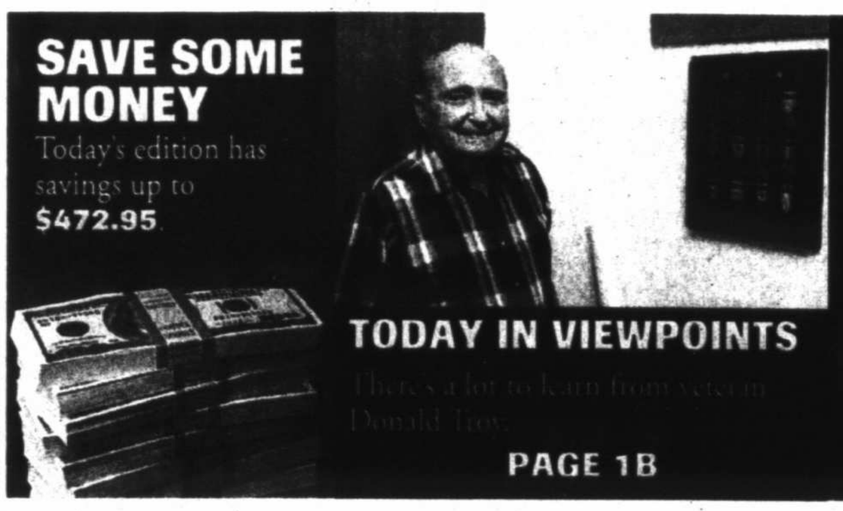


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Printz: Low inventory 'pretty big concern'

Record set in February at 164 for median priced home

By Stewart Doreen
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The latest Permian Basin Board of Realtors report is showing inventory is an issue.

The number of homes available in February — 194 — moved closer to one month's supply as the market not only has a small inventory but also set a record for February in terms of the number of homes sold (164).

"The market remains strong in spite of continued low inventories," said Carroll Nall, MLS executive director and vice president of operations for the Permian Basin Board of Realtors. "March indicators show numbers remaining consistent with the current record trends over the past 14 to 16 months."

Those trends appear to heavily favor the seller and are leaving those looking for housing paying more than $55,000 for an average price home compared to the price in February 2017 and about $47,000 more for the median priced home. The board reported that the average home sold for $312,598, and the median priced home sold for $282,875, which appears to be a new record for any month, according to statistics provided by the PBBOR.

February statistics show the most homes were sold for between $300,000 and $399,999 (37). Second was the 31 homes sold for between $250,000 and $299,999. Third was the 27 homes sold for between $200,000 and $249,999.

Workforce housing appeared to be the order of the day as more homes were sold — and sold in less time — compared to more expensive houses. The average days on the market for a home sold in February for between $250,000 and $299,999 was 20 days.

Veteran Realtor Victoria Printz told the Reporter—Telegram on Friday that if she hasn't sold a property, priced $200,000 to $500,000, within a week, she probably missed the price.

Inventory might become the biggest issue moving forward for Realtors. First, the number of homes on the market at the end of February (194) is the lowest of any month going back to February 2013 (when there were 180). Second, the decline has been dramatic; there were 630 homes on the market as recently as July 2016 (20

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Guns up in Midland



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Targa was among companies that had a booth at the Texas Tech spring scrimmage tailgate festivities Saturday at the Scharbauer Sports Complex. See more photos on Page 4A, at mrt.com and in a future edition and game coverage on 1C.

Commissioners add burn ban discussion to agenda

By Stewart Doreen
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A burn ban will appear on Tuesday's agenda for the Midland County Commissioners' Court.

Despite the lack of rainfall this year and over the last five months, Midland County is currently among the minority of counties in West Texas and the Panhandle without a burn ban in place.

A burn ban prohibits or restricts outdoor burning for public safety, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. As of Friday, there were 94 counties in Texas with burn bans currently in place. Since last week other more metropolitan counties — Tom Green (San Angelo) and Taylor (Abilene) — put burn bans into place. Lubbock County joins Midland as metropolitan areas still without burn bans as of late last week.

The burn ban was not on Monday's regular meeting of the court. It originally wasn't on the Tuesday agenda, but county officials updated the agenda Friday to "Discuss and take action on burn ban." The meeting is scheduled to begin at or after 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Lorraine St.

Midland County is still basically surrounded by counties with burn bans in place. Other counties close to Midland without burn bans include Andrews, Gaines (Seminole) and Dawson (Lamesa).

No matter the outcome of Tuesday's meeting, the area is desperate for rain, and residents are hoping there is some truth in the National Weather Service forecast that is calling for a 40 percent

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Austin bombings teach us to be careful when riding in the trunks.

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99 years in prison.

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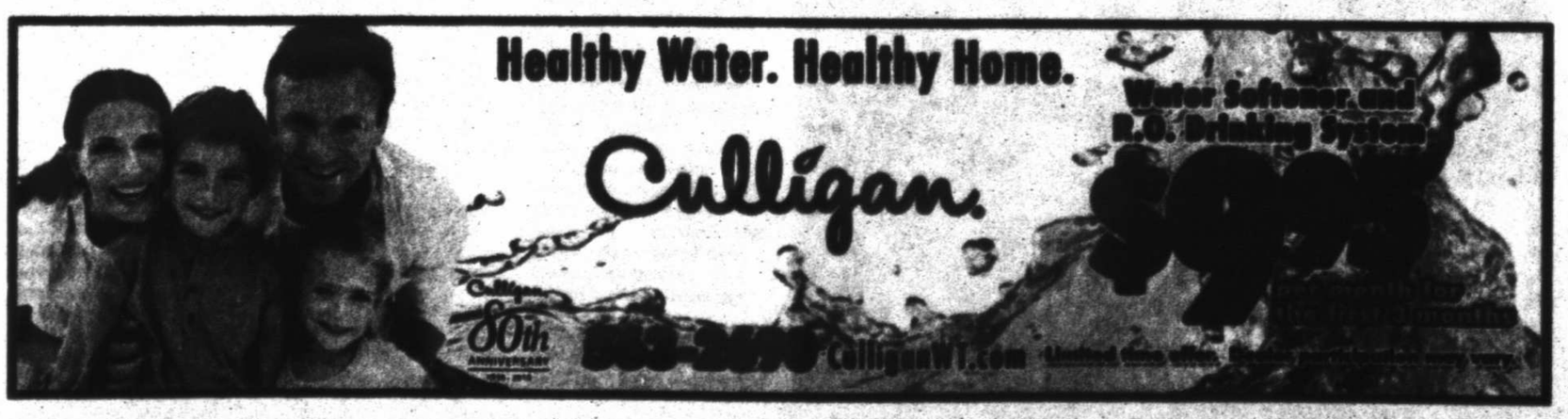
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Trucks operate as shipping containers stand Friday in a terminal at the Yangshan Deep Water Port in Shanghai, China. The trade conflict between China and the U.S. escalated, with Beijing announcing its first retaliation against metals levies hours after President Donald Trump outlined fresh tariffs on $50 billion of Chinese imports and pledged there's more on the way. A 15 percent tariff also would be imposed on wine, apples, ethanol and stainless steel pipe as part of a $3 billion list of U.S. goods for possible retaliation.

Will U.S.-China trade tensions derail energy export plans?

By Collin Eaton and Ryan Maye Handy
Houston Chronicle

The U.S. energy industry, producing record amounts of oil, natural gas and petrochemicals, has planned to grow through exports, especially to booming overseas markets in Asia. But the rising trade tensions between the United States and China could setback those plans.

The Trump administration said Thursday that it would impose high tariffs on some $50 billion of Chinese goods each year. China quickly responded by announcing its own tariffs about $3 billion in U.S goods.

For the oil and gas industry the tariffs could be poorly timed. For one thing, oil companies use specialized machinery made in China, and costs could rise just as the U.S. shale boom is picking back up again. That could slow the energy sector's recovery.

"The tariffs are going to raise costs for the industry right as they are getting back into the game," said Praveen Kumar, executive director of the Gutierrez Energy Management Institute at the University of Houston.

The nation's biggest oil companies, Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp., which both have major operations in the Houston area, lost a combined $13 billion in stock-market value the rout spark by the tariff announcements Thursday. The S&P 500 index for U.S. oil producers dropped 2.2 percent.

"There is nothing about the imposition of these new tariffs that will be beneficial," said Karr Ingham, an Amarillo-based economist who studies the Texas oil industry.



AP file photo

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The Gulf Coast petrochemical boom, which has attracted tens of billions of dollars in investment in new or expanded plants, is predicated in part on meeting the growing demand for plastics in emerging consumer societies, particularly China's. U.S. energy companies also are planning several multibillion dollar projects along the Gulf Coast to export liquefied natural gas, gambling in part that China, where gas demand is surging, will buy American.

Houston LNG exporter Cheniere Energy has long eyed China as a growth market as the country works to address an air pollution crisis by transitioning from coal power to cleaner-burning natural gas. In February, the company signed a deal with the state-owned China National Petroleum Corp. to export 1.2 million tons of LNG a year under contracts that extend through 2043.

The U.S. Energy Department projects that China's demand for natural gas in the coming decades will grow the fastest worldwide, nearly tripling to 57 billion cubic feet a day by 2040. But local leaders fear that rising tensions over trade could lead China to buy most of its natural gas from U.S. rivals.

"These are the types of projects that could be in jeopardy with these sanctions," said Bob Harvey, president of the Greater Houston Partnership. "China can simply go to Russia, Australia or the Middle East for their LNG."

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China slaps tariff on U.S. oil pipe, potential hit to Texas industry

By James Osborne
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Texas manufacturers who produce steel oil and gas pipelines and drill pipe could take a hit after China announced it was slapping a 15 percent tariff on steel pipe from the United States.

"There is definitely a fair amount of the pipe manufacturing that gets done here," said Praveen Kumar, executive director of the University of Houston's Gutierrez Energy Management Institute. "It makes sense. Some of the biggest [steel pipe] buyers are in the Houston area, like Schlumberger, and the pipeline companies."

The tariffs are part of a sprawling $3 billion tariff imposed by the Chinese early Friday, in response to President Donald Trump's announcement he would enact tariffs targeting $50 billion in Chinese goods. Among the goods targeted by the Chinese are pork, apples and steel pipe.

Pipeline manufacturing has grown in Texas over the past decade, as the hydraulic fracturing boom took off in shale plays like the Eagle Ford and Permian Basin.

In November, global steel pipe giant Tenaris began production of steel oil and gas pipe at its new $1.8 billion mill in Bay City, destined for shale oil and gas wells in Texas, Oklahoma and beyond.

But a relatively small amount of that pipe goes to China. U.S. steel pipe exports reached 832,000 metric tons last year, according to the U.S. International Trade Administration. More than 80 percent of that pipe went to Canada and Mexico, with China coming in a distant third.

"Bottom line, if the retalation is on pipelines, Houston will not see much impact. However, if the trade war escalates to broader energy related machinery classes, then Houston will be more exposed," Kumar said.

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Study: Permian Basin buckling under stress of oil and gas drilling

By Jeff Mosier
The Dallas Morning News

Oil and natural gas drilling is causing the West Texas landscape to buckle even more than previously realized, according to researchers from Southern Methodist University.

The same team previously investigated two giant sinkholes — which have become semi-famous — near the town of Wink, about 70 miles west of Midland. The new study in the journal Scientific Reports published by Nature.com, found at least a half-dozen more large swaths of the Permian Basin where land is sinking or rising.

"These hazards represent a danger to residents, roads, railroads, levees, dams, and oil and gas pipelines, as well as potential pollution of groundwater," said SMU geophysicist Zhong Lu, in a written statement. "Proactive, continuous detailed monitoring from space is critical to secure the safety of people and property."

Some of the land they studied moved as much as 40 inches during a 2 1/2-year period, according to researchers.

A 2017 Texas Tribune story reported that an abandoned Pecos County oil well caused officials to spend more than $1 million in road repairs. The story quoted local officials as saying that rerouting the affected Farm-to-Market Road could push the cost to $15 million.

Lu and co-author Jin-Woo Kim, an SMU research scientist in the earth sciences department, examined about 4,000 square miles using satellite radar images from the European Space Agency and compared them with oil drilling data from the Texas Railroad Commission. The research covered Pecos, Reeves, Ward and Winkler counties.

These are all major oil-producing counties in the nation's most productive oil field. Combined, these counties accounted for 6 percent of Texas' 296,780 oil wells in February, according to Texas Railroad Commission figures.

"Subsidence and uplift are found in many areas, and the variety of conditions described in the report obviously require additional research to properly reflect on the situations," said Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil & Gas Association, in a written statement. "We look forward to reading the report in depth and will continue to produce oil and natural gas responsibly and safely, and in compliance with science-based rules and regulations."

The SMU researchers said they found a "significant relationship" between the ground's movement and oil drilling activities, including wastewater injection wells and carbon dioxide injection.

Also, underground salt formations, dissolved by leaking water, contributed to the surface changes, according to the study. The water often entered these formations through abandoned wells or damaged pipes and casings.

That phenomenon created what's known as Boehmer Lake, a collapsed area filled with salty water, south of Odessa near some of the abandoned oil wells.

"We're fairly certain that when we look further, and we are, that we'll find there's ground movement even beyond that," Kim said in a written statement. "This region of Texas has been punctured like a pincushion with oil wells and injection wells since the 1940s, and our findings associate that activity with ground movement."

Lu and Kim also published research in 2016 saying the Wink sinkholes appeared to be expanding and that the land around them was unstable. The research paper suggested that more sinkholes or one giant one could form.

The first sinkhole emerged in 1980 and was 361 feet across during the 2016 research project. The second appeared about a mile away in 2002 and was between 670 and 900 feet across.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

Today is Palm Sunday

Many Christians in the United States remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. This day is also on the Sunday before Easter Sunday.

Source: timeanddate.com

Midland County GOP picks delegates

The Midland County Republican Party selected its delegates for the state convention, which is June 14-16 in San Antonio.

The 65 delegates and six alternates were selected during the Midland County Republican Party's county convention, which was Saturday at True-Life Christian Fellowship.

Things to do

- Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m., Alon Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-6565.
- "The Jungle Book" by the Pickwick Players. 2:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.
- MOSC: "Classic Brass" with: Lone Star Brass, 3 p.m., Rae-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.
- Bingo Nights, 4 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.
- Easter Bunny at Midland Park Mall: Pet photos with the Bunny, 6:30-8 p.m., 4511 N. Midkiff Road. simonbunny.com. Guests can bring pets for a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny.

Tuesday

- District 3 Town Hall Meeting hosted by Sharla Hotchkiss, 6-8 p.m., San Jacinto Junior High School, 1400 N. N St. The event will include a discussion of road work and public safety.

Wednesday

- Day of Giving benefiting West Texas Food Bank, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Jersey Mike's Subs, 4400 N. Midland Drive.

Thursday

- Easter Egg Eggstravaganza, 6-8 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1415 E. Scharbauer. For children up to age 12.
- House of Friends benefiting Casa de Amigos, 6:30-9 p.m., Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St. casadeamigos-midland.com.
- Capernaum Art Gallery Fundraiser by Midland Young Life, 7:30 p.m., Midland Young Life Capernaum, 925 W. Wadley Ave.

Friday

- Easter Spring Fest is 4-6:30 p.m. at Ashton Medical Lodge, 801 S. Loop 250 West; Easter egg hunt, hot dogs and cotton candy; face painting and balloon animals; and photos with live rabbit; 689-2100.

Saturday

- Classic Cars and Coffee, 9 a.m.-noon, Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, 403 Andrews Highway.
- The eighth annual Community Egg Hunt hosted by First Christian Church, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hill Park, 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave.

Meetings this week

- Commissioners' Court
  9 a.m.
  Monday Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
  500 N. Loraine Ave.
- MISD
  5:30 p.m. Monday
  Bowie Fine Arts Academy
  805 Elk
- City Council
  10 a.m. Tuesday
  Council Chambers City Hall
  300 N. Loraine Ave.
- Commissioners' Court
  About 1:30 p.m. Tuesday
  Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
  500 N. Loraine Ave.

Midland County Hospital District
11:45 a.m. Thursday
Administration boardroom



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Northside Lions Club hosted the 25th annual Bunny Breakfast fundraiser Saturday morning at Midland Park Mall. The breakfast of sausage biscuits, scrambled eggs, potatoes and fruit was provided by Texas Roadhouse, Charley's Philly Steaks, Sidekicks & Legends and Chick-fil-A. There was candy for the kids and door prizes were given away.

Today in history

Today is Palm Sunday, March 25, the 84th day of 2018. There are 281 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

March 25, 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 people to the Alabama state capitol in Montgomery after a five-day march from Selma to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

On this date:

In 1776, Gen. George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, was awarded the first Congressional Gold Medal by the Continental Congress.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces attacked Fort Stedman in Virginia but were forced to withdraw because of counterattacking Union troops.

In 1911, 146 people, mostly young female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 0-3-4
Pick 3 day: 4-4-6
Pick 3 evening: 1-7-9
Pick 3 night: 4-5-3
Daily 4 morning: 4-8-4-5
Daily 4 day: 8-5-8-4
Daily 4 evening: 8-9-2-0
Daily 4 night: 6-8-0-6
Cash Five: 4-18-22-28-34
Texas Triple Chance: 2-3-7-13-16-17-34-38-47-55

Powerball: 10-33-45-53-58 PB: 24 Power Play: 3
Lotto Texas: 4-8-18-34-38-39
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-7-8-10-12-13-18-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 4-6-7-10-13-15-16-17-18-19-22-23
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Weather

Saturday's temperatures
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Low 54
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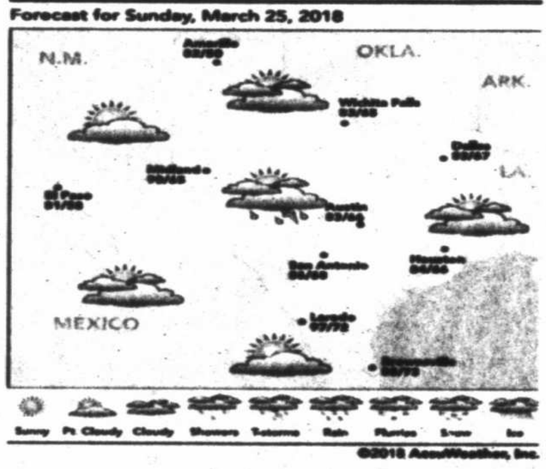
March 24's records
Record high: 91, set in 1988, repeated in 2012
Record low: 24, set in 2006

Precipitation
Saturday ..... 0.00 in.
Sunday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.00 in.
Year total ..... 0.05 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 1.59 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 20 mph
Gust speed: 25 mph

Today's forecast

Today's weather — AccuWeather.com
Forecast for Sunday, March 25, 2018



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High: 89
Low: 61
Conditions: Partly sunny today/mostly cloudy tonight
Winds: Southwest 10-15 mph today/south 10-15 tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:46 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:04 p.m.

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 Aries and a Moon in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 25, 2018:

This year you open up to a more creative yet demanding side of your personality. You often delight others with your spontaneity and your great sense of how far you can push your limits. You will learn how much ingenuity you want to mix into your life. If you are single, you could stumble from one romance to another. Look to fall for the introduction of someone who could be The One! If you are attached, the two of you build a strong relationship that continues to grow. Dote on your sweetie more often. CANCER's emotions run as deep as yours do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others have a tendency to be demanding yet full of information. Listen to what is going on around you. You do not need to make a judgment; just pay attention to what is being said. You need to be with other like-minded people right now. Tonight: Invite family over for dinner.
This Week: Expect more intensity as the days go on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your creativity emerges when you have a talk with a loved one. Working as a team might take some effort, especially as you might be dealing with a difficult person. Relax and keep the faith that you could open up to accept someone quite different. Tonight: Off to the movies.
This Week: You will make an impression on others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might be unusually possessive, and will do whatever is necessary to manifest more of what you want. Opportunities come through your daily life and patterns. You will find that others are in their head, overthinking.
Tonight: Opt for a new place for dinner and fun.
This Week: By midweek, you perk up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your mood changes rapidly. You are getting more information, and will have an opportunity to air out a difference of opinion. As a result, you can make your varied personality fit into the moment. Make time for a loved one. Tonight: Put extra effort into what you are doing.
This Week: Avoid going to extremes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to go off and enjoy your Sunday with whoever is available. You might need to be more resourceful than you normally are when coming up with plans. As the result of your spontaneity, funny moments seem to keep recurring. Tonight: Timing counts.
This Week: Lie low until Wednesday, when you hit your peak.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You often feel as if a loved one is becoming more open to new and inspirational ideas. You find that this person has a tendency to act impulsively. Actually, you might want to consider using a dash of his or her adventurous style.
Tonight: Revise your Sunday night happening.
This Week: Emphasize the positives in your life starting Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A friend could be frantic about a problem. Try to help calm this person down and go through his or her options. This talk could lead to strong ideas and solutions. You have the ability to ground this individual in a way that no one else can.
Tonight: Slow down and relax.
This Week: Go for what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your intense looks draw others toward you. You could feel as if too many admirers surround you. View this group as friends, and you'll feel better. You will know when more exists between you and another person. In a quiet moment, catch up on some rest.
Tonight: All smiles.
This Week: Allow your imagination to lead the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ There is a difference between taking risks and going overboard, both of which you have a tendency to participate in. A friend might be irritating, as you could be unusually tired. Listen to this person's ideas while weighing the pros and cons.
Tonight: Breakfast with a loved one.
This Week: All is well; be appreciative!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You find that others don't hesitate to challenge you. You often take ideas and make them stronger. You might disappoint a friend when you change your plans. Consider inviting this person to join you. If you do, you will get less flak.
Tonight: Defer to a partner or associate.
This Week: Let others get the applause.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to visit someone who lives nearby. Make sure that this person is in the mood for some socializing. Otherwise, your efforts could be wasted. You might be OK with spending some time alone. Remain responsive.
Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.
This Week: Get as much work done as possible in the beginning of the week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You can be quite emotional when dealing with those around you. A child evokes some thoughts about what you want for your life and where you can make adjustments. Assess your choices after getting some exercise. Do some research.
Tonight: Make a favorite dessert.
This Week: Let your feelings rock and roll all week long.

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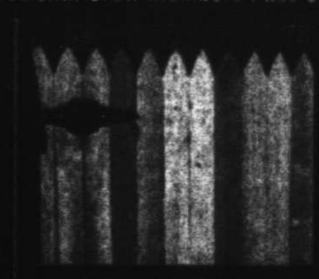
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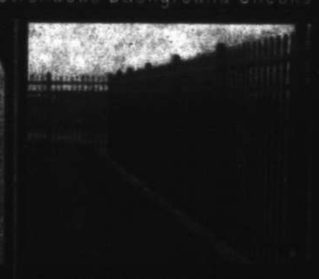
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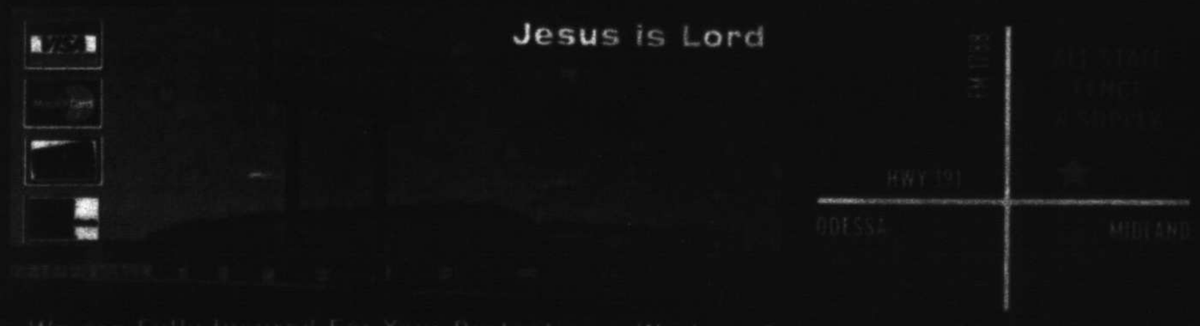
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months ago).

Printz said not including the properties with more than three—quarters of an acre, the actual number of homes available this past week was closer to 138. For homes between $200,000 and $350,000, that number is around 45, she said.

"If we had another 200 homes appear on the market today, it would still be a drastic sellers' market," Printz said.

The PBBOR also reported that — for the seventh straight month — the market showed less than two months of supply available. Printz has said a balanced market in a community the size of Midland has between 900 to 1,100 homes.

And while the PBBOR reports the average home sold stays on the market 46 days, Printz said that number, according to absorption rates, is closer to 14 for homes priced appropriately and that the only thing preventing the number of homes selling from being higher is the lack of inventory.

"It is a pretty big concern" Printz said of the low inventory. "In 23 years, I have never seen anything like this."

Midland housing vs. the state

Metropolitan area	Average price	Median price
Lubbock	$177,809	$161,500
Odessa	$194,970	$178,000
San Antonio-New Braunfels	$244,567	$210,683
Houston-Woodlands-Sugar Land	$271,270	$217,875
Midland	$309,094	$280,000
Dallas-Plano-Irving	$339,003	$280,000
Austin	$370,735	$294,162

Note: The prices are based on the metropolitan statistical area, not necessarily the county.

Source: Texas A&M Real Estate Center

Housing statistics for February

Total homes on the market	194
Homes sold	164
Days on Market	46
Average sold price	$312,598
Average listed price	$319,531
Median sold price	$282,875
Median listed price	$286,000

February history

Total homes on the market

2018	194
2017	348
2016	583
2015	531
2014	297
2013	180
2012	178

Homes sold

2018	164
2017	159
2016	97
2015	88
2014	132
2013	130
2012	154

Days on the market

2018	46
2017	75
2016	57
2015	37
2014	45
2013	42
2012	54

Average sold price

2018	$312,598
2017	$297,541
2016	$271,869
2015	$282,985
2014	$253,550
2013	$251,758
2012	$229,544

Median sold price

2018	$282,875
2017	$295,000
2016	$229,717
2015	$231,500
2014	$230,750
2013	$218,000
2012	$180,000

Abilene Christian University bans same-sex relationships for some student employees

By Shannon Najmabadi
Texas Tribune

When Ryan Clements, a 25-year-old alumnus of Abilene Christian University, found out his alma mater was planning to ban some students' same-sex dating relationships, he said it "hit home in a big way." Clements, an openly gay Christian, said he felt pained "that a school that I loved and that gave me so much and that I tried to pour myself into when I was there would take this kind of action against students like me."

The private college in West Texas, affiliated with Churches of Christ, said earlier this month it would bar student employees from dating people of the same sex. The policy already applies to faculty and staff at Abilene Christian. And a school conduct code has, for years, said sexual relations should only take place within a marriage between a man and a woman.

Many religious colleges across the country have similar rules about same-sex relationships and pre-marital sex. Though Abilene Christian's policy goes further than some — banning same-sex dating, not just sex — they're not the only faith-based institution that's faced questions in recent years about how their policies fit into a changing social landscape.

"Societal norms change and adjust," said Phil Schubert, president of Abilene Christian, which enrolls about 5,000 students. "We've heard from some that are upset we're not taking a more open and affirming approach," and others who worry the school is becoming too permissive of actions "inconsistent with our theology."

Walking that tightrope has proven difficult for religious schools. Some schools, like Baylor University and Abilene Christian, have tried to rejigger their conduct codes. But attempts to revise those policies can draw scrutiny and media attention – and can call up a litany of questions about how these rules can be enforced. Does Abilene Christian's policy "mean that if two guys go to a movie together, are they suddenly in a same-sex romantic relationship?" asked Clements, who is now a graduate student in New Jersey and started a Facebook group opposing the change. "Is it hand-holding? That you're going to have administrators walking around looking for men holding hands or women holding hands?"

It could, he said, "potentially turn into a witch hunt."

'Carrying out the mission'

Schubert said the same-sex dating ban will be enforced on a case-by-case basis and will take effect next fall. It follows years of discussion and fits into the school's broader attempt to be more inclusive, he said.

The student handbook will be revised over the summer to clarify that students who aren't employees are free to be in same-sex relationships so long as they're not sexually-active — the same expectation the school has for heterosexual students who are not married.

But the school's website has already been updated to say that certain student employees — those "asked to exemplify and support the university's mission" — will be barred from dating people of the same sex, just like faculty and staff have been for years.

"Our goal here is not to place an undue restriction on students," Schubert explained, "but we're recognizing that employees, we believe, are asked to do something different in terms of carrying out the mission of the institution and delivering the educational experience that we're offering."

For students filling resident assistant roles, or others that are public-facing, it's important that they "live a lifestyle that is consistent with the values that we espouse at Abilene Christian," he said.

Details about which student jobs will be subject to the dating prohibition will be released in the coming months. And Schubert has already said that some positions will be exempt because oversight bodies like accreditors and the NCAA "have certain standards that they are also interested in ensuring are in-place and intact."

"We want to be careful that in those circumstances and situations that we are not taking any positions that are contrary with the standards that we've agreed to uphold," Schubert said.

The NCAA referred questions about the dating policy to Abilene Christian officials.

AGENDA

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chance of rain today (Monday) and 50 percent chance Tuesday.

The National Weather Service reports that 0.06 of an inch of precipitation has fallen in Midland this calendar year. Less than 1 inch of rain has fallen at Midland International going back to Oct. 1. That translates into parched conditions on the ground. Here is evidence of those dry conditions.

The Texas Forest Service reported on Thursday that wildfires in the Panhandle and West Texas have burned near 52,000 acres this year.

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index in Midland County is between 400 and 600.

The index, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service, is used to determine forest fire potential. Its measurements go from zero to 800. A measurement of 800 means it would take 8 inches of precipitation to fully saturate the soil.

A score of 400 to 600 indicates that a "lower litter and duff layers contribute to fire intensity and will burn actively," according to the drought index. "Wildfire intensity begins to increase significantly. Larger fuels could burn or smolder for several days. This is often seen in late summer and early fall."

According to the index map posted Friday, Midland County's conditions show some of the highest scores in the region.

The U.S. Drought Monitor reports moderate to severe drought in and around Midland County. The U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook shows drought persists in the region.

The Climate Prediction Center isn't calling for relief any time soon.

Its 30-day forecast calls for a 50 percent chance of above-average temperatures and below-average rainfall. The 90-day forecast from April through June calls for a 60 percent chance for above-average temperatures and a 40-percent chance of below-average rainfall.

Through Friday, March 2018 was on pace to be one of the warmer months of March on record in Midland, according to the National Weather Service.

Crime of the week

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

Two Hispanic males broke into a business located in the 3300 block of North Midkiff Road in the early morning hours of Feb. 14. They kicked in the door and stole teddy bears.

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.

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MIDLAND

EMS responds to possible drowning

Emergency personnel responded to the 100 block of Pavilion Parkway about 2:30 p.m. Saturday about a possible drowning.

A 10-year-old boy had "briefly gone under the water," according to the Midland Police Department spokeswoman. The boy was checked onsite by EMS was found to be in "OK condition," she said. The child was not transported to the hospital.

DALLAS

Area pastor gets 99 years in boy's starvation death

A Dallas-area pastor who investigators say ordered that food be withheld from a toddler in order to rid him of a demon has been sentenced to 99 years in prison in the child's 2015 starvation death.

The Dallas Morning News reports that a jury on Friday convicted 52-year-old Aracely Meza of felony injury to a child causing serious bodily injury. Investigators say Meza and the boy's parents believed the 2-year-old had a demon inside him and that fasting would save him. Prosecutors believe Benjamin Aparicio was denied food for more than three weeks.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Judge acquitted of 1 assault count, hung jury on other

A South Texas judge has been acquitted on one assault charge in an alleged gun-related road rage incident but jurors were unable to reach a verdict on the second count.

A Nueces County jury late Friday returned the decisions in the case against state District Judge Guy Williams of Corpus Christi. The 68-year-old Williams was indicted in November on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in an incident last April.

Williams pleaded not guilty to charges alleging he tried to run another vehicle off the road and pointed a gun at its occupants.

OKLAHOMA

Two small earthquakes shake parts of northern Oklahoma

MEDFORD — Two small earthquakes have shaken parts of northern Oklahoma. The U.S. Geological Survey says a magnitude 3.0 earthquake was recorded at about 3:20 a.m. Saturday about 8 miles south-southeast of Medford in Grant County. That's about 120 miles north of Oklahoma City. It was recorded at a depth of about 1 mile.

An earlier 2.8 magnitude earthquake was recorded at 2:06 a.m. about 8 miles northeast of Enid, or about 33 miles south-southwest of Medford.

America's first serial killings were in Austin, too

By Elizabeth Souder
The Dallas Morning News

■ COMMENTARY

The first serial killings in America took place in Austin, just as the most recent serial killings happened in our state capital. Skip Hollandsworth wrote a book called the "The Midnight Assassin: The Hunt for America's First Serial Killer," published in 2015, about the long-ago Austin killer. I've been thinking about that book as I've read news coverage of the Austin bombings, the similarities and differences. So I made a call to Hollandsworth, a Texas Monthly writer living in Dallas.

Q: This past month, I have been thinking about Midnight Assassin as these bombings have happened in Austin because it seems a similar indiscriminate killing, and I wonder what you've been thinking about.

A: Well, there was an eerie similarity to the killings I wrote about, that took place 138 years ago, which was that they started with murders of black women and initially white Austin wasn't very concerned. It was dismissed as a "negro murder." Then came another one and it too was dismissed as a negro murder, and then came another one, and it too was dismissed as a negro murder in which young black males were caught up some kind of blood lust to kill their girlfriends or ex-girlfriends.

There was this distance that white Austin kept from the killings until Christmas Eve 1885, almost exactly one year after the murders began. Two white socialites were murdered in the space of an hour and panic broke out.

This was reflected in the bombings in March, where people thought initially this is a hate crime against minority residents, until the bombing in the wealthy white neighborhood.

And suddenly there was, again, a kind of panic, a prickly, pervasive fear that something terrible had come unleashed, and you would see white residents of Austin suddenly afraid to check their mail or afraid to ride their bikes down city trails.

