex Polaski/Special to The Chronicle

The pool area at Las Ventanas al Paraiso, Los Cabos.

Most tourists interviewed said they remain unaware of the clashes between cartels. Few have experienced it firsthand because they're usually shielded at high-end exclusive hotels or all-inclusive resorts where they rarely leave the premises.

"I don't feel any danger at all," said Weady Steinberg. She was on a working trip from Washington, D.C. "I'm just whale watching. How dangerous is that?"

These days tourists walk the streets alongside about 1,500 state and federal police as well as Marines.

"At first it was a bit intimidating," Benjamin Hicks of Houston said of the increased security. "But then you don't notice them anymore. It all kind of blends in. I feel very safe."

## 'THE GOLDEN HEN'

That's not surprising, said Jaime Arredondo, a crime expert at the University of Arizona. Drug traffickers, he said, follow a timeless rule: "You don't kill the golden hen."

A prime winter and spring break destination for Americans, the region of an estimated 285,000 actually consists of two separate towns at the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula — San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas.

The pristine waters are famous for fishing, surfing and whale watching, which this year runs through late April. The area also is home to stunning golf courses, and the distinctive El Arco (Arch) de Cabo San Lucas, a rocky ocean that meets the Sea of Cortez at what's known as Land's End.

For years, Baja California Sur was considered one of the safest states in Mexico. While cartels have long operated here and in nearby La Paz, the state capital, they quietly coexisted with tourists. Many experts credit that stability to drug trafficker Joaquin "Chapo" Guzman, who generally favored profits over headlines.

Once he was captured and extradited to the U.S., war erupted within the Sinaloa cartel, as the upstart and hyper-violent Jalisco New Generation Cartel became one of the country's most powerful gangs. With the growing legalization of marijuana in the U.S., cartels are now pushing meth and heroin, according to Laura Y. Calderon, author of a report for the Justice in Mexico Project at the University of San Diego.

The report shows a dramatic increase in the number of homicides in the state. From 2016 to 2017, the number of intentional homicides rose from 192 to 560, a net increase of 192 percent. The state's homicide rate spiked from 24 to 75 per 100,000 inhabitants, according to the report.

By comparison, Dallas' homicide rate in 2017 was about 6.3 per 100,000.

## 'DEFINITION OF INFINITY'

Security experts warn that flooding cities with military forces, as Tijuana, Ciudad Juarez and Nuevo Laredo have done, breeds more violence. In fact, said David Shick, director of the Justice in Mexico Project: "They've become the standard definition of insanity: continuing to do the same thing over and over without any change in the result."

Like other Mexican resorts, Los Cabos was caught unprepared when the

violence exploded, Esponda conceded. Police were untrained and so poorly paid some didn't own their uniforms or guns. Many were in cahoots with criminals.

In January, the State Department restructured its travel advisory system to feature four warning tiers. Advisories range from "Exercise Normal Precautions" (Level 1) to "Do Not Travel" (Level 4). Baja California Sur's current advisory is listed as "Exercise Increased Caution" (Level 2), the same as the advisory for the entire nation. In February, U.S. Ambassador Roberta Jacobson visited Cabo and shared photos and video on her social media, helping promote the region, Esponda said. He said violent crime is down by about 90 percent from a year ago.

The revamped advisory, Jacobson's visit and latest crime figures "definitely help us," Esponda said. "It's a step in the right direction, but we're not completely satisfied, and won't be until security is no longer an issue."

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# Man charged in shooting incident

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after he allegedly recklessly caused injury to a woman, according to court documents.

Sixto Medrano Jr., 52, was being held Friday on a \$25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police responded at about 4:45

p.m. Thursday in reference to a gunshot victim.

Medrano fired a handgun from a residence, and the shot struck a woman as she walked by, according to his arrest affidavit. The woman had a superficial wound on her shoulder as a result of the incident, according to the affidavit.

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

## Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help in identifying the suspect involved in a theft.

In the early morning hours of Feb. 26, a man walked into the business located in the 2900 block of Garden City Highway and took a cellphone and other items. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his 40s with a mustache, about 5 foot, 8 and weighing 180 pounds. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a black jacket, brown hoodie and blue jeans.

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

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

### How to submit a secure tip

- Hotline: 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP
- Online: www.midlandcrimestoppers.com
- Text: Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- Mobile App: 'P3 TIPS' or go to www.p3tips.com
- Facebook: Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

## Crime Stoppers fugitive

SHANE BRADLEY

DOB: 12-04-1984  
Height and weight: 5 foot, 9; 160 pounds  
Charge: Assault by choking



Bradley

- Wanted as of 3-09-2018
- Warrant #F4170601
- \$500 Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- Mobile App: 'P3 TIPS' or go to www.p3tips.com
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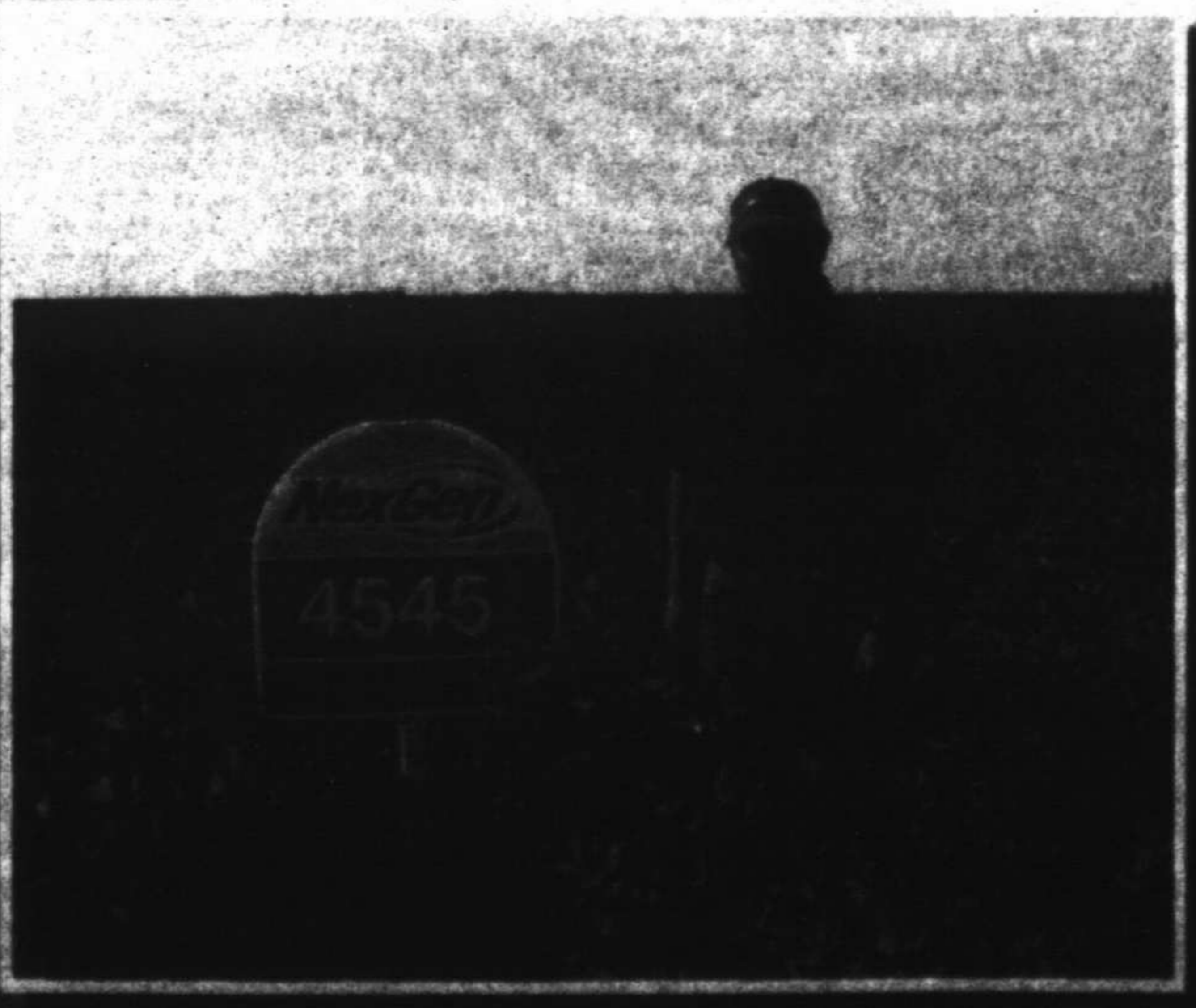
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# LEVE ON DEVELOPMENT

## MDC could contribute \$3.75M toward Tradewinds extension

By Trevor Hawes  
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One of the last places for development on the western portion of Loop 250 soon could see growth.

The Midland Development Corp. at its monthly meeting Monday voted unanimously to approve a deal with the city of Midland that would see the MDC contribute \$3.75 million toward the extension of Tradewinds Boulevard, which would create a corridor backage road from State Highway 191 to Business 20.

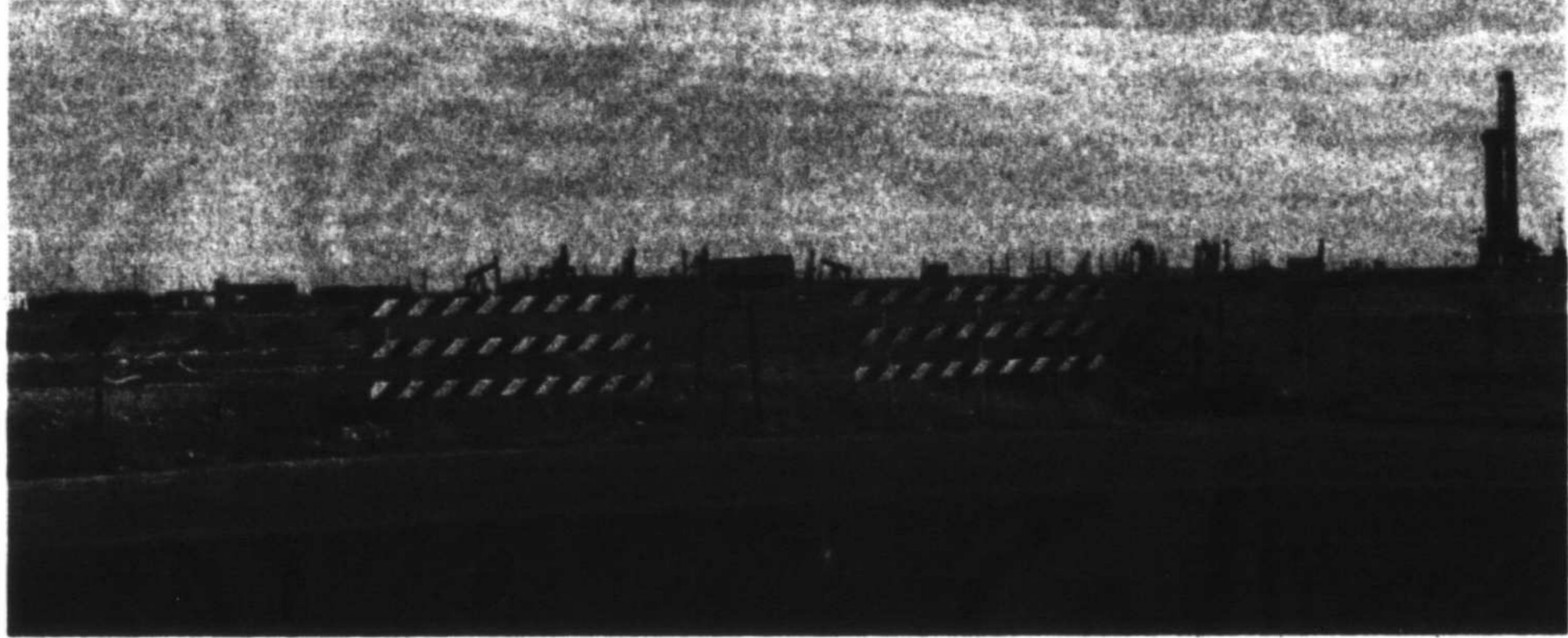
The MDC has an existing agreement with the city for the Tradewinds project, and Monday's vote authorizes the release of \$4.125 million in total.

Engineering Services Director Jose Ortiz said the city is in the final stages of acquiring right of way.

City Council will be asked at its March 27 meeting to authorize the bidding process, Ortiz said. "If the stars align," council could award a contract in May and construction would begin this summer, he said.

This area in recent years has seen rapid growth. Chevron, Occidental Petroleum and EOG Resources have opened large facilities, and Anadarko is currently building its Permian Basin headquarters there.

Houses and shopping also have sprung up. The Tradewinds extension will run parallel with a very busy Loop 250 and serve as a



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The intersection of Thomason Drive and Tradewinds Boulevard is shown Friday. The intersection soon will see construction with the proposed extension of Tradewinds south toward Business 20.

backage road.

"You're going to look at anywhere from \$250 million to \$300 million in increased property value, along with an unbelievable amount of sales tax revenue because it's such a high-retail corridor," District 4 City Councilman J. Ross Lacy said at the meeting about development in this area. "Plus, as we continue, we just annexed 130 acres for D.R. Horton in this area. We're overloading intersections, and (Tradewinds) will help

route traffic."

"We have some apartment complexes coming to land that already has been sold," Lacy said. "With rental rates skyrocketing, we need to add 2,000 to 3,000 apartment units in our city right now to help increase the supply to meet the demand."

Lacy said the city is going to see explosive growth with Anadarko. The oil company said it will create more than 200 jobs as it makes a permanent home in Midland,

according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports. Anadarko is building in the area of SH 191 and SH 158.

Other road developments proposed by the city are an extension of Avalon Drive from SH 191 to Business 20 and an extension of Thomason Drive and Deauville Boulevard westward. An extension of Anetta Drive westward to give access to the eastern portion of Midland International Air & Space Port is also being considered.

## MDC terminates agreement with Orbital Outfitters

By Trevor Hawes  
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On Monday, the Midland Development Corp. voted on several items, including a contract amendment with New Teraco, severing ties with Orbital Outfitters and amending its bylaws. Here are the highlights.

— **Deal canceled:** The MDC voted unanimously to terminate its agreement with Orbital Outfitters, a space suit startup company headquartered at Midland International Air & Space Port. Orbital also was contracted to operate the city's Midland Altitude Chamber Complex (MACC), used for the testing of equipment before it goes into space.

The MDC offered Orbital a \$1 million incentive and spent about \$7 million on a facility for Orbital's headquarters, which included the MACC. After the agreement is terminated, the MDC will take ownership of all of Orbital's assets, including any intellectual property.

— **Deal amended:** Gift card manufacturer New Teraco will receive an extension to its agreement made with the MDC in 2015. In exchange for \$100,000 to move equipment from its former Illinois facility to Midland, New Teraco agreed to create more jobs and keep 100 employees or more through 2021.

The company has to certify its employment figures with the MDC, and its headcount is below the threshold by about four, MDC Chairman Brent Hilliard said at the meeting. Hilliard told the Reporter-Telegram that New Teraco missing its target is "through no fault of its own," as the company has lost some employees to the bustling oil industry.

— **Bylaw changes:** The MDC's bylaws will have two amendments. The first is the inclusion of a specific statement stating that all actions taken on by the MDC are government functions of the MDC. Second, staff will directly report to the executive director but serve at the pleasure of the board, giving the board more input on staffing decisions.

"We're trying to get the MDC to function more like the city," Hilliard said.

The MDC is funded by the Type A quarter-cent sales tax.

## March sales tax collection is record for the month

### Midland sales tax report

**March collection: \$4,320,863**

**March 2017 collection: \$2,857,368**

**Percent increase: 51.22 percent**

**Previous record, March 2014: \$3,417,444**

**Fiscal year-to-date total: \$24,240,917**

**Percent increase: 36.58**

The city of Midland has more money to work with — a lot more.

The city reported a \$4.32 million sales tax collection in March. That total was not only a mind-blowing 51.22 percent increase compared to the March 2017 collection, but it was a record for any March in the history of the city. In fact, Midland shattered the previous record (\$3.417 million) by nearly \$1 million.

The collection pushed the year-to-date actual sales tax revenue to \$24.24 million, which is not only a 35.58 percent (or \$6.492 million) increase from last year but means the city is now on pace to set a new record for sales tax in a year.

### Building permits Feb. 26-March 2

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# On steel, aluminum tariffs: We've seen this movie before and it doesn't end well

A recent announcement by President Trump that he would push for across-the-board tariffs on steel and aluminum set off a firestorm including threats of retaliation from a number of nations (including some of our oldest and closest allies), a significant drop in the stock market, and more dissension and division in Washington. There is good cause for alarm, because if they are enacted, such tariffs would dampen US economic performance and cause harm to a number of industries both in the United States and around the globe. The best case is bad; the worst case is awful.

While the tariffs might have temporary positive effects on steel and aluminum producers that are not efficient by global standards, any industry which uses those metals as inputs would face higher costs, reduced competitiveness, and job losses. A Policy Brief from the non-partisan group The Trade Partnership estimates that the proposed tariffs could cause the loss of five jobs for every one gained. Specifically, they estimate that the tariffs would increase iron and steel employment and non-ferrous metals (primarily aluminum) employment by 33,464 jobs but would cost 179,334 jobs throughout the rest of the economy. Add to that multiplier effects and fallout from potential retaliation from other nations, and the losses could quickly escalate.

So why the tariffs? The root of the problem is overcapacity in steel and aluminum production in China, which is causing that nation to sell the metals at prices below the cost of production. The steel and aluminum industries in the United States and elsewhere have been damaged because it is very difficult to compete with these low-priced products.

While there are valid reasons to deal with this issue, broad tariffs which affect all nations are simply not the way to do it because they wreak havoc on other industries and countries which have been playing by the rules. Furthermore, other nations can be expected to retaliate, which could escalate into a trade war, with various nations trying to put pressure on others by raising trade barriers on a wide variety of products.

In such a scenario, virtually everyone loses. Consumers would face higher prices, both for imported goods and for products made in the US which include imported inputs or raw materials. Businesses would have to try

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to stay competitive even with higher input prices and a disadvantage on world markets. Economic growth would be adversely affected, stock prices would almost certainly fall, and jobs would be lost. It would not be pretty, to say the least. We have already seen threats from Canada and the European Union to impose tariffs on blue jeans, bourbon, and big bikes (Harleys). That is only the beginning if broad tariffs are imposed.

Instead of the broad tariffs which have been proposed, a better approach by far would be to deal specifically with the situation in China, which exports only a very small percentage of the steel and aluminum used in the US. When issues such as unfair trade practices arise, those problems can be dealt with in a very targeted manner through various trade agreements and organizations that are in place. Unfair trade investigations are already underway related to the artificially underpriced aluminum and steel from China, and action can be taken as needed based on the outcomes.

Even the Aluminum Association is against the tariffs. The Association is an industry group whose members employ more than 700,000 people and include smelters and related facilities (which would probably see some modest and temporary gains from the tariffs) as well as other aspects of the industry.

Advocates for protectionist policies claim that free trade causes the United States to lose manufacturing jobs as some production moves to lower-wage locations overseas and lower-priced imports steal market share from US companies. It is true that some things that are made abroad were once made domestically, but the primary reasons are technological advances and wage differentials.

Technology has changed and will continue to change US manufacturing methods. Manufacturing output

expands year after year but requires fewer workers as productivity rises and automation increases efficiency. Because of higher wages in the United States, certain products are difficult to produce at reasonable costs compared to other countries. However, unless we want to tolerate wages in line with the poorest countries on earth, we are not going to make the things that require the least skilled labor.

The key to dealing with these inevitable changes is to do what we do best in terms of manufacturing rather than to try to hold on to industries that are better suited to other countries. As jobs of one type disappear, workers can be retrained to enable them to find different jobs. Unfair trade practices must be dealt with, but a tariff which doesn't discriminate between those nations which are breaking the rules and those which are not is going to cause far more harm than good.

Any action which interferes with free trade is a bad idea. The basic mathematics of trade benefits were described more than 200 years ago, and history has consistently and repeatedly proven those principles to be true. In the US, the Smoot-Hawley tariffs enacted in 1930 made the Great Depression longer and deeper than it would have been otherwise. High tariffs on steel after World War II allowed U.S. producers to avoid adopting new basic oxygen furnace technology, thus losing global leadership in this sector. We have seen this movie before, and it does not end well.

Almost every country can produce certain things better, faster, or cheaper than others on a relative basis, and the rational response is to export some products and import others. In this way, everyone can be better off. By its very nature, trade can accelerate the demise or evolution of some industries, but overall, there is no doubt that international trade creates far more jobs than it destroys. These tariffs are a bad idea.

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## Trump risks trade war to fulfill political pledge

By Julie Pace  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As he blitzed through the industrial Midwest as a presidential candidate, Donald Trump pitched himself as the savior of the "forgotten" men and women in communities where factories had been shuttered and jobs were moved overseas.

Now, Trump is risking a trade war to fulfill a political promise to the voters who helped put him in the White House.

His decision to levy stiff new tariffs on aluminum and steel imports puts him at odds with most of the Republican Party, prominent business groups and even some of his own advisers, who warn that the decision could backfire and slow economic growth in a midterm election year. According to economic analysts, some of the communities that would be hardest hit by a trade standoff could be the same ones the president says he's aiming to help.

Yet those arguments had little resonance with Trump during the fiery battle over tariffs that has played out in the West Wing in recent days. Having overcome the opposition, Trump relished Thursday's signing ceremony, where he was flanked by steelworkers — some carrying their hard hats — who lavished praise on his decision.

"I'm delivering on a promise I made during the campaign," Trump said. Gesturing to the workers, Trump said part of the reason he's in the White House was "because of you and my message having to do with you."

Notably, no Republican lawmakers attended the White House event.

Current and former White House officials often describe the president as being preoccupied with keeping campaign promises to his loyal supporters, even if those decisions are unpopular with a broader swath of Americans. In public and in private, Trump still speaks frequently of his victories 16 months ago in Democratic-leaning states like Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan, whose working-class white voters helped propel him to victory. He'll likely need to carry those states again if he hopes to win re-election in 2020.

In Pennsylvania, both the Republican and Democratic candidates running in next week's House special election endorsed the

broad outlines of the president's approach on tariffs during a recent debate. Trump plans to campaign for Republican Rick Saccone on Saturday.

However, most GOP lawmakers have balked at Trump's approach, which includes exemptions for Mexico and Canada and the opportunity for other countries to appeal for a similar reprieve.

And like the president, Republicans are making political calculations in doing so. Having made little progress in Congress on several GOP priorities, Republican candidates have been banking on a strong economy and the growing popularity of the party's tax overhaul to combat a Democratic electorate energized by its disdain for Trump.

But lawmakers fear a trade war could wipe away economic gains and leave them on shaky ground with voters in November.

Republican Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin called the tariffs "a very risky action" that could put agricultural and manufacturing jobs in his state and across the country at risk.

"I'm not sure there are any winners in trade wars," said Johnson, who ran a plastics manufacturing business in Wisconsin before being elected to the Senate. "There may be

people who lose less."

House Speaker Paul Ryan, who is also from Wisconsin, issued a rare statement publicly breaking with the president. "I disagree with this action and fear its unintended consequences," he said.

Even before entering politics, Trump the businessman and real estate developer railed against what he viewed as unfair trade practices that left the U.S. economy and American workers vulnerable. Those viewpoints became the centerpiece of his presidential campaign, and he vowed to not only slap tougher tariffs on exports, but also withdraw the United States from multilateral free trade agreements with allies in Asia and North America.

Hours before the president signed an executive order implementing the new tariffs, trade ministers from 11 Pacific Rim countries signed a sweeping free trade agreement the U.S. had been part of until Trump withdrew last year.

The agreement was negotiated by Democratic President Barack Obama's administration, but had broad support from GOP leaders who have long backed multilateral free trade pacts.

Economic analysts warn that a trade dispute sparked by the tariffs could damage



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Vice President Mike Pence, right, listens as President Donald Trump speaks in the Roosevelt Room at the White House in Washington on Thursday during an event where Trump signed two proclamations, one on steel imports and the other on aluminum imports.

communities that backed the president in 2016. An analysis by Brookings Institution last year showed that areas that voted for Trump are more dependent on exports, which foreign countries could target in retaliation.

Exports account for more than half of the local economy in Columbus, Indiana, and 25 percent of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin's economy.

The economic data mattered little Thursday to Dustin Stevens, a superintendent at Century Aluminum Potline in Hawesville, Kentucky, who attended the White House event.

"My father worked in the industry, and worked at that plant for 40 years," Stevens said. "So this hits home for all of us."

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# AP finds the NRA gave \$7 million to hundreds of schools

By Collin Binkley and Meghan Hoyer  
Associated Press

The National Rifle Association has dramatically increased its funding to schools in recent years amid a national debate over guns and school violence, an Associated Press analysis of tax records has found. But few say they plan to give up the money in the aftermath of the latest mass shooting.

The AP analysis of the NRA Foundation's public tax records finds that about 500 schools received more than \$7.3 million from 2010 through 2016, mostly through competitive grants meant to promote shooting sports. The grants have gone to an array of school programs, including the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, rifle teams, hunting safety courses and agricultural clubs.

In some ways, the grant distribution reflects the nation's deep political divide over guns. Nearly three-quarters of the schools that received grants are in counties that voted for President Donald Trump in the 2016 election, while a quarter are in counties that voted for Democrat Hillary Clinton, according to the AP analysis. Most are in medium-sized counties or rural areas, with few near major cities.

California received the most in school grants, more than \$1 million, while Florida was a close second.

Florida's Broward County school district is believed to be the first to stop accepting NRA money after a gunman killed 17 people at one of its schools Feb. 14. The teen charged in the shooting had been on a school rifle team that received NRA funding. School officials announced the change Tuesday but declined to comment further.

Denver Public Schools followed on Thursday, saying it won't pursue NRA grants in the future and will turn down several that were to be awarded this year. But officials in many other districts say they have no plans to back away.

"Whatever I think of the NRA, they're providing legitimate educational services," said Billy Townsend, a school board member in Florida's Polk County district, whose JROTC programs received \$33,000, primarily to buy air rifles. "If the NRA wanted to provide air rifles for our ROTC folks in the future, I wouldn't have a problem with that."

The grants awarded to schools are just a small share of the \$61 million the NRA Foundation has given to a variety of local groups since 2010. But it has grown rapidly, increasing nearly fourfold from 2010 to 2014 in what some opponents say is a thinly veiled attempt to recruit the next generation of NRA members.

The NRA Foundation did not return calls seeking comment.

Annual reports from the pro-gun group say its grant program was started in 1992 and raises money through local Friends of NRA chapters. It says half the proceeds from local fundraisers go to local grants and half goes to the national organization. Tax records show roughly \$19 million in grants going to the group's Virginia headquarters in 2015 and in 2016.

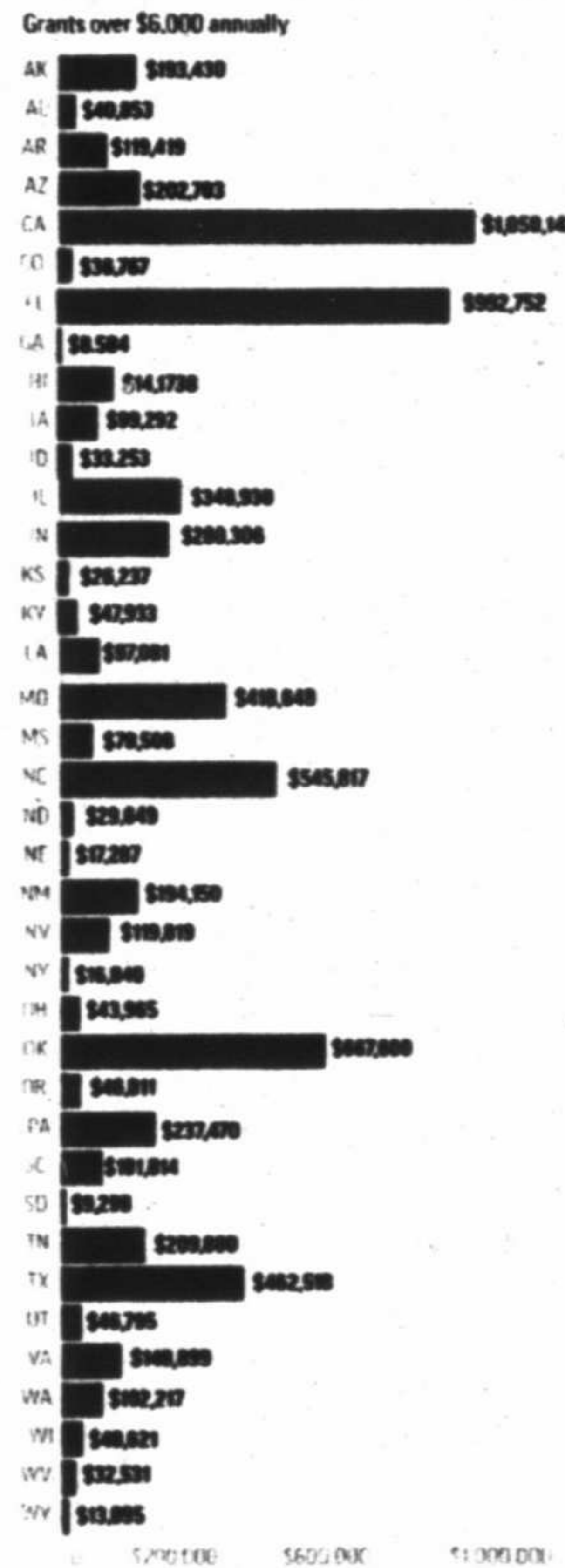
Besides schools, other typical recipients include 4-H groups, which have received \$12.2 million since 2010, Boy Scout troops and councils, which received \$4 million, and private gun clubs. Overall, about half the grants go to programs directed at youth.

Grant funding to schools rose sharply in the years after the 2012 shooting at Connecticut's Sandy Hook Elementary School, fueled in part by a new grant program the NRA unveiled to help schools make safety improvements. Three districts received safety grants totaling \$189,000 in 2014, tax records show, but none appears to have been awarded since then.

Nearly half of the 773 overall school grants have gone to JROTC programs, which put students through a basic military curriculum and offer an array of small competitive clubs, like the rifle team at Broward's

## NRA foundation grants to schools by state

The majority of schools that received NRA foundation grants are in states that Trump won in the 2016 presidential election.



Source: AP analysis of NRA Foundation grants

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. But JROTC leaders say few students ultimately enlist in the military, and the primary goal is to teach students skills like discipline and leadership. "The safety that we're teaching, the good citizenship that we're teaching here, those are the things you don't hear about," said Gunnery Sgt. Jim Flores, a JROTC instructor at Cibola High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. "The majority of people walk out of here awesome young men and women, respectful of authority, things of that nature. Not so much little tin soldiers."

In some parts of the country, shooting clubs draw the same sort of following as any school sport. Bill Nolte, superintendent of the Haywood County district in North Carolina, says he still shows up at school sportsman's club tournaments even though his son graduated. Starting in sixth grade, students can join the clubs to compete in shooting events, archery and orienteering. For many families, Nolte said, it's just like any other weekend sports event.

"You take your lawn chair and your coffee in a thermos, and do much like you would do if you were going to a youth soccer or travel basketball or baseball event," Nolte said, adding that NRA grants have helped buy firearms and ammunition and cover other costs that otherwise would fall to the parents. "We are constantly seeking revenue for sportsman's club just like we do for cheerleading and track."

Districts that tallied the largest sums of NRA money typically used it for JROTC programs, including \$126,000 given to Albuquerque schools, \$126,000 to Broward County and \$125,000 to Anchorage, Alaska. The most awarded to a single district was \$291,000, given to Roseville schools near Sacramento, California, which say much of the funding went toward equipment and gear for trap-shooting teams.

Grants are often provided as equipment rather than cash, with schools given rifles, ammunition, safety gear and updates to shooting ranges. Nationally, about \$1.3 million was provided as cash, while \$6 million was provided through equipment, training and other costs.

The data does not include grants smaller than \$5,000 — those do not need to be individually tracked in tax filings. Ron Severn, superintendent of the Roseville Joint Union High School

District, says no parents have raised concerns over the funding, but administrators may reconsider it in the wake of the Florida shooting.

"After we get through this spring, we will probably take some time to assess how to move forward," he said.

School board members in some districts said they didn't know about the grants. Donna Corbett, a Democrat on the school board in southern Indiana's New Albany-Floyd County School Corporation, said she never heard about \$65,000 that went to a JROTC program at one of the high schools. Corbett said she plans to raise the issue with her board but feels conflicted about it.

"I am not a big NRA fan, but I also realize that ROTC is a good program," she said. "I'm not sure I would be willing to pull it to the detriment of the kids and their programs."

While some states received dozens of school grants, about 20 got only a few or none at all. In Massachusetts, for example, known for its strict gun laws, no schools have received NRA grants since 2010, tax records show. Terry Ryan, a school board member in the Westford district northwest of Boston, says a local teacher considered applying for a grant in 2014, but the district ultimately didn't pursue it.

"We were not interested in any way, shape or form endorsing the NRA or its philosophy," Ryan said in an interview.

# The slow breakup between Democrats and the NRA

By Eric Garcia  
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON— Just eight years ago, the National Rifle Association dished out \$372,000 in campaign contributions to a record 66 Democratic incumbents. By the 2016 cycle, that number had dwindled to four.

At a time when several mass shootings have shocked a nation — prompting calls for stricter gun regulations even from some Republicans — the NRA has become something of a boogeyman for many Democrats.

How that will play out politically is still a question mark. For Democratic lawmakers in urban areas and districts that have dealt with mass shootings, shunning the NRA and pushing for gun control may not be a hard choice.

For vulnerable Democrats in districts and states where a gun rights culture has deeper roots, failing to earn the NRA's endorsement has its perils.

But one outcome is already evident: the breakup between the NRA and Democratic lawmakers is all but complete.

Some Democrats who have parted ways with the NRA have said the group's all-or-nothing approach to gun rights during an era of increased mass shootings forced them to abandon their affiliation.

Sen. Martin Heinrich is a gun owner and former NRA member. During the 2010 cycle, the group donated \$2,000 to the New Mexico Democrat when he was still a House member. Since then, zilch.

"My frustration with them as a group is they just aren't part of any solutions. They're ideologically pure, and they're not interested in doing anything. ... I just don't think that's in any way responsible," Heinrich said. "At a certain point, you just got to say, 'I'm going to engage with people who want to be part of the solution.'"

Heinrich has not given up his gun collection. He hunts regularly in his home state and works with a number of sportsmen's groups there.

"(Those groups) represent most of us who are gun owners I think far better than the NRA ever could," Heinrich said.

The NRA's real leverage is opposition spending. It spends tens of millions of dollars every year on congressional races, but only a fraction of that goes into the campaign accounts of candidates it supports because of Federal Election Commission rules.

"The gun lobby's power lies less in donation spending and more in spending against candidates they think aren't pro-gun," said Sheila Krumboltz, executive director for the Center for Responsive Politics.

Take 2016, for instance. The NRA's PAC spent \$14.5 million supporting 44 candidates who won their races, per OpenSecrets.org. But it spent more than double that — \$34.5 million — against 19 candi-

dates who lost.

NRA spokeswoman Jennifer Baker said the group's membership is strong when it comes to mobilizing.

"Voters respond to the Second Amendment," she said. "That's really the strength of the NRA."

Former Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland is a good example of the risk Democrats take when they abandon their pro-gun rights positions.

As a congressman, Strickland voted against the assault weapons ban and Brady legislation, which earned him NRA support when he became governor. But by the time he challenged Sen. Rob Portman in 2016, he had shifted away from the NRA. The group spent more than \$1.5 million against Strickland. He lost to Portman by nearly 21 points.

2018 will test whether Democrats can win on gun control, said Richard Aborn, the former president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence who helped lead the charge on the legislation in the 1990s.

"Does it have the strength to thrust it into the square in 2018?" he asked of gun control. "We need to rally now. It's not going to happen in three weeks. People say it's all over. ... It's not over."

There are still some NRA-backed Democratic holdouts.

In 2016, the gun group contributed money to just four Democratic incumbents: Reps. Sanford D. Bishop Jr. of Georgia, Henry Cuellar of Texas, and Collin C. Peterson and Tim Walz of Minnesota. Cuellar received \$3,500; Bishop \$3,000; and Peterson and Walz \$2,000 apiece.

The NRA's Baker said the organization does not actively seek out candidates when it makes contributions.

"We aren't out, like, recruiting members to run," she said. "They come to us seeking our endorsement. Our endorsement carries a lot of weight."

Walz, who is vacating his seat in Minnesota's mostly rural 1st District to run for governor, has been accused of flip-flopping on guns. He now supports an assault weapons ban and said he will return every dollar the NRA has donated to his campaigns — \$18,000 in total over a decade.

Unlike their Minnesota colleagues, Cuellar and Bishop represent districts that Hillary Clinton carried with ease in 2016. But they also represent rural populations with deeply ingrained gun cultures in areas where access to guns directly affects economic viability.

"As a South Texan, I rep-

resent a constituency that includes ranchers, farmers and sportsmen who are responsible gun owners," Cuellar, who supports the bipartisan and NRA-backed "Fix-NICS" bill to bolster background check enforcement, said in a statement.

Many of his constituents are ranchers who "depend on firearms in order to protect their livestock on a daily basis," he said, and the hunting industry generates thousands of jobs in his district.

"Bottom line," Cuellar said, "firearms are significant economic drivers in the area that I represent and they play a large role in providing support for thousands of individuals."

Over the years, a number of prominent Democrats have received NRA cash.

New Mexico Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, the man tasked with flipping the House this November as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, received \$1,000 from the NRA during the 2012 cycle. Lujan said he gave that contribution away.

"The NRA has become out of step with what it means to be a responsible gun owner. Their support ended when I wouldn't defend their outlandish policy positions — positions that I know would compromise public safety and would not prevent guns from getting into the hands of dangerous people," he said in a February statement.

When he was a member of House, Indiana Sen. Joe Donnelly — one of the most vulnerable Democrats up for re-election this year — raked in nearly \$14,000 in contributions from the NRA.

In 2010, former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada cashed a \$4,950 check from the organization.

The drying-up of NRA contributions reflects a larger shift on guns within the Democratic Party over the past 20 years.

In 1994, Democrats were swept out of the House in a Republican wave year. Many Democrats feared it was because they passed the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act and a ban on assault weapons.

A recent Bill Clinton acknowledged in his State of the Union address the next year that "several members of the last Congress who voted for that aren't here tonight because they voted for it."

After that, "Democrats started to second-guess their support (of gun control), somewhat reluctantly," Aborn said.

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President-elect John F. Kennedy, center, is surrounded by members of his family in the living room of the home of Joseph P. Kennedy on Nov. 9, 1960, in Hyannisport, Mass. Standing, from left, Ethel Kennedy; Steve Smith and wife, Jean Kennedy; Senator Kennedy; brother Robert, campaign manager; sister, Patricia Lawford; Sargent Shriver; brother Ted's wife, Joan; and British actor Peter Lawford. In foreground, seated from are: Eunice Shriver, sister; mother Rose Kennedy; father, Joseph; Jacqueline Kennedy, wife of John; and Ted Kennedy, brother of the president-elect. CNN debuts a six-part series on the Kennedy family, part of its focus on historical programming for its original series.

## CNN takes a historical look at the Kennedy family

By David Bauder  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the Trump era, the story of the Kennedys has never seemed so distant or, one family member believes, more urgent to tell.

"It's important for people to know that there is another way," said former U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, son of the late Sen. Edward Kennedy. "What people understand to be the paradigm of today, that doesn't have to be the narrative for our country."

He's also interviewed in CNN's new six-part series, "American Dynasties: The Kennedys," that debuts at 9 p.m. EDT on Sunday. Coupled with the premiere of a new series about popes, it's an example of CNN's new approach to historical programming now that it is running out of decades to celebrate.

The Kennedys are one of the most documented families in modern American life, and CNN hopes that its work in the series offers new looks at a familiar story. Sunday's first episode focuses on family patriarch Joseph Kennedy, who wanted to be president himself until his poor performance as U.S. ambassador to Britain during World War II ended that ambition. He transferred that drive to his large family, which culminated in the election of second son John F. Kennedy as president in 1960.

Through the episodes, the series continues through John and brother Bobby's assassinations, Ted Kennedy's long career in the Senate and the varied paths of new Kennedy generations, including the plane crash that killed John F. Kennedy Jr.

While it discusses the family's achievements, the project is not a

hagiography. The series discusses JFK's womanizing, the disastrous decision to lobotomize the young Rosemary Kennedy and, in a later episode, Ted Kennedy's involvement in a deadly car accident in Chappaquiddick, Massachusetts.

Producers sought archival material that went beyond familiar clips, said Amy Entelis, who oversees CNN's film and original series units. For example, the first episode shows Joseph Kennedy's family greeted by photographers upon his arrival in Britain, where young Bobby and Ted gave media interviews. "That was footage that was really new to me — to see them as children and already, as children, on the public stage," she said. "We really made an effort to dig deeply and find not only new angles to the story, but new ways to illustrate the story."

Experience has taught CNN executives that its viewers respond to historical programming. The breezy series celebrating particular decades is the most prominent example, but since CNN is airing one on the 2000s this summer, they've hit a dead end, at least for two more years.

"The Kennedys," like last month's series on Patricia Hearst, enables the network to examine certain time periods through specific lenses. The nostalgia appeal is obvious, but CNN executives were surprised five years ago at how well a documentary on JFK's assassination did among young viewers who were anxious to get more details about an event many had heard about but hadn't looked at closely, Entelis said.

"We're living in an unusual age and people are very engaged in history

because of the politics of today," she said.

Current commentary by Kennedys like Patrick is interspersed throughout the film. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is interviewed, and it's enlightening to hear a young "Kick" Kennedy talk about the bold life and romantic choices of his great aunt and namesake Kathleen Kennedy. She and older brother Joseph Jr. both died in plane crashes.

CNN had mixed results when asking other Kennedy members to participate, Entelis said. JFK's daughter Caroline is not included, nor is noted filmmaker Rory Kennedy. Patrick Kennedy, who represented a Rhode Island district in Congress from 1995 to 2011 and is now an advocate on mental health and addiction issues, said he wanted people to hear the message of public service that his father and his family espoused. "The message they had for their generation really transcended their time," he said.

Kennedy, who has written about his own addiction issues, decided not to seek re-election six months after his father died. He doesn't seem to miss Congress: "I was there at a time when you could actually get things done," he said.

He wouldn't answer directly whether his family members would want to see another President Kennedy.

"I know that they'd like to see the beloved community — John Lewis was a part of it, Dr. King, Cesar Chavez, Robert Kennedy, Eunice Shriver — I think that's what we all want to be part of," he said. "That's what's going to fill us up, to feel that we're all connected again, that we're not fragmented and the country is so divided."

## High school musicals, teen angst star in new drama

By Lynn Elber  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Even if you're trying to put the squeeze on a ballooning TV watchlist, consider the pedigree of NBC's "Friday Night Lights." It's from the "Friday Night Lights" producer who created "Parenthood" and a producer of Broadway's "Hamilton."

With stars Josh Radnor ("How I Met Your Mother") and Rosie Perez ("Fearless") and a strong cast of young performers, including Auli'i Cravalho of "Moana," the drama revolving around a small-town high school and its theater program clearly deserves attention.

For Jason Katims, the chance to take a different approach to themes he explored as executive producer of "Friday Night Lights" drew him to "Rise," debuting 9 p.m. Tuesday. He was captivated by the "idea of being able to observe the people of this community and do it through this beautiful storytelling device of musical theater," said Katims, who's collaborating with "Hamilton" producer Jeffrey Seller.

Don't be misled by "musical" and "high school." The series, inspired by the life's work of teacher Lou Volpe that was detailed in Michael Sokolove's 2013 book "Drama High," doesn't pick up where "Glee" left off.

"If I felt like that was the show it was going to be I wouldn't have done it, because 'Glee' did that so beautifully," Katims said. "We spend as much time, more time in fact, in their (the students) homes and with their families and relationships. ... and the theater becomes their home base in a way that's driving the story."

The youngsters face challenges that are both timeless and contemporary, including teen

pregnancy and gender identity. Shades of "Friday Night Lights," there's even a football thread, with one student (Damon J. Gillespie) caught between his talents as an athlete and a performer. The adults face their own problems.

Radnor plays Lou Mazzuchelli, who finds himself in a rut teaching English and trying to cope with family tensions. Lou grabs a chance to take over his school's theater program despite scant experience in the field and the fact he's leap-fogged a more experienced colleague, Perez's Tracey Wolfe.

Radnor said he could relate a bit to Lou's "early middle-age ennui" as well as the moments of panic he experiences in tackling something new and unfamiliar.

"You get really attacked by voices of doubt at 3 in the morning, and that happens to him a couple times throughout the series," the actor said.

But Lou's passion is real — for theater, for the students he wants to motivate and for his Pennsylvania town, which is struggling with hardship after a steel mill's closure. He challenges the status quo and students by choosing to stage a provocative musical, "Spring Awakening," instead of a more predictable, safe high school choice like "Grease."

(There's irony here: the ongoing network fascination with live musicals has itself skewed heavily toward comfortable fare including "The Sound of Music" and, yes, "Grease," with "Spring Awakening" staged only within fiction.)

"The core of the story is this beautiful idea that Lou's vision enables these students to see their lives in a different way and imagine ... a different future for themselves than they might have had," Katims said.

Seller underscored the importance of the arts in

young people's lives during a Q&A with reporters. He recalled visiting New York for the first time as a teenager and the "formidable experience" of seeing Jennifer Holliday perform the "Dreamgirls" show-stopper "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going."

"Rise," he said, is a project that "represents everything I believe in, which is family, which is community, and which is art, and that's why I'm here today."

The show was already in the works when the 2016 presidential election highlighted national divisions, Katims said, but its small-town, blue-collar focus makes the drama pertinent without being overtly political.

"We never have to say 'Republican' or 'Democrat' or 'Trump,'" he said. "Just putting the show out there in the world and observing this type of town that doesn't get observed enough, without judging anybody, just letting their voice be heard, that is a political statement."

He's glad it's a statement that's on network TV, giving it the chance to reach more viewers than likely with a streaming service or cable channel. Although networks are slumping in the face of those competitors, they still routinely pull the most robust audiences — such as the 10-million plus who watch NBC's "This Is Us."

That's to the benefit of "Rise," which is riding the coattails of Tuesday's 8 p.m. season finale of the sophomore hit before stepping into its time slot. As character-driven, non-genre shows they share a similar DNA, and Katims hopes that and the uplifting tone of "Rise" bode well for its future.

"The beauty of the story is that it is aspirational, it is hopeful," he said.

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## Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

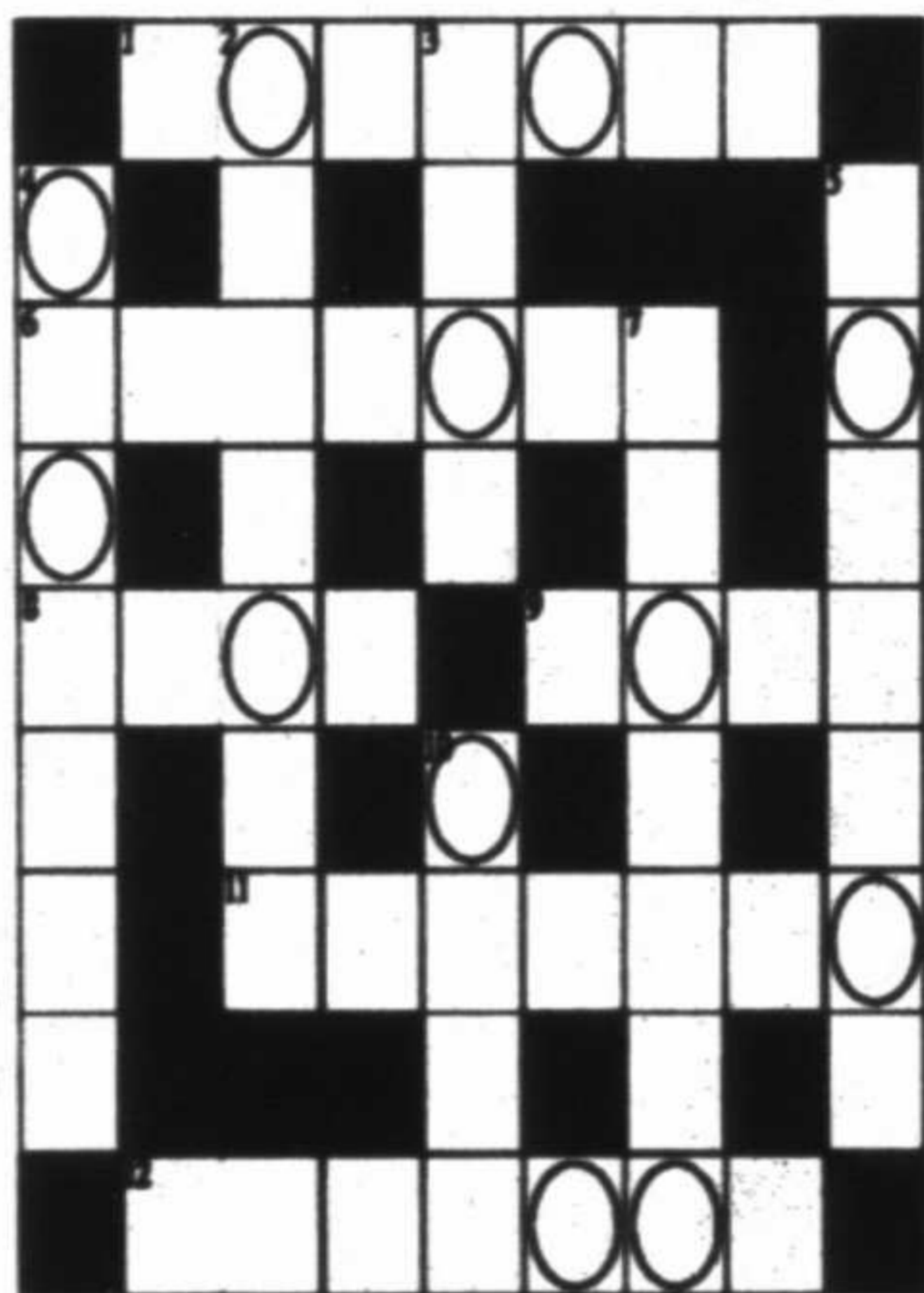
<p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Higgins</p> <p>5 Stockton maker</p> <p>10 "The Winner Takes It All" group</p> <p>14 Head to a pop hit, perhaps</p> <p>19 Head</p> <p>20 Fall sign</p> <p>21 They can be calm or rough</p> <p>22 Specialized word</p> <p>23 Shiftless?</p> <p>26 When rights may be prohibited</p> <p>27 Musical cluster</p> <p>28 Chocor's words</p> <p>30 Pin shop buys</p> <p>31 Albatross</p> <p>32 ... they, supply source in the Harry Potter universe</p> <p>33 Effective use of lang.</p> <p>35 Field for table</p> <p>39 Rock-to-roll body armor</p> <p>42 Laid into</p> <p>43 Vermont tourist destination</p> <p>44 Stinger's specialty</p> <p>45 Lushly lush?</p> <p>47 ... from War</p> <p>49 Stress doc</p> <p>50 About</p> <p>51 Pin ... for row</p> <p>52 Speech from a queen, maybe?</p> <p>57 Recognize</p> <p>58 Children's lit., memorably</p> <p>61 Least likely</p> <p>62 Diamond protector</p> <p>63 Grande bar bit</p> <p>64 Ocean predators</p> <p>65 Where? Typecase</p> <p>66 Ticket date</p> <p>68 Health</p> <p>70 Carpentier</p> <p>75 Doves, with "I"</p> <p>78 Unusually</p> <p>79 ... national bar?</p> <p>79 ... highway</p> <p>80 ... city</p> <p>81 She, in film</p> <p>82 First name in group</p>	<p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>14 French 101</p> <p>15 Sur worshiper's seasonal</p> <p>16 How some lawyers are paid</p> <p>17 Double-curve molding</p> <p>18 Auction action</p> <p>24 Play with, literary</p> <p>25 Anatomical</p> <p>26 Bill awarded for a Presidential Medal of Freedom</p> <p>34 Family between</p> <p>35 Governor's ride</p> <p>36 Member of a noted order</p> <p>37 They're added to life</p> <p>38 "Yeah, right!"</p> <p>39 Span. lit.</p> <p>40 "The War of the Worlds" attacker</p> <p>41 Bagel cheese</p> <p>42 Confers (on)</p> <p>43 It's passed in a race</p> <p>44 AAA member?</p> <p>45 ... do</p> <p>46 Oig with forms</p> <p>47 CBS or NBC</p> <p>48 1983 sat</p> <p>49 comedy</p> <p>50 20th-century pinup</p> <p>51 ... image</p> <p>52 Steam engine</p> <p>53 ... with</p> <p>54 ...</p> <p>55 ...</p> <p>56 ...</p> <p>57 ...</p> <p>58 ...</p> <p>59 ...</p> <p>60 ...</p> <p>61 ...</p> <p>62 ...</p> <p>63 ...</p> <p>64 ...</p> <p>65 ...</p> <p>66 ...</p> <p>67 ...</p> <p>68 ...</p> <p>69 ...</p> <p>70 ...</p> <p>71 ...</p> <p>72 ...</p> <p>73 ...</p> <p>74 ...</p> <p>75 ...</p> <p>76 Place for a pug</p> <p>77 ... do good</p> <p>78 ...</p> <p>79 ...</p> <p>80 ...</p> <p>81 ...</p> <p>82 Jay-Z and others</p> <p>83 "Who ...": 1996</p> <p>84 ...</p> <p>85 ...</p> <p>86 ...</p> <p>87 ...</p> <p>88 ...</p> <p>89 ...</p> <p>90 ...</p> <p>91 ...</p> <p>92 ...</p> <p>93 ...</p> <p>94 ...</p> <p>95 ...</p> <p>96 ...</p> <p>97 ...</p> <p>98 ...</p> <p>99 ...</p> <p>100 ...</p> <p>101 ...</p> <p>102 ...</p> <p>103 ...</p> <p>104 ...</p> <p>105 ...</p>
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## JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

### Sunday Puzzle



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|               | 6. Deceased         | DEOEDRR       |
|               | 8. Fricout          | ALIR          |
|               | 9. Largest landmass | SIAA          |
|               | 11. Meat stew       | SALUOGH       |
|               | 12. Whirlwind       | NDAROTO       |
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|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>DOWN</b> | <b>CLUE</b>          | <b>ANSWER</b> |
|             | 2. Showing agreement | DOINDGN       |
|             | 3. Medium-           | RERA          |
|             | 4. Nonsensical       | SILOFOH       |
|             | 5. Inhale and exhale | TARHBE        |
|             | 7. Get rid of        | DACIRSD       |
|             | 10. Destroy          | URNI          |

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Today's Answers are on Page 66

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SHEET	IRON	NOBET	REFI
POSSE	ETRE	GOONS	SNAG

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 Answers  
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## A CRUDE AWAKENING



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Jim Carr, Canada's minister of natural resources, center, speaks as Pedro Joaquín Coldwell, Mexico's energy secretary, left, and Rick Perry, U.S. secretary of energy, listen Wednesday during the 2018 CERAWEEK by IHS Market conference in Houston. CERAWEEK gathers energy industry leaders, experts, government officials and policymakers, leaders from the technology, financial, and industrial communities to provide new insights and critically-important dialogue on energy markets.