What you saw was this sense of foreboding, building to true fear, and that's what serial killings do to any city. It's that slow accumulation of bodies, one after another, no one knowing when the killer's going to attack again or why. This is why serial killers have had such an impact on this country, because when they happen, and when the killer is smart enough to get away with it, they're hard to catch.

Q: That seems like a key difference in these two incidents. The Midnight Assassin, that's a very intimate killing where he had to touch the people and lay them out like art, whereas the package bomber may not have even known who he had killed.

A: That's such a good point, and the Midnight Assassin clearly had some sort of private satisfaction doing these killings. The package bomber was trying to create chaos. If he had gone on for a longer period of time, longer than three weeks, he probably would have. We'd be reading stories about people leaving Austin, moving out until the killer was found.

Q: Didn't that happen in the 1800s? That some people left or were reluctant to come?

A: Well, here is an interesting similarity. Austin has always been a city that has tried to present itself to the public as the shining city of America, the place where so much is offered, culture, academia, technology. So when this bomber went to work, Austin was exposed. Then it was just like any other city.

In Austin in 1885, that was precisely the moment when the city and state leaders were trying to tell the world that Austin and Texas was no longer the home of outlaws. That it was sophisticated and modern and was hurdling into the gilded age of America. Electric lights were arriving, telephones had shown up, there was a new State Capitol being built, the University of Texas had just opened.

Austin was the shining city of the West, and then here came these killings, which the leaders of the city wanted to cover up as soon as possible.

Q: I think it's also interesting that the idea of mental illness is on the fringes of both of these stories, but not really part of the story itself.

A: When the killings happened in the 1800s, one of the theories, and this is how primitive the world was about serial killers I mean you know that the phrase "serial killer" did not exist, that there was no FBI, that there were no behavioral scientists that worked for the FBI, that there was no fingerprinting, there was no criminology, there was no hair evidence, there was no blood evidence. All that had yet to be invented. So theories begin to emerge that perhaps these lunatics that were housed at the state lunatic asylum were getting loose in the middle of the night and jumping the fence and running into town to murder, clean up in Waller Creek, wash themselves off, and get back to the asylum before role call at daybreak.

And there are surely theories about this kid who did the bombings, who had this inoffensive, inconsequential life, that he was driven by some unknown mental illness. We're destined to hear that at some point as this story continues to unfold.

Q: I found the end of your book unsatisfying, because I really want to know who the Midnight Assassin is. But I enjoyed the end as well because it's clear that you were frustrated with not knowing.

A: Well, the book has been out for two years, and I'm haunted. It was so different back then. Austin was just 17,000 people. Surely someone knew which man was slipping out of his house at night to do these killings. Surely there's got to be some document, some letter, some journal, somewhere saying, "I think I know who the killer is," but all of it's gone. Police records have disappeared, mental asylum records have disappeared. It's as if Austin leaders wanted to completely cover up or just hide the fact that there was a killer out there that couldn't be caught.

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When will Dallas-Fort Worth overtake Chicago to become the nation's 3rd largest metro area?

By Jill Cowan
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The Dallas-Fort Worth region, once again, added the most new residents of any metro area in the country — roughly 400 per day, or a total of 146,238, over the year that ended in July, census data released Thursday shows.

That kept Dallas-Fort Worth firmly in its spot as the nation's fourth-largest metro, though the region is catching up to Chicago, whose population has been sliding as economic factors tip the scales in favor of Texas, experts say.

"If there are people moving out, there's some drying up of jobs, and if there are people moving in, there are jobs being created," State Demographer Lloyd Potter said. "Generally speaking, that's what's driving a lot of the flows out of the Chicago area and into the Dallas-Fort Worth area."

The thousands of people moving in both from other states and abroad have powered a population boom in Texas and especially in Dallas-Fort Worth, where leaders have made a point of pitching its relatively low costs of living and business-friendly regulatory environment to companies located elsewhere.

On the list of the counties that saw the biggest gains over the year, six out of 10 were in Texas, including Denton and Collin counties, which were ninth and 10th, respectively.

Potter used the two suburban counties as an example of an increasingly common pattern in Texas' swelling metro areas.

"When (Collin and Denton) were smaller, they were up in the top 10 in terms of the rate of growth, and now they're cracking the top 10 in terms of numeric growth because the foundation is there," he said. "The economic development that's going on up there is drawing migrants into those counties."

That, he said, is where the Chicago area seems to be struggling.

As of January, Chicago's annual job growth had been the slowest of any of the nation's 12 biggest metro areas. In that same report, Dallas-Fort Worth ranked second, behind Phoenix, which also added thousands of residents last year.

Meanwhile, the Chicago metro lost more than 13,000 residents. Cook County, which is home to Chicago, lost the most people of any county in the country.

While Potter said he couldn't pinpoint an exact time when Dallas-Fort Worth will surpass Chicago, it's possible that it could happen in coming decades.

"It depends on what happens in Chicago _ if they continue to lose population and if Dallas-Fort Worth continues the pace that it is," he said. "We could see it in the next decade or the one after."

According to the new census numbers, the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin metro area has about 9.5 million residents.

According to projections from Potter's office based on growth trends from 2000 to 2010, Dallas-Fort Worth's population is expected to grow to almost 10 million by 2030.

And experts don't expect that to slow anytime soon.

Still, Potter said that as living costs rise in Dallas-Fort Worth and decline in Chicago with shifting demand, some of the differences between the two metros could even out.

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Tillerson reportedly could be candidate for UT chancellor

By Matthew Watkins and Shannon Najmabadi
Texas Tribune

As the search for the next University of Texas System chancellor drags on, a new high-profile potential candidate has emerged: departing U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

A source familiar with the effort told The Texas Tribune on Friday that Tillerson is being courted by some system leaders as a candidate for the top job at the system, which oversees 14 universities and medical institutions. The Wall Street Journal first reported the news, saying "several members of a search committee are making 'a hard push' to draw Tillerson."

But two other sources close to the matter said no interviews have been conducted and that there are no front-runners at this point. There are five current or former regents on the search committee, and, just last month, they announced that they'd signed a contract with an executive recruiting firm, Russell Reynolds Associates.

"Nobody other than the members of the search advisory committee have confirmed knowledge of the names of candidates under consideration," Randa Safady, a UT System spokesperson, said in a statement. "At this point, any names mentioned by others are speculative at best."

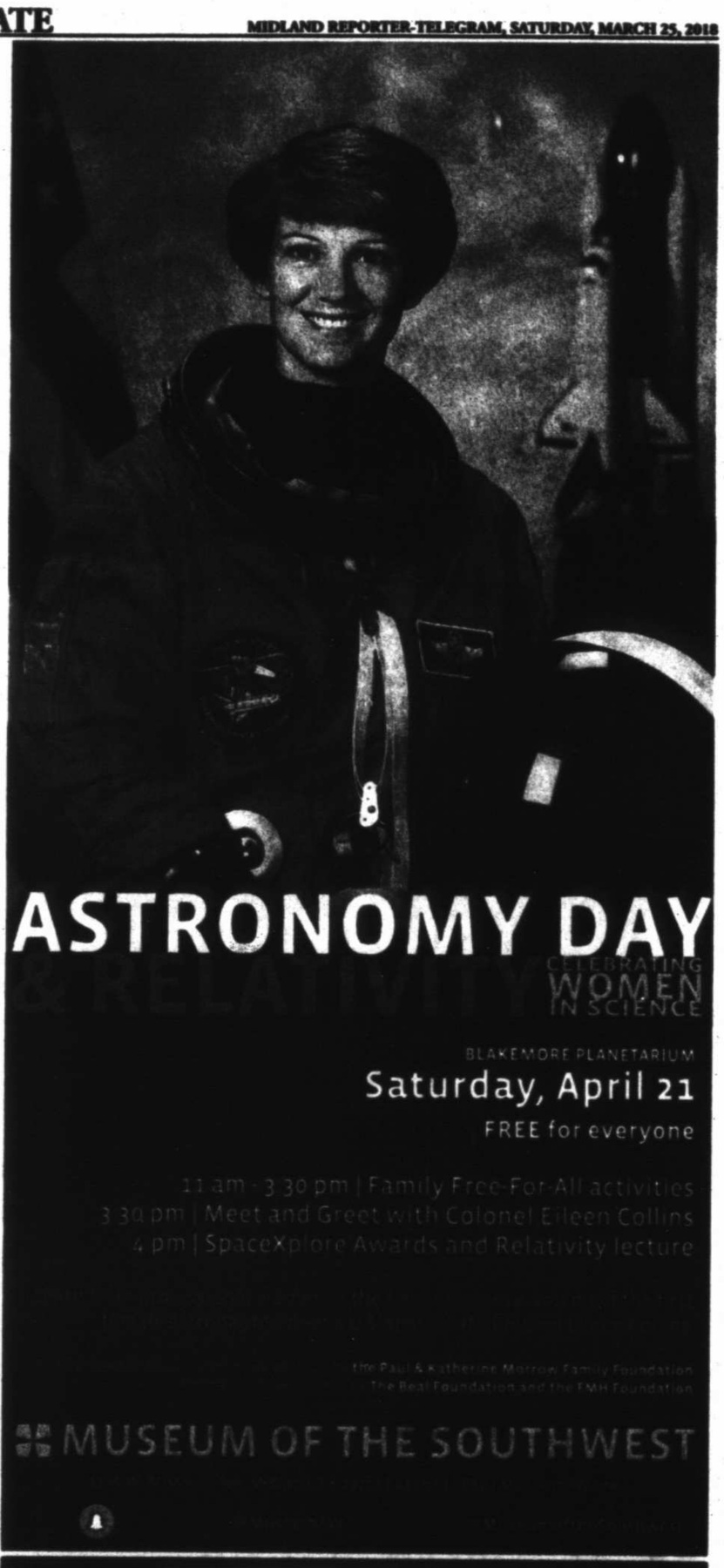
The search for a new chancellor is being conducted by current and former members of the UT System's governing board, a body that's frequently found itself divided internally about policy and direction.

It's unclear how the full board would react to the idea of Tillerson as chancellor, though sources close to the matter suggested it was premature to speculate.

Whoever is picked would replace Chancellor Bill McRaven, a retired Navy admiral. McRaven announced last December that he would step down in the spring for health reasons. Regents have said they hope to replace him well before the 2019 legislative session begins to give his successor enough time to prepare.

Though McRaven's appointment as chancellor was greeted with fanfare, legislators soon soured on his ambitious approach to leading the system.

A four-regent task force is currently reviewing the system's headcount and spending, and is expected to recommend it take on a more restrained role going forward.



Support soars for stricter gun control laws

By Steve Peoples and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Support for tougher gun control laws is soaring in the United States, according to a new poll that found a majority of gun owners and half of Republicans favor new laws to address gun violence in the weeks after a Florida school shooting left 17 dead and sparked nationwide protests.

The poll, conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, found that nearly 7 in 10 adults now favor stricter gun control measures. That's the strongest level of support since The Associated Press first asked the question five years ago. The new poll also found that nearly half of Americans do not expect elected officials to take action.

"It feels hopeless," said 30-year-old Elizabeth Tageson-Bedwin, of Durham, North Carolina, a self-described Republican who teaches 7th grade English. "Considering recent events, gun control in this country needs to be stricter — and it can be without infringing on anyone's rights."

Overall, 69 percent of Americans think gun laws in the United States should be made stricter. That's up from 61 percent who said the same in October of 2016 and 55 percent when the AP first asked the question in October of 2013. Overall, 90 percent of Democrats, 54 percent of gun owners and 50 percent of Republicans now favor stricter gun control laws.

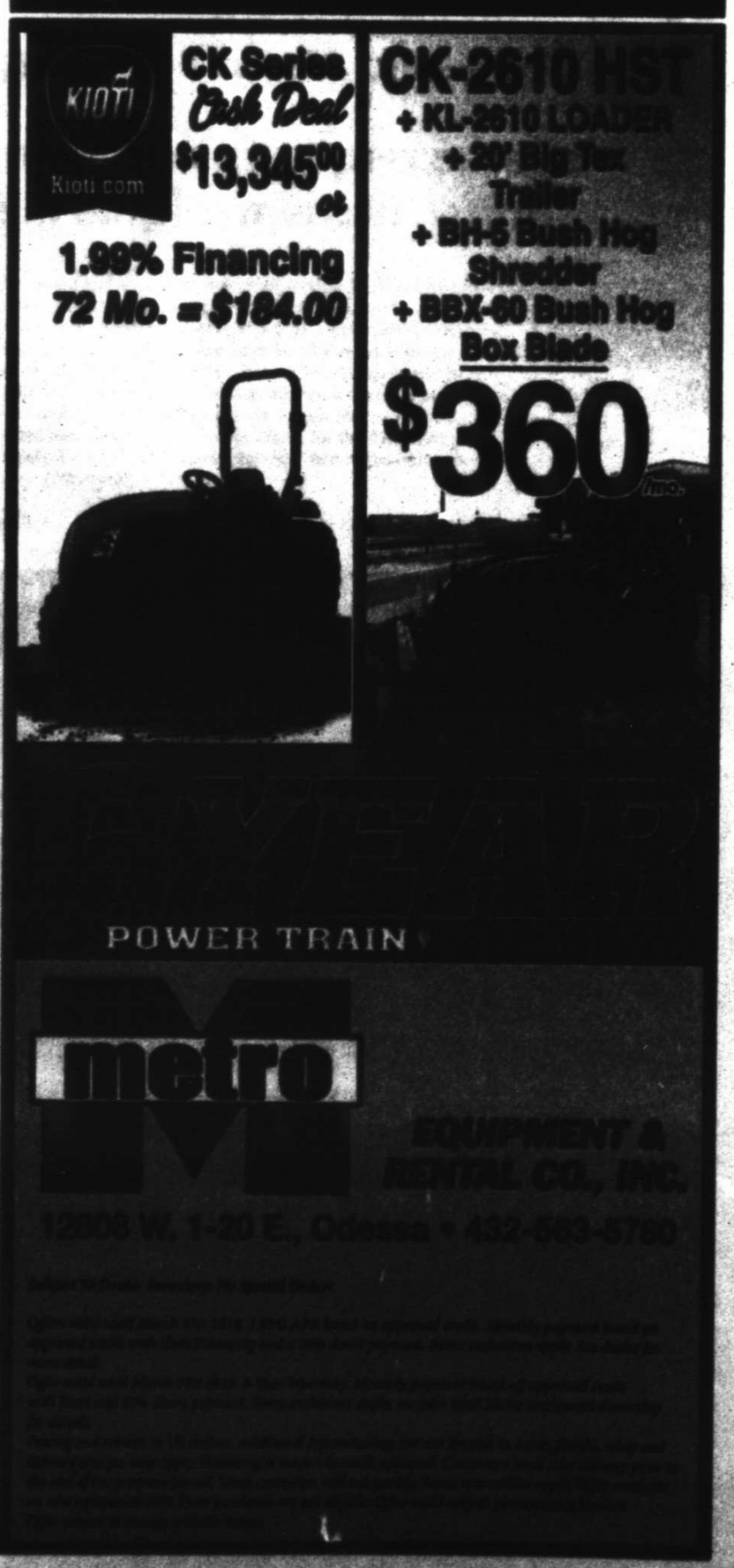
Sixty percent believe that making it harder to legally obtain a gun would result in fewer mass shootings; just 49 percent said the same in the 2016 poll.

The new poll finds support for specific gun control measures even among those who bristle at the term "gun control."

"That's what Hitler did," said Flora McIntyre, of Simi Valley, California, repeating a common, but inaccurate, line of criticism against gun control measures. "Hitler made everyone register their guns. Then he came and collected all the guns."

But when asked about specific gun control prescriptions, the 82-year-old retired nurse, who said she owns a rifle and a .44 Magnum, said she favored stronger background checks and limits on the number of bullets allowed in a gun magazine. She also opposes President Donald Trump's plan to give guns to trained teachers.





EYE ON DEVELOPMENT

City will install downtown bike lanes

By Trevor Hawes
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The city of Midland is getting ready to install bicycle lanes downtown, as well as other pedestrian infrastructure improvements, after receiving a half million dollars from the federal government.

The city applied for and received $501,630 from the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program (TASA). To qualify, the city had to match 20 percent of the funding, totaling $125,408. The total project cost is $627,038.

The city plans to add bike lanes to Loraine and Main streets between Louisiana Avenue and Wall Street. According to a project drawing received from the city, other facets of the project include:

- Intersection improvements at North Main Street and Illinois Avenue. All four corners will receive curb extensions to give pedestrians more visibility to motorists. Plus, there will be new sidewalks and new pavement.
- Intersection improvements at North Main and Texas Avenue. All four corners will receive curb extension, new sidewalks and new pavement.
- Curb extensions are slated for Texas Avenue between Loraine and Baird streets, and eight 45-degree parking spaces will be installed on Texas across from the new Midland Convention Center.

The southbound bike lane on Main will shift away from the sidewalk at the intersection with Illinois. The rightmost lane will be for traffic turning right.

The city's project crossed a major threshold at Monday's Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization public policy board meeting. The MPO is a federally mandated organization that oversees state and federal transportation spending within its boundary, which encompasses much of Midland and Ector counties and part of Martin County.

Because the federal money is being spent within its boundary, the MPO board had to approve the project and the funding. The board voted 4-0 to give the OK by amending its Transportation Improvement Program, a four-year outlook on funded transportation projects. The amendment added the downtown project. No MPO money is being used.

MPO Executive Director Cameron Walker told the Reporter-Telegram that the amendment is also important for the sake of transparency. TASA money has to go into the TIP, which opens up its use for public comment. Plus, the public can readily find the project in the TIP.

Existing language in the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan, a long-term outline of both funded and unfunded projects, prevents this larger, more comprehensive document from requiring an amendment, Walker said.

Tip breakdown

The Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization approved its Transportation Improvement Program at its meeting Monday. Here's what's in the TIP now:

- 2017: Overpass at Loop 250 and Fairgrounds Road in Midland County. Total project cost: $12,997,899.
- 2018: Intersection at John Ben Sheppard Parkway and Farm-to-Market Road 3305 in Ector County. Total project cost: $2,480,337.
- 2018: Work on Interstate 20 from Loraine Road to FM 715 in Midland County. Total project cost: $4,500,000.
- 2019: Downtown Midland bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Total project cost: $627,038.
- 2019: Overpass at Interstate 20 and County Road 1250 in Midland County. Total project cost: $19,840,000.
- 2019: Overpass at Loop 250 and county roads 1150 and 60 in Midland County. Total project cost: $21,000,000.
- 2020: Overpass at Loop 338 and Yukon Road in Ector County. Total project cost: $19,200,000.

MTP amendment not necessary for 52nd/56th streets project

By Trevor Hawes
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The Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization has been working to address the intersection of Loop 338 and 52nd/56th streets in Odessa, which has been the site of several vehicle accidents and a pair of fatalities.

At its meeting Monday, the public policy board was informed that an amendment to the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) isn't necessary for the addition of traffic signals and other improvements to the intersection.

The Texas Department of Transportation informed the MPO that the project is included in the agency's "Grouped CSJs" category. CSJ stands for for "control section job," a number that designates a project.

In many cases, the MPO must vote to amend its MTP — the group's long-term, line-item document of funded and unfunded projects — to move a project "up the list." Because the intersection improvement is already recognized among TxDOT's broad list of projects, the MPO isn't required to amend its own list.

The MPO board has deemed the 52nd/56th streets intersection as an urgent project. According to the current MTP, it isn't slated to begin until 2022. Now, it is expected to begin in 2019. Funding is coming from several sources: $1.2 million from the MPO, $500,000 from the Odessa Development Corp., $200,000 from Ector County, $354,902 from TxDOT Highway Safety Improvement Funds (HSIP) and $500,000 in TxDOT discretionary funds.

Unemployment numbers

The following are the lowest unemployment rates from around the nation during the month of January.

Ames, Iowa, 1.8
Honolulu, Hawaii, 2.0
Kahului-Wailuku-Lahaina, Hawaii, 2.1
Madison, Wisconsin, 2.3
Elkhart-Goshen, Illinois, 2.4
Midland 2.4
Iowa City, Iowa, 2.5
Portland, Maine, 2.5
Burlington, Vermont, 2.5
Sheboygan, Wisconsin, 2.5
Lincoln, Nebraska, 2.7
Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 2.7
Provo, Utah, 2.7
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 2.7
Oshkosh-Neehan, Wisconsin, 2.7
Wausau, Wisconsin, 2.7
Columbus, Indiana, 2.8
Dover, New Hampshire, 2.8
Nashville, Tennessee, 2.8
Amarillo 2.8
Appleton, Wisconsin, 2.8
Fort Collins, Colorado, 2.9
Boulder, Colorado, 2.9
Manchester, New Hampshire, 2.9
Corvallis, Oregon, 2.9

Midland records largest percentage increase in employment in nation

No community in the nation had a larger percentage increase ("over the year") in employment during the month of January than Midland.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week that Midland posted a 10.3 percent increase compared to last year. The BLS showed the Midland's employed workforce reached 84,793 in January 2017. In January of this year, that number totaled 93,285. The unemployment rate during the same time fell from 4.0 to 2.4 percent. In January, there were 95,614 in the Midland civilian workforce, according to the BLS.

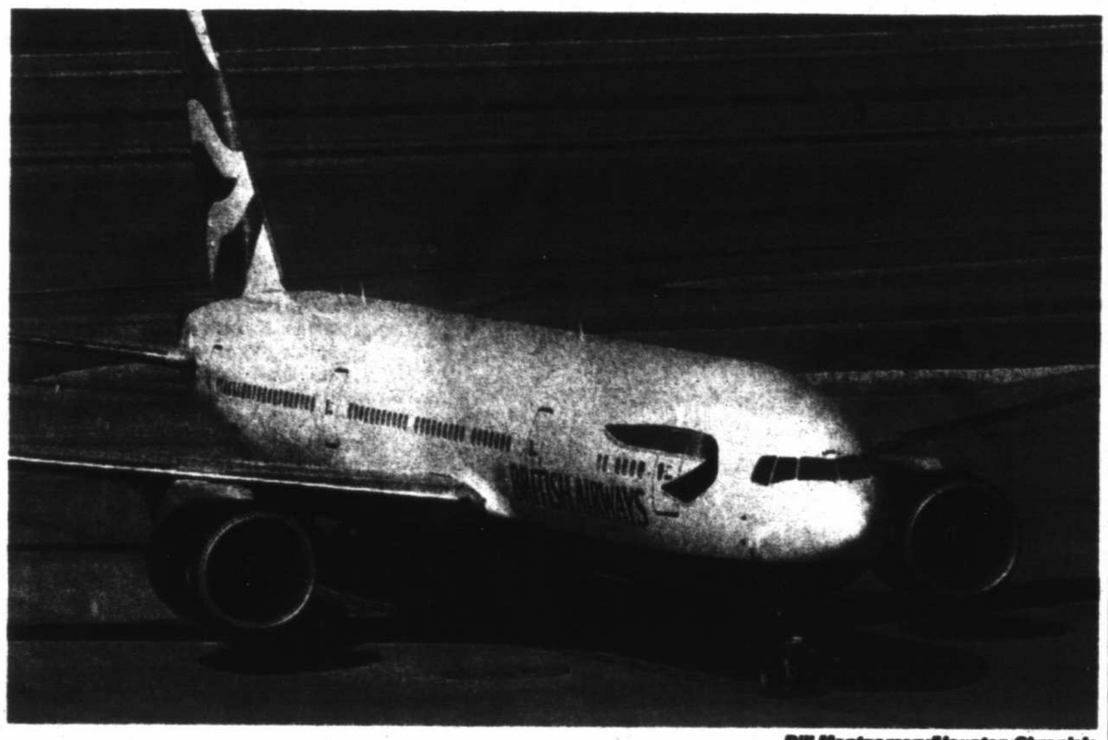
Odessa was second with a percentage increase of 7.2 percent.

Midland tied for the fifth-lowest unemployment rate in the nation in January.

Building permits March 12-March 16

9217 Commercial Drive	New Commercial	1307 E. Dixie Ave.	Residence-Demolished
5105 Sunshine Circle	New Commercial	900 Almond Place	Residential Addition
2201 W. Indiana Ave.	New Commercial	1505 Briad Lane	Residence-Demolished
3615 Danville Blvd.	Commercial Addition	1201 Chimney Ave.	Residence-Demolished
1305 E. Front Street	New Commercial	920 N. Weatherford Street	Residential Addition
3408 N. Midkiff Road	New Commercial	5111 Torrey Wind Drive	New Residence
3408 N. Midkiff Road	New Commercial	711 S. Jefferson Street	New Residence
3408 N. Midkiff Road	New Commercial	5107 Stone Henry Lane	New Residence
501 S. Dallas Street	Commercial Alteration	402 Healy Ave.	Residence-Demolished
10300 Younger Road	New Commercial	812 Discovery Court	New Residence
6 Desai Drive	Commercial Alteration	815 Discovery Court	New Residence
3301 Cimarron Drive	Fence	3403 Thelma Ave.	Residential Addition
1604 Bellaire Lane	Fence	16 Sunset Oak Drive	Residential Addition
303 E. Parker Ave.	Residential Addition	3609 Agarita Drive	Residence-Demolished
2802 Kasler Ave.	Residential Addition	1104 E. Crockett Ave.	Residence-Demolished
4512 Saddle Horn Lane	New Residence	20 Sunset Oak Drive	Residential Addition
700 S. Lincoln Street	Residence-Demolished	6401 Sandstone Drive	Pool
3708 Cardinal Lane	Residence-Demolished		
1004 Lorraine Street	Residence-Demolished		
701 Spraberry Drive	Residential Addition		
6915 Coral Drive	Residence-Demolished		
4807 Rio Drive	Residential Addition		

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A British Airways 777 taxis at Bush Intercontinental Airport after its flight from London's Heathrow Airport. Global tourism is expected to slow down as a result of higher oil prices and airfares.

Global tourism predicted to slow after best year ever

By Pan Pylas
Associated Press

LONDON — The travel and tourism sector is set for a modest slowdown in 2018 as a result of higher oil prices and airfares, a year after it experienced its best year on record, according to a leading global industry body.

In its annual Economic Impact Report, the World Travel and Tourism Council said Thursday that the sector was responsible for the creation of 7 million new jobs worldwide in 2017, or one in five new jobs.

That was due largely to the fact that the sector outperformed the global economy for the seventh year running, growing by 4.6 percent against 3 percent. The sector, according to the organization, outperformed all others.

"2017 was the best year on record for the travel & tourism sector," said Gloria Guevara, president and CEO of the WTTC. "We have seen increased spending as a result of growing consumer confidence, both domestically and internationally, recovery in markets in North Africa and Europe previously impacted by terrorism and continued outbound growth from China and India."

Though the WTTC forecasts 2018 growth of 4 percent as a result of higher oil prices and airfares as well as expectations of rising interest rates in countries such as the U.S. and the U.K., it kept its long-term forecasts unchanged, with average annual growth of 3.8 percent over the next decade. By then, it expects the sector to support more than 400 million jobs globally, or one in nine of all jobs.

"As our sector continues to become more important both as a generator of GDP and jobs, our key challenge will be ensuring this growth is sustainable and inclusive," Guevara said. "Already in 2017, we have begun to see a backlash against tourism in some key destinations."

So-called overtourism is imperiling cherished buildings, straining infrastructure and harming the experience of travelers and local residents alike. Tourism-phobia has become increasingly prevalent, particularly in European destinations such as Barcelona and Venice, where visitors crowd the same places at the same time. The WTTC is involved in efforts to spread tourists around destinations and smooth out demand over time.

Oxford Economics helped in the compilation of the report, which covers 185 countries.

Why US consumers could feel impact of Trump's China tariffs

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From toys to clothes to shoes to cellphones, Americans buy a half-trillion dollars' worth of goods from China each year — the biggest haul of imports from any one country. And that means the prices of many such products could surge as a result of President Donald Trump's plan to impose tariffs on up to $60 billion of imports from China.

White House officials say they will try to minimize any price increases for American shoppers. Instead, they suggested Thursday that the tariffs would mostly target products that businesses, rather than consumers, buy: Computers, information technology products, industrial machinery and aircraft parts.

"If they had done it on clothing, footwear and iPhones, that would have more of an immediate impact," said Chad Bown, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "That doesn't seem like what they're doing here."

Analysts note, though, that many businesses would eventually pass on any higher import costs to consumers in the form of higher prices.

Most modern appliances include electrical components from China. Think of semiconductors and transistors that run the touchscreen panels and beeping alarms in refrigerators, washing machines and dishwashers. Cars also include high-tech components.

"If they put the tariff on things that you can't see, then consumers may say, 'They're not putting a tariff on my Ford Escort, or my Maytag refrigerator,' but they are," said Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, a trade association.

About 30 major retail chains, including Big Lots, Costco, Gap, and Kohl's Department Stores, wrote to the White House earlier last week to argue that a "broadly applied tariff remedy on imports from China" would "hurt American households."

For now, specifics about the administration's China tariffs remain sparse. The White House says it plans to publish a list of proposed tariffs for public comment within 15 days.

But Trump administration trade officials have identified as potential targets 1,300 product lines worth about $48 billion. That list will then be open to a 30-day comment period that will allow businesses to weigh in.

Last year, according to government figures, the United States imported $70 billion of cellphones and related parts from China. America also imported $11.5 billion of shoes and nearly $21 billion of furniture from China — more than from any other country in each case. The United States also imports about $27 billion in toys from China.

America also buys an enormous bounty of high-tech products from China — nearly $46 billion in computers, $32 billion in computer parts and accessories and $9.6 billion in semiconductors. Those figures include network server computers that businesses buy.

On Wall Street on Thursday, the Dow Jones industrial average plunged more than 700 points after the China sanctions were announced. Industrial and technology companies, which depend heavily on foreign trade, suffered some of the worst losses. Boeing, Caterpillar and Microsoft, for example, all tumbled.

Atkinson warned that the tariffs could slow U.S. economic growth because the high-tech Chinese goods targeted by the administration, along with industrial machinery, are the very kinds of equipment that tend to boost the productivity of workers when companies invest in them. The Trump administration's corporate tax cuts, in fact, were structured in ways to encourage such investments.

Atkinson calculates that 12 percent of the high-tech equipment that U.S. businesses and consumers bought in 2016 came from China.

"Consumers will be hit with a double-whammy," Atkinson said. "They'll be paying more for products that have these components in them. And they'll be paying more because the U.S. economy won't be growing as much."

David French, senior vice president for government affairs at the National Retail Federation, said he is "cautiously hopeful" because the administration doesn't appear to be targeting mass consumer products, such as clothes and shoes.

But French and his organization say they will keep a close eye on the target list.

"I think it is unlikely that (the administration) will completely avoid consumer harm," French said.

Mozilla, Tesla, other businesses take a Facebook pause

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mozilla, Tesla and other companies are distancing themselves from Facebook following revelations of a major leak of user data to political consultants associated with the 2016 Trump campaign.

While the actions will not likely be permanent and won't have much of an effect on Facebook's bottom line, they're the latest fallout the social-media giant has to contend with from the ever-spiraling scandal — along with a tumbling stock price and a diminished reputation.

"We're taking a break from Facebook," Mozilla said in a blog post on Wednesday. The company, which created the Firefox web browser, said it is "pausing paused" on its Facebook advertising and won't be posting on its Facebook page. But it did not delete its page and said it will consider returning if Facebook takes stronger actions to protect users' data and improves privacy settings.

German bank Commerzbank also said it was putting Facebook advertising "on hold" as it evaluates data security. And Sonos, which makes speakers and other electronics, said it is pulling advertising from Facebook, Instagram, Google, and Twitter for a week.

Elon Musk, meanwhile, made waves, saying in a Twitter exchange that he would take down the Facebook sites for his companies Tesla and SpaceX. As of Thursday afternoon, the sites appeared to be inactive. Tesla and SpaceX did not respond to a request for comment.

While the actions are likely temporary, they're one more piece of the growing headache for Facebook since news of the leak broke a week ago. It has faced criticism because CEO Mark Zuckerberg and COO Sheryl Sandberg did not speak out until five days after the story broke. The company's stock price shed 14 percent of its value this week. And the gumblings by users, and now, businesses shows no sign of abating.

"The Cambridge Analytica scandal, like many recent headlines coming out of Silicon Valley, raises questions about whether Big Tech is doing enough to balance its own interests with one of its biggest responsibilities: safeguarding your privacy," Sonos wrote in a blog post.

China announces retaliatory tariffs on 128 US products

By Jessica Meyers
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — China on Friday announced it would impose retaliatory import tariffs on 128 U.S. products — goods that amount to $3 billion — targeting staples that include California wines, fruits and almonds.

The move follows President Donald Trump's decision last week to slap tariffs on about $50 billion worth in Chinese goods, triggering a potentially damaging trade confrontation with Beijing.

Officials said the proposed actions were in response to the White House's previous tariffs on steel and aluminum, which took effect Friday. But the timing, hours after Trump made his White House announcement impose tariffs specifically aimed at China, sent an unmistakable message.

The lopsided responses — China's ministry of commerce posted a relatively staid comment on its website — signal vastly different strategies between the world's two largest economies in an escalating dispute that has raised fears of a trade war. Trump wants quick action and big results. China is aiming for restrained, targeted movements — an attempt to ward off a full-on conflict, but also show it won't cede too much ground.

"China is playing this very smartly, doing just enough retaliation to prove it's serious," said Arthur Kroeber, managing director of Gavekal Dragonomics, a Beijing research firm. "It's doing what it can to position itself as the global good guy, with a fair amount of success."

The Chinese tariffs would first hit U.S. products such as avocados and nuts, with 15 percent tariffs. Beijing, if officials deemed it worthwhile, could also place 25 percent tariffs on American-made goods such as pork and aluminum. Friday's statement did not indicate a specific date the tariffs would go into effect, but noted businesses had until March 31 to offer opinions. It said officials would "take legal action within the framework of the World Trade Organization."