### You can drill your way to independence

The authoritative International Energy Agency announced on Monday that the United States will overtake Russia and Saudi Arabia as the world's largest crude oil producer in five years.

To celebrate this once — unimaginable news, how about taking a trip down memory lane? The date is May 5, 2011. Diarmuid O'Connell, then the vice president of business development for Tesla, Elon Musk's electric — car outfit, is testifying before the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

"As a nation, we have arrived at a place where we no longer control our own destiny," O'Connell warned. "We find ourselves overwhelmingly dependent on a dwindling natural resource controlled by inimical foreign actors, under conditions of increasing competition. Oil . . . is now the source of our greatest vulnerability in terms of both national and economic security."

"The facts are clear," he continued. America's growing importation of oil from unstable parts of the globe required Congress to be "proactive" and subsidize alternative technologies such as his company's electric vehicles. "While one might argue (as some do) that policies such as the increase of domestic production ('Drill, Baby, Drill') can improve the basic equation of supply and demand in the short run, such measures are pitifully marginal in the global scheme," O'Connell added. Etc., etc., etc.

O'Connell's speech has not aged well, though it summarized what many right — thinking people believed at the time. Actually, his jeremiad was already foreseeably wrong when he presented

### CHARLES LANE

The Washington Post

it: In North Dakota and Texas, far from Silicon Valley or Capitol Hill, the shale oil boom was underway. U.S. domestic production was edging higher: It averaged 5.6 million barrels per day in 2011, hit 9.8 million per day by the end of 2017, and will rise to 12.1 million by 2023, the IEA projects.

Rather than being at the mercy of foreign potentates, the United States may now be the world's "swing" producer of crude. American independent producers, nimble than the state — owned behemoths of the Middle East and Europe, can increase or decrease output rapidly in response to changing market signals.

We're not at zero net imports — probably a meaningless goal in any case, given that crude oil is a fungible commodity — but booming domestic production gives Washington "strategic weapons once unthinkable," according to a recent New York Times analysis. "The United States and its allies now have a supply cushion at a time when political turmoil in Venezuela, Libya and Nigeria is threatening to interrupt flows to markets."

During his 2006 "addicted to oil" State of the Union address, President George W. Bush bemoaned imports from unstable parts of the world and called for replacing 75 percent of Middle East oil imports by 2025. Well, in 2017, the U.S.

imported approximately half as much oil from the Persian Gulf as it did in 2000; not too shabby. Overall, net imports accounted for 38 percent of U.S. consumption in November, down from 66 percent in 2007. The annual U.S. trade balance in fossil fuels improved by \$233 billion as a result, according to the Wall Street Journal.

There are lessons here, beyond the obvious need for healthy skepticism about expert pronouncements, especially when the expert in question is talking his or her own book, as Tesla's subsidy — seeking executive was in 2011.

Energy pessimists were right that less dependence on foreign oil, and the vagaries of the OPEC — manipulated global market, could be achieved through technological innovation; what they failed to grasp was that the very oil — price volatility that concerned them so much created a huge incentive for innovation in the oil patch.

Domestic crude production was not inherently "limited," as O'Connell told Congress in 2011, it just needed a better mouse trap. Fracking was it.

Entrepreneurs broke the oil — import addiction, even though the main thing they intended to do was get rich.

The government policies — mandatory ethanol use in motor fuels; higher gas — mileage standards for cars — established in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which a Democratic Congress passed, the Republican Bush signed, and most Americans soon forgot, played a far smaller role.

Please see LANE/5B

### Coal is out and oil is fading, making natural gas the fossil fuel of choice

Coal is too dirty. Oil is too messy. And renewables are too intermittent. But natural gas is just right. Energy companies of every stripe have fallen in love with the stepchild of fossil fuels. No longer considered an annoying byproduct of oil drilling, natural gas' multiple applications and relative cleanliness guarantee it a place in the future energy mix.

### CHRIS TOMLINSON

Houston Chronicle

The CEO of French energy giant Total, Patrick Pouyanné, joked that he runs a gas and oil company, rather than oil and gas, during his appearance at CERAWEEK by IHS Market, the annual energy conference in Houston. Every major international energy company in the world is emphasizing gas over oil.

Like other fossil fuels, natural gas is abundant, transportable and easily stored near where demand is high. Gas also produces up to 60 percent less in carbon emissions than coal and 15 percent to 20 percent less in heat-trapping gases than gasoline.

Natural gas can be burned to produce heat, combusted in turbines to

generate electricity or injected into engines to propel vehicles. But constituents of natural gas are also used to make plastics and other petrochemicals, itself a growth industry.

The best part is that huge gas reserves have been found around the world, so no single country can control supply. Which is why China and India, the two main sources of energy demand growth in the world, are abandoning coal and expanding imports of liquefied natural gas.

China relies on coal for about 65 percent of its power generation, but the government has pledged to reduce that dependence by using more LNG and renewables. The government also wants to triple the uptake of electric vehicles to reduce oil consumption.

"China's demand is increasing significantly. They've had a very active program to move off of coal in heating industrial applications, and that's pulled on LNG," said Pierre Hueber, executive vice president for downstream operations at

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ROBERT T. JAMES GARRETT & BARRAGÁN  
Dallas Morning News

### FYI: In primary, the 'red riot' eclipsed the 'blue wave'

Going into Tuesday's Texas primary, the focus was on Democrats and whether they could escape from the cellar of state politics.

After the victory declarations, concession speeches and morning-after deluge of spin from the candidates' handlers, though, it was clear the main event is still upstairs.

In the Republican big house, an intense fight continues to rage over the future of the party.

They own all the machinery. On Wednesday, they had things to crow about. And they're not going away — at least, anytime soon.

Here are Tuesday's winners and losers:

#### WINNERS L.T. GOV. DAN PATRICK

The lieutenant governor trounced his primary opponent, former Rockwall City Council member Scott Milder, 76 percent to 24 percent.

Patrick also had an unblemished record of selectively intervening in Senate GOP primaries.

Incumbent Bob Hall of Edgewood, who aligns with Patrick and the tea party,

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### KEN HERMAN

Austin American-Statesman



### GOP gets the primary numbers, Dems find hope

So, in this important and potentially pivotal election year, we now know as of March 6 how many Texas voters call themselves Republicans and how many call themselves Democrats.

Looks like we're still red. Yes, Dems can find cause for enthusiasm and excitement. But looks like, for now, we still seem pretty red.

Little known to many voters — including those who fix strategic or modding-like-Romans reasons — who cross party lines to vote in Texas' open primaries, you declare an allegiance when you pick your primary.

Right there atop the ballot, before you start making candidate decisions, there's what's listed on both ballots as the "Primary Ballot Pledge."

"I am a Republican and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year," it says atop the GOP ballot. Some language is on the Dem ballot, save for snubbing Democrat for Republicans.

Yes and no is the answer to whether that pledge really means anything. No, it's not

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### "I'm so excited to bring Sheila and Sunny to Village South!"

-Pat Henderson

"I was rescued by Manor Park! My home and yard have become a burden. Village South was the answer for me; I chose my lot, floorplan and finishes. And at Village South, I won't have to worry about yardwork or maintenance and I will feel safe and cared for. They even change lightbulbs!"



Obituaries



Anne Kathleen Janssen

Anne Kathleen Janssen, born December 26, 1919 in Milton, Florida, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2018 to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Kathleen grew up in a nurturing, loving Christian home in Milton. She graduated from Florida Southern University with an Education degree and then a graduate degree in Piano Performance from Wesleyan Conservatory in Macon, Georgia. The piano would be the focal point of her life, having played as recently as this past Christmas. What an incredible ministry she had through playing the piano at various Baptist churches in Texas, the latest of which was at First Baptist Midland.

She married Robert Donald "Pete" Janssen in Milton, Florida on June 7, 1944. Pete was a Marine Corps pilot and was stationed at Whiting Field near Milton, Florida. They lived on Marine Corps bases in Pensacola, Florida, Oceanside, California, Memphis, Tennessee, and Cherry Point, North Carolina until settling in El Paso, Texas in 1953. After Pete left the service As both made their faith a priority, they immediately joined First Baptist El Paso where she began her long career as a church pianist. Pete's job brought them to Midland, Texas in 1970 where they lived until 2013. They became members of First Baptist Midland where Kathleen continued her involvement as the church pianist. First Baptist Midland quickly became the center of their lives and would be for the next 40 years. When Pete passed in 2011, Pete and Kathleen had been happily married for 67 years.

Kathleen taught piano for 37 years where she blended piano instruction with her desire to share Christ with others. She was involved with the Midland Musicians Club, Association of Petrol-Land Wives, and The Benevolence Ministry at First Baptist Midland.

Kathleen and Pete enjoyed traveling abroad and then Kathleen would meticulously document their experiences. She was very talented in many areas of her life including being an accomplished seamstress, artist, and musician. Survivors include her children, Lynn Janssen Hood of Dallas, Texas, Robert Donald Janssen, Jr. and wife Evelyn of Sugar Land, Texas, grandchildren, Dwight Edward Hood, Jr. and wife Debbie of Austin, Texas, Hayley Janssen Adams and husband Alex of Sugar Land, Texas, and Carlin Foster Janssen of Houston, Texas, great-grandchildren, Jessica Darby and Reese Shannon Hood, Weston Williams Adams, Hudson Janssen Adams, and Casson Foster Adams.

The family would like to thank the loving caregivers at Jackson Place/Duffield Home and VNA Hospice Care of Texas.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at First Baptist Church Midland, Texas, on March 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to FPA/Texas.org or First Baptist Church Midland Music Ministry.

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All Obituaries must be submitted by

3:30 P.M. prior to

next publication day.



Carolann 'Carrie' Salazar

On Friday, March 9th, 2018, Carolann "Carrie" Salazar, wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister was called by our Lord to return home to his kingdom, at the age of 67. She will forever be remembered by her husband and best friend, Abel, and her children Richard and Michael, former daughter-in-law Halley McIntosh, granddaughter Emily, brothers, Virginia and Gerri. Carrie was predeceased by her parents, Fred and Emma Ramirez, and sister-in-law Anita Martinez. She was born on Oct. 2, 1950, in Fort Stockton, TX, to Emma and Fred Ramirez. She was a loving and caring soul that enjoyed teaching others. She worked as a teacher and taught 33 years with MISD and 6 years at First Presbyterian Church. Her most recent passion for the past 5 years was spending time with her beloved granddaughter, Emily Sofia Salazar from Littleton, CO.

Carrie will live on through the many students and lives she touched while on this earth. We are all better people for having known her. A public viewing will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 12, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland. Rosary will be 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 12, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Mass will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, or the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

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Mrs. Gladys Emma Atkins

December 15, 1929 - March 3, 2018

San Antonio, Texas

Gladys Emma Atkins went to be with our Lord on March 3, 2018 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Gladys was 88 years old when she passed and her children were at her bedside with her.

Gladys was born in Oklahoma, Mexico to Joseph and Margaret Stevens and later moved to Tucson, Arizona with her parents and numerous brothers and sisters. Gladys was a long-time resident of Odessa, Texas and Midland, Texas for almost 60 years before moving to San Antonio, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Arthur Atkins, and by numerous brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son, Richard Atkins, her daughter, Renee Chiles, her grandson, Kristopher Keener, and by several great-grandchildren. Gladys was a very devoted on who loved 11:00 a.m. and touched many other lives, she will be missed by many but is now at peace with our Lord. \*And God shall wipe every

all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4

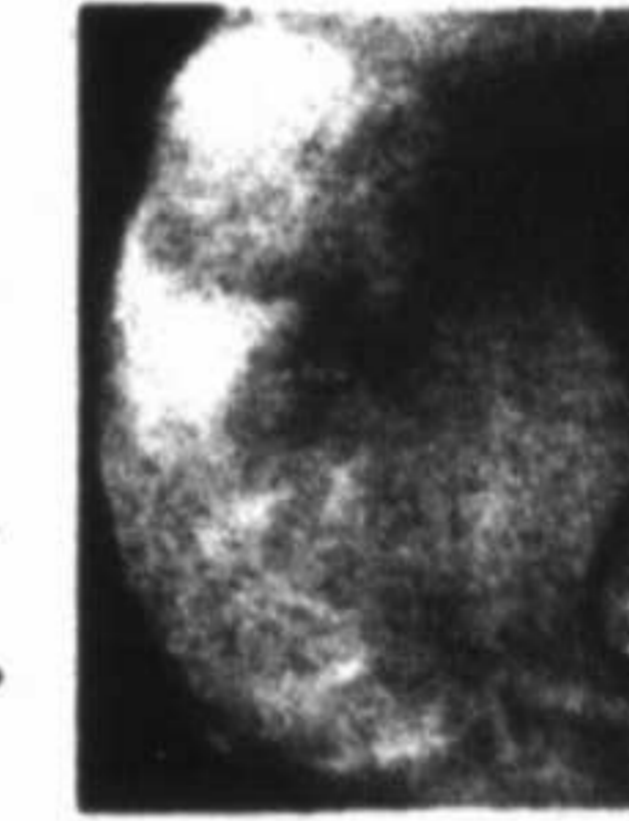
A Celebration of Life was held on March 6, 2018 at Discovery Church in Cibolo, Texas. While Gissela's family welcomes any expressions of sympathy, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's disease Research organization in memory of Gissela.



Gwendolyn G. Jackson

Gwendolyn G. Jackson, formerly of Midland, TX, passed away peacefully at Lasata care center March 9, 2018, age 92 years. Beloved mother of Joel Jackson and Jeff (Pran) Jackson. Loving grandmother of Lauren (John) Rasmussen and Tyler (Jen) Jackson. Cherished great-grandmother of Lucas. Beloved step-mother of Sylvia (Hil) Lee. Funeral Service Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 11 A.M. at Crossroads Presbyterian Church (6031 W. Chapel Hill Rd.), Midland. Visitation at the church on Wednesday, from 10 A.M. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Cycling Without Age at Lasata are appreciated. For more information please visit www.lasatacampus.com/231/3/cycling-without-age

Prince Albert National Park (Canada), where she caught it. She loved to decorate, but especially loved going to garage sales, at which Bill would shake his head at the many treasures she brought home! Kathleen dearly loved her five grandchildren and made sure she stayed in touch with them, although they all lived a long distance away. Those preceding Kathleen in death were her parents, husband, W. John (Bill) Owen, sister, Juanita Sick McChaffey, two half-brothers: Willford Sick, James Sykes, and oldest grandson, Kevin Michael Thomson. Surviving members include her daughters Barbara Sue Thomson and husband, Adam R. (Bob) of Roswell, NM, Judy Anne Bergama and husband, Ermas of New York City, NY, four grandchildren: Kyle Thomson of Orlando, FL, Leslie Laganball (Eric) of Roswell, NM, Nicotine Bergama of New York City, NY, Alexander Bergama of the Netherlands, and four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A Graveside Service will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 2:00 PM at Rest Haven Memorial Park, 4616 N Big Spring St., Midland, TX. Celebrate Kathleen's life by www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for her family. Kathleen's family lovingly wrote this tribute in her honor.



Olga Trammell Banks

Olga Trammell Banks, aged 102, took her final breath peacefully at home in her much-loved sunroom in the early morning hours of Sunday, February 18. This was exactly how and where she wished to leave her earthly body. Olga was a quick learner, saying she never really applied herself diligently or worked hard at school, eventually graduating as an honor student at Midland High School. She took the train to Denton and earned her Bachelor's degree in 1936 from what has become Texas Women's University. While her first jobs were as a hospital administrator/assistant and then a State social worker, she was recruited by the Superintendent of Schools in Band, Texas to teach chemistry in the high school. As a teacher, Olga found her true calling. It was in Band that she met the love of her life, Bill Banks. Having married in 1938, they lived in Band, Texas, and moved to Midland and served in the Air Force during World War II. Olga earned her Master's degree from Texas Tech University in the old-fashioned way - by attending summer sessions. Olga and Bill never had any children of their own but Olga had several

strong young ladies she strongly impacted through her teaching. Olga's education at First San Jacinto Junior High School, then Midland High School and finally, at Le High School from its opening day until she retired. In 2012, Mrs. Banks was inducted into the Lee Leprey Wall of Honor in recognition of her outstanding service to the other women (with the other women) to join in the fun upon occasion. She was known to all who knew her as "mommy" within the family. The family moved to Midland, Texas, where Kathleen continued to live and her name is buried in New Mexico. She and Bill, until his death in 1997, enjoyed boating and fishing on the weekends. Kathleen was especially proud of a picture of 6700

Kathleen Pike and her son in law, Keith Pike. \*And God shall wipe every

of the resources left to her by her parents, which she left to the Permain Basin Area Foundation to create a permanent endowment fund to provide scholarships for graduates of both Midland high schools, as well as students of Midland College. The grants will be made in honor of Olga T. Banks, Wm. A. Banks (Bill), Eddie Handley, Calvin E. Trammell, Ada Talbas and Edward Jackson Hamaley. She is survived by cousins Sara Ames (John) and by Mary Williams (Bowman), all of San Antonio, as well as a plethora of friends and former students. At her direction, she was quickly laid to rest beside her beloved Bill in a private graveside service, officiated by Reverend Melissa Shuler of First United Methodist Church in Midland. In lieu of flowers, she would love for any memorials to be sent to Permain Basin Area Foundation for the Endowment of "Grand Companions", an adoption center for beloved pets. Friends and family wish to express their gratitude to Mrs. Banks's caregivers, Paula, Jan Rose and Karen, whose care and compassion allowed her to stay in her home. Close friends continued to help her for which she was always thankful. Special thanks go to Star Hospice.

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Thomas Frank 'Tusky' Howell

Thomas Frank 'Tusky' Howell, 89, passed away on March 9, 2018, at the age of 89. Born on June 28, 1928, in Comanche, Texas, to Lamar Howell and Opal Glasgow Howell. Tusky was raised in his family home in Comanche and earned Texas A&M University at the age of 17 after serving in the Corps at A&M. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture and Chemistry. After graduation he worked as a cowboy in the Rio Grande Valley until he accepted the Assistant County Agent position in Harrison County in 1948. While Assistant County Agent he was particularly active working in the FFA program. In 1951, he married Joy Lois Ethridge in Marshall and took a job driving a cement truck for Hillabration. After the birth of their first child, Steve, they moved to Kilgore where he worked for Trishane Oil. Tools in Kilgore as a fishing boat operator. His daughter, Leslie, was born in 1959. During the time when he had developed his skills in the oil and gas industry to the point that he was the first-call troubleshooter for many smaller and large independent oil and gas companies all over North America with a wide well. However, particularly difficult down hole problems on a well. After managing several regions in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi for Trishane, the family moved to Silverport, Louisiana, in 1978. They moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he managed the Northeast region, eventually becoming Vice President of International Affairs for Trishane (which by that time was Baker International) and traveling and overseeing operations all over the world, including Egypt, Australia, Scotland, Alaska and Singapore.

In 1977, he left Baker International and, with his wife, moved to Odessa, Texas. He and his wife owned and operated a fishing boat, named Marshall Island, in the Texas Panhandle. They owned and operated a fishing boat, named Marshall Island, in the Texas Panhandle. They owned and operated a fishing boat, named Marshall Island, in the Texas Panhandle.

He is survived by his brother, Victor Howell, of Corsicana, his sister, Charlotte Arthur, of Midland, his daughter, Leslie Howell Chambers, and son-in-law, Steve Chambers of Harleton, his son, Steve Howell, and wife, Leigh Howell, and his daughter, Granddaughters Hillary Mitchell and Emily Fullbright, Grandsons Sun Howell, Ben Howell, Trey Sandlin and Christian Sandlin, and great-grandchildren, Caroline Sandlin, Evelyn Harris, and Leticia Joy Sandlin, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. His love for his family was boundless.

After a private graveside service, a memorial service for Mr. Howell will be held at the First Baptist Church of Midland on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Steve Chambers, Trey Sandlin, Christian Sandlin, Ben Howell, Sam Howell, and Drew Todd. Honorary pallbearers will be Jerry Berry, Ron Webb, and Larry Spitzer. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, TX 75219, or to the Texas Ranger Association Foundation, 104 Texas Ranger Trail, Waco, TX 76706. Sullivan Funeral Home (940) 938-7777

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gas firm through 1980's, before merging with Sonat, Inc., in 1989. He then went into business with his son and daughter as Howell Oil & Gas, Inc., and East Texas Fuels, Inc., continuing his involvement in oil and gas exploration and production and branching out into fuel distribution and convenience store management. Rusty was a dedicated rancher and one of the premier Charolais breeders in the nation. Bulls from his herd are scattered all over the United States. He was a 32nd degree Master Mason and a member of the Marshall Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite Temple in Dallas, and Sharon Strane Temple in Tyler. He was the longest serving active member of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation and was a long-time supporter of the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement. His involvement in Texas politics for the benefit of the oil and gas industry, and particularly independent oil and gas producers, is legendary. He was a member of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners (TIPRO) for over fifty years serving in many capacities including President. During his tenure as chairman and board member of the Marshall Economic Development Corporation since its formation, he was instrumental in MEDCO bringing 56 companies to Marshall and Harrison County and 23 companies expanding their business in the city and the county, setting over 4,600 jobs for the local economy. With no regard for personal benefit, his work to create opportunities and business activity in his city and county has benefited many families, as has his personal generosity and philanthropy. The forthrightness, honor, and integrity he exhibited in all of his interactions was an inspiration to those who knew him. His love for his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren was immense and shown constantly. Mr. Howell was preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years, Joy Lois Howell, and his parents. He is survived by his brother, Victor Howell, of Corsicana, his sister, Charlotte Arthur, of Midland, his daughter, Leslie Howell Chambers, and son-in-law, Steve Chambers of Harleton, his son, Steve Howell, and wife, Leigh Howell, and his daughter, Granddaughters Hillary Mitchell and Emily Fullbright, Grandsons Sun Howell, Ben Howell, Trey Sandlin and Christian Sandlin, and great-grandchildren, Caroline Sandlin, Evelyn Harris, and Leticia Joy Sandlin, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. His love for his family was boundless.

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**PRO** "Are tighter restrictions on gun owners the best way to prevent mass shootings?" **CON**

**This time let's follow the students and pass tough new gun laws**

WASHINGTON — Delays and deflection on enacting tougher gun laws must end. Meaningful restrictions must be enacted now!

The aftermath from Parkland is an all too familiar and alarming scenario, but the response and outrage feels different this time.

The critical difference is that students are more aware. Thanks to them, the discussion is happening everywhere led by postings on social media and a steady stream of news and discussions on TV often featuring students, concerned politicians, journalists and parents.

The missing voices in past school shootings have been students and these are perhaps the most important voices now.

Nationally, students have largely been unaware of past school shootings. Many are too young to remember them; others were perhaps shielded in some way from the news and the often far away incidents did not impact their daily lives as a result. They may have heard about it but never really understood their dreadful impact.

That peaceful bliss and ignorance on the issue has come to a screeching halt with the events of late.

The active and vocal student movement is taking hold as it becomes more and more clear that if we do not act and act now we will all be impacted. Students are speaking out, walking out, marching and taking action.

It is beyond ridiculous that Congress is too busy dividing itself along party lines to wake up and hear the gunfire.

Our schools should be a place to

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grow and learn and be happy, without worrying if today is the day that we or our children won't come home — if today is the day that something will happen to us, our friends, our teachers, our classmates.

Children cannot vote or make campaign contributions but politicians in this country have a responsibility to students too.

Yet lawmakers are failing to act, with many continuing to justify their prideful and selfish actions with dismissive lines like, "This isn't the time for gun legislation," or by embracing small legislative tweaks in an effort to tamp down the outrage.

There are numerous ways elected leaders can take action and pass better laws to keep us safe.

Requiring background checks on all gun buyers, licensing firearm owners, firearm registration, regulation of firearm dealers and ammunition sellers, lost or stolen firearm reporting, waiting periods and purchasing limits are just a few.

Addressing mental health is important too but should be separated from the gun debate.

A popular deflection coming from the gun lobby and its allies now is the suggestion that teachers be armed to protect schools. This idea is as impractical as it is irrational.

How can that be a safe alternative? How can we be sure as students and parents that the teacher is properly trained? How can we be sure that the weapon will not be accessed by a

child or someone else? Teachers become teachers to help influence students and be positive role models. That pursuit is difficult enough in an already challenging and often underfunded environment. Educators need to be armed with more educational resources not weapons.

Enough! The time for distraction and deflection are over. Will politicians stand up now or wait to act until tragedy impacts their own community?

When their children are being killed because current laws allow someone to easily get a gun and shoot up a school, will they stop calling survivors "crisis actors?"

When their friends' lives are cut short by automatic assault weapons, will they stop accusing people who speak out of using pain and hurt to pass gun control? When this happens in their community will they say it's "not the right time?"

Americans do not let it come to that. March, speak out and vote them out if they don't act. Politicians must push past their fear and act now before the next shooting hurts their loved ones or perhaps you.

*Ava Michelman is a middle school student in Virginia. Don Kusler is a parent of two school-age children, a former gun owner from Texas and the national director of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), a national progressive advocacy organization. Readers may write them at Americans For Democratic Action, 1629 K Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006*

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**TUMBLEWEED SMITH**



**Brady man has enjoyed life as gambler, physics teacher, stockbroker**

A friend at radio station KNEI in Brady told me I should interview Harold Byler, a storyteller and writer. I then leafed through a stack of newspapers and pulled out a column Mr. Byler had written. It was all about President Truman and the end of World War II. It had solid historical facts. I called Mr. Byler and he said, "Sounds like fun. Come on over after lunch."

As I stepped on the porch of Byler's home, I noticed a sign by the front door proclaiming the house was a historic home known as the Hill House. I found out later John Hill was Harold's grandfather, who had a chain of general stores and the Ford dealership in Brady in the early 1900s.

"It was about the time Model Ts came out," he said. "And my grandfather traded cars for cows and land and put together a ranch near the San Saba River. He became very successful."

Harold Byler is in his mid-80s.

"I never set out to make a lot of money," he says. "I just wanted to enjoy life."

Well, he has certainly done that.

During his high school years he was a projectionist at the three theaters in Brady.

He went to Texas A&M and paid for his electrical engineering degree by working summers on pipelines in five states. During the Korean War he was an intelligence officer with the Second Infantry Division.

He taught physics at Syracuse University for five years, retired from a management position at General Electric after 20 years, was a stockbroker in

New York and then spent 15 years as a professional gambler. He designed race cars, taught tennis, traveled the world in small sailboats he built and spent six years lecturing about gambling on cruise ships with his wife.

"I would have a whole 45-minute seminar on bluffing," says Byler. "Then I'd have one on cheating."

His gambling career was spent in homes and clubs — cash games, as he calls them. "I didn't do it for fun. I was making a living. I read 250 books on poker before I started."

Harold and his wife, Janice, (who is from Vermont) have been married 63 years. They retired to Brady in 1995. Since then, he has written 26 books. He writes a weekly column for the Brady newspaper.

When I told a friend in Brady I was going to interview Harold, my friend said, "Be sure and get him to show you his stove and refrigerator. They're real antiques that he fixed up to use."

Sure enough, the first thing I did after entering the house was tell Mr. Byler I had to see his kitchen.

"Oh, sure," he said and showed me an antique icebox with half a dozen doors on the front of it. "We put electricity to it and used it as our refrigerator for years. The old wood-burning cook stove we converted to gas. We use it today."

Mr. Byler was a jitterbug king in high school and cleared the dance floor at the Brady Country Club. He loves to party. He expanded his front porch so he could have dances and there's a bar on it.

The porch is equipped with large speakers that provide plenty of sound.

**Blame for Parkland rests with local school officials and FBI ineptitude**

OAKLAND, Calif. — No sooner had the smoke cleared when the canned clamor for more "common sense gun safety measures" began.

Those are Orwellian code words for further criminalization of law-abiding gun owners in violation of the Second Amendment. But it did not take long for the actual facts to emerge behind the horrible murders of 17 innocents at the high school in Parkland, Fla.

"I'm going to be a professional school shooter," said one "Nikolas Cruz" in a YouTube post five months ago.

The FBI couldn't locate the person with this rare name. Then in January a tipster actually identified Cruz and related his apparent plan to shoot up a school. The FBI failed to forward this explicit threat to its Miami office.

At the local level, police were called 39 times for service involving Cruz. One school kicked him out

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for fighting and another for misbehavior. His new school, apparently fearing he might bring a weapon, forbade him from having a backpack. Fellow students

feared what he might do. Criminal charges for terrorist threats, assault and shooting at a neighbor's chickens could have been brought, convictions would have made him ineligible to buy firearms. Yet no prosecution was brought.

Cruz planned carefully and picked the ultimate soft target — a "gun-free" school zone.

There were no trained teachers with hidden

firearms to defend against an armed intruder bent on murder. The nightmare of all nightmares would happen. Defenseless victims were gunned down, some of them brave teachers and a coach who gave their lives to save others. The countless Americans who recoiled in horror and mourned include good citizens who own firearms and who have children in schools. Yet instantly, pre-programmed attacks were launched against the NRA for its support of the constitutional rights of

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Roger Scoggins*

**TO:** Local Agencies, City Departments and Other Interested Groups  
**FROM:** Isaac G. Garnett, Community Development Manager  
**SUBJECT:** 2018/2019 CDBG Program

The City of Midland is pleased to announce the 2018/2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program application cycle. Prospective applicants must contact our office to obtain an application beginning March 12, 2018. Only applications from agencies that have been cleared as eligible applicants by this office will be accepted. If you need assistance preparing the application, call us to arrange training. The last day for training will be on March 30, 2018.

CDBG funds are to be used primarily on programs and projects that benefit low and moderate income persons. The City will receive approximately \$714,071 for the 2018/19 CDBG program. The allocation for 2018/2019 has not yet been determined. Many types of public service programs are eligible for CDBG funding. However, the City may only allocate 15% of the total grant to public services. Other eligible activities include infrastructure improvements, public facilities, housing programs, economic development, and program administration.

If you have any question please call Wanda Valles, CDBG Program Coordinator at 685-7472 or me at 685-7408.

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**BUILDING EXPANSION**

We have begun work on an expansion to our current thrift store at 1301 Brinson Lane. We will be adding a 30'x60' building to the east-side parking lot to allow for a furniture department. We hope the project will be completed promptly and we ask all of our customers to bear with us during the building. Feel free to use the west side of our building for additional parking.

## HALBROOK

From 3B

law-abiding gun owners. The goal is to criminalize exercise of the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

Under federal law, a person aged 18 or more who passes the background check may purchase a rifle from a gun dealer. Eighteen-year olds can vote and join the military.

Yet because negligent government bureaucrats failed to prevent a massacre, the cry goes out to ban rifle sales to millions of responsible citizens age 18 or over.

The most popular rifle favored by millions of Americans is the AR-15, which fires only one shot per trigger pull and is not a military rifle.

The Supreme Court ruled in D.C. v. Heller (2008) that the Second Amendment protects the arms that are typically possessed for lawful purposes by law-abiding citizens. That includes the AR-15.

Yet because negligent government actors failed to prevent a massacre, the cry goes out to ban this rifle.

The expired 1994 Clinton ban on "assault weapons"

— a propaganda term for modern sporting rifles — had zero effect on crime. A Department of Justice study verified that.

Yet a similar ban is now advocated because government failed to act and prevent the murders.

American students deserve better than to be placed in "gun free" killing zones. They deserve better than to live in an authoritarian regime in which only the military, the police and criminals possess firearms.

And they deserve to live in a society in which all provisions of the Bill of

Rights are respected, where those who claim to be law enforcement actually do their jobs, and where they are protected in fact from those who would do harm.

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## TOMLINSON

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Chevron, according to the Reuters news agency.

India, which will soon become the world's largest energy importer, plans to increase gas from 6 percent of the nation's energy mix to 15 percent.

"Almost \$15 billion is being invested in creating pipelines and an LNG terminal largely serving eastern and southern India," said B.C. Tripathi, chairman and managing director of GAIL Limited, India's largest importer of energy and builder of pipelines.

Indian companies also plan to provide gas to more retail customers in major cities for home and transportation use. The government is under intense pressure to reduce pollution and improve public health in major cities.

Tripathi said the goal is to go from 4 million homes using natural gas to more than 10 million, and government incentives have spurred a 20 percent year-over-year increase in compressed natural gas vehicles. Gas also can back up renewable generation.

"When I look at new business models, my view on that is the integration of gas with the renewables will offer a great opportunity," he added.

He's not the only one who sees opportunity.

"Renewables are growing faster than any energy source in history, and it's growing five times faster than natural gas," said Bob Dudley, CEO of BP. "That makes it an especially exciting investment opportunity, especially where you can partner it with natural gas to address intermittency issues."

Today, the United States is awash with cheap natural gas due to increased drilling for oil. The U.S. has begun exporting LNG, sending prices lower. But as demand increases, the

market could tighten.

"We believe early-mid next decade, we will see the supply-demand gap developing again, and it will convert from a buyer's market back into a seller's market, and it will require some elevated contractual gas prices to incentivize new green-field developments," ConocoPhillips CEO Ryan Lance told the CERAWeek audience.

That's should cheer up gas wholesalers. But more importantly, natural gas offers oil and gas companies the chance to become an ally in fighting climate change, if they can control methane emissions during the drilling and shipping processes.

"There is no other issue with the potential to disrupt our industry on such a deep and fundamental level as climate change. And in response, I think we will have to change," Ben van Beurden, CEO of Royal Dutch Shell, told his fellow energy executives. "We will aim to bring down the net carbon footprint of our energy products by around half by 2050."

That's only possible by cleaning up the natural gas drilling process and plugging leaks in the distribution system. It also requires adoption of electric vehicles and carbon capture. The world can significantly reduce emissions and meet the goals of the Paris Climate Accords if gas and oil companies get on board.

All of these steps will not only help the environment, but also maximize return to shareholders while delivering affordable energy. Coal and oil may fade in importance, but natural gas is here to stay.

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## HERMAN

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like party registration and doesn't really officially make you anything.

But yes, it means you can only vote in the runoff elections of the party in whose primary you voted. If you didn't vote, you're a free agent and can vote in either party's May runoff.

And we know that some voters are OK with a political white lie when they vote red or blue.

I know of an Austin liberal who voted this year in the GOP primary because said voter lives in GOP U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith's district and — acknowledging there's no chance of electing a Dem to replace the retiring Smith — voted in the Repub primary to back the most moderate candidate in that 18-candidate field.

And I spoke with another local voter who on Tuesday expressed giddiness at having voted for the first time in the GOP primary.

Said voter was delighted about voting on the nonbinding propositions on that ballot.

Early voting this year in the 15 most populous counties attracted 885,574 voters. Dems were buoyed by the fact that there were 465,245 early votes in their primary in those counties, outpacing the 420,329 early votes in the GOP primary.

When you're a long-suffering Texas Democrat it doesn't take much to buoy you.

In 2014, the last time we picked a governor, there were 1,358,074 votes in the GOP primary and 560,033 in the Dem primary.

So this year's early voting numbers were encouraging for the Dems.

But it looks like the heavy early vote in the Democratic primary might have cannibalized the primary day vote.

With just about all the ballots counted from Tuesday's primaries, GOP turnout was up to 1.54 million, an increase from the party-in-power's 2014 primary turnout.

In Tuesday's Democratic primary, there were 1.04 million votes cast, an increase impressive enough from 2014 to justify jubilant quotes from Texas Democratic Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa, who noted it was the first time since 2002 that his party's primary turnout topped one million in a non-presidential year.

"It's clear Texas Democrats are fired up, exceeding expectations, and charging forward to November," Hinojosa said, adding this nod to numerical reality. "If everyone that showed up to vote during the primary brings one or two friends in November, we can win this." Hinojosa also was proud

of the "diverse leaders" who won nomination Tuesday for statewide races.

However, depending on the outcome of the Lupe Valdez-Andrew White gubernatorial runoff, the Dems might have only one Hispanic-surnamed candidate (and commissioner nominee Miguel Suazo) on their statewide ticket.

That would mean an equal number of Hispanic-surnamed and French-surnamed Dem candidates.

Joi Chevalier of Austin is the party's nominee for comptroller.

In a possible measure of the power of a Hispanic name on the ballot, little-to-unknown U.S. Senate candidate Sena Hernandez, a self-labeled "Democratic Socialist and Berniecrat," got 24 percent of the primary vote in running second in a three-candidate field to highly touted, high-energy El Paso U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, who got only 62 percent of the vote to win the nod to run against GOP U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in November.

More not-so-good news for the Dems: They get to spend some more of their relatively scarce money on intramurals, with former Dallas County Sheriff Valdez and Houston businessman White headed to a May 22 gubernatorial runoff that's sure to grow more contentious.

While some Texans saw red on Tuesday, White saw blue.

"Today's Democratic vote count proves that things are changing in Texas," White told supporters in Houston. "There's a blue wave building here people."

Perhaps. As a fan of two-party government, I'm hoping so.

The Repub at the top of the November ticket made it clear Tuesday night that the Texas GOP is going to depend this year on its same old tune and some new Trump tactics. Wasting no time in trying to brand and nickname his opponent, GOP U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz released a radio ad featuring a catchy song lambasting O'Rourke, as "Liberal Robert," who wants those open borders and wants to take our guns.

"Liberal Robert wanted to fit in. So he changed his name to Beto. And he did it with a grin."

For the record and FWIW, Cruz's given first name is Rafael.

Let the name calling begin. And buckle up as Robert and Rafael go at it atop their respective tickets. This could be fun.

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## PRIMARY

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withstood a strong challenge from Sunnyvale Rep. Cindy Burkett, a more business-oriented conservative. In addition to Hall, Patrick backed Angela Paxton, who beat Phillip Huffines for an open Senate seat centered on Collin County. Patrick also endorsed Frisco Rep. Pat Fallon, who pulled nearly three times as many votes as Wichita Falls Sen. Craig Estes.

Needless to say, Estes, who in 2015 opposed Patrick's dilution of a Senate rule that empowers outnumbered Democrats and rural Republicans, will soon be history.

"The only hair in Patrick's soup last night ... was Kel Seliger's ability to avoid a runoff with Mike Canon," said Rice University political scientist Mark Jones, speaking of the survival of the Senate's last maverick Republican, Sen. Kel Seliger of Amarillo. He easily crushed Canon, a former Midland mayor, and Muleshoe restaurateur Victor Leal.

Though Patrick's enmity for centrist-conservative senators such as Seliger is no secret, the saving grace for the lieutenant governor was that he didn't endorse a candidate in the Panhandle district — probably because his political consultant, Allen Blakemore, was advising Leal, Jones said.

Gov. GREG ABBOTT

The Republican governor was both a winner and a loser Tuesday. But his overwhelming success in his primary election served as a strong reminder that he remains the most popular Republican in the state.

Abbott garnered just more than 90 percent of the votes cast in his primary against two little-known challengers. But even more resoundingly, Jones said, the nearly 1.4 million votes he polled eclipsed the slightly more than 1 million ballots cast for the entire nine-candidate field in the Democratic race. That sends a strong message to the Democrats vying to challenge him in November, he said.

Renee Cross, a senior director at the Hobby School of Public Affairs at the University of Houston, said the Democrats' most electable candidate in the general election is probably Houston investor Andrew White because he's more moderate than his runoff rival, former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez.

However, White, who claimed 27 percent of the vote to Valdez's 43 percent, is unlikely to win the second round of primary voting on May 22, she said.

"It's obviously all Abbott's to lose," Cross said.

TEAM STRAUS

Outgoing House Speaker Joe Straus' name was not on the ballot Tuesday. He's retiring.

But his fingerprints were all over some clear victories for centrist-conservative Republicans in the ongoing GOP civil war. Straus allies such as Charlie Geren of Fort Worth, Sarah Davis of West University Place and Lyle Larson of San Antonio survived stiff primary battles. Davis and Larson won their nominations despite being targeted by Abbott for supposedly being squishy and playing nice with Democrats.

The speaker gave \$350,000 of his campaign funds to a political action committee he controls, the Texas House Leadership Fund. It sent mailers showing Abbott's picture and saying the governor "thanks" Geren, Larson and Straus allies Chris Paddie of Marshall and Hugh Shine of Temple "for a conservative special session for the history books!"

Jones said while Straus' scrum faced an onslaught from far-right groups like Empower Texans, it largely was able to defend its players.

Still, other lawmakers aligned with Straus, like Galveston's Wayne Faircloth and Dallas County's Jason Villalba and Burkett, went down in their fights, which could spell trouble in the future, Jones said.

"They still faced a net loss and, for a caucus that shrinks every voting cycle, losing people is a bad trend," he said.

Republican consultant Craig Murphy, though, said whatever slow attrition Straus' team has suffered has been offset by the emergence of independent-thinking Republicans such as Burkett who are willing to defy party purifiers such as Midland oilman Tim Dunn and Empower Texans chief Michael Quinn Sullivan.

"It's not an inevitable thing" that Straus forces will lose their power to colleagues who quake in fear of Dunn and Sullivan, he said. "They're paying \$3 million a seat for their gains. When you add it up, that gets very expensive."

LOSERS ABBOTT

Abbott took the unusual step of intervening in more than two dozen House primaries. Against incumbents, he was 1-for-3.

He was able to knock off Faircloth, but Davis and Larson escaped heavy spending and attacks by Abbott.

Even amid defeat, Abbott sent a message to House lawmakers about crossing him, Jones said.

"If you become an obstacle to his ability to pass his legislative agenda, you shouldn't be surprised if you get 'primaried' hard in

March of 2020," he said.

Late Tuesday, though, Abbott stressed it's time to put aside intra-party disputes and unite against Democrats.

"It's important that Republicans come together," he said.

STATEWIDE CHALLENGERS

Looking for soft spots in the current lineup of state constitutional officeholders, boisterous challengers tried to pick off Land Commissioner George P. Bush and Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.

Despite cantankerous campaigns, the challengers lost badly Tuesday.

"It was definitely the night of the incumbents," Jones said.

Referring to the GOP primary for agriculture commissioner, he continued, "The person who has to be most disappointed ... has to be Trey Blocker, who ran a serious, well-funded campaign but ended up third to perennial some-dude Jim Hogan." Last cycle, Hogan ran as a Democrat. He neither raises money nor actively campaigns.

WHAT'S NEXT REPUBLICANS

Who will succeed Straus as speaker next year remains far from clear. There are GOP runoffs, and the party's 95-seat majority likely will get nibbled away at by Democrats running hard in the Dallas and Houston suburbs, experts have said. UH's Cross said the business community will redouble its efforts to make sure hard-right conservatives don't win control of the House.

Some Straus supporters have said Dunn and Sullivan backed challengers against Straus allies such as Dennis Bonnen of Angleton, Four Price of Amarillo and Marshall's Paddie not with hopes of defeating them but because one could emerge as a broadly popular speaker candidate. If the idea was to scuff them up, it may have backfired — all waltzed to re-nomination.

DEMOCRATS

Before Tuesday, speculation raged about a "blue wave" dousing Texas.

Democrats succeeded in luring to the polls more than 1 million primary voters in a non-presidential year for the first time since 2002.

However, Republican voters still outnumbered them by about half a million votes, Rice's Jones noted.

Democrats, however, said they feel confident looking toward November. They see possibilities for gains in Texas' congressional and House seats and said many such races are competitive for the first time in years.

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## LANE

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This in no way changes the fact that fossil — fuel consumption poses serious risks to the environment, but that is a separate issue, which advocates have often combined with energy security for political reasons. Henceforth, environmentalists should make the case for reducing fossil — fuel use on its own green merits, rather than in tough

— guy national — security terms.

That case can, indeed, be made, but the strongest version involves higher fuel taxes and other direct incentives to conserve, not wasteful subsidies to government — selected producers such as Tesla, or Iowa's corn ethanol agro — industrial complex.

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## Hollywood rarely practices what it preaches

Movie industry should accept McDormand's inclusion-rider dare

**G**o for it, Hollywood. You probably didn't watch the Academy Awards — most people didn't — but you might have caught a bit of Frances McDormand's acceptance speech for her Best Actress award. At the end of a stirring speech about women in post-Weinstein Hollywood, she said, "I have two words to leave with you tonight, ladies and gentlemen: inclusion rider." Don't feel bad if you don't know what an inclusion rider is. McDormand didn't either until recently. She told the press backstage that she had learned about inclusion riders only the previous week. So what are they?

Simply put, an inclusion rider is like any other rider in a contract for a big-name Hollywood star, except instead of demanding that you have an all-beige dressing room or an infinite supply of green M&Ms in your trailer, you demand that the cast and/or crew be diverse according to some formula. Usually, that formula is based on the demographic makeup of the larger society.

Tom Hanks, Oprah Winfrey or any

**JONAH GOLDBERG**  
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other A-lister can simply say: If you want me, you're going to need to hire X many blacks, Asians, women, gays, etc. And again, I say: Go for it, Hollywood. I'm against racial or ethnic quotas for anything remotely smacking of a government position or anything that relies on government money. Just as government shouldn't give preference to certain religions, it shouldn't give preference to certain races or sexual orientations, either. In principle, I think people should be able to hire whomever they want. Of course, that principle runs up against various civil rights laws banning racial discrimination in public accommodations. And given the historical circumstances that gave rise to those laws — i.e. the Jim Crow South — I think those laws are warranted, at least when they stay faithful to their original purpose.

But that's not the situation in Hollywood. Big shots already demand all sorts of jobs and perks for their entourages and personal production companies. So if they can get away with insisting that Disney hire more gay actors or Asian makeup artists, they should give it a try, if that's what they really care about.

Let's be honest about what we're talking about, though. An inclusion rider is just a "woke" way of demanding the ability to discriminate on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, etc. The theory and motivation behind it might not be as evil as Jim Crow, but it's still discrimination at work.

And it is remarkably iliberal, at least when it comes to film crews. What you see on the screen is a matter of artistic vision. If you think a role calls for a black actor, then you're not being unfair to Russell Crowe by casting Denzel Washington. But if you tell a lighting director that he can't have the job he's qualified for because he's not gay or a woman, that's a bit different.

Hollywood's various powerful unions will likely be quick to point this out. As Christine Rosen of the Weekly Standard notes, the Costume Designers Guild is 80 percent female. So if we're to take this idea seriously, a lot of qualified women

are going to lose jobs to less qualified men. It would work in reverse for the Art Directors Guild, which is 73 percent male.

So why do I want Hollywood to go for it? Because Hollywood rarely practices what it preaches. We get lots of nice award ceremony speeches about the superior values of Hollywood and how evil big business and Republicans are. We get lots of movies indicting capitalism and glorifying organized labor. The upshot of much of this stuff is that it's easy to do the right thing, so when society does the wrong thing, it must be because evil people wish it so.

Well, here's Hollywood's chance to put its money where its biggest mouths are. And not just the amorphous entity called Hollywood, but the individual actors and directors who just love to preen about their enlightened views. Let's see them prove they have the courage of their convictions.

Rosen is probably right that inclusion riders are ultimately an "unworkable quota system" that will eventually prove to be "another piece of empty Hollywood posturing." But let's see Hollywood try (and the media hold it accountable). Maybe we'll all learn something from the effort.

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### OUR VIEW

## Empower Texans is not Goliath of Texas politics

**B**y now, most people who keep up with politics in our area and around the state know of Empower Texans and its connection to Midland. This organization has a political ideology and extensively promotes that ideology. Over the years, the group's success and its methods have raised more than a few eyebrows. However, if you believe media accounts before and after the election, Empower Texans is the Goliath of Texas politics in Midland and around the state. And races showed that some David wielded his rock and knocked the previously indestructible beast from its position of power. That is laughable. Empower Texans is an advocacy group. It has had some success and failures over the years in getting candidates elected around the state.

But those who dislike Empower Texans have worked hard to portray this group as a monster, an organization that will come into your area to defeat your guy and stand against those things you hold dear. So, they attempted to scare people into voting for a particular candidate not because of a particular set of values but to defeat Empower Texans. On Tuesday, it worked.

We have had our issues with Empower Texans. Last month, we commented on its political strategies that made it easier for a candidate it opposed to win election. However, anyone who treats Empower Texans as the end-all-be-all of local, regional or state politics has their own agenda.

The following were some winners and others from Tuesday's primary.

#### Winners

■ **Jeff Robnett.** He ran against three other candidates and avoided a runoff in the Republican primary for the judge's seat in the 441st District Court. That is a massive feat for the Midland High graduate. Robnett will be a heavy favorite in the general election against Democrat Sara Ruth Spector.