This announcement did not mention Trump's latest tariffs, which follow an investigation into China's intellectual property practices and its harm to American businesses. Officials, as expected, found that China forced U.S. companies to hand over their trade secrets or make unfair concessions for access to its vast market.

But in a separate statement, Chinese officials called Trump's intellectual property investigation "typical unilateralism and trade protectionism." China doesn't want a trade war, it said, "but is absolutely not afraid of a trade war."

Trump's announcement battered the stock markets in Asia and the U.S., where the Dow Jones sank more than 700 points before its close on Thursday.

Analysts struggled to immediately understand why items such as wine, a product from the Democratic stronghold of California, would make the list but not top U.S. imports such as sorghum and soybeans. Chinese officials last month launched a probe into American sorghum imports, and both agricultural products come from regions more supportive of Trump.

"We are technically in theoretical territory here," said Andrew Polk, co-founder of Trivium China, a Beijing-based research firm. "There is a small window to effect policy — they're going to make a little noise, but then they're going to hit U.S. industry and the stock market do the talking for them."

The White House will publish the list of targeted goods within the next 15 days, and authorities may be waiting until they see the breakdown or face even heftier actions. China's top economic officials, a number of whom were educated in the U.S., are known for their savvy of the American system and its electoral cycles.

"For Trump, it is easier to blame other countries for the U.S.' problems and garner votes in the mid-term election, instead of taking the pain to restructure the country's economy," China Daily, a state-run English newspaper, said Friday in an editorial. "He cannot force China to give in, however, because China knows the U.S.' demands are insatiable."

China is one of the world's most protectionist countries, and American businesses have long complained about requirements to create joint ventures or sacrifice proprietary information. The Treasury Department, alongside the tariffs, will restrict Chinese investment in American tech firms.

Trump's tariffs reflect beliefs that years of negotiations have failed, and China now threatens its security and success in areas like artificial intelligence. China, under President Xi Jinping, has sought to strengthen its advanced industries and global standing. Officials view the U.S. domination of leading technologies as a challenge to its own interests.

The U.S. is essentially demanding that China "provide as much market access to the U.S. as the U.S. provides to China," said Scott Kennedy, an expert on China's economic policy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "That's a really big list for China. Xi Jinping is a nationalist ... and he's not interested in giving the U.S. or anyone else a level playing field."

Trump likes to prove his point by highlighting a growing trade deficit with China, which reached a record $375 billion last year, according to the U.S. Commerce Department. While the latest tariffs could hit certain sectors, its macro impact on China's GDP is still minimal, said Wang Tao, head of Asia economics at financial UBS investment bank in Hong Kong.

Trump's steel tariffs would affect China even less, as the nation makes up only 2.5 percent of U.S. steel imports due to existing regulations.

But the latest moves hinted at the start of what could become a tit-for-tat battle that cracks global supply chains and increases costs for consumers. Trump's announcement came the same day he replaced national security adviser H.R. McMaster with John Bolton, a former United Nations ambassador who advocates a more aggressive response to China. "It all becomes some kind of battle for supremacy," said Louis Kuijs, head of Asia economics for global forecasting firm Oxford Economics. "If we take President Trump at his word, this is not the end."

The ramifications could extend well beyond trade in goods. About 350,000 Chinese students study in the U.S., and Chinese tourists spend more money here than those from any other country, noted Wang Huiyao, president of the Center for China and Globalization, a Beijing-based think tank.

"Rather than just look at goods trade, we should look at services, infrastructure, e-commerce," he said. "We should expand those things as well, rather than just focus on the goods movement. The calculation is out of date, the theory is out of date, and the mentality is out of date."

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Hundreds of thousands demand gun control

By Ashraf Khalil and Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a historic groundswell of youth activism, hundreds of thousands of teenagers and their supporters rallied across the U.S. against gun violence Saturday, vowing to transform fear and grief into a "vote-them-out" movement and tougher laws against weapons and ammo.

They took to the streets of the nation's capital and such cities as Boston, New York, Chicago, Houston, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Los Angeles and Oakland, California, in the kind of numbers seen during the Vietnam era, sweeping up activists long frustrated by stalemate in the gun debate and bringing in lots of new, young voices.

They were called to action by a brand-new corps of leaders: student survivors of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 people dead Feb. 14.

"If you listen real close, you can hear the people in power shaking," Parkland survivor David Hogg said to roars from the protesters packing Pennsylvania Avenue from the stage near the Capitol many blocks back toward the White House. "We're going to take this to every election, to every state and every city. We're going to make sure the best people get in our elections to run, not as politicians but as Americans.

"Because this," he said, pointing behind him to the Capitol dome, "this is not cutting it."

Some of the young voices were very young. Yolanda Renee King, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 9-year-old granddaughter, drew from the civil rights leader's most famous words in declaring from the stage: "I have a dream that enough is enough. That this should be a gun-free world. Period."

By all appearances — there were no official numbers — Washington's March for Our Lives rally rivaled the women's march last year that drew far more than the predicted 300,000.



Alex Brandon/Associated Press

Looking west, people fill Pennsylvania Avenue during the "March for Our Lives" rally in support of gun control on Saturday in Washington.

The National Rifle Association went silent on Twitter as the protests unfolded, in contrast to its reaction to the nationwide school walkouts against gun violence March 14, when it tweeted a photo of an assault rifle and the message "I'll control my own guns, thank you."

President Donald Trump was in Florida for the weekend and did not weigh in on Twitter either.

White House spokesman Zach Parkinson said: "We applaud the many courageous young Americans exercising their First Amendment rights today." He pointed to Trump's efforts to ban bump stocks and his support for school-safety measures and extended background checks for gun purchases.

Since the bloodshed in Florida, students have tapped into a current of gun control sentiment that has been building for years — yet still faces a powerful foe in the NRA, its millions of supporters and lawmakers who have resisted any encroachment on gun rights.

Organizers are hoping the electricity of the crowds, their sheer numbers and the under-18 roster of speakers will create a tipping point, starting with the midterm congressional elections this fall. To that end, chants of "Vote them out!" rang through the Washington crowd.

Emma Gonzalez, one of the first students from Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School to speak out after the tragedy there, implored those of voting age to vote.

In her speech, she recited the names of the Parkland dead, then held the crowd in rapt, tearful silence for more than six minutes, the time it took the gunman to kill them.

"We will continue to fight for our dead friends," Delaney Tarr, another Parkland survivor, declared from the stage. The crowd roared with approval as she laid down the students' central demand: a ban on "weapons of war" for all but warriors.

Student protesters called for a ban on high-capacity magazines and assault-type weapons like the one used by the killer in Parkland, comprehensive background checks, and a higher minimum age to buy guns.

Gun violence was fresh for some who watched the speakers in Washington: Ayanne Johnson of Great Mills High School in Maryland held a sign declaring, "I March for Jaelynn," honoring Jaelynn Willey, who died Thursday two days after being shot by a classmate at the school. The gunman also died.

About 30 gun-rights supporters staged a counter-demonstration in front of FBI headquarters, standing quietly with signs such as "Armed Victims Live Longer" and "Stop Violating Civil Rights." Other gun-control protests around the country were also met with small counter-demonstrations.

The president's call to arm certain teachers fell flat at the protest, and from critics as young as Zoe Tate, 11, from Gaithersburg, Maryland.

"I think guns are dumb. It's scary enough with the security guards we have in school," she said. "We don't need teachers carrying guns now. I find it amazing that I have to explain that idea to adults."

Parkland itself was home to a rally as more than 20,000 people filled a park near the Florida school, chanting slogans such as "Enough is enough" and carrying signs that read "Why do your guns matter more than our lives?" and "Our ballots will stop bullets."

Around the country, protesters complained that they are scared of getting shot in school and tired of inaction by grown-ups after one mass shooting after another.

"People have been dying since 1999 in Columbine and nothing has changed. People are still dying," said Ben Stewart, a 17-year-old senior at Shiloh Hills Christian School in Kennesaw, Georgia, who took part in a march in Atlanta.

Callie Cavanaugh, a 14-year-old at a march in Omaha, Nebraska, said: "This just needs to stop. It's been going on my entire life."

Parkland shooting survivor marks 6 minutes of strength and silence at 'March for our Lives' rally

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press

Chin high and tears streaming, Florida school shooting survivor Emma Gonzalez stood silent in front of thousands gathered for the "March for Our Lives" rally in Washington, D.C.

She continued to stand silently as a few crowd members shouted out support. She remained silent as tentative chants broke out. Her silence continued as those attending also fell quiet, many weeping.

The gripping moment stretched for 6 minutes and 20 seconds, the amount of time Gonzalez said it took a shooter to kill 17 people and wound 15 others at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, last month.

"Everyone who has been touched by the cold grip of gun violence understands," Gonzalez told the hushed crowd, describing the long hours spent waiting for authorities to identify their slain classmates, the horror of discovering many of them had breathed their last breaths before many students even knew a "code red" alert — designed to warn staffers and students of a potential threat — had been called.

"Six minutes and 20 seconds with an AR-15 and my friend Carmen (Schentrup) would never complain to me about piano practice," she said, her voice strong but her throat momentarily catching. "Aaron Feis would never call Kyra 'Miss Sunshine.' Alex Schachter would never walk into school with his brother Ryan."



Alex Brandon/Associated Press

Emma Gonzalez, a survivor of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., closes her eyes and cries as she stands silently at the podium for the amount of time it took the Parkland shooter to go on his killing spree during the "March for Our Lives" rally in support of gun control on Saturday in Washington.

Gonzalez went on, listing name after name of those killed at the school on Feb. 14.

And then she stopped, her breath heaving but remaining composed, looking straight ahead and silent.

Seemingly unsure what to do, the crowd waited. Some appeared to catch her intent right away, watching with hands covering mouths, foreheads wrinkled and tears falling. Chants of "never again" broke out for a time, and later someone came out from the wings of the stage to put a hand on her shoulder and whisper in her ear.

The silence by now had spread to the thousands thronging Pennsylvania Avenue.

Protesters, parents, television news crews waited to see what Gonzalez would do next.

The beeping of a digital alarm broke the silence.

"Since the time that I came out here, it has been six minutes and 20 seconds. The shooter has ceased shooting and will soon abandon his rifle, blend in with the students as they escape and walk free for an hour before arrest," she said, voice clear. "Fight for your lives before it's someone else's job."

Gonzalez is one of several teens from the school to become gun control activists in the wake of the shooting. Their efforts have galvanized youth nationwide, with hundreds of thousands attending similar rallies across the country.

As the three-hour rally wrapped up, Gonzalez assigned some homework for the demonstrators:

"One final plug," she said. "Get out there and vote."

Thousands turn out in Texas as part of gun control marches

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner told several thousand people demonstrating for stricter gun control that adults have a responsibility to stand up and protect all children.

Turner spoke Saturday morning at a rally at Tranquility Park as part of the nationwide "March for Our Lives" following deadly gunfire last month at a school in Parkland, Florida.

Turner also announced creation of the Mayor's Commission to End Gun Violence, to focus on researching and recommending solutions at a local level.

Houston police hoisted an image of Chief Art Acevedo as part of the march.

Thousands of people also packed the grounds of the Texas Capitol in Austin to demand greater gun laws.

Similar rallies were planned at numerous other Texas cities, including Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio and El Paso.

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Can Facebook restore public trust after privacy scandal?

It's a scandal of privacy, politics and an essential ingredient of business success — public trust.

Facebook is confronting a costly, embarrassing public relations debacle after revelations that Cambridge Analytica may have misused data from some 50 million users to try to influence elections. Among its marquee clients: President Donald Trump's general election campaign.

Now a company known as much for reminders of a long-lost friend's birthday and documentation of acquaintances' every whim is grappling with outrage — and the possible loss of confidence — from users around the globe that have made the social media site a part of their daily routine.

"I trust somebody until they give me a reason not to trust them," said Joseph Holt, who teaches business ethics at the University of Notre Dame. "And Facebook has increasingly given me reasons not to trust them."

Losing that would be a disaster, not just for Facebook, but for any Silicon Valley company that relies on users to open up their private lives.

The amount of trust placed in technology has soared. Cars sync with cell phones. Refrigerators know when there's no more milk and reorder it. Virtual assistants field answers to nearly any inane question.

And with each turn of the steering wheel, sip of milk or request for dinner reservations, a trail of digital crumbs is left for companies to collect, analyze and profit off.

The public has largely been willing to accept the trade-off, knowing in exchange for giving up some data, Netflix will offer spot-on show suggestions, Amazon will prompt a diaper order and Google will figure out what to search before a user finishes typing it.

Not everyone understands the darker side of data brokers in an always-connected society.

Every time a person shops online or at a store, loyalty cards linked to phone numbers or email addresses can be linked to other databases that may have location data, home addresses and more. Voting records, job history, credit scores (remember the Equifax hack?) are constantly mixed, matched and traded by companies in ways regulators haven't caught up with.

While Facebook let slip data profiles on millions of people, "it's much more than that," says James Grimmelmann, a professor at Cornell Law School. "Trying to pin down any one breach as being the source of all the privacy harms out there is futile."

WASHINGTON

Trump's impulses put White House credibility on the line

What's the White House's word worth?

Days of conflicting and misleading statements from President Donald Trump and his top aides have fueled new questions about the White House's credibility, sowing mistrust and instability within the West Wing and leaving some congressional Republicans wondering if they have a good faith negotiating partner in the president.

One former congressional GOP leadership aide said it was becoming impossible for Republicans to negotiate anything with White House officials, given the president's willingness to undermine his own team's public and private assurances. In turn, White House officials have found themselves in the bizarre position of urging lawmakers to ignore some of the president's own statements.

That was the case on Friday, when Trump blasted out a morning tweet threatening to veto a massive government spending bill that the White House had guaranteed lawmakers and the public that he would sign. White House officials privately insisted the president was simply venting after watching news coverage that cast the deal as a defeat for several of his priorities. After hours of uncertainty, Trump's veto threat crumbled, and he ultimately signed the legislation.

Still, it left some Republicans rattled.

"The spontaneity and lack of impulse control are areas of concern for lots of members on both sides of the aisle," said Rep. Charlie Dent, a Pennsylvania Republican who has been critical of the president. "Disorder, chaos, instability, uncertainty, intemperate statements are not conservative virtues in my opinion."

Trent Lott, the former Republican Senate majority leader from Mississippi, said GOP lawmakers "feel a good deal of consternation" about the White House-induced whiplash. But he added: "I assume there was method in what the president did."

Members of both parties said they were troubled that Trump seems oblivious to how he has undermined his own clout and agenda by staking out positions and then brazenly abandoning them. Where legislators once might have attributed such missteps to the president's newness to Washington and its ways, not anymore.

OHIO

Woman begs for return of baby's ashes stolen from home

COLUMBUS — An Ohio woman is urgently asking whoever broke into her Columbus home to return an urn containing the ashes of her stillborn daughter.

WSYX-TV reports Issha Harvey says she doesn't care whether any of the other items stolen from her home Monday are returned. She says the baby's ashes are the most important thing to her and the "only thing I have left."

Harvey lost the baby because of complications in 2013. Photos of the urn stored on her computer were recently lost in an accidental file dump.

Columbus police say the lack of fingerprints, witnesses or surveillance camera footage means it's unlikely the theft will be solved.

'Roseanne' revival aims to keep it real, Trump included

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Roseanne Barr looks spiffier, John Goodman slimmer. But the mass-market plaid couch is a giveaway that ABC's "Roseanne" revival hasn't ditched its roots.

The blue-collar Conner family and the times in which they live are at the heart of the reboot, just as they were for the hit 1988-97 sitcom inspired by Barr's stand-up comedy. The new "Roseanne" debuts 7 p.m. Tuesday with an hour-long episode.

The prospect of updating the comedy was exciting "as long as we were permitted to tell relevant and authentic stories" about working-class characters, said Tom Werner, a producer for both shows.

That focus, noteworthy in the '80s when the show entered a relatively small TV universe, is still rare despite the swarm of broadcast, cable and streaming shows.

Profitability aside, the industry has scant artistic regard for such fare. "Roseanne" failed to earn a best sitcom Emmy in its long run, joining snubbed shows about the non-affluent including "Married with Children" and "The Middle." (Barr and "Roseanne" co-star Laurie Metcalf received acting trophies.)

"It's shocking that 'Roseanne' was never even nominated for best comedy series at the Emmys despite winning the Golden Globe for best comedy, a Peabody and being in the top 10 Nielsen ratings year after year," said Tom O'Neil, author of "The Emmys" and editor of the Gold Derby awards website.

But the show's perspective may carry more weight today.

The 2016 presidential campaign "was a wake-up call in that there were a large group of voters who were frustrated with the status quo" and being sidelined by the economy, Werner said. "What we're interested in doing is just telling honest stories about a family that's up against it."

In "Roseanne," it's up to matriarch Roseanne, a supporter of President Donald Trump, and her sister, Jackie (Metcalf), a hard-core opponent, to handle the political jousting.

"He talked about jobs" and shaking things up, Roseanne says of Trump in one scene. "I know this may come as a shock to you, but we almost lost our house because of the way things were going."

"Have you looked at the news? Because now things are worse," Jackie retorts.

"Not on the real news," says Roseanne.

Sisterly love defuses the tension, with punchlines aimed at doing the same for viewers. Whether a sitcom can double as meeting ground for a divided nation, as "All in the Family" once did, remains to be seen given the current din from social media and cable news shows.

During a Q&A with TV critics in January, Barr initially ducked a question about whether her own politics — she supported Trump — influenced her character's. "Go ahead, Bruce," she said, inviting series producer Bruce Helford to answer. But the usually forthright Barr, also a writer and producer on the show, finally dived in.

"I have always attempted to portray a realistic portrait of the American people and of working-class people. ... And, in fact, it was working-class people who elected Trump. So I felt that was very real, and something that needed to be discussed," Barr said.

The same holds true for "people actually hating other people for the way they voted, which I feel is not American. And so I wanted to bring it (the series) right down the middle, and we did," said Barr. She added that she's not an apologist for the president and doesn't agree with all he's said and done, including some "crazy" things.

Whether the White House or child-rearing are on the family table, the writing has the same zest and bite as the original series. Roseanne's distinctive cackle-laugh is intact, although she's less prickly. And if familiarity breeds more comfort for viewers, the largely intact cast is there to help.

The Conner kids are back, including Sara Gilbert as Darlene, Michael Fishman as D.J. and Lecy Goranson as Becky. Sarah Chalke, who played Becky in later seasons, is on hand as a new character, and guest stars including Estelle Parsons and Sandra Bernhard will reprise their roles.

Goodman's return required sleight of hand, given that Dan was killed off by a heart attack in the original's final season. The revision is handled with a wink in the season opener, and Werner offers no apologies for rewriting TV history (as the original "Dallas" did when it turned a character's death into a dream sequence).

"I appreciate the microscope which the show is under, but I'd rather see John Goodman in these episodes than not," he said.

Goodman's reaction: "I thought it was a clever way to do it — to handle it and get it out of the way."

If the nine-episode reboot proves popular, Barr and others have expressed enthusiasm for another season. Werner said he hopes the audience embraces what's key to the show, beyond punchlines and current events.

It's "emotional," he said. "There are certainly some very painful moments which go along with the comedy."

CNN chief calls Fox News 'propaganda machine,' and Hannity responds

Marwa Eltagouri
The Washington Post

CNN President Jeff Zucker thinks that President Donald Trump's "fake news" attacks and anti-media criticism have pushed journalists to press harder for the truth, making "American journalism great again."

The exception? Fox News, he said.

Zucker attacked CNN's rival Thursday during his keynote interview at the Financial Times Future of News conference, during which he told FT's global media editor Matthew Garrahan that while Fox has always leaned conservative, the network has taken a dramatic turn in the past 18 months, particularly since founder and former chief executive Roger Ailes left the network in 2016.

Fox, Zucker said, has become a "propaganda machine" that is "doing an incredible disservice to the country."

"What has happened to that network in the last 18 months, especially the last year, is that it has just turned itself into state-run TV," Zucker said, according to the Associated Press. "TASS has nothing on them," he said, referring to the Russian government-owned news agency.

A Fox News representative could not be immediately reached for comment. Fox News host Sean Hannity called Zucker's comments "CNN Fake News."

Zucker's remarks may not be surprising to those familiar with CNN and Fox News's long and bitter feud, which dates back to Fox News's inception in 1996. But the rivalry has intensified during Trump's presidency, with CNN and Fox hosts criticizing each other's coverage of the president almost daily. In recent months, both networks have aired or published dozens of online articles about the other, calling out their ratings, underreporting missteps and even coverage of the Winter Olympics.

Fox News aired clips of CNN's "town hall" about gun violence last month to highlight what it called "liberal" media bias in the debate over gun control, according to The Washington Post's Paul Farhi. And CNN aired a news segment about comments by Fox News host Laura Ingraham that NBA superstars LeBron James and Kevin Durant should "shut up and dribble" rather than express their political opinions. CNN host Brooke Baldwin pointed out how Fox sometimes allowed celebrities such as Kid Rock and Chuck Norris a political platform.

Zucker's remarks Thursday, however, hint at the growing divide between Fox News' opinion programming and news division. Just two days ago, Fox military commentator Ralph Peters quit, claiming he could no longer stomach how the network's opinion hosts kept defending Trump's actions. In his scorching letter of resignation, which was leaked to BuzzFeed, he wrote: "Fox has degenerated from providing a legitimate and much-needed outlet for conservative voices to a mere propaganda machine for a destructive and ethically ruinous administration."

Peters himself had not been shy about his conservative views, and Post columnist Max Boot described the retired Army lieutenant as "to the right of right." Peters advocated a first strike on North Korea and was suspended from Fox News for calling former president Barack Obama a "total p---y." He blamed the Fort Hood, Texas, shooting on Islam and suggested in the wake of the Benghazi attacks that if "they kill four of ours, (we) kill 400 of theirs."

Still, as Peters wrote in his resignation letter:

"Four decades ago, I took an oath as a newly commissioned officer. I swore to 'support and defend the Constitution,' and that oath did not expire when I took off my uniform. Today, I feel that Fox News is assaulting our constitutional order and the rule of law, while fostering corrosive and unjustified paranoia among viewers. Over my decade with Fox, I long was proud of the association. Now I am ashamed."

Earlier this month, chief Fox News anchor Shepard Smith criticized Fox News' opinion side, telling Time magazine that those hosts "don't really have rules" that they're required to follow.

AP News Guide: Facebook's widening crisis over user data

By Alexandra Olson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook is facing the most serious crisis in its 14-year history as it deals with fallout from a major leak of user data to political consultants associated with the 2016 Trump campaign.

Here's a look at the scandal and what it means.

What's going on?

The U.K.-based data-mining firm Cambridge Analytica has been accused of lifting the Facebook profiles of more than 50 million users without their permission in order to manipulate elections. A former employee of the firm, Christopher Wylie, played a role in that action, and later told his story to journalists.

The crisis has renewed questions about Facebook's ability to protect the privacy of its users while also exploiting their personal details to fuel its lucrative advertising business.

It has also deepened concerns about the social media network's ability to avoid being exploited to spread propaganda and sway elections.

Authorities in both the U.S. and the U.K. are investigating both Facebook and Cambridge Analytica. Facebook shares have fallen and some users are contemplating deleting their accounts.

What did Cambridge Analytica do?

Wylie says the firm sought Facebook information in order to build psychological profiles on a large portion of the U.S. electorate. He said the company was able to amass the database quickly with the help of an academic, Aleksander Kogan, who developed a Facebook app called "This is Your Digital Life" that appeared to be a personality test.

That app vacuumed up information from users who gave the app permission to access their accounts — as well as additional data from their Facebook friends.

Kogan paid about 200,000 people to take part; tens of millions of their friends were also caught in the data dragnet.

How has Cambridge Analytica responded?

Cambridge Analytica has denied wrongdoing, and the firm said it deleted any data it received from Kogan and denied using any Facebook data in its political work. Facebook, however, said it recently learned from journalists that Cambridge Analytica may have kept some of the data, spurring an investigation.

Kogan said he has been scapegoated by both Cambridge and Facebook. He says the data firm approached him for the project and assured him that everything he did was legal.

What's the connection to the Trump campaign?

Federal election records show that the Trump campaign paid Cambridge Analytica roughly $6 million. But the campaign has denied using the firm's data, saying it relied on the Republic National Committee for its voter information.

Cambridge Analytica was backed by the conservative billionaire Richard Mercer, a hedge-fund manager who supported the Trump campaign. At one point, the firm's vice president was Steve Bannon, who later became Trump's campaign chairman and White House adviser.

Trump's former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, disclosed an advisory role with Cambridge Analytica last August. But the firm's parent company, Strategic Communication Laboratories, later said that position never materialized. Special counsel Robert Mueller is scrutinizing the connections between Trump's campaign and Cambridge Analytica.

Wylie, the whistleblower who worked for Cambridge from 2013 to 2015, said his team spoke to Americans in focus groups to identify deep-seated concerns and tested ways to tap into those fears through social media. He claims the slogans they developed later became the catchphrases of the Trump campaign, including "drain the swamp" and "build the wall."

Cambridge Analytica CEO Alexander Nix was caught bragging about the firm's pivotal role in the Trump campaign on a sting video from the U.K.'s Channel 4. He said Cambridge handled "all the data, all the analytics, all the targeting" for the campaign.

Why are people mad at Facebook?

The Cambridge Analytics fiasco appears to have crystallized the anxiety many people feel about Facebook's enormous sway over daily life and its massive data trove.

A sell-off in Facebook shares reflects fear that the social network may face new regulations that could hurt profits — or that advertisers and users will sour on it.

A U.K. parliamentary media committee is investigating how Facebook uses data, and has summoned CEO Mark Zuckerberg to testify. Various U.S. congressional committees are also seeking answers, although Democrats and Republicans have disagreed on what steps to take. Privacy advocates have asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate as well.

The hashtag #deletefacebook has been trending. Brian Acton, the co-founder of WhatsApp, which was acquired by Facebook four years ago for $19 billion, has joined the cause. But there are no signs, so far, that users — or advertisers — are abandoning Facebook in droves.

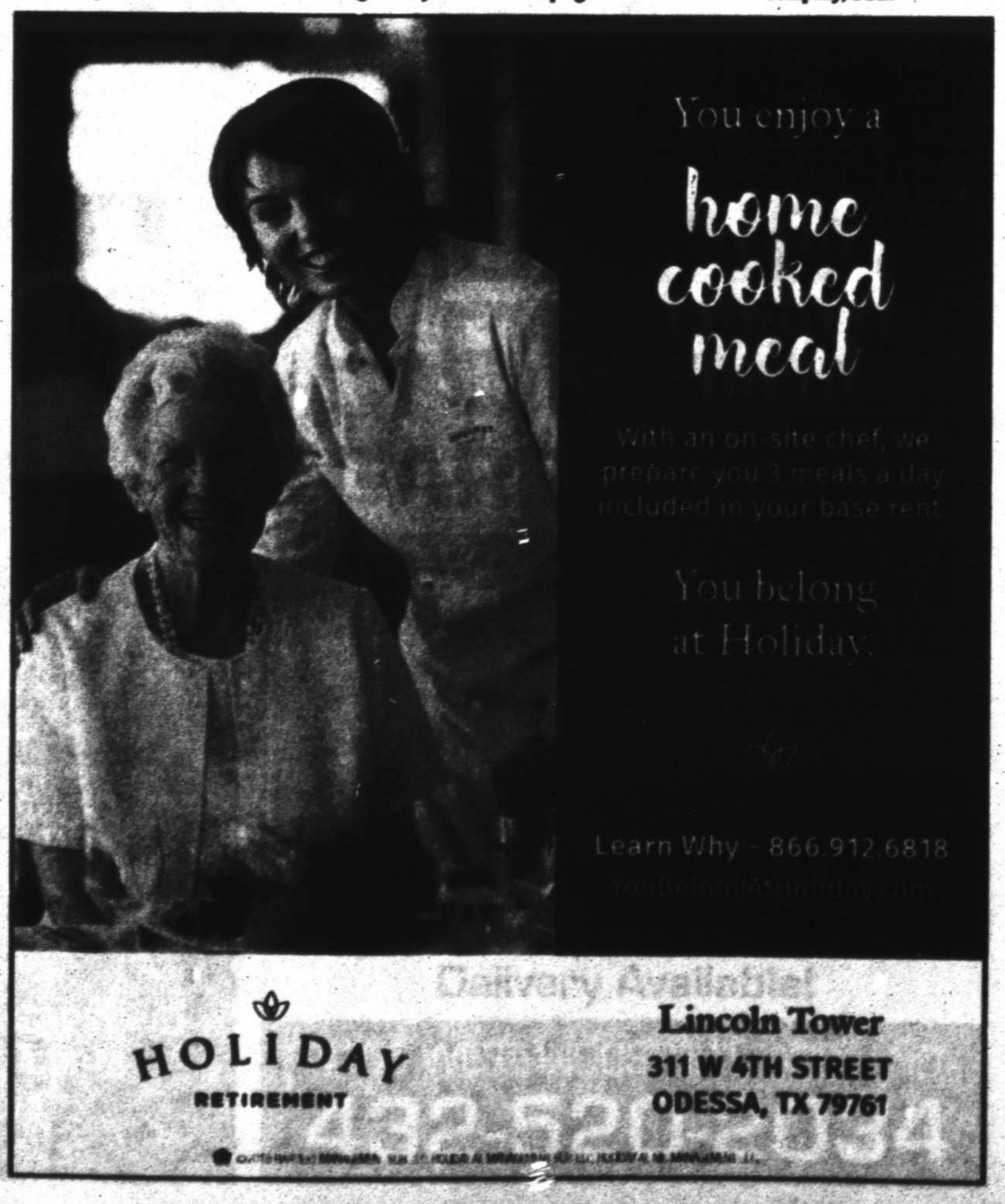
How is Facebook addressing the crisis?

After five days of silence, Zuckerberg released a Facebook post admitting mistakes and outlining steps to protect user data. He followed up with rare media appearances where he apologized for a breach of trust.

Facebook's response, however, is limited to a narrow range of technical changes that will further limit the data apps can collect and lead to audits of apps that exhibit troubling behavior.

Zuckerberg also emphasized steps the company has already taken, including reducing access outside apps had to user data in 2014. That came too late to stop Cambridge. The company said nothing about overhauling its data collection policies or taking steps to prevent the unauthorized political use of Facebook data.

Facebook suspended Cambridge over allegations that it kept the improperly obtained user data. It has also suspended the access of Kogan and Wylie, as well as Cambridge's parent company, SCL.



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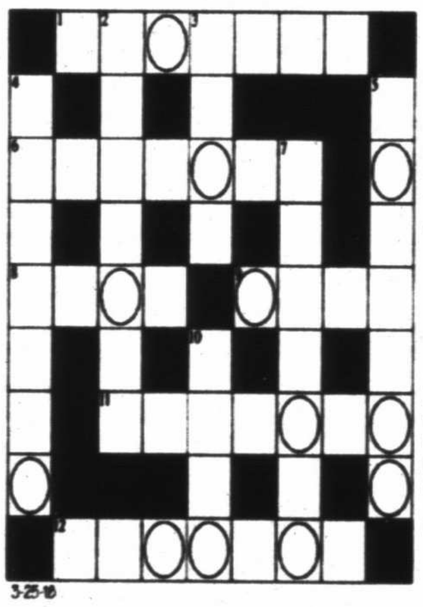
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8. Lake ___	REEI
9. Long-necked bird	WSNA
11. Nose part	TNOSLIR
12. Car gear	VERSEER

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CLUE	ANSWER
2. Standing ___	TVOANIO
3. Cook	EHCF
4. Not prepared	RDEAUYN
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10. Small landmass	LSIE

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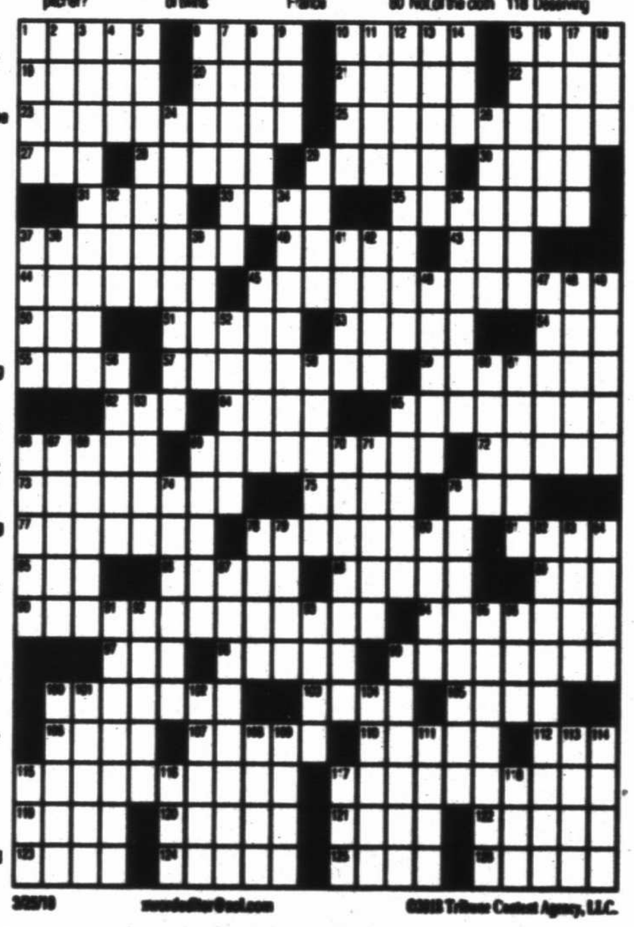
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22 Bugs or Porky
23 Pet Always security device?
25 Narrative from novelist Lavin?
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124 Dover souls
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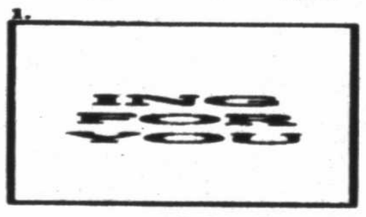
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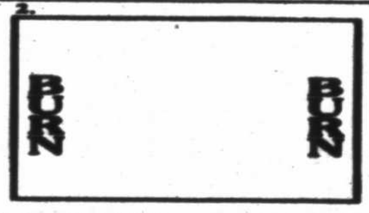
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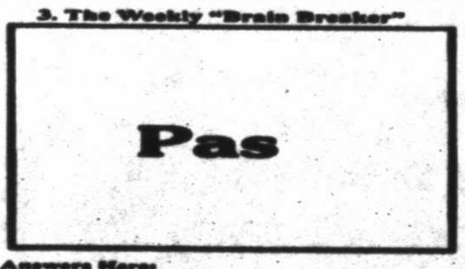
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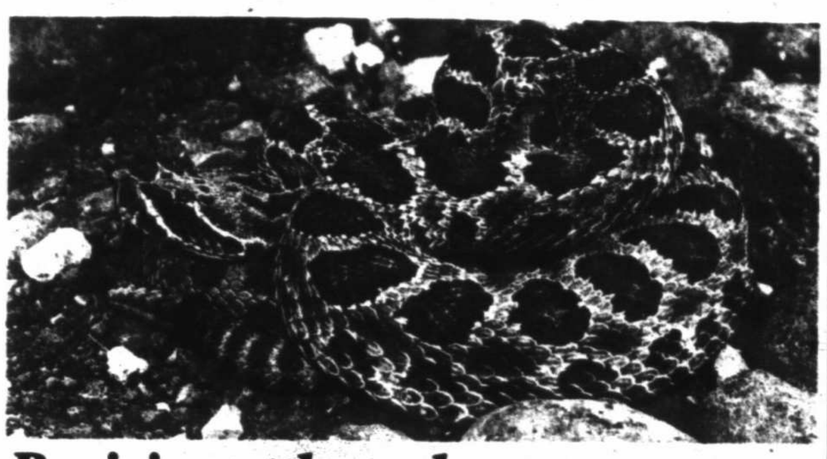
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Wild About Texas



Observing and studying animal behavior is just one of many facets to being a naturalist. Many times, animal behavior is at best misinterpreted or at worst greatly exaggerated. For example, the vast majority of animals that are found in this area are more afraid of humans than we are of them — even those that can pose serious injury to us. Some people respond to this statement with disbelief, ironically, based out of fear.