■ **Kel Seliger.** The Amarillo Republican again can thumb his nose at conservatives in the region who believe he fails to meet their standard. For the record, we believe he has represented our area capably and stand behind his stance that local control is better when it comes to governing. Do we also believe state Rep. Tom Craddock has been a more integral figure when it comes to properly funding entities in Midland and around the Permian Basin? You bet. Still, Seliger has been good to the region. So, we congratulate Seliger on his victory and will stand side by side with him on issues we agree on that affect Midland and the Permian Basin. We are aware that the Amarillo media market will do anything to protect him, and we expect Seliger's next session will be very interesting.

#### Not winners

■ **Dooley Management Co.** Tuesday's outcome was the worst-case scenario for the operators of the Horseshoe complex. Both county judge run-off candidates, James Beauchamp and Terry Johnson, have been critical of management and efforts at the Horseshoe to keep down costs for Midland organizations looking to use the facility built for this community. Dooley's hope for the status quo now falls on Democrat Steven Schaferman.

■ **The Commissioners' Court.** A candidate financially supported by at least three members of the court (or their spouses) finished third in the county judge's race. It's unfortunate, but not because a possible referendum on a governing body failed. In our view, Stephen Robertson was a heck of a candidate. Our expectation was the more people who got one-on-one time with Robertson, the better the outcome was for him. However, he had to have been impacted in this race as the de-facto court-appointed candidate. From our perspective, it limited Robertson from being able to show he is his own man.

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## China poses unique problem

U.S. needs to lead an alliance of international partners to pressure China on specific trade practices

**RICH LOWRY**

King Feature Syndicate



**T**here's already a trade war, and it's being waged by Beijing. China's accession to the World Trade Organization nearly 20 years ago has failed in its large-scale strategic objectives. It hasn't created a liberalizing regime or a free-market economy in China; in fact, it hasn't even created a China ready and willing to abide by the norms of free trade.

The regime of Xi Jinping hasn't been pushed toward democratic reforms by a rising middle class. China still champions state-led, rather than market-led, capitalism. And it takes advantage of the WTO, using non-tariff barriers and industrial policy, to push mercantilist policies.

President Donald Trump's prospective tariffs on steel and aluminum have put renewed focus on China trade, although the tariffs are a comically inept misfire if their true target is China. The rubric for the levies could be: "How to lose a trade war with China in one easy step."

The tariffs don't really affect China, from which we import only about 3 percent of our steel. Meanwhile, the tariffs send the message that the U.S. government is lurching toward protectionism, and they alienate our allies. They run exactly counter to what would be a sound approach to Chinese mercantilism, as a compelling report by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation underscores.

The report argues that there are two ways to wave the white flag on China trade — one, favored by the Washington establishment, is to accept Chinese cheating as the way of the world; the other, perhaps favored by Trump, is to adopt a mercantilism of our own. Both would concede to the Chinese an outside role in forging new, less desirable rules of the road in the global trading system and poorly serve America's interests.

A better approach begins with acknowledging that China is a unique problem. For all of Trump's complaints, Mexico isn't pursuing a well-honed strategic agenda of exploiting the global trade system at the same time it undertakes an aggressive neoimperialist foreign policy. Only China is doing that.

China isn't the first developing country to adopt

a policy of maximizing exports. What makes it different is its sheer ambition and its size, which gives it leverage over foreign companies and considerable international influence.

What's the harm to the U.S.? Yes, technology accounts for a large share of job losses in manufacturing in recent decades. Yes, lower-end manufacturing would have left our shores regardless. But there is no doubt that China's practices have harmed the U.S. manufacturing sector, and that Beijing works to block higher-value-added exports from the U.S. and is pursuing a comprehensive strategy to dominate in advanced industries.

By no means should we emulate China. We should continue to pursue free trade as a policy, not as a theology that prevents us from acknowledging that there is such a thing as unfair trade.

The ITIF report urges using the global free-trade regime against China. That means bringing more actions against China in the WTO and working to update the rules to capture Chinese cheating. It means joining, and influencing, a multilateral agreement such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership. It means forging bilateral agreements with up-to-date standards that reinforce principles that China undermines.

We obviously can't do this alone. We'd have to lead an alliance of international partners to pressure China on specific practices, with tailored consequences if we get nowhere.

Such a broad-based effort to crack China's mercantilism wouldn't be protectionist, but the opposite. There is obviously no chance of doing this, though, if we are engaged in an absurd cycle of tit-for-tat tariffs with the likes of the EU.

Trump can have emotionally satisfying tariffs to scratch his protectionist itch, or he can have a strategy to muster an alliance of truly free-trade partners to pressure China. He can't have both — and you can be sure China knows which option it prefers.

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# Trump administration, California at war over 'sanctuary' mirage

**SAN DIEGO** — Immigration has always made President Trump a wee bit loony. No rational person would say the United States is hurt by accepting risk-takers from "shithole" countries, paint immigrants as violent criminals and claim that Mexico is sending us its worst people. Just to scare up a few votes?

But now, the issue seems to have finally driven him and his entire administration stark raving mad.

How else can we explain the fact that Attorney General Jeff Sessions has decided to sue the state of California over a phony "sanctuary" law that only has the power to offend conservatives and make liberals feel morally superior?

Sessions is not the right person to defend the supremacy of the federal government. Here you have a career politician who hails from Alabama, which seceded from the union in the 1860s and defied federal civil rights laws in the 1960s. Here you have someone who sides with gun zealots who think they have the duty to overthrow a tyrannical federal government, and who thinks local police departments accused of civil rights violations should escape federal oversight.

And this is the guy that history has chosen to lecture California on the

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importance of falling in line behind the federal government? Why is that? Because former Alabama Gov. George Wallace is dead?

It's absurd. To make sense of it all, keep in mind the three F's: foil, fraud, and flip.

Foil: With a modern-day P.T. Barnum at the helm, the Trump administration has a knack for finding a sucker every minute by creating a foil so as to deflect attention away from whatever is going wrong — a fractured and backbiting White House in chaos, a looming trade war over 19th century-style tariffs, the resignation of top advisers, questions about payoffs to a porn star, etc. During the campaign, amid a cascade of gaffes and scandals, Trump shifted the conversation to trade and made a foil out of China. A few weeks ago, when the topic was school safety, Trump pointed his finger at violent movies and video games. Now that the subject has turned to immi-

gration, the convenient foil is California.

Fraud: When railing against so-called sanctuaries, the administration keeps contradicting itself. One minute, it says that California is preventing Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents from doing their jobs; the next, it announces with great fanfare that it's business as usual and that raids are on the way. So much for not being able to do their jobs, eh? No matter who declares what, the federal government doesn't take orders from local and state officials in California. But nor do local officials like Oakland Mayor Libby Schaff — whom Sessions called out for spilling the beans about an ICE raid — take orders from the federal government. By the way, not for nothing, but Republicans like Sessions have for decades gone to Central California to milk contributions from conservative farmers who would lose everything and see their crops rot on the vine without illegal immigrant laborers to pick them.

Flip: Remember when conservatives ranted and raved about local control? When local school officials wanted to skirt federal education accountability requirements under No Child Left Behind, or a local county clerk declared that her Christian beliefs prohibited her from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples,

or the state of Arizona insisted that it had the right to deputize its local and state law enforcement officers to enforce federal immigration law, who did all these people go to for support? The Republican Party, that's who. In all those cases, and too many others to mention, conservatives argued for states' rights and local autonomy. Part of the reason for that is their healthy suspicion of an overbearing federal government. Where did those people go? We could use a few of them in California to help us fight off the overbearing — and hypocritical — Trump administration.

Think about the spectacle on the left coast, and how surreal it has become.

California Gov. Jerry Brown says the administration has declared "war" against his state. And what exactly are we going to war over? A con job. A mirage. A so-called sanctuary that offers no safe harbor.

In the new California, as in the old one, local police still cooperate with ICE agents, who still have access to prisoners in jail. People still get deported. Very little has changed.

But those are facts, and politics has no interest in facts. People will believe what they want to believe.

On behalf of the Golden State, this carnival act of an administration had better believe this: We'll see you in court.

## GUEST VIEW

### Trade war would hurt consumers and Texas

San Antonio Express-News

President Donald Trump has made good on his threat to levy tariffs of 25 percent and 10 percent on imported steel and aluminum, but it is unclear how far-reaching these taxes will be.

Mexico and Canada are exempt — at least for now. This is because of ongoing negotiations over the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The tariffs won't take effect until 15 days after Thursday's announcement, and other countries may very well receive exemptions due to their "security relationship" with the U.S.

For Texas, the nation's export leader, these tariffs and their potential to spark a trade war have deep implications.

Tariffs on imported steel and aluminum could create more domestic jobs for workers in those industries, but not necessarily. Steel companies, in particular, could simply up production by increased use of automation.

The hikes could also raise costs on consumers and will almost certainly hurt workers in other industries that use aluminum and steel. Any product made with these materials will cost more.

But trade wars don't constrain themselves. European Union officials have said they just might impose tariffs on bourbon, blue jeans and Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Before Trump's announcement, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had also pledged retaliation. These are our allies.

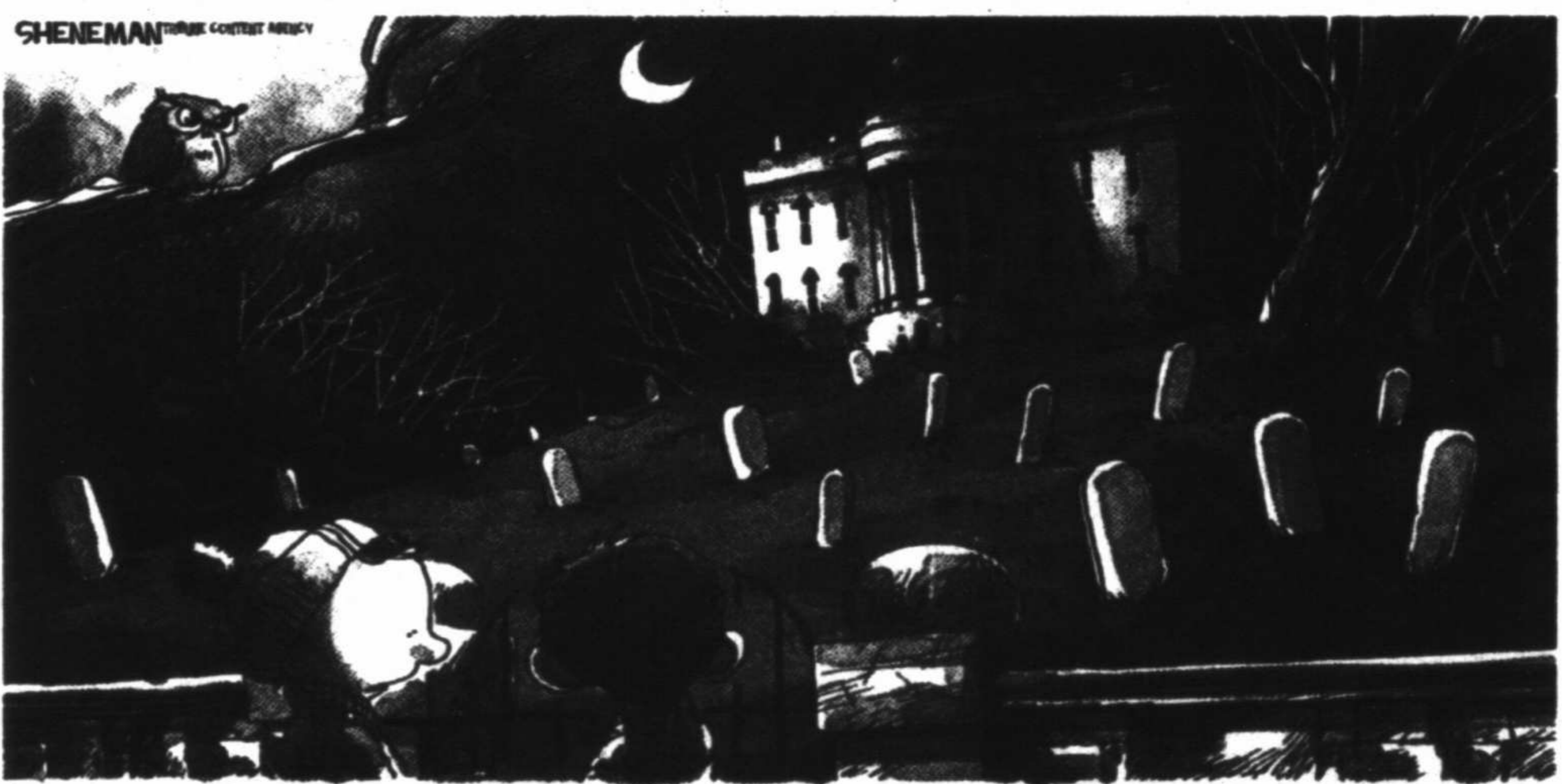
The stated reason for these tariffs is national security, which Trump has said is threatened by an abundance of cheap Chinese aluminum and steel. But as numerous news reports have noted, only about 3 percent of U.S. steel imports and 6 percent of aluminum imports come from China.

Trump has also injected tariffs into negotiations over NAFTA. A permanent exclusion of the tariffs, he said, is specifically tied to an agreement. And on this point, the U.S. has made a number of untenable demands that could undermine an agreement. These include a five-year sunset clause, having 85 percent of any vehicle be manufactured in North America and 50 percent in the U.S., and ending third-party arbitration.

The Lone Star State led the nation with \$264 billion in exports in 2017, according to the International Trade Administration. Of that, about \$98 billion in goods went to Mexico and \$23 billion to Canada. Texas also exported nearly \$34 billion in goods to Europe.

Trump has said trade wars are "good" and even "easy to win." He's also discussed reciprocal trade.

If a trade war comes, Texas will certainly be in a position to attest the merits of these claims and the value of these policies.



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## Democrats' defense of sanctuary cities will cost them

Idea that laws can be ignored and politicians can warn lawbreakers of how to escape apprehension is indefensible

Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the Trump administration are going about the sanctuary city issue in the right way. The very idea of so-called sanctuary cities is offensive to a lot of law-abiding Americans. Taking action against the liberal politicians who want to give safe harbor to illegal immigrants is a slow, easy pick from the Democrats, and Republicans everywhere should take advantage.

The Justice Department is now challenging several laws in California that not only interfere with the nation's immigration policies but also place American citizens and law enforcement personnel at risk. The idea that laws can be ignored and that state and local politicians can affirmatively warn lawbreakers of how to escape apprehension is incredible. It is indefensible. We either have laws, or we don't. And if our elected leaders don't want to uphold the law, they can either change them or resign. The law is not optional once you have made a pledge to uphold the duties of your office.

Open-border radicals in California and other liberal strongholds must be held accountable. Of course, liberals would have you believe that they are only interested in protecting the poor, the oppressed and the hardworking who have nowhere else to go. But in many cases, their actions allow dangerous and sometimes repeat criminals to be shielded from deportation or prison. In California, good Samaritans who value the rule of law are even prohibited from voluntarily cooperating with federal immigration

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officials who are trying to uphold the law and make communities safer.

Anyway, Democrats and their allies in the media will say otherwise, but nothing about this conversation is even in the slightest bit hyperbolic. Local politicians are actually warning illegal immigrants of impending enforcement actions. In Oakland, Mayor Libby Schaff went so far as to issue a press release and accompanying tweet alerting illegal immigrants in the Bay Area of an impending Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operation last month. According to ICE Deputy Director Thomas D. Homan, what the Oakland mayor did "is no better than a gang lookout yelling 'police' when a police cruiser comes in the neighborhood."

The fact that a politician who presumably swore to uphold the Constitution could feel so emboldened to undermine an active law enforcement operation and place those officers in harm's way cannot go unanswered. And according to what Sessions said on Wednesday, it won't. Specifically, speaking before the California Peace Officers' Association, Sessions said: "We are going to fight these irrational, unfair and unconstitutional policies that have been imposed on you and our federal officers. We are fighting to make your jobs safer and to help you reduce crime in America. We are fighting to have a lawful system of immigration that serves Americans. And we intend to win." Well said.

Republicans can only hope that liberals running in 2018 will make an issue of the Justice Department lawsuit. After all, do Democrats really want to be on the side of shielding illegal immigrants — many of whom have outstanding warrants and criminal records? When the Oakland mayor alerted an entire community of illegal immigrant criminals that ICE was coming, she reportedly allowed about 800 to escape. According to ICE officials, almost half of those who were arrested "had prior felony convictions for serious or violent offenses, such as child sex crimes, weapons charges and assault, or had past convictions for significant or multiple misdemeanors."

Are those really the people Democrats want to defend? I hope so. I can already see the campaign ads that Republicans will be running. The Democrats' position on sanctuary cities will not play well in flyover America.

Last month, plenty of Democrats and liberal outlets pushed the idea that somehow, in some bizarre twist of reality, Republicans had split with law enforcement and were no longer the party of law and order. The Huffington Post even pronounced that Republicans had "unleashed an extraordinary attack on law enforcement" by criticizing a few senior FBI officials. With the Democrats' position on sanctuary cities, that argument should not be too difficult to dismiss.

Anyone who supports illegal aliens and opposes law enforcement's efforts to protect communities from criminals should be shown no quarter — not in the media, not in the courtroom and not in our political campaigns. In the case of the administration's policy on sanctuary cities, good policy is also the best politics.

## Making a budget should be year-round process

If you find yourself running out of money before your next paycheck, it may be time to take another look at your budget. You can substantially lower your monthly expenses and save money without making sacrifices. Start by taking a hard look at how much you spend each month or year on fixed costs such as your mortgage, entertainment and communications. In many cases, all you need to do is make a list of your monthly expenses to see where there is wiggle

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room to reduce those costs. When adjusting your annual spending, it is important to understand how a budget works once it is set. If you write down that you will spend \$100 each month on groceries and you continually go over budget, you should not bump up that amount unless you pull that money from somewhere else in your budget. If you have been using a credit card that doesn't give you any benefits, shop around for a card that offers money back on gasoline purchases, cash back on your monthly bill or points that can be redeemed for other products or services. Another potential for saving money on utility bills is to

purchase new, more energy-efficient appliances. "Smart" thermostats can reduce electricity consumption by learning your habits and putting itself into "night mode" or "away from home mode" and automatically lower the air conditioning and heating. According to Next, which makes home automation devices, a smart thermostat can lower your cooling bill by an average of 15 percent, which might be something worth considering now that spring is a few weeks away.

Better Business Bureau offers quick tips to help put more money in your pocket, bank account or retirement plan right away. Prioritize your savings. When you get your paycheck, instead of immediately putting it all in your checking account, pay yourself first. Put some of that in a savings account and forget about it. Even if it's \$30 or \$20. That money will add up over time. Cut down on eating out. It may be tempting to stop at a restaurant for lunch when you're hungry and don't have any food

in the office. Instead, plan your meals ahead of time and maybe only eat out during special occasions.

Know where to find discounts. There are coupon sites, and you can find special offers on retailers' social media pages and websites. You can also sign up for alerts for upcoming sales.

On the flip-side, avoid buying something just because it is on sale. Buy what you need when you need it. A helpful way to determine that is by asking yourself whether you would buy the merchandise if it was not discounted.

For more information on tweaking your budget, go to [bbb.org/budget](http://bbb.org/budget).

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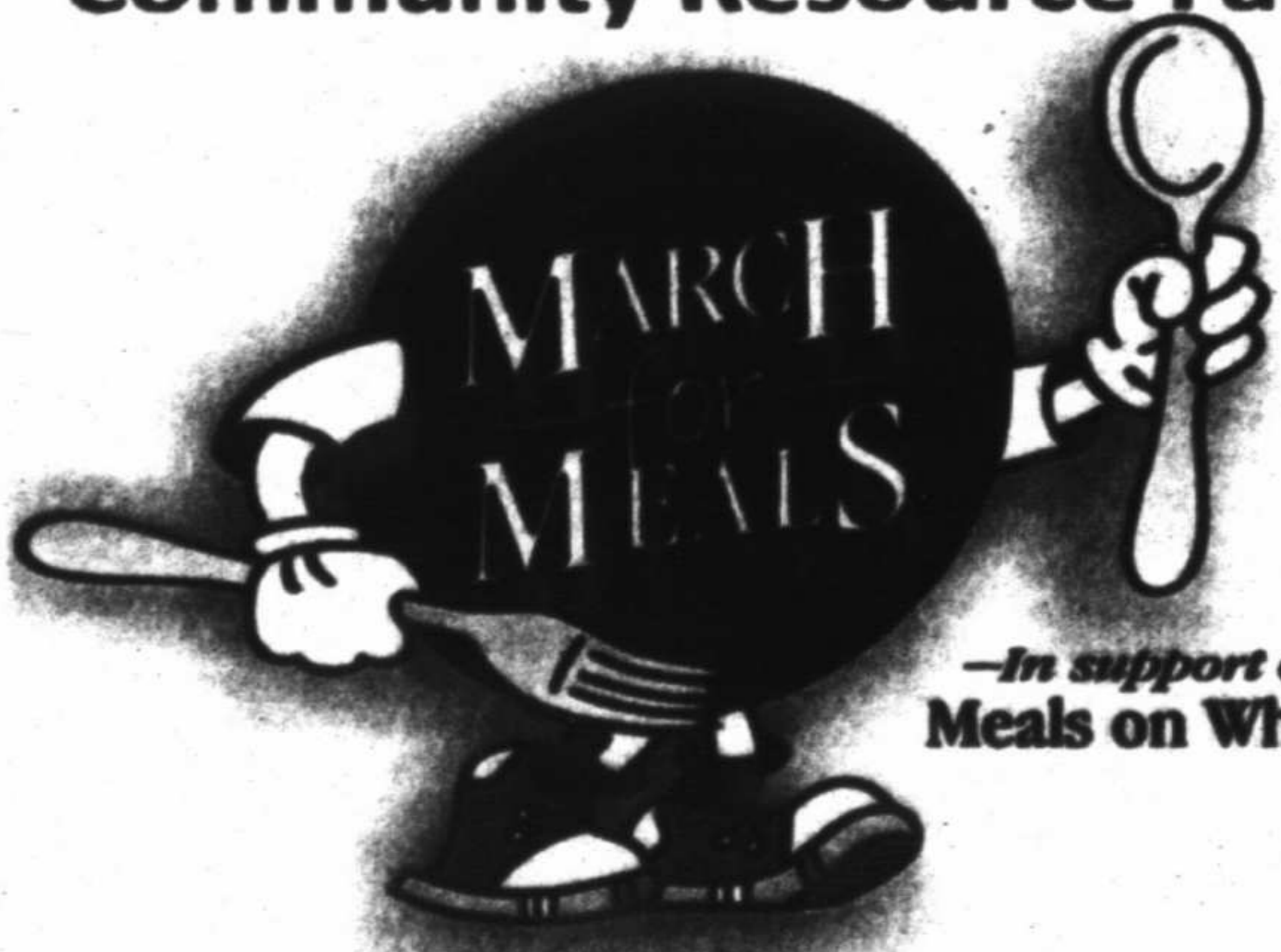
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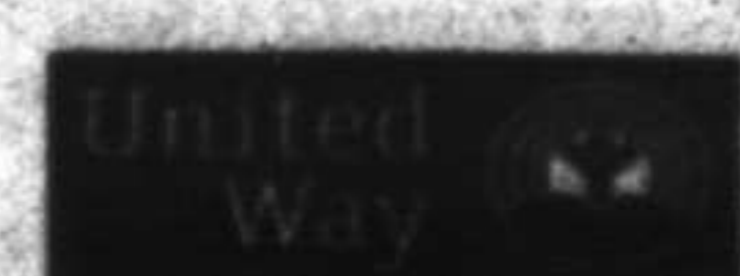


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## Porras wins 300 hurdles; Smith breaks record at WT Relays

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ODESSA — The 300-meter hurdles is one of the most grueling races in track and Lee junior Lilly Porras embraces its strenuous nature.

This season Porras has become a standout in the event and she continued her success Saturday when she won the Division I girls 300 hurdles with a time of 48.52



Porras

seconds at the West Texas Relays at Ratliff Stadium.

It was the second straight week Porras captured gold after she won the exhausting eight-hurdle race with a time of 48.83 during the Tall City Invitational at Memorial Stadium on March 2.

Porras says the 300 hurdles is her favorite event in track.

"I just like how you may mess up at the beginning — kind of like my start wasn't the best today," Porras said. "But I like how you can push through it. Your adrenaline is running so hard that the last 100 (meters) I push through it with all I can."

Lady Rebels head coach Frank

Maldonado says Porras has the workmanlike characteristics and strong-minded qualities to excel in the 300 hurdles.

"She's a tough runner," Maldonado said. "She's a tough kid and she trains real hard. Yes, it's no surprise. She is extremely competitive to say the least. I'm real proud of her."

In her Memorial Stadium win, Porras edged Midland High senior Samotria Smith, who ran a 48.90, by a narrow margin.

Smith, a two-time state meet qualifier, is one of the most notable girls track athletes in Texas.

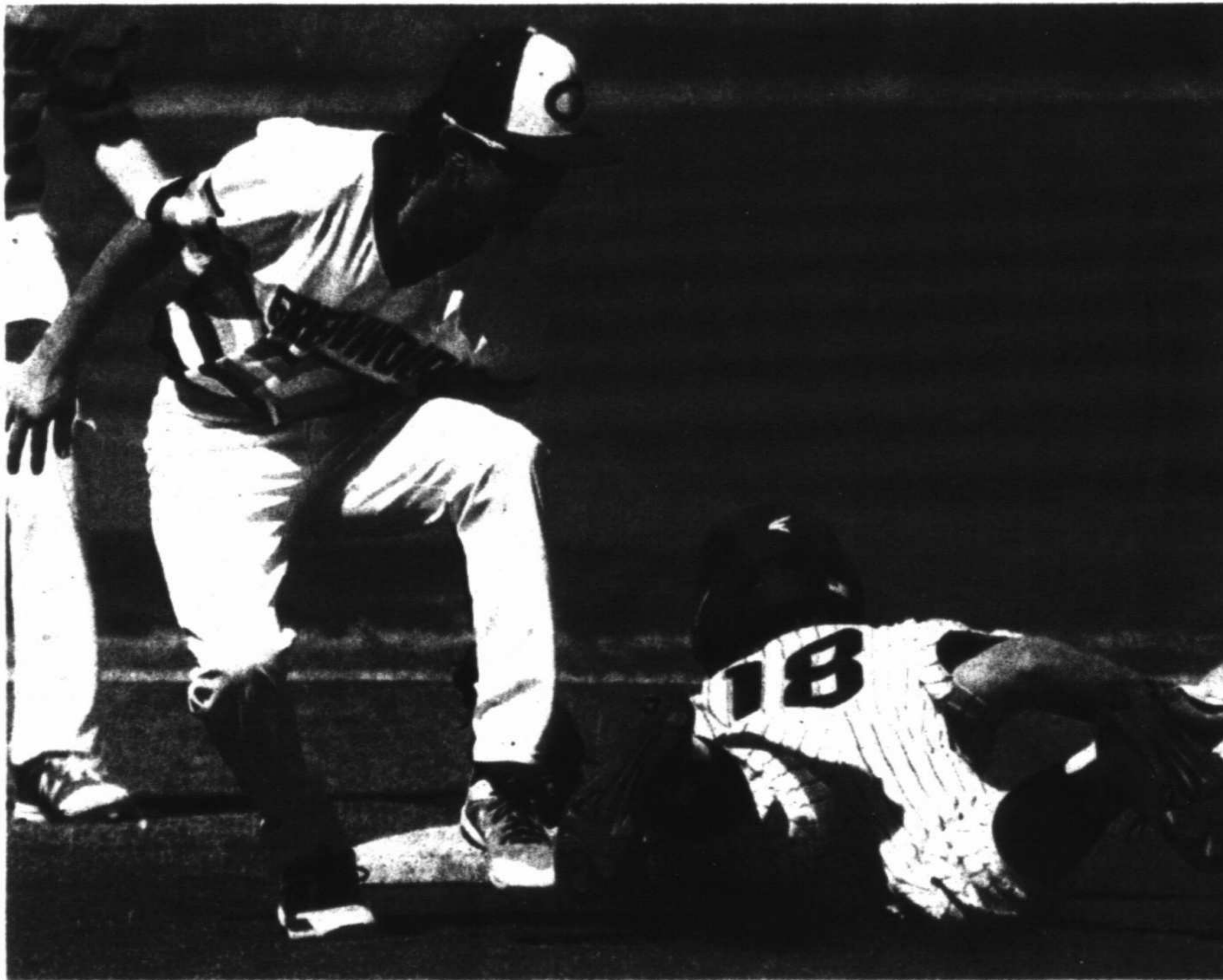
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Midland High's Jacob McCracken competes in the West Texas Relays' Boys 110 Meter Hurdles on Saturday at Ratliff Stadium.

## Rangers roll past Steers



Photos Tim Fletcher/Reporter-Telegram

Greenwood's Skyler Dominguez gets the out at second after Big Spring's Cade Wench gets caught in a rundown Saturday in a game at Christensen Stadium as part of the March Classic.

## Greenwood closes out WTMC with big win

By Will Korn  
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After managing just two hits in a grim 9-0 loss to Lamesa Friday night, Greenwood head coach Stephen Rodriguez thought his team needed an extra session in the batting cages.

The Rangers had just wrapped up a doubleheader, but it wasn't time for anyone to head home just yet.

"I told them 'We played two games back-to-back and you guys have 20 minutes. Get some shorts, get something to eat and then we are hitting in the cage,'" Rodriguez said. "We hit for another hour after (the loss to Lamesa). I said 'It's my fault for not getting you guys ready to hit. You will be ready to hit.' They accepted it and it was awesome."

The additional time helped in a major way, as the Rangers bounced back for an 11-0 run

rule victory over Big Spring to wrap up their home West Texas March Classic, Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

Greenwood scored 10 of its 11 runs in the first two innings and sent 20 batters to the plate before six outs were recorded.

The Rangers were braced by a sterling effort on the mound from senior right-handed ace Dawson Merryman, who allowed just three Big Spring hits and struck out nine batters in his five innings.

Greenwood (5-10-2 overall) completed the tournament with a 3-2 record. Big Spring (10-7), went 4-1 in the WTMC, posting the field's best record for the weekend.

Greenwood got an immediate jump on Steers starter Tristan Myrick in the top of the first, as Skyler Dominguez and Brady Ray led off the game with a walk and a single to left, respectively. Senior Josh Urias, a three-year starter at shortstop

who was behind the plate Saturday, drove them both home with a double to deep left.

An RBI groundout by Jared Nail made it 3-0 Greenwood, before Cade Wench extended the lead with a lined single to first base.

From there, Merryman took control, dazzling Steers hitters with a sizzling fastball and a looping curve to both sides of the plate. But he credited his success to the confident presence of his new catcher, Urias.

"The big point was that I could trust my catcher," Merryman said. "We've been working to find a catcher all season and I think we found him. It was his first time to catch since eighth grade and he did a heck of a job. He was more confident back there. He knew he wanted to be there."

Said Rodriguez on Merryman's performance: "He commanded the strike zone,

got ahead and gave up maybe one hit that was hit hard. He was good."

In the top of the second, Merryman added a two-run home run to right field off Big Spring's Kobe Gutierrez. Singles by Kobe Jameson and Nail eventually set up a two-run single to left by Wench, putting the Rangers in full control.

Merryman retired nine of Big Spring's last 11 batters of the afternoon and each of his final six outs were strikeouts. He needed 82 pitches to close the game.

Big Spring head coach Daniel Carrillo, whose team was trying to sweep the WTMC, said despite Saturday's loss, the weekend as a whole was positive for the growth of his players.

"Overall it was a good

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## MHS grad Hoppel earns All-American status after 8<sup>th</sup> place finish

From staff reports

COLLEGE STATION — Midland High grad and Kansas sophomore Bryce Hoppel finished eighth in the men's 800 meters with a time of 1:50.06 during Saturday's NCAA Division I Indoor Championships at Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium.



Hoppel

With his top 8 finish, Hoppel earned First-Team All-American status. Hoppel is the 2018 Big 12 indoor champion in the 800.

## Big first half lifts UTPB to 2nd round of Div. II Tourney

By Jaydon Hart  
MRT Correspondent

CANYON — The No. 19-ranked UTPB men's basketball team put together a big first half en route to defeating No. 23-ranked Arkansas-Fort Smith, 87-69, in a first-round game of the NCAA Division II Tournament's South Central Regional, Saturday at First United Bank Center.

With the win UTPB (25-6) advanced to today's 5 p.m. region semifinal round and will face Regis, an 87-82 winner over Dallas Baptist, which handed the Falcons their first loss earlier this season.

Prior to Saturday's tip, UTPB head coach Andy Newman discussed how his team and Arkansas-Fort Smith were similar.

"They're perimeter oriented, play really fast, spread the floor, penetrate and kick, play with a lot of freedom and get up and down the floor very well," Newman said.

While the comparison was valid, the Falcons jumped out of the gate swinging and opened with a 17-3 run in the game's first six minutes.

During the run, UTPB outboarded Arkansas-Fort-Smith, 20-3, and held the Lions to just one field goal on 16 attempts.

Guards James McPherson and Garrett Baggett helped continue to pour in the points for the Falcons, as they knocked down five three pointers in the final 10 minutes of the first half.

Going into the halftime the Falcons led 49-19, largely due to their defense. UTPB held the Lions to 19.4 percent shooting from the field.

Arkansas-Fort Smith (24-6) fought back though and opened the second half on a 14-4 run, as junior guard Ladarus Coleman scored a quick 10 points to cut the deficit to down to 20. But the Falcons were able to hold on for the victory and advance.

Senior big man Josh Morris scored a game-high 25 points for the Falcons

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## Kansas tops West Virginia to win Big 12 tourney

By Dave Skretta  
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Devonte Graham piled up 18 points and 13 assists, Silvio De Sousa came up big in place of Udoka Azubuike and sixth-ranked Kansas proved its toughness down the stretch for an 81-70 victory over No. 18 West Virginia in the Big 12 Tournament title game Saturday night.

De Sousa had 16 points on 8 of 8 shooting while grabbing 10 rebounds, and Malik Newman added 20 points to cap a phenomenal tournament, lifting the Jayhawks (27-7) to their 11th tournament title and a likely No. 1 seed when the

NCAA Tournament bracket is revealed Sunday.

It was the second time in three years they've beaten West Virginia (24-10) in the title game.

Svi Mykhailiuk also had 16 points for the Jayhawks, who scrapped their way through three games in three days without their 7-foot anchor.

Azubuike hurt a ligament in his left knee in practice early in the week and spent the weekend on the bench, though he's expected to return next week.

Not that it mattered the way Graham and Newman were knocking down 3-pointers.

Dexter Mills Jr. finished

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Kansas' Devonte Graham (10) and West Virginia's Stephen Howie (30) battle for a rebound during the first half Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

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Could Red Raiders make a run in a wide open NCAA Tourney?

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It's that time of year again when folks go bonkers, start filling out NCAA basketball tournament brackets and offices across America allow gambling to take place.

The men's basketball bracket will be released today and maybe this year more than ever, the tournament is wide open.

In the past, we've seen teams such as Kentucky, Louisville and North Carolina loaded with future NBA players that are the heavy favorites to go all the way. This year, I just don't see that "Wow" team but about 10 teams that could make a serious run at the national title.

I'm curious how many teams the Big 12 will get in the tournament. The only team that certainly won't get in is Iowa State because the Cyclones finished with a 13-18 record. But you can make a good case for at least seven of the remaining nine teams. It was a gauntlet to get through that schedule and every team on its home court was capable of knocking off a ranked opponent.

Kansas was Kansas and West Virginia was as good as expected. But how about those Texas Tech Red Raiders, who may have had their best team in years as they finished second in the Big 12 and could get as high as a No. 3 seed in the dance?

After getting a glimpse of the Red Raiders in an exhibition game against a good New Mexico State team at Chaparral Center in early November, one could tell that this was no bottom

half of the conference team as they had experience, talent and depth.

There is hope that Tech can land in the Dallas regional as a 3 or 4 seed. If that happens, that could be a very big advantage for the Red Raiders who are looking to make their deepest run in the tournament since 2005 when Bobby Knight led the Red Raiders into the Sweet 16.

Another surprise this year in the Big 12 is Oklahoma fading down the stretch. I wouldn't be shocked to see the Sooners get left out of the tourney despite having ESPN darling Trae Young.

Like many other folks, I got sick and tired of the "Trae Young Show" on ESPN as no matter if OU won or lost, all they would talk about was Young this and Young that in the game highlights.

Who knows? That huge spotlight might have worn on the Sooners, who started strong, finished the regular season with a whimper and then got bounced by rival Oklahoma State (a team who I think deserves a bid) in the first round of the Big 12 tournament.

Young is a tremendous talent and a first round pick in this year's NBA Draft, but I thought the bright spotlight on a freshman was just too much.

Well, best of luck filling out those brackets in the coming days. My advice is the same that I tell young sports writers: Don't overthink it. Personally, I just fill out one bracket on the ESPN website, I don't pick a ton of upsets and just hope for the best.

Congrats to Midland High grad and Kansas sophomore Bryce Hoppel for earning First Team NCAA All-American honors after finishing eighth in the 800 meter final at the NCAA Indoor Championships in College Station on Saturday.

Hoppel is not only a tremendous talent but a young man who seems to have a good head on his shoulders. I expect only bigger and better things will come his way in the future.

Also a big congrats to Lee grad Allen Wilson, who will be inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor.

Wilson coached at Paris High School, John Tyler and Dallas Carter, posted a career record of 246-90-4, led his team teams to 22 playoff appearance, 14 district titles and won state championships with Paris in 1988 and John Tyler in 1994.

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WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Softball
Midland College at Phoenix College (DH), noon

NJCAA BASKETBALL

NCAA Region V Basketball Championships
at the Tiger PA, Walling High School
Wednesday-Saturday
Single elimination
Men
South Plains College (NR, 23-8) 191, Odessa College (NR, 20-4) 82
Women
Odessa College (NR, 22-10) 74, New Mexico JC (NR, 20-5) 50

HS BOYS BASKETBALL

2018 NJCAA Division II National Tournament
Alamo, San Antonio
Saturday
Class 1A First, Lyon (21-1) 88, Nazareth (21-4) 42
Class 2A First, Stone (21-4) 32, Mount Vernon (20-2) 28
Class 3A First, Stroud West (20-2) 61, Thornville (21-4) 55
Class 5A First, Port Arthur (20-5) 75, Northwood (21-4) 69
Class 6A First, Stiles (20-6) 104, Dallas Carter (20-6) 101
Class 8A First, Katy (20-6) vs. Austin (20-5), 10a

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MLB - Suspended Kansas City Royals OF Jorge Soler for 60 games suspension without pay after testing positive for a performance enhancing substance in violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS - Signed 3B Mike Moustakas to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES - Released RHP Domingo Acevedo to Texas (2L), Reassigned RHP Sean Miller to their minor league camp.
CLEVELAND INDIANS - Released RHP Zach Jennings to Albuquerque (PCL), and RHP Juan Tena, C Chris Peltz and OF Jonathan Davis to Hartford (IL), Reassigned RHP Peter Lambert, C Chris Peltz and OF Sean Hilliard to their minor league camp.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS - Signed CB Matt Ryan to a one-year contract extension.
DETROIT LIONS - Re-signed DE Henry Hyder and LB Devin McCullough.
NEW YORK GIANTS - Released P Brad Wing.
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS - Reassigned F John Hayden from Louisville (AHL).
ST LOUIS BLUES - Reassigned C Ryan Strome from San Antonio (AHL).
AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGES - Reassigned D Nolan Drury from Colorado (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL - Suspended ECHL, Colorado's Jason Hyman indefinitely and fined him an undisclosed amount for a slow-moving infraction in a March 9 game at Rapid City.
COLLEGE
UCRIS - First round basketball coach Ryan O'Connell.

NHL GLANCE

Table with NHL standings for Eastern Conference and Pacific Division, including teams like Tampa Bay, Boston, Florida, and Vegas.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Table with MLB Spring Training statistics for American League and National League, including teams like New York, Cleveland, and Chicago.

HS BASEBALL ROUNDUP

NO. 15 MHS 6
HIGHLAND PARK - The Midland High baseball team put together a late rally and then held one off itself to edge Belton on Saturday at the Highland Park Tournament.

With the game tied 1-1, the Bulldogs (13-6) scored three runs in the top of the fifth on a double by Ivan Dominguez, a triple by Tyler Wade and an error that scored Wade for a 4-1 lead.

MHS added two more runs in the sixth, one of them coming on a sacrifice fly to center field by Dominguez. Belton scored two in the bottom half of the inning, but MHS held on.

Cooper Jantz got the start for MHS and allowed two earned runs on seven hits over 4 2/3 innings, while striking out two and walking two. At the plate, the Bulldogs' leadoff hitter went 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles.

Dominguez finished 1-for-3 with two RBI, while Wade went 1-for-3 with an RBI, two runs scored and a walk.

The Bulldogs, which went 1-4 on the weekend, next open District 2-6A play by taking on Lee at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Christian Stadium.

On the mound, Drazc allowed two earned Jaguar runs on seven hits, while striking out four in a winning decision. J.J. Melendez pitched a scoreless and hitless seventh to earn the save.

Pederson led the Rebels by going 3-for-3 with the home run, a double and two RBI. Becker and Ty Coleman each had a hit for Lee in the win.

Lee finished the tournament with a 2-1 mark.

NO. 22 LEE 4
VALENCIA (H.M.) 2
CARLSBAD - Lee scored four runs in the first inning and got a strong at-bat start from Dylan Drazc to topple Valencia from Las Lunas, New Mexico, 4-2, Saturday in both teams' finale of the Carlsbad Tournament.

The Rebels (9-6) took control in the first when Colby Standard scored on an error. Adam Becker scored on a wild pitch and then Chase Pederson connected on a two-run home run to center field.

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No other information was available.

Howard College routs Chaps in doubleheader

From staff reports

BIG SPRING - The Midland College bats were silenced as Howard College rolled to a doubleheader sweep at Jack Barber Field on Saturday afternoon.

Midland College was held to two hits in a 6-1 loss in the first game, and then Howard pounded out 15 hits in a 19-0 rout in the second game.

The teams ended with a four-game series split in the opening weekend of Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

One day after MC (9-10, 2-2 in WJAC) won a pair of slugfests, the Chaps couldn't get much done against Howard starters Tyler McKay and Denny Bentley.

In the first game, McKay allowed just one run on three hits, two walks and struck out nine in a complete-game victory.

Howard (10-7, 2-2) had nine hits as Jaxon Williams and Doug Facendo each had two hits.

The Hawks put the second game away early as they scored two in the first inning, then nine in the second inning and seven more in the third.

That would be more than enough for Bentley, who allowed just three hits, walked one and had seven strikeouts in the complete-game victory.

Bryan Stangus had two of the Hawks' four home runs and finished with four RBI. Coll Stanley and Doug Facendo also homered for HC.

MC used six pitchers in the game and none of them lasted more than an inning.

Scoreboard for Howard College vs Midland College Game 1

Scoreboard for Howard College vs Midland College Game 2

GREENWOOD

From IC

son is that when you have a chance to do something special, it only happens every once in a while. To go 5-0 in a tournament, that is extremely difficult. We had a chance to do that."
Bency led the Rangers at the plate by going 2-for-2 with three RBI and a walk. Edward Aguilar was 2-for-2 for the Stars.

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Villanova's Dante DiVincenzo, left, Mikal Bridges, Eric Paschall (4) and teammates, rear, celebrate after winning the Big East men's tournament on Saturday in New York.

**Local players help Arlington Baptist win national title**

From staff reports

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Midland Classical grad Kayla Beattie had 18 points and eight rebounds and Lee grad Daija Stanford had 16 points, five rebounds and five assists to lead Arlington Baptist to a 63-59 victory over Kentucky Christian in Saturday's National Christian College Athletic Association Division II national championship game. Beattie was named the tournament's most outstanding player as she averaged 16.5 points and 10.5 rebounds. It was the fourth straight national title for Arlington Baptist.

**KANSAS**

From IC

with 25 points, and Jevon Carter had 17 points and nine assists for the Mountaineers, who have lost three straight Big 12 Tournament championship games. They still have not won a postseason league tournament since the Big East in 2010.

The Mountaineers controlled most of the first half, picking and choosing when to employ their full-court press. And they caught a break when Mykhailiuk and Mitch Lightfoot picked up two fouls apiece, allowing big man Sagaba Konate to score nearly at-will in the paint.

Then the Mountaineers' big fella picked up his second foul and took a seat on the bench. The Jayhawks roared back to briefly tie the game, and trailed 34-33 at the break after De Souza threw down an alley-oop dunk in transition in the closing seconds of the half.

But one of the hallmarks of Kansas over the years, especially under Bill Self, has been tenacious half-court defense — and the Mountaineers shredded it early in the second half. They scored their first eight possessions, and Miles' layup gave them their biggest lead, 51-43, with 15:08 left. From there, the game turned into a back-and-forth prizefight: Kansas scored 10 straight, West Virginia answered with eight in a row and the Jayhawks responded with 10 more.

That last run was part of their larger 17-3 charge to finally take control. Graham capped it with a fadeaway baseline jumper over Carter and an open 3 from the wing, forcing West Virginia coach Bob Huggins to call timeout with his team trailing 73-66 with 3:49 to go. West Virginia got it to 76-70 on Carter's two free throws moments later, but Miles missed a 3-pointer and Carter missed a circumscribed layup, then turned the ball over with a minute left. That allowed the Jayhawks to seal their latest Big 12 championship from the foul line.

**UTPB**

From IC

and also collected seven rebounds. Two-time Lone Star Conference Player of the Year Dawson Francis finished with 18 points and nine rebounds.

Sammy Allen, the Lone Star Conference's Defensive Player of the Year and NCAA Division II defensive rebounding leader, pulled in 15 rebounds, including eight in the game's first five minutes. Coleman led the Lions with 25 points and 10 rebounds in the loss. After the game, Newman said he thought his team played some of its best basketball all season.

"We were trying to be the best versions of ourselves today and everything will be earned from here on out," Newman said.

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**COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP**

**NO. 1 VIRGINIA 71 NO. 12 N. CAROLINA 63**  
NEW YORK — Kyle Guy, Devon Hall and No. 1 Virginia completed one of the most successful seasons in the storied history of Atlantic Coast Conference basketball, beating No. 12 North Carolina 71-63 in the tournament championship game Saturday night to finish 20-1 against league competition. The Cavaliers (31-2) set a school record for victories and won the ACC Tournament for the second time in five seasons under coach Tony Bennett, and third time overall. With plenty of their fans packing Barclays Center in Brooklyn, the Cavaliers beat North Carolina (25-10) for the second time this season and snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Tar Heels in ACC Tournament play. Guy scored 11 of his 16 points in the second half and Hall added 15 points, five rebounds and four assists. Ty Jerome had 12 points, six assists and six rebounds for Virginia, which will certainly enter the NCAA Tournament as the top overall seed. Not bad for a bunch that started the season unranked and was picked to finish sixth in the ACC. Virginia held North Carolina scoreless for five minutes and took 58-49 lead on Dr'Andre Hunter's baseline fadeaway with 3:32 left. North Carolina snapped the drought with a 3-pointer by Luke Maye, who

scored 20, but Jerome nailed a 3 out of a timeout to restore the nine-point lead. UNC, playing in its record 35th ACC championship game, never got closer than five as Virginia closed it out from the free throw line. **VILLANOVA 76 PROVIDENCE 66**  
NEW YORK — Mikal Bridges scored 25 points and hit two 3-pointers in overtime to lift No. 2 Villanova to a 76-66 win over Providence in the Big East Tournament championship game Saturday night. The Wildcats (30-4) won their second straight Big East Tournament and third in four years (losing in the 2016 final). They put the bow on a fantastic season that should have them earn a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. Villanova had rolled to a pair of dominant victories in the tourney and held off a pesky Providence team that played its third straight overtime game. The 19th-seeded Friars (21-13) rallied in the second half from yet another double-digit hole and seemed set to pull off one more upset and earn the automatic NCAA berth. Providence erased a 17-point hole in the second half to beat top-seeded Xavier to reach the final. With one stunning rally on its resume, Providence nearly made it two. Kyron Cartwright hit a jumper with 1:36 left that tied the game

at 58-all and Alpha Diello scored on a driving layup with 40 seconds left for a 60-58 lead. Big East player of the year Jalen Brunson tied it for Villanova with two free throws. Providence missed a last-gasp shot at the buzzer and played in its third straight overtime game. The Friars ran out of gas in OT. Bridges, who scored 25 points, opened overtime with a 3 and hit another that helped stretch the lead for good. Brunson tied a career-high with 31 points on an emphatic dunk that sent the Madison Square Garden crowd into a frenzy. **NO. 21 HOUSTON 77 WICHITA STATE 74**  
ORLANDO, Fla. — Rob Gray had a key steal and scored 33 points, including two free throws with 5 seconds remaining, as No. 21 Houston held off Wichita State 77-74 in an American Athletic Conference Tournament semifinal on Saturday. Corey Davis Jr. scored 19 points for the Cougars (26-6), who advanced to play No. 8 Cincinnati in the championship game. Houston led by as many as nine points in the first half before the lead changed hands or was tied eight times in the final seven minutes. With the Cougars trailing 74-73, Gray intercepted a pass near midcourt and drove to the basket, handing off to Galen Robinson for a layup with 1:27 remaining. Houston sealed

the victory when Robinson intercepted an in-bounds pass with 5 seconds left and a foul by the Shockers sent Gray to the free-throw line. Landry Shamet led Wichita State (25-7) with 19 points while Shaquille Morris had 12, including 10 in the final seven minutes to keep the game close. Rashard Kelly and Austin Reeves each scored 10. **UCONN FIRES COACH KEVIN OLLIE WITH SCHOOL UNDER NCAA INQUIRY**  
STORRS, Conn. — UConn has fired basketball coach Kevin Ollie, with the team under NCAA investigation and the Huskies having completed their second straight losing season. The university said in a statement Saturday it has "initiated disciplinary procedures" to dismiss him for "just cause." The school says it would have no further comment until its "disciplinary process" and the ongoing NCAA inquiry are complete. Athletic director David Benedict says it is "unfortunate that this decision became necessary." He adds that the team must be held to the "highest standards" and a search for a new coach will begin immediately. Ollie spent six seasons at UConn and won the national championship in 2014. He was also an assistant under Hall of Fame coach Jim Calhoun on the 2011 NCAA title team.