Animals, and humans too for that matter, respond to fear in a variety of ways. When confronted by a perceived threat, some animals will attempt to hide, others will flee, and others will resort to defensive aggression. These responses are all based on fear. Humans describe animal responses with words such as evil or mean. For example, the defensive display of a prairie rattlesnake can be summed up as almost pure evil to most people, unless one considers the snake's response is based on fear.

The prairie rattlesnake (Crotalus viridis) occurs from southern Canada southward through the Great Plains states to northern Mexico. It ranges further north of the equator than any other pit viper. In Texas, it is most frequently observed in the grassland areas of the Panhandle, less often in the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau eco-regions. Unlike its close relative, the Western diamondback rattlesnake, prairie rattlesnakes are habitat specialists and live primarily in the grasslands and prairies.

This is a moderately large species of rattlesnake that can attain lengths of up to 4 feet, with the record size being a whopping 64 inches, although most adults average just under 3 feet in length.

Prairie rattlesnakes can best be described as rather drab animals. The background coloration varies from tan to brown to almost greenish. Along the spine are numerous well-defined darker brown blotches that occasionally are edged with white. It also has two characteristic facial stripes — one that slants from between the eye and nostril to the mouth and one that runs from behind the eye to the corner of the mouth.

Like other rattlesnakes, the head of this species is distinctly wider than the neck, giving the animal the famous "diamond-shaped" head. The pupils are elliptical, and the rattle is large and capable of being heard from several yards away.

A unique behavioral trait of the prairie rattlesnake is denning — a large number overwinter together. This practice typically takes place in prairie dog towns or rocky hillsides. The process of brumation (not hibernation as the animal does not sleep through the winter, but rather just slows its heart rate and metabolism) generally takes place between late October to mid-March. Even in mid-winter, this species — especially females that are carrying fertilized ova — may make an appearance on exceptionally warm days to bask in the sun's heating rays.

Breeding usually takes place in the fall, with the female holding on to its mate's sperm over the winter until spring, when ovulation actually takes place. Prairie rattlers are oviviparous, which means they give birth to living young, and the 9 inch-long neonates (which number from four to 21) typically are born in late summer and 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.

This species is typically crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk) during the spring and fall when night-time temperatures begin to fall and are nocturnal (active at night) during the summer months when the daytime temperatures exceed intolerable highs. It uses its venom to obtain its prey, which is primarily made up of rodents of various sizes. Juveniles will occasionally add lizards to its diet.

As a rule, prairie rattlesnakes are more high-strung and temperamental than the more common Western diamondback rattler, and their venom is estimated to be two to 2 1/2 times more potent. However, the necrotic properties of this species' venom are much less than the diamondback's, as is the venom yield. This does not make them any less dangerous, but because they live in areas that are generally inaccessible to the general public, they are not considered to be a serious threat to people or range animals.

When participating in outdoor activities, the risk of encountering a prairie rattlesnake is remarkably 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. The best course of action is to walk, don't run, in the opposite direction.

Michael Price is the owner of Wild About Texas, an educational company that specializes in venomous animal safety training, nature classes for schools, and ecotourism. Contact him at wildabouttexas@gmail.com

AgriLife tests plants, grapevines for tolerance

JEFF FLOYD
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service



If you were told you could grow your own grapes and make your own wine right here in Midland would that catch your interest? What if you learned that a salt-tolerant grass could grow right here in Midland and survive hard well water, bitter cold winters and extended drought and look as good as a fine bermudagrass lawn? Would you be interested in bulletproof colorful plants that never require fertilizer, rarely had bug problems and survived on minimal watering?

You can have all of these things and more.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is planning to test the world's toughest plants right here in your own backyard — literally. EarthKind grapevines are in their third year of testing at the home of Debbie Roland, president of the Permian Basin Master Gardeners and a frequent contributor of gardening columns to the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

AgriLife will test drought-tolerant grapes on her property in a trial vineyard. The results of the trial will be shared with members of the community who would like to grow some of these same grapes in their landscapes.

Perennials are also being tested in the Permian Basin, and a plan is in the works to test a coastal grass known as seashore paspalum. Had this salt-tolerant turf been easily available to homeowners during the recent drought that destroyed so many beautiful lawns, our entire community may have looked a little better.

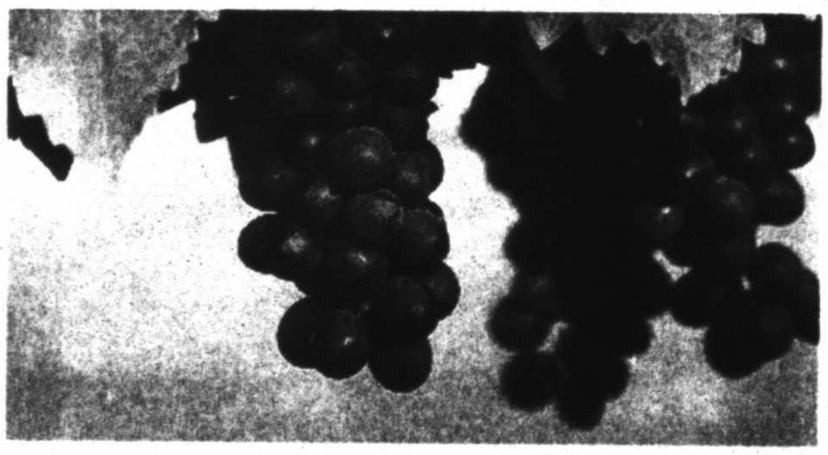
AgriLife is preparing a site in front of the Midland County Courthouse to test 20 newly developed roses. This research, in conjunction with the American Rose Society and multiple rose breeders across the nation, may give us a host of pest-free drought-tolerant roses that perform well on limited pruning.

In recent years, AgriLife has picked up the pace of installing these local test plots and redoubled the focus on community horticulture education. With the help of volunteer support groups such as the Permian Basin Master gardeners and partners such as the West Texas Food Bank, AgriLife is poised to have a dramatic impact on the overall satisfaction of homeowners with respect to their landscapes.

You can learn more about these trials, how and why they are performed and what trial plants you have access to right now, by signing up for the community information and update on AgriLife's EarthKind and ARTS research. Two sessions have been scheduled to accommodate working and non-working members of the community. You'll learn the names and features of the plants being trialed in West Texas, a simple explanation of how horticultural trials are run and the reason that the trials must be performed at a local site to have any value in our community.

The first session is 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the Extension office located at 1010 E. Eighth St.in Odessa. The second session is 9 a.m. to noon, Friday at the Midland Extension office at 2445 E. Highway 80. There is a $10 fee to cover speaker expenses and materials.

To register or learn more visit westtexasgardening.org, call 686-4700 or email jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.



Mint provides limitless possibilities in the kitchen

BARBARA PORSCH
Permian Basin Master Gardener

Mint goes way back. There are biblical references to paying taxes with mint leaves. Old herbalists used it as medicine. Today, the 1998 Herb of the Year (yes, really) is used more as a culinary accoutrement.

Figuring where to start can be a chore. There are so many varieties of mint that the nomenclature becomes very confusing. There are at least 25 main varieties and hybrids. There are many shapes and characteristics of leaves. There are even several exotic varieties, such as grapefruit, ginger, lime or chocolate, but three species are best for culinary purposes: mentha spicata (spearmint), mentha piperita (peppermint) and mentha suaveolens (apple and pineapple mint).

Some people say the only mint to use in a mojito cocktail is spearmint. Some swear by a certain mint for tea. Too often, mint is relegated to a cool drink such as iced tea when it has such possibility in savory foods.

In Mexican culture, a few mint leaves often are added toward the end of cooking chicken soup or tomato soup. It is also great in chilled cucumber soup or green pea soup. Toss some leaves into steamed English peas, or fruit salads. The Middle Eastern salad tabbouleh is a meal in itself.

Indian cuisine includes mita made by combining mint with chopped cucumbers in yogurt to serve with their fiery curries. Vietnamese dishes are served with fresh leaves of mint, cilantro and basil to complement their delicate spring rolls or soups. Mint and lamb make natural perfect partners. Here is a recipe for mint sauce to accompany roast lamb or lamb chops.

Mint is very easy to grow and easy to find at local nurseries. I suggest planting in pots because it can be invasive in the ground. It would love a spot by a leaky faucet in partial shade. Pick up a couple of varieties when you see them for sale. You will enjoy them.

Once you start experimenting with mint's varied uses and delightful aroma, you won't want to be without it. It is no wonder that it is referred to as *yerba Buena* — the good herb — in Mexican culture.

Lucinda's Grandma's Summer Mint Sauce

- 1/2 cup white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 cup fresh mint, chopped
- 1 tablespoon water

Bring vinegar and sugar to boil while stirring. Add water and mint leaves. Remove from heat and allow to stand at least an hour before serving. Delicious over roast lamb or lamb chops. Use leftovers on cooked carrots or peas.

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Opportunity to create shared vision starts now



PATRICK PAYTON
Start the Conversation

Like so many of you, I open my tax statement and take a good look at the five different entities to which I pay taxes. Like most everyone else I wonder how my home can be worth that much and then wonder what else my money is being used for among five different entities. I often wonder, when might we unite behind a shared and unified vision for our taxes. Or, said another way, how can we unite to solve our pressing issues and meet our largest needs?

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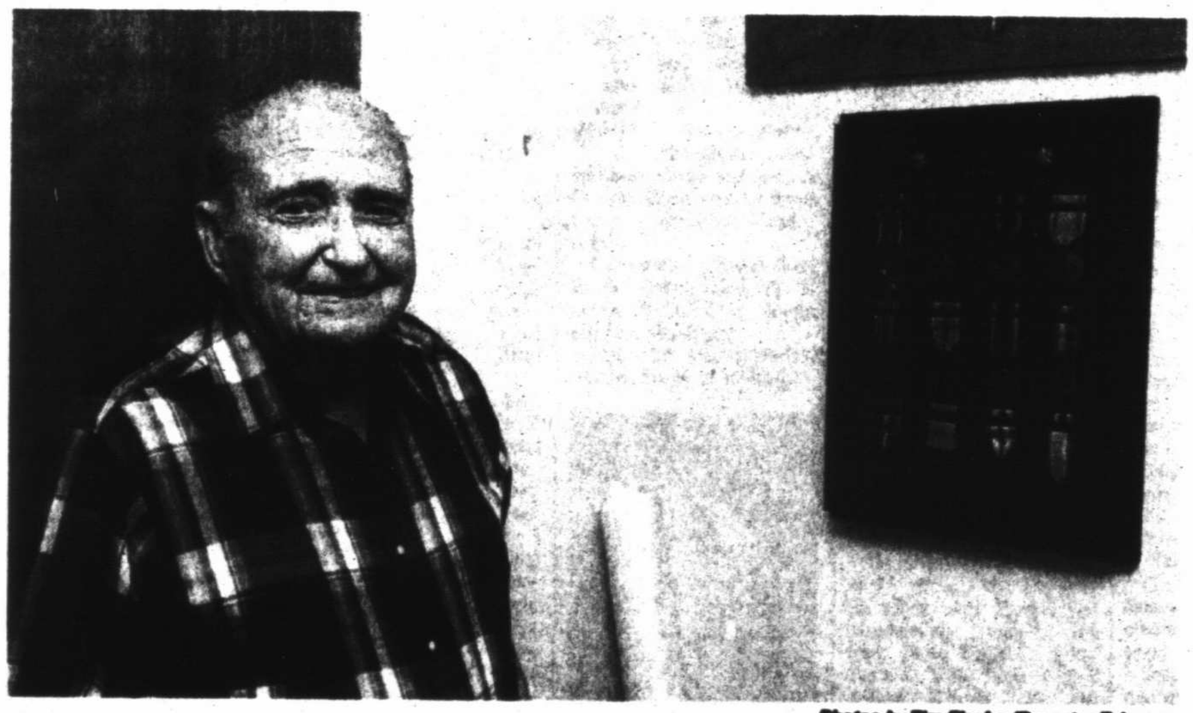
This question of vision, even purpose, and unity was forefront in my mind as Midland and Odessa journeyed down the bond election path this past year with differing outcomes. While differing bonds met different outcomes, the larger question still looming for both cities is where we are collectively headed? Let me attempt to be a little more specific.

I often wondered what would be the next "big ask" for Midlanders after the road bond. After my fellow citizens took their turn at the ballot box was anyone else wondering what the next bond election might be? Would there be an ask for another road bond? Would there be a school bond around the corner? Where was the county going with tax dollars? What did the hospital need? Where were we headed with our growing, and excellent, community college? And certainly, what was the city planning? All of these questions and more loom large as we experience unprecedented growth, stress, and opportunity throughout our city, with little relief in sight. Questions similar to the ones I was pondering about Midland were almost certainly being asked by citizens of Odessa. All of these questions — be they in Midland or Odessa — are rooted in one large desire; a desire for clarity of vision and direction in such opportunistic times where tax dollars are not infinite but opportunities seem to be.

This is no diatribe against elected officials, nor is it a harangue against one initiative over another. But when historic days call for a historic response this is a question, as we start the conversation, of

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REMEMBERING A MARVEL



Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Donald Troy stands with his case of medals from WWII and Korea. BELOW: Donald Troy in 1940 when he enlisted in the US Army.

There was a lot to learn from Don Troy

By Stewart Doreen
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More on Don

To read Ed Todd's feature on Don Troy, please go to https://bit.ly/2pCBtVe at mrt.com

I am fortunate to meet some remarkable people at the Allison Bridge Center, but I have never met anyone like Don Troy.

Donald Wesley Troy was a 95-year-old marvel of a man, who, sadly, died last week. I write sadly but Don is probably smiling. In a 2011 interview with the renown Ed Todd, Don told Mr. Ed that after his wife of more than 60 years died in 2009 he cried for her "every day." My guess is that Don is again feeling lucky to be with Mary Troy.

I met Don at the bridge center on a typical Thursday when the good players (like Don) played with the players who weren't as good (like me). He usually played with Belle Harris, a masterful player, and when it was my turn at their table the sharks smelled blood in the water. It was a given that Don and Belle would come out on top, but that didn't matter. I was in observation mode. I would watch Don act like he was 95 years young. One hand, he would play the board like a maestro, the next he would sheepishly raise a bid to a place he knew would make Belle have to work that much harder. Occasionally, you'd hear a more-spirited Don provide some emotion during a hand that didn't go as he expected. Whatever the case, he was mentally sharp and a pleasure to be around.

But to know and appreciate Don Troy was to understand he was of the heralded "Greatest Generation." He didn't talk the talk of what his generation did for our country — and therefore for people like myself. He walked the walk.

He fought in World War II and Korea. Ed Todd's article indicated that Don flew 260 combat missions, 171 in the China-Burma-India theater and 89 in Korea, "without a scratch" to pilot or airplane. He also earned more than a dozen medals and awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medals, and the Bronze Star for heroism or meritorious service in combat. Respect goes out to a

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Austin bombings teach us to be careful when filling in the blanks



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

Editor's note: This following opinion article ran before the death of the alleged bomber.

Confronted and confounded by the unknown, our minds rush to fill in the blanks. And in the sad mystery that shrouds the bombings that have frightened our city, the unknown far outweighs the known.

To date, we know what our professional investigators want us to know as they go about the business of protection, prevention and prosecution. That's as it should be. In these troubling days — as in every day — we depend on them.

As they search for facts, the rest of us — because we're humans — arrive at conclusions and assertions based on what we know, or think we know, about this unfortunate chapter in Austin's history and what we know about life on Earth in 2018.

The five bombings and two deaths to date provide a Rorschach test that tells us something about ourselves as we search for answers about what is going on here. See if you see yourself in any of these three amateur, semi-informed conclusions about motive.

■ Until Sunday night's explosion in Southwest Austin, the victims had been people of color. There are people who hate people of color and wish them harm. Even worse, there are people who hate people of color and are willing and eager to do them harm. Ergo, what we are seeing play out slowly and frighteningly in our city is a hate crime that is garnering attention and staining our reputation on an international scale.

I was heartened Sunday night when Bill Murray, at a quirky show at the Long Center, dedicated a song to Draylen Mason, 17, who was killed in one of the bomb incidents. Murray, aware of Mason's talents, identified him as a player of the double bass. Murray sang the mournful Scottish lament "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond."

Unfortunately, it is a fitting time for mournful laments in the Live Music Capital of the World, a city that's never been through something quite like this, a pernicious something that seems so lethal, so random, so threatening, so anywhere.

I hurried home Monday when told there was a package at my front door. Turned out there were two: An disputed

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MIKE CANON
Former state senate candidate

Facts show request for recount wasn't 'an abuse of the system'

In Monday's Midland Reporter-Telegram, a front page article reported that the GOP of Texas rejected my request for a recount of the votes in the recent race for Senate in Senate District 31 against Kel Seliger and Victor Leal. In the article, Sen. Seliger was quoted as saying that my request for a recount was "an abuse of the system."

My reaction to the Senator's statement was and still remains that I sure hope the senator doesn't make decisions that impact our district and the citizens of Texas with more knowledge of the facts than he had when he issued his vitriolic statement about the request for recount that I had submitted to the Texas GOP.

To the senator and to those who concluded that my request for a recount was "an abuse of the system," here are the facts.

The Secretary of State's website reflected on March 7, that the total votes for the three candidates were as follows: Seliger – 40,653, Leal – 14,669 and Canon – 25,314. This gave Seliger 335 votes more than 50.0 percent, or 50.415 percent of the votes; Leal and Canon totaled 39,983 votes of 49.584 percent of the votes. If those votes were accurate, then Seliger tallied enough votes to have won the primary, outright.

After the primary, I was encouraged by any number of people to seek a recount of the votes, and I received many offers to help in the recount. Beginning on the day after the primary, I began reviewing Chapter 212 of the Texas Election Code which sets out the requirements to qualify for and to seek a recount of an election held in Texas. I determined, among other things, that under Section 212.0241, a candidate who has not won an election can seek a recount as a matter of right. I also learned that the Election Code requires a canvass of the votes by each county in the 37-county Senate District 31; and I learned that the Secretary of State had ordered the Canvass to be conducted on March 15. Finally, among other matters, I learned that if a candidate in my situation wished to seek a recount, the candidate must do so no later than 2 p.m. on the day after the canvass (2 p.m. March 16).

Next, I began conversing with officials with the Texas Republican Party in Austin, as well as the Elections Division of the Texas Secretary of State to obtain confirmation of my understanding on the Election Code, as well as to confirm that the canvassing/recount process was as I understood it to be. In addition to confirming my understanding of the Election Code, I also began communications to make sure that I knew the results of the district-wide canvass as early as possible, so that I could make a decision as to whether to seek a recount or not.

I checked with the RPT late afternoon in the afternoon on March 15, and the results of the canvass were not yet in. The RPT indicated to me that they were going to stay on the 15th to try to complete the final tallies before the evening was done. I had previously established an email chain with the RPT, so I anticipated receipt of the final results sometime Thursday night, but that did not occur. So on the morning of March 16 (the last day that I had to file for a recount), I began checking with the RPT. As of 9:30 a.m., they were still tabulating results, so I did not have the information to make an informed decision as of that time (4 1/2 hours before the deadline to file for a recount).

Finally, at 12:30 p.m. on, March 16 — I

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Obituaries



Cathryn Lair

Cathryn Lair
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In memory of their mother, a lover of nature, her daughters Lynn Freedman and Kay Lair wish to honor Cathryn's request to share some excerpts of poetry that were meaningful to her in lieu of a traditional obituary.

All nature has a feeling: woods, fields, brooks / Are life eternal: and in silence they / Speak happiness beyond the reach of books: / There's nothing mortal in them; their decay / Is the green life of change; to pass away / And come again in blooms revivified. / Its birth was heaven, eternal in its stay. / And with the sun and moon shall still abide / Beneath their day and night and heaven wide.-John Clare

When one has lived a long time / one refrains from swatting the fly / and lets him go, and one hesitates to strike / the mosquito, though more than willing to slap / the flesh under her, and one lifts the toad / from the pit too deep to hop out of / and carries him to the grass, / and one envelops, in a towel, the swift / who fell down the chimney and knocks herself / against the window glass and releases her outside / and watches her fly free, a life line flung at reality, / when one has lived a long time.-Galway Kinnell

For life was born on the lofty heights / And flows in a laughing stream / To the river below / Whose onward flow / Ends in a peaceful dream.-William Randolph Hearst

Every blade in the field / Every leaf in the forest / Lays down its life in its season / As beautifully as it was taken up. -Henry David Thoreau

Cathryn was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Arch Lair.

Her ashes will be interred at a later date under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Lone Star Animal Sanctuary at P.O. Box 50426, Midland, TX 79710 or lonestarsanctuary.org, Midland Humane Coalition at P.O. Box 53213, Midland TX 79710 or midlandhumane.org, or the charity of one's choice.

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

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Debbie K. Newcomb

Debbie K. Newcomb, 58, of Midland, Texas passed away March 20, 2018 in Midland, Texas. She was born February 13, 1960 in Clovis, New Mexico to Larry and Janet Wilson Morrow.

Debbie graduated from Clovis High School in 1978 and married David Newcomb on July 5, 1980 in Clovis.

Debbie loved the Lord and is at home with our Heavenly Father. She was a devoted wife and a very loving and caring mother. She loved puzzles and working the crossword puzzles. She loved the Midland Rock Hounds baseball, the Miami Dolphins and Midland High Bulldog football. She worked as a production clerk for major oil companies including Anadarko and Concho until her health forced her to retire.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Janet Wilson Morrow, stepmother, Marge Morrow, and two grandchildren, Bailey Rene Newcomb and Baby Dechant.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, David Newcomb; her son, Daniel Newcomb and his wife, Megan; her daughters, Amy and Amanda Newcomb; her father, Larry Morrow; a brother, Mark Morrow and his wife, Donna; 4 grandchildren, Isaiah Newcomb, Cheyenne and Kameron Dechant and Grayson Newcomb; numerous nieces and nephews.

We appreciate the prayers and thoughts in this difficult time. She will be greatly missed and one day reunited with her family in Heaven.

Private services will be held at a later date.

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

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Glinna Wolf

Glinna M. Wolf, 85, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Viewing will be Monday March 26 at 10:00 AM, American Heritage Funeral Home located at 4100 North FM 1788, Midland, Texas. Funeral services and Mass scheduled for 2:00 PM at St. Stephens Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave., Midland, Texas with Monsignor James Bridges officiating.

Glinna was born on August 10, 1932 in Big Spring, Texas to Cody and Martell Sisson. She graduated from Monahans High School where she met the love of her life Billy P. Wolf and they were married on January 7, 1950 in Monahans, Texas. Glinna was a great Mom and a hard working West Texas Girl which included being a hairstylist, administrative manager, and then found her passion as a Registered Nurse for over 30 years - which she did not retire from until she was 81.

Glinna enjoyed all the family campouts, fishing, dancing and her trips to Las Vegas--always looking for that Big Spin or Royal Flush as well as enjoying the entertainment provided by many of the artists of her times.

Glinna is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Bill P. Wolf. She will be greatly missed and is survived by her children, Larry and Barbara Wolf of Bakersfield, CA, Harry Wolf of Midland, TX, and Laura Wolf of Midland, TX; Grandchildren-Stacy Wolf, Steven Wolf and wife Jennifer, Kaley Hanna and husband Justin, Mallory Blahnik, Dena Sautter, Glinnis Hutchinson and husband Herb; and 6-Great Grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pallbearers: Steven Wolf, Justin Hanna, Jim Webb, Derek Webb, Chris Robin, and Don Meisinger.

Memorials may be made to Helping Hands of Midland.



Johnna Leigh Wagner

Johnna Leigh Wagner was born on June 4, 1960 to Cyril Wagner, Jr. and Johnna Blanton Curle in Midland, Texas and died peacefully on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at the age of 57.

Leigh was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her daughters, Erin McMaster and Kendal Mitchell and husband, Jay; mother, Johnna Curle; stepmother, Lissa Wagner; brothers, Adam and wife, Carol and Wesley and wife, Laura Ann; sister, Sherwood; brother, Chip; many nieces and nephews she dearly loved; numerous other relatives; and a host of friends.

She attended Trinity School of Midland, Midland High School, Pine Manor College, and The University of Arkansas. Leigh will be remembered by everyone who knew her as a generous force to be reckoned with, who loved deep and played hard. She was the queen of her universe and we will miss her immensely.

A Celebration of Leigh's Life will be held 1:00 P.M., Thursday, March 29, 2018 at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home.

For those desiring, contributions may be made in Leigh's memory to Our House at https://www.austinyouthleadership.org/.

Condolences may be made at www.cookwaldenforestoaks.com.

Arrangements under the care of Cook-Walden/ Forest Oaks Funeral Home, 6300 W. William Cannon Dr., Austin, Texas, 78749, (512)892-1172.



Marcelino Garza Dabalos

Marcelino Dabalos, 72 of Midland, Texas, was called home by the Lord on March 22, 2018. He was born on September 21, 1945 in Rock Springs, TX. He was raised in Midland, TX.

Marcelino worked in maintenance for most of his career. He was an amazing man with an open heart. He was charming, funny, and selfless. He loved to golf, dance, watch movies, and listen to music along with playing his guitar and piano. He was a loving devoted husband, a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a noble friend.

Marcelino was preceded in death by his father, Hilario Dabalos Sr. and mother Luisa Gonzales; his son Ruben Tagle Sr; his sister Manuela Martinez and brother Hilario Dabalos Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Irene Dabalos; his sister Lupe Rangel and Magdalena Dabalos; his sons; Pablo Tagle Sr. Felix Tagle Sr. Billy Tagle Sr.; his daughter Belinda Tagle; and many grandchildren and great grand-children.

We appreciate the prayers and thoughts in this difficult time. He will be greatly missed and one day reunited with his family in Heaven.

Viewing will be Sunday March 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral mass is set for Monday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers for the service will be Billy Tagle, Jr, Billy Tagle, Mitchell Hernandez, Justin Foss, Paul Adam Tagle, Alex Tagle, Richard Tagle, Michael Alvarado and Frankie Rodriguez.

Funeral service is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipline@sw-online.net or you can visit our website at *www.lovellsgracielapilgh.com*

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Marsha (Skees) Corcoran

May 8, 1951-March 18, 2018

Marsha (Skees) Corcoran Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marsha Skees Corcoran. Flowers die. Tears evaporate. But a prayer for Marsha will be received by God!

Marsha (Skees) Corcoran was born May 8, 1951 in Midland, Texas, the daughter of the late William Alton Skees and the late Wanda (Stell) Skees. She entered into rest on March 18, 2018 in Dallas, Texas. She was raised in Midland, Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas and Jackson, Mississippi. She graduated from Midland High School, class of 1969. She matriculated from Texas Woman's University in 1974 with a B.S. in Nursing and earned a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Dallas in 1986. Marsha began her nursing career in Dallas, Texas at Parkland Hospital working in Adult Trauma and Intensive Care. Utilizing her MBA she then spent time at Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Parkland Hospital, and University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. She then resumed her clinical nursing career at Baylor Hospital Transplant Unit. Marsha was a devout practicing Catholic and cherished her large extended family. Her home was always open and welcoming to family and friends. She was sometimes a practical jokester and was known and loved for her humor and drama. Marsha also had open arms for pets in distress. She rescued numerous dogs of dubious breeding and loved them each unconditionally.

She is survived by her husband, Frank John Corcoran of Dallas, Texas and her siblings, Andrea Guerrette (husband Galen) of Flagstaff, Arizona, Cecilia Sears (husband James) of Kingsville, Texas, John Skees (wife Holly) of Midland, Texas, William Skees (wife Mary Ann) of Glen Rock, New Jersey, Kevin Skees (wife Elizabeth) of Plano, Texas, James Skees (wife Megan) of St. Mary's, Kansas and too many to count nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Join the Corcoran family in remembering and celebrating the life of Marsha. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the Rosary recited at 6 p.m. at the Calvary Hill Funeral Home, 3235 Lombardy Lane, Dallas, Texas. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11 a.m., March 26, 2018 at All Saints Catholic Church, 5231 Meadowcreek Drive Dallas, Texas 75248. Committal will be held at Calvary Hill Cemetery, 3235 Lombardy Lane, Dallas, Texas.



Myrna Hunter

Myrna was born in Gonzales, TX to Rose Lee Murray and Phillip Lucullus Mangum. She was much-adored and taught early by her grandfather to ride, strut and cuss like a man. She rode her horse Coby all over the Texas countryside and so developed a lifelong aversion to walking. But she loved going places.

She met her husband Fred at Trinity University in San Antonio and they raised Fred, Jr., Dana and Bob in Corpus Christi and Odessa. They camped all over the West and up to Alaska, sometimes taking Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls along too. Fred liked to hunt, which Myrna learned to do so she wouldn't miss out on the adventure.

She taught school at Permian High and then found great satisfaction and success managing the employment agencies she and Fred opened in Texas over the next twenty years.

She and Fred retired in 1988 and fifth-wheeled all over the US and traveled all over the world. Fred said her name was "Myrna Go Hunter" when they started and changed to just "Go Myrna Go" as time went on. When he died in '98 she kept going and drove her motor home to Oregon and beyond.

She lived along for many years with her dogs and her guns--feeding the wildlife and visiting family and friends. She was an only child but leaves many grandchildren and great grandchildren behind. She was bossy, generous and touched many lives. She will be sorely missed.

Celebration of Life for friends and family in Range on March 31, 2018. Freund Funeral Home, 361.275.2343

Death Notices

Jimmie "Jeannette" Hewitt

Jimmie "Jeannette" Hewitt, 87 of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

The family will be accepting guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at First Assembly of God with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her children, Johnny E. Hewitt and Brenda Foster.

John Curtis Franks

John Curtis Franks, 52 of Midland passed away on March 20, 2018. The family will be handling services at a later date.

Linda Sue (Williams) Meeks

Linda Sue (Williams) Meeks, 78 of Stephenville, Texas died on March 22, 2018 in Grapevine, Texas.

A Memorial Service will be at Oakdale Methodist Church in Stephenville, Tx. with Kory Koch officiating Monday March 26, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Graveside service will be Tuesday March 27, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa, Tx. with Jimmy Braswell Officiating.

Willie L. Green

Willie L. Green, 80 of Midland, passed away March 22, 2018. Survivors include children, Gladice Green, Jackie Green, Anita Green (Hank), Leonda Green, Richard Green, Bradley Green, Rodney Green, Dustick Green and Dania Green; 4 siblings; 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Cremetory of Midland.

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one from a family member and one with my prescriptions. There is a uniquely unsettling feeling when the routine becomes threatening.

The closest incidents I can think of that are in any way similar to what we're now going through were the rock-throwing attacks on Interstate 35 and the series of assaults on local hike-and-bike trails.

Awful as those were, they were location specific. These bombings are finding folks at home.

This is from Austinite Laura Strassberg Hoke on Facebook: "I came home yesterday to a package on our front porch. I left my daughter in the car, and then I grabbed a soccer ball from our yard, stood behind a tree and threw the soccer ball at the package to see if it would explode. Funnily, it didn't."

At a Tuesday briefing, Austin Council Member Ann Kitchen said, "We are all very concerned and part of that concern are people's feelings that this feels so random, feels like something out of their control, feels like something they don't know what to expect."

Interim Police Chief Brian Manley tried to offer a response with the proper measure of vigilance and reassurance. But he couldn't distort around this truth: "I cannot sit here and tell you whether there will be another incident. Based on what we've seen, we have no reason to believe that there would not be."

Maybe you're among those who, given what we know about the facts and victims to date, are sure what we are seeing is hatred at its hateful worst.

Or maybe you surmise something more interested. Maybe — fueled in part by police comments about a drug raid on the block where one of the explosions occurred — you see drug dealers or other criminal elements acting out their own perverted form of justice in their unjust world.

Nothing we know about the victims so far would lend credence to that. But, for some, that remains the first surmise.

Racism. Drug deals gone bad. What else has entered our minds?

What other theories can be theorized based on the relatively little we know about this case and the whole lot we know about the world in which we live?

There's this: We are a society that produces twisted minds with twisted motives for murder and mayhem, sometimes on a mass and random and senseless scale. Often — too often — it's done with guns and ammunition legally acquired.

In this case, as far as we know from what investigators have told us, it's being done with materials readily available at stores and, I'll surmise, instructions readily available online.

I'm open to other suggestions as to what's going on here. But I invite you to see which of the above conclusions you've jumped to.

It perhaps will tell you something about yourself and your thoughts about the city and world in which you live.

And why it's so dangerous to jump to conclusions.

"Oh, ye'll tak' the high road, and I'll tak' the low road," Murray sang Sam Cooke. Light, comfortable, and unknown to him at the time, 20 minutes or so after the fourth local bomb blast. "And I'll be in Scotland a'fore ye."

We cannot know him and those injured in these explosions. In this time of fear and challenge, the high road is the path to take.

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men with that type of record. People like Don know what real service is. They lived it. We didn't use the word as a cliché to describe something less significant.

Upon hearing of Don's passing, I immediately thought of the opportunity lost. I had always told myself I needed to sit down with Don for an interview to talk about the life he experienced. I wanted to know more about the man who said "I have been lucky my entire life" referring to his life as a World War II and Korean War aviator, a post-war engineer and a man who married exceedingly well.

I will be among the many who will miss Don at the bridge table. I can't speak for the others, but seeing Don there just starts to feel like a better game. Maybe he reminded me of my grandfather, who played well into his 90s and could teach someone half his age a lesson or two about "getting to game" or winning big.

If precisely that starts to do with Don being a hero and a person who fully experienced and appreciated life. Don, I hope you and the love of your life are together again. You will be missed.

Lubbock museum is tribute to WWII gliders

Tumbleweed Smith



Seven-thousand volunteer glider pilots were a vital part of the U.S. armed forces during World War II. Most of them were trained at South Plains Army Air Field in Lubbock.

"The gliders were a delivery method for groups of men or heavy artillery or equipment that couldn't be dropped in by parachute," said Sharon McCullar, curator of the Silent Wings Museum. "The advantage was that you could deliver them to one location. Paratroopers are really effective if you want to spread them out over a mile or so, but with gliders you could get them in a specific landing point."

She said there's a C-47 in front of the museum, which was relocated from the Metroplex to near the Lubbock airport.

"It was the main aircraft used to tow the gliders into combat. They were towed to 600 to 800 feet, then released from the tow plane. They would be in the air for about 30 seconds before landing. Most of them sat in the landing zone and that's where they were left."

Twelve-thousand gliders were manufactured, some on the Ford assembly line in Detroit. They were used in Europe and the Pacific. In March 1945 many of them crossed the Rhine River at Wesel, Germany.

"It was the largest airborne glider operation of the war. A little over 1,000 gliders crossed in a single day loaded with men and material."

Gliders, which were extremely light, are made mostly of canvas that covered a steel frame. But they could carry 15 men, jeeps, huge cannons and even a bulldozer.

"They were built to be as light as possible with a structure as sound as possible. The seats are honeycombed plywood, like laminated plywood, and the floor is also kind of a laminate. So it's as strong as it can be but as light as it can be because they're really expendable. We have a restored glider on display."

Some of those glider pilots are still around.

"The World War II Glider Pilots Association will have its annual reunion at the museum in October of this year."

The museum has videos showing interviews with World War II glider pilots and crews. It also shows gliders landing and some of them crashing down. In wartime, German troops erected tall poles to prevent the gliders from landing.

The Silent Wings Museum has events all during the year including Veterans Day, D-Day (June 6) and Spirit of '45 Day (second weekend in August). Admission is free on those days with ceremonies to honor veterans. The museum now has an exhibition commemorating the 15th anniversary of the loss of the space shuttle Columbia, which exploded over East Texas in 2003. Two astronauts from West Texas were on that mission: Willie McCool and Rick Husband.

Don't fall for home improvement scams while attending a home show

Heather Massey

Senior Regional Director, Permian Basin Better Business Bureau

The Spring season is here, which means home show season is upon us and consumers are already in the process of planning for their upcoming home improvement projects. While attending a local home show can provide a one-stop opportunity to gather ideas and meet with potential contractors to hire, Better Business Bureau is reminding consumers of the importance of doing their homework before making a financial and contractual commitment.

Home improvement scams are one of the top ten riskiest scams according to BBB's 2017 Risk Report. Though the impact of these scams has gone down in 2017, despite it being a year that included Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. BBB believes this may have been because of a significant increase in information from the media and consumer protection groups, around home improvement scams following disasters.

When attending a home show and making plans to hire a home improvement contractor, BBB offers the following tips:

Familiarize yourself with the show's layout.

Visit the show's website in advance and locate appealing vendors. Check for discounts and coupons being offered and research vendors at bbb.org. Look for the seal of BBB Accreditation being displayed in booths of BBB Accredited Businesses, as these companies meet and uphold BBB Standards.

Be prepared.

Develop a list of questions for potential contractors so you don't overlook something, as it is easy to become distracted at a show. Recognize and keep to your

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Canon

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1/2 hours before the deadline to file for a recount — I talked with the RPT, and during our conversation, they completed the compilation with the exception of one county (Sherman) which still did not have its results in. So, we decided to assume that Sherman County's numbers would not change, and the RPT gave me the numbers that they said were the total of the final certified numbers from all but Sherman County. The numbers that were given to me were as follows: Seliger – 40,663, Leal – 14,671, and Canon 25,878. Assuming these numbers were accurate, this meant that compared to the Primary Day finals tallies, Seliger had gone up 10 votes, Leal had gone up 2 votes, and Canon had gone up 564 votes. In my opinion, this was a very substantive change in the final tally; instead of there being a spread of 670 votes between the sum of Canon and Leal, on the one hand, and Seliger, on the other hand, there was now only a 114-vote spread. After I confirmed with the RPT that those were the numbers and received assurances that they were, I began calling my consultants to inform them of the change. The response was unanimous: if those were the numbers, and if Canon's vote total had changed by 578 votes since Election Day, then there was a good chance that there would be mistakes in the counting of votes, and there was a good chance that the final count might change enough such that the final outcome could require a runoff (i.e. Leal plus Canon might exceed 50 percent, and Seliger might be less than 50 percent). The consensus was that we should immediately file our request for a recount, since we had less than two hours to get the request filed with the RPT. We met the deadline with the request and a check for the amount of deposit that we understood would be required.

Two days later, on March 18, I received an email letter from the RPT, informing me that there were certain defects in our request for recount, and, in accordance with the Election Code, the RPT gave me a little over 24 hours to correct the defects in the request for recount. On March 18th, we were unable to do much to correct the defect because there was information required from all of the 37 counties that we would have to obtain on March 19, which we were fully prepared to do.

On the morning of March 19, we started the process of correcting the defects in our Request. At the same time, I set out to confirm with the RPT that the numbers they had given me on March 16 with regard to the final vote tallies remained the same. I was finally able to reach the appropriate RPT representative around 9:45 a.m., at which time, my first inquiry was to confirm that the numbers were the same as they had been on March 16. The response that I received to my inquiry was just as shocking as the response I had received to my inquiry on the 16th (when I had learned that my vote total had gone up 564 votes, according to the RPT). Only this time, the numbers were different, and I was told that this time, for certain, the final certified results were as follows: Seliger – 40,664, Leal – 14,671 and Canon – 25,335. So, from March 16, Seliger's count had increased one vote, Leal's count remained the same, and Canon's count had decreased 543 votes. This changed the spread between Seliger and the sum of Leal and Canon back to 658 votes, close to the same as it had been following the day of the primary.

This called for one more decision. I checked, once again, with my consultants, and informed them of what I was now being told by the RPT. This time the decision was unanimous; but this time it was to terminate the effort to obtain a recount. Given that decision, and considering the status of our application for a recount, we decided to simply let the deadline pass without any response on our part, knowing that this would nullify our request for a Recount since the defects that had been referred to in the previous letter from the RPT remained uncured.

So the real decision was not the RPT's. It was really ours, albeit all of our decisions were based on the information that had been given to us, first by the Secretary of State (immediately following election day), and then by the RPT during the course of the period of time leading up to March 19. Had we known that the results remained at or around a 670-vote spread on March 16, we never would have filed the request for recount in the first place.

So was our request for a recount an "abuse of the system," or were we being responsible under the circumstances, especially considering the great deal of effort, time and funds that had been contributed by our many supporters? I would contend that the answer is clearly the latter, and not the former. I'll leave that up to the reader.

One final thought: thanks to the many supporters across District 31 who helped us along the way. Thanks especially to my family, and my wife, Judy, for the support and encouragement that they provided throughout the campaign. We were ready to work for the citizens of Senate District 31, but it was not meant to be. I am thankful that in this great Country of ours and in our great State, that we had the opportunity to try.

Payton

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vision — of leadership. It is a question regarding how we might unify behind a bold plan and direction where the priorities gain some order and the citizenry gains some clarity on what is ahead for their support, their votes and ultimately their dollars.

We most certainly cannot expect to become as world renown above ground as we are below ground with fragmented priorities and multiple visions of what might be done.

Like so many other efforts towards excellence and changing the status quo there will no doubt be the standard responses of, "Well, that's not how it's done." Or, perhaps, the other standard reply, "We can't do that." But the reality behind the nature of change is it addresses what hasn't been done or couldn't be done and makes it happen.

There was a time not long ago when we were getting all the oil and gas we could get from under the ground and people were saying, "That's it!" But someone decided that what everyone said could not be done was not going to stop them from doing more. Today, we sit right in the middle of historic opportunity because someone decided it could be done. So what should you do?

Solutions

Part of the solution is to:

1. Start the conversation about expectations with work associates and your circle of influence.

Then,

2. Make sure you are involved politically.

That means becoming informed about issues, voting, attending meetings and becoming completely aware of the issues and challenges. Though we all rightfully expect much from our elected officials they also should rightfully expect our input as much as they must endure our criticism.

One of the recent and great, examples in our communities of ownership of the vision and action among the citizens is the initiatives underway in Odessa and Midland to form collective impact organizations to address head on the challenges we all face with elevating our education outcomes to world class.

It is not enough for us to point fingers and level blame at the school districts if we are not willing to step up and step out to make change happen.

These initiatives are a great start to a shared movement towards excellence above ground that must begin to make its way into all sectors of a great region.

Conclusion

Leadership and shared vision are never easy. But then again, none of us living in the Permian Basin ever asked for easy. As a matter of fact, we thrive when times are tough.

Let's push towards a unified shared vision for all our efforts – and all of our tax dollars; and become the region not just known for oil and gas, but historic ambition and once impossible, shared accomplishments.

So what can you do now?

- Invite others to this conversation;
- Share your ideas of what we need and what we should expect right here on this website;
- Choose not to complain unless you are committing to act towards fixing your area of complaint;
- Get involved politically. Know what is at stake and what needs to be done;
- Refuse to except old ways of thinking about our home and our region.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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One of our more memorable cases is Caroline, a 48-year-old woman who has been in our system for a number of years. Abandoned by her father at an early age, she struggled to exist in a home with an alcoholic mother who would often disappear for days at a time. Unloved, unwanted and alone, she dropped out of school and spent her teenage years going from one unsuccessful relationship to another. She finally married, but her husband was abusive and beat her so severely that one time, in self-defense, she struck back. The blow caused him to fall. His head hit the edge of a piece of furniture, which killed him. She spent time in prison for the crime. When we met her we saw a woman who had been beaten physically, emotionally and spiritually. She was terribly withdrawn. She spoke in a tired monotone, and her posture was stooped and bent, reflecting a woman who was old beyond her years. She would not look us in the eye, and she panicked if we tried to get physically close to her. She lived in a cocoon that she had fashioned for herself, in an effort to keep out all of the hurt and pain of her life. She was a sad, tragic, broken human being.

Caroline is one of the marginalized in our society. The marginalized make us uncomfortable, so we try to push them aside, to the outer edges of society, so we won't have to see their pain or deal with their problems – problems that we don't know how to handle, and that are so much greater than our own.

Christ came into the world to announce to the poor that God loves them. If he loves us despite our self-absorptions, our materialism and our pride, then how he must love that poor woman who has been so hurt, so damaged, and so broken by life! It is up to us to fulfill Christ's mission on earth, and to reach out to the marginalized – to comfort, to help and to tell them that we love them. When we learn to love the poor with the same love that God has for them, when we reach out to embrace and protect them, that's when we truly feel the love that God has for us. And what a blessing that is!

City of Midland
Community Development
COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The City of Midland will hold the following public meetings on the city's community development program:

April 9, 2018
Southeast Senior Center, 1909 E Indiana
Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

April 12, 2018
Casa de Amigos, 1101 E Garden Lane
Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

For the 2018/19 program, $714,071 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was allocated to the City. The City expects a similar amount for 2018/19. A minimum 70% of CDBG funds must be allocated to projects that benefit low and moderate-income persons. Examples of activities eligible for CDBG funding are: housing rehabilitation, sidewalk and street improvement, park improvements, code enforcement, lot clearance, economic development and public services.

For further information, call the Community Development Office at 688-1072 or 688-1023.

FAIR HOUSING is the LAW
The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap or family status. If you feel your rights have been violated, you may call HUD at 1-800-669-9777 (TDD) 1-800-927-8275).

PRO "Is Larry Kudlow a good choice to be Trump's top economic adviser?" CON

Kudlow's skills will keep US economy rolling in fast lane

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Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON —

Just as baseball season approaches, President Donald Trump hits it out of the park with his appointment of economist Larry Kudlow to head the White House's National Economic Council.

Kudlow has a deep knowledge and understanding of businesses on Main Street and Wall Street, qualities the president needs in his top economic adviser.

During President Ronald Reagan's first term, Kudlow was associate director for economics and planning at the Office of Management and Budget. After that, he started his own successful economic research firm, Kudlow & Co.

For the past two decades, Kudlow has also been a fixture on business TV, hosting or co-hosting his own programs on CNBC and as a frequent guest. He proved he could direct lively yet civil discussions with business people and politicians of various viewpoints.

Over the decades, Kudlow's focus has been on building American prosperity by calling out government policies that harm American entrepreneurs, investors and consumers.

Though he is most known for his advocacy of tax cuts — and many of his ideas were incorporated in the recently enacted tax reform law, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act — Kudlow has also stressed the importance of minimizing regulatory and trade barriers.

He was an early critic, for instance, of the Sarbanes-Oxley accounting mandates signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2002.

He rightly pointed out that by substantially raising auditing costs, the law was making it much more difficult for entrepreneurs to take small companies public, which in turn deprived middle-class investors the opportunity to grow wealth with these firms.

Kudlow has also criticized regulations that burden American energy exploration. He praised Trump's 2017 decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Accord, arguing that this action effectively ended "the war on fossil fuels."

And when it is necessary, Kudlow has shown that he can get down in the weeds of policy minutiae and highlight the technical-sounding yet destructive rules that need to be pruned.

In 2010, Kudlow had me on his CNBC program "The Kudlow Report" to discuss how Obamacare's stealth "medicine cabinet tax" restricts consumers from purchasing over-the-counter drugs through health savings accounts and, in the process, limits choices and raises health care costs.

Finally, the Kudlow choice is a home run because Kudlow has not been afraid to point out his areas of disagreement with Trump. He has warned Trump publicly that trade protectionism could turn Trump into a "21st century Herbert Hoover." Hopefully, Trump and members of Congress will heed Kudlow's knowledge and wisdom on trade, taxes and regulation.

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Kudlow's fossilized beliefs could lead Trump further astray

DEAN BAKER
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WASHINGTON –

Earlier this month, the Trump administration announced that it was picking Larry Kudlow as the new head of the National Economic Council.

Kudlow was a mid-level official in the Reagan administration before moving to Wall Street, but his greatest notoriety came as an economics talk show host for two decades.

Kudlow made no bones about his views on his show. (Full disclosure: I was an occasional guest.)

He began each segment by proclaiming his belief in free markets, free trade and free enterprise.

Kudlow is an ideologue. This could be a serious problem with a president who often shoots from the hip without seriously considering the ramifications of his policies. Rather than trying to get Trump to consider various perspectives, Kudlow may just reinforce Trump in his ill-considered plans.

To take an important but largely overlooked area of policy, Kudlow shares Trump's view that global warming is a hoax. In Trump World, the myth of global warming was invented by China to get the United States to waste a huge amount of money reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, thereby making its industry less competitive.

We might hope that we had an economic adviser who would call Trump's attention to the vast amount of evidence that global warming is very real and is already having serious consequences in the U.S. and elsewhere.

We might also want an adviser who would point out that China is spending more than anyone, relative to the size of its economy, to reduce its emissions.

There is a similar story with taxes. Trump always wants to give more tax breaks, with the rich getting the biggest chunk. It would be good to have an adviser who could point out that the rich are already doing just fine and really don't need more money in tax breaks. Kudlow is not that person.

It would also be good to have an adviser who could point out the importance of regulating the financial sector. Like most of the economics profession, Kudlow completely missed the housing bubble and the financial crisis that was caused by its collapse.

Unlike many economists, Kudlow seems not to have changed his view of financial regulation as a result of the Great Recession. This could reinforce the current drive in Congress where we allow banks to take ever greater risks, knowing that if they get into trouble they can count on a taxpayer bailout.

This path also opens the door for the proliferation of predatory finance.

With the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau largely neutered, and other regulatory agencies regularly siding with industry, there are again big bucks to be made in ripping off consumers. Any believer in free markets should expect the financial industry to take full advantage of the opportunities presented.

There is one important area where Kudlow does present a welcome departure from Republican orthodoxy. When it comes to Federal Reserve Board policy, most Republicans have been anxious to see the Fed raise interest rates in order to head off any risk of inflation.

The cost of higher interest rates is slower growth and fewer jobs. High interest rates discourage people from buying homes and cars, and discourage businesses and governments from investing.

Kudlow strongly disagrees with the standard Republican view, as he recently argued in a Wall Street Journal column. He is likely to push Trump to make appointments to the Fed who are more interested in supporting growth and reducing unemployment than containing inflation.

This is a really huge deal since better policy from the Fed can mean millions of additional jobs. It also will mean more bargaining power for workers who already have jobs, giving them the opportunity to get higher wages.

If Kudlow can help move the Fed toward policies for promoting employment, that will be a great accomplishment, but I would still rather have him back hosting his TV show.

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Cities don't need more jobs; they need more workers

■ COMMENTARY

By Conor Sen
Bloomberg View

A funny thing happened after Amazon invited cities to compete for its second North American headquarters: Somehow, other corporations got the idea that they would be the winners.

There's been a disturbing trend in corporations seeing the tax breaks offered to Amazon and deciding they're entitled to the same when they pursue their own expansions or relocations. There's nothing inherently wrong with municipalities offering tax breaks in exchange for jobs, but it shouldn't be automatic. Municipalities should weigh the pros and cons, and in a labor market this tight, cities might conclude tax breaks are a losing bet.

Last month Jamie Dimon, CEO of JP Morgan, said he'd fight for the same deal Amazon gets for his own company. Wisconsin offered a big tax assistance package to Foxconn last summer for an economic development project. Once cities offer big packages to one company, it's hard to take a different position when another company comes calling.

The bizarre thing is the timing of this trend. Nationwide, the unemployment rate is 4.1 percent, about as low as it's been in decades. For workers with a college degree, the type of people tech companies like Amazon are looking to hire, the jobless rate even lower, at 2.3 percent. In some cities, the unemployment rate is even lower than that, and companies are scrambling to use nontraditional approaches to find the workers they need, as Bloomberg recently reported.

For places with low unemployment rates and subdued labor force growth, offering tax breaks for new job creation acts as a form of crowding out. Unless the area is bringing in workers from elsewhere, or inspiring people who opted out to join the labor force, the people hired by the new corporate campus will be poached from existing firms. If the jobs at those existing (taxpaying) firms pay similar wages, the net result will be no net job growth but a weaker fiscal position for the municipality as a taxpaying firm gets replaced by one paying less in taxes.

So let's say a city aims for tax breaks to attract new employers and counts on migration to bring in additional workers. In many metropolitan areas, where development has been constrained by local political opposition, housing is already in short supply, and a new corporate campus won't help. Rather than crowding out existing jobs, the new workers attracted from somewhere else will crowd out existing residents.

Consider the Amazon hypothetical: The company proposes to employ 50,000 people at its second North American headquarters. Those jobs could plausibly support the creation of 50,000 more positions indirectly — jobs like restaurant staff and health-care workers. Those 100,000 workers would bring family with them. Let's call that approximately 300,000 additional people for the "winning" city to house, school and care for. Depending on the tax breaks and other inducements provided, it might not feel like much of a win.

Ranking the economic development challenges facing cities in 2018, finding gainful employment for well-educated residents is very far down the list. But the labor market could benefit from some attention. Labor-force participation, particularly for prime-age workers between 25 and 54, is lower than it has been at similar moments in prior economic cycles. Cities should be looking for residents who may not be in the labor force but could be — for instance if they had better options for day care, elder care or transportation.

If they were calculating about economic development, many cities might find they're better off subsidizing or providing such services — rather than subsidizing a new corporate campus. Cities could also look into workforce-training programs, to give lower-skilled workers the skills employers are looking for. (Of course, there's a legitimate debate to be had about why employers aren't providing that training themselves, if they need such workers. Public-private partnerships are a popular hybrid.)

Doing these things would expand a city's labor force, and would most likely reduce economic inequality as well. In a labor market as robust as this one, newly trained workers and people rejoining the labor force probably wouldn't be looking for work for long. Training programs might not grab headlines like offering billions of dollars to Amazon does, but it would be a wiser use of a city's resources and would more effectively address real problems.

Texas extends winning streak with latest 'Governor's Cup'

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The Economist



Texas continued its streak of wins of Site Selection Magazine's "Governor's Cup" competition, which goes to the state with the most major corporate location and expansion projects in a year. The 2017 win is the sixth in a row, and the Lone Star State also won in 2004, 2005, and 2010 (and was a close second in several of the years between). It's impressive by any measure, and more so given the fact that a major export industry (energy) was struggling during part of the time.

Only projects with a capital investment of at least $1 million, 20 or more new jobs, or 20,000 square feet of new construction are counted. Last year, Texas had 594 such projects, which is down from 642 in 2016 and 702 in 2015. Texas finished well ahead of second-ranked Ohio (467 projects) and the rest of the top five of Illinois (419), Georgia (281), and North Carolina (274). Of the top five, only North Carolina's projects total was up in 2017 over the 2016 level.

The state's success is due to a spectrum of benefits to potential locating companies. At the most basic level, Texas has resources — a large and growing population, oil and gas, a coastline favorable to shipping, abundant land (much of which is excellent for farming), a relatively moderate climate, and a central location, among others. All of these characteristics provide opportunities.

In addition, decisions made and efforts undertaken in decades past fundamentally changed and enhanced the state economy. Visionary business and community leaders took action, and the benefits are still being realized. For example, the roots of the Texas technology sector go back to attracting MCC (the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation, which was the first and at one time the largest research and development consortium in the industry) and Sematech (a non-profit research and development consortium focusing on chip manufacturing) to the state back in the 1980s.

Herculean efforts were required to get these leading-edge research organizations to come to the state. Individuals in the public and private sectors, the University of Texas and the state's other research universities, and a variety of entities were involved. In fact, when Austin was selected for MCC (with incentives including a subsidized lease, low-cost mortgages for personnel, and upgrades at UT and Texas A&M programs in computer science and electrical engineering), competing cities were heard to complain that Austin bought the project. That's an overstatement, of course, because Texas offered a favorable location in a number of other ways, but to the extent that incentives tipped the scales and contributed to a "win" for the state, it was money well spent (to say the least). In truth, the Texas offerings were less than some others, but were structured in an advantageous manner.

Another decision which is paying off is the path Texas took to introducing

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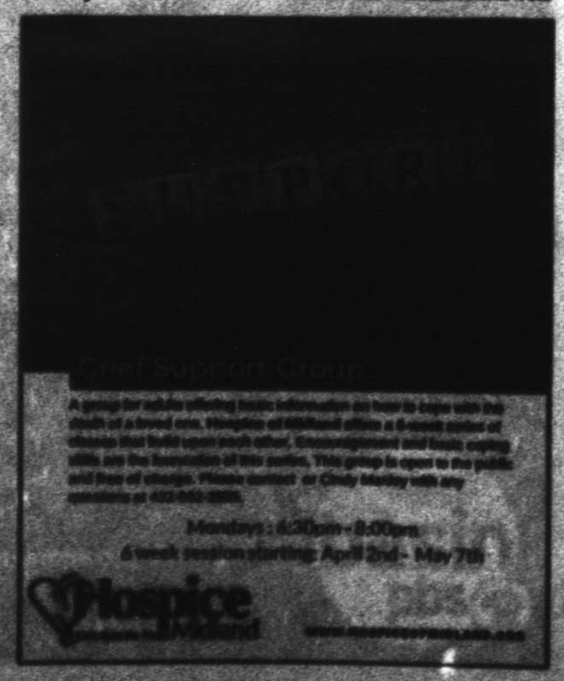
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Pelosi is the wrong target for Democrats

■ COMMENTARY

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg

Democrats on the campaign trail are looking skittish about defending House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. Others in the House are sounding impatient for a changing of the guard. Pelosi is the wrong target, however: They should be going after Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer, so that a healthy fight to succeed Pelosi can actually take place.

Congressional leaders are almost always unpopular. Pelosi isn't unpopular because she's a liberal, or from San Francisco, or even because of misogyny. She's unpopular because she's a congressional leader. As of last June, Pelosi was 20 percentage points underwater in favorability polling. So was House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wisc. Both were targeted in ads by the other party in the recent Pennsylvania election. That's just par for the course throughout U.S. history.

House leaders are accustomed to working at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to earning the adulation of the masses. They are creatures of Washington to the fullest, spending their time on reconciliation instructions and motions to recommit and modified closed rules and 301 (b) allocations. To virtually all voters, this seems irrelevant, and possibly irritating. The actual work of leadership involves the kinds of compromising and deal-making that rarely inspire enthusiasm. Whoever succeeds Pelosi will be an unpopular leader, too.

Besides, the anti-Pelosi message isn't really about swing voters, who barely know who she is. It helps fire up partisan Republicans. And Republican-aligned media has no problem creating new demons for hard-core Republican voters to get fired up against.

Democrats in Congress who are impatient to move up or who simply believe the leadership has grown stale have a stronger case to make. All organizations eventually need change at the top. Even though Pelosi was an excellent speaker of the House and has been a first-rate minority leader, it's clear that at 77 she no longer represents a long-term leadership option.

But neither is Hoyer, of Maryland, and neither is next-in-line James Clyburn of South Carolina. It's absolutely true that Democrats need to prepare for succession in the House, and Pelosi should have done so. If there really is pressure to accelerate the process, that's probably the source of it. The solution isn't to push her out, however. It's to push Hoyer out, and probably Clyburn too. Then, House Democrats can have their big fight over their future leader without having to commit to someone untested right away, since they would only be choosing the second-ranked position — whip if they remain in the minority, or leader if they win a majority in November.

Perhaps there's never a particularly good time for a leadership transition. That's why parties are better off if they establish a process and groom the next generation. Pelosi no doubt benefited from a year as Democratic whip while Dick Gephardt was the party leader, and from several years as minority leader before she became speaker.

The best way to make that happen now isn't to toss her aside and have Hoyer move up; it's for him to stop blocking the way. By all accounts he's been effective at his job, but there's no particular reason to think that of the two of them, she's the one who's expendable.

In the meantime, while everyone on the campaign trail will do what they have to do to win, other Democrats shouldn't be shy about praising their once and perhaps future speaker. Just in terms of job performance, she's almost certainly been one of the best two modern speakers, along with Tip O'Neill. There's no reason Democrats shouldn't be proud of her record, regardless of how she's demonized.

Republicans turn blind eye to bad policy

■ COMMENTARY

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg

The most striking thing about how President Donald Trump chose his new national security adviser, John Bolton, and new director of the National Economic Council, Larry Kudlow, isn't about either of them personally, although neither is well suited to the honest-broker role that their position calls for. Nor is it that Trump seems to have hired both of them because he liked watching them on television. That's a deeply flawed reason to hire anyone, to be sure, but we're accustomed to how Trump hires people based on superficial criteria.

What is striking is that both are essentially within the mainstream of the Republican Party on policy approaches that ended in disaster during the last Republican presidency. Bolton was part of the George W. Bush administration as it prepared for and fought the Iraq War; Kudlow hasn't been in government for years, but he was a cheerleader for Bush's policies as the economy plunged into a terrible recession. Neither of them was discredited as a result, because Republicans have collectively decided that their policies in 2001-2008 were correct, regardless of outcome.

This is ... unusual. Democrats after the Jimmy Carter years pretty much exiled everyone in that White House from further influence within the party; Bill Clinton wouldn't even hire Carter people who had survived with excellent reputations. Democrats after 1968 went through a bitter fight over foreign policy, with most of those who supported the Vietnam War inside the Kennedy and Johnson administrations losing their place in the party and the entire foreign-policy establishment overturned. And Eisenhower Republicans rejected Hoover economic approaches. In other words, parties usually deal with major policy failures by ridding themselves of those held responsible.

Electorates have very short memories, and they pay way more attention to their task of throwing out the current rascals than checking on who the new rascals will be. Parties don't want to repeat their mistakes, presumably for straightforward good-governance reasons and in accord with the electoral incentive to try to make voters happy.

The truth is many Republicans, including governing professionals such as Bolton, just don't see the Iraq War as a policy disaster. I don't think that's quite true on economic policy, but in that area, they've managed to convince themselves that the party out of office was responsible.

In some ways, the traditional party reaction to policy failure can be a mistake, with parties freezing out talented people who just happened to be there when things went wrong. The best approach is almost certainly a middle ground, in which the party takes a good, hard look at how things went awry and who should be discredited. But there's not much evidence that's happened for Republicans. It's just one of the many things suggesting normal party incentives aren't working properly for the party. And that leaves them much less prepared to govern than they should be ... Trump or no Trump.

GUEST VIEW

Grace, mercy, reconciliation: The Ethan Couch story you didn't expect to read

The Dallas Morning News

Tim Williams, whose longtime friend Brian Jennings was among the four people killed by "affluenza teen" Ethan Couch's drunken driving in 2013, forgave Couch long before their first jailhouse visit.

Now, after meeting with him almost weekly for two years, Williams believes Couch will leave jail April 2 a different person. Formerly an immature, entitled and reckless teen, the 20-year-old has slowly become someone who wants to take responsibility, follow instructions, do the next right thing.

Since his deadly joyride, Couch has too often made international news for all the wrong reasons. Whether he can turn his life around is an open question. But the bond that has developed between Williams and Couch offers authentic lessons in mercy, reconciliation and forgiveness.

Williams first became friends with Brian Jennings when they were young teens at Crestmont Baptist Church in Burleson. They started college together at Howard Payne University. Each served as best man in the other's wedding.

Jennings' unexpected death, amid the unspeakable carnage caused by 16-year-old Couch, devastated Williams. He struggled with questions about the injustice of it all, including the first judge's decision to grant Couch probation. But, as Williams told us in an interview Thursday, "I didn't want unforgiveness hanging on me like a set of heavy chains."

So through prayer, he tried his mightiest to come to grips with the idea that this tragedy — both the deaths and the shocking verdict — could be turned on its head for good. As he healed, Williams, a former youth pastor, also worked as a volunteer chaplain in family court.

Fast forward a couple of years, to 2016 when Couch finally faced real consequences: After breaking probation and fleeing to Mexico, he wound up sentenced to two years in jail.

For reasons Williams didn't even understand himself, he experienced an intense internal calling to visit with Couch. That began an excruciatingly slow — and oftentimes draining — attempt to get Couch to open up.

Williams describes it like this: "If you imagine building a house with 20,000 bricks, one visit with Ethan might put two or three bricks in the wall."

Among the work they did together was to focus on the Old Testament book of Nehemiah, with its instructions on rebuilding a broken life.