**COLLEGE SCORES**

**Men**

**SOUTHWEST**  
Texas Southern 84, Ark.-Pine Bluff 69  
George St. 73, Georgia Southern 67  
Montclair St. 82, New Jersey 61  
UNC Central 71, Hampton 63  
Brennan 84, Arkansas 65  
Texas-Arlington 71, Louisiana-Lafayette 68  
Virginia 71, North Carolina 63

**PACIFIC**  
Montana St. 82, Washington 65  
San Diego St. 82, New Mexico 75  
UC Irvine 81, UC Santa Barbara 69

**WEST**  
Cincinnati 76, Memphis 69  
Houston 77, Wichita St. 74  
Newark 87, West Virginia 79

**East**  
Baylor 76, Toledo 69  
Drexel 65, St. Bonaventure 79  
Howard 74, Cornell 66  
Purdue 80, Wake 67  
Florida Int'l 68, East Joseph 67  
UNC Asheville 68, Vermont 62  
Villanova 76, Providence 66, OT

**Women**

**SOUTHWEST**  
North 74, Lamar 69  
Stephen F. Austin 76, Cent. Arkansas 69  
UNL 68, Troy 69

**PACIFIC**  
Stanford 82, 72, Southern 61  
Liberty 76, High Point 69  
NC A&T 73, New Mexico 65  
UNC Asheville 68, Radford 66  
W. Kentucky 79, UNO 67

**WEST**  
CS Northridge 69, UC Davis 69  
N. Colorado 61, Utah 69  
South 67, CS Stanislaus 64

**East**  
Cort. Michigan 66, Buffalo 61  
Duke 66, E. Illinois 69  
St. John 78, Minnesota 69

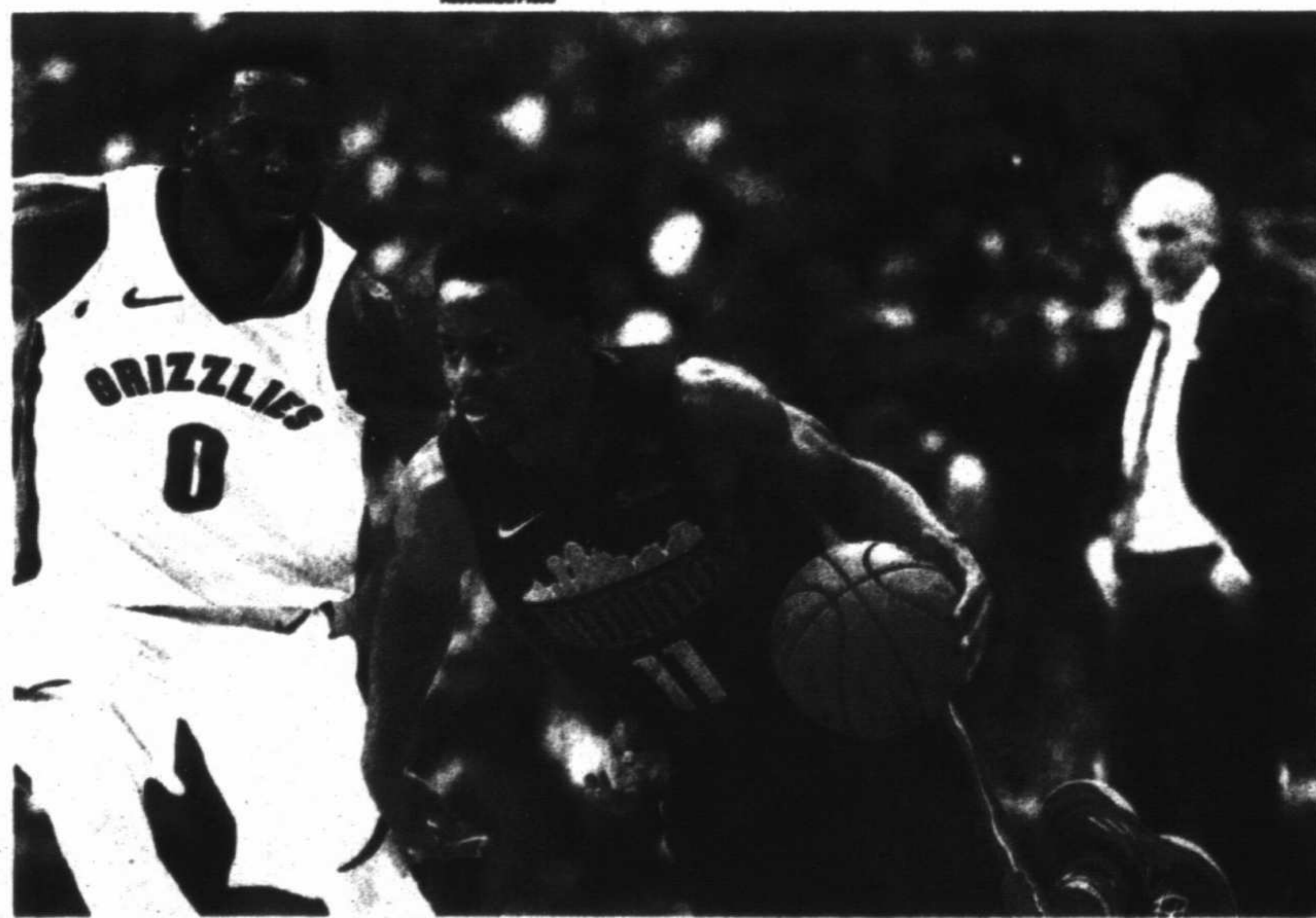
**East**  
Drexel 67, Drexel 66  
Purdue 80, Wake 67

**NBA ROUNDUP**

**GRIZZLIES 114 MAVERICKS 86**  
DALLAS — Harrison Barnes scored 25 points and the Dallas Mavericks beat Memphis 114-86 on Saturday night, extending the Grizzlies' losing streak to 17 games. The Grizzlies (16-46), who have the longest losing streak in the NBA this season and the league's worst record, trailed by 26 points after shooting 26 percent in the first half and didn't lead after the 9:20 mark of the first quarter. The only longer losing streaks in franchise history were slumps of 23 and 19 games in the expansion season of 1995-96 in Vancouver. It's the longest losing streak in Memphis pro basketball history. Dillon Brooks led the Grizzlies with 17 points, and Jelluchal Green had 14 points and 10 rebounds. The Mavericks (21-45), also among the NBA's worst teams, allowed their lowest points in any half this season while building a 58-30 halftime lead on the way to their largest margin of victory this season.

**THUNDER 104 SPURS 94**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Russell Westbrook scored 21 points and posted his 18th triple-double of the season to help the Oklahoma City Thunder defeat the San Antonio Spurs. Westbrook had 12 rebounds and 10 assists in the 18th triple-double of his career. Jamal Grant scored 15 points. Conroy Brewer added 12. Paul George and Alex Abrines each scored 11 and Patrick Patterson had 10 for the Thunder. Nick Collison scored all seven of his points in six critical minutes in the fourth quarter for Oklahoma City, which improved to 6-3 since the All-Star break. Rusty Gay and Davis Bertans each scored 14 points for the Spurs, who have lost eight of 16.

**HEAT 109 WIZARDS 102**  
MIAMI — James Johnson scored 20 points, Wayne Ellington added 17 and the Miami Heat ran away in the third quarter to beat the Washington Wizards. Tyler Johnson, Josh Rich-



Brendan Wade/Associated Press

Dallas Mavericks guard Yogi Ferrall (11) battles Memphis Grizzlies forward Jelluchal Green (8) for space during the second half on Saturday in Dallas.

ardson, Rodney McGruder and Kelly Olynyk all scored 13 for the Heat, who never trailed and outscored Washington 43-28 in the third. That was Miami's highest-scoring quarter in a regular-season contest since Oct. 30, 2013 — 294 games ago. DeJuan Blair got the 6,000th field goal of his career in the first half, but fell less than a minute into the fourth quarter with what was diagnosed as a mild left hamstring strain. He doesn't expect to play on Monday when the Heat start a three-game road trip in Portland. Julie Randle scored 23 for the Wizards, whose five-game winning streak was snapped.

**HORNETS 122 SUNS 109**  
CHARLOTTE, N.C. —

Dwight Howard had 30 points and 12 rebounds, Nic Batum fired with a triple-double and the Charlotte Hornets held on to beat the Phoenix Suns to snap a five-game losing streak. Batum added 29 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists and Marvin Williams dropped in with 10 points as the Hornets won despite nearly squandering a 22-point fourth quarter lead to a Suns team playing without star Devin Booker. The Hornets led by eight at halftime and seemed ready to put this one on cruise control after outscoring the Suns 26-21 in the third quarter behind 14 points from Batum. But Phoenix wouldn't go away. The Suns cut the lead to two with less than a minute to go, but Howard and Batum each added two clutch free throws down the stretch to secure the win for Charlotte.

**NBA GLANCE**

Team	W	L	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK	FT%	3PT%
Atlanta Hawks	18	22	101.2	42.8	22.5	8.5	3.5	82.5	37.5
Boston Celtics	20	20	102.5	44.5	23.5	9.5	4.5	83.5	38.5
Brooklyn Nets	19	21	103.5	45.5	24.5	10.5	5.5	84.5	39.5
Charlotte Hornets	17	23	104.5	46.5	25.5	11.5	6.5	85.5	40.5
Chicago Bulls	16	24	105.5	47.5	26.5	12.5	7.5	86.5	41.5
Cleveland Cavaliers	15	25	106.5	48.5	27.5	13.5	8.5	87.5	42.5
Dallas Mavericks	14	26	107.5	49.5	28.5	14.5	9.5	88.5	43.5
Denver Nuggets	13	27	108.5	50.5	29.5	15.5	10.5	89.5	44.5
Detroit Pistons	12	28	109.5	51.5	30.5	16.5	11.5	90.5	45.5
Golden State Warriors	11	29	110.5	52.5	31.5	17.5	12.5	91.5	46.5
Indiana Pacers	10	30	111.5	53.5	32.5	18.5	13.5	92.5	47.5
L.A. Clippers	9	31	112.5	54.5	33.5	19.5	14.5	93.5	48.5
L.A. Lakers	8	32	113.5	55.5	34.5	20.5	15.5	94.5	49.5
Memphis Grizzlies	7	33	114.5	56.5	35.5	21.5	16.5	95.5	50.5
Minnesota Timberwolves	6	34	115.5	57.5	36.5	22.5	17.5	96.5	51.5
Miami Heat	5	35	116.5	58.5	37.5	23.5	18.5	97.5	52.5
Milwaukee Bucks	4	36	117.5	59.5	38.5	24.5	19.5	98.5	53.5
New York Knicks	3	37	118.5	60.5	39.5	25.5	20.5	99.5	54.5
Oklahoma City Thunder	2	38	119.5	61.5	40.5	26.5	21.5	100.5	55.5
Orlando Magic	1	39	120.5	62.5	41.5	27.5	22.5	101.5	56.5
Philadelphia 76ers	0	40	121.5	63.5	42.5	28.5	23.5	102.5	57.5
Phoenix Suns	0	41	122.5	64.5	43.5	29.5	24.5	103.5	58.5
Portland Trail Blazers	0	42	123.5	65.5	44.5	30.5	25.5	104.5	59.5
San Antonio Spurs	0	43	124.5	66.5	45.5	31.5	26.5	105.5	60.5
Utah Jazz	0	44	125.5	67.5	46.5	32.5	27.5	106.5	61.5
Washington Wizards	0	45	126.5	68.5	47.5	33.5	28.5	107.5	62.5

# RELAYS

From 1C

"Everybody knows about that," Porras said of her win over Smith. "It was very nerve-racking. When I heard she was running it, I knew it was going to be a competition because she's really good. All I knew is that I had to try to run my best race and I did. It ended up paying off."

Porras shines in the same 300 hurdles event that just so happened to be the best race for Lee grad Kristian Ruiz, who now competes at Garden City Community College before she heads off to Division I Houston Baptist next season.

Porras was only a freshman when Ruiz was a senior leader as a multiple-event star on the Lady Rebels track team.

"A lot of people compared me to her because we did the same events in everything," Porras said of Ruiz. "So yes, she was a role model. I tried to be like her."

Porras, who also competes for Lee in the high jump and 1,600 relay, says her goal this season is to eclipse to record a time in the low 47s or 46-second range.

"My goal this year was not to hit a 50 this entire season and I've been doing pretty good on doing that," Porras said. "Every track meet that I've gone to, I've been beating my time every time, so I just want to continue to do that."

### Smith breaks her own meet record

Midland High senior Sametria Smith broke her own West Texas Relays meet record by winning the girls 100 hurdles with a time of 14.22, eclipsing the 14.54 she ran in 2017.

Smith's time of 14.22 is the third-fastest time in the state this season, bested only by DeSoto's Jayla Hollis (14.00) and Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson's Wreagan Taylor (14.17), according to times posted on athletic.net.

Smith also won the long jump Saturday with a mark

*"I just like how you may mess up at the beginning — kind of like my start wasn't the best today. But I like how you can push through it. Your adrenaline is running so hard that the last 100 (meters) I push through it with all I can."*

Alex Porras, Lee junior

of 18 feet, 2 inches.

### Lee boys take 2nd

The Lee boys track team placed second with 97 points, trailing only meet champion El Paso Pebble Hills (137 points).

The Rebels were led by sophomore Rory Maguire, who set a personal record with a winning height of 14-0 in the boys vault. Lee also got a first-place performance from senior Bryce Jones, who captured the boys 300 hurdles title with a time of 43.54.

Rebels head coach Floyd White said he was pleased with the team's showing considering he was missing some key athletes.

### HSBD athletes match 1st wins

Lee senior Ireland Atwood got her first individual gold of the season by winning the girls triple jump with a distance of 33-11 3/4.

MHS junior Emma Simmons won the girls 400 meters with a time of 59.97 in her first time running the event this season.

### Palmer just misses gold

Despite setting a personal record with a mark of 45-3 1/2, MHS senior Sam Palmer had to settle for silver by placing second in the boys triple jump.

Jarrod Compton, of Lubbock Coronado, passed Palmer on his last attempt with a winning mark of 46-2 3/4.

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West Texas Relays  
At Midland, Okla.  
Saturday  
Division I meet (Top 8 only)  
Day 2

Team standings — 1. El Paso Pebble Hills 137, 2. Lee 97, 3. Odessa Permian 85, 4. Ardmore Houston 77, 5. Lubbock Coronado 65, 6. Lubbock Midway 61, 7. Odessa High 51, 8. Midland High 38, 9. Hobbs 18, 10.

100 meters — 1. Roshon Thomas, Ardmore Houston, 16.82 seconds; 2. Alex Porras, Odessa High, 17.34; 3. Ruben Reyes, Permian, 17.36; 4. Chase Dill, Permian, 17.54; 5. Michael Gomez, Odessa High, 17.58; 6. Jaylen Spivey, Pebble Hills, 17.60.

200 — 1. Cole Gisher, Pebble Hills, 21.78; 2. Isaiah Davis, Pebble Hills, 22.32; 3. Ryleigh Colfield, Ardmore Houston, 22.55; 4. Derickson Butler, Midway, 22.65; 5. Damon Holmes, MHS, 22.66; 6. Angel Ojeda, Ardmore Houston, 23.02; 7. Adam Davis, Permian, 23.24; 8. Brian Hild, Lee, 23.28.

400 — 1. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 52.17; 2. Erik Hunt, Pebble Hills, 52.68; 3. Jerry Risher, Midway, 53.82; 4. Felix Hinson, Lee, 53.97; 5. Juan Flores, Lee, 54.24; 6. Theron Lannon, Midway, 54.48; 7. Austin Aguirre, Odessa High, 54.71; 8. Victor Basha, Permian, 55.69.

800 — 1. Roberto Medina, Odessa High, 2:02.82; 2. Isaac Puga, Pebble Hills, 2:02.95; 3. Oscar Saldaña, Permian, 2:03.84; 4. Isaiah Pizarro, Pebble Hills, 2:04.17; 5. Chavez Zamora, Lee, 2:04.85; 6. Sebastian Hernandez, Permian, 2:05.68; 7. Jonathan Chavez, Ardmore Houston, 2:06.32; 8. James Brown, Odessa High, 2:11.80.

1,600 — 1. Isiah Pizarro, Pebble Hills, 4:49.89; 2. Josh Garcia, Permian, 4:52.19; 3. Chavez Zamora, Lee, 4:57.20; 4. Oscar Saldaña, Permian, 4:58.85; 5. Herman Chavez, Pebble Hills, 4:59.85; 6. Antonio Herrera, Permian, 5:00.92; 7. Vincent Vega, Midway, 5:03.68; 8. Lennax Morales, MHS, 5:07.49.

3,200 — 1. Josh Garcia, Permian, 10:17.35; 2. Isaiah Puga, Pebble Hills, 1:17.81; 3. Ryleigh Colfield, Midway, 10:24.14; 4. Herman Chavez, Pebble Hills, 10:25.15; 5. Vincent Vega, Midway, 10:25.74; 6. Josh Piller, MHS, 10:26.65; 7. Alan Aule, Lee, 11:08.08; 8. Jose Amador, Permian, 11:58.79.

100 hurdles — 1. Amanda Virginia, Pebble Hills, 15.11; 2. Justin McCutchen, MHS, 15.37; 3. Bryce Jones, Lee, 15.15; 4. Anthony Gonzalez, Lee, 15.17; 5. Austin Aguirre, Odessa High, 15.52; 6. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 15.57; 7. Derickson Butler, Midway, 15.57; 8. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 15.57; 9. Derickson Butler, Midway, 15.57; 10. Derickson Butler, Midway, 15.57.

200 hurdles — 1. Bryce Jones, Lee, 49.24; 2. Alex Aguirre, Lee, 49.45; 3. Juan Flores, Permian, 49.65; 4. Chavez Zamora, Lee, 49.71; 5. Austin Aguirre, Odessa High, 49.71; 6. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 49.71; 7. Derickson Butler, Midway, 49.71; 8. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 49.71; 9. Derickson Butler, Midway, 49.71; 10. Derickson Butler, Midway, 49.71.

400 hurdles — 1. Amanda Virginia, Pebble Hills, 1:21.24; 2. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 1:21.54; 3. Derickson Butler, Midway, 1:21.84; 4. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 1:22.14; 5. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 1:22.44; 6. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 1:22.74; 7. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 1:23.04; 8. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 1:23.34; 9. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 1:23.64; 10. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 1:23.94.

5. Ryleigh Colfield, Midway, 49.71; 6. Derickson Butler, Midway, 49.71; 7. Derickson Butler, Midway, 49.71; 8. Derickson Butler, Midway, 49.71; 9. Derickson Butler, Midway, 49.71; 10. Derickson Butler, Midway, 49.71.

Team standings — 1. Odessa Permian 208, 2. Lubbock Midway 131.88, 3. Lee 88.35, 4. Midland High 85, 5. Odessa High 81, 6. El Paso Pebble Hills 38, 7. Anarado Palo Duro 3.

100 meters — 1. Felipe Hernandez, Odessa High, 12.50 seconds; 2. Julia Torres, Midway, 12.92; 3. Angelo Allen, Permian, 12.72; 4. Johnathan Sanga, Permian, 12.75; 5. Devon Wilson, Permian, 12.88; 6. Zylissa Hicks, Midway, 12.94; 7. Zylissa Hicks, Midway, 12.94; 8. Dayshia McElhiney, Palo Duro, 12.98.

200 — 1. Tyrone Harris, Permian, 25.14; 2. Harlowe Williams, Permian, 25.48; 3. Maria Jimenez, Permian, 25.14; 4. Anna Ryan, Lee, 26.72; 5. Fylosa Moritz, Lee, 27.62; 6. Alexis King, Midway, 27.42; 7. Kayla Barnett, MHS, 27.45; 8. Zylissa Hicks, Midway, 27.45; 9. Dayshia McElhiney, Palo Duro, 27.45; 10. Emma Stevens, MHS, 28.97; 2. Felipe Hernandez, Odessa High, 1:00.92; 3. Timesa Chisholm, Permian, 1:02.50; 4. Araya Pizarro, Permian, 1:03.24; 5. Valeria Gomez, Pebble Hills, 1:03.65; 6. Ashley Colburn, Odessa High, 1:04.77; 7. Castro Ramirez, Lee, 1:04.81; 8. Tishara Debit, MHS, 1:05.42.

400 — 1. Nathalia Escobar, Odessa High, 2:28.92; 2. Devora Sprague, Midway, 2:30.20; 3. Nelya Rabel, Midway, 2:34.50; 4. Tanya Fluitt, Permian, 2:37.25; 5. Ryleigh Hernandez, Permian, 2:38.90; 6. Zylissa Hicks, Midway, 2:39.69; 7. Rhiannon, Palo Duro, 2:40.80; 8. Odalis Lopez, Odessa High, 2:41.30.

800 — 1. Devora Sprague, Midway, 5:48.72; 2. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 5:52.82; 3. Sara Castro, Permian, 5:58.50; 4. Chantelton Lily, MHS, 6:00.82; 5. Devora Sprague, Permian, 6:02.18; 6. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 6:03.12; 7. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 6:03.12; 8. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 6:03.12; 9. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 6:03.12; 10. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 6:03.12.

1,600 — 1. Devora Sprague, Midway, 12:42.84; 2. Devora Sprague, Permian, 12:50.32; 3. Nelya Rabel, Midway, 12:54.17; 4. Sara Castro, Permian, 12:58.95; 5. Chantelton Lily, MHS, 13:12.52; 6. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 13:21.02; 7. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 13:25.17; 8. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 13:25.17; 9. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 13:25.17; 10. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 13:25.17.

3,200 — 1. Devora Sprague, Midway, 25:42.84; 2. Devora Sprague, Permian, 25:48.32; 3. Nelya Rabel, Midway, 25:54.17; 4. Sara Castro, Permian, 25:58.95; 5. Chantelton Lily, MHS, 26:12.52; 6. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 26:21.02; 7. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 26:25.17; 8. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 26:25.17; 9. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 26:25.17; 10. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 26:25.17.

100 hurdles — 1. Samantha Smith, MHS, 14.22; 2. Derickson Butler, Midway, 15.24; 3. Kristy Underwood, MHS, 15.72; 4. Elizabeth Rios, Lee, 17.82; 5. Kristina Garcia, Odessa High, 17.92; 6. Austin Aguirre, Odessa High, 17.92; 7. Anthony Longoria, Odessa High, 17.92; 8. Derickson Butler, Midway, 18.82.

200 hurdles — 1. Lily Flores, Lee, 48.52; 2. Justin White, Pebble Hills, 49.82; 3. Lanya King, Pebble Hills, 49.82; 4. Derickson Butler, Midway, 50.12; 5. Nathalia Escobar, Odessa High, 50.82; 6. Shelly Schmidt, MHS, 51.52; 7. Taryn Stewart, Lee, 51.52; 8. Nathalia Escobar, Odessa High, 52.79; 9. Derickson Butler, Midway, 52.79; 10. Derickson Butler, Midway, 52.79.

400 hurdles — 1. Devora Sprague, Permian, 1:49.22; 2. Devora Sprague, Permian, 1:49.22; 3. Devora Sprague, Permian, 1:49.22; 4. Devora Sprague, Permian, 1:49.22; 5. Devora Sprague, Permian, 1:49.22; 6. Devora Sprague, Permian, 1:49.22; 7. Devora Sprague, Permian, 1:49.22; 8. Devora Sprague, Permian, 1:49.22; 9. Devora Sprague, Permian, 1:49.22; 10. Devora Sprague, Permian, 1:49.22.

800 hurdles — 1. Devora Sprague, Permian, 3:49.22; 2. Devora Sprague, Permian, 3:49.22; 3. Devora Sprague, Permian, 3:49.22; 4. Devora Sprague, Permian, 3:49.22; 5. Devora Sprague, Permian, 3:49.22; 6. Devora Sprague, Permian, 3:49.22; 7. Devora Sprague, Permian, 3:49.22; 8. Devora Sprague, Permian, 3:49.22; 9. Devora Sprague, Permian, 3:49.22; 10. Devora Sprague, Permian, 3:49.22.

# After Olympic win, Chloe Kim puts fame, fun in perspective

By Eddie Pells Associated Press

VAIL, Colo. — In between the dozens of media appearances that have suddenly become her new day job, Chloe Kim slipped away from the lunch table, disappeared into the restroom, pulled the gold medal out of her bag ... and just sat there and stared at it.

"My parents were like, 'Why did it take you so long?' Kim said. "I said, 'Just looking at it.' I was thinking about what this means to me and letting it sink in." Three weeks since the 17-year-old transformed herself from a mere snowboarding sensation into a full-fledged celebrity, Kim concedes she never realized what a big deal her victory would be.

She's just as in touch with the idea that she's not really sure what to make of it yet, either.

"I don't think you're supposed to know how to feel," she said in the lead-up to the Burton U.S. Open, where, on Saturday, she'll go for one of the most prestigious halfpipe titles this side of the Olympics. "It's something I'd been working on for so long that when it happened, it was, 'What do I do now? What am I supposed to do with my life now?'"

In that respect, she's not unlike the 100-or-so champions who emerge from the Winter Olympics every four years — niche-sports stars who suddenly find themselves with mainstream cred.

But Kim's backstory — her folks were born and raised in South Korea, which just happened to be hosting the Olympics — to say nothing of her once-in-a-generation talent and her made-for-Instagram personality, transcends beyond that of the typical gold medalist.

It's why, since her gold-medal run in Pyeongchang, she has graced the cover of

Sports Illustrated, been on set with Jimmy Fallon and James Corden, and had her face splashed on the front of a Corn Flakes box. It's why, within the last six days, she's received a shout-out from Frances McDormand during the best actress' acceptance speech at the Oscars, and also had a Barbie doll fashioned after her as part of a line of "Inspiring Women" that also includes Amelia Earhart.

"Really rad," Kim said, before revealing the awkward truth about herself and Barbie dolls. "I personally didn't play with dolls much. I was more into doll animals. I had a giant (stuffed) horse in my room. But I always walked by them in the store and thought they were super cool."

With that disarming blend of authenticity and charm, it's no wonder the sponsors are as drawn to her as her fans. Since she left South Korea in the lead-up to the Olympics, Kim came off, at least publicly, as much more scripted than she is now — not all that unexpected given her age and the journey she was embarking on. Something changed, beginning with her engaging, hilarious news conference after the gold medal, in which she called out her dad for his seeming lack of emotion after her win: "My dad didn't cry, which I don't get at all. I'm like, 'What are you doing?'"

It had to do with the first time she ever saw an avocado. "I didn't want to eat it, but I ate it and it was amazing," she said. "That's kind of how I felt with fame. Some of it does kind of suck. One person screams your name, people come running at you and you can't go where you want. But at the same time, you get to make those people happy, listen to their stories. I think that's important. You meet really rad people who love what you do and have the same passion as you."

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# Some NFL teams proving to be huge jerks with disgraceful questions for prospects

By Evan Grossman  
New York Daily News

Silicon Valley companies and tech startups are known for asking job candidates weird questions during the interview process. For example, it is not uncommon for job seekers to be asked things like why a tennis ball is flatter or how the internet works as a way to get a better understanding of how someone thinks and if they're a good fit for the organization or not.

The NFL combine is pro football's version of a job interview, where players are measured for speed, strength and size, and for the last several years, some of them have been asked highly inappropriate questions to gain a better understanding of something else entirely.

For example, it takes a special kind of jerk to ask a college kid interviewing for a job if he's gay or if his mother's a prostitute.

Several NFL prospects have been asked these questions, as if they have anything to do with football. As if the answer to either of those questions has an effect on how fast a player can run

or how high he can jump. Eli Apple, Dez Bryant and Nick Casa have all been asked these questions. LSU running back Derrius Guice said this week he was asked by one NFL team if he was gay and by another if his mother is a prostitute at the combine last week, so we know that even though the practice is illegal, it persists.

Guice said they wanted to see how he responded to the shocking questions. So that means, in the NFL, gay is shocking and off-putting.

"It was pretty crazy," Guice said on the "Late Hits" Sirius XM show. "Some people are really trying to get in your head and test your reaction. ... I go in one room, and a team will ask me 'do I like men,' just to see my reaction. I go in another room, they'll try to bring up one of my family members or something and tell me, 'Hey, I heard your mom sells herself. How do you feel about that?'"

What would happen to his draft stock if he said, yes, his mother is a prostitute?

What about closeted football players going through the draft process, some of whom may be wrestling

with suicide, as Ryan O'Callaghan was? "It would have scared the s--- out of me," O'Callaghan, who came out as gay after playing in the NFL from 2006-2011, told Sports Illustrated. "I played football as a cover for being gay, and I thought that kind of stuff would never gotten asked in the NFL. I always assumed the coaches would just assume everyone was straight."

O'Callaghan kept his sexuality a closely guarded secret during his NFL career. It would have been a mortifying experience to get a probing question about it during his combine experience.

"I would assume that they would have just been asking me because they knew something about me," he said. "I wasn't going to go around asking other guys if they got asked the same thing."

By the same token, another combine storyline this week was the curiosity some teams have about the humanitarian off-field pursuits of UCLA quarterback Josh Rosen. Because in the NFL, apparently you cannot have

a care outside of football. "He's coming back saying he loves football. I've talked to some people (who say he might like humanitarian work more than football)," former NFL GM Michael Lombardi said this week. "I don't know. There's nothing wrong with that, but I don't know where his values really lie."

We're talking about a league that has accepted the values of sociopaths, abusers and killers as long as they're good enough to win games. If those values skew the other way, towards compassion and altruism, teams may not be as accepting?

It is more than ironic that Rosen's humanitarian interests might be an issue for teams, but the importance Carson Wentz places on religion and helping others who are less fortunate never once impacted his draft stock.

In the end, the questions being asked of NFL prospects tell us a lot more about the people asking them than those giving the answers.

And more and more, those questioners sure seem like jerks.

# Former Colorado governor, Boston activist back Olympic vote

By Colleen Stevin  
Associated Press

DENVER — The former Colorado governor behind Denver's historic snubbing of the Olympics and the man who spearheaded the effort to stop Boston from hosting the Olympics think Colorado voters should be able to weigh in on whether Denver should host the Winter Games.

Speaking at a community forum on Denver's consideration of a possible 2030 bid on Saturday, former Gov. Dick Lamm said democracies make up their minds by voting and said lawmakers should put a referendum on the ballot this fall.

"Let's vote," Lamm, part of a newly formed Olympic opposition group, told the crowd of about 200.

In 1972, Lamm was a state lawmaker who helped lead a campaign to convince voters to reject funding for the 1976 Winter Games in Denver, making it the only city to ever walk away from a successful bid. Besides cost concerns, Lamm said Colorado now would also have to worry about having enough snow to host the games because of climate change.

No Boston Olympics co-chair Chris Dempsey also said Colorado voters should have a referendum, adding the International Olympic Committee "hates them."

Dempsey called the Olympic bidding process the "world's most expensive auction" and said that the

promises that cities make to win Olympics usually can't stand up to democratic scrutiny. He warned attendees that hosting the Olympics could mean giving up one lane of Interstate 70 — Colorado's often crowded highway to the mountains — to Olympic officials, including royal members of the IOC, and said it would be impossible to avoid having taxpayers be responsible for budget overruns despite the promises to the contrary.

"Bid books are the greatest fiction ever written," Dempsey said. Steve McConahey, a member of a committee convened by Denver Mayor Michael Hancock to study whether Denver should pursue an Olympic bid, said the committee will not include any taxpayer subsidies in its budget plans and that insurance would cover any unexpected expenses. While Olympic exploratory chairman Rob Cohen said that the IOC recently told Scion, Switzerland, that it would look at allowing insurance to cover a limited amount of cost overruns, Dempsey said such insurance coverage does not exist.

The Olympic exploratory committee is expected to make a recommendation to Hancock and Gov. John Hickenlooper on whether to pursue an Olympic bid in early May. Committee chair Rob Cohen told the audience that the committee will discuss whether to ask for a vote as part of its deliberations.

# Jockey Van Dyke bags 4th winner in row at Santa Anita

By Beth Harris  
Associated Press

ARCADIA, Calif. — Drayden Van Dyke guided City of Light to a 1 1/2-length victory in the \$400,000 Triple Bend Stakes for his fourth consecutive victory at Santa Anita.

Van Dyke teamed with Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert to win the first two races on Saturday's card with Call West and McKale. Van Dyke won the third aboard 7-2 favorite Well Developed. Trained by Michael McCarthy, City of Light ran seven furlongs in 1:21.35 and paid \$4, \$2.80 and \$2.10

as the even-money favorite in the Grade 1 race. Bobby Abu Dhabi returned \$5.60 and \$2.80, while Edwards Going Left paid \$2.20 to show. Later Saturday, Kentucky Derby hopefuls Bolt d'Oro and McKinzie, trained by Baffert, were run in the \$400,000 San Felipe.

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Where: 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 61st and Terrell  
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9:30 p.m.  
For more info: Contact Jesse Chavez at 687-7032 or Jesse Chavez at 230-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

**Midland Soccer Association**  
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18  
When: Spring/Fall Games  
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee  
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

**Softball**  
Midland Softball Association  
Tournament Schedule  
New available at www.midlandsoftball.com  
For more info: Call Tommy Hawkins at 620-9150

**Midland Blue's Woodchuck Football Association**  
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Blue-Woodchuck-Football-Association/20152015

**Swimming**  
COM Pro-competitive swimming  
Where: Nations Aquatics  
Cost: \$40 per month  
Prerequisite: Be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke

year for family membership  
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Healey, president at halleyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

**Golf Training Group**  
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday  
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-782-1020 or 682-9888

**Swimming**  
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: Emphasize 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  
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**COM Competitive Swim Team**  
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment  
What: Emphasize stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets  
For more info: Call 684-7755

**COM Adult Conditioning**  
What: Allow adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during pool-fed 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.  
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**Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes**  
What: Early morning, morning and evening  
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-3391

**Central YMCA Aquatics Water Exercise Classes**  
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-3391

**Central YMCA Swimming Lessons**  
Who: All ages and ability  
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-3391

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**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 USA leagues, programs and events in the area.  
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtxtennis.com for more information.

**Bush Tennis Center Clinics**  
What: Ballon Tennis (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open.  
Where: Bush Tennis Center  
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call 620-8180.

**USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues**  
When: Leagues run May through November  
Where: Midland College Tennis Center  
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

**Midland College Tennis**  
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments  
Where: Midland College Tennis Center  
For more info: Call 687-4046

**Midland College Tennis Club**  
What: A community tennis club  
Where: Midland College Tennis Center  
Annual Dues: Adults \$65, youths \$30, families \$140  
For more info: Call 583-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

**Midland Women's Tennis Association**  
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels  
When: 8 a.m. Tuesdays  
Where: Midland College  
For more info: Call 684-707-8822 or email jmcintosh@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

**Ultimate Pickleball**  
Midland Drought Ultimate Pickleball 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 tennis lessons.  
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult.  
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatepickleball.club or call Matt at 432-389-3139

**Midland Walking ARA Club**  
For: All Ages  
Annual dues: \$15 per family  
Walks: One Saturday morning per month  
When: First Monday of the month at 8:00 a.m. on the Walkway at 8 a.m.  
For more info: Call 432-687-4515, email gary@midlandwalkingara.com or visit midlandwalkingara.com



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**Instructor-Transportation Trainer**  
Midland College is seeking an Instructor-Transportation Trainer Job Summary: The Transportation Trainer will provide instruction and train students in the classroom as well as in driving. The students will be provided with training and experience to obtain a Commercial Driver License.  
**Required Qualifications:**  
• High school diploma or equivalent  
• Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy  
• Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local  
• Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment  
• Computer literacy  
• Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
• Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TXDPS  
• Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and assist  
• 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  
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• Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines  
• Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making  
• Adaptable to a constantly changing environment  
• Ability to move or lift/move up to 75 pounds, capable of climbing stairs, balancing, stooping, and repetitive twisting  
• Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test  
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**Inventory Control Manager**  
Manager at our Odessa Facility This position will maintain receiving, warehousing, and distribution operations by initiating, coordinating, and enforcing program, operational and personnel policies and procedures. You will control inventory levels by conducting physical counts, recording with data storage system. You will also have responsibility to maintain warehouse staff by recruiting, selecting, training, and leading. Duties also included completing warehouse operational requirements by scheduling and assigning of employees; following up on work results. 5 years of offsite warehouse experience and management experience preferred. Our employees enjoy a great work environment with excellent benefits. Pay is dependent on experience. If this career opportunity sounds like the right fit for you please send your resume to [employment@stgga.com](mailto:employment@stgga.com) or you can apply in person at 12301 W CR 128, Odessa, TX 79766.

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Griffin Oil Company 3910 S. FM 1708, Midland, Texas 79706  
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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  
• Immediate reporting and clearing of any spills during shift  
• 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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**Endeavor Energy Resources**  
**Now hiring for a Field Technician.**  
The Field Technician will provide advanced refracting services to support the Frac operations on location. Endeavor Energy will provide all necessary training for new employees. This is a non-driving position.  
**Job Duties:**  
• Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations  
• Proper pre and post trip of equipment  
• Constantly 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 clearing of any spills during shift  
• Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, dispatchers, 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  
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**Physical Demands:**  
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**NOW HIRING**  
**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 system  
• Manage and perform warrant duties for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed limits and others  
• Review commercial and residential development requests  
• Review all phases of the planning 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:**  
• Bachelor's 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:**  
• Health Insurance  
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**Multi-Media Sales 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 Multi-Media Sales Executives 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 business, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of marketing advertising products. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the marketing process for our customers, while helping advertisers track the impact of their campaigns and understand their advertising options. In short, we help our customers grow their business.

**Responsibilities include:**

- Consistently meet/exceeds all print and digital revenue goals.
- Understanding the client's advertising needs, and develop the ideal marketing solution for them
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-conference
- Generating new leads by making cold calls and maintaining an awareness of new business opening in the area
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

**The Ideal Candidate:**

- You're self-motivated and results oriented
- You have an outgoing, resilient personality
- You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business
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**Required Skills & Experience:**

- 2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of consistently exceeding goals
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Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance; performance and security analysis; and monitoring, testing, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

**Job Duties:**

- Designs and coordinates segments of the IT architecture
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- Monitors information storage systems, schedules, and tests, 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
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**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field is required
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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at a regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, to consider the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XI, "PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT", CHAPTER 13, "MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY" OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING ARTICLE II, "ADMINISTRATION OF DRAINAGE UTILITY", SO AS TO ESTABLISH RULES FOR THE CITY OF MIDLAND DRAINAGE UTILITY; ESTABLISHING A DRAINAGE UTILITY FUND; LEVYING A SCHEDULE OF DRAINAGE CHARGES THAT SHALL BE BILLED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2018; PROVIDING AN APPEAL PROCEDURE; NEGATING AND DISPENSING WITH THE CULPABLE MENTAL STATE REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT AND A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the City Council passed an ordinance adopting Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 552, Subchapter C and declaring the drainage of the City of Midland to be a public utility, and WHEREAS, the City Council must establish rules related to the drainage utility system, including rules pertaining to use, operation and financing; and WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this ordinance:

- (A) establishes a schedule of drainage charges against all real property in the service area subject to charges under Subchapter C;
(B) provides for drainage for all real property in the service area on payment of drainage charges, except real property exempted under Subchapter C; and
(C) provides for drainage service on nondiscriminatory, reasonable, and equitable terms; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the public health, safety, and general welfare will be best served by this ordinance, and WHEREAS, the City Council finds that notices were published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Midland stating the time and place of a public hearing to consider this ordinance in accordance with Section 552.045 of the Texas Local Government Code, and WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a public hearing to consider this ordinance was held during the regular meeting of the City Council at 10:00 a.m. on March 27, 2018, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 300 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. That the Midland City Code Title XI, "Planning and Development", Chapter 13, "Municipal Drainage Utility" shall be amended by adding Article II, "Administration of Drainage Utility", which shall read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE II. ADMINISTRATION OF DRAINAGE UTILITY

11-13-11. Drainage Utility Fund.

A separate fund known as the Drainage Utility Fund is hereby created for the purpose of segregating, identifying, and controlling all revenues and expenses attributable to the Drainage Utility. All Drainage Charges shall be deposited as collected and received into this fund and shall be used exclusively for Cost of Service. Such revenues may be used for the operation, planning, engineering, inspection, construction, repair, maintenance, improvement, reconstruction, administration, debt issuance cost and debt service, and other reasonable and customary expenses associated with the operation of a utility system. It shall not be necessary that the expenditures from the Drainage Utility Fund for any authorized purpose specifically relate to or benefit any particular Benefitted Property from which the revenues were collected.

11-13-12. Administration.

The Engineering Services Director shall be responsible for the administration of the Drainage Utility, including, but not limited to, enacting any procedures necessary for the administration of the Drainage Charge, consideration of requests for adjustment of Drainage Charges, development and implementation of maintenance and Facilities Improvement programs, state and federal regulatory compliance, and establishing drainage criteria and standards for the Drainage System. The Engineering Services Director shall keep an accurate record of all Benefitted Properties and Facilities of the Drainage Utility.

11-13-13. Drainage Charge.

- (A) A Drainage Charge is hereby imposed upon each Benefitted Property within the Service Area. The first Drainage Charge shall be billed after October 1, 2018. Like Drainage Charges shall be billed on a monthly basis thereafter for the duration of the Drainage Utility.
(B) For purposes of imposing the Drainage Charge, a Benefitted Property is classified as either a Residential Property or a Commercial Property.
(C) A Residential Property shall be assigned an ERU value for the purpose of establishing the monthly Drainage Charge as follows:
(1) A Tier 1 Residential Property has an Impervious Area, as represented by the area of the footprint of each building on the Residential Property, less than or equal to 1,399 square feet and is assigned a value of 0.60 ERU.
(2) A Tier 2 Residential Property has an Impervious Area, as represented by the area of the footprint of each building on the Residential Property, greater than 1,399 square feet and not greater than 2,424 square feet and is assigned a value of 1.00 ERU.
(3) A Tier 3 Residential Property has an Impervious Area, as represented by the area of the footprint of each building on the Residential Property, greater than 2,424 square feet and is assigned a value of 1.70 ERU.
(D) A Commercial Property shall be assigned an ERU value for the purpose of establishing the monthly Drainage Charge as follows:
(1) A Tier 1 Commercial Property has an Impervious Area less than or equal to 8,338 square feet and is assigned a value of 2.90 ERU.
(2) A Tier 2 Commercial Property has an Impervious Area greater than 8,338 square feet and not greater than 18,702 square feet and is assigned a value of 8.50 ERU.
(3) A Tier 3 Commercial Property has an Impervious Area greater than 18,702 square feet and not greater than 47,953 square feet and is assigned a value of 15.00 ERU.
(4) A Tier 4 Commercial Property has an Impervious Area greater than 47,953 square feet and not greater than 92,740 square feet and is assigned a value of 34.20 ERU.
(5) A Tier 5 Commercial Property has an Impervious Area greater than 92,740 square feet and not greater than 261,475 square feet and is assigned a value of 77.00 ERU.
(6) A Tier 6 Commercial Property has an Impervious Area greater than 261,475 square feet and is assigned a value of 110.00 ERU.
(F) A monthly billing rate of \$2.00 is hereby established.
(G) The monthly Drainage Charge for a Benefitted Property shall be calculated by multiplying the Benefitted Property's ERU value by the monthly billing rate.
(H) The Engineering Services Director shall be responsible for determining the Impervious Area of each Benefitted Property based on reliable data including, but not limited to, MCAD data, GIS Database data, aerial photography, information received by the City through the building permit process, or other reliable means for determining Impervious Area. The Engineering Services Director may request additional information from the property owner, tenant, manager or developer to make the determination. The Engineering Services Director may revise the amount of a Drainage Charge based on a change to the Impervious Area.
(I) No Drainage Charge credit shall be given for the installation of drainage facilities required by the Municipal Code or state law.

11-13-14. Billing; payments; penalties.

- (A) A bill or statement for the City's other public utility charges under Title III, Chapter 1 of the Midland Municipal Code associated with a Benefitted Property shall include the Drainage Charge which shall be identified separately on the bill or statement as a "Drainage Charge." Each Drainage Charge on such bill or statement shall be for the previous month's service.
(B) Each public utility account in the Service Area shall be presumed to serve one or more Users of a Benefitted Property, and the Drainage Charge therefor shall be assessed to the person responsible for payment of the utility account.
(C) The Drainage Charge identified in a bill or statement is due and shall be paid as prescribed for water, sewer, and garbage collection charges in Title III, Chapter 1 of the Midland Municipal Code.
(D) Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, Drainage Charges are subject to the billing procedures, termination procedures, penalties, disconnection, reconnection, hearings, and other rules of Title III, Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code.
(E) A Drainage Charge due hereunder which is not paid when due will subject Users of the Benefitted Property to discontinuance of all utility services provided by the City and may be recovered in an action at law or in equity by the City including future of a lien against the property, as allowed by law.

11-13-15. Requests for adjustment; appeals.

- (A) Requests for adjustment of a Drainage Charge must be submitted to the Engineering Services Director. A User may request an adjustment if:
(1) The User reasonably believes that the Drainage Charge schedule, as applied to the User's Benefitted Property, does not fairly reflect the Cost of Service to the User's Benefitted Property or is otherwise not in accordance with applicable state law.
(2) The User disputes the ERU value assigned to the User's Benefitted Property used to calculate the Drainage Charge, or
(3) The User's Drainage Charge has been assessed in error.
(B) The following rules and procedures shall apply to all requests for adjustment of a Drainage Charge:
(1) The User shall have the burden of proof.
(2) A User who requests an adjustment of a Drainage Charge shall make the request in writing and shall set forth in detail the grounds upon which relief is sought.
(3) A request for an adjustment will be reviewed by the Engineering Services Director within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the request.
(4) A User requesting an adjustment may be required to provide, at the User's expense, supplemental information to the Engineering Services Director, including, but not limited to, survey data certified by a Texas Registered Professional Land Surveyor (R.P.L.S.) or other documentation of Impervious Area. Failure to provide requested information may result in the denial of the adjustment request.
(5) The Engineering Services Director will provide to the User a written notice of the Engineering Services Director's decision concerning the request for adjustment within ten (10) business days following the Engineering Services Director's review of the request for adjustment or within ten (10) business days following the Engineering Services Director's receipt of any additional information submitted in accordance with this Section, whichever is later.
(C) If the Engineering Services Director approves a request for an adjustment, the adjustment to the Drainage Charge will be made. Such an adjustment shall be prospective, but the Engineering Services Director may make the adjustment retroactive for no greater time period than three (3) monthly billings prior to the receipt of the request.
(D) If the Engineering Services Director denies a request for an adjustment, or if the User otherwise disagrees with the Engineering Services Director's decision, the User may submit to the City Manager, within ten (10) days following the date of the User's receipt of the notice of the Engineering Services Director's decision, a written notice of appeal. A written notice of appeal must contain a succinct and clear statement of the User's argument and requested remedy. Following the City Manager's receipt of a User's notice of appeal, the City Manager shall convene a panel consisting of the City Manager, the Finance Director, and the Development Services Director to review the appeal. The panel will, within fifteen (15) business days following the City Manager's receipt of the notice of appeal, review the appeal. If a member of the panel is unavailable to review the appeal during the review period, the unavailable member may designate an individual to temporarily take his or her place on the panel for the purpose of reviewing the appeal. The panel will provide to the User a written notice of the panel's decision concerning within ten (10) business days following the panel's review of the appeal.
(E) If the panel affirms the decision of the Engineering Services Director, or if the User otherwise disagrees with the panel's decision, the User may submit to the City Secretary, within five (5) business days following the date of the User's receipt of the notice of the Engineering Services Director's decision, a written notice of appeal to the City Council. A written notice of appeal to the City Council must contain a succinct and clear statement of the User's argument and requested remedy. Within thirty (30) days following the date of the City Secretary's receipt of the notice of appeal to the City Council, the City Council shall hold a hearing to consider the appeal. The City Council's decision shall be final.
(F) A User who submits a request for adjustment shall continue to pay the Drainage Charge in the amount that appears on the User's public utility bill or statement unless the Engineering Services Director, the panel, or the City Council, as provided herein, decides that the Drainage Charge should be adjusted, in which case the User shall pay the Drainage Charge as adjusted. If the Drainage Charge as adjusted is less than the Drainage Charge paid during the pendency of the request for adjustment and appeals, the City will refund to the User, or apply as a credit to the User's public utility account, the difference between the Drainage Charge paid during the pendency of the request for adjustment and appeals and the Drainage Charge as adjusted.
(G) A User who has received a written notice of the Engineering Services Director's decision concerning a request for adjustment of the Drainage Charge for a Benefitted Property, regardless of whether the User appealed the Engineering Services Director's decision, is not entitled to a review of a subsequent request for adjustment of the Drainage Charge for the same Benefitted Property unless the User submits with the subsequent request an affidavit sworn to and signed by the User that contains a statement of facts indicating that a material change occurred after the date on which the previous request for adjustment was submitted. For purposes of this Sub-section, a material change is:
(1) A reduction of the Benefitted Property's Impervious Area in an amount sufficient to reduce the Benefitted Property's assigned ERU value.
(2) A change to the status of the Benefitted Property or the User such that the Benefitted Property or the User is exempt from the provisions of this Chapter, or
(3) An increase in the Drainage Charge for the Benefitted Property if the User reasonably believes that the Drainage Charge schedule, as applied to the Benefitted Property, does not fairly reflect the Cost of Service to the Benefitted Property or is otherwise not in accordance with applicable state law.
If the User properly submits a subsequent request for adjustment and an affidavit as described in this Sub-section, the procedures of this Section concerning the review of a request for adjustment and appeals shall govern the subsequent request for adjustment.

11-13-16. Offense; criminal penalty.

- (A) A User shall not use the Drainage System for Benefitted Property owned or occupied by the User unless the User or another User has paid in full each monthly Drainage Charge for the Benefitted Property.
(B) It is an exception to the application of this Section that the Benefitted Property or the User is exempted under this Chapter.
(C) Evidence of a culpable mental state is not required to prove a criminal offense under this Section. It is hereby declared that, for all offenses under this Section, the culpable mental state required by Section 6.02 of the Texas Penal Code is specifically negated and clearly dispensed with.
(D) A person who violates this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined in a sum not to exceed \$500.00. A person commits a separate and distinct offense for each day during which a violation of this Section is committed, permitted, or continued.
(E) The criminal penalty in this Section shall be in addition to any other remedies that the City may have under City ordinance or state law.

SECTION TWO. The provisions of any ordinance which are inconsistent with or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION THREE. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Council of the City of Midland hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION FOUR. The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be in accordance with the general penalty provisions contained in Section 1-3-1 of the City Code of Midland, Texas, which provides for a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) pursuant to State law. The definition of all offenses under this ordinance does not require a culpable mental state. The definition of all offenses under this ordinance plainly dispenses with any mental element as authorized by Section 6.02 of the Texas Penal Code. It is hereby declared, that for all offenses under this ordinance, that the culpable mental state required by Section 6.02 of the Texas Penal Code is specifically negated and clearly dispensed with.

SECTION FIVE. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish the descriptive caption of this ordinance in the manner and for the length of time prescribed by the law as an alternative method of publication. The above and foregoing ordinance was duly proposed, read in full and adopted on first reading, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2018; and passed to second reading on motion of Council member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council member \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

Council members voting "AYE":
Council members voting "NAY":
The above and foregoing ordinance was read in full and finally adopted by the following vote upon motion of Council member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council member \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2018, at a regular meeting of the City Council:
Council members voting "AYE":
Council members voting "NAY":

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2018.

Jerry F. Morales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT AND COMPLETENESS:

Frank Salvato, Assistant City Manager

Jesse Ortiz, Engineering Services Director

APPROVED ONLY AS TO FORM:

John Chausseff, City Attorney

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Half a century ago, it started out small in an area quickly expanding thanks to the boom with oil and gas exploration.

Now nearly 50 years later, Midland College continues to play a vital role in the overall health for an ever-changing, and currently growing, Midland community.

Buoyed by a diverse student body with some just starting out their secondary education or people returning to school to pick up and learn new skills, Midland

College is home to over 5,000 students who receive a quality education at about one-third of the total cost compared to Texas' other four-year public institutions.

Midland College offers over 100-plus degree and certificate programs in addition to several continuing education programs. Because of the ever-changing economy and labor market, Midland College is in a perfect position to help those students looking to pick up a new skill or transition into

a new career to be ready for whatever the area will need in the future. And for those that want to continue their education at a four-year institution, Midland College's class credits are transferable to other institutions.

Thanks to the size of the overall student body, faculty at Midland College are able to provide a strong and more in-depth learning experience with the 17:1 student to teacher ratio that the school currently enjoys.

While taking that first step

to beginning college or jumping back into school after many years can be a daunting task, Midland College can work with anyone to help make the process less stressful. The Welcome Center Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is open late on Tuesdays through 7 p.m. For more information about Midland College, contact the Welcome Center Office at (432) 686-4805 or email them at [welcomec@midland.edu](mailto:welcomec@midland.edu).

### NATURAL GAS SERVICES GROUP, INC.



Performance under pressure is not just a saying, it's a business motto for Natural Gas Services Group, Inc.