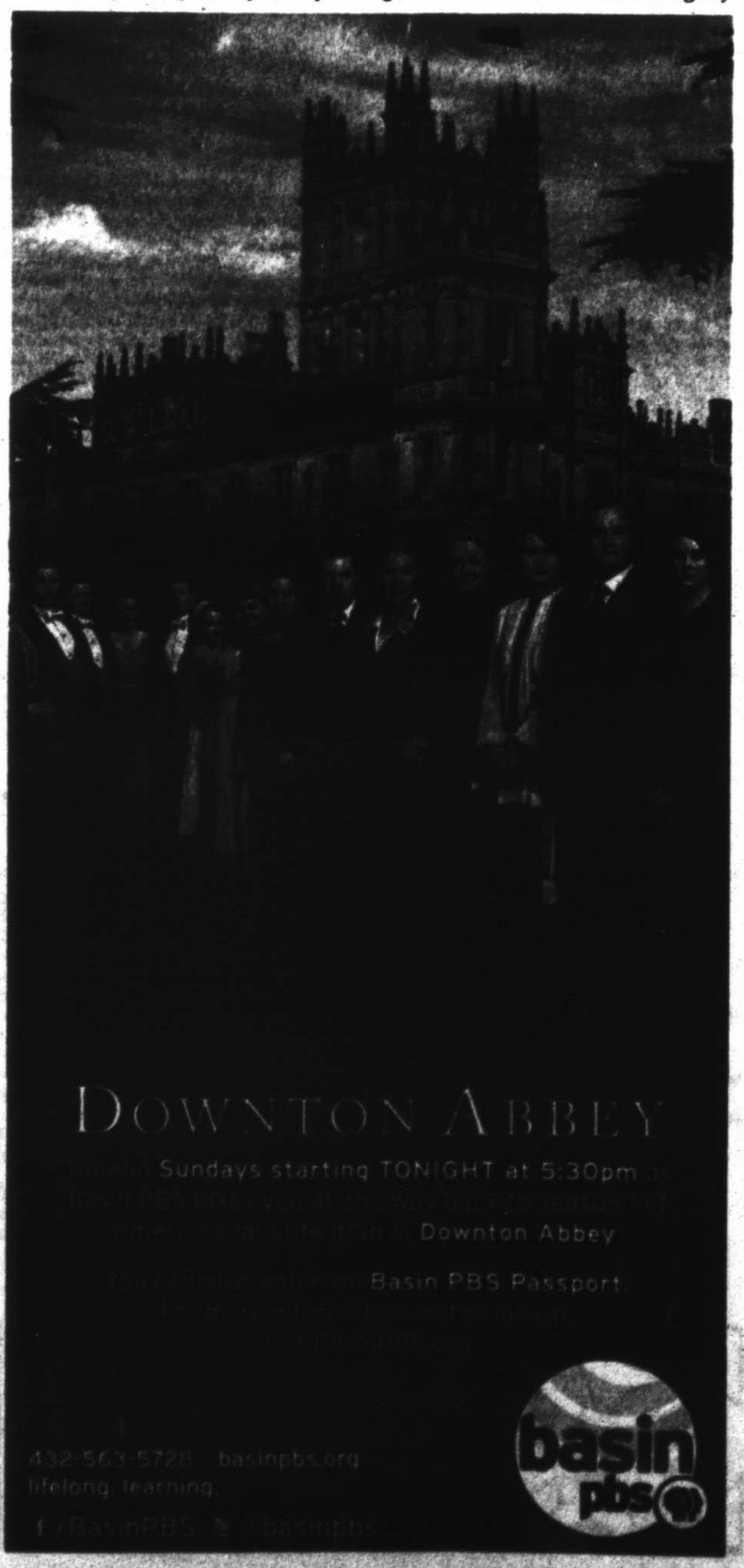
Williams, the father of two sons and two stepsons, hasn't hesitated to provide parenting lessons he feels Couch needs to hear. Excuses, dishonesty and blame games don't cut it with the Mansfield resident.

And they talked a lot about forgiveness, both in its biblical sense and Williams' own change of heart toward Couch.

It's tempting to paint Williams, who runs the Reconciliation Institute nonprofit, as a saint who has provided a measure of grace to an unsympathetic character. But none of us — Williams included — is naturally inclined to forgive. Blame and censure are far easier accessed.

That's what makes the continuing relationship between Ethan Couch and Tim Williams all the more inspiring, reminding the rest of us of the possibilities that come out of generous and merciful choices.

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OPINION

Daniels would have fit into Bill Clinton scandal

■ Trump's best strategy in all of this would be to say: 'I've done things I'm not proud of'



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Stormy Daniels could have stepped right out of the 1990s.

She would have been a natural in a Bill Clinton scandal, and, in fact, all the same means would have been used against her.

Donald Trump's tactics in these cases are almost indistinguishable from the Clintons'. The effort to shut down the accusers, the unconvincing denials, the legal maneuvering, the sleazy fixers, the media allies trying to sweep it under the rug — it's all there.

That Daniels finally broke into the news cycle a few weeks ago is a step toward normality in the Trump era. Before that, it was downright bizarre that a sex scandal involving a porn star got overshadowed by other mediagenic outrages.

But now Daniels is firmly on the agenda. It helps that there is a legal fight — she wants out of her nondisclosure agreement — which gives the media the excuse to cover it like all it cares about are the finer points of contract law.

The legal battle, and that of former Playboy Playmate Karen McDougal (seeking an exit from her agreement with the publisher of National Enquirer giving it exclusive rights to her story of a Trump affair), doesn't seem complicated. You don't get to sign such an agreement and then turn around and get out of it when it no longer suits you.

Of course, the effort to buy their stories in the first place speaks volumes. There was no reason for Trump fixer Michael Cohen to spend $130,000 to silence a random porn star making up a ludicrous fantasy about his boss. A simple denial would have sufficed and been more in keeping with Trump's parsimony.

Even if Trump's side wins the legal battles, Daniels and McDougal have, in effect, found ways around their agreements by making such a stink about them. The point of an NDA is supposed to be that no one knows about the NDA. Typically, the subject of an NDA doesn't promote a tour of strip clubs based on the affair she was supposed to not disclose.

Trump's best strategy in all of this would be one easy sentence: "I've done things I'm not proud of."

It would have the advantage of being true, of acknowledging what everyone knows, and of not delving into the details of any particular allegation while allowing everyone around him to revert back to this statement whenever Daniels or another woman comes up.

Standing in the way of such a simple expedient is Trump's M.O. of never giving an inch in favor of no-holds-barred legal combat (Daniels will owe $20 million in damages), perhaps the worry that any show of weakness will encourage other women to come forward, and, presumably, the personal element. How would a semi-confession affect Melania?

As the governor of Arkansas, Bill Clinton had to settle for dalliances with Little Rock lounge singers and low-level government workers — porn stars and playmates were out of his reach. But the basic picture is the same.

Stormy Daniels is Trump's Gennifer Flowers. Summer Zervos, the former "Apprentice" contestant suing Trump for defamation, could be his Paula Jones, if she actually gets him embroiled in civil litigation. What Trump lacks is a Monica Lewinsky to drag all of this into the present. It was Clinton's affair with a White House intern and his lies about it under oath that transformed his scandals from lurid distractions to all-consuming national scandal.

That's a significant difference, and something that Trump's evangelical supporters can hang their hat on. Almost all of them know that Trump is not, and has never pretended to be, a paragon of virtue. Their calculation now is the same as it was in the general election — the alternative to Trump is a disaster on every policy front, so stay close to nurse for fear of something worse.

The cost is a tawdry spectacle that they scorned 20 years ago and is now part of the scenery of their own side.

OPINION EXTRA

Don't delete Facebook; instead, just get even

"It is time. #deletefacebook."

That declaration came from Brian Acton, co-founder of the messaging service WhatsApp — itself a Facebook property, sold to the company for $19 billion in 2014 — in a tweet after news of the social network's Cambridge Analytica scandal began to break. Apparently, the fact that app developers were able to siphon off the data of 50 million users and sell them to a nefarious political advisory firm unsettles even those who have made billions from the platform.

So, just leave? Easy for him to say. Certainly the network effects that have made Facebook nearly indispensable to millions of Americans are more resistible if you have the time and resources to crisscross the country, visit distant relatives and misinform gullible high school classmates face to face. Alas, not all of us are so lucky.

This call to delete Facebook from one of Facebook's billion-dollar beneficiaries was the latest example of tech leaders belatedly warning us off their creations. The internet-era adage has never been more true: If you're not paying for it, you're the product. The Cambridge Analytica mess shows that for most of us, that's been true for quite some time.

As Facebook's hasty mopping-up proposals make clear, much of the data-theft damage has been done. So what do we do now? Here's one idea: Rather than just stay mad, perhaps it's time to try to get even. To do that, we regular users should act with as much care as those who have long known the risks that these platforms entail — the people who invented and run them. Individual users can do plenty to protect themselves, taking our cues from those who, one would assume, know best.

The first? Stop sharing.

I can't even see Mark Zuckerberg's friends on Facebook. It's highly unlikely that Sheryl Sandberg has ever spammed 500 acquaintances with an invitation to FarmVille, and she probably never will. Facebook's top brass use the site for messaging and brand management, but it's worth noting that their posts, likes and shares are infrequent and unrevelatory. Facebook's creators haven't invited us into their lives. Why have we invited them into ours?

Second: Log off.

Deleting Facebook may not be immediately feasible for a variety of reasons. But must we be on it all the time? Just a few months ago, Facebook's founding president, Sean Parker, said that "the thought process that went into building these applications, Facebook being the first of them … was all about: 'How do we consume as much of your time and conscious attention as possible?'" Parker said that he has since become "something of a conscientious objector" on social media. The hosts have left the party, everyone. Time for us stragglers to take a hint.

Third: Trust no one.

Sure, it sounds cynical. But the silver lining of the Cambridge Analytica revelations is that they have prompted many Facebook users to think, really think, about the business model of the platform they treat as a neutral utility. Social media makes its money by selling us out. Exaggerated or not, Cambridge Analytica's technology promised to use our freely given likes and dislikes, biographies and quiz results, to create psychographic profiles that would, in the words of whistleblower Chris Wylie, "exploit what we knew about [users] and target their inner demons." We hesitate at sharing this much information with our friends, or even lovers. Should we so casually hand it over to an algorithm that certainly doesn't have our best interests at heart?

In his much-delayed mea culpa for Facebook's failure to protect its users, Zuckerberg admitted that the scandal constituted a breach of trust. "We have a responsibility to protect your data, and if we can't then we don't deserve to serve you." It's possible that Facebook will reform, that its leaders will begin to regulate their business model and make sure that the platform is built to serve, but I wouldn't count on it.

In the meantime, here's a tip: Don't do as the titans of Facebook say — do as they do.

— Christine Emba, The Washington Post

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Competition becomes quaint notion

■ Some Americans are afraid that they won't measure up to the education, skills of immigrant



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Let me put in a good word for a concept that, in America, used to be seen as something positive that made everything better but is now on the outs.

It's a quaint notion called competition.

And, in the Trump era — where everyday Americans who supposedly didn't have a voice now holler at the top of their lungs — who's afraid of a little friendly competition? A whole lot of people, it seems.

Consider the Trump administration's tariffs — 25 percent on imported steel, 10 percent on imported aluminum.

That is naked protectionism. The idea is for the government to manipulate U.S. trade policy to prop up failing industries in the hopes of saving a few jobs in steel-producing states such as Ohio and Pennsylvania, which helped tip the election to Donald Trump.

Note that we're not talking about protecting jobs at Google or Apple. Those U.S. companies are thriving.

But rewarding failure only encourages more of it. Besides, most economists agree tariffs tend to backfire and hurt the very industries that they intended to help by providing a crutch, stifling innovation and fostering dependence on government. None of these things is good for business, and all of them can be fatal.

What is good for business, however, is thinking outside the box. When it hit hard times in the 1980s and found itself with its back against the wall, Pennsylvania's steel country had to get creative and diversify. Pittsburgh, which was once known as the nation's top "steel city" with a professional football team to match, now markets itself as an up-and-coming "tech hub." Instead of angling to get into the steelworkers' union, young people are taking computer programming courses and learning to code.

That's what happens when you have to adapt to changing times. You hustle. You pick up new skills. You change your line of work or you move away to a place with more opportunity.

Those who don't want to do any of the above will instead look for ways to limit competition — in this case, by making it harder and more expensive to import foreign steel and aluminum.

It's not just about tariffs, either. America's war on competition also extends into the immigration debate.

Certainly, there are many good reasons to combat illegal immigration. But for many of those who also have a problem with immigrants who enter the United States legally, it often comes down to getting rid of the competition.

Recently, while hosting a radio show, I discussed efforts now underway in Congress and the White House to cut legal immigration by ending a long-standing policy that prioritizes family reunification — or what the administration likes to call "chain migration" because it sounds more sinister.

I asked listeners: "I know that many of you oppose illegal immigration. But what's your beef with legal immigrants?"

An engineer called in and insisted that it wasn't "fair" for him to be forced to compete for jobs with engineers from India or China. He always came up short.

It could be the foreign engineers were smarter, had better credentials and displayed a stronger work ethic.

The caller didn't see it that way. Rather than admit that he might have been outgunned by those who were more qualified, he said — with no evidence to prove it — that what cost him those jobs was that people from other countries "will work for lower wages" than Americans demand. Thus, he argued, we should limit the number of high-tech foreign workers who enter the United States. And, he insisted, "there is nothing wrong with that."

Actually, there is a lot wrong with it.

Here's just one thing: Anti-immigrant conservatives — including those on Team Trump — preach about how people who want to immigrate to the United States need to "play by the rules."

Fine. That's what these foreign engineers did. They followed the rules, paid the fees, processed the paperwork and waited in line. And now that they've arrived at the front door, someone wants to change the rules and turn them away.

And why is that? Because the incoming talent doesn't have enough education and skills, and they don't meet America's standards? No, the opposite. It's because they have so much of those things that some Americans are afraid that they themselves might not measure up. So they want to eliminate the competition.

That's not right. It's not smart, or beneficial or farsighted. And it's certainly not the American way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporters' assistance, confidence appreciated

The outpouring of support in my recent re-election bid has been overwhelming. Campaigns require many supporters who contribute countless hours of dedicated service, and without their assistance, this campaign would not have been successful. My sincere thanks to each of you. I appreciate the confidence that Midlanders have shown me, and I am humbled by the support of our community. As I continue to serve as your district judge, I will continue to be grateful of the trust you have placed in me. Thank you.

Judge Elizabeth Leonard

Dropping spaceport is in taxpayers' best interest

Midland has always thought big, and I am proud of what we have accomplished by "big thinking." The spaceport was another Midland "Sky is the Limit" idea and was big thinking.

However, let's parallel the spaceport effort to the drilling of a well.

After millions of dollars have been spent on the (so-called) Spaceport Wildcat Well No. 1, it came up a dry hole. As in the oil business when you go "bust" on a deal, you plug the well, cut your losses and move forward.

In the spaceport case, we should move forward on what is in the best interest of the taxpayers and the city/county in general. By dropping the spaceport, we will free up an estimated 20,000 acres of land that is currently burdened with development restrictions because the land is located in the trajectory path of a re-entry space vehicle gliding to the spaceport.

I believe the removal of the Spaceport designation will allow further development of unimproved property, create jobs, expand the city/county tax base and overall have a bigger return to the taxpayers than a possible future sub-orbital launch, which now seems highly unlikely. I may sound a bit sarcastic when I say that I believe we have a better chance of a meteorite impacting the estimated 20,000 acres of restricted land than a future space vehicle landing short of the runway somewhere inside the restricted acreage.

I have no ownership in any of the negatively impacted acreage, and I did not realize until recently, that some of the surface rights have been stripped away from landowners holding property under the space vehicle (trajectory of flight) path.

Plug the (so-called) spaceport dry hole and give back to the taxpaying landowners the unrestricted right to develop their land. I will not support any elected official who continues on the spaceport path while rolling the taxpayers' dice on a pipe dream that has failed to come even remotely close to reality.

Dan R. Linebarger

'Nanny state' effort to ticket smartphone zombies actually makes a lot of sense

By Sharon Grigsby
The Dallas Morning News

If a small southern California city's fight against zombie smartphone users is interpreted as a war on pedestrians, sign me up as a recruit.

Montclair, just west of Los Angeles, has the right idea with its decision to begin ticketing folks who are crossing the street while on the phone.

The new law says that unless you are making a 911 call, don't text, talk or listen to anything that requires two earbuds while in a roadway.

The city manager got the idea from a similar ordinance that Honolulu put into effect last October. The Hawaiian municipal law was the first of its kind in a major U.S. city.

Opponents contend that "distracted walking" laws, like those that result in fines in Honolulu and Montclair, are nothing more than "the creeping criminalization" of pedestrians. In the words of a Treehugger post, this is another city joining the "victim-blaming bandwagon."

The critics are right — to a point. Pedestrians on phones don't pose a danger to people in cars; it's the other way around.

So my enthusiasm for this ordinance isn't designed to let distracted drivers off the hook nor excuse those who fail to yield the right of way to walkers.

But does any of that make it OK for pedestrians to go out of their way to behave foolishly?

Why put yourself in harm's way as a result of becoming so bewitched by your phone that you are absolutely oblivious to everything around you?

As I rolled up yesterday to the parking lot entrance of an SMU-area strip mall, a young man approached on the sidewalk with his smartphone less than three inches from his face.

This digitally obsessed individual neither paused even a moment nor wavered from his device as he stepped off the curb and into the driveway right in front of my car.

Without ever looking up, much less noticing the nose of my vehicle, he slowly zombie-walked across the opening and up into the adjacent sidewalk.

I'm good to yield right-of-way to walkers, but this guy's level of inattention was shocking. It appeared I could have hit him and still not deterred his reading.

(Even if he had no fear of cars, wasn't he at least a bit worried about tripping over one of the countless orange, green and yellow rental bikes strewn all over town?)

It's accidents-waiting-to-happen like this young man that Monclair is trying to protect with its new law.

Between now and Aug. 1, city police are working to educate smartphone offenders. Beginning later this year, $100 fines will be issued.

Interestingly, it was Montclair high school students — who grew up on smartphones — who told city officials they thought the ban was a good idea.

Their support wasn't designed to make the streets more convenient for drivers but rather to protect their peers.

"The youth admit that they are distracted by their cellphones," City Manager Edward Starr said. "This has turned out to be a reminder for them that their lives are on the line."

Kara Macek, a spokeswoman with the Governors Highway Safety Association in California, told the Los Angeles Times: "Everyone's using them, we've got them glued to our hands," but because distracted pedestrian laws are so new, the "jury's still out as to whether it's actually going to make a difference."

Sure you can scoff at Montclair's efforts as another instance of California — the mother of all nanny states — interfering with personal choices.

But how about if we get smart enough that government gets out of our way.

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After the bathroom bill, voter turnout, Texas' businesses turn to education



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March 23 — Business activism is bubbling up again.

Last year, scores of Texas companies banded together to hold off a bathroom bill in Austin. More recently, employers in Dallas-Fort Worth formed a coalition to embrace "a culture of voting" and encourage workers to turn out for the March primary.

Now there's a push to tackle one of the state's most important and vexing problems: public education and school finance.

"It's my challenge and my mission to get all of you engaged," Todd Williams told about 100 people at the Dallas Regional Chamber on Wednesday. "We need to make education the bathroom bill of 2019."

Williams, a former Goldman Sachs executive, is founding chairman and CEO of The Commit Partnership, a nonprofit focused on improving education. He's also a member of the state school finance commission, which is charged with making recommendations for a system that's been a laggard in school funding and outcomes.

"We're getting average performance for way-below-average money," Jimmie Don Aycock, a former chairman of the House Public Education Committee, told the audience. "Do we wanna stay average?"

This is a crucial issue for companies everywhere because unemployment is near a historic low and baby boomers are heading into retirement.

In a survey last month, Texas businesses said that finding a qualified workforce was the No. 1 obstacle in attracting and retaining employers. If the state were willing to spend more, K-12 education would be their top priority and spending on college and workforce development would be third.

In Texas, business leaders have a long history of prodding government to beef up education. But lawmakers cut over $5 billion from school spending in 2011, when the economy was still struggling.

While total education funding has grown in Texas, it hasn't kept pace with the increase in students and inflation.

Since 2008, state funding per student has declined 19 percent, according to data from the Legislative Budget Board and Plano ISD. And the state's share is declining from half to 38 percent next year, said the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

Property taxes — the local source of school funding — have soared, thanks to rising home values. But many school districts send much of the increase to poorer districts elsewhere in the state. Plano ISD sent $36 million into the so-called Robin Hood program in the 2013-14 school year. This year, it's sending $155 million, said Missy Bender, president of the Plano ISD board of trustees.

In the past, school officials would tell lawmakers they needed more money, she told the chamber audience.

"This time, we're doing it differently," Bender said, noting that postcards were created to show Plano taxpayers how much of their school taxes went outside the district. "We want the public to be informed."

Creating a coalition

Wednesday's event attracted officials from business, public schools and philanthropic foundations. Similar gatherings are scheduled this year for Austin, San Antonio and Houston.

Speakers emphasized the importance of creating a coalition to push for school finance reform and better results.

It's easy to get lost in the details of school finance or the differences between urban and rural school districts. What's most effective is to focus on a few key messages, said Jennifer Esterline, executive director of the Texas Education Grantmakers Advocacy Consortium, which includes 44 foundations and charitable groups.

Advocates could push lawmakers to increase the state's share of school funding and to ensure that local school taxes go to education, not to supplement other state needs. Those ideas have broad support among the public.

"We need you at the Capitol to help us tell these stories," she said, adding that business is "a very powerful voice. It's a critical voice."

By some measures, the state's educational results are well short of average. Texas ranked 43rd in spending per student and 39th in reading proficiency for fourth-graders, according to data cited by Commit.

A recent report on millennials with bachelor's degrees found that Dallas-Fort Worth ranked next to last among the finalists to host Amazon's second headquarters. Just over 1 in 3 millennials here have a degree compared with over half in Boston and Washington.

The Dallas area attracts many college graduates from outside the region; it ranked second behind San Francisco for "brain gain" among tech workers, according to a report by CBRE.

But the region needs to grow its own talent and create a strong pipeline of workers. It's a more efficient way to staff up for employers, and it means better jobs and higher income for families.

Many students are falling short, however. Dallas County had 32,100 eighth-graders in 2006. Over 70 percent graduated from high school and nearly half enrolled in a post-secondary program. But only 5,300 — or 16 percent — earned a college degree or certificate within six years.

Students from low-income families struggle to meet standards, and they struggle in suburban as well as urban districts. They also make up a growing share of students throughout the state.

Moving the needle

How to make progress with the most challenging students?

Aycock said that educators, lawmakers and experts know what really moves the needle: early childhood education, high-quality teachers and "profound" resources for the most difficult schools.

"Guess what?" he told the audience. "All three of those things will take money."

And business will have to help persuade lawmakers that it's worth it.

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GUEST VIEW

Democratic voters need a high-profile debate between Valdez, White

The Dallas Morning News

The last thing any sane person (aka some who is not a political addict) wants to engage in is a debate about a debate. But here's the thing: Texas Democrats have lost every statewide election since George W. Bush ran for governor the first time.

So the fact that it isn't a given that the two candidates in a runoff to be the party's standard bearer for governor will debate necessitates plunging into this unpleasant topic. That is to say, there really is no debate here. The party needs to put the two candidates on the stage and let them duke it out if it is going to find its center any time soon.

The two candidates, of course, are Andrew White, a Houston businessman, and Lupe Valdez. Anyone still reading this editorial should know who she is — longtime sheriff of Dallas County and pioneer in terms of carving out a role for an Hispanic woman, who also happens to be a lesbian, in a series of positions that women have traditionally had a hard time breaking into. The runoff election is May 22, so there is plenty of time for at least one debate.

White has called for a debate and Valdez has been, well, less than committal while offering vague promises. Now, typically candidates who are trailing a front-runner are the first to call for a debate. What better way to make up ground?

And it seems like Valdez is the front-runner. She took 43 percent of the vote in the primary, while White clocked in at 27 percent. If there is any equivocation in our voice about the front-runner, however, it might be from the fact that runoff elections can be mercurial. Who wins can really turn on who turns out.

Regardless, there are at least three reasons the two Democrats need to square off on stage. The first is that neither has been as specific as they need to be on key issues. A debate would compel both to flesh out their ideas.

The second reason for a debate is that while both candidates have their respective areas of strength, neither is known across the state. Valdez carried many of Texas' biggest metropolitan areas in the primary, while White performed most strongly in Harris County — his home county — and the rest of southeast Texas. All Texas Democrats deserve the opportunity to get to know these two candidates.

And finally, as we intimated at the start of this run through a debate over a debate, Democrats are in the Texas wilderness. Forcing the party's state standard bearer to build constituencies across this great Lone Star land would be informative to the candidates and thereby allows them more closely to the wishes of the voters. And isn't that at least part of what this system called elections is supposed to be about?

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What Bolton should know about working for Trump

COMMENTARY

By Timothy L. O'brien
Bloomberg

"Trump adviser" is an oxymoron. Thus it has always been, and thus it shall ever be.

President Donald Trump has rarely sought or heeded the advice of others, beginning several decades ago when he was a young developer in New York, through his years as a tabloid fixture and reality TV star, and on into the White House.

The president trusts his own instincts first and foremost, and lacks the attention span, curiosity and empathy to take other points of view on board. This should be no revelation to anyone observing the inner workings of the Oval Office lately, or to anyone climbing aboard the Trump Train now. It is, as they say, a feature of life in this White House, not a bug.

Beheadings are "Trump being Trump, and the country he's presiding over should brace itself accordingly," I wrote last year. Yet the fact that "Trump adviser" is a contradiction in terms and West Wing churn is expected hasn't kept ambitious people from thinking — bless their souls — that they might be able to ride things out and even get the president to listen to them.

Chris Christie, Rudy Giuliani, Cory Lewandowski, Paul Manafort, Sean Spicer, Reince Priebus, Mike Dubke, Katie Walsh, Steve Bannon, Rex Tillerson, Dina Powell and Gary Cohn are case studies.

John Dowd and H.R. McMaster can join the list, too.

Dowd, who was Trump's lead attorney handling Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, left his White House job on Thursday. An injudicious lawyer who seemed occasionally to have done as much to encourage the president's worst habits as to restrain them, Dowd said he quit because...wait for it, wait for it...Trump wasn't taking his advice.

But Dowd's announcement barely got a chance to register before the next departure hit the news. On Thursday night, Trump took to Twitter to defenestrate McMaster:

"I am pleased to announce that, effective 4/9/18, @AmbJohnBolton will be my new National Security Advisor. I am very thankful for the service of General H.R. McMaster who has done an outstanding job & will always remain my friend. There will be an official contact handover on 4/9."

As national security adviser, McMaster had been dispensing wisdom that Trump didn't want to hear. And he even had "adviser" in his job title! While Trump is president, the role should probably be renamed "national security buddy" or "national security whatever."

Trump's tweet caught even McMaster's replacement, John Bolton, off guard. And it apparently also came as a surprise to a White House staff anticipating that others might be axed alongside McMaster as part of a group purge. How are you feeling today, Ben Carson and David Shulkin? How about you, Jeff Sessions and John Kelly? And you, Ryan Zinke and Scott Pruitt?

Trump has come to enjoy making his hostages — er, teammates — walk the plank on Twitter, as Tillerson learned. Stressed-out West Wing employees should probably keep an even closer eye on their social media feeds.

So who's attracted to working for such a boss, and who thrives in such an environment? Those questions continue to fascinate students of the Trump administration, because they say as much about human nature as they do about the president's mismanagement.

Trump's fresh replacements, Bolton and economic adviser Larry Kudlow, are both strong-minded ultra-conservatives with long track records — and both prone to Manichean views of the world.

Bolton's idea of how best to manage international threats more or less boils down to bomb them before they bomb you. Kudlow believes that endless tax cuts will ignite a supply-side economic boom. Both men also had become fixtures of conservative television so long in the tooth, they seemed unlikely to land meaningful positions in any White House.

Trump, a policy apostate presiding over the most shambolic administration in modern U.S. history, is giving them a shot at wedding extremism to policy — at least for as long as Trump keeps them in the game.

What about those who have stayed, and even thrived, in Trumplandia? Sarah Huckabee Sanders is one such survivor.

Day in, day out, the president's press secretary commands the briefing-room podium, sometimes dissembling, running interference and offering silly justifications for bad behavior. A week ago, she said McMaster would not be fired. If she believed that, Trump helped undermine her credibility. If she knew it not to be true, then she and the president may be kindred spirits. Watch Sanders talk about Trump, Russia and Putin if you want to see someone whose expressions and locution are malleable enough to contain explanations for just about anything.

Unlike Spicer, who regularly appeared discombobulated, Sanders displays nary a tic and shows no outward signs that the work is taking a physical or psychological toll. So what traits distinguish White House advisers who can survive? For starters, they must possess transactional values, be unburdened by regret, and understand that they are there to foster a cult of personality around the boss.

They must also know that it's not their job to provide advice.

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John Bolton speaks during the Conservative Political Action Conference meeting March 3, 2016, in National Harbor, Maryland.

John Bolton is a great addition to the White House

By Hugh Hewitt
Special To The Washington Post

COMMENTARY

The Beltway establishment has reacted with horror to President Donald Trump's appointment of John Bolton as national security adviser. Bolton, they claim, is a dangerous warmonger unfit for the office. That's wrong.

As the president's top security aide, Bolton will be an honest broker and someone who can drive decisions through molasses-thick resistance. These qualities, plus his top-shelf intellect, make Bolton the best national security player to join Trump's West Wing team so far.

Thursday night, Bolton gave an interview to Fox News's Martha MacCallum in which he described the two aspects of the job of national security adviser.

The first aspect, said Bolton, is to present the president with a full range of views and options on every national security situation and to make sure the pluses and minuses of each option were detailed.

Bolton is committed to making sure the option papers offer a range of choices, detailed in their consequences and presented in the style the president prefers (which is most definitely not thick briefing books full of dense prose).

The second part of the job, Bolton told MacCallum, was to assure the implementation of whatever decision the president made. "I've been in lots of bureaucracies, and I've seen the way that bureaucracies that don't like decisions sit on them," he said. "I know my way around the corridors in Washington and I think that role will also be important." As a veteran of the Justice, Defense and State departments and of course the United Nations — the world's most opaque bureaucracy — Bolton knows how to drive a decision through the mazes of deputies and egos that trip up others.

Critics charge that Bolton likes war — a ridiculous assertion. As he told me in one especially memorable two-hour interview back in 2007: "Nobody should want a war on the Korean Peninsula." Chew on that, critics.

What he is, however, is a Reagan realist. About Kim Jong Un's father, Kim Jong Il, Bolton said that "He's very good at negotiating about giving up his [nuclear] program. . . . He's done it four or five times in the last 15 years." That pointed to Bolton's conclusion: "He's not going to relinquish those nuclear weapons voluntary. No way."

"John Bolton may have a very fuzzy mustache," retired admiral and NATO commander James Stavridis declared Friday on MSNBC's "Morning Joe," "but his elbows are very sharp." Indeed they are, and Bolton has used them via print, television and a very large and successful political action committee for more than a decade to represent Reaganism — the "Weinberger doctrine" of a vastly superior American military force deployed quickly, decisively and then withdrawn.

Over two decades, both talking with him on air and in private conversations, I am always impressed with his razor-sharp mind, vast knowledge and refusal to be shy about stating his positions. He's usually been the smartest guy in the room when doing so.

This of course triggers the standard Beltway reaction of jealousy followed by calumny. But Bolton's Yale undergrad and law school education prepared him for boors and imbued in him a graciousness towards those less informed and definitely less polite.

What to expect from Bolton? The bottom line is that Vladimir Putin's worst nightmare just walked into the West Wing. Bolton can outlast and outthink anyone Putin, Kim Jong Un or Xi Jinping sends to negotiate quiet deals before the public big ones.

A housecleaning at the National Security Council is coming too. Bolton knows everyone in the foreign policy set in Washington. Look for his old friends at the U.N., State, Defense and Justice to show up soon in the Old Executive Office Building and to work towards the implementation of the comprehensive National Security Strategy put together by his predecessor, H.R. McMaster, and company. It's a great day for Reagan-era realism of which McMaster was a superb steward during his tenure. (And if the rumors are true, Stanford University's Hoover Institution will be lucky to get the general in Palo Alto.)

Between Bolton, Secretary of State nominee Mike Pompeo and incumbent Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, the president hasn't assembled a "team of rivals" so much as a "team of leaders."

Compared with the rag-tag bunch from the Obama years who led from behind and considered the Islamic State a JV team, the contrast could not be more stark.

There are rough waters ahead across the globe and the president is to be commended for surrounding himself with strong, competent and very smart foreign policy professionals.

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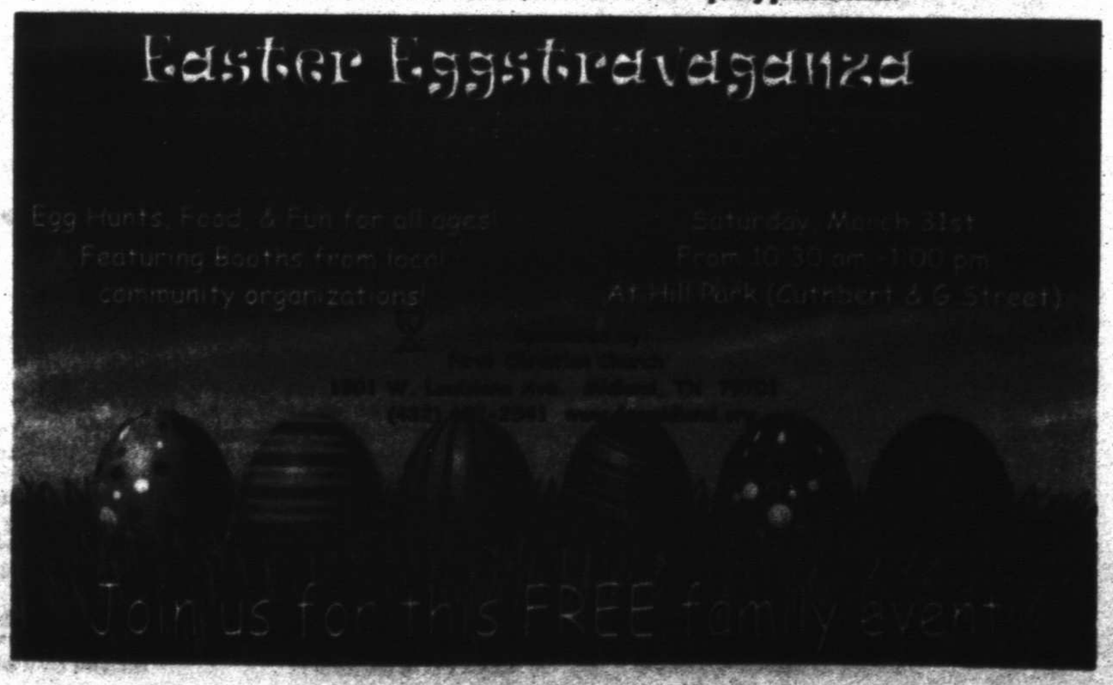
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competition into electric power. The state's method of deregulating has served as a model for other areas and has resulted in more consumer choice and lower prices than we would have otherwise. The requirements related to developing renewable energy sources contributed to rapid and extensive increases in wind and solar capacity. Now, with attention to climate change and carbon footprints continuing to increase, some firms are basing location decisions on the ability to purchase all needed power from renewable sources. High-profile firms such as Amazon, Google, and Apple are committed to using green power in data centers and other facilities, for example. The fact that Texas has more wind power than any other state (by a huge margin) as well as solar and other forms of renewable energy is a notable competitive advantage.

These are only two of many examples of wise courses of action taken decades ago which continue to pay benefits. In fact, Texas was never close to the top of the list prior to implementing a number of innovative incentive programs, which remain vital to recruitment efforts. For most location decisions, however, the primary consideration is workforce. In Texas, our large population is not only growing, but also younger than in many areas. We have education and training in place which is turning out people prepared to fill the needs of today's complex businesses. Furthermore, the state has a reputation for high productivity and a can-do attitude among workers. I have heard countless comments as I travel around the nation (and beyond) about the overwhelmingly impressive responses of individuals, businesses, government agencies, and everyone else during the Hurricane Harvey crisis. The eyes of the world were on the Lone Star State, and the courage and resilience demonstrated was (and still is) inspiring.

Texas is well positioned to remain a growth leader. There are daunting challenges, but we can deal with them through enlightened public policy. Working to continue to improve across the spectrum from education to infrastructure is important, as is ensuring we keep pushing forward in purposeful and strategic economic development. Texas also needs to avoid the types of policies that are viewed unfavorably by technology companies and knowledge workers. Luck of the draw gave the state an enviable starting point, but it's no accident that we are where we are. The choices made now can set the stage for future prosperity, keeping Texas at the top of the list of places to live and work for decades to come.

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Experienced Villanova vs Elite 8 newcomer Texas Tech

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — When Villanova coach Jay Wright talks to his players about the Wildcats' 2016 national championship, he wants them to remember what it felt like before they took the court, not after they cut down the nets.

"There's a certain hunger when you've never been there that can elevate you, too, that you just want it so bad," he said on Saturday as he prepared to play Elite Eight newcomer Texas Tech for a spot in the NCAA Final Four.

"When you're in it for the first time and you're advancing, you're so excited. You're so hungry. That can be your advantage," Wright said. "We've got to remain humble, and we've got to be more hungry than Texas Tech, and then hope some of our experience pays off."

No. 1 seed Villanova will face the third-seeded Red Raiders on Sunday at TD Garden, a matchup of tournament veterans vs. a team that is so unfamiliar with this level of March Madness that coach Chris Beard had to ask his players what the next round is called.

"We just made the — what's it called? The Great Eight?" he asked his players after beating Purdue on Friday night to advance past the Sweet 16 for the first time in the program's 93-year history.

"Elite," guard Keenan Evans corrected him.

"The Elite Eight our second year together," Beard said. "We're blessed to be here, but I think we've earned the right to be here."

Villanova (33-4) has made seven trips to the Sweet 16 just since Wright arrived on campus in 2001, going on to the Elite Eight four times while making two trips to the Final Four. They won it all in 2016, and then last year bowed out in the second round.

That set off alarms for Wright.

"It kind of felt like our team last year, that kind of hit us," he said. "We kind of had two similar seasons in a row. ... You go into the NCAA Tournament, you're a 1

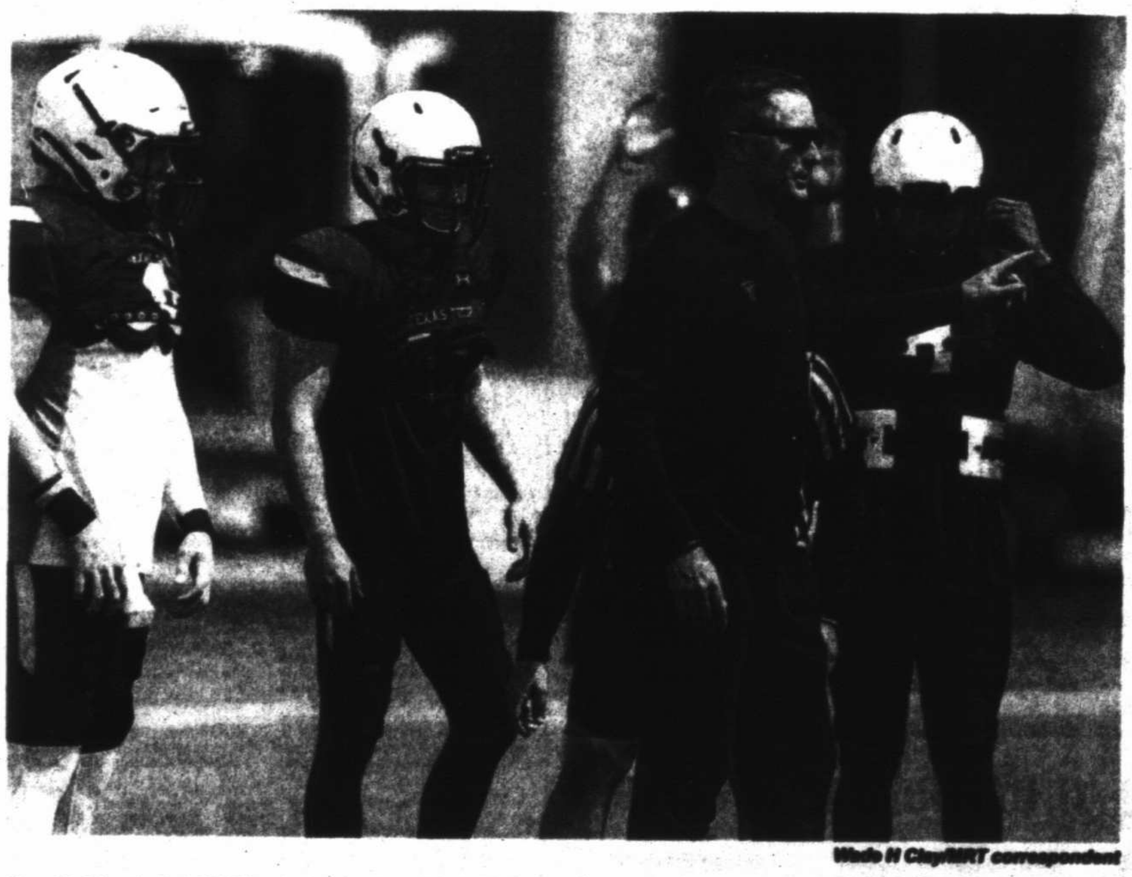
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Texas Tech's Justin Gray dunks against Purdue during the second half of an NCAA men's basketball tournament regional semifinal Friday in Boston.

WORK OUT THE KINKS



Wade H Clay/MRT correspondent

Texas Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury gives instruction to the Red Raider quarterbacks during Saturday's scrimmage at Grande Communication Stadium.

Young offense still has room for improvement

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Texas Tech head football coach Kliff Kingsbury said his offense still has plenty of room for improvement but liked the way the team played with energy during the annual scrimmage on a warm Saturday afternoon at Grande Communications Stadium.

Because of graduation and attrition, the Red Raiders are looking to find a starting quarterback and receivers to step up and perform in an offense that is always among the best in the country.

The good news is that the Red Raiders can rely on an experienced offensive line with all five starters returning, plus a defense that is returning 10 of 11 starters from last year's 6-7 bowl team.

"I have to watch the tape to see how clean it was," said Kingsbury, whose team scrimmaged in front of an estimated 6,500 fans. "I thought offensively, we had a few too many penalties and a couple of turnovers you can't have, but did some good things well. Defensively, when we had that first team in there, they're just getting better and better and we just have to build off that."

Four quarterbacks — sophomore Jett Duffey, junior McLane Carter, true freshman Alan Bowman and sophomore Colt Garrett — took the field on Saturday with Duffey starting the scrimmage getting the most snaps. The former Class 5A Player of the Year out of Mansfield Lake Ridge was 16-of-26 passing for 185 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Carter was 10 of 17 for 99 yards, Bowman was 8 of 12 for 63 yards and Garrett added a 45-yard completion late in the game.

The quarterbacks are battling to replace the graduated Nic Shimonek and Kingsbury said he's going to have the battle play out through the spring, summer and into preseason camp.

"With McLane, Jett and Alan they have to take big strides over the next six months," Kingsbury said. "You all know that in this offense and in this university, you have to play well to have a chance.

"We had some stuff that you can't have happen: The interception in the end zone, and going in we had a fumble on the snap when it was snapped late. Those are just high school plays that can't happen out here. We'll get those things cleaned up. I like their operation and I think they're starting to understand what we're getting at and we just have to start stacking days on top of each other."

Junior left tackle Travis Bruffy said he has high hopes for the quarterback and added that they all bring different skill sets to the table.

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Kingsbury seeing Red Raider defense play with swagger

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Texas Tech head football coach Kliff Kingsbury loves the energy that his defense is bringing to gridiron this spring.

The Red Raiders defense is riding a wave of confidence following a 2017 season when it led the Big 12 and finished sixth in the nation with 29 forced turnovers.

The Texas Tech defense, with 10 returning starters and 10 second-string returners, hopes to build off 2017 with a seasoned group accounts for 184 career starts. So far, Kingsbury likes the direction that his veteran defense is heading in, lauding its improvement following Saturday's annual scrimmage at Grande Communications Stadium.

"I'm just watching them over the first six practices and this scrimmage," Kingsbury said of the defense. "They are just playing with a different swagger, a different confidence. We've got 10 of those guys back and we have some young defensive linemen that are stepping up."

Kingsbury mentioned sophomore defensive end Eli Howard, a San Angelo Central grad, as one of the emerging linemen that is enhancing the unit's depth. Howard led TTU with 5.5 sacks in 2017.

One recurring 2017 theme for the Red Raiders' defense in Saturday's scrimmage was takeaways.

Defensive back Justus Parker leaped in the air to intercept a Jett Duffey pass along the line of scrimmage and returned it five yards for a touchdown.

In 2017, Parker was a turnover-causing extraordinaire as a freshman, registering four interceptions, four forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

Later in the scrimmage, senior defensive lineman Tony Jones pounced on a fumble. Texas Tech's 15 fumble recoveries led the Big 12 last year.

Since 2013, Red Raiders defensive coordinator David Gibbs has directed four defenses between his time at Houston (2013-14) and Texas Tech (2015-present) that have finished among the top 25 in the country in forced turnovers.

"Since I've gotten here, coach Gibbs has emphasized turnovers – working the football, trying to punch it out," Odessa Permian grad and junior cornerback Deumon Smith said. "He does a great job of it, him and the rest of the coaching staff. That's what we really emphasize in practice a lot."

Although the Red Raiders made strides last year, there is still plenty to improve on defensively.

Texas Tech ranked eighth in the Big 12 in scoring defense (32.2 points/game), 10th in sacks (18) and 10th in third down conversion percentage allowed (42.1 percent).

"(We need to) get off the field quick," Smith said. "When third down comes up, that's time to get off the field, get a breather and give a chance to give the offense the ball. The offense does a

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Clarendon College takes doubleheader from Lady Chaps

By Jayden Hart
MRT Correspondent

Midland College was handed its first conference losses of the year in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader Saturday against Clarendon College at the Midland College softball field.

The Lady Bulldogs edged out MC in extra innings in the first game 6-5, and rallied in the fifth inning of game two to put them past the Lady Chaparrals, 5-3.

The Lady Chaps (23-13, 6-2 in WJCAC) defeated Clarendon 3-2 and 7-5, on the road last week and Clarendon coach Amanda Feild knew her team would be facing tough competition in another matchup on Saturday.

After a big day at the plate in a doubleheader sweep of Frank Phillips College on Friday, MC interim coach Amanda Evans said it was a different story against the Lady Bulldogs.



Kleiner



Evans

"We didn't have timely hitting, we didn't string hits together, we put way too much pressure on ourselves on the plate, we left way too many runners in scoring position, and we just need to learn how to build from that," Evans said. "Overall we need to have tough games like this now to prepare us for regionals to get us through the hump of mental and physical drainage."

The Lady Bulldogs (29-5, 6-2 in WJCAC) also knew they would be facing tough pitching from Midland College pitcher Crystine Kleiner.

"We knew we had to come out and hit Kleiner, she's a top line of pitcher and coming out and being aggressive against her is how we capitalize," Feild said.

Kleiner got the start for the Lady Chaps in the first game and Clarendon came out and got on board first, holding a 1-0 lead through the first four innings. MC took the lead in the fourth on a Regan Hubbard two-run home run to left center field for a 2-1 lead.

Clarendon responded with a two-run homer of its own by Kassie Powe

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Texas Tech Defensive Coordinator David Gibbs signals his defense during Texas Tech's spring scrimmage at Grande Communications Stadium.

DAILY RUNDOWN

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ON THE AIR

College Baseball
Navy at Army West Point, 10 a.m., CBSSN
Arkansas at Florida, 11 a.m., SEC
LSU at Vanderbilt, Noon, ESPN2
Kansas at Baylor, 1 p.m., FSSW, FCSP
Kansas State at TCU, 1 p.m., FSSW+, FCSA
West Virginia at Oklahoma, 1 p.m., FCSC
Oklahoma State at Texas, 1:30 p.m., LHN
Minnesota at Nebraska, 2 p.m., BTN
Alabama at Tennessee, 2 p.m., SEC

College Hockey
Northeast Championship, 3 p.m., ESPN2
Midwest Championship, 5:30 p.m., ESPNU

College Lacrosse
Notre Dame at Ohio State, 11 a.m., ESPNU

College Softball
Kansas at Texas, 11 a.m., LHN
North Carolina at Notre Dame, 1 p.m., ESPNU
Texas Tech at Oklahoma, 4 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC
Arizona State at Cal, 5 p.m., P12 AZ, P12 BAY
Texas A&M at Florida, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Curling
Women's World Championships: Bronze Medal Match, 9 a.m., OLYHD
Women's World Championships: Gold Medal Match, 2 p.m., NBCSN

Golf
PGA: WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Semifinals, 9 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Corvallis Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Final Round, 1:30 p.m., GOLF
PGA: WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Finals, 2 p.m., NBC
Champions: Rapiscan Systems Classic, Final Round, 4 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Kia Classic, Final Round, 6 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Spring Training: NY Yankees at Tampa Bay, Noon, MLB
Spring Training: LA Dodgers at LA Angels, 8 p.m., MLB

Men's College Basketball
Elite 8: Villanova vs. Texas Tech, 1:15 p.m., CBS
Elite 8: Kansas vs. Duke, 4 p.m., CBS

Motorsports
Monster Energy Cup Series: STP 500, 1 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

National Basketball Association
Cleveland at Brooklyn, Noon, NBAtv
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m., FSSWSA
New York at Washington, 5 p.m., NBAtv
Utah at Golden State, 7:30 p.m., NBAtv

National Hockey League
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m., NBC
Vancouver at Dallas, 6 p.m., FSSW
Boston at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis
ATP/WTA: Miami Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS

Women's College Basketball
Elite 8: Louisville vs. Oregon State, 11 a.m., ESPN
Elite 8: Mississippi State vs. UCLA, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

RADIO

National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Traded INF Deven Marrero to Arizona for a player to be named or cash. Optioned INF Tzu-Wei Lin and LHPs Roenis Elias and Robby Scott to Pawtucket (IL). Reassigned C Dan Butler, INF Ivan De Jesus Jr. and OFs Rusney Castillo and Aneury Tavarez to minor league camp. Signed C Christian Vazquez to a three-year contract extension.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Released RHP Carlos Torres.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Released SS Alen Amarista.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Released OF Michael Saunders and RHP Ricky Nolasco.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Claimed DH Kennys Vargas off waivers from Cincinnati.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Domingo German to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Signed C Kellin Deglan to a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Traded C Mike Ohlman to Boston for cash. Released RHP Bartolo Colon.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Assigned LHP Matt Dermody outright to Buffalo (IL). Released LHP Craig Breslow. Signed RHP Murphy Smith to a minor league contract.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Designated RHP Albert Suarez for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Fernando Salas from Reno (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHPs Jackson Stephens and Robert Stephenson to Louisville (IL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Junior Guerra and OFs Keon Broxton and Brett Phillips to Colorado Springs (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Optioned RHP Zack Wheeler to minor league camp.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Released RHP Francisco Rodriguez.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned OF Jordan Luplow and C Jacob Stallings to Indianapolis (IL). Reassigned RHPs Tyler Jones and Richard Rodriguez to minor league camp.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHP Austin Adams, C Pedro Severino and OF Andrew Stevenson to Syracuse (IL). Reassigned LHPs Tim Collins and Tommy Milone, RHPs Edwin Jackson and Christopher Smith, INF Chris Domingues, C Spencer Kieboom and OF Moises Sierra to minor league camp. Released INF Reid Brignac and OF Ryan Raburn.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS — Signed F Jaylen Johnson.
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Signed G Marquis Teague to a 10-day contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Agreed to terms with CB Justin Bethel.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled G Spencer Martin from San Antonio (AHL) and G Joe Cannata and F Adam Henrique from Colorado (ECHL) to San Antonio.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Signed G Cam Johnson to a one-year, entry-level contract.
American Hockey League
SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS — Recalled G Evan Cowley from Manchester (ECHL).
STOCKTON HEAT — Recalled D Kayle Doetzel from Kansas City (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended C Jimmy Lodge one game.
ADIRONDACK THUNDER — Signed F Mike Sgrazzutta.
ALLEN AMERICANS — Added G Josh Maselck as emergency backup.
KALAMAZOO WINGS — Signed G Ed Minney.
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Loaned F Matt Lefebvre to Utica (AHL). Signed F John Horton. Added G Joe Spagnoli as emergency backup.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	71	43	19	4	100	237	201
Boston	70	45	17	8	98	235	170
Toronto	72	43	22	7	93	249	204
Florida	69	35	27	7	77	210	216
Montreal	72	28	34	10	64	182	229
Ottawa	71	28	34	11	63	197	244
Detroit	71	25	34	11	61	183	219
Buffalo	71	23	36	12	58	172	232

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	71	41	23	7	89	222	200
Pittsburgh	72	41	26	5	87	237	218
Columbus	72	39	28	5	83	209	199
Philadelphia	72	35	25	11	81	212	212
New Jersey	71	37	29	5	79	215	211
N.Y. Rangers	72	32	32	8	72	209	231
Carolina	71	29	30	11	71	199	232
N.Y. Islanders	71	29	31	10	68	209	239

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	71	47	14	10	104	232	170
Winnipeg	71	42	19	10	94	235	197
Minnesota	71	40	24	7	87	221	205
Colorado	71	39	25	8	86	233	209
Dallas	72	39	26	7	85	237	199
St. Louis	71	39	26	6	84	198	189
Chicago	72	39	28	5	83	204	210

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	71	45	21	5	95	249	199
San Jose	71	39	23	9	87	214	185
Los Angeles	72	39	27	6	84	207	181
Anaheim	72	35	24	13	83	202	185
Calgary	72	35	27	10	80	202	213
Edmonton	71	31	35	5	67	209	238
Vancouver	71	28	37	9	65	193	231
Arizona	70	23	35	11	57	183	265

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games
Colorado 2, Vegas 1, SO
San Jose 5, Calgary 1
Chicago 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
N.Y. Rangers 5, Buffalo 1
Toronto 4, Detroit 0
Florida 4, Arizona 2
New Jersey 2, Tampa Bay 1
Washington 6, Montreal 4
Carolina 5, Ottawa 2
St. Louis 2, Columbus 1
Minnesota 4, Nashville 1
Los Angeles at Edmonton, late

Today's Games
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Nashville at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Big 12
TCU 12, Kansas St. 2
Baylor 17, Kansas 6
Texas 7, Oklahoma St. 1
Oklahoma 2, West Virginia 1
Texas Tech 13, Northeastern 2
SMU
Ole Miss 7, Texas A&M 6

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Boston	1	0	1.000
Houston	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	1	0	1.000
Kansas City	1	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Minnesota	1	0	1.000
Seattle	1	0	1.000
Oakland	1	0	1.000
Tampa Bay	1	0	1.000
Toronto	1	0	1.000
Texas	1	0	1.000
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000
New York	0	1	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000
San Diego	1	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
Miami	1	0	1.000
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000
Atlanta	1	0	1.000
San Francisco	1	0	1.000
Colorado	1	0	1.000
Arizona	1	0	1.000
Washington	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
Cincinnati	0	1	.000
New York	0	1	.000

Milwaukee 10, Oakland 6
San Diego 6, Cincinnati 2
Atlanta (ss) 13, L.A. Angels 9
Kansas City 4, Arizona (ss) 4
Minnesota 10, Baltimore 4
San Francisco vs. Diamondbacks at Scottsdale, Ariz., late
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., late
Colorado vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., late

Today's Games
Atlanta vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Boston vs. Pittsburgh (ss) at Bradenton, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Detroit vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Miami vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Philadelphia vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 11:07 a.m.
Cleveland (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Las Vegas, NV, 2:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (ss) vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. L.A. Dodgers (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

Texas Tech football scrimmage is a true West Texas treat



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Although I think about half the fans spent the majority of their time tail-gaiting, there was another good showing for Saturday's Texas Tech football scrimmage at Grande Communications Stadium.

For the sixth straight year, the Red Raiders traveled south from Lubbock to showcase how they've been progressing this spring and a few thousand folks always seem to show up to watch what is essentially a glorified practice. But hey, this is football and it's West Texas. Plus, how often does a major college football program come to your backyard?

"The appreciation that Texas Tech has for this area and the appreciation they have for Texas Tech, it's been a great marriage," Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "We love coming, we love the way we're received, they have a great meal for the players. That's a first class setup and we couldn't be more appreciative to be here."

Saturday's scrimmage was also a homecoming for a couple of Odessa Permian grads in Desmon Smith and Jax Welch, both defensive backs. Smith will be in the regular rotation at cornerback, while Welch is working at safety and special teams after walking on last year.

Regardless of the high school you're associated with, it's always good to see West Texas boys get an opportunity to play at the Division I level.

"It's the only time I get to come back and play where I grew up," Smith said. "I'm just out here, enjoying my opportunity and taking advantage of my opportunities playing football for Texas Tech and West Texas. Great support from Midland and Odessa that came out today."

Added Welch: "It's amazing. I get to come down and see all my family and everybody gets to say, 'Oh man, you live here?' I'm like, 'Yeah, I live 10 minutes down the road.' It's a fun experience for everybody 'cause they grew up watching 'Friday Night Lights' and it's a great break from the routine, school and just spring practice in general."

As for the scrimmage itself, it's kind of hard to gauge just how good these Red Raiders are going to be come fall.

The defense looks like it could take another step forward with the number of returning players and talent, while the offense looks to be a work in progress as the team will be breaking in a new quarterback and a few new receivers.

Although Jett Duffey and McLane Carter got the majority of the reps at quarterback on Saturday, I did like true freshman Alan Bowman's poise. Bowman should still be at Grapevine High School but instead he's out there competing to start as an early enrollee. Personally, I would not be surprised to see the freshman start in the fall.

■ Staying with Texas Tech, what a great ride for the men's basketball team as the Red Raiders will be making their first ever Elite Eight appearance when they play Villanova today in Boston today.

Villanova has to be one of the favorites to win it all in this rollercoaster of a tournament and the Wildcats certainly got my attention with the way they handled West Virginia on Friday night.

But with the way things have gone in the tourney, anything can happen.

The Red Raiders may win ugly at times but they defend and rebound and doing those two things will always give them a chance.

■ And finally, best of luck to Justin Boswell, who stepped down as Lee boys basketball coach this week.

I know he had every intention of building that program back up, but it was rough go for the past two seasons.

Right now that's a tough job and the culture of the program on and off the court needs to change before it takes positive steps forward.

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Greenwood's Richardson wins state title at 198 pounds

From staff reports

ABILENE — With a total score of 1,550, Greenwood senior Dalton Richardson captured the boys Class 4A Division II state powerlifting title on Saturday.

Richardson, who weighs 191.6 pounds, was competing in the 198-pound weight class, recorded a 625-pound squat, a 325-pound bench press and a 600-pound deadlift to notch the victory.

Richardson's squat and deadlift were the heaviest in his weight class.

Richardson, who placed ninth at the state meet last year as a junior, said the feeling of victory Saturday is one of the greatest of his life.



Richardson

He added that he was proud to represent Greenwood and wasn't going to hold anything back.

"I told myself going into the meet that I was going to go for it all," Richardson said. "I was going to pull whatever weight I had to. I'm biased, but Greenwood works so hard for everything they have and it's nice to be able to represent a program like that. I have Greenwood across my chest and I mean it."

Greenwood head coach Lee Brockman praised Richardson's determination and intelligence as a lifter and added those two traits were key factors in a special day.

"He did a fantastic job (Saturday)," Brockman said. "Your second and third lifts can be much more of a chess match than people think. He did a great job of lifting whatever was next. He is a smart kid and I'm very proud of him. He has been working toward this for the past three years."

Though he tied Kingsville King's Daniel Gonzales and Centers' Witt Dockens for first with a 1,550 total, he won the tiebreaker courtesy of being 0.4 pounds lighter than Gonzales and 1.6 pounds lighter than Dockens.

Brockman said to help him gain an edge in a potential tiebreaker, Richardson sucked on Jolly Ranchers on the drive up to the weigh in Friday and filled an entire water bottle with the juice from the candy that he spit out.

It paid off for the senior, who lifted an extra 10 pounds on his deadlift to force a tie with Gonzales and Dockens.

Richardson joked that he had at least 20 Jolly Ranchers.

"That's how committed he is," Brockman said. "He was completely committed to winning (Saturday)."

Chaps complete four-game sweep of Luna

From staff reports

LAS VEGAS, N.M. — The Midland College baseball team toppled Luna Community College, 18-7 in five innings and then 18-14 in 10 innings to earn a four-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference sweep of Luna on Saturday.

In Game 1, the Chaps (18-10, 10-2 in WJCAC) scored at least two runs in every inning, headlined by a five-run outburst in the top of the sixth. Chandler Eaton got the start and the win for MC, as he allowed five runs (no earned) on seven hits over five innings while striking out four.

In the second game, Luna (6-24, 0-12) held an 8-4 lead after the first three innings, before the Chaps rallied for eight runs in the final three frames to force extras.

MC then reeled off five runs to break through in the top of the 10th.

Together the two teams totaled 42 hits, including 17 for extra bases and nine home runs.

Jordan Billups led MC at the plate on the afternoon, going 7-for-11 with two doubles, a triple, two home runs, five RBI, five runs and a walk; Fernie Zubia was 5-for-7 with a double, a triple, seven RBI, four runs and a walk; Garrett Wilkinson went 3-for-6 with a home run, three RBI and four runs and Cade Bullinger was 3-for-3 with a home run, four RBI, three runs and a walk in the second game.

Game 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 18, LUNA CC 7, 6 INNINGS

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Notre Dame back in Elite 8 after beating Texas A&M

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Muffet McGraw checked through the list of all the things Notre Dame did poorly early on. Bad shot selection. Lack of rebounding. Not enough stops on defense.

"We got down big. We've been down in other games. We feel like we are poised and can come back," McGraw said.

As McGraw expected, the top-seeded Fighting Irish did have a comeback waiting and it landed Notre Dame back on the cusp of another trip to the Final Four.

Arike Ogunbowale scored 17 of her 27 points in the second half and Marina Mabrey added 25, hitting a career-high seven 3-pointers, to help Notre Dame beat No. 4 seed Texas A&M 90-84 on Saturday in the Spokane Regional semifinals.

The Irish (32-3) rallied from a 13-point first-half deficit and are back in their familiar spot of playing for a trip to the Final Four.

It took a fantastic shooting performance from Mabrey and some key contributions late from Ogunbowale and Jackie Young for Notre Dame to hold off Chennedy Carter and the Aggies. Young had three key baskets in the final five minutes and finished with 15 points. Mabrey was 7 of 11 on 3-pointers and the Irish made 10 of 18 shots from behind the arc. She had all of her points in the first three quarters.

"I practiced for it," Mabrey said with a grin. "I don't know. I think when the shots are open, they're a little bit easier to make. My teammates are finding me in great positions."

Carter, the dynamic freshman for the Aggies, finished with 31 points and seven assists. Anriel Howard added a career-high 26 points and 14 rebounds, but the Aggies (26-10) have advanced to the Elite Eight just once since winning the title in 2011.

Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said he wouldn't be second-guessing any decisions after this tournament loss. The Aggies were simply outclassed.

"I wouldn't change a thing. We played exceptionally well," Blair said. "Even though we were up 12 or 13 or whatever it was, we knew Notre Dame would come back. They were hitting shots. They were doing what they needed to. That's why they're the No. 1 team."

The first tournament meeting between the Aggies and Irish since the 2011 national championship game was an offensive showcase with both teams trading scoring spurts before the Irish finally took control with an 11-3 burst midway through the fourth quarter.

Notre Dame led 79-70 with 5 minutes left following Young's basket, but had to hold on after Kennedy and Anriel Howard hit a trio of 3-pointers. Texas A&M was within 85-82 with 1:40 left, but Notre Dame's Kathryn Westbeld hit a 15-footer with 1:15 remaining to push the lead back to five. Westbeld has been limited by an ankle injury suffered in the tournament opener.

"(That) was the difference in the game. That was the game-winner," McGraw said.

MEN'S TOURNMENT GLANCE

EAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Today's games
Villanova (33-6) vs. Texas Tech (27-9), 1:20 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday's scores
Loyola of Chicago 78, Kansas State 62

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday's games
Kansas (30-7) vs. Duke (29-7), 5:05 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday's scores
Michigan 58, Florida State 54

FINAL FOUR
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
South champion vs. West champion
East champion vs. Midwest champion

National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT GLANCE

ALBANY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday's scores
At Albany, N.Y.
South Carolina 70, Buffalo 69
UConn 72, Duke 59

SPOKANE REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday's scores
At Spokane, Wash.
Notre Dame 90, Texas A&M 84
Oregon 69, Central Michigan 59

Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Notre Dame vs. Oregon/Central Michigan winner, 7 p.m.

KANSAS CITY REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Today's games
Mississippi State (28-5) vs. UCLA (27-7), 6:30 p.m.

LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Today's games
Oregon State (25-7) vs. Louisville (25-2), Noon

FINAL FOUR
At Columbus, Ohio
National Semifinals
Friday, March 30
Albany champion vs. Spokane champion, 6 or 8:30 p.m.
Kansas City champion vs. Lexington champion, 6 or 8:30 p.m.

National Championship
Sunday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

HS SPORTS ROUNDUP

MHS' STEWART WINS ALLEN TENNIS INVITE

ALLEN — Midland High senior Allison Stewart defeated Longview's Simran Kortikere, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 6-2, to win the girls singles championship of the Allen Eagle Tennis Invitational Saturday.

Saturday's final matched Stewart, who won the 2017 Class 6A state girls doubles title with Kate Daugherty, against Kortikere, who was a 2017 Class 6A state semifinalist in girls singles as a freshman.

Stewart also beat Frisco's Haley Morrissey, 6-2, 6-3, in Saturday's semifinal match.

Stewart improved her 2017-18 season record in girls singles to 44-1 in her final tune up before the District 2-6A Tennis Tournament, April 6-7 in San Angelo.

MHS finished 10th as a team with 140 points. Highland Park was the team winner with 260 points.

MHS' SIMMONS SETS MEET RECORD IN SAN ANGELO

SAN ANGELO – Midland High junior Emma Simmons set a meet record with a time of 58.24 seconds to win the girls Division III 400 meters during Saturday's San Angelo Relays at San Angelo Stadium.

Simmons broke the time of 58.76 set by Lubbock Coronado's Mindy Sullivan in 2001.

Meanwhile, Midland High senior Semetria Smith claimed two gold medals by winning the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.52, and finishing first in the long jump with a mark of 18 meet, 10 inches.

Smith fell short of her 2017 meet records of 14.17 in the 100 hurdles and 19-1 1/2 in the long jump.

Big Spring's Aaron Martinez won both the boys Division II 400 meters (49.95) and 800 (1:59.86).

Big Spring's Jeremiah Cooley placed first in the long jump (22-0 3/4), while Andrews' Paxton Hair won the discus with a heave of 148-1.

The Big Spring girls had three winners in the Division IV competition, as Kelley Mathews won the 100 (12.81). Lindsay Brooks took the 200 (26.96) and Carlie Roberts claimed the discus (116-1 1/2).

For the Andrews girls, Melanie Morin won the shot put (34-8 3/4) and Reeanna Johnson took the top spot in the triple jump (33-10 3/4).

San Angelo Relays
At San Angelo Stadium
Friday-Saturday
Top 3 scores (Division only listed)
Boys
Division I

Top 3 team standings – 1. Round Rock Cedar Ridge 94, 2. Smithson Valley 82, 3. Killeen 69, Others: 14. Lee 11, 15. Midland High 9

Triple jump – 3. Sam Palmer, Smith, 44 feet, 8 3/4 inches

Pole vault – 2. Ray Maples, Lee, 13-6

Division II

Top 3 team standings – 1. Brownwood 102, 2. Gonzales 110, 3. Vidor 69, Others: 4. Big Spring 77.33, 6. Andrews 39

400 – 1. Aaron Martinez, Big Spring, 49.95 seconds

800 – 1. Aaron Martinez, Big Spring, 1:59.86

1,600 – 3. Cooper Miller, Big Spring, 4:59.79

3,200 – 3. Cooper Miller, Big Spring, 10:39.79

110 hurdles – 2. John Ramos, Big Spring, 15.14

300 hurdles – 2. Ethan Magee, Andrews, 41.49

High jump – 2. Jeremiah Cooley, Big Spring, 6-0

Long jump – 1. Jeremiah Cooley, Big Spring, 22-0 3/4

Discus – 1. Paxton Hair, Andrews, 148-1; 2. AJ Gonzales, Big Spring, 131-0

Girls

Division II

Top 3 team standings – 1. Odessa Permian 81, 2. Lubbock Coronado 78, 3. Round Rock 60, Others: 11. Midland High 20, 14. Lee 10

400 meters – 1. Emma Simmons, MHS, 58.24

100 hurdles – 1. Semetria Smith, MHS, 14.52

Long jump – 1. Semetria Smith, MHS, 18-10

Discus – 3. Paige Lee, Lee, 120-6

Shot put – 3. Paige Lee, Lee, 33-6 3/4

Division IV

Top 3 team standings – 1. Brownwood 124.66, 2. Alpine Vista 102, 3. Vidor 74, Others: 4. Big Spring 63, 6. Andrews 49

100 – 1. Kelley Mathews, Big Spring, 12.81

200 – 1. Lindsay Brooks, Big Spring, 26.96; 2. Rachel McCalmon, Big Spring, 27.55

400 – 3. Natalee Schmitz, Andrews, 1:01.91

400 relay – 3. Big Spring (Kelsey Brown, Brooke McCalmon, Rachel McCalmon, Lindsay Brooks), 51.01

Long jump – 1. Ayanna Vela, Big Spring, 15-0

Triple jump – 1. Reeanna Johnson, Andrews, 33-10 3/4

Discus – 1. Carlie Roberts, Big Spring, 116-1 1/2

Shot put – 1. Melanie Morin, Andrews, 34-8 3/4

SOFTBALL

From 1C

in the top of the sixth and added another run in the seventh to give the team a 4-2 lead. MC found its way back into the game, evening the score in the bottom of the seventh to send it to extra innings.