The company dates back to 1998 when Natural Gas Services Group, Inc. was incorporated and initially operated as a holding company of Flare King,

Hi-Tech Compression, NGE Leasing, Inc., and CNG Engines Company, which was later sold to an independent buyer.

Today, the company operates under the NGSG name which includes their engineered products subsidiary, Screw Compressor System, Inc. (SCS), their Great Lakes Compression, Inc. (GCL) division, along with Flare King and the CIP (Cylinders in Plane) product lines.

Natural Gas Services Group, Inc. is the premier provider of natural gas compression

equipment and industrial flare systems. The company offers 24/7 call out service for their wide range of products to ensure that equipment runs smoothly and efficiently. Employees working at NGSG receive a wide range of benefits including competitive salaries, comprehensive and flexible benefit packages, profit sharing, paid holidays, paid leave and much more.

Natural Gas Services Group, Inc.'s headquarters is located at 508 W. Wall St, Suite 550 in Midland. They have fabrication facilities in Midland and Tulsa, Oklahoma

as well as service facilities in many of the nation's most producing basins across the country.

As they look to continue to expand their business, NGSG recently broke ground on a new three-story corporate office building at 404 Veterans Airpark Lane in Midland that is scheduled to open in 2019.

For more information about Natural Gas Services Group, Inc., contact their office at (432) 262-2700 or visit their website at [www.ngsg.com](http://www.ngsg.com).

### ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORPORATION



One of the largest independent oil and natural gas exploration and production companies, Anadarko has made an impact in the United States and around the world, including right here in West Texas.

Employing over 4,500 people across the world in a wide range of jobs, Anadarko has been active in West Texas for more than 30 years. The company recently opened an office in Midland

and continued to expand infrastructure in the basin during 2017 with a hope towards being prepared for the possibility of future growth.

Anadarko was formed back in 1959 and eventually got its name from the location of the discovery of large amounts of natural gas found in the Anadarko Basin, a basin that extends from Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle up to parts of Kansas and Colorado.

The company has received numerous awards for its work out in the field as well as in the communities they reside in. Some of the awards include Top Workplace in Houston, Ideal Employee, Company of the Year, National Achievement Award, 50 Best Companies to Work for in America and Best Large Business among many others.

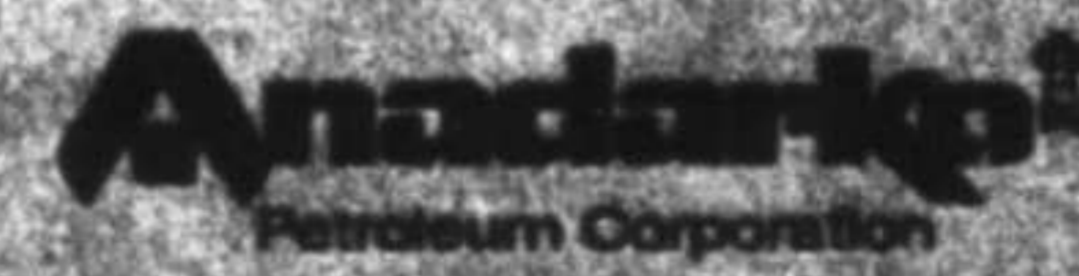
Anadarko is also active in the communities they reside in, including locally through

the United Way chapters in Midland and Odessa, West Texas Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity.

Anadarko's corporate headquarters is located in The Woodlands with other offices located in Colorado, Texas, Utah and Wyoming as well as in 11 different countries around the world.

For more information about Anadarko, visit their website at [www.anadarko.com](http://www.anadarko.com).

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If I were to choose one suggestion in helping job candidates stand out looking online it would be their approach to making a good first impression.

Creating the business relationship process by which you can be the problem solver of their needs will be a key to what it takes to be a candidate of choice. The difference between the two groups relates to the changes in the marketplace moving from an individual job based relationship.

Traditionally, job seekers have viewed themselves as individuals. Understanding this through experience rather than spending their time as though they were problem solvers, it's not surprising that employers have noticed a shift in how they view their candidates.

Most hiring decisions are not just about the candidate who comes across as naturally wanting to help their employer succeed. With the right qualifications and more proactive than those who just meet the requirements.

Regardless of industry, employers are always looking for problem solvers who can identify when there is an opportunity to solve a problem, take charge for the conditions in addressing the problem. They have learned to value individual performance and will take their time to grow.

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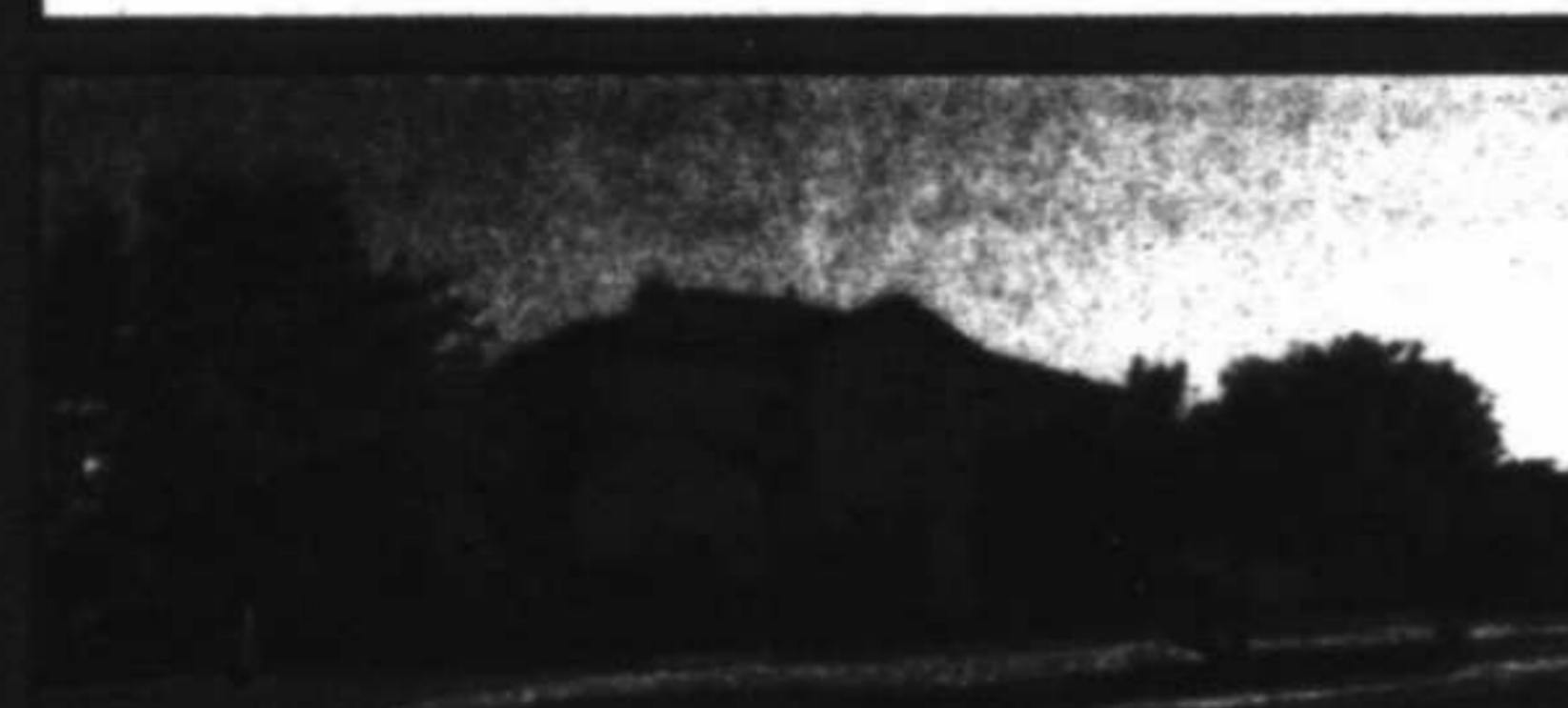
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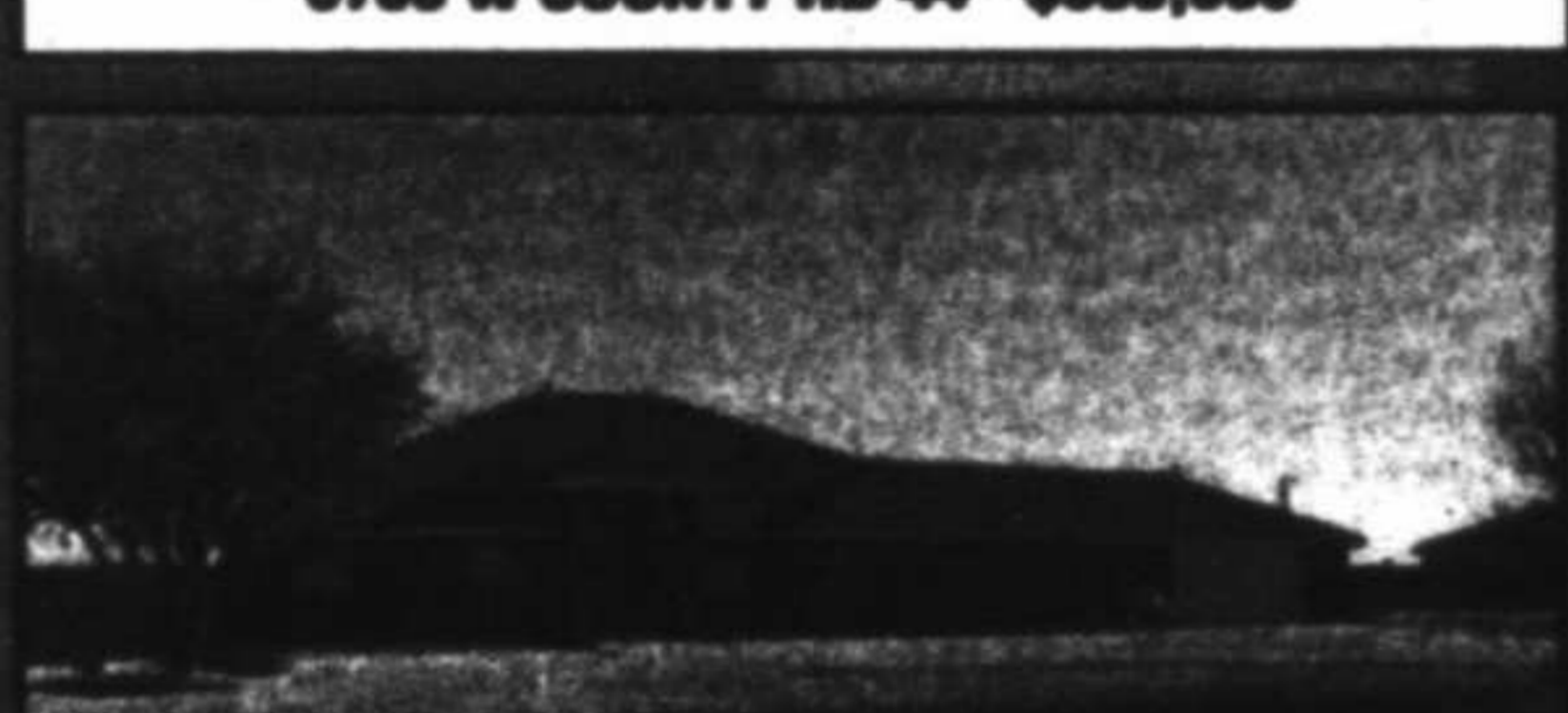
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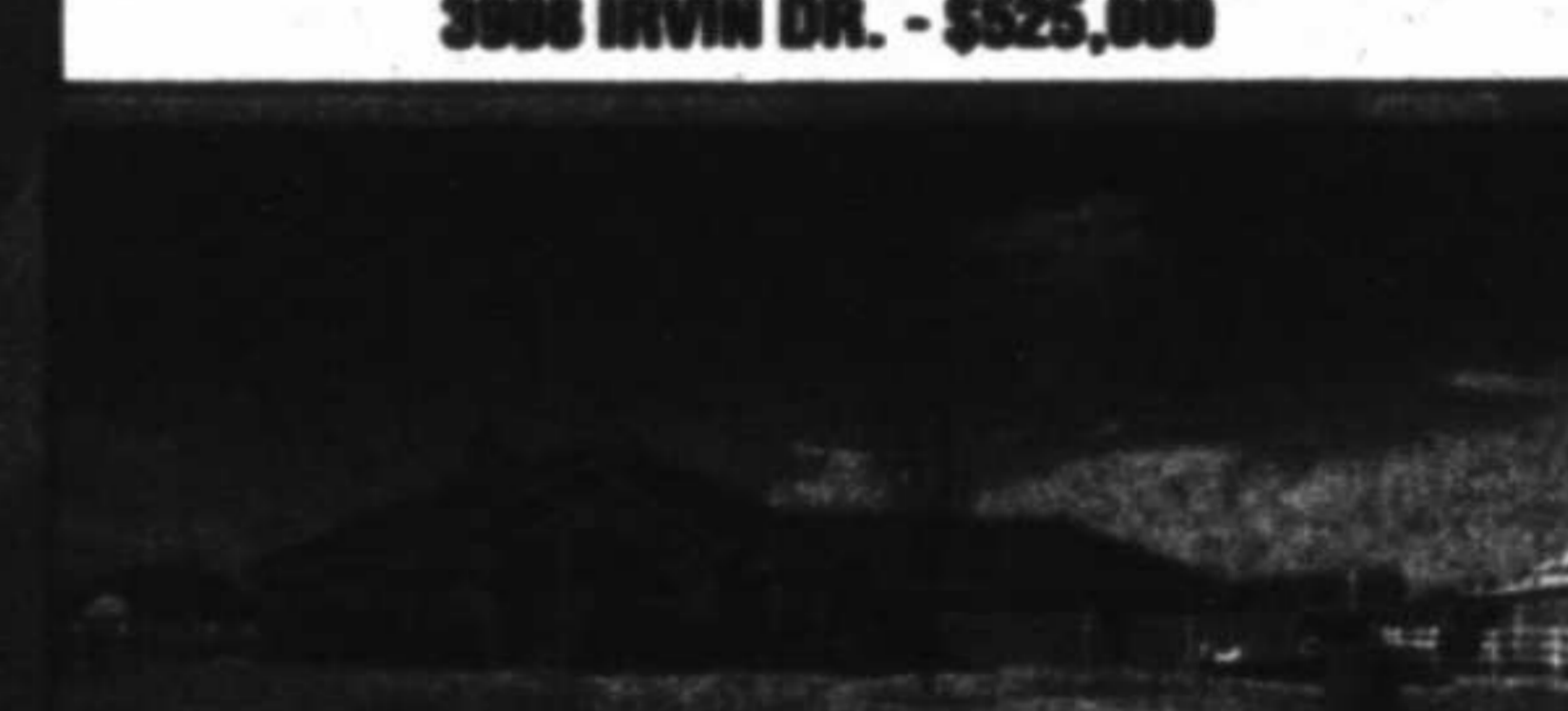
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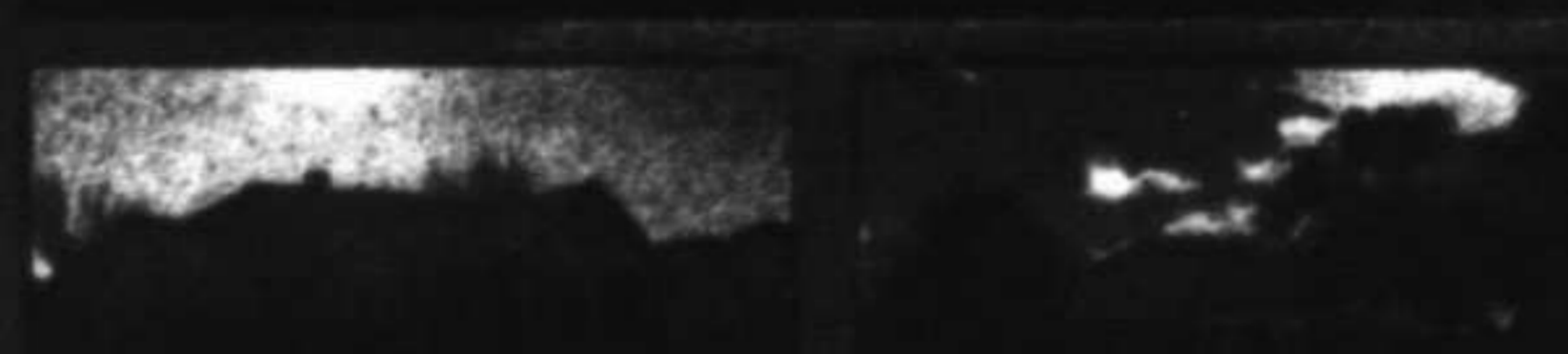


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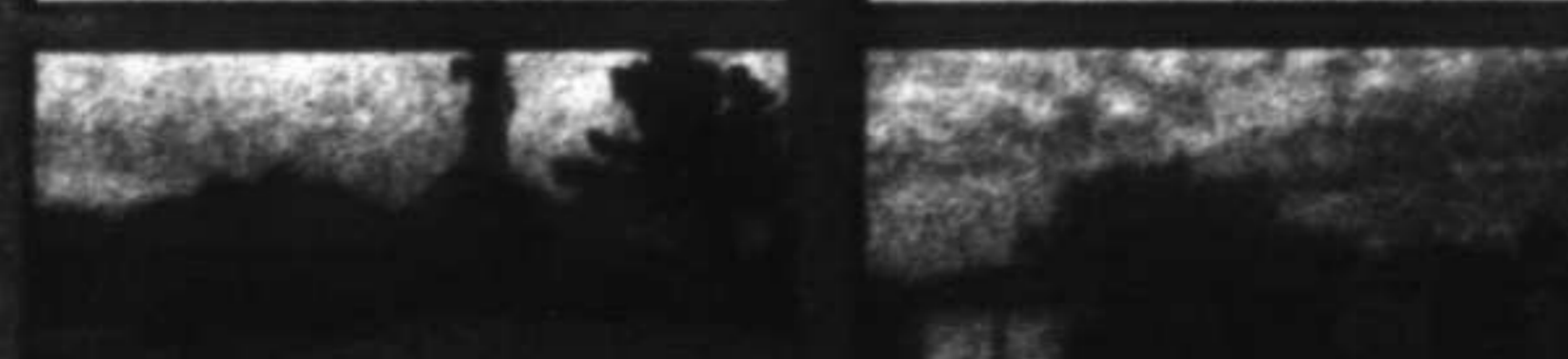


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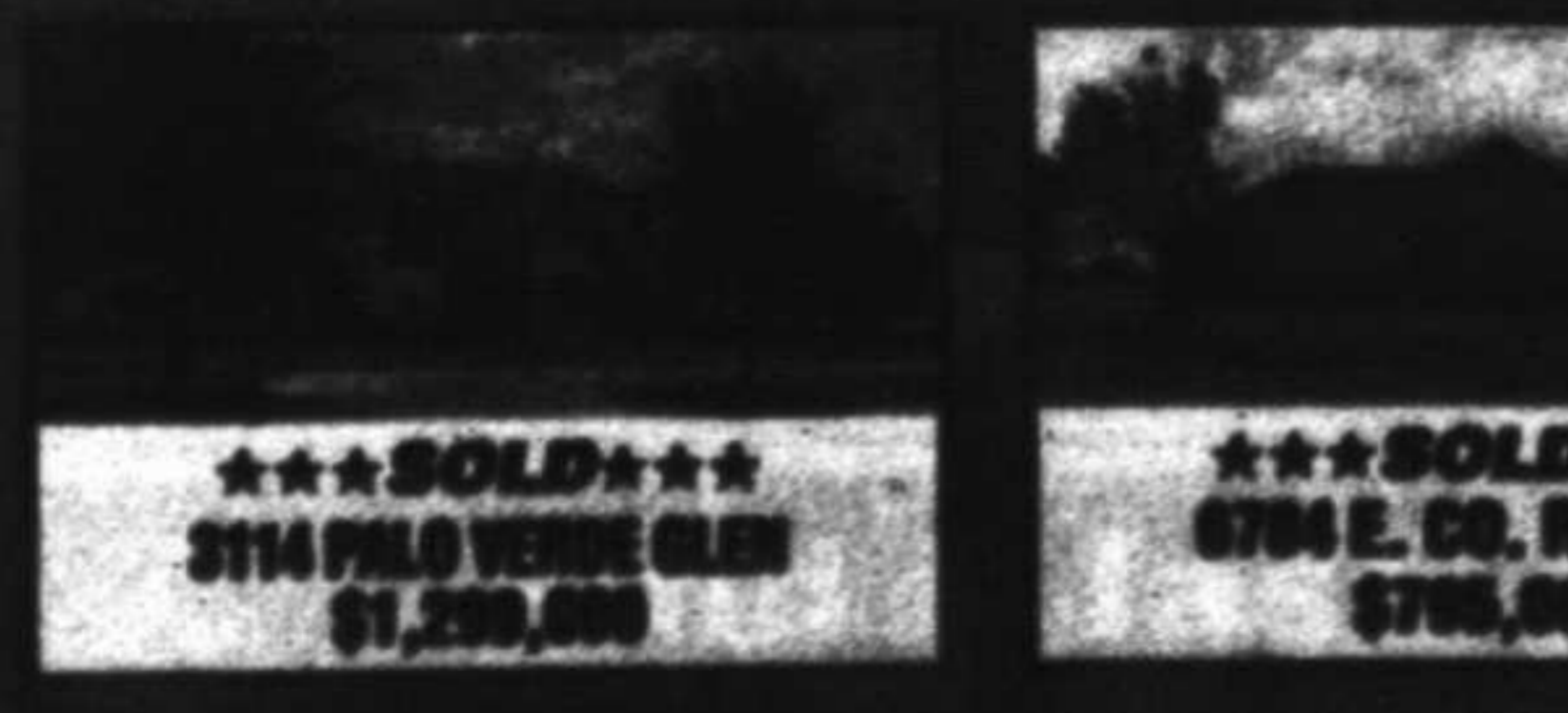
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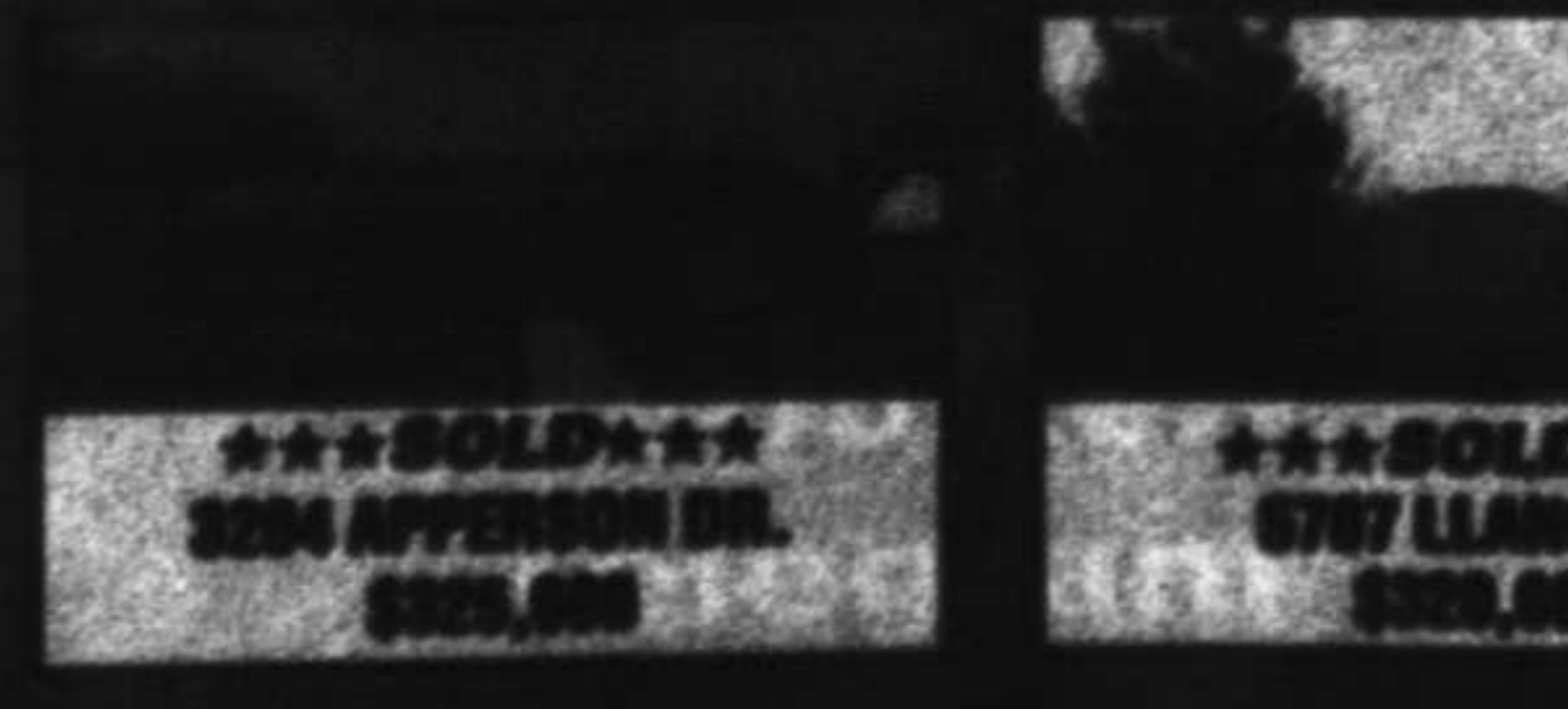
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**\$100,000**

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at a regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, to consider the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XI, "PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT", OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 13, "MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY", ARTICLE I, "CREATION OF UTILITY", SO AS TO DECLARE THE DRAINAGE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO BE A PUBLIC UTILITY; ESTABLISHING THE SERVICE AREA FOR SAID PUBLIC UTILITY; DEDICATING CITY ASSETS TO SAID PUBLIC UTILITY; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 552, Subchapter C should be adopted; and
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the City Code should be amended so as to:
(A) establish a municipal drainage utility system and its service area;
(B) provide rules for the use, operation, and financing of the system;
(C) protect the public health and safety in municipalities from loss of life and property caused by surface water overflows, surface water stagnation, and pollution arising from nonpoint source runoff within the boundaries of the established service area;
(D) declare the drainage system to be a public utility;
(E) prescribe bases on which the municipal drainage utility system may be funded and fees in support of the system may be assessed, levied, and collected;
(F) provide certain exemptions; and
(G) prescribe other rules related to the subject of municipal drainage; and
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that:
(A) impervious cover increases runoff and associated pollutants; and
(B) it is equitable to assess a drainage charge based on the area of impervious cover; and
WHEREAS, in accordance Section 552.045(b) of the Texas Local Government Code the City Council finds that:
(A) the City will establish a schedule of drainage charges against all real property in the proposed service area subject to charges under Subchapter C;
(B) the City will provide drainage for all real property in the proposed service area on payment of drainage charges, except real property exempted under Subchapter C; and
(C) the City will offer drainage service on nondiscriminatory, reasonable, and equitable terms; and
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the public health, safety, and general welfare will be best served by this ordinance; and
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that notices were published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Midland stating the time and place of a public hearing to consider this ordinance in accordance with Section 552.045 of the Texas Local Government Code; and
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a public hearing to consider this ordinance was held during the regular meeting of the City Council at 10:00 a.m. on March 27, 2018, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 300 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. That the Midland City Code Title XI, "Planning and Development", shall be amended by adding Chapter 13, "Municipal Drainage Utility", Article I, "Creation of Utility", which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE I. CREATION OF UTILITY

11-13-1. Definitions.

Terms defined herein are specific to this Chapter and shall not be construed as conflicting with similar terms in other parts of the Municipal Code. Terms not otherwise defined herein shall be given the definitions contained in the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 552, Subchapter C.

- (A) The Act means the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 552, Subchapter C, as may be amended.
(B) Benefitted Property means an Improved Lot or Parcel to which Drainage Utility service is made available under this Chapter.
(C) City Manager means the City of Midland's City Manager or a designee thereof.
(D) Commercial Property means any Benefitted Property other than Residential Property and includes, but is not limited to, commercial, industrial, institutional, government, multi-family, mobile home park, and religious organization land uses.
(E) Cost of Service means the costs for Drainage System service to a Benefitted Property, which shall be the total of:
(1) Pro-rated cost of the acquisition, whether by eminent domain or otherwise, of land, rights of way, options to purchase land, easements, and interests in land relating to structures, equipment, and facilities used in draining the Benefitted Property.
(2) Pro-rated cost of the acquisition, construction, repair, and maintenance of structures, equipment, and facilities used in draining the Benefitted Property.
(3) Pro-rated cost of architectural, engineering, legal and related services, plans and specifications, studies, surveys, estimates of cost and of revenue, and all other expenses necessary or incident to planning, providing, or determining the feasibility and practicability of structures, equipment, and facilities used in draining the Benefitted Property.
(4) Pro-rated cost of all machinery, equipment, furniture, and facilities necessary or incident to the provision and operation of draining the Benefitted Property.
(5) Pro-rated cost of funding and financing charges and interest arising from construction projects and the start up cost of a drainage facility used in draining the Benefitted Property.
(6) Pro-rated cost of debt service and reserve requirements of structures, equipment, and facilities provided by revenue bonds or other drainage revenue pledge securities or obligations issued by the City; and
(7) Administrative costs of operating and maintaining a Drainage Utility System.
(F) Development Services Director means the Director of the City of Midland's Development Services Department or a designee thereof.
(G) Drainage means the system of public works owned or controlled in whole or in part by the City and including, but not limited to, bridges, catch basins, channels, conduits, creeks, culverts, curbs and gutters, detention ponds, ditches, drains, flumes, pipes, pumps, sumps, streets, treatment works, and appurtenances to those items, whether natural or artificial, or using force or gravity, that are used to draw off surface water from land, carry the water away, collect, store, or treat the water, or divert the water into natural or artificial watercourses. See also Drainage System.
(H) Drainage Charge means:
(1) the levy imposed to recover the Cost of Service to the City in providing Drainage for any Benefitted Property; and
(2) an amount made in contribution to funding of future Drainage System construction by the City.
(I) Drainage System means the system of public works owned or controlled in whole or in part by the City and dedicated to the service of Drainage, including any future additions, extensions, and improvements thereto and replacement thereof.
(J) Drainage Utility means a drainage service that is regularly provided by the City through City property dedicated to that service to the Users of Benefitted Property within the Service Area and that is based on:
(1) an established schedule of charges;
(2) the use of the police power to implement the service; and
(3) nondiscriminatory, reasonable, and equitable terms as declared under the Act.
(K) Engineering Services Director means the Director of the City of Midland's Engineering Services Department or a designee thereof.
(L) Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) means the unit of measure used to calculate the Drainage Charge for Residential and Commercial Property, and it is based on the average impervious area for single family Residential Property within the City determined as an arithmetic mean of the total impervious area of all single family Residential Property, or of a statistically significant sample of all single family Residential Property, as represented by the area of the footprint of each building on a Residential Property within the City limits in U.S. square feet other than reported by MCAD or as measured on the City's GIS Database. The ERU for the City is two thousand two (2,002) square feet.
(M) Facilities means the property, other real, personal, or mixed, that is used in providing Drainage, and included in the Drainage System.
(N) Finance Director means the Director of the City of Midland's Finance Department or a designee thereof.
(O) GIS Database means the Geographic Information Systems Database that is assembled, managed and disseminated by the City.
(P) Impervious Area means a surface which has become compacted or covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water and includes, but is not limited to, catches and gravel surfaces subject to motorized vehicular traffic, walkways, buildings, parking lots, pavement, and impervious driveways. Impervious Area does not include sidewalks located in the public right-of-way. For purposes of this definition, a walkway is a pedestrian path in the interior of an Improved Lot or Parcel that is not located in the public right-of-way.
(Q) Improved Lot or Parcel means a lot or parcel that has a structure, as that term is defined in Section 11-1-17 of the Municipal Code, or other improvement on it that creates an Impervious Area.
(R) MCAD means the Midland County Appraisal District database of lot sizes and building square footages.
(S) Parcel means one or more lots or portions of lots that are contiguous and under single ownership.
(T) Residential Property means any Benefitted Property containing not more than one single family home, duplex, triplex, quadplex, condominium, or manufactured home.
(U) Service Area means the municipal boundaries of the City and includes all real property within the city limits of the City as now existing and all which may be annexed hereafter.
(V) User means an owner or occupant of a Benefitted Property or a person or entity who is responsible for paying for water, sewer, or garbage collection services provided by the City at a Benefitted Property.
(W) Wholly Sufficient and Privately Owned Drainage System means drainage from an Improved Lot or Parcel which does not discharge into any natural or manmade waterway or drainage infrastructure including public streets, storm drains, culverts, drainage easements, or storm water ponds that are part of the Drainage System.

11-13-2. Establishment of Drainage Utility; Service Area; exemptions; dedication of assets.

- (A) The provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 552, Subchapter C are hereby adopted to create a Drainage Utility for the City of Midland. Accordingly, Drainage of the City of Midland is hereby declared to be a public utility.
(B) The Service Area for the Drainage Utility shall include all real property within the city limits of the City of Midland as now existing and all which may be annexed hereafter.
(C) Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Sections 552.053 and 552.055, the following property and entities shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter:
(1) Property with proper construction and maintenance of a wholly sufficient and privately owned drainage system.
(2) Property held and maintained in its natural state, until such time that the property is developed and all of the public infrastructure constructed has been accepted by the City for maintenance.
(3) A subdivided lot, until a structure has been built on the lot and a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by the City.
(4) Property owned by a religious organization that is exempt from taxation pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 11.20.
(5) The State of Texas.
(6) A county.
(7) A municipality.
(8) A school district.
(9) A state agency; and
(10) A public or private institution of higher education.
(D) The City incorporates into the Drainage Utility all existing property, facilities, materials, and supplies constituting the City's Drainage System on the effective date of this Article. All future acquisitions by the City of real or personal property used in the City's Drainage System shall be maintained as part of the Drainage Utility.

11-13-3. No effect on land owner obligations under city ordinances; no waiver of immunity.

- (A) The establishment of the Drainage Utility by the City does not relieve private land owners, developers, other individuals and entities from responsibility for providing drainage improvements in connection with land development pursuant to the other ordinances of the City or laws of the State of Texas that relate to stormwater runoff, drainage management, or drainage improvements.
(B) The establishment of the Drainage Utility does not imply or warrant that a Benefitted Property will be free from flooding, stormwater pollution, or stream erosion. The City makes no representation that all drainage problems will be remedied. This ordinance does not create additional duties on the part of the City or create new liability or remedies for any flooding, stream erosion, deterioration of water quality, or other damages. Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to waive the City's immunity under law or reduce the need or necessity for flood insurance.

11-13-4. Other laws.

This Chapter is intended to be read in harmony with Title III, Chapter 1, "Water Department", Title XI, Chapter 3, "Flood Damage Prevention Code", Title XI, Chapter 4, "Lake Areas", Title XI, Chapter 12, "Stormwater Management Code", and all other provisions of the Municipal Code. To the extent this Chapter conflicts with any of the aforementioned Chapters or any other Chapter in Municipal Code, the provisions shall be harmonized when possible; however, this Chapter shall control and supersede any other provision regarding the Drainage Utility.

- 11-13-5. Reserved.
11-13-6. Reserved.
11-13-7. Reserved.
11-13-8. Reserved.
11-13-9. Reserved.
11-13-10. Reserved.
11-13-11. Reserved.

SECTION TWO. The provisions of any ordinance which are inconsistent with or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION THREE. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Council of the City of Midland hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION FOUR. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish the descriptive caption of this ordinance in the manner and for the length of time prescribed by the law as an alternative method of publication. The above and foregoing ordinance was duly proposed, read in full and adopted on that reading, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2018, and passed to second reading on motion of Council member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council member \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

Council members voting "AYE":
Council members voting "NAY":
The above and foregoing ordinance was read in full and finally adopted by the following vote upon motion of Council member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council member \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2018, at a regular meeting of the City Council:
Council members voting "AYE":
Council members voting "NAY":

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2018.

Jerry F. Morales, Mayor

ATTEST

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT AND COMPLETENESS:

Frank Salvato, Assistant City Manager

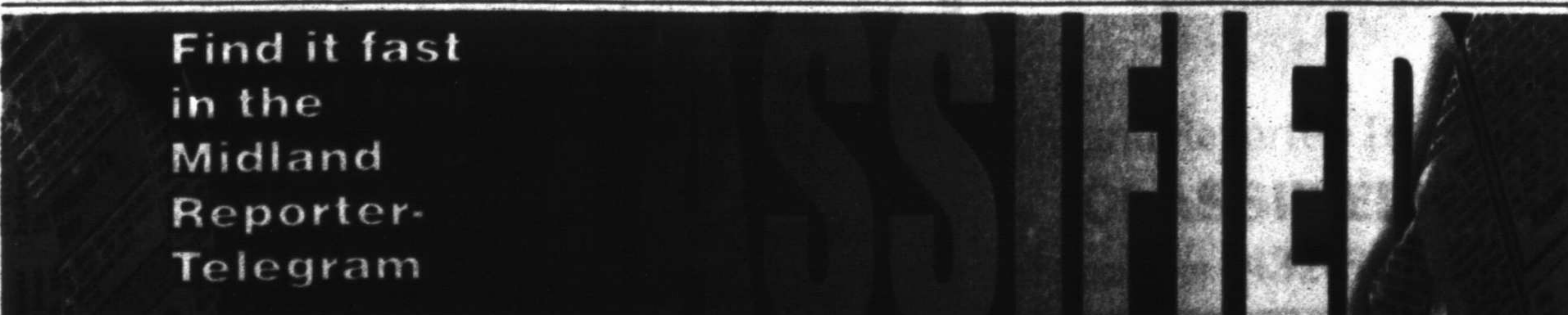
Jesse Ortiz, Engineering Services Director

APPROVED ONLY AS TO FORM:

John Christoffer, City Attorney

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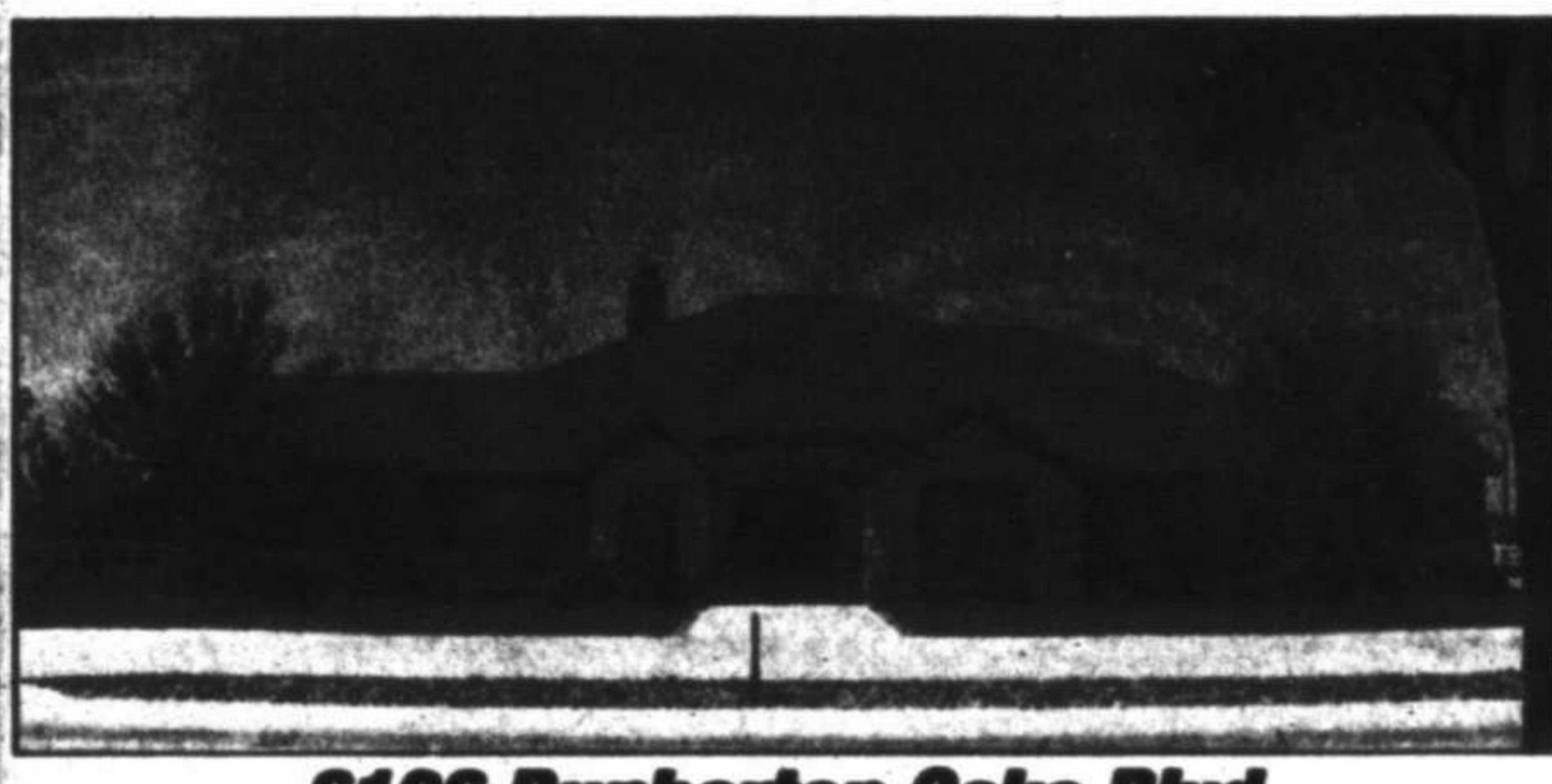
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4010 W. Caldwell Ave. 3 Beds/2 Ba. \$120,000	1200 Forest Hill Dr. 4 Beds/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage \$210,000	2000 E. Co. Rd. 1000 4.070 Acres \$120,000
4004 Cherokee Dr. 3 Beds/2 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	1200 Woodhill 4 Beds/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage \$210,000	12000 W. Co. Rd. 90 4 Beds/2 Bath/2.5 Acres \$120,000
3200 Olive Avenue 3 Beds/2 Ba. \$100,000	1200 Grand Dr. 4 Beds/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage \$210,000	12000 E. Caldwell 4 Beds/2 Bath/2.5 Acres \$200,000
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4007 Oakline Dr. 4 Beds/2 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	1201 Grand Dr. 4 Beds/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage \$210,000	
3000 N. Power Dr. 4 Beds/2 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	4001 Woodridge 4 Beds/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	<b>COMMERCIAL PROPERTY</b>
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3000 Brown Wood Lane 3 Beds/2 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	4001 Crossroads 4 Beds/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	110 E. 20th Street 4000 Sq. Ft. \$100,000
3011 Oakline Ave. 4 Beds/2 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	4000 Crossroads 4 Beds/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	3010 W. Co. Rd. 110 4000 Sq. Ft. \$100,000
3003 Woodhewer Dr. 4 Beds/2 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	4000 Crossroads 4 Beds/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	302 S. Woodhill 11,000 Sq. Ft. \$700,000
3100 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd. 4 Beds/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage \$200,000	7213 E. Co. Rd. 110 4000 Sq. Ft. \$120,000	
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<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>		02 Co. Rd. 2001 4000 Sq. Ft. \$100,000
4400 Sun Center Carrasco Homes/4 Beds/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage \$120,000	<b>SUBSIDIAR/ACREAGE</b>	1000 E. Co. Rd. 9 2001 4000 Sq. Ft. \$100,000
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**FEATURED PROPERTIES**



**420 W. Pine Avenue**  
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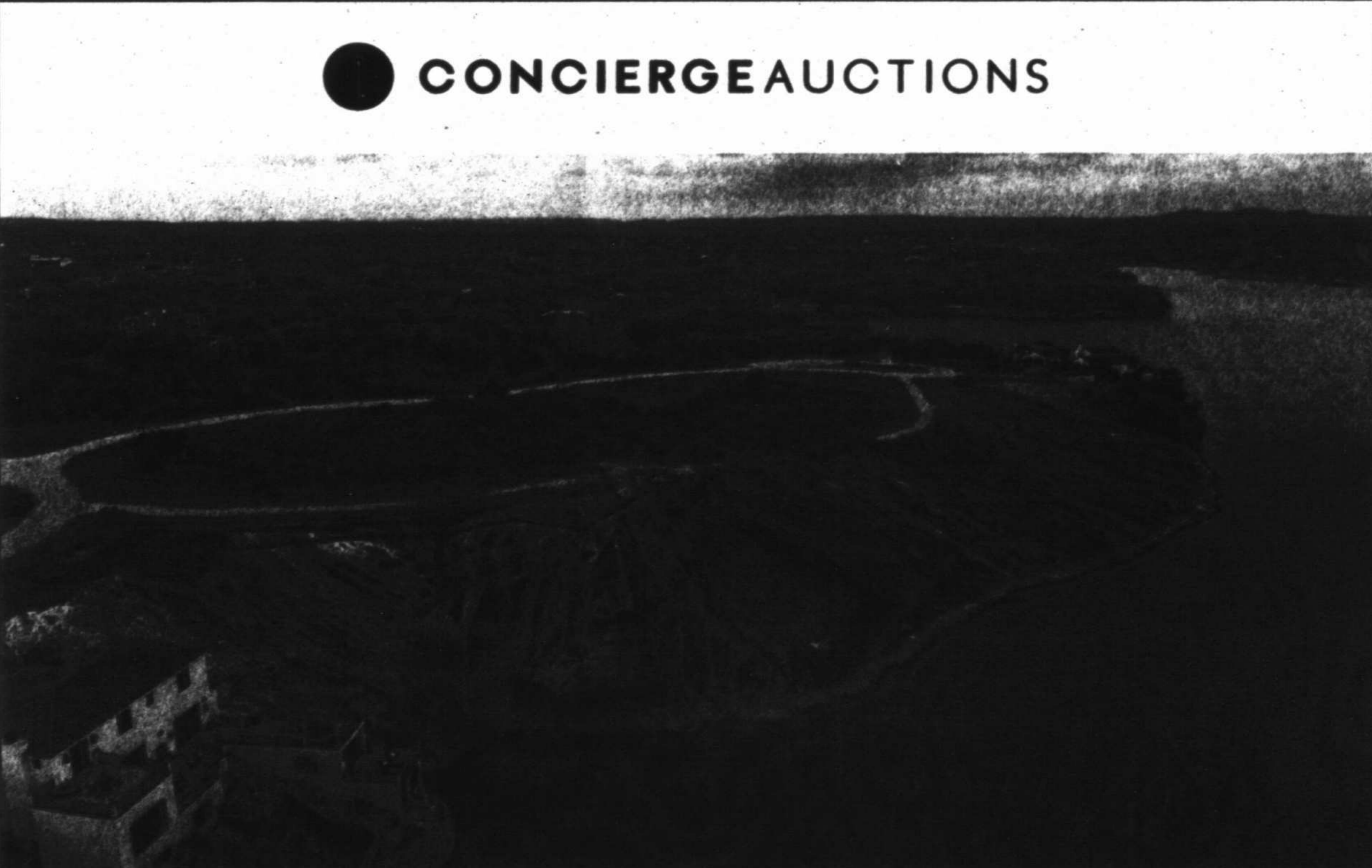


**7213 E. Co. Rd. 110**  
4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ \$200,000



**3000 Olive Avenue**  
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, priced @ \$100,000

**4400 N. Big Spring Street, Ste. C-30** [www.midlandreco.com](http://www.midlandreco.com)



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### 11601 W County Rd. 58 - \$675,000

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### 3908 Irwin Dr. - \$525,000

MLS#R50013679A. Boots to bikinis-this one has something for everyone! Wonderfully updated & open floorplan with 2 large living areas! Formal dining! Spectacular entertaining spaces! Covered patio with fireplace overlooks gorgeous pool with waterfall! Barn & acreage for the horses! 3 Roomy bedrooms! Spacious master suite with private bath! Darling kitchen with breakfast nook! High ceilings! Wood floors! 2 Car garage! Recent a/c! Rv hookups!



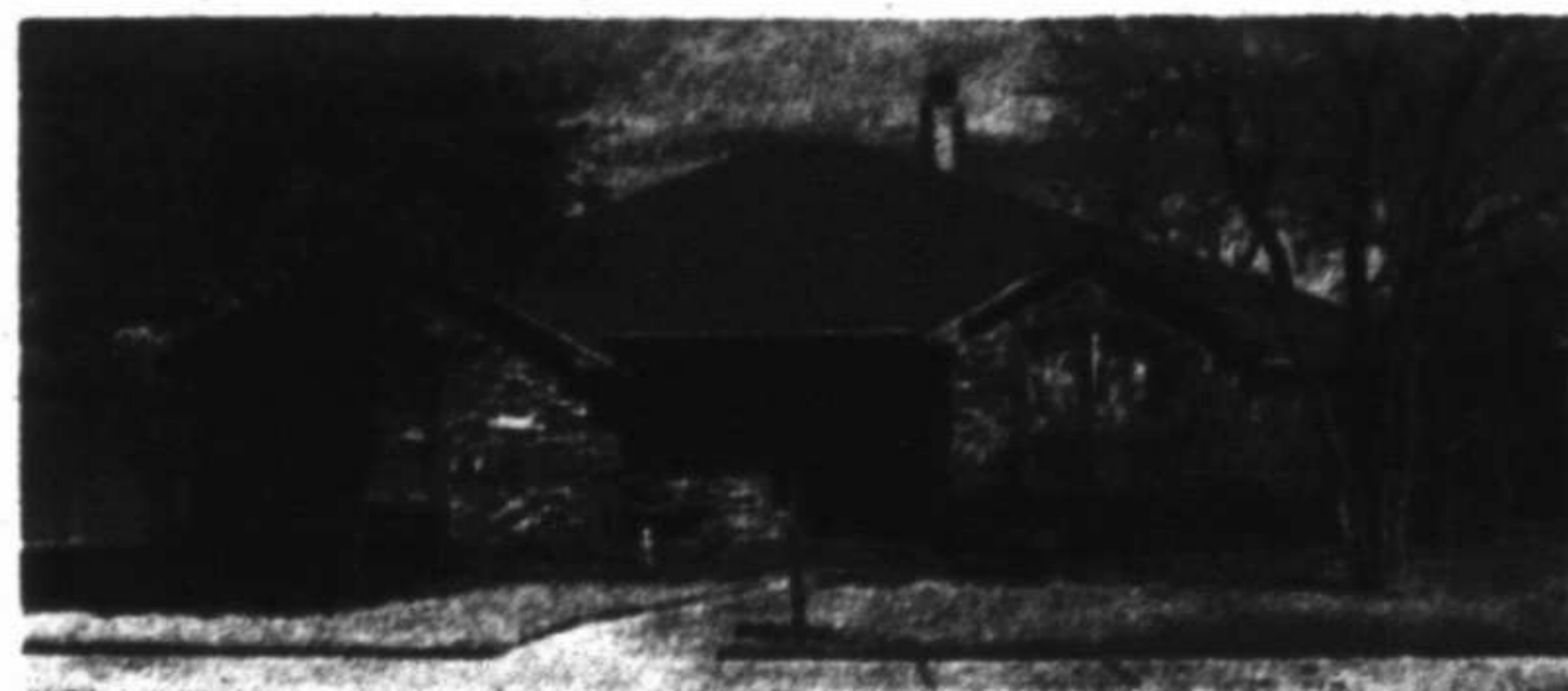
### 4561 Shady Oak Ct. - \$500,000

MLS#R5001360A. Stately 2-story on the course at Green Tree! Tons of space and toonnnnnss of potential in this gem! 3 Large bedrooms each with a private bath! Grand entry with spiral staircase & big windows to backyard! Family room boasts rock fireplace & soaring ceilings! Formal dining with built ins! Kitchen is loaded with cabinetry! Casual dining area with corner windows! Large master suite with 3 closets & huge bath! 2.5 Car garage!



### 3109 Humble Ave. - \$475,000

MLS#R50013574A. Great home in Old Midland with updates! Granite counter tops in kitchen, beautiful wood flooring throughout! Den area offers cozy fireplace & a great view to back yard through big bay windows! Kitchen has tons of cabinet space, island and beautiful formal dining area! Master suite has his and her closets with shower/tub combo! Huge upstairs play room & balcony! Open & covered patios! Mature trees!



### 5712 Sabine Dr. - \$375,000

MLS#R50013599A. Wow! Super cute 3 bed 2 bath home in Holiday Hill Village! Custom fireplace in living area looks fantastic! Soaring ceilings throughout! Living area has beautiful hardwood flooring that opens to spacious kitchen with dining area! Plantation shutters! Stunning master suite offers double sinks in vanity, separate tub & walk in shower! Closet has all the storage you need! Great bedroom size & closet space!

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4561 Shady Oak Ct. - \$500,000  
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Listed by DeLaura Gammage  
Shown by Mark Pflieger

**OPEN 2:30-3:30**  
8301 Dunroven Court - \$495,000  
4BD/3BA  
Listed by Stacy Gammage

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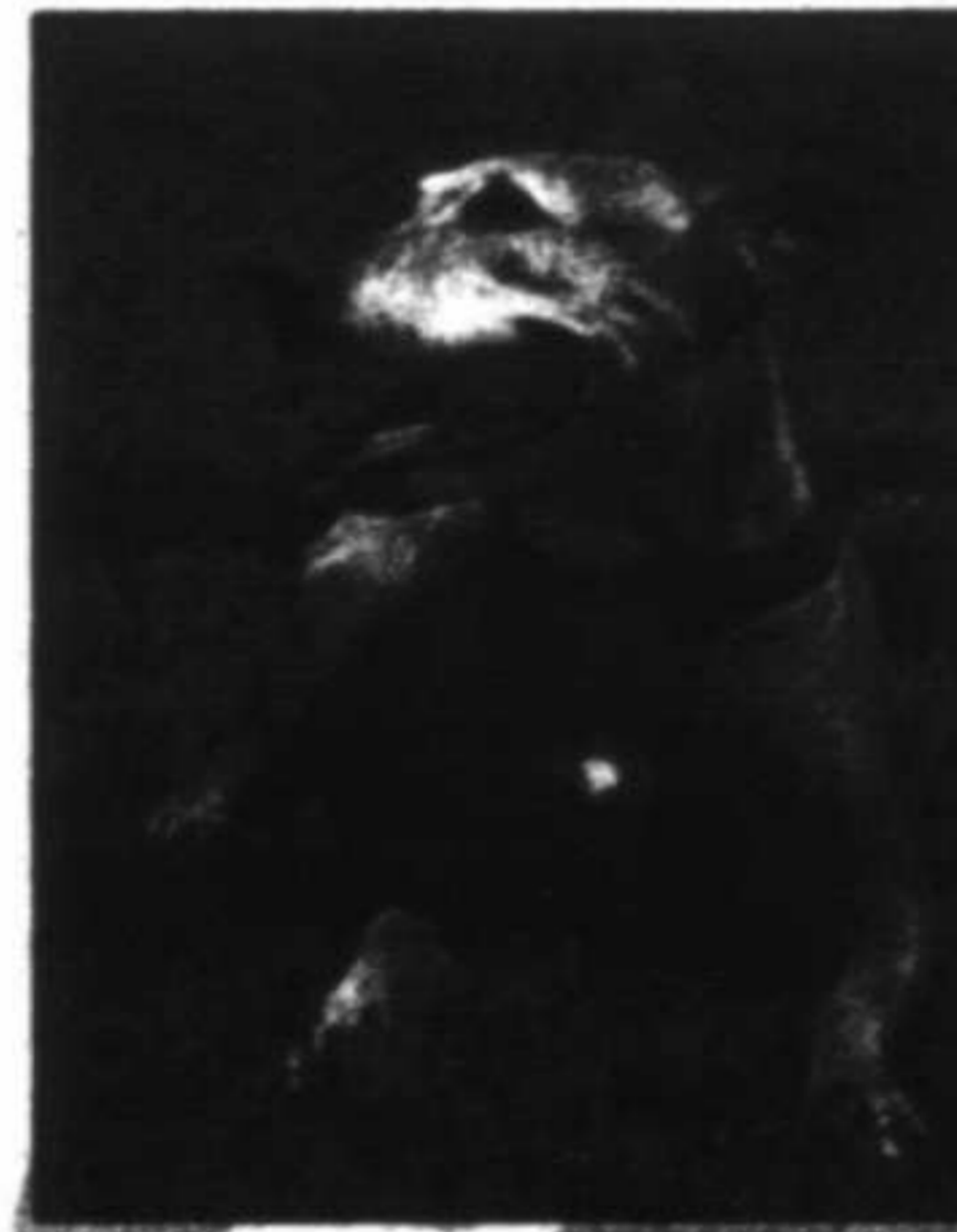
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## Assessment of Returns

There are many questions which have arisen because of the movements in the stock market and interest rates. For example, how high will interest rates need to go in order for investors to start thinking that they can achieve better returns than the stock market? That seems far-fetched because the stock market has done so well since the great recession, with the S&P gaining an average of over 10% per year. But, keep in mind that these gains have included a rebound from sharp losses during the recession and were fueled by record low interest rates.

And where would one go to achieve these better returns? One possible place would be real estate. One reason rates are rising is because recently, inflation has become a factor. Well, inflation has affected rents being paid and home prices for some time. If someone purchased a house five years ago, chances are they have done very well -- whether they are living in the home or it is an investment property.

As we have said, this year's wild ride has made it even tougher than normal to make predictions. It is possible that these gyrations could start affecting economic growth, despite the

stimulus of the tax legislation. Investor and consumer confidence are really important factors -- and neither likes to witness the uncertainty that volatility brings.

The best news would be for the markets, rates and inflation all to calm down a bit as spring approaches. This month's jobs report could go a long way to convince the masses that everything is on-track and not overheating -- if we don't get a surprise on the low or high side of forecasts...



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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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5700 FM 307	Residential or Commercial Land, 940 subdivided into 1 Acre Tracts	MLS #0008740	\$800,000
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800 W. I-30	Great Frontage with Amenity Visibility! 1.85 acres	MLS #00012310	\$400,000
3811 Co. Rd. 1214	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, New Const.	MLS #00011904	\$475,000
3121 Fairfield Lane	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage	MLS#50012075	\$464,900
18507 E. Co. Rd. 109	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, HOSE shop or Gymnasium	MLS #00012052	UNDER CONTRACT \$504,000
1216 Conner Drive	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Const.	MLS #00012500	NEW LISTING \$380,000
2104 Woodburn Drive	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #00011800	SOLD \$390,000
1217 Conner Drive	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Const.	MLS #00012500	NEW LISTING \$327,000
2513 Cimarron	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage + shop	MLS #00012735	\$380,000
3805 Oakland Ave.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #00012000	UNDER CONTRACT \$385,000
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## Are You Ready To Sell?

The reasons for selling are not the same for every homeowner. What may be the same are the issues facing sellers when they decide whether to put their house on the market.

Making a decision if you are ready to sell will depend on how you can answer some important questions, such as: "Is now a good time to sell? If I sell my primary dwelling, where will I live? Do I know what my property is worth? Where do I begin?"

Your answers to these questions will be unique to your situation, your goals, the current market, and your property, but the following insights into each of the four questions reveal what your answers might involve:

**#1. Why now? What is driving you to sell you "must" sell now, not in a few months or next year? What problems or inconveniences could arise if you don't sell now?**

Is there one main reason you are considering a sale now? Need the money? Is it the benefits of selling in a hot sellers' market to lock-in the profit? Is it a new job or relationship that drives the selling decision? Or, have you lost your job or do you face a divorce? Are other circumstances, like escalating costs, including taxes, or the necessity for major repairs making the property too expensive to keep?

As your real estate professional, I will be able to help you arrive at an accurate market value determination. Real estate professionals can offer practical suggestions and alternatives. Weigh expert input in view of your priorities to resolve issues and identify ideal alternatives. Add to this analysis a brutally-honest assessment of what you love about your current real estate and what you do not truly care for.

**#2. What is next? Where will your move to? Do you have the next step figured out - smaller residence, larger home, cross-town shift, cross-state move, cross-country leap, switch to condominium lifestyle, or cash out and move to a rental property? Are you aiming for a mortgage-free lifestyle?**

Who is directly involved in the move? Decisions should be made by those who will use the property and shoulder costs. For instance, parents may decide to sell the family

home and downsize when their grown children leave 'the nest', but this is no longer an automatic logical step for everyone. What if children return home after college to enroll in graduate school in their hometown? Also, parents may choose to grow old in their home instead of moving into a retirement community.

**#3. What would a "successful sale" include? How much do you need to net from the sale of your real estate? It's not unusual for owners to have inflated views of the value of their home that are tied to the pride of ownership. If you are planning to purchase real estate with the proceeds of this sale, do you know how much you will need to net to buy that next property? Will you need to sell your current property first to be sure exactly how much you have for the next step? Or, can you accept the risk of temporarily owning two properties or needing outside funding to purchase the next property before you sell the current one?**

What do you wish to achieve through the sale of your real estate? Beyond financial concerns, what other factors will make this successful sale? For instance, is there a moving date that holds value for you because an earlier closing and moving date would represent additional expenses? Do you want to sell all furniture and appliances or take them with you?

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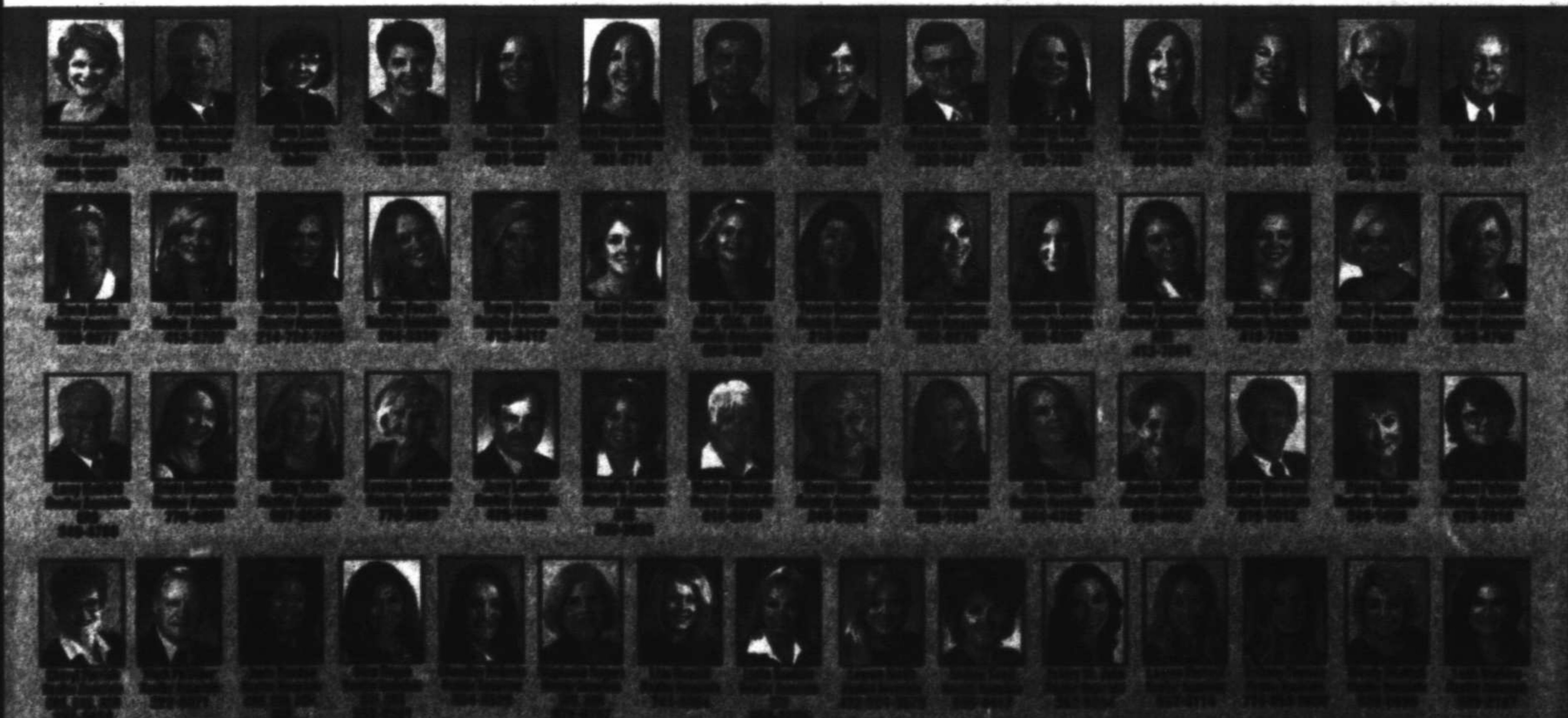
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# CULTURE

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## Cowboy-friendly church near Huntsville gladly welcomes all

By Maggie Gordon  
Houston Chronicle

**HUNTSVILLE** — A definitive East Texas twang rounds out the corners of each and every word sung in this church. It's as if someone handed a cowboy a guitar and requested a hymn.

Which, to be fair, is about what happened. It was a little past 5 p.m. on a Sunday in late February, and most of the people sitting in the blue stackable chairs facing the church choir were kicking up dirt with their cowboy boots out back just a few minutes ago. That's the whole crux of Branded For Christ Church: Raise Cain in the rodeo ring for two hours, then head inside for an hour of drawing amens.

This time of year, with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo through March 18, cowboy culture becomes pseudo mainstream throughout the city. But here in this church, where young riders pray for the chance to one day make the cut for the Houston rodeo, the Christian cowboy lifestyle is as authentic as the dirt finish on the bull riders' Wranglers.

In the eyes of Bubba Miller — Pastor Bubba as he's known around here — there's God in that dirt.

"The Bible says, 'What greater love does a man have than to lay his life down for his brother,'" Bubba says, looking over at a bullfighter named Daniel. "And just a while ago, you saw a kid get bucked off a bull, and Daniel steps in, and lays down on top of that kid to take the hooking for the bull rider."

That's something holy, he says. And it's an indication that the church is doing just what Bubba hoped it would when he and his wife Tammy founded the nondenominational church 14 years ago. They'd seen a cowboy church in another corner of the state, and wanted to create a similar place in East Texas.

The Millers began with six leased steers and big dreams to share their love of bull-riding and Jesus with a new generation. It's worked.

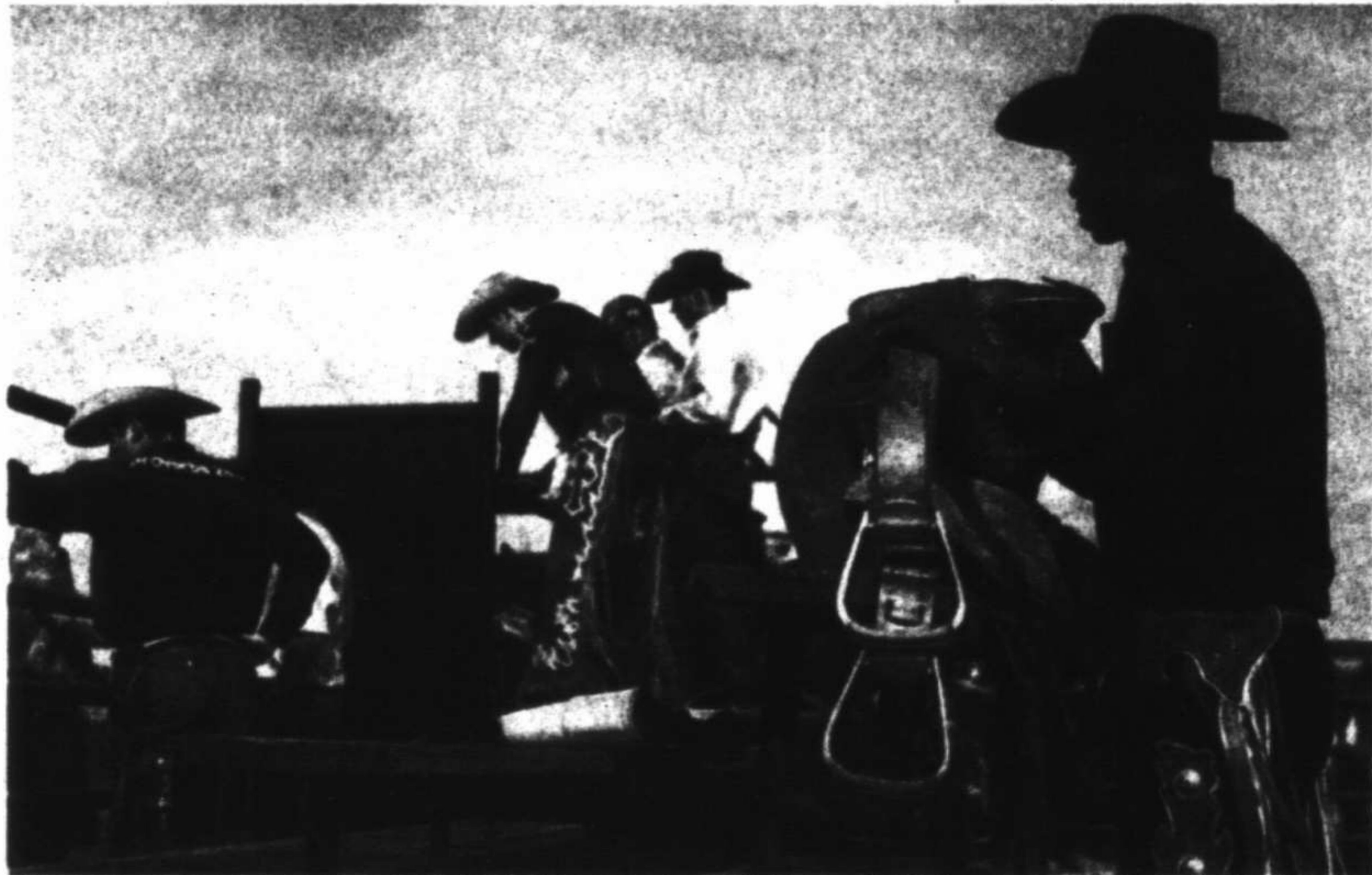
The congregation now includes about 150 people — a roughly 70-30 split of cowboys and those who come solely to worship — and it's helped raise some of the area's top rodeo contenders. Richie Champion, the first cowboy in the world to win \$1 million in a day, used to be a regular here. So was Trey Benton, a perennial contender in the national competition for bull riding; and bareback rider Bill Tudor has been seen kicking his spurs in the dirt here. They're all mainstays at the Houston rodeo these days.

"In 2000, my wife and I bought this place with the intention of building a church, training kids up on how to ride bucking horses and rope. But most of all to teach them about Jesus," Bubba explains.

The Millers spent the next four years building a church, and a home, both on the 45-acre parcel of land right alongside Interstate 45, about a dozen miles north of central Huntsville.

"My husband, of course, he rodeoed his whole life," Tammy says, staring out over the dirt ring, where an 11-year-old rider tried his best to reach eight seconds on a steer. (He made it maybe six, but got right back in line to try again.) "It's just this

Please see CHURCH/5E



**FROM TOP:** Jaiden Cornican heads out of the chutes on the back of a bull as he practices bull riding in the arena at the Branded for Christ Cowboy Church on Feb. 18 in Huntsville. Cornican usually comes to practice at the church every other week. E.J. Wright prepares his saddle as he gets ready for a saddle bronc ride. Pastor Bubba Miller preaches to his congregation. Payton Pryor hides his face behind his cowboy hat as he prays with his family. Joshua Cobbs, left, Shamara Johnson, top center, and Kayden Pryor, bottom center.

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## QUESTIONS

With Molly Murphy | Big Brothers Big Sisters

# NAMES & FACES

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## OUT&ABOUT

by Julie Donnelly



### MCC ASSOCIATION LEARNS ABOUT MOUNT VERNON

The Midland Country Club Ladies Association kicked off its year with a luncheon and learning about the fascinating history of George Washington's Mount Vernon. Dean Norton, Mount Vernon's director of horticulture, talked about preserving the gardens and the grounds of the historic home.

Norton, who has worked at Mount Vernon since 1969, said the home was in disrepair at one time. He discussed bringing back the original plants and shrubbery of the home's four main gardens and talked about the history of the greenhouse.

While members and guests dined on romaine salad, chicken saltimbocca with angel hair pasta and wilted spinach, Norton highlighted some changes made at Mount Vernon in the past several years. These changes include the pecan tree that stood next to the mansion because it could have damaged Washington's home.

### PETROLEUM CLUB HOSTS APPRECIATION DINNER

The Petroleum Club of Midland honored its members recently with an appreciation dinner in the upstairs dining room and ballroom. Members and their guests enjoyed a dinner of lightly fried coconut shrimp, beef tenderloin, king crab claws, fresh fruit, a variety of breads and rolls, stuffed mushrooms, quail and gravy and an assortment of desserts and drinks.

The Larry Johnson Band of Lubbock provided entertainment for the event.



MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

Jane McCoy, back row left, and Cary Brown; and Jessica Gardner McCoy, front row left, and Susan Ohlberg



MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

Doris Chalfant, from left, Jimmie Currie, Beverly Muire and Shirley Miller



PETROLEUM CLUB

Sarah and Ethan Glidewell



MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

Kay Smith, from left, Nancy Hall, Sady Bedford, Anne Herbig, Doris Redfern, Pat Hunter and Elizabeth Groves



PETROLEUM CLUB

Liz and Nick Taylor



PETROLEUM CLUB

Genell Emerson, from left, Bonney Mulloy, Jane Mulloy, Craig Mulloy and Johnny Mulloy



PETROLEUM CLUB

Debbie Wiggins, from left, Bob Wiggins and Adrienne Wiggins



MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

Lisa Hughes, from left, Jann Wissenfeld and Kristin Schmidt



MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

Linda Melson, from left, Linda Hicks, Dean Norton, Judy Canon, Carolyn Warren, Beth Qualia, Pam Montgomery and Rosemary Wright



PETROLEUM CLUB

Patty and Rick Jennings, from left, and Will and Mikell Abney

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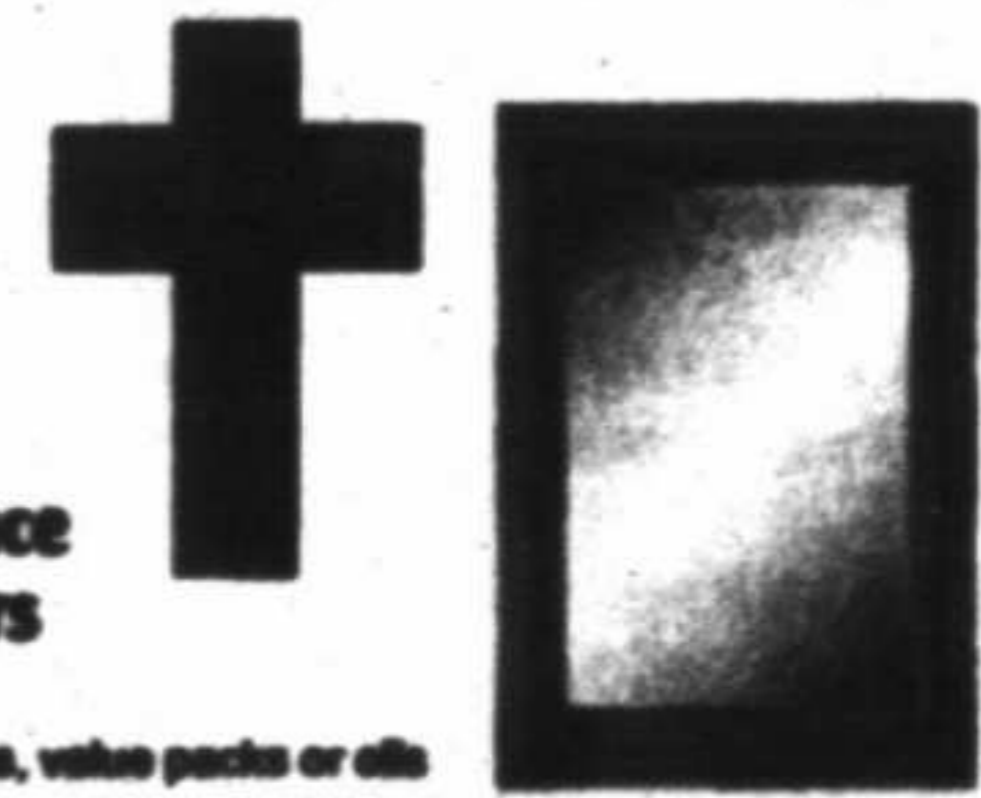
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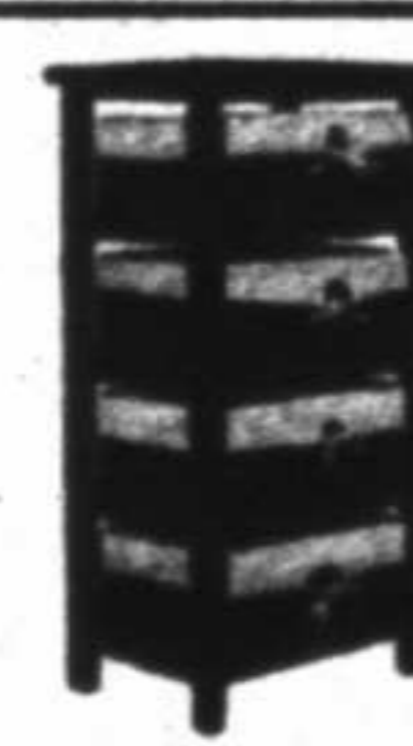
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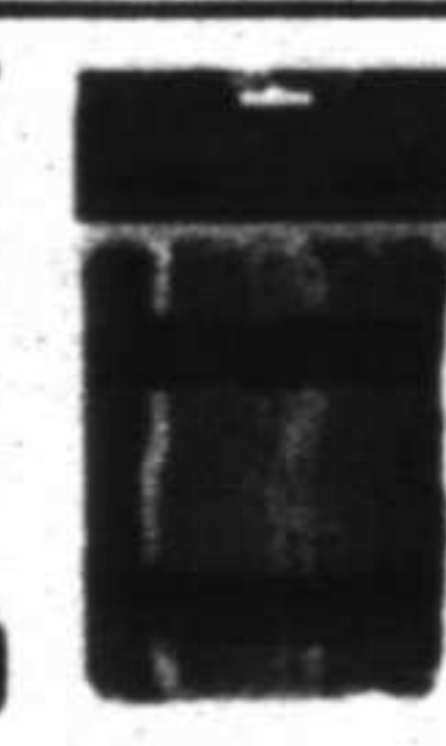
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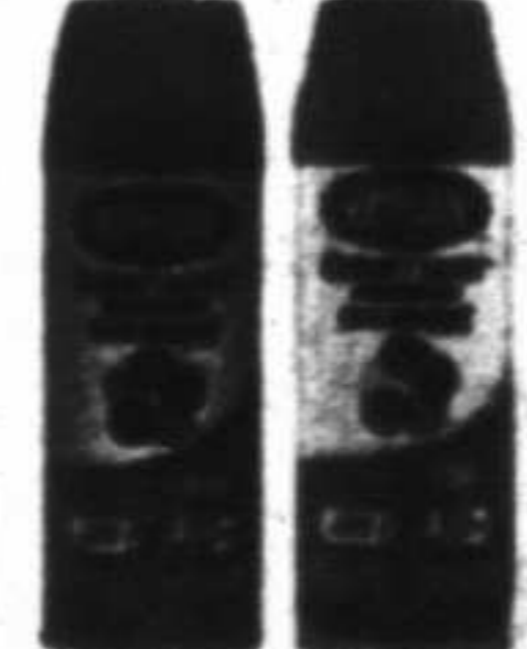
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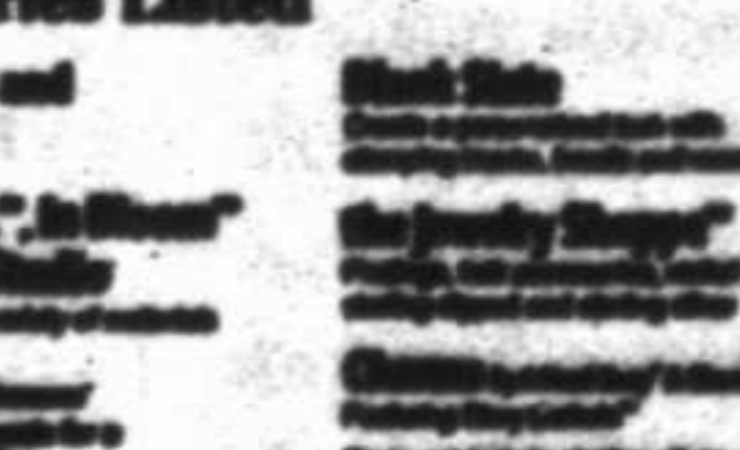
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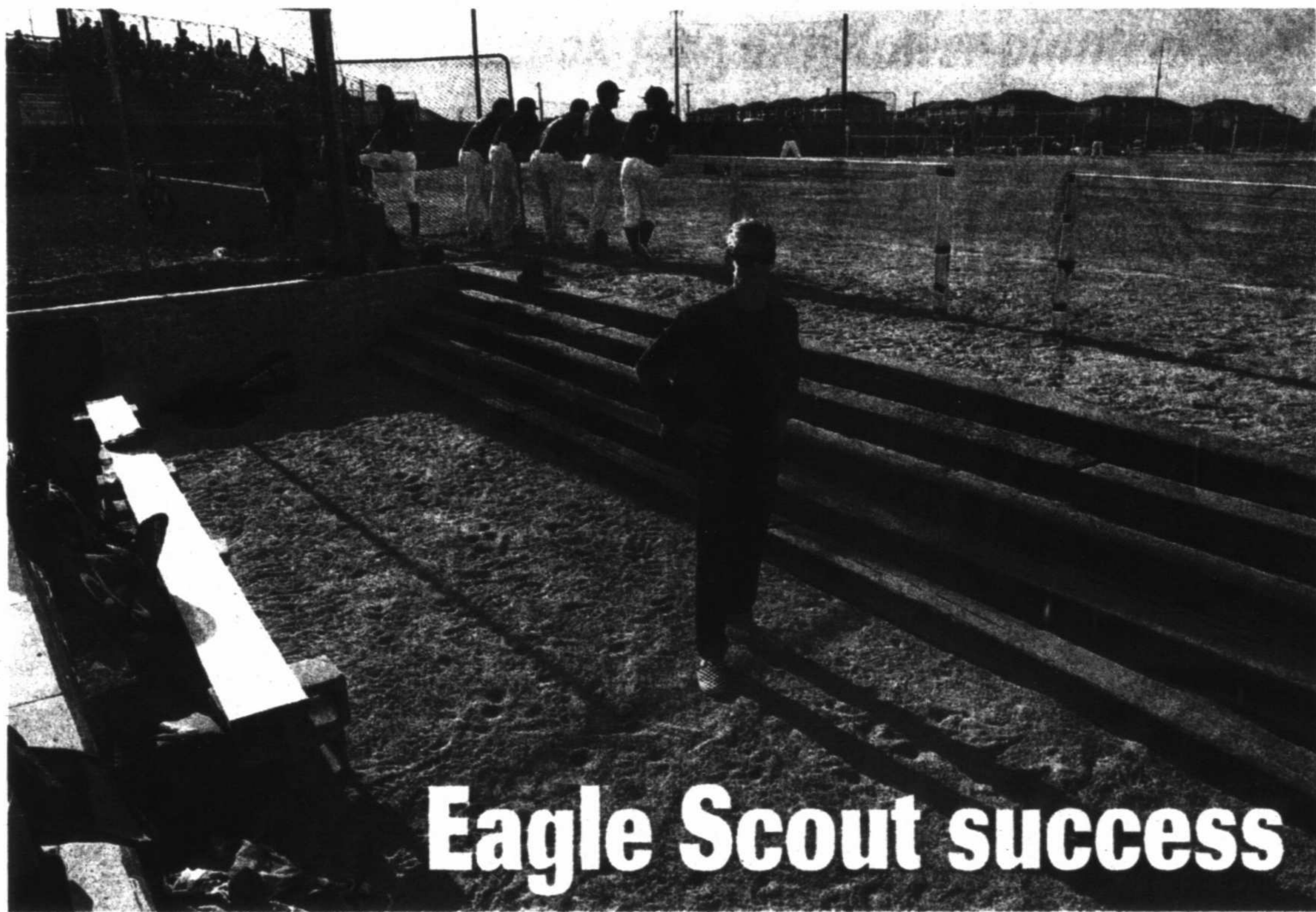
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Will Berry, 17, stands in the newly finished dug-outs at Midland Classical Academy baseball field. Building the dug-outs was Berry's Eagle Scout project. The MCA junior is a member of Troop 84.

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# Eagle Scout success

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## Invading mistletoe should be removed before host tree dies

Working within the canopies of some mesquite, cedar elm, red oak and a few pine trees is a slow killer — mistletoe. Without foliage to camouflage its presence, mistletoe can be clearly seen. If not removed, it may slowly reduce the vigor of its host. Occasionally, a tree may become so heavily infested with mistletoe that it will die.

Mistletoe relies heavily on food produced by its host but, like other plants, its thick lime-green leaves use the sun's energy to produce carbs. Unlike most plants, mistletoe roots, called haustoria, rob precious water and nutrients from trees by tapping deep into their sugary veins. For this reason, the tops of branches supporting mistletoe often become weak and die.

Once it has infected a tree, mistletoe becomes almost impossible to destroy. Infestations that are confined to the outer regions of a branch can be managed. However, careless pruning can cause mistletoe to spread throughout its host. Its tiny seeds are within sticky berries that are transported from tree to tree by birds or dropped on lower branches by wind. Once settled on a branch, a mistletoe seed will send out roots and start a new infection site.

To remove mistletoe from a branch, it must be carefully pruned intact with the final cut made at least 1 foot from its attachment point to ensure its roots are removed. Of course, this is not practical work when the pest is attached to the main stem. Mistletoe becomes a permanent problem on the trunk. Nevertheless, even when on a stem, an effort should be made to slow the development of mistletoe by removing it at the point of attachment. It will regrow but by repeated removal, mistletoe becomes less likely to weaken its host.

To learn more about how to control mistletoe, email me at [jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu).

## Guilt weighs down daughter of independent elderly mother

**DEAR ABBY:** My 92-year-old mother lives alone, still drives and manages by herself with a feral cat she took in. She's dealing with heart failure, but doing well on her meds. I am 70, an only child, married, retired and live six hours away.

We go to see her four times a year and stay for a week in our RV.

We talk on the phone once a week and email a couple of times in between phone calls.

Mom says she's staying in her house as long as she is able.

She has nice neighbors who will do anything for her, plus a lawn/snow service.

We have told her she's welcome to come live with us, but she loves her independence and has the cat to take care of.

She goes to her church group, senior citizens group and gets her nails done every three weeks.

She's busier than I am, socially. But I feel consumed by guilt that she's so far away and afraid that each visit may be our last.

My husband says he isn't moving, and he has his own activities and health issues.

He doesn't want to stay with Mom more than a week because we end up watching QVC with her all afternoon. When we left last week, she said, "My friends told me I hardly ever see you, and I

hope you can come more often."

I don't know what to do. Am I doing enough? We pay her taxes and phone/cable/internet and any big bills (car repairs). But I'm not there to drop in the way most of her friends' children do, who never moved away after high school. — **GUILT-RIDDEN IN MARYLAND**

**DEAR GUILT-RIDDEN:** You are doing as much as you can for your mother.

Her friends should not judge because their family situations are not the same as yours.

You stated that you email her in between phone calls. Ask your mother if she would be open to video chatting (Skype, FaceTime, etc.) in between those phone calls.

That way you could see each other's faces, and it might help her feel less distant from you.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have only recently recovered financially from the economy crashing.

We lost our car, our

home and filed for bankruptcy. Thankfully, we now have some savings and no debt other than our new home.

It has been 10 years since we had a real vacation, so we are planning a cruise.

My problem is I mentioned it to some friends and family members. Four of them have now asked us to bring back souvenirs for them.

I feel it's presumptuous. I don't want to spend my vacation running around buying other people stuff.

Am I being overly sensitive or are they being impolite? And how can I politely refuse? — **FRUSTRATED IN THE USA**

**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** You are not overly sensitive. Tell those folks that your excursion schedule will be tight and you won't have time to do much shopping — even for yourselves. It's the truth, I'll bet.

P.S. And when you return, be discreet about flashing any souvenirs you pick up for yourselves along the way!

## DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



**CAROL SIDDALL**

Permian Basin Master Gardener

## Lights bring magic to garden, patio area

Lights in the garden can be a fun thing to think about when the garden does not require our immediate attention. The lights in my garden give it a magical feeling at night.

Garden designer P. Allen Smith says to not go overboard with your lighting. Create a safe, soothing and subtly lit atmosphere. You don't want to have so many lights that you feel it is still daylight out. I placed a chandelier, which is on a timer, over my water feature.

We use our outdoor holiday lights all year long in our garden. They can light arbors or circle your gazebo or patio. Maybe you have a tree that would stand out if it had lights on it. Solar lamps placed in the ground add special effects in the garden.

I have two old screen doors that I use on our porch; the doors have a garland of lights and ribbon on them.

Try the LED candles (that flicker like candles) on your patio tables. There is nothing like the glimmer of candlelight to add some romance to an outdoor area. Using long-lasting battery LED lights will help out where there might not be electricity available.

If you have a blank wall in your outdoor sitting area, add lights to create a focal point at night. You will enjoy the patterns that are created when the light plays off the background. If you have a trellis in this area, lights would add interesting patterns on your wall.

Think about it and see if you can light up your garden at night. You will enjoy it.

## BRIDGE

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#### MARCH 4

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With Bob Jones

### Reckless doubles?

East-West vulnerable, South deals

<b>NORTH</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠A7432	♥9843	♠J8	♥AJ
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<b>WEST</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>	
♠K1096	♥76	♠Q5	♥KQ1052
♦Q96	♣K1095	♦K	♠AQ763

The bidding:  
SOUTH West North East  
1<sup>st</sup> ♠ Pass 10<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> ♠ 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> All pass  
\*Artificial, 16 or more points  
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Opening lead: Six of ♣

Today's deal is from a match between teams from Spain and Bulgaria. South was Bulgarian expert Ivan Nanev.

The opening trump lead went to East's ace and Nanev won the jack of trumps continuation with his king — a good start for the defense. A club was ruffed in dummy and declarer was at the crossroads. The play had started the same way at the other table, after a different auction, and the other declarer at this point led a low spade to his queen and ended up down one.

Nanev had more information. East's double of the artificial one diamond bid had shown diamonds, while West's double of the natural

one heart bid had been taken out for spades and clubs.

Nanev led a low diamond and East rose with his ace. A spade shift would have defeated the contract, but would have been a disaster had South held the 10 of spades instead of West. East continued with another diamond, ruffed by Nanev. Another club was ruffed with dummy's last trump and another diamond was ruffed, taking away West's last card in that suit. Nanev now completed his brilliant work by cashing the ace of clubs and exiting with the queen of clubs. West won with his king, but had to lead away from his king of spades. Making four! Well played.

## Get the professional look for your flower planters

A flower planter or hanging basket bought ready-made at a nursery: lush with showy, vibrant blooms, providing an instant splash for your porch, stoop or deck.

Your DIY flower container: sparse-looking for weeks, with one plant that dies, and scraggly stems, small blooms or yellowing leaves as the season goes on.

Still, many gardeners keep trying.

"The benefits of doing it yourself would be choosing your own color scheme, choosing plants that are going to work best for your area, and getting to see it grow in," says Jamie Gulley of Gulley Greenhouse in Fort Collins, Colorado.

So how do you get the look of those perfect, professionally designed planters that you've envied at the garden center or on someone else's front steps?

Some tips from the experts:

### STICK YOUR FINGERTIP IN THE SOIL — YES, REALLY

Gulley relies on this tried-and-true method of testing the dampness of potting mixture about an inch below the surface.

At the height of summer, expect to water containers daily, or even twice a day if it's dry and sunny. Water less frequently when the weather's cooler. Consider buying a self-watering product or a basic drip-irrigation system, used commonly in hot climates where plants might not survive a missed watering.

Or try succulents — jade, hens and chicks, agave — that require less water.

### FERTILIZE RIGHT

Fertilizer encourages blooms and prevents leggy shoots. But too much of it can burn up plants. And applying liquid versions or organic options like chicken manure or compost every week or two can be difficult to maintain.

Too many people skip fertilizer or don't use enough, says Gulley Greenhouse owner and head grower Jan Gulley, Jamie's mother.

"It would be just like be-



Noelle Johnson via AP

This photo provided by Noelle Johnson shows Crown of Thorns (*Euphorbia millii*), Lady's Slipper (*Pedicularis macrocarpa*), Variegated Elephant's Foot (*Portulacaria afra*), and a blue-gray cactus in Rio Verde, Ariz.

## ROSE SHILLING

Associated Press

ing in a prison and somebody just giving you water and no food," she says.

Slow-dissolving pellets that feed plants for several months are a favorite, but poke holes in the soil to reach the roots, she says.

Fertilizer that comes in potting-mix bags runs out after a few months — or

more quickly in high heat, when frequent watering leaches soil nutrients. Start applying additional fertilizer midsummer for spring-potted plants that use these mixtures.

### DO A LITTLE RESEARCH

Impulse buys of gorgeous plants are inevitable, but your arrangements will be stronger if you first find some images that inspire you, says horticulturist Noelle Johnson, who runs AZ Plant Lady landscape consulting in Chandler, Arizona.

"When it comes to pots, most people like to do that themselves," she says. "That's very personal."

A nursery worker can look at the image (probably on your phone) and find those plants or ones with the same look or colors.

Some nurseries, including Gulley, offer guides on winning plant combinations by hue or growing condition. Simply pick up the suggested plants and pot them according to the diagrams.

Jan Gulley suggests limiting colors and plant

varieties to two or three. If the planter's too busy, the eye doesn't know where to focus: "We call them circus pots," she says.

### PICK A PLANTING STRATEGY

One strategy is to pack the pot for a full look right away, removing plants later to avoid overcrowding, or pruning hard around July Fourth.

For example, an inexpensive six-pack of pansies could supplement featured plants early in the season and be removed later.

## NORMAN WINTER

Tribune News Service

## Intenz celosia offers toughness and beauty

A spring approaches, I wanted to put a bug in your ear, so to speak, for a plant you probably have not tried: the Intenz celosia. You might think of it as a celosia with the look of a little rocket or perhaps a colorful wheat ear.

The Intenz series has been coming out in some drop-dead gorgeous colors or varieties like Classic, Dark Purple Candy Pink, Lipstick and White Cream. Celosia spicata and the Intenz series won my heart last year in Savannah.

Savannah was kind of the frequent tropical storm or hurricane watch path, and the celosia is not typically a plant that appreciates such occurrences. Not only did Intenz celosia keep performing but surprised me by being regularly visited by butterflies such as long-tailed skippers and American Indies.

This outstanding performance, coupled with the fact it has scored 4 or above on a scale of 5 in just about every trial in the country, means this plant is a winner and certainly worthy of your garden dollar expenditure.

What it means to you is that during a long hot summer of over three months this annual will most likely be dazzling in your mixed containers or landscape.

The Celosia spicata originates from East Africa, and its flowers are produced from summer through fall, withstanding drought and extreme summer temperatures. They offer a great

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## CHURCH

From 1E

passion that God put in our hearts, to train up young people and give them a safe place to come."

The roughstock is what drew Tye Coleman here in the beginning. He was 16 then — just a kid from a farm in nearby Martinsville, who'd ridden his share of horses that would rather be left alone.

"Growing up, my family cowboyyed and ranched," says Coleman, who is now 24. "I'd watched rodeo my whole life, and I loved it. It was something I dreamed of, but I had never had the opportunity."

Until he met the Millers, anyway. They keep their barrier for entry low: sign a waiver and promise to show up. There's no charge, which Tammy feels is just about the way Jesus would want it. Soon, Coleman was riding saddle broncs and learning to ditch the ropes for bareback riding. He got pretty good. Then he got even better.

And then, as often happens to cowboys, he got hurt.

In the eight years since he first showed up at Blessed For Christ, Coleman has dedicated his shoulder, broken a number of ribs, and just a couple weeks ago, he suffered a hairline fracture in his right wrist when his horse had trouble getting out of the gate. Those weeks and months laid up without the adrenaline high that comes with riding could have been the lowest of lows had he not found his place inside the church.

"This church, it's been life-changing," he says, as he helps work the gates behind the saddle broncs club. He passes his thoughts to offer some advice to the rider awaiting a buck.

"Grab tight those with your right hand."

"Don't forget to lift, lift, lift."

"Yes sir, just like that." Trueman and Tye are so important in rodeoing, and in life, he says.

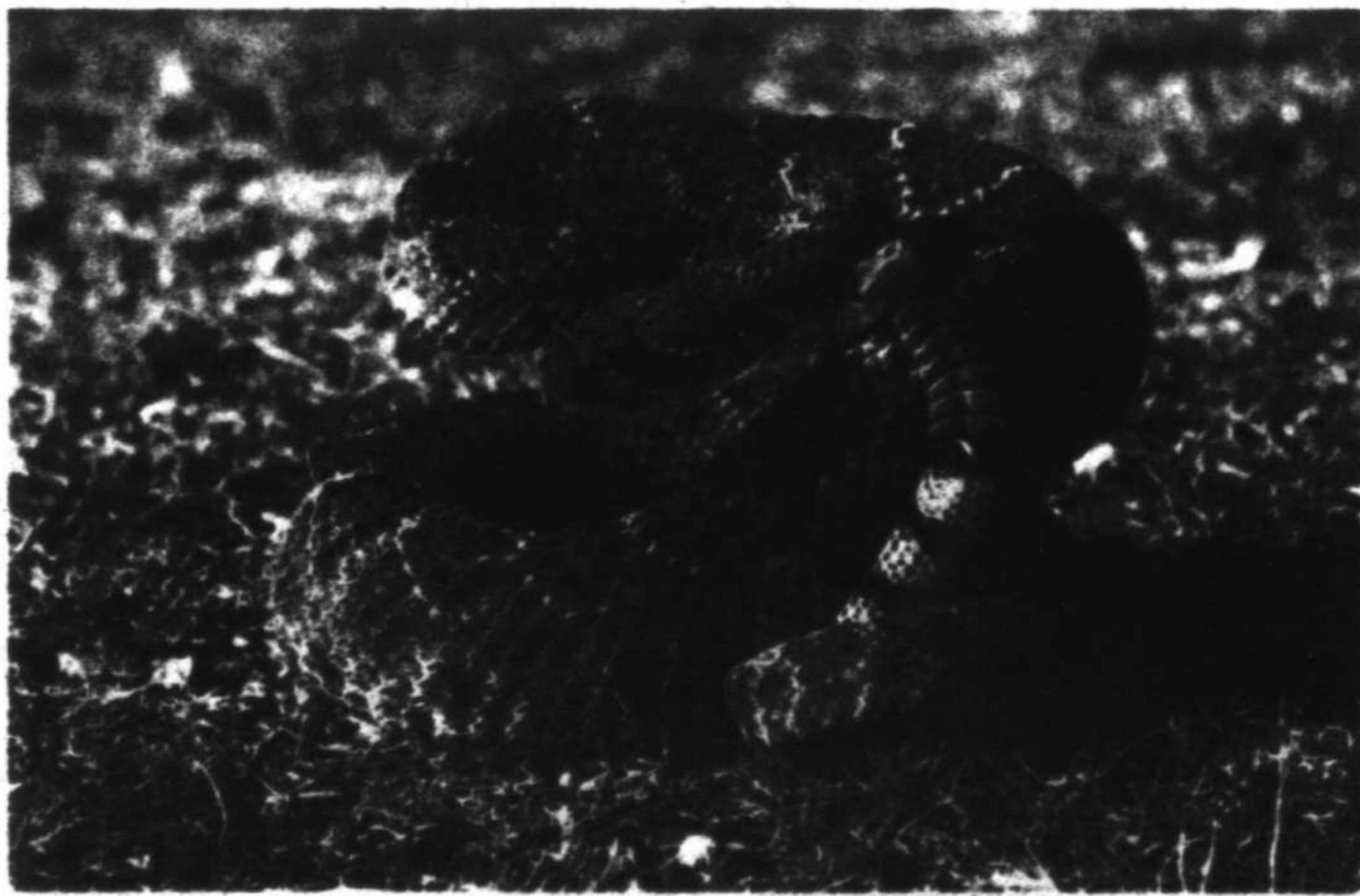
## Western diamondback is second largest venomous snake in country

There are times when I write this column that the information about an animal is scarce and a little difficult to come by. However, at other times the material that is available is almost overwhelming. Such is the case with the Western diamondback rattlesnake.

The western diamondback rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*) occurs from central Oklahoma through the western two-thirds of Texas westward to the southeastern border of California south to the state of San Luis Potosi, Mexico. In Texas, it is the most commonly encountered venomous snake in the Trans-Pecos eco-region, as well as the Tamaulipan thorn scrub of South Texas. It is a habitat generalist, occupying a variety of habitats ranging from desert scrub near the Permian Basin to high-elevation pine-oak forests of the Davis Mountains.

Western diamondbacks are the second largest venomous snake in the United States, slightly exceeded in size only by the eastern diamondback rattlesnake of Florida and other East Coast states. It is by far the largest venomous snake that occurs in Texas. Adult western diamondbacks can achieve lengths of up to 7 feet, although just like in humans, the average is much smaller than this. Most individuals max out at a length between 4 and 5 feet.

The body coloration can vary (depending on the soil type where it occurs) — from a chalky gray to a dull reddish brown. Along the spine is a series of darker diamond-shaped markings that are bordered by a black-and-white border, hence its name. A common nickname among those who encounter this serpent frequently is coon-tail, which refers to the black-and-white-banded tail. These tail bands are of nearly equal width, one characteristic that is used to determine this animal from the more dangerous Mojave rattlesnake that also inhabits the Trans-Pecos area of Texas. The head is distinctly wider than the neck, giving this animal the famous "diamond-shaped" head. The pupils are



Courtesy photo

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Wild about Texas



elliptical, and the rattle is large and is capable of being heard from several yards away.

Like other snakes, diamondbacks do not hibernate in the true sense of the word, but rather employ an activity known as brumation. This means that the snake's metabolism, heart rate

and breathing all slow down to a near stop, but they are quite awake and aware of their surroundings. They will often congregate in large numbers in dens to spend the long periods of inactivity of winter. Once temperatures achieve a level of warmth that the snake finds tolerable — usually in early to mid-March — the males begin leaving the dens in their quest to mate.

Females release a pheromone that attracts the males, and many times more than one male will encounter a female that is receptive. During these encounters, the males will participate in a dramatic "dance" as they entwine their

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## 5Qs

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locales, particularly if there's a beach nearby.

**MURPHY:** What's been your proudest achievement in music?

**MURPHY:** I would have to say anytime I see one of our "little" guys from being a quiet and withdrawn child to a friendly, outgoing and self-assured child after being matched with one of the "big" I have mentored. I am also very proud

of helping complete the capital campaign to purchase and renovate the former Rita Theater as the permanent home for Basin PBS.

**MURPHY:** What do you feel is your best quality?

**MURPHY:** That's actually a very hard question for me because those who know me best will tell you that I can be hard on myself, but I would say never giving up. If at first you stumble in reaching a goal, you just have to brush yourself off and keep

on going.

**MURPHY:** What is the best thing you cook?

**MURPHY:** Hands down, my homemade spaghetti sauce. It's a family recipe, which is interesting because we are Irish, but my mother was taught the secret ingredient of good sauce by the mother of a young man she dated in her youth.

**MURPHY:** Your not-so-secret indulgence.

**MURPHY:** Slow shopping is great retail therapy, although it's a bit more difficult since breaking my leg. No more heels and I need such support now, which definitely cuts down on the selection.

**MURPHY:** What book do you always recommend?

**MURPHY:** Anything by James Patterson. I know I should say something more serious but I like to be able to escape into a book and be entertained.

# Brie is different in US and France

Dear Heloise: My sister-in-law says Brie is different in France, and has refused to eat it over here in this country. Is that true? — Laura K., Steubenville, Ohio

Yes, but Brie in France is made with unpasteurized milk. Our laws prevent the importation of Brie made from unpasteurized milk unless it has been aged for 60 days. Brie aged that long would have a very unpleasant taste and texture. — Heloise

## PIMIENTO CHEESE SPREAD

Dear Heloise: I'm looking for your mother's pimiento cheese spread. Would you please print it for me? — Donna DeC., via email

Donna, this was one of my mother's

## HINTS FROM HELOISE

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favorite recipes:

### PIMIENTO CHEESE SPREAD

- 1 pound boxed soft cheese
  - 1 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/2 cup super-finely chopped sweet or sour pickles
  - 4 ounces pimientos
- Optional ingredients**
- Juice from 1 jar of pimientos

- 4 ounces chopped stuffed salad olives
- Chopped onions to taste

Grate the cheese coarsely using the large opening of a grater or a food processor. Layer the ingredients as if you were making lasagna. Place a large piece of wax paper or plastic wrap on the counter. Put down a layer of grated cheese, then mayonnaise, pimientos and a handful of pickles. Use a spatula to fold it over and over, starting from the bottom. Repeat the process, folding again and again, until you have used all the ingredients. I divide this up into two batches. Put the mixture in jars, seal well and pop into the fridge.

**Options:** If you want a thinner, gooey spread, add the juice from one jar of pimientos and mix well. Vary the spread by adding chopped salad olives and/or onions. — Heloise

### BUTTERMILK IDEA

Dear Heloise: For adding a tangy taste to meats and vegetables that are going to be deep-fried, dip them first in buttermilk before breading. This works so well for folks who can't eat eggs, which is what we usually use before breading. — Cathy

W., Vicksburg, Miss.

## HEALTHY DIETS

Dear Heloise: What does it mean when someone talks about "empty calories?" — Rita S., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Rita, "empty calories" are calories that are nutritionally worthless. Sugars and fats add calories (and inches to your waistline), but they contain few, if any, nutrients for your body. Fruit contains some sugar, but it also has vitamins and minerals, while a doughnut is filled with empty calories. — Heloise

## WHITE PEPPER

Dear Heloise: I have a recipe that calls for "white pepper." I have never heard of such a thing. What is white pepper, and does it have a different name? — Abby H., Alpena, Mich.

Abby, yes, there is such a thing as white pepper. It's soaked in water until the black outer shell comes off. It has a hotter flavor than black pepper, and is used in Southeastern Asian and Eastern European dishes such as grilled meats, soups and light-colored dishes. — Heloise



This photo shows components of an arugula salad with spicy pecan praline, dried cranberries and aged gouda Feb. 27 in New York. Each of the ingredients brings its own unique taste and texture to the mix, but the standout is the praline. Sara Moulton via AP

# Praline is standout in arugula salad

By Sara Moulton  
Associated Press

Here's a salad fit to join the lineup for your fanciest dinner or holiday meal. Each of the ingredients brings its own unique taste and texture to the mix, but the standout is the praline. A hard candy typically consisting of sugar and nuts, praline was invented in the 17th century by the French (which is why it's pronounced "prah leen," not "pray line"). Here in America all these years later, there are two distinct versions of praline — the New Orleans version and the version made everywhere else. This recipe uses the non-New Orleans type.

At the heart of the praline is its caramel, which is nothing more or less than sugar cooked until it turns golden. The challenge is how to cook it. Typically, we're advised to combine sugar and water in a saucepan until the sugar dis-

solves. The process requires using a brush dipped in water to wash any sugar stuck to the sides of the pan into the mixture on the bottom. Doing so is meant to prevent the mixture from crystallizing and becoming cloudy and soft when you want it to end up clear and hard. My best efforts notwithstanding, I've found that the sugar often crystallizes anyway.

The Brits have figured out a better way to make caramel (aka burnt sugar): put the sugar in a dry pan over medium heat until it melts, then continue cooking until it becomes golden. Simple and foolproof. If you're a caramel maker, or you want to be one, this is the best method for you.

As for the other ingredients, you're welcome to swap in different greens, dried fruits or cheeses. And if you're no fan of pecans, substitute walnuts, pistachios or even peanuts. Whatever the combo, the praline will put it over the top.

## ARUGULA SALAD WITH SPICY PECAN PRALINE, DRIED CRANBERRIES AND AGED GOUDA

**Start to finish: 35 minutes**  
**Serves: 6**

**For the praline**

- 1/2 cup pecans, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne, or more to taste
- 1/4 cup sugar

**For the dressing**

- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon sherry wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper

**For the salad**

- 6 cups loosely packed arugula
- 3/4 cup coarsely grated aged gouda
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries

**Make the praline:** Lightly oil a baking sheet. In a small bowl toss the pecans with the salt and cayenne. Place the sugar in a heavy skillet or saucepan and cook over medium heat until the sugar starts to melt. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until the sugar turns a golden

**Additional information per serving:** 248 calories; 109 calories from fat; 19 g fat (14 g saturated); 4 g from fiber; 14 mg cholesterol; 275 mg sodium; 17 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 15 g sugar; 5 g protein.

## WINTER

From SE

source of color in the landscape when other flowers are looking weary or summer tired. They will reach 18 inches or taller with a spread of 12 to 15 inches.

Like many other flowers, there is one key ingredient to being happy with the Intenz celosia: good drainage. Wet soggy soils are lethal to celosia so amend if soil drainage is suspect. Select healthy growing transplants with few buds showing. Before to planting, incorporate 2 pounds of a slow release 12-6-6 fertilizer, with minor nutrients, per 100 square feet of bed area. Space plants 10 to 15 inches apart.

The celosia is not a flower to be spot planted. In other words, one here and one there does not do this plant justice. Plant celosia in mass in informal clusters, drifts or sweeps. Plant them in combination with other drought-tolerant flowers having the same water requirement. Be sure and add a layer of mulch.

Combine them with plants such as gomphrena and ornamental grasses. The sturdy structure of the Intenz series allows them to be used in mixed containers or as single specimen or monoculture.

We used ours in large mixed containers with bloodleaf bananas and ornamental peppers. The look was tropical and exciting. But I could see them just as easily in a large bed geared for pollinators, with plants like Chapel Hill yellow lantana and blue salvia.

There will be a lot of good choices of high-quality bedding plants available at your garden center this spring; just remember the Intenz celosia is a good buy for color and long-season performance.

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bodies together in a wrestling-match style event. The winner is the one who is able to pin the other to the ground, and mating ensues upon the dominant male's victory. Diamondbacks are ovoviviparous, which means they give birth to living young, and the foot-long neonates (which number from four to 25) are typically born in late summer or early fall. Other than having a "button" on the end of the tail, they are exact replicas of the adults and are fully capable of fending for themselves, including having fully functional fangs and venom apparatus.

Western diamondbacks defend themselves in a variety of ways. The main defensive mechanism is camouflage. Even with the gaudy patterns and colors, this snake blends in well with its primarily brushy habitats.

The second defensive plan is simply crawling away from a potential predator while slightly rattling its tail. If this does not deter its assailant, then it will begin to curl up in a defensive "u-coiled" stance and aggressively vibrate its tail, causing the rattling sound to get louder. This behavior is typically a final stand, so to speak, and many times an encounter with a diamondback does not come to this point.

Most, however, are satisfied to avoid any confrontations.

The last defensive mechanism is that of biting and injecting a deadly venom into a would-be attacker. This venom, depending on a huge variety of factors, can be lethal to humans, although few human fatalities actually occur. Despite these venomous propensities, the western diamondback is surprisingly beneficial in the fact that it preys primarily on small mammals such as mice and rats.

When participating in outdoor activities, the risk of encountering a western diamondback is slim, although it can and does happen occasionally. If such an encounter occurs, remember that this animal, despite its harmful capability, is more afraid of you than you are of it, and it would prefer to be left alone. Most bites from this species occur when people make an attempt to either capture or kill this snake. The best course of action is to walk, don't run, in the opposite direction, making both you and the snake more at ease.

*Michael Price is the owner of Wild about Texas, an educational company that specializes in venomous animal safety training, nature classes for schools, and seminars. Contact him at wildabouttexas@gmail.com*

# Make Citrus-Marinated Salmon on deadline

By Katie Workman  
Associated Press

Salmon is my No. 1 favorite fish in the ocean, and I am not alone. The rich and sometimes slightly sweet flavor, the velvety texture, the appealing color, and the fact that it takes so well to all kinds of preparations and seasonings make it a go-to fish for many of us.

The bright flavors of lemon and orange are a nice complement to salmon's richness, and they appear in both the marinade and the citrus sauce that accompanies the fish in this recipe.

It couldn't be simpler, and if you don't have the time to marinate the fish, it will still be delicious, although the flavors won't penetrate so deeply.

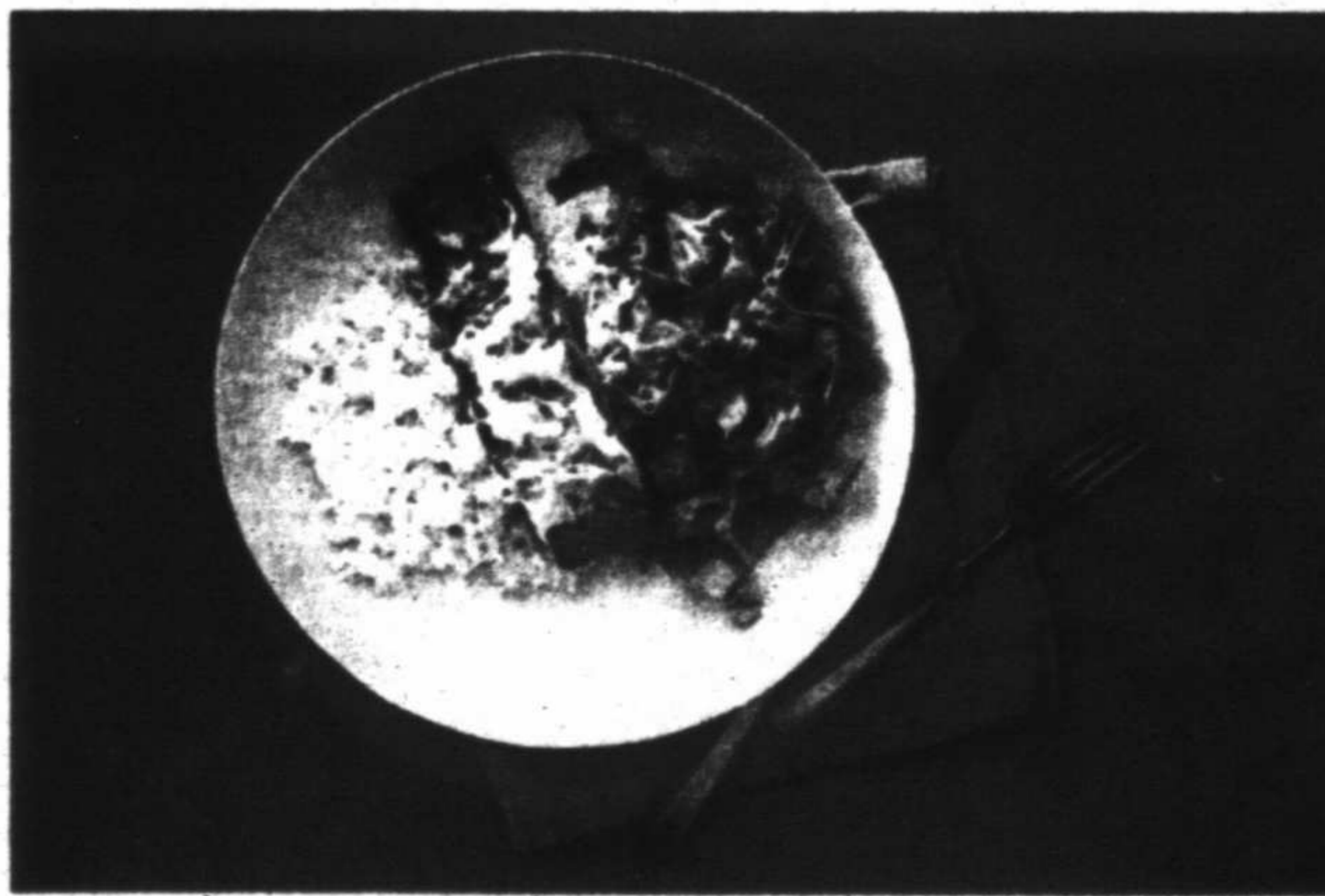
You can choose skinless fillets or use pieces of fish with the skin still on. In the latter case, place the fillets skin side down on the oiled baking sheet when you cook them under the broiler.

When you remove the cooked fish to a plate, slide a spatula between the fish and the skin to separate it, leaving the skin on the baking sheet.

If you love a crisp piece of skin with your fish, you might place the fish skin side up when you broil it. Watch carefully to make sure the skin doesn't brown too much as the fish cooks, and if it starts to get too dark before the fish is cooked to your liking, change the oven from broil to 450 degrees F for the last few minutes of cooking.

Serve this dish with rice or potatoes, and some Brussels sprouts or green beans for a colorful and healthful meal.

Another nice way to change up a vegetable side is to mix a green salad with some roasted vegetables, and maybe toss in some chickpeas (which also benefit from 15 minutes of roasting along with the vegetables of your choice.)



Lucy Reed via AP

This December 2017 photo shows tangy citrus salmon in New York. The bright flavors of lemon and orange are a nice complement to salmon's richness, and they appear in both the marinade and the citrus sauce that accompanies the fish in this recipe.

**Start to finish: 20 minutes, plus 1 hour of marinating time**  
**Serves: 4**

**For the marinade**

- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 4 to 6 tablespoons minced shallots
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

**For the fish**

- 2 to 3 pounds skin-on salmon fillet
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup kosher salt
- 1/2 cup freshly ground black pepper

**Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Place the salmon in a broiler pan or on a heavy-duty aluminum foil-lined baking sheet. Brush the salmon with 1/2 cup olive oil and 1/2 cup kosher salt. Broil the salmon for 8 to 10 minutes until it is just cooked through and remove from the oven. The fish will continue to cook in the oven. It is removed from the oven, so take it out before it is done to your liking. Transfer to heated plates, and top each piece with a spoonful of citrus sauce.**

**Number information per serving:** 297 calories; 57 g fat (17 g saturated); 17 g protein; 14 mg cholesterol; 275 mg sodium; 17 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 15 g sugar; 5 g protein.

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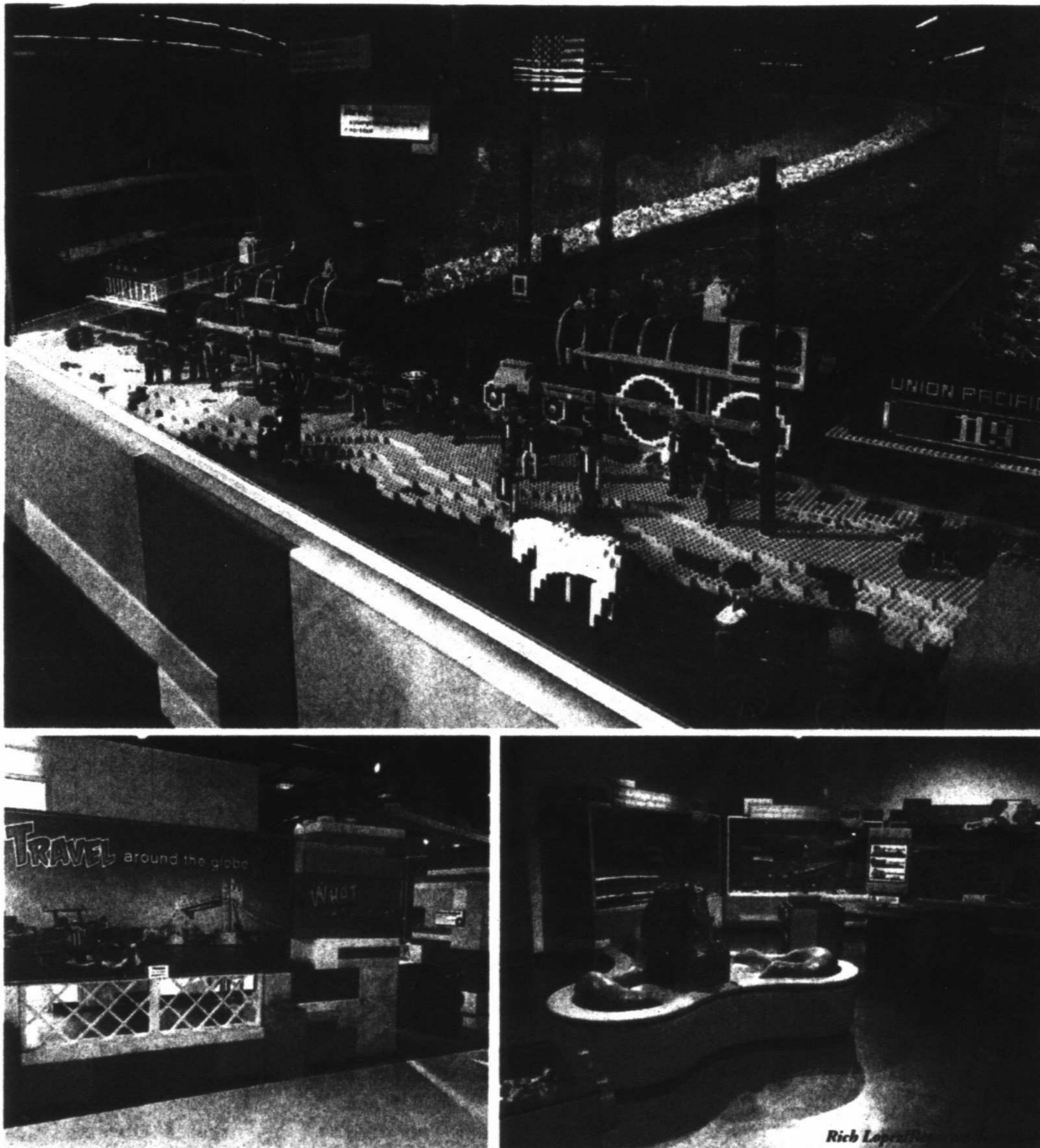
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# ON DISPLAY

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**Midland Arts Association: Cheryl Roush Works** will be on display 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays throughout March at Community National Bank, 401 W. Texas Ave. [midlandartsassociation.org](http://midlandartsassociation.org).

**"Portraits of Courage: A Commander in Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors"** is a collection of President George W. Bush's works in oil that honors servicemen and women. Opens Saturday and runs through March 25. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children. [museumswo.org](http://museumswo.org).

**"On with the Show, This is It! Chuck Jones and the Animation Art of Looney Tunes"** through April 1. 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](http://noelartmuseum.org).

**"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](http://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](http://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. [museumswo.org](http://museumswo.org).

**George Bush Childhood Home Tours** and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave. 685-1112.

**Midland Army Airfield Museum** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Free admission. [highskywing.org](http://highskywing.org).

**Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Donsey Medallion House** 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](http://odessa.edu).

**Permian Basin Petroleum Museum** 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. 683-4403. [pbpmo.org](http://pbpmo.org).

**Seabrook-Lansbury House** 802 S. Main St. Call for appointments. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 685-7262. [midlandtx.gov](http://midlandtx.gov).

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**TODAY**

**The Midland Scottish-Irish Fair and Rocky Smith Highland Games** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. Tickets are \$16, \$9 for ages 6-12. [chspb.org/scottish-irish-faire](http://chspb.org/scottish-irish-faire).

**CLOSING: "Last Roundup of the Gansmole Queens"** 2:30 p.m. at VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. \$10-\$15. [maverickplayers.com](http://maverickplayers.com).

**CANCELED: Black Violin 8 p.m.** at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. [wagnernoel.com](http://wagnernoel.com).

**MONDAY**

**Think. Make. Spring Break!** The daily program will feature cartoons, outdoor movement, storytime and crafts. 10:30 a.m. Through Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. [museumswo.org](http://museumswo.org).

**Lapset Story Time** for up to 2 years old. 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**Art Camp** is a come-and-go program for children who will make crafts through different art materials. 11 a.m. Through Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**Princess Ballet Camp** is open to children ages 4-6. Comfortable clothes encouraged. Ballet shoes provided. Registration not required but space is limited. 1 p.m. Through Thursday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**Teen Tech Week: DIY Mini-notebook Craft** for ages 13-19. 4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**"Travel Adventure"** invites children and families to create using LEGO bricks. The exhibition also features creations by LEGO Master Builders along with a photo booth and a life-size adventure vehicle. Through April 22 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

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](http://midlandgemandmineral.org).

**Bridge game play** 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.

**Slideout Strutters** 7 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. [liveonstage-pb.com](http://liveonstage-pb.com).

**Midland Community Band's** weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

**TUESDAY**

**Palette Club Painting** 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. [paletteclub-midland.com](http://paletteclub-midland.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. To register, email [sara@artbydrescher.com](mailto:sara@artbydrescher.com).

**Wildlife by Design** The Texas Wildlife Association presents an educational program for children about native Texas wildlife. 1 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**Dog Tricks** Children can read to trained assistance dogs. 3:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**Teen Tech Week: Enchanted Improv.** Guests 13-19 can practice improv skills at this workshop. 4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**"Dirty Dancing"** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. [wagnernoel.com](http://wagnernoel.com).

**Permian Basin Dance Club** with live country music, 7:30 p.m. at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. \$6. For more information, call 638-3707 or 250-8215.

**Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing** weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a \$1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. [bbberesik@gmail.com](mailto:bbberesik@gmail.com). [meetchup.com/Crossing-TheLineWestTexas](http://meetchup.com/Crossing-TheLineWestTexas).

**WEDNESDAY**

**Toddler Story Time** 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

**Teen Tech Week: Mario Kart** tournament for ages 13-19. 4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**THURSDAY**

**Teen Tech Week: 3D Printer** demonstration for ages 13-19. 4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**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.

**Kevin Fowler** 7 p.m. at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. [rockinrodeo.com](http://rockinrodeo.com).

**FRIDAY**

**Permian Basin Comic Con** will feature guest artists, vendors, cosplay, contests and more. The event includes the "Magic the Gathering" Preliminary Pro Tour Qualifier. Through March 18 at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. [pbcomiccon.com](http://pbcomiccon.com).

**Teen Tech Week: Harry Potter Escape Rooms.** Groups of six to eight guests must occupy the offices of Dolores Umbridge, the High Inquisitor of Hogwarts. For ages 13-19. 4-6:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**Family Fort Night.** This afternoon event invites families for a night of fort-making and storytelling. All ages welcome. Fort supplies

provided but guests are encouraged to bring blankets, pillows and flashlights from home. Pajamas allowed. 6:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Register online at [www.co.midland.tx.us](http://www.co.midland.tx.us).

**"The Jungle Book"** by the Pickwick Players. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Runs through March 25 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. [mctmidland.org](http://mctmidland.org).

**Musical Thrones: A Parody of Ice and Fire** The comedy show introduces favorite characters from "Game of Thrones" as the audience runs through all seven seasons of the show. This is part of the LOL at the Wagner Noel series. 8 p.m. at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$35-\$60. [wagnernoel.com](http://wagnernoel.com).

**SATURDAY**

**Easter Bunny at Midland Park Mall** Children can visit and take photos with the Easter Bunny Through March 31 at 4511 N. Midkiff Road. Reservations can also be made online. [simonbunny.com](http://simonbunny.com).

**Parent's Day Out.** The event offers activities, games, movies and lunch for children. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. \$10 per child.

**"The Gingerbread Man and the Leprechaun Loose at School"** storytime. 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble Bookellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com).

**Meal Planning: Saving Money, Food and your Sanity.** The class will cover planning, shopping and preparing meals. Registration available online. 2:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. [tinyurl.com/mcplmshplan](http://tinyurl.com/mcplmshplan).

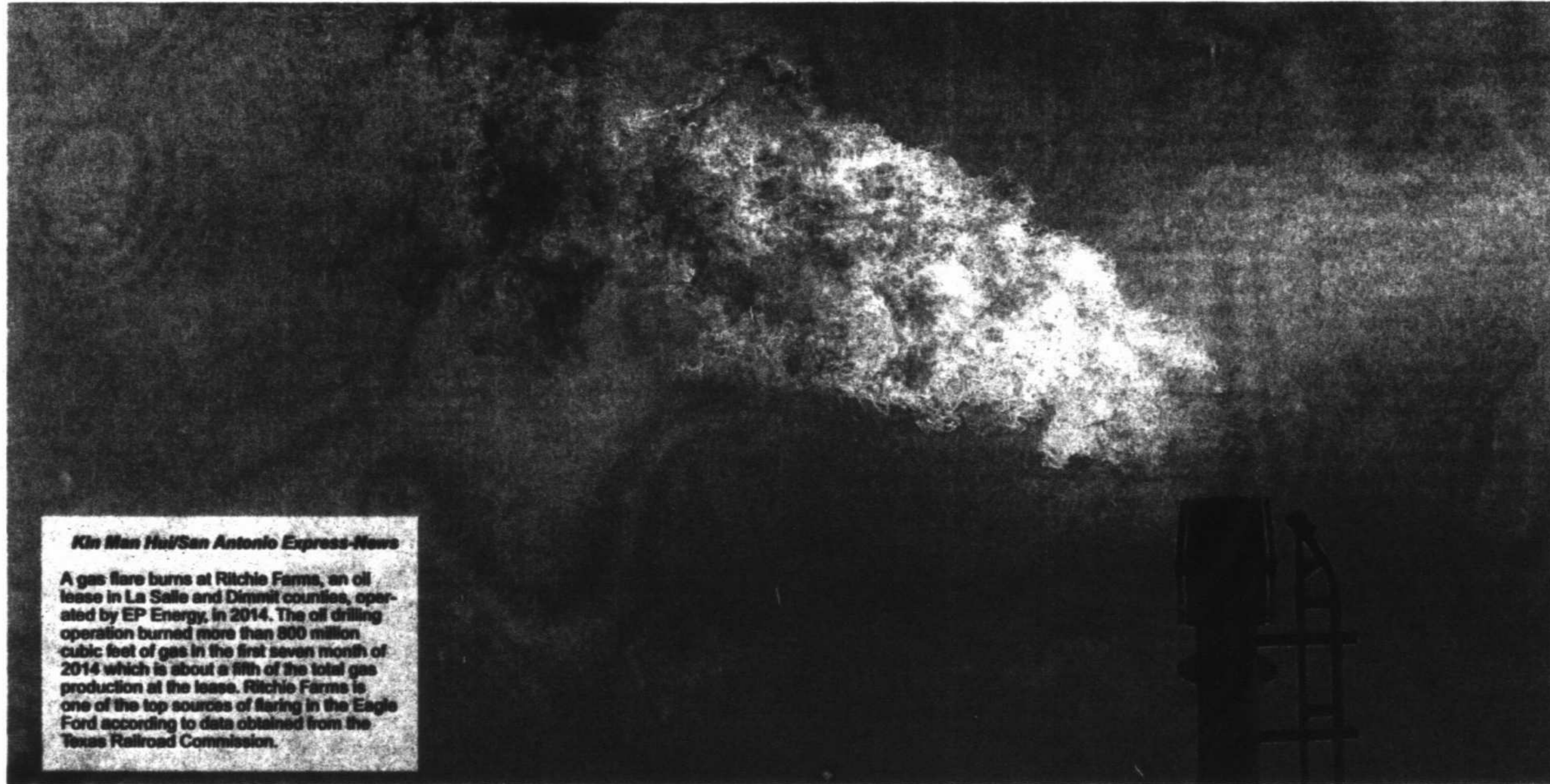
**Tap into Downtown Odessa** craft beer and wine tasting event. 6-10 p.m. at 119 W. 4th St.

**Leo Inaparrable with Adrian Uribe and Omar Ch sparse** The comedy battle features the popular Mexican comedian will be performed entirely in Spanish. 9 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$50-\$100. [wagnernoel.com](http://wagnernoel.com).

# OIL REPORT

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## CAPTURING CARBON RICHES



*Kin Man Hui/San Antonio Express-News*

A gas flare burns at Ritchie Farms, an oil lease in La Salle and Dimmit counties, operated by EP Energy, in 2014. The oil drilling operation burned more than 800 million cubic feet of gas in the first seven months of 2014 which is about a fifth of the total gas production at the lease. Ritchie Farms is one of the top sources of flaring in the Eagle Ford according to data obtained from the Texas Railroad Commission.

### Carbon capture in Permian could get big boost from Section 45Q tax credits

By Mella McEwen  
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Carbon dioxide is already playing a major role in increasing production from older Permian Basin fields.

Now, the gas could be even more beneficial thanks to legislation that was part of the budget bill passed by Congress in February. Known as the FUTURE Act, it extends and reforms the federal Section 45Q tax credit. This reform is designed to drive private investment in technologies to capture carbon dioxide from power plants and industrial facilities for use in enhanced oil recovery and other geologic storage. "This is really something," said Steve Melzer, of Melzer Consulting and managing director of the annual CO2 Conference, via email.

"This is going to create business and much if could — and will — be in the Permian Basin. I really like the idea of us converting what is now considered a waste emission stream into a sellable product to make oil."

The FUTURE Act was designed to provide financial certainty for private investors and developers of carbon-capture projects by lifting the current cap on available 45Q credits and increasing their value for each ton of CO2 captured and stored or put to use. Only projects that success-

fully capture and store CO2 can claim the credit. Proponents believe the tax credit will spur the creation of high-paying jobs and growth in the energy and industrial sectors while reducing CO2 emissions.

Congressman Mike Conaway of Midland served as the legislation's House sponsor. He was part of a bipartisan group of sponsors who included Democratic senators Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island and Republican senators Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia and John Barrasso of Wyoming.

"Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) projects can capture up to 90 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions produced from the use of traditional fuel methods, and is then reused in Enhanced Oil Recovery," Conaway said via email. "Through EOR, producers are able to maximize output from older oil fields," including many in the Permian Basin.

"I reintroduced the Carbon Capture Act last fall with 29 bipartisan cosponsors, and the legislation gained momentum with a wide range of support in both the House and Senate," he said. "I was glad to see key provisions from my bill included in February's budget deal and signed into law by President Trump, ensuring the continued development of these projects that not only support American ingenuity and energy independence but also play a

vital role in our all-of-the-above energy strategy."

"We owe a lot to Congressman Conaway for seeing the business generation aspect of this and the influence and support he was able to get within the House of Representatives," Melzer said. "The bipartisan nature of the bill carried the day and kept the provision within the FUTURE Act from being thrown out of the final language."

Occidental Petroleum is the largest user of CO2 in the Permian Basin, injecting over 2.6 billion cubic feet per day into its Permian Basin reservoirs. Jody Elliott, president, Occidental Oil & Gas-Domestic, told the Reporter-Telegram that CO2 injection increases oil recovery by 10 to 25 percent in fields where it's used.

He said Occidental believes the legislation will achieve two goals. "First, it will support the conversion of CO2 emissions from co- or gas-fired power plants or other industrial sources to a commodity product that can inherently be stored in a secure geological formation through EOR. Second, as more carbon capture projects are implemented, the more economical the capture technology will become. At that point, companies will begin using CO2 for EOR in existing fields where the oil would otherwise be left in place, ultimately resulting in more CO2 being sequestered." He added that government policy like

45Q, and technical advancements, combined with the company's significant CO2 position and infrastructure could provide emerging opportunities for Occidental "and the lower carbon future we must all work to achieve."

Now that Congress has passed 45Q, he said the next step is to begin looking at pipeline infrastructure incentives. Occidental is currently piloting the use of CO2 and sequestration opportunities in its Permian unconventional assets. "However, to really make a difference to offset the natural decline of the shales, as well as additional carbon sequestration, a CO2 pipeline from Houston to the Permian that would carry approximately a billion cubic feet per day is needed," he said. He estimated the \$2 billion project would provide 13,000 construction jobs and 650 full-time jobs while generating approximately 180,000 incremental barrels per day of production.

Melzer said the changes to the 45Q tax credit would have saved the failed Texas Clean Energy Project, a clean coal-fired electric generation plant that was to be built at Pecos. It would have sold the captured CO2 for enhanced oil recovery projects.

"You'll remember, paying back the large capital costs for the gasification plant in a reasonable amount of time was the hurdle they couldn't quite overcome," he said.

Melzer made some quick calculations for capturing the CO2 off an ethanol plant that emits 15 million cubic feet per day of CO2. If that plant started capturing and injecting CO2 in 2021, the total value of the credit to the capturing company for the 12 total years of credit eligibility would be around \$130 million, he said. The credit would have to be shared with a pipeline company and a CO2-enhanced oil recovery company.

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### Consultant firm sees seismic shift in Permian sand supply chain

By Mella McEwen  
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Not all the frac sand mines proposed for the Permian Basin are online yet, but some operators are already reporting plans to source their sand locally.

A study just released by Emergent, an energy market research consultancy, supports that trend, predicting operators will increasingly turn to in-basin frac sand. By doing so, they will be able to save 40 to 50 percent on the cost of sand. This will result in potential savings of \$500,000 or 10 to 20 percent per well.

"If you can cut the costs by sourcing sand and getting it to the site in the range we



Courtesy Photo

The first trucks carrying 40/70 and 100 mesh sand leave High Roller Sand's just-opened mine at Kermit in late January. A study just released by Emergent forecasts a seismic shift in the Permian Basin frac sand supply chain as mining companies open facilities in the region and E&P companies source the sand locally to dramatically cut sand and transportation costs.

expect, you'll see more E&P companies buy local sand and cut their transportation costs," said Todd Bush, founder of Emergent. Speaking with the

Reporter-Telegram by telephone from his Houston office, he said a handful of E&P operators have begun

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### Trio of firms to launch Gulf Coast Express gas pipeline

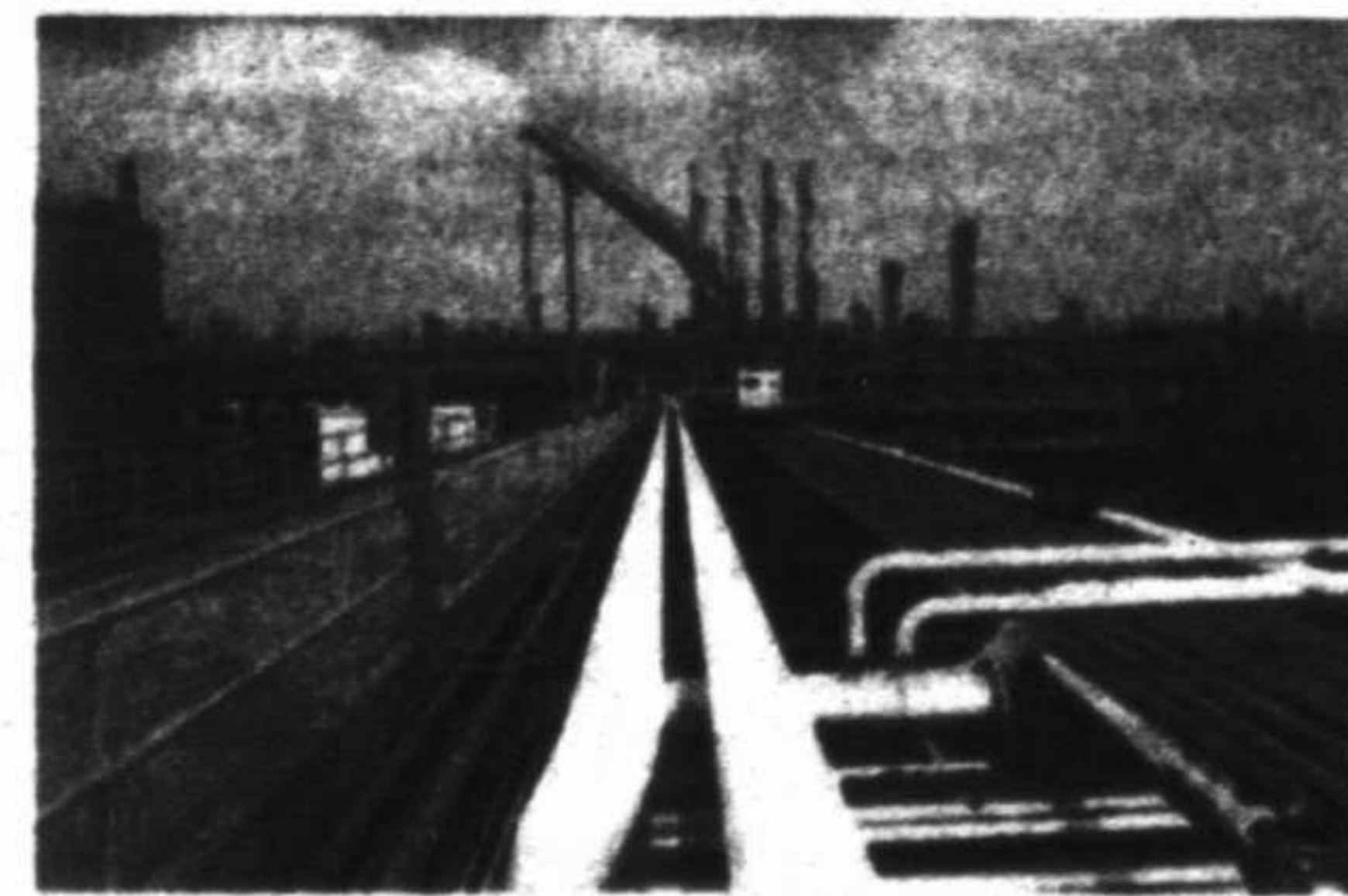
Kinder Morgan representative travels pipeline route to detail its construction, benefits

By Mella McEwen  
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Natural gas produced in conjunction with crude oil in the Permian Basin's shale plays will increasingly be flowing east to the Gulf Coast, finding its way to end-users.

The rising demand for natural gas has midstream companies investing billions of dollars to increase that takeaway capacity.

Kinder Morgan has teamed up with DCP Midstream and Targa



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Pipelines lead to a ship being loaded at Kinder Morgan Energy Partners terminal in Pasadena, which will be expanded as part of a \$240 million project the company announced in 2014.

Resources to build the Gulf West Texas natural gas Coast Express natural gas pipeline that will carry

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**PRECISION**  
PIPE RENTALS

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## DEVELOPMENT WELLS

## Courtesy DrillingInfo

## Texas RRCD 7C

## Crockett County

Approach Operating LLC  
University 45 #2207HB  
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-  
Horizontal; 7757 fml, 9677 fml,  
Sec 22, Blk 45, Abst. 426U,  
ULS, 15 n Ozona; TD 7800;  
API #42-105-42447 Permit  
issued 3/1

Approach Operating LLC  
University 45 #2211HC  
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-  
Horizontal; 7757 fml, 9647 fml,  
Sec 22, Blk 45, Abst. 426U,  
ULS, 15 n Ozona; TD 7800;  
API #42-105-42448 Permit  
issued 3/1

## Irion County

Compass Energy Operat-  
ing LLC  
Sugg 7A #14  
Sugg Ranch (Canyon); 1777  
fml, 1184 fml, Sec 7, Blk 27,  
Abst. 180, H&TC RR, 20 nw  
Mertzon; TD 9000; API #42-  
235-36253 Permit issued 3/1

## Reagan County

Discovery Natural Resour-  
ces LLC  
North Creek "B" #431CN  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 300 fml, 686 fml, Sec  
43, Blk 1, Abst. 494, T&P RR,  
13.2 ne Big Lake; TD 8500;  
API #42-383-40173 Permit  
issued 3/2

SEM Operating Company  
LLC  
University 9 #2901WC  
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal;  
7391 fml, 5528 fml, Sec 28, Blk  
9, Abst. 198U, ULS, 8.96 nw  
Big Lake; TD 10000; API #42-  
363-40172 Permit issued 2/27

SEM Operating Company  
LLC  
University 9 #2903WC  
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal;  
7391 fml, 5498 fml, Sec 28, Blk  
9, Abst. 198U, ULS, 9 nw Big  
Lake; TD 10000; API #42-363-  
39872 Permit issued 2/27

SEM Operating Company  
LLC  
University 9C #3603WB  
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal;  
615 fml, 1680 fml, Sec 36, Blk  
2, Abst. 72U, ULS, 14.4 nw Big  
Lake; TD 10000; API #42-363-  
40155 Permit issued 2/27

## Texas RRCD 8

## Andrews County

Elevation Resources LLC  
U. G. 1-28 Unit #2H  
Emma (Mississippi)-  
Horizontal; 1224 fml, 1 fml, Sec  
28, Blk 1, Abst. 28U, ULS, 11 s  
Andrews; TD 18900; API #42-  
003-47760 Permit issued 2/26

## Ector County

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.  
Fee "BJ" #209  
Lowe West (Strawn); 1730  
fml, 880 fml, Sec 2, Blk 41,  
Abst. 4, G&MMB&A, 5.5 ne  
Gardendale; TD 11500; API  
#42-135-43567 Permit issued  
2/27

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.  
Fee "BJ" #204  
Lowe West (Strawn); 1600  
fml, 1150 fml, Sec 2, Blk 41,  
Abst. 4, G&MMB&A, 5.7 ne  
Gardendale; TD 11500; API  
#42-135-43568 Permit issued  
2/27

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.  
Fee "BJ" #203  
Lowe West (Strawn); 420  
fml, 680 fml, Sec 2, Blk 41,  
Abst. 4, G&MMB&A, 5.6 ne  
Gardendale; TD 11500; API  
#42-135-43569 Permit issued  
2/27

Independence Resources  
Management LLC  
Munn-Clark #1WA  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 550 fml, 1135.3 fml, Sec  
26, Blk 41, Abst. 783, T&P RR,  
11.2 nw Odessa; TD 10000;  
API #42-135-43571 Permit  
issued 3/5

Independence Resources  
Management LLC  
Munn-Clark #2WB  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 550 fml, 1115.3 fml, Sec  
26, Blk 41, Abst. 783, T&P RR,  
11.2 nw Odessa; TD 10000;  
API #42-135-43570 Permit  
issued 3/1

## Glasscock County

CrownQuest Operating LLC  
Coll 45 #9HA  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 275 fml, 900 fml, Sec  
33, Blk 36, Abst. 407, T&P RR,  
6.9 se Spraberry; TD 10000;  
API #42-173-37832 Permit  
issued 2/27

CrownQuest Operating LLC  
Coll 45 #10HA  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 431 fml, 220 fml, Sec  
45, Blk 36, Abst. 413, T&P RR,  
8.8 se Spraberry; TD 10000;  
API #42-173-37833 Permit  
issued 2/28

CrownQuest Operating LLC  
Coll 45 #11HA  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 220 fml, 951 fml, Sec  
45, Blk 36, Abst. 413, T&P RR,  
8.8 se Spraberry; TD 10000;  
API #42-173-37834 Permit  
issued 3/1

Endeavor Energy Resour-  
ces LP  
Koonce South "A" 46-3 #211  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 440 fml, 944 fml, Sec  
46, Blk 36, T-2-S, Abst. 918,  
T&P RR, 17.8 nw Garden City;  
TD 11000; API #42-173-37837  
Permit issued 3/2

Endeavor Energy Resour-  
ces LP  
Koonce South "A" 46-3 #112  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 440 fml, 969 fml, Sec  
46, Blk 36, T-2-S, Abst. 918,  
T&P RR, 17.8 nw Garden City;  
TD 11000; API #42-173-37838  
Permit issued 3/2

Endeavor Energy Resour-  
ces LP  
Koonce South "A" 46-3 #213  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 440 fml, 994 fml, Sec  
46, Blk 36, T-2-S, Abst. 918,  
T&P RR, 17.8 nw Garden City;  
TD 11000; API #42-173-37839  
Permit issued 3/2

Hunt Oil Company  
Harris-Cook 50 #305HB  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 545 fml, 2218  
fml, Sec 20, Blk 36, T-4-S,  
Abst. 1268, T&P RR, 16.1 sw  
Garden City; TD 9000; API  
#42-173-37818 Permit issued  
2/28

Parsley Energy Operations  
LLC  
Currie 41-44-F #4311H  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 2165 fml, 1190 fml, Sec  
41, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 332,  
T&P RR, 10.1 w Garden City;  
TD 8842; API #42-173-37835  
Permit issued 2/27

Parsley Energy Operations  
LLC  
Currie 41-44-F #4211H  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 2195 fml, 1190 fml, Sec  
41, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 332,  
T&P RR, 10.1 w Garden City;  
TD 8647; API #42-173-37836  
Permit issued 2/27

Pioneer Natural Resources  
USA Inc.  
Jim Tom E42H #106H  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 419 fml, 1461 fml, Sec  
42, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 792,  
T&P RR, 21.3 nw Garden City;  
TD 9900; API #42-173-37825  
Permit issued 3/5

Pioneer Natural Resources  
USA Inc.  
Jim Tom E42I #109H  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 439 fml, 1461 fml, Sec  
42, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 792,  
T&P RR, 21.3 nw Garden City;  
TD 9900; API #42-173-37826  
Permit issued 3/5

Pioneer Natural Resources  
USA Inc.  
Jim Tom E42J #110H  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 459 fml, 1462 fml, Sec  
42, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 792,  
T&P RR, 21.3 nw Garden City;  
TD 9900; API #42-173-37827  
Permit issued 3/5

Pioneer Natural Resources  
USA Inc.  
Jim Tom E42K #111H  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 479 fml, 1462 fml, Sec  
42, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 792,  
T&P RR, 21.3 nw Garden City;  
TD 9900; API #42-173-37828  
Permit issued 3/5

Pioneer Natural Resources  
USA Inc.  
Jim Tom E42L #112H  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 499 fml, 1462 fml, Sec  
42, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 792,  
T&P RR, 21.3 nw Garden City;  
TD 9900; API #42-173-37829  
Permit issued 3/5

## Howard County

Diamondback E&P LLC  
ASRO 13 Unit #3WA  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 1369 fml, 244 fml,  
Sec 19, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst.  
399, T&P RR, 0.12 nw Knott;  
TD 9175; API #42-227-39512  
Permit issued 2/26

Diamondback E&P LLC  
ASRO 13 Unit #3LS  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 1369 fml, 244 fml,  
Sec 19, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst.  
399, T&P RR, 0.12 nw Knott;  
TD 8900; API #42-227-39513  
Permit issued 2/26

Diamondback E&P LLC  
ASRO 13 Unit #2WA  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 1369 fml, 243 fml,  
Sec 19, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst.  
399, T&P RR, 0.12 nw Knott;  
TD 9175; API #42-227-39514  
Permit issued 2/26

Diamondback E&P LLC  
ASRO 13 Unit #2LS  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 1369 fml, 243 fml,  
Sec 19, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst.  
399, T&P RR, 0.12 nw Knott;  
TD 8900; API #42-227-39515  
Permit issued 2/26

Harmonia Petroleum Operat-  
ing LLC  
Griffin South 21 #1H  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 260 fml, 480 fml,  
Sec 21, Blk 25, Abst. 24,  
H&TC RR, 10.91 n Coahoma;  
TD 8500; API #42-227-39511  
Permit issued 2/27

Sabalo Operating LLC  
TCB 38-34 #1AH  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 337 fml, 388 fml, Sec  
46, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 1367,  
T&P RR, 4.28 se Vashmor;  
TD 9000; API #42-227-39503  
Permit issued 3/2

Sabalo Operating LLC  
Lisa Marie 34-27 #4AH  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 281 fml, 362 fml,  
Sec 34, Blk 32, Abst. 1380,  
T&P RR, 3.77 se Vashmor;  
TD 9000; API #42-227-39522  
Permit issued 3/1

SM Energy Company  
Marion Ravenwood B  
#0745WA  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 394 fml, 2225 fml,  
Sec 24, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst.  
1213, T&P RR, 10.8 nw Big  
Spring; TD 10500; API #42-  
227-39510 Permit issued 2/28

Horizontal; 483 fml, 777 fml, Sec  
18, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 1062,  
T&P RR, 3.27 se Big Spring;  
TD 9700; API #42-227-39520  
Permit issued 2/28

SM Energy Company  
Marion Ravenwood B  
#0745WA  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 1144 fml, 1899 fml, Sec  
18, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 1062,  
T&P RR, 3.27 se Big Spring;  
TD 9700; API #42-227-39521  
Permit issued 3/2

SM Energy Company  
Maximus A #2647WA  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 395 fml, 2165 fml,  
Sec 24, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst.  
1213, T&P RR, 10.8 nw Big  
Spring; TD 10500; API #42-  
227-39505 Permit issued 2/28

SM Energy Company  
Maximus B #2648WA  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 396 fml, 2075 fml,  
Sec 24, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst.  
1213, T&P RR, 10.8 nw Big  
Spring; TD 10500; API #42-  
227-39505 Permit issued 2/28

Surge Operating LLC  
Middleton Unit A 47-38  
#3AH  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 476 fml, 996 fml, Sec  
38, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 1007,  
T&P RR, 17.5 nw Big Spring;  
TD 10000; API #42-227-39517  
Permit issued 2/26

Surge Operating LLC  
Middleton Unit A 47-38  
#4AH  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 501 fml, 997 fml, Sec  
38, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 1007,  
T&P RR, 17.5 nw Big Spring;  
TD 10000; API #42-227-39518  
Permit issued 2/26

Surge Operating LLC  
Stanley Unit 48-01 #8SH  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 39 fml, 328 fml, Sec  
48, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 994,  
T&P RR, 15.1 nw Big Spring;  
TD 10000; API #42-227-39516  
Permit issued 2/28

Surge Operating LLC  
Old Tom Unit A 21-28 #2SH  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 362 fml, 1071 fml, Sec  
21, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 273,  
T&P RR, 12.54 nw Big Spring;  
TD 10000; API #42-227-39524  
Permit issued 3/5

## Loving County

Anaderko E&P Onshore  
LLC  
University 19-7 B #2H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 475 fml, 837 fml,  
Sec 5, Blk 19, Abst. 5U, ULS,  
10.8 ne Mentone; TD 13000;  
API #42-301-33898 Permit  
issued 2/28

EOG Resources Inc.  
Rustler D Unit #2H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 309 fml, 558 fml,  
Sec 25, Blk 78, PSL, 16.9 ne  
Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-  
301-33896 Permit issued 2/26

EOG Resources Inc.  
State Atlas E 97H  
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-  
Horizontal; 285 fml, 741 fml,  
Sec 23, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 55,  
T&P RR, 18.3 nw Mentone;  
TD 11750; API #42-301-33899  
Permit issued 3/2

EOG Resources Inc.  
State Atlas F 98H  
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-  
Horizontal; 774 fml, 285 fml,  
Sec 23, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 55,  
T&P RR, 18.3 nw Mentone;  
TD 11750; API #42-301-33900  
Permit issued 3/2

EOG Resources Inc.  
State Atlas G 99H  
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-  
Horizontal; 285 fml, 609 fml,  
Sec 23, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 55,  
T&P RR, 18.5 nw Mentone;  
TD 11750; API #42-301-33801  
Permit issued 3/2

EOG Resources Inc.  
State Atlas H #10H  
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-  
Horizontal; 285 fml, 778 fml,  
Sec 23, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 55,  
T&P RR, 18.5 nw Mentone;  
TD 11750; API #42-301-33802  
Permit issued 3/2

EOG Resources Inc.  
State Atlas I #11H  
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-  
Horizontal; 285 fml, 743 fml,  
Sec 23, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 55,  
T&P RR, 18.5 nw Mentone;  
TD 11750; API #42-301-33803  
Permit issued 3/2

EOG Resources Inc.  
Wrangler A Unit #2H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 622 fml, 699 fml, Sec 35,  
Blk 78, Abst. 911, PSL, 17.2  
ne Mentone; TD 14000; API  
#42-301-33918 Permit issued  
3/2

EOG Resources Inc.  
Wrangler B Unit #2H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 538 fml, 377 fml, Sec 35,  
Blk 78, Abst. 891, PSL, 17.2  
ne Mentone; TD 14000; API  
#42-301-33913 Permit issued  
3/2

Metador Production Com-  
pany  
Clare Glassed 71-TTT-801  
WF #204H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 845 fml, 895 fml,  
Sec 71, Blk 1, Abst. 190,  
W&W RR, 2.4 se Mentone;  
TD 11500; API #42-301-33909  
Permit issued 3/1

Metador Production Com-  
pany  
Clare Glassed 71-TTT-801  
WF #203H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 295 fml, 87 fml, Sec  
71, Blk 1, Abst. 190, W&W RR,  
2.2 se Mentone; TD 11500;  
API #42-301-33911 Permit  
issued 3/1

RSP Permian LLC  
Brunson E 805 #1H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 320 fml, 380 fml, Sec 9,  
Blk C-26, Abst. 1011, PSL, 19  
ne Mentone; TD 13000; API  
#42-301-33892 Permit issued  
2/27

RSP Permian LLC  
Brunson E 806 #2H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 320 fml, 420 fml, Sec 9,  
Blk C-26, Abst. 1011, PSL, 19  
ne Mentone; TD 13000; API  
#42-301-33893 Permit issued  
2/27

Shell Western E&P  
Rozacoller State 54-1-12  
LOV #3H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 292 fml, 2385 fml,  
Sec 12, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 940,  
T&P RR, 18.3 nw Mentone;  
TD 12400; API #42-301-33907  
Permit issued 3/1

Shell Western E&P  
Rozacoller State 54-1-12  
LOV #4H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 292 fml, 2405 fml,  
Sec 12, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 940,  
T&P RR, 18.3 nw Mentone;  
TD 12400; API #42-301-33908  
Permit issued 3/1

Shell Western E&P  
Rozacoller State 54-1-12  
LOV #5H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 293 fml, 2424 fml,  
Sec 12, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 940,  
T&P RR, 18.3 nw Mentone;  
TD 12400; API #42-301-33910  
Permit issued 3/1

Shell Western E&P  
Rozacoller State 54-1-12  
LOV #6H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 439 fml, 1412 fml,  
Sec 12, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 940,  
T&P RR, 18.3 ne Mentone;  
TD 12400; API #42-301-33914  
Permit issued 3/2

Shell Western E&P  
Rozacoller State 54-1-12  
LOV #7H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 419 fml, 1412 fml,  
Sec 12, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 940,  
T&P RR, 18.3 ne Mentone;  
TD 12400; API #42-301-33915  
Permit issued 3/2

Shell Western E&P  
Rozacoller State 54-1-12  
LOV #8H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 399 fml, 1412 fml,  
Sec 12, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 940,  
T&P RR, 18.3 ne Mentone;  
TD 12400; API #42-301-33917  
Permit issued 3/2

Shell Western E&P  
Rozacoller State 54-1-12  
LOV #9H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-  
Horizontal; 379 fml, 1412 fml,  
Sec 12, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 940,  
T&P RR, 18.3 ne Mentone;  
TD 12400; API #42-301-33918  
Permit issued 3/2

## Martin County

Encana Oil & Gas (USA)  
Inc.  
HN 249X #9HD  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 646 fml, 1803 fml, Sec  
249, Abst. 601, Hartley CSL,  
27.2 nw Stanton; TD 10500;  
API #42-317-41304 Permit  
issued 3/2

Encana Oil & Gas (USA)  
Inc.  
HN 249X #10HF  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 595 fml, 622 fml, Sec  
249, Abst. 601, Hartley CSL,  
27.2 nw Stanton; TD 10500;  
API #42-317-41304 Permit  
issued 3/2

Encana Oil & Gas (USA)  
Inc.  
HN 249X #11HC  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 545 fml, 572 fml, Sec  
249, Abst. 601, Hartley CSL,  
27.2 nw Stanton; TD 10500;  
API #42-317-41305 Permit  
issued 3/2

Encana Oil & Gas (USA)  
Inc.  
HN 249X #12HE  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 497 fml, 522 fml, Sec  
249, Abst. 601, Hartley CSL,  
27.2 nw Stanton; TD 10500;  
API #42-317-41306 Permit  
issued 3/2

Encana Oil & Gas (USA)  
Inc.  
HN 249F #11HD  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 1704 fml, 1722 fml, Sec  
249, Abst. 601, Hartley CSL,  
27.2 nw Stanton; TD 10500;  
API #42-317-41288 Permit  
issued 3/2

Encana Oil & Gas (USA)  
Inc.  
HN 249F #2HF  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 1681 fml, 1667 fml, Sec  
249, Abst. 601, Hartley CSL,  
27.2 nw Stanton; TD 10500;  
API #42-317-41287 Permit  
issued 3/2

Encana Oil & Gas (USA)  
Inc.  
HN 249F #3HC  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 1631 fml, 1647 fml, Sec  
249, Abst. 601, Hartley CSL,  
27.2 nw Stanton; TD 10500;  
API #42-317-41289 Permit  
issued 3/2

Encana Oil & Gas (USA)  
Inc.  
HN 249F #4HE  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-  
Horizontal; 1605 fml, 1621 fml, Sec  
249, Abst. 601, Hartley CSL,  
27.2 nw Stanton; TD 10500;  
API #42-317-41288 Permit  
issued 3/5

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ces LP  
Hastwood H 41-32 #184  
Horizontal; 220 fml, 951 fml, Sec  
45, Blk 36, Abst. 413, T&P RR,  
8.8 se Spraberry; TD 10000;  
API #42-173-37834 Permit  
issued 3/1

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## SAND

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showing results from that shift and sharing them with their peers.

His report says West Texas mines are producing sand of the required standards and volumes to meet expected demand growth of 2.5 million tons per quarter over 2018 and 2019. By the end of this year, Emergent anticipates over 7 million tons per quarter of sand capacity inside the Permian Basin. This will remove approximately 800,000 tons of sand requiring long-haul rail logistics in the fourth quarter of this year as compared to the first quarter of the year.

That anticipated growth in demand has mining companies eyeing the Permian Basin, he said. His company estimates over 800 exploration and production operators, 25 pressure pumpers and 30 frac sand producers are active in the Permian Basin. An inventory of 2,430 drilled uncompleted wells and increased capital expenditures means sand demand is expected to rise.

New and existing sand companies are spending about \$850 million to open facilities in West Texas, he said.

"We're tracking 20 companies," four of which are already online and producing sand from their West Texas facilities, he said.

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Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 800 ft, 1020 fwt, Sec 41, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 232, T&P RR, 10.5 nw Stanton; TD 11000; API #42-317-41321 Permit issued 3/2

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Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2945 fwt, 94 ft, Sec 44, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 800, T&P RR, 9.4 nw Midland; TD 10580; API #42-329-42339 Permit issued 3/2

From 2F

TD 14000; API #42-389-36867 Permit issued 3/2

COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 7C

Reagan County
Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Mustang Draw #24AN
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 10220 fwt, 4912 fwt, Sec 2, Blk A, Abst. 237, S.R. Johnson, 20.4 ne Big Lake; TD 6856 TVD, 16862 MD; Comp 1/30/2018; producing from 7340-16801, fracture stimulated; gas lift 385 BO, 361 MCF, 1341 BW, FTP 100 psi, 39.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-39925

Texas RRCD 8A

Scurry County
Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #320-4A
Kelly-Snyder; 8632 fwt, 3045 fwt, Sec 19S, Blk 97, Abst. 2072, H&TC RR, 8.33 nw Snyder; TD 7155; Comp 1/30/2018; producing from 6617-7057, treated with acid; pump 36 BO, 34 MCF, 1728 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-415-35308

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LP
Mann 3 Federal #5
Red Lake; Sec 3 T18S
R27E; 360'S & 850'W; BHL: 383'S & 360'W; EL 3541 GL, TD 5252 MD, 5200 TVD, PBTD 5160 MD, 5141 TVD; Spud 4-7-17, comp 5-4-17; production is through treated perfs: 3200-3461, 3550-3635, 3922-4181, 4250-4910. Treat: 6000 gals 15% HCL & Frac w/120,680# 100 mesh & 910815# 30/50 Ottawa sd in slick wr; IP: 5-19-17 Pump 24 hrs 89 BO, 806 BW, 100 MCF; GOR 1124, Cag: 8.5 @ 437 w/325 ax, 5 1/2 @ 5229 w/150 ax, 2 7/8 @ 3547; API #30-015-43755

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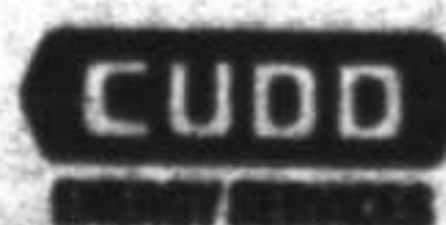
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XTO Energy Inc.  
Hurley 56-18 #5H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1818 ft., 200 ft., Sec 18, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 2024, T&P RR, 2 n Oria; TD 10200; API #42-389-36873 Permit issued 3/2

## Ward County

Abraxas Petroleum Corporation  
Greewood #301H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 ft., 360 ft., Sec 94, Blk F, Abst. 48, G&MB&A, 6.7 nw Pyote; TD 11800; API #42-475-37458 Permit issued 3/5

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC  
Alcatraz State 34-141 Unit #3H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 580 ft., 938 ft., Sec 141, Blk 34, Abst. 248, H&TC RR, 5.7 ne Barstow; TD 12900; API #42-475-37474 Permit issued 3/1

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC  
Alcatraz State 34-141 Unit #4H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 580 ft., 938 ft., Sec 141, Blk 34, Abst. 248, H&TC RR, 5.7 ne Barstow; TD 12900; API #42-475-37475 Permit issued 3/1

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC  
Sage State 34-141 Unit #3H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 ft., 1034 ft., Sec 141, Blk 34, Abst. 248, H&TC RR, 6.2 ne Barstow; TD 12900; API #42-475-37472 Permit issued 3/1

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC  
Sage State 34-141 Unit #4H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 ft., 1004 ft., Sec 141, Blk 34, Abst. 248, H&TC RR, 6.2 ne Barstow; TD 12900; API #42-475-37473 Permit issued 3/1

COG Operating LLC  
Funky Boss B #8251H  
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 291 ft., 101 ft., Sec 182, Blk 34, Abst. 416, H&TC RR, 1.43 ne Barstow; TD 11000; API #42-475-37409 Permit issued 3/2

COG Operating LLC  
Funky Boss C #8270H  
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 248 ft., 101 ft., Sec 182, Blk 34, Abst. 416, H&TC RR, 1.43 ne Barstow; TD 11500; API #42-475-37410 Permit issued 3/2

## Winkler County

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC  
UL Mill 3427-21 #3HR

Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 ft., 831 ft., Sec 34, Blk 21, Abst. 74U, ULS, 4.82 sw Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-34076 Permit issued 2/27

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC  
Grizzly State 4045-27 #3HR  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 319 ft., 809 ft., Sec 40, Blk 27, Abst. 1332, PSL, 6.32 nw Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-34077 Permit issued 3/2

Halcon Operating Co. Inc.  
Sealy Ranch #7307H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10954 ft., 14475 ft., Sec 73, Blk F, Abst. 119, G&MB&A, 7.2 se Wink; TD 13000; API #42-495-34073 Permit issued 2/27

Halcon Operating Co. Inc.  
Sealy Ranch #7308H  
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10954 ft., 14450 ft., Sec 73, Blk F, Abst. 119, G&MB&A, 7.2 se Wink; TD 13000; API #42-495-34074 Permit issued 2/27

## Texas RRCD #A

## Cochran County

Windy Cove Energy II LLC  
Sapphire #1503NH  
Platong (San Andres)-Horizontal; 200 ft., 1893 ft., Sec 15, Blk L, Abst. 397, PSL, 25.3 sw Morton; TD 8000; API #42-079-33379 Permit issued 2/28

## Yoakum County

Occidental Permian Ltd.  
Hat Trick #1H  
Wasson 72-Horizontal; 2006 ft., 325 ft., Sec 759, Blk D, Abst. 98, J.H. Gibson, 7.1 ne Denver City; TD 2500; API #42-501-36952 Permit issued 2/28

Occidental Permian Ltd.  
Wasson North Clearfork Unit #184H  
Wasson Northeast (Clearfork)-Horizontal; 47 ft., 2468 ft., Sec 677, Blk D, Abst. 542, J.H. Gibson, 8.4 ne Denver City; TD 8500; API #42-501-36958 Permit issued 2/28

Occidental Permian Ltd.  
Wasson North Clearfork Unit #185H  
Wasson Northeast (Clearfork)-Horizontal; 310 ft., 1052 ft., Sec 677, Blk D, Abst. 1346, J.H. Gibson, 8 ne Denver City; TD 8000; API #42-501-36959 Permit issued 2/28

Riley Permian Operating Co. LLC  
Lazy Horse 581 #2H  
Platong (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2218 ft., 228 ft., Sec 538, Blk D, Abst. 474, J.H. Gibson, 9.92 sw Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36963 Permit issued 3/2

Steward Energy II LLC  
Kimber 434 #4H  
Platong (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2445 ft., 216 ft., Sec 434, Blk D, Abst. 1371, J.H. Gibson, 7.03 ne Plains; TD 7000; API #42-501-36946 Permit issued 2/26

Verdugo-Pablo Energy LLC  
Vito #2H  
Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2490 ft., 190 ft., Sec 328, Blk D, Abst. 1290, J.H. Gibson, 7.03 ne Plains; TD 8650; API #42-501-36960 Permit issued 3/2

Windy Cove Energy II LLC  
Sustle #3702NH  
Platong (San Andres)-Horizontal; 700 ft., 1020 ft., Sec 66, Blk D, Abst. 1361, J.H. Gibson, 12.8 nw Plains; TD 8000; API #42-501-36956 Permit issued 2/26

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC  
Gig'Em 343 #1H  
Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 221 ft., 330 ft., Sec 343, Blk D, Abst. 208, J.H. Gibson, 9.7 ne Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36948 Permit issued 2/27

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC  
Hullabeloo 646 #10X  
Platong (San Andres)-Horizontal; 194 ft., 330 ft., Sec 648, Blk D, Abst. 1727, J.H. Gibson, 13.48 sw Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36957 Permit issued 2/26

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC  
Hullabeloo 646 #10X  
Platong (San Andres)-Horizontal; 194 ft., 330 ft., Sec 648, Blk D, Abst. 1727, J.H. Gibson, 13.48 sw Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36957 Permit issued 2/26

## New Mexico

## Eddy County

Chisholm Energy Operating LLC  
Dark Canyon 15 22 St Com 385 #4  
South Yarrow; Sec 15 T23S R28E; 130N & 720W; 6 mi SW Carlsbad; Rot 15793 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44647

## Lee County

Cobra Oil & Gas  
Angel Eyes 17 St #1  
Cormac; Sec 8 T10S R33E; 200S & 600E; 8 mi NE Caprock; Rot 9463 San Andres; API #30-025-44395

Occidental Permian Ltd.  
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #654  
Hobbs; Sec 23 T18S R37E; 1541N & 1273E; 3 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 6000 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-44388

Ascot Energy LLC  
Pisifalero #502  
South Peak; Sec 36 T18S R35E; 130N & 1240W; 10 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 14914 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44382

Caiza Operating LLC  
Igloo 19 State #11  
South Lea; Sec 19 T20S R35E; 230S & 735E; 14 mi E Halfway; Rot 14450 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44398

Goodnight Midstream Permian LLC  
Snyder SWD 28 #1  
SWD; Sec 28 T21S R36E; 2402N & 1911W; 4 mi S Oil Center; Rot 6500 Grayburg San Andres Gioriet; API #30-025-44386

OneEnergy Partners Operating LLC  
Ovalde 83 State Com #2  
Ojo Chaco; Sec 12 T22S R34E; 380E & 2456W; 16 mi SE Halfway; Rot 20890 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44388

Kaiser-Francis Oil Co.  
Leviathan St SWD #1  
SWD; Sec 8 T23S R34E; 780S & 150W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17500 Devonian; API #30-025-44387

EOG Resources Inc.  
Bandit 29 St #501  
East Triete Draw; Sec 29 T24S R33E; 424N & 699E; 8 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 18579 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44383

EOG Resources Inc.  
Bandit 29 St #502  
East Triete Draw; Sec 29 T24S R33E; 423N & 734E; 8 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 18584 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44384

BTA Oil Producers LLC  
Rejo 7811 27 Fed Com #12  
Bobcat Draw; Sec 27 T25S R33E; 220N & 1310E; 8 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17588 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44350

COG Operating LLC  
Square Bill Fed Com #21-Y  
Dogie Draw; Sec 31 T25S R35E; 240S & 924E; 7 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 20172 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44397

EOG Resources Inc.  
Magnolia 15 Fed #703  
Sanders Tank; Sec 15 T26S R33E; 1145N & 2133W; 12 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17142 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44374

EOG Resources Inc.  
Barlow 34 Fed #715  
Sanders Tank; Sec 34 T28S R33E; 300S & 408E; 14 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17124 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44394

## Reesevelt County

Armstrong Energy Corp.  
Suste Q #1  
East Tenney Hill; Sec 2 T8S R34E; 330N & 2253W; 13 mi NW Minehead; Rot 6300 Fusselman; API #30-041-20974

## Petroleum Professional Development Center

All classes will be held at the Midland College PPDC building, 221 N. Main St.

Midland College is closed for Spring Break March 12-16, 2018 - Monday - Friday

Well Control Drilling/Workover (WellSharp)  
Instructor: Larry Chapman  
Start Date: March 19-23, 2018 - Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Cost: \$1200; Out of State \$1225

Petra Fundamentals  
Instructor: Greg Hintersong  
Start Date: March 20-21, 2018 - Tuesday - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Cost: \$625; Out of State \$650

Advanced SQL  
Instructor: Mark Edgar  
Start Date: March 22, 2018 - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$450; Out of State \$475

Right of Way Acquisition Training  
Instructor: Don Valden  
Start Date: March 27, 2018 - Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Cost: \$500; \$525 Out of State

## Advanced Right of Way

Acquisition Training  
Instructor: Don Valden  
Start Date: March 28, 2018 - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Cost: \$500; \$525 Out of State

Principles of Hydraulic Fracturing  
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins  
Start Date: March 27-29, 2018 - Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$1200; Out of State: \$1225

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 1 of 8: Introduction to Division Order Practices  
Instructor: Alyssa Hoge  
Start Date: April 4, 2018; End Date: April 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: Noon, April 4, 2018  
Cost: \$612.50; Out of State, \$637.50 - the required text is the NADDOA Study Guide, which is \$75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADDOA for \$75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 1 of 8: Introduction to Land Management Practices

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## COMPLETIONS

## Courtesy DrillingInfo

## From 3F

ax, 9 5/8 @ 4635 w/1540 ax, 5 1/2 @ 19066 w/3705 ax, 2 7/8 @ 8718; API #30-025-43566

EOG Resources Inc.  
Hearns 34 State Com #504  
East Triete Draw; Sec 34 T24S R33E; 275S & 2362E; BH-L: Sec 27 341N & 2231E; EL 3468 GR, TD 21,140 MD, 11,137 TVD, PBTD 21,021 MD, 11,135 TVD; Spud 8-23-17, Comp 12-29-17; production is through treated perf: 11,328-21,021. Treat: Frac w/25,808,442# proppant, 448,615 lbs load fluid. IP: 1-3-18 Flow 24 hrs 1746 BO, 5598 BW, 2025 MCF; 62 Ch, TP 622, CP 388, GOR 1160, Gly 46, Cag: 10 % @ 1219 w/940 ax, 7 5/8 @ 10640 w/3835 ax, 5 1/2 @ 21,115 w/1025 ax, 2 7/8 @ 11008; API #30-025-43825

EOG Resources Inc.  
Dragon 36 State #708  
Wildcat; Sec 36 T24S R33E; 235S & 1345E BH-L: 231N & 368E; EL 3475 GL, TD 17,295 MD, 12,329 TVD, PBTD 17,186 MD, 12,337 TVD; Spud 8-12-17, Comp 12-1-17; production is through treated perf: 12,687-17,186. Treat: Frac w/11,346,808 proppant, 215,587 lbs load fluid. IP: 12-3-17 Flow 24 hrs 2276 BO, 5436 BW, 4138 MCF, 62 Ch, TP 1518, CP 488, GOR 1842, Gly 43, Cag: 10 % @ 1280 w/1010 ax, 7 5/8 @ 11900 w/3930 ax, 5 1/2 @ 17285 w/575 ax, 2 7/8 @ 12,242; API #30-025-43716

Devon Energy Production Co. LP  
Ambian 30 19 Federal Com #1  
Wildcat; Sec 30 T25S R32E; 2450N & 1345E; BH-L: Sec 19 134N & 1888E; EL 3362 GL, TD 17,940 MD, 10,438 TVD, PBTD 17,744; Spud 8-2-17, Comp 11-5-17; production is through treated perf: 10858-17760. Treat: 18,396 gals acid, 11,050,304# prop. IP: 12-4-17 Flow 24 hrs 1316 BO, 1750 BW, 2935 MCF; TP 1520, GOR 2230, Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1048 w/1085 ax, 9 5/8 @ 4325 w/1780 ax, 5 1/2 @ 10831, 5 1/2 @ 17827 w/2236 ax; API #30-025-43774

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## UT Permian Basin welcomes 7th Star Faculty member

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) has received a \$500,000 grant from the UT System STARs Program to hire electrical engineering researcher, Mohsin Jamali. Jamali holds a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Windsor in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Jamali has joined the UTPB College of Engineering as a professor and coordinator of Electrical Engineering. He is currently teaching an electric circuits course and will begin teaching Electrical Engineering courses next fall. His research has focused on parallel computer architectures for real time applications. He has developed parallel architectures for on-board processors, signal and sensor array processing applications. He has also worked in the area of in-vehicle networks.

Recent research interests include parallel processing using FPGAs, Multi-Core, GPUs and Emerging Architectures for radar signal processing, and IR video Processing. Dr. Jamali's research has been sponsored by NASA, the Office of Naval Research, the Air Force and the Department of Energy.

Jamali has received Summer Faculty Research Fellowships from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) and the Air Force Research Laboratory at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. He was a Fulbright-Tampere University of Technology Scholar in 2014-2015, giving him the opportunity to conduct research at Tampere International Center for Signal Processing, Tampere University to Technology, Finland.

The STARs grant will be used to set up a research laboratory, purchase equipment and hire graduate assistants needed to support Dr. Jamali's vital research.

"The College of Engineering would like to welcome Dr. Mohsin Jamali as the new coordinator of Electrical Engineering. Dr. Jamali brings over thirty years of classroom and research experience to UTPB," said Forest Flocker, interim dean of the Engineering. "As the program coordinator, he will serve as the head of our newly formed Electrical Engineering Program. As a STARs grant recipient from the UT System, the grant

**"The recruitment of Dr. Jamali to support our new chemical engineering program is yet another illustration of the world-class faculty we are attracting to UT Permian Basin"**

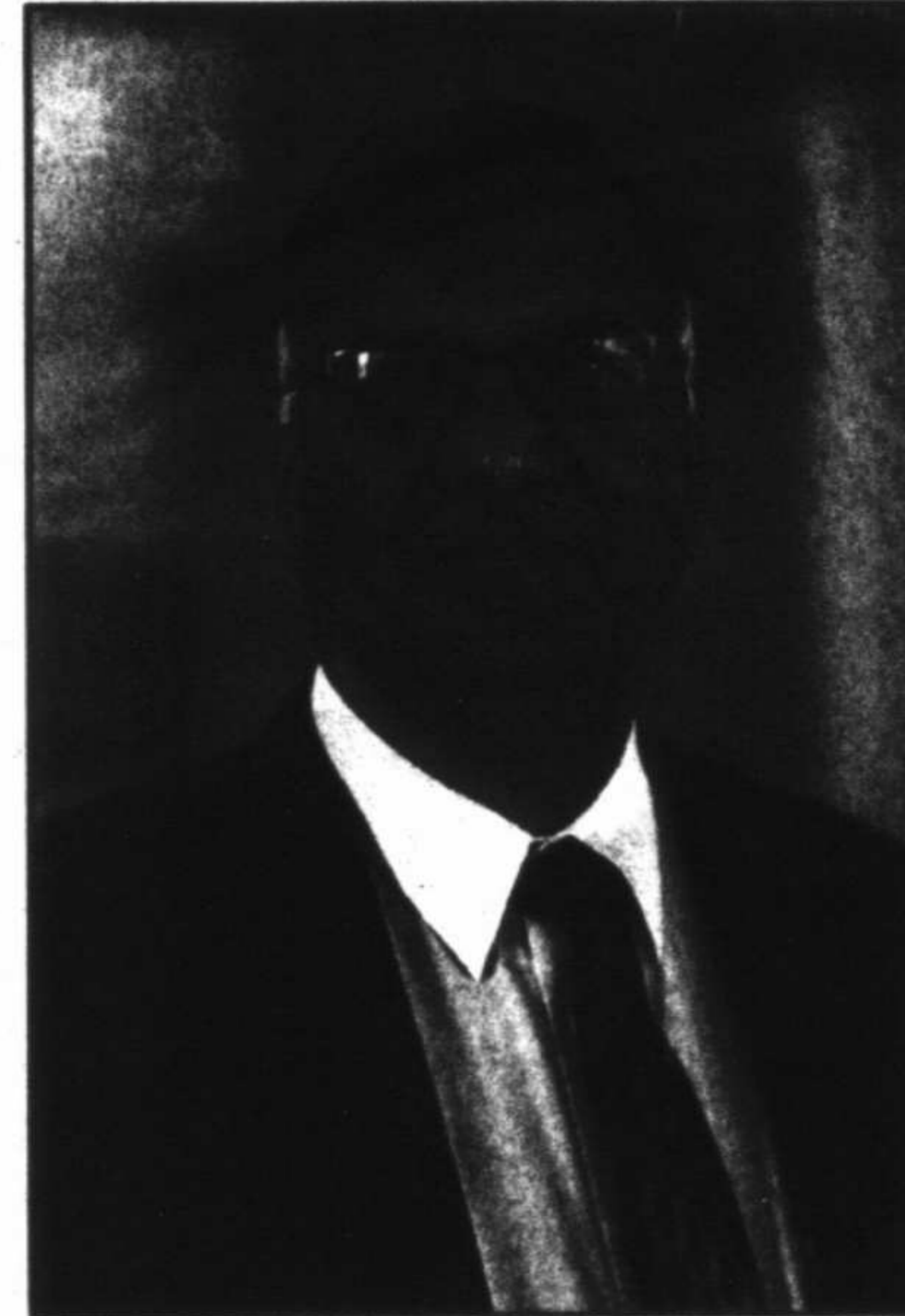
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Provost  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
UT Permian Basin

funds will be used to develop a new research laboratory in high-performance, embedded computing for deep learning."

"The UT System and its STARs program was a major factor in my decision to come to UTPB. I am thrilled to receive this grant which will assist in building a world class high performance computing laboratory to be used for research in the area of acoustic, signal, image/vision processing and power systems for the benefit of the oil industry in the Permian Basin and the State of Texas," said Mohsin Jamali. "I am excited to be part of a new electrical engineering program and in taking College of Engineering and the UTPB to the higher level."

"The recruitment of Dr. Jamali to support our new electrical engineering programs is yet another illustration of the world-class faculty we are attracting to UT Permian Basin," said Dan Heimmermann, provost and vice president of UTPB. "UT Permian Basin's support for the local oil and gas industry is well-established and recognized. In addition, as our seventh STARs faculty in less than three years, this hire reaffirms the commitment of the University of Texas System to engineering in West Texas."

About the STARs Program: The Faculty STARs (Science and Technology Acquisition and Retention) Program has evolved and expanded from the original proposal approved by The University of Texas System Board of Regents in August 2004. The Faculty STARs,



STARs Plus, Rising STARs, Translational STARs and Teaching STARs programs are described below.

In August 2004, the UT Board of Regents approved an allocation of funds to be awarded to institutions to help attract and retain the best-qualified faculty. This Faculty STARs program was funded through Permanent University Fund (PUF) bond proceeds Library, Equipment, Repair and Rehabilitation (LERR funds) to help purchase state-of-the-art research equipment and make necessary laboratory renovations to encourage faculty members to perform their research at U.T. institutions. The Board has allocated STARs funds to both general academic and to health institutions.

## UTPB STEM Academy to accept applications

The UTPB STEM Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year for students in grades kindergarten - tenth grade. Visit <https://utpbstem.schoolmint.net/welcome> to complete an online application.

The UTPB STEM is an innovative public, open-enrollment charter school currently located on the UTPB campus. We are dedicated to implementing the newest and most promising

practices in education with an emphasis in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The foundational belief is that learning should be both engaging and social. Students work collaboratively on challenging curriculum, which in turn, enable them to experience engaging learning opportunities in order to develop conceptual knowledge and depth through project based learning (PBL).

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## Petroleum Professional Development Center

## From 6F

**Instructor:** Alyce Hoge  
**Start Date:** April 4, 2018;  
**End Date:** April 30, 2018;  
**Registration Deadline:** Noon,  
 April 4, 2018  
**Cost:** \$612.50; Out of State,  
 \$637.50

**IHSMarkit: Kingdom Geological Interpretation Location:** Dapo Ajibade  
**Start Date:** April 4-5, 2018 - Wednesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$1400 - Register directly with IHS Markit on the PPDC website: <https://ce.midland.edu/ppdc/>

**IHSMarkit: Kingdom Geosteering**  
**Instructor:** Dapo Ajibade  
**Start Date:** April 6, 2018 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$700 - Register directly with IHS Markit on the PPDC website: <https://ce.midland.edu/ppdc/>

**New Course: LMKR: GGG - Project and Data Management Essentials**  
**Registered directly with LMKR:** cviteri@lmlr.com  
**Instructor:** John French  
**Start Date:** April 9 - 10, 2018 - Monday - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$1000

**New Course: Artificial Lift and Real-Time Optimization for Unconventional Assets**  
**Instructor:** Rajan Chokshi, Ph.D.  
**Start Date:** April 10 - 12, 2018 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$1500; \$1525 Out of State (Lunch included)

**Well Service and Pressure Control**  
**Instructor:** Mike Cure  
**Start Date:** April 11, 2018 - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$375, Out of State \$400

**Petroleum Geology for Non Geologists**  
**Instructor:** Paul Pause  
**Start Date:** April 16-19, 2018 - Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$1835; Out of State \$1860

**Introduction to FINE for Petroleum**  
**Instructor:** Jennifer Harrison  
**Start Date:** April 16-17, 2018 - Monday - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$960; Out of State:

## \$985

**New Course: LMKR: PRIZM - Petrophysics Essentials**  
**Registered directly with LMKR:** cviteri@lmlr.com  
**Instructor:** Andrew Vessel  
**Start Date:** April 18 - 19, 2018 - Wednesday - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$1500

**An Overview of Multistage Completion Systems for Hydraulic Fracturing**  
**Instructor:** Aaron Burton  
**Start Date:** April 19, 2018 - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$575; Out of State \$600

**Polymer Gels for Conformance Improvement**  
**Instructor:** Randy Seright  
**Start Date:** April 23, 2018 - Monday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$375; Out of State: \$400

**PetroSkills: Gas Lift - GLL**  
**Instructor:** John Martinez  
**Start Date:** April 23-27, 2018 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$4315 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: <https://ce.midland.edu/ppdc/>

**Waterflooding: Performance Predictions and Surveillance**  
**Instructor:** Dr. Michael Wiggins  
**Start Date:** April 23-27, 2018 - Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. to Noon  
**Cost:** \$3,975; Out of State: \$4,000

**Energy Land Management**  
**Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald**  
**Start Date:** April 26-27, 2018 - Thursday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$675; Out of State \$700

**Professional Technical Sales**  
**Instructor:** Paul Hughes  
**Start Date:** April 27, 2018 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$250; Out of State: \$275

**New Course: LMKR: Smartaction**  
**Registered directly with LMKR:** cviteri@lmlr.com  
**Instructor:** John French  
**Start Date:** April 30, 2018 - Monday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$750

**Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils**

**Instructor:** Kerry Sublette  
**Start Date:** April 30, 2018 - Monday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$395; Out of State: \$420

**Critical Title Issues**  
**Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald**  
**Start Date:** April 30, 2018 - Monday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$350; Out of State \$375

**On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Land Titles, Title Examination and Title Opinions**  
**Instructor:** Alyce Hoge  
**Start Date:** May 2, 2018; **End Date:** May 30, 2018; **Registration Deadline:** Noon, May 2, 2018  
**Cost:** \$612.50; Out of State, \$637.50 - the required text is the NADDA Study Guide, which is \$75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADDA 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:** Noon, May 2, 2018  
**Cost:** \$612.50; Out of State, \$637.50

**Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method**  
**Instructor:** David M. Orchard  
**Start Date:** May 3 - 4, 2018 - Thursday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$400; Out of State: \$425

**Optimizing Oilfield Systems Using Spreadsheet Models**  
**Instructor:** Peter L. Galusky, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.  
**Start Date:** May 7, 2018 - Monday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$350, Out of State \$375

**PetroSkills: Unconventional Resources Completion and Stimulation -URCS**  
**Instructor:** Larry Britt  
**Start Date:** May 7-11, 2018 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$4190 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: <https://ce.midland.edu/ppdc/>

**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: GGG - Project and Data Management Essentials**  
**Registered directly with LMKR:** cviteri@lmlr.com  
**Instructor:** Andrew Vessel  
**Start Date:** May 10-11, 2018 - Wednesday - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$1500

**New Course: LMKR: Geological Interpretation**  
**Registered directly with LMKR:** cviteri@lmlr.com  
**Instructor:** John French  
**Start Date:** May 8-9, 2018 - Monday - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$1000

**"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

**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

**New Course: LMKR: Data Clean Up**  
**Registered directly with LMKR:** cviteri@lmlr.com  
**Instructor:** Scott Oelke  
**Start Date:** May 29, 2018 - Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$900

## ARTISAN ART WALK

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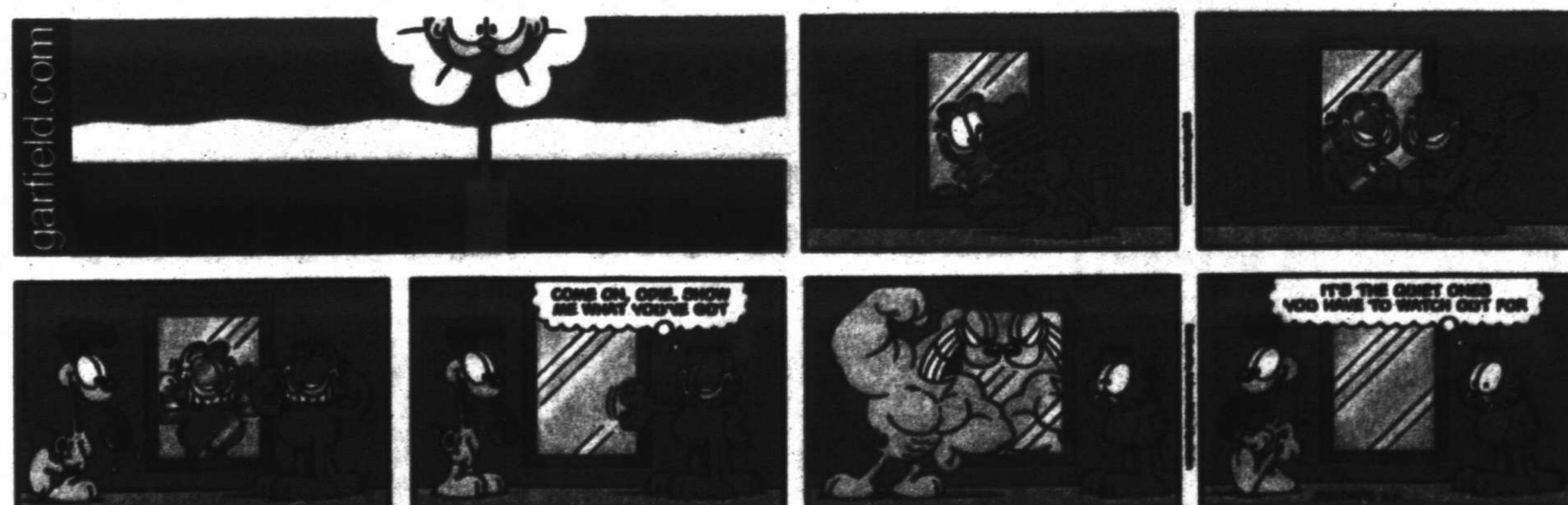
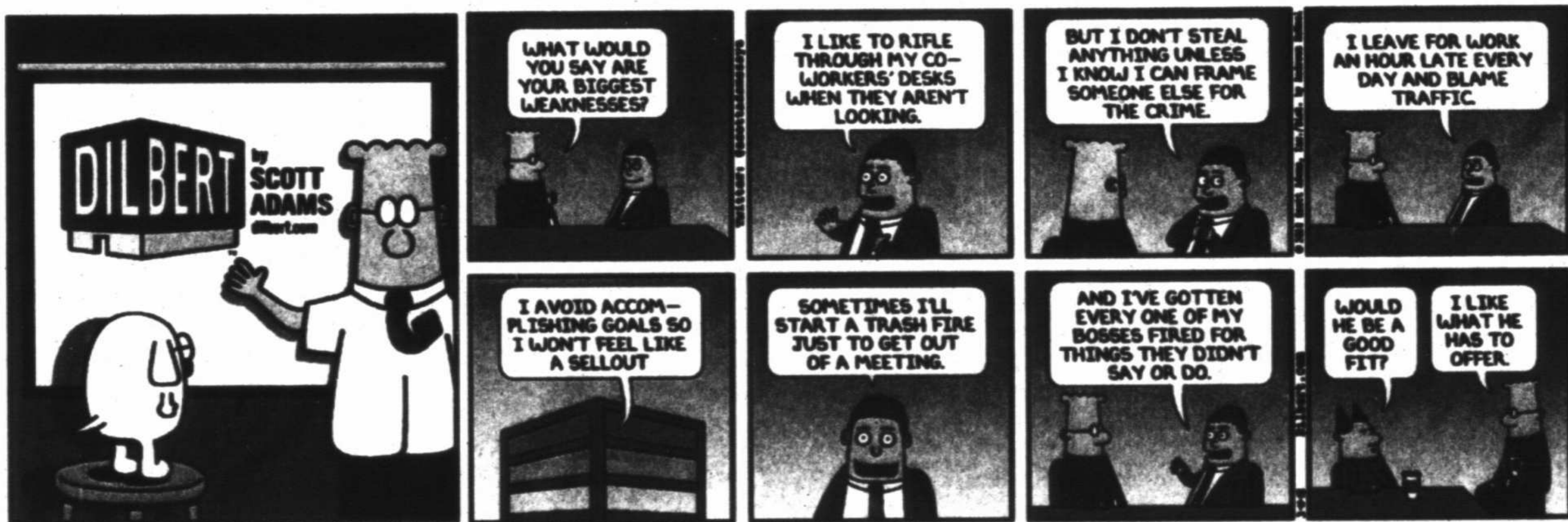
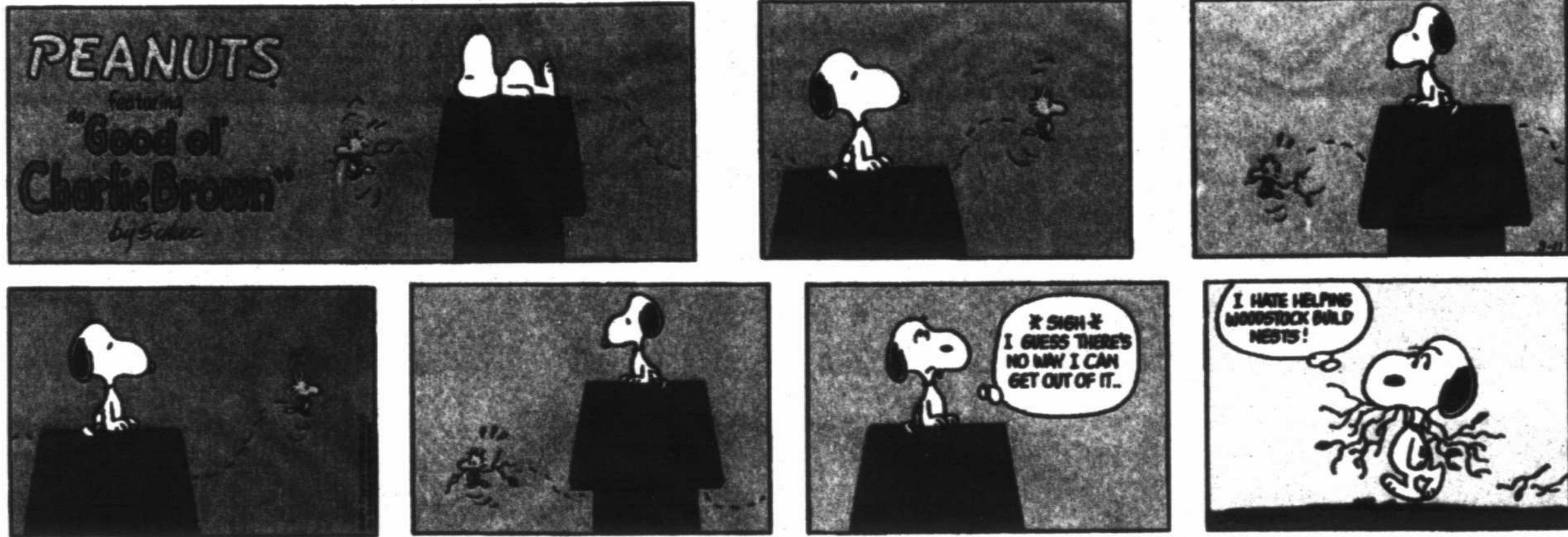
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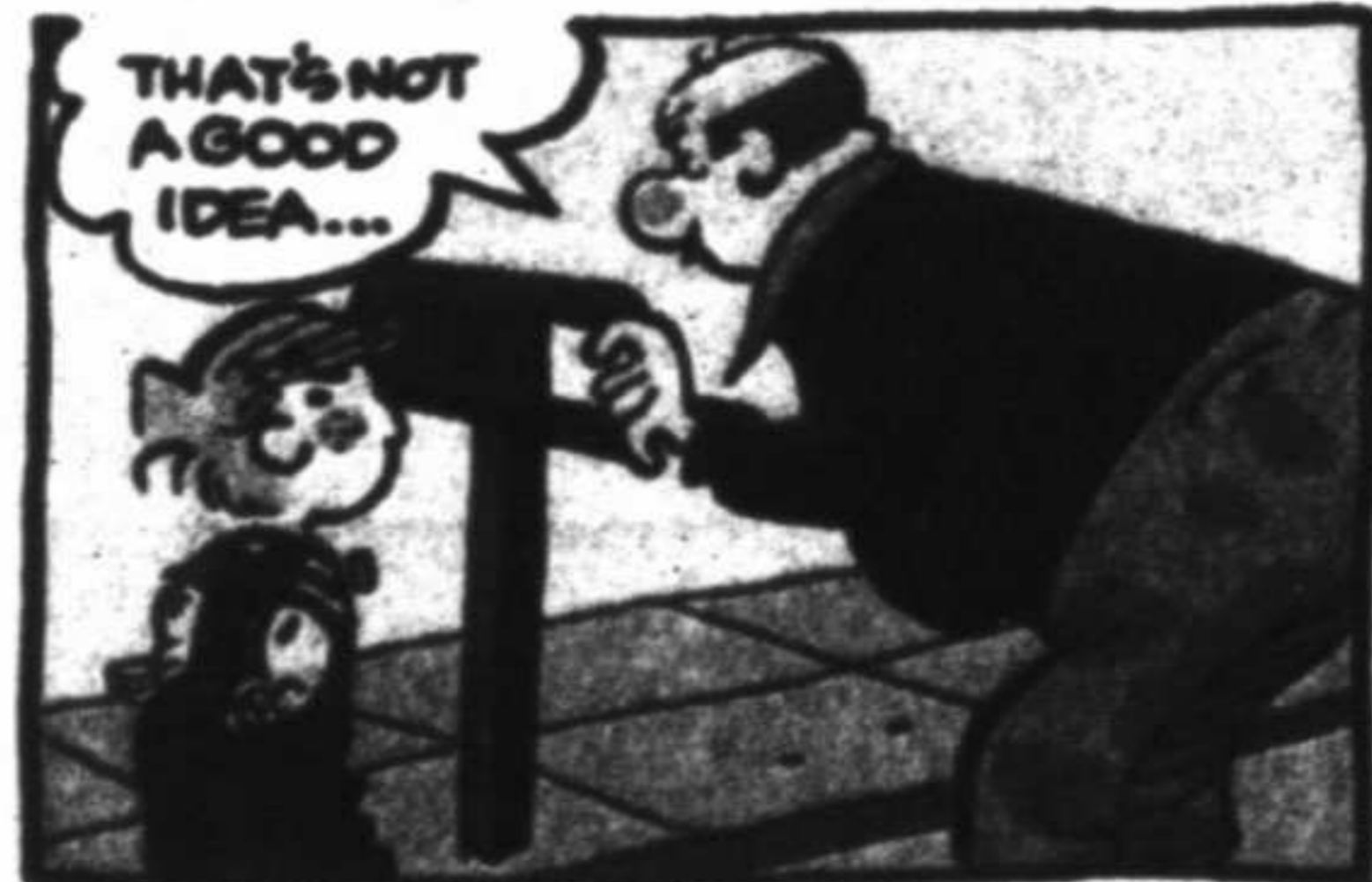
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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



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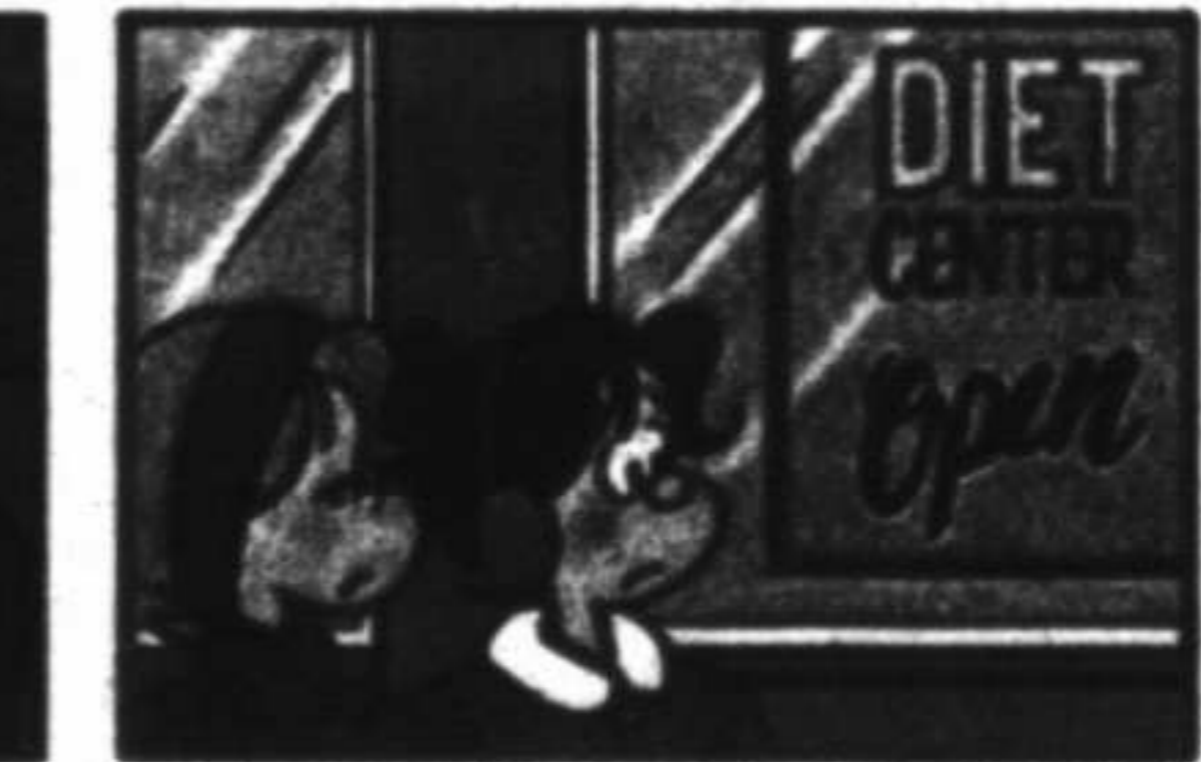
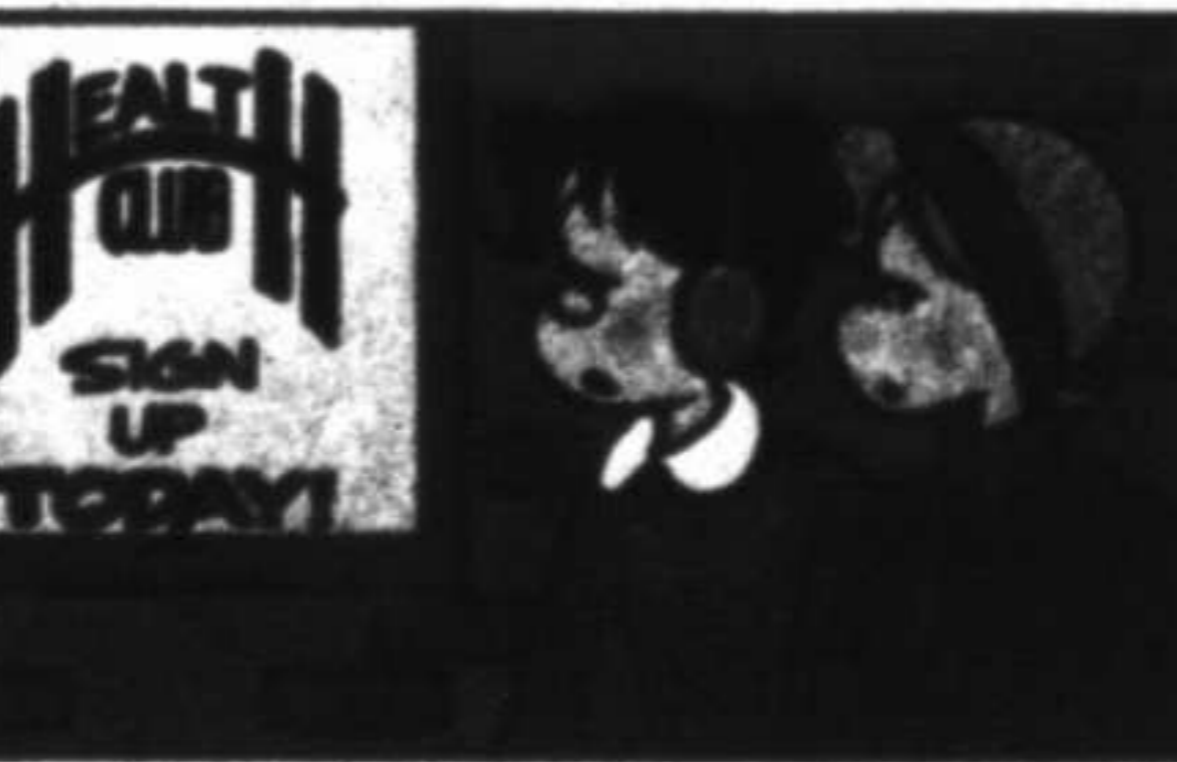
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