Both teams were scoreless in the first two innings of extra play before Clarendon added two runs in the top of the ninth to take a 6-4 lead. MC scored one run in the home half of the ninth and had the bases loaded with one out, but Mackenzie Hoots hit a grounder back to pitcher Desire Garcia to turn a double play and give Clarendon the win in game one.

In game two the Lady Bulldogs grabbed the lead early again in the first inning, before MC led a huge second inning with three runs on five hits.

Clarendon struck the lead in the fifth with a three run home run from Claudia Telles and would hold on to win game two.

After the win, Feltl though her team changed their approach from their losses last week.

"I think we were a lot more aggressive," she said. "I think we made (Kintner) bring the ball down in the zone and when she's primarily ahead goes up and we were chasing a lot last week, we just stayed low in the zone, attacked the outside half, and laid off the high pitch."

MC had a combined 25 hits on the day, led by Rayla Jacobs-Kirk who went 5-for-5 at the plate. Kintner pitched all nine innings in the first game, striking out eight batters and also struck out three in relief in game two.

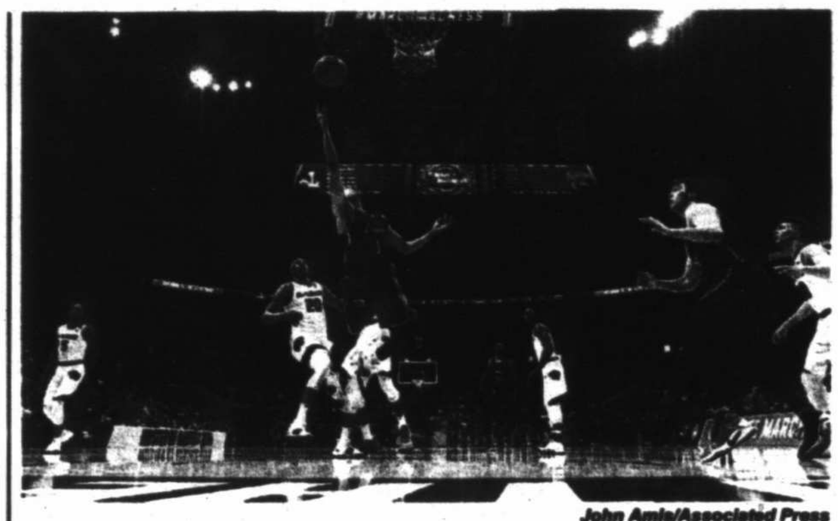
MC will travel to El Paso next weekend to face El Paso Community College.

"El Paso is going to be fast and we're not taking anybody lightly, so just learning from our mistakes, but also understanding what we did correct and learning from that and keep learning from what we did positive," Evans said.

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Game 1
CLARENDON COLLEGE 6, CISCO JUCO COLLEGE 4, 8 innings
[illegible]

Game 2
CLARENDON COLLEGE 8, CISCO JUCO COLLEGE 5
[illegible]



John Amis/Associated Press

Loyola-Chicago guard Lucas Williamson (1) shoots against Kansas State forward Xavier Sneed (20) during the first half of a regional final NCAA basketball tournament game Saturday in Atlanta.

NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

LOYOLA-CHICAGO 78 KANSAS STATE 62

Porter Moser stood in front of the scarf-clad Loyola cheering section, a bit dazed but beaming from ear to ear.

"Are you kidding me! Are you kidding me," the Ramblers coach screamed over and over.

No kidding.

Loyola is headed to the Final Four .

An improbable NCAA Tournament took its craziest turn yet Saturday night, when Ben Richardson scored a career-high 23 points and the 11th-seeded Ramblers romped to a 78-62 victory over Kansas State to cap off a stunning run through the bracket-busting South Regional.

The Ramblers (32-5) matched the lowest-seeded team ever to reach the Final Four, joining LSU (1986), George Mason (2006) and VCU (2011). Those other three all lost in the national semifinals.

Don't bet against Loyola, which emerged from a regional that produced a staggering array of upsets. The South became the first regional in tournament history to have the top four seeds — including overall No. 1 Virginia — knocked out on the opening weekend.

In the end, it was the Ramblers cutting down the nets.

After three close calls, this one was downright easy.

"We believed that we could do something like this — do something really special— because we knew we had such good chemistry and we've got such a good group," said Richardson, who was named MVP of the regional. "Everyone would say we were crazy. If we said this was going to happen, people would call us crazy, but you've just got to believe."

MICHIGAN 58 FLORIDA STATE 54

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With more defensive will than shooting skill, Michigan muscled its way back to the Final Four.

Charles Matthews scored 17 points and Michigan earned its first Final Four berth since 2013 with a 58-54 victory over Florida State on Saturday night in the West Region final.

Moe Wagner added 12 points as the Wolverines (32-7) earned their 13th consecutive victory by persevering through a defense-dominated second half and holding off a late charge from the Seminoles (23-12), who had already knocked off three higher-seeded opponents on their school's longest NCAA Tournament run since 1993.

With tenacious defense and just enough made free throws down the stretch, Michigan hung on and advanced to San Antonio, Texas, next weekend to face the underdog heroes of Loyola-Chicago (32-5), who stunned the sport by winning the South Region.

The third-seeded Wolverines are much less of a surprise, but the achievement is no less impressive for coach John Beilein's squad, which wore its "Do More, Say Less" shirts throughout the week.

In fact, Michigan let its fans do the talking: The Wolverines had a distinct home-court advantage from thousands of vocal fans packed into the lower bowl of Staples Center, and they seemed to need all of those cheers to survive an off shooting night.

"I said we're shooting 33 percent," Beilein said. "That might change in the second half, but at the same time, we've got to understand we may not make shots, (but) we're still going to win the game with our defense. We've just got to hang in there, don't give them second shots, try and take away the 3 ball, the drive. We did a great job on defense."

TEXAS NBA ROUNDUP

ROCKETS 114 PELICANS 91

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 27 points in three quarters and Houston routed New Orleans Pelicans for its eighth straight victory.

The NBA-leading Rockets improved to 59-14 to overtake the 1993-94 championship team for the most wins in franchise history.

Houston never trailed and already had a huge lead to start the fourth before scoring seven straight points early in the period to make it 92-63 with 10 minutes remaining. Clint Capela had four points and a steal to lead Houston in that stretch. Capela finished with 18 points, 16 rebounds, three steals and tied a career high with six blocks.

Anthony Davis, who also sat out the fourth quarter with the game out of reach, led New Orleans with 25 points and had eight rebounds and four blocks.

HORNETS 102 MAVERICKS 98

DALLAS — Dwight Howard had 23 rebounds and 18 points to cap an eventful four days and Charlotte held off Dallas for it third straight victory.

Howard had a career-high 30 rebounds and scored 32 points against Brooklyn on Wednesday night, then served a one-game suspension for his 16th technical foul of the season as Charlotte beat Memphis 140-79 on Thursday night.

Kemba Walker had 24 points for the Hornets.

Harrison Barnes had 18 points for Dallas

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	50	19	.725	–
x-Boston	49	22	.690	3
Philadelphia	42	29	.592	10
New York	28	47	.373	26
Brooklyn	22	50	.306	30

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	43	28	.606	–
Miami	39	34	.534	5
Charlotte	36	41	.468	9
Orlando	32	41	.438	11
Atlanta	31	43	.419	12

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	49	23	.681	–
Indiana	42	31	.575	8
Milwaukee	36	36	.500	13
Detroit	35	40	.467	15
Chicago	24	49	.329	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Houston	59	14	.808	–
San Antonio	48	30	.615	13
New Orleans	42	31	.575	16½
Dallas	33	41	.446	26
Memphis	19	54	.260	40

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	44	33	.571	–
Oklahoma City	44	33	.571	–
Minnesota	42	33	.560	1
Utah	40	33	.548	2
Denver	40	35	.533	3

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	54	19	.739	–
L.A. Clippers	38	34	.528	15
L.A. Lakers	35	40	.467	19
Sacramento	31	42	.425	22
Phoenix	19	55	.257	35

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Scores
Philadelphia 120, Minnesota 100
Detroit 117, Chicago 85
Orlando 102, Phoenix 89
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Houston 114, New Orleans 91
L.A. Lakers 103, Memphis 89
Charlotte 102, Dallas 98

Sunday's Games
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 12 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Boston at Sacramento, 5 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 5 p.m.
New York at Washington, 5 p.m.
Portland at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

ELITE

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(seed vs. a) 16. It's crazy to say, but I kind of felt like it was just business as usual."

Guard Phil Booth said Wright hasn't done anything different to keep the team hungry.

But he doesn't need to.

Only four players on the current team were on the roster when the Wildcats beat North Carolina for the 2016 title, including Booth and guards Mikal Bridges and Jalen Brunson.

"I don't think this team needs any prompting up," Booth said. "I don't think anybody feels complacent."

Here are some other things to look for in Sunday's game:

Conference call

As Texas Tech (27-9) practiced, the Big 12 could claim three of the last eight teams still playing. (Kansas State was scheduled to play Loyola-Chicago late Saturday night, with Kansas facing Duke on Sunday.)

That wasn't surprising to the Red Raiders, considering the conference schedule they had to slog through.

"We battled every night," Evans said. "Every game's just like tournament run, and tournament teams every night in the Big 12. So it definitely prepared us for this."

The Red Raiders went 11-7 in the conference, losing four straight games to close out February. But the last two were to ranked teams — Kansas and West Virginia; they lost again to the Mountaineers in the conference tournament.

The Big 12 put seven teams in the NCAA Tournament, and four advanced to the Sweet 16. Other leagues had more — the ACC had nine — but not as many advanced.

"The Big 12 is just a grind. It's well-documented," Beard said. "Hell of three coaches. Every team has NBA players as prospects. Every team has a great home court, including us in Lubbock. — So the grind is just brutal when you're in it, but I think it does pay dividends when you get out of the mud."

Pitch imperfect

The big debate in the Texas Tech locker room isn't about politics or even whether to guard the player attempting a full-court inbounds pass in the final seconds.

It's about music. More specifically, some of the players think Beard plays too much country music.

In Lubbock, Texas, there's fightin' words.

"We have a deal where they get three songs and I get one. That's the ratio. Unless we lose, and then I get three, and they get one," Beard explained. "So, win. It's a winner's world."

Evans said he is warming to it.

Some of it.

"I don't know any of the song names," Evans said, "but you'll catch me singing along to some of them."

"You like 'Mama Tried,' by Merle Haggard," Beard informed him.

"Yeah," Evans said. "That one."

Ever the coach, Beard used it as an opportunity for teaching.

"Diversity is the spice of life," he said. "That's what makes our country great. Look at the room today, everybody's different. Diversity is America. Diversity is the beauty in life.

"So I tell the guys: Justin (Gray), what's your favorite food?

"Man, I really like seafood.

"All right. Do you eat it every day?

"No, that's crazy.

"Exactly. So why should you listen to hip hop every single day?" Beard said. "It's diversity. This is where we're going with this. So we believe in it."

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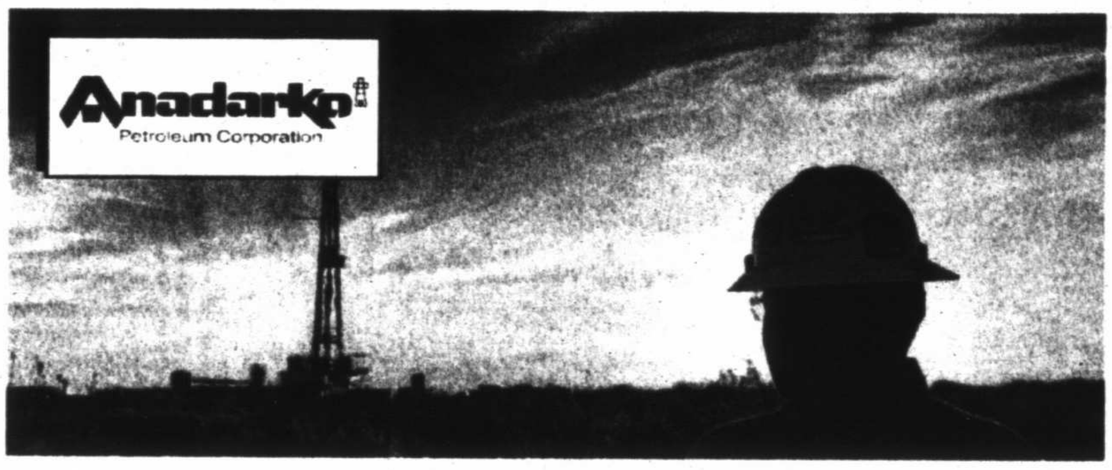
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Employing over 4,500 people across the world in a wide range of jobs, Anadarko has been active in West Texas for more than 30 years.
The company recently opened an office in Midland and continued to expand infrastructure in the basin during 2017 with 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.

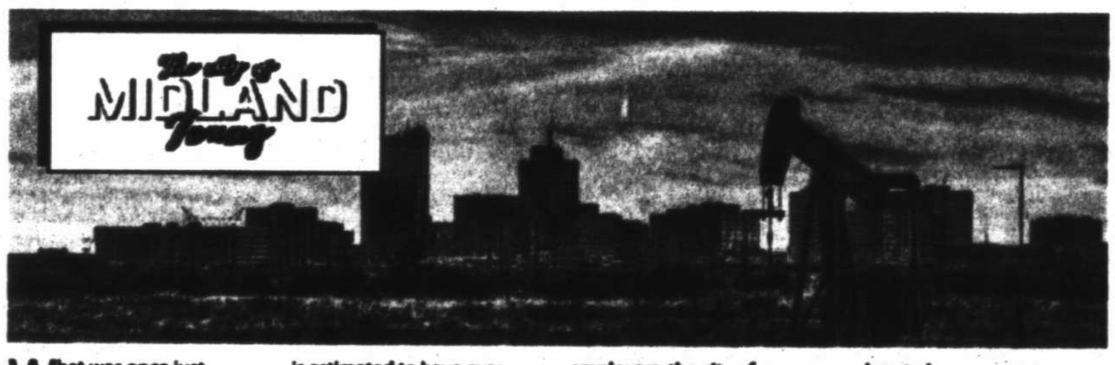
The company has received numerous awards for its work out in the field as well as in the communities they reside in. Some of the awards include Top Workplace in Houston, Ideal Employer, Company of the Year, National Achievement Award, 50 Best Companies to Work for in America and Best Large Business among 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.

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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.
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WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR INTERVIEWS DON'T PRODUCE JOB OFFERS





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Texas Tech running back Da'Leon Ward (21) is swarmed by Red Raider defenders during Saturday's Spring Scrimmage at Grande Communications Stadium..

Defense

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great job of going down and scoring. We just got to give them more opportunities to go down there and do that."

Even with their wealth of experience, the Red Raiders are still tinkering, trying out different lineups.

Sophomore DaMarcus Fields, who played primarily at cornerback in 2017, suited up at safety during the scrimmage, which Kingsbury called a move to improve depth options in case injuries happen.

While Texas Tech finished the season strong by holding its final three Big 12 foes to 27 points or less, an achievement in the high-flying, offensive-happy conference, Kingsbury says he expects more from his defense.

"I just see them building from last year, which you want," Kingsbury said. "We weren't as good as we needed to be last year and hopefully we can take that step and be where we need to be defensively."

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"We love blocking for all of them. They all run the offense to a T," he said. "Jett and McLane are both next level athletes. Both of them are once-in-a-lifetime people you're going to see. It's the same principles and rules you follow (as a blocker) but you never know where Jett's going to end up, so you just have to kind of hope for the best and hold your guy as long as possible."

Junior Antoine Wesley had the best day of all the receivers as he led the team with nine catches for 119 yards and an impressive TD catch midway through the scrimmage.

Wesley is one of the young receivers that may start this fall after the Red Raiders lost Keke Coutee, who left school early for the NFL Draft, and Cameron Batson, Dylan Cantrell and Derrick Willies to graduation.

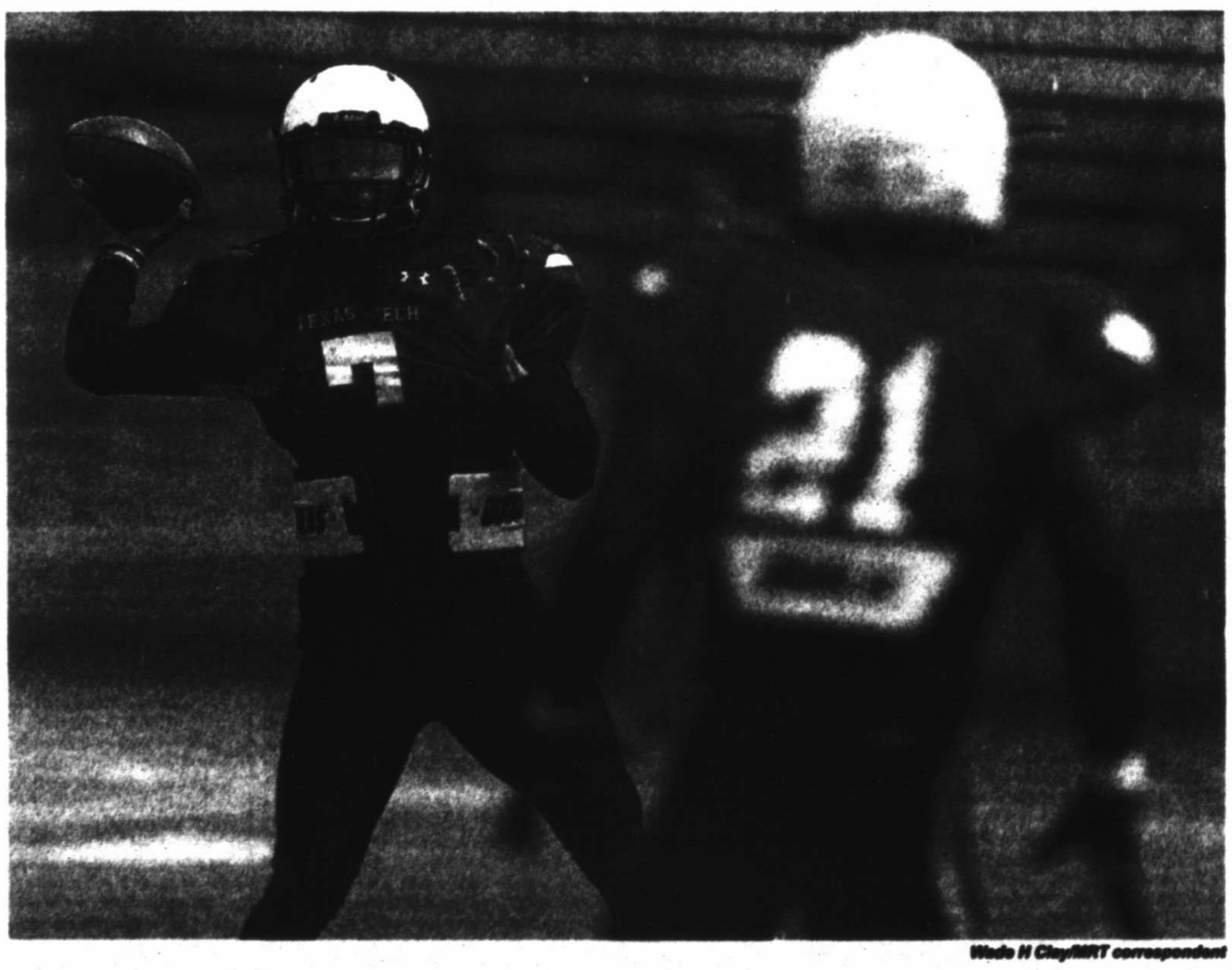
"We're trying to work on anybody getting open and putting the ball in anybody's hands that could make plays and just roll," Wesley said. "Whatever the defense gives us, whoever's open, go make the play."

Added Kingsbury about the receiver group: "They're going to get a chance to step up and show what they can do. We're replacing some guys but it doesn't mean that they're not talented. They just have to get out there, they have to learn leadership qualities, they have to learn toughness, techniques and fundamentals, and it will come. There's some good talent, they're just young. And you combine them with some young quarterbacks and it gets interesting at times. As we get more reps, we'll just get better and better."

With senior Tre King sitting out as a precaution, Da'Leon Ward got the majority of the snaps at running back and scored three touchdowns. Andre Johnson, a walk-on transfer from Cisco Junior College, added two TDs.

The Red Raiders' next scrimmage will be April 7 in Frisco, while the annual Spring Game will be held April 14 at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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Texas Tech quarterback Jett Duffey (7) attempts a pass.

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Former Odessa Permian standout and current Tech defensive back Deamon Smith (4) engages a wide receiver.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Texas Tech quarterback Jett Duffey runs a play.

Cowboys' Jason Witten reaffirms commitment by restructuring contract

By Clarence E. Hill Jr.
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

There have reports the past few weeks about tight end Jason Witten being wooed by Fox Sports to retire and become an analyst for its Thursday Night Football package.

Well, if there were any concerns about Witten's commitment to the Dallas Cowboys for a 16th season in 2018, they were answered by the restructuring of his contract Saturday, creating roughly $3.5 million in salary cap space, per sources.

If Witten was going to retire, there was no way the Cowboys would have adjusted his contract and added dead money to the back end of a four-year extension he signed last season.

Witten, who turns 36 in May, was due $6.5 million in 2018 before the restructure.

Witten is the second player this week to adjust his contract to create cap room, joining center Travis Frederick who help them get roughly $7 million.

The Cowboys needed the room to sign three free agents, linebacker Joe Thomas and receivers Deonte Thompson and Allen Hurns.

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Ferris State beats Northern State for D-II title

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Zach Hankins led Ferris State to its first NCAA Division II national championship in any sport Saturday, scoring 19 points in the Bulldogs' 71-69 victory over Northern State.

The Bulldogs (38-1) won their final 26 games of the season and set a school record for wins in a season.

Davin Peterkin's basket with 4:27 to play gave the Wolves their first lead of the second half at 65-64. Carter Bruns hit a jumper and his two-handed alley-oop dunk from Peterkin gave them a three-point lead with about three minutes left.

Peter Fielik hit two free throws and Hankins made a layup to give the Bulldogs a 70-69 lead with 90 seconds left and Marlowe Mayfield's free throws with 10 seconds remaining capped the scoring. Northern State committed three turnovers and went 0 for 2 from the field — including a close look from 3-point range by Peterkin with two seconds left — in the final three minutes.

Fielik, who finished with 12 points, and Mayfield combined to score 19 of their 23 points in the second half.

Bruns led the Wolves (36-4) with 20 points on 10-of-14 shooting. Peterkin added 14 points, seven rebounds, six assists and two steals. Logan Doyle also scored 14 points, and Ian had 12s.

After Bruns scored six points during a 9-2 opening run and Smith's layup made it 20-23 with eight minutes left in the half, Ferris State scored 16 of the final 24 first-half points to take a 39-37 lead into the break. The Wolves made just three of their final 12 shots — while Ferris State was 7-of-9 shooting — to close the first.



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Justin Thomas loses control of his club Saturday as he hit his tee shot on the eighth hole during round five at the Dell Technologies Match Play golf tournament in Austin.

Thomas reaches semifinals and closes in on No. 1

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Justin Thomas won two matches Saturday to reach the semifinals of the Dell Technologies Match Play.

One more and he gets to No. 1 in the world.

Thomas made quick work of Si Woo Kim in the morning, and then trailed for the first time all week against Kyle Stanley — just not for long. Thomas won three straight holes to start the back nine, made a 6-foot par putt to stay in control and closed out Stanley, 2-and-†.

Dustin Johnson didn't win a match this week and will not get any world ranking points. That means Thomas only has to reach the championship match Sunday to become the seventh American to reach No. 1.

In his way was Bubba Watson, who is back to playing like a two-time Masters champion.

"It will and would be a great accomplishment," Thomas said. "But I'm just worried about trying to beat Bubba Watson tomorrow."

Watson made all the key putts in a battle of Georgia southpaws when he beat Brian Harman in the morning, and then he turned a tight match into a runaway against Kiradech Aphibarnrat by winning five of six holes on the back nine for a 5-and-3 victory.

That put Watson, who won last month at Riviera, in the semifinals for the first time since his Match Play debut in 2011.

Alex Noren extended his run at Austin Country Club by winning for the ninth time in his last 10 matches. His only loss was to Johnson a year ago in the quarterfinals, and he needed only 31 holes to beat Patrick Reed and Cameron Smith of Australia.

Noren and Thomas are the only semifinalists who have not lost a match this week.

Kevin Kisner reached the semifinals with a big putt and a big blowout. He made a birdie on the 19th hole to beat Matt Kuchar, and then matched the shortest match of the week with an 8-and-6 victory over Ian Poulter, who was disappointed for more than just losing.

"Probably didn't see that one coming," Kisner said. "I thought it was going to be a difficult match. Obviously, Ian's match-play record speaks for itself. I got off to a good start making a few birdies. He made a few mistakes, and I was able to capitalize on those. And things just snowballed from there."

Poulter was told after he beat Louis Oosthuizen in the morning that reaching the quarterfinals was enough for him to be in the top 50 at the end of the week, which would get him into the Masters. Moments later, he received a text that he needed to win his match against Kisner.

"I gave him no fight at all. It was rubbish," said Poulter, who didn't make a birdie.

The misinformation wasn't to blame, though it clearly added to an all-around bad day at the office.

"Next time I won't listen to other people. I'll do my bit and focus better," Poulter said. "I mean, I can't put that down as an excuse. It would be an excuse if I said it. So it's disappointing to be given the wrong information, but that wasn't part of this afternoon."

Kisner faces Noren, whom he knows from their college days — Kisner at Georgia, Noren at Oklahoma State.

Thomas (No. 2) and Noren (No. 13) are the only top seeds from the 16 groups who advanced to the semifinals. Noren has had a pair of close calls this year, losing in a playoff at Torrey Pines and finishing one shot out of a playoff that Thomas won at the Honda Classic.

Thomas is mildly surprised to have reached Sunday considering how his week began. He had his wisdom teeth pulled two weeks ago, went to the Bahamas and then came down with what his doctor suspected was strep throat. He wasn't sure when he arrived Monday if he could play, though it got progressively better, and so did his game.

Watson has played the 18th hole just one time this week, a halve with Julian Suri that allowed him to avoid a playoff to advance. Reaching the semifinals was bittersweet in one respect — he was to leave the country Sunday morning for a family vacation.

That will have to wait.

Kiradech bogeyed the 10th and 11th to fall behind, and Watson birdied the next two holes to go 4 up, win the match and delay his vacation. He said he booked it Sunday because the flight was cheaper, though he was assured of making at least $559,000 and as much as $1.7 million. He'll get by.

He couldn't help but consider the similarities of his last trip to the semifinals, when the Match Play was in Arizona. He played Martin Kaymer, who only needed to beat Watson to assure going to No. 1 in the world. Kaymer beat him on the 16th hole.

Is Thomas next?

"If you want No. 1, just beat me and you'll be No. 1," Watson said.



Matt Bell/Associated Press

Jimmie Johnson watches his crew in the garage during practice Saturday for the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va.

Jimmie Johnson mired in career worst 28-race losing streak

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

Jimmie Johnson's start to the NASCAR season is not worthy of a seven-time champion.

How bad is it? He has just one top-10 finish in five races and goes to Martinsville Speedway mired in a career-worst 28-race losing streak.

But Johnson can take heart in this: He has nine victories at Martinsville, most among active drivers, and despite his slump must be considered a favorite for Sunday's race at the Virginia short track.

He laughed Saturday at the reminder of his losing streak, which dates to Dover, Delaware, last June, and pointed out he did indeed win three Cup races in 2018.

If fans of Johnson's No. 48 team are freaking out — especially since Lowe's, the only primary sponsor he's had in the Cup, is leaving at the end of the season — Johnson is not. The reality is the most consistent and successful driver of his generation is the veteran during a Hendrick Motorsports reorganization and Chevrolet's launch of an on-track Camaro.

There's a lot of stuff going on and it's going to take time to work out the kinks.

"At the end of last year, there were layers of high frustration and some embarrassment that we just couldn't get things going in the right direction," Johnson said Saturday. "This year, we've improved every week and have seen great strides. I'm very optimistic that success is out there in front of us and around the corner.

"But, through it all, I live in the moment and understand where I am and where our team is and what we're doing as a company. I know the journey that we're on. I know what's happening internally to build a better product and to better use our resources to build a better think tank. There's a journey of growth going on right now at the company."

Hendrick's lineup was overhauled because of retirements by Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr., and Kasey Kahne was released from his contract at the end of last season. The team is now Johnson, Chase Elliott, Alex Bowman and William Byron. Johnson is the only active Cup winner in the lineup.

Through five races this season, Johnson sits 18th in the standings. He was involved in crashes during all of his races at Daytona, and it took until last week in his home state of California for Johnson to put a big number on the board: ninth at Fontana.

"I'm not losing sleep over it," he said.

"I know I'm going to win races. I know this team is going to win races. I know we're going to compete for a championship."

Johnson isn't getting much sympathy, even within his own company.

"I would like to have his slump," Elliott said. "You don't forget how to drive. You don't change your driving habits. The guy is still one of, if not the greatest driver to ever come through NASCAR. I would probably say the best ever without question.

"I can assure you if the man has a car that is capable to run well and to run inside the top five and lead laps and dominate races, he is probably going to be doing that."

Johnson wondered if attention to his losing streak is because he's a victim of his own success. He has 83 career Cup victories and his seven titles tie him with Richard Petty and the late Dale Earnhardt. His streak of five consecutive championships has never been done before in NASCAR.

"I think people often take for granted how competitive pro sports are and how competitive this garage area is," Johnson said. "Although we've been able to do some pretty amazing things that have never been done before, I think it's unfair to believe that it can last forever. What we did to win five in a row was pretty darn special.

"I do hold myself to a very high level of expectation ... (but) there are some unfair expectations put on people and on teams and on individuals, and I think people often forget how difficult it is to compete at a pro level."

Champ on the pole after weather washes out qualifying

Associated Press

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Justin Thomas loses control of his club Saturday as he hit his tee shot on the eighth hole during round five at the Dell Technologies Match Play golf tournament in Austin.

Thomas reaches semifinals and closes in on No. 1

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Justin Thomas won two matches Saturday to reach the semifinals of the Dell Technologies Match Play.

One more and he gets to No. 1 in the world.

Thomas made quick work of Si Woo Kim in the morning, and then trailed for the first time all week against Kyle Stanley — just not for long. Thomas won three straight holes to start the back nine, made a 6-foot par putt to stay in control and closed out Stanley, 2-and-1.

Dustin Johnson didn't win a match this week and will not get any world ranking points. That means Thomas only has to reach the championship match Sunday to become the seventh American to reach No. 1.

In his way was Bubba Watson, who is back to playing like a two-time Masters champion.

"It will and would be a great accomplishment," Thomas said. "But I'm just worried about trying to beat Bubba Watson tomorrow."

Watson made all the key putts in a battle of Georgia southpaws when he beat Brian Harman in the morning, and then he turned a tight match into a runaway against Kiradech Aphibarnrat by winning five of six holes on the back nine for a 5-and-3 victory.

That put Watson, who won last month at Riviera, in the semifinals for the first time since his Match Play debut in 2011.

Alex Noren extended his run at Austin Country Club by winning for the ninth time in his last 10 matches. His only loss was to Johnson a year ago in the quarterfinals, and he needed only 31 holes to beat Patrick Reed and Cameron Smith of Australia.

Noren and Thomas are the only semifinalists who have not lost a match this week.

Kevin Kisner reached the semifinals with a big putt and a big blowout. He made a birdie on the 18th hole to beat Matt Kuchar, and then matched the shortest match of the week with an 8-and-6 victory over Ian Poulter, who was disappointed for more than just losing.

"Probably didn't see that one coming," Kisner said. "I thought it was going to be a difficult match. Obviously, Ian's match-play record speaks for itself. I got off to a good start making a few birdies. He made a few mistakes, and I was able to capitalize on those. And things just snowballed from there."

Poulter was told after he beat Louis Oosthuizen in the morning that reaching the quarterfinals was enough for him to be in the top 50 at the end of the week, which would get him into the Masters. Moments later, he received a text that he needed to win his match against Kisner.

"I gave him no fight at all. It was rubbish," said Poulter, who didn't make a birdie.

The misinformation wasn't to blame, though it clearly added to an all-around bad day at the office.

"Next time I won't listen to other people. I'll do my bit and focus better," Poulter said. "I mean, I can't put that down as an excuse. It would be an excuse if I said it. So it's disappointing to be given the wrong information, but that wasn't part of this afternoon."

Kisner faces Noren, whom he knows from their college days — Kisner at Georgia, Noren at Oklahoma State.

Thomas (No. 2) and Noren (No. 13) are the only top seeds from the 16 groups who advanced to the semifinals. Noren has had a pair of close calls this year, losing in a playoff at Torrey Pines and finishing one shot out of a playoff that Thomas won at the Honda Classic.

Thomas is mildly surprised to have reached Sunday considering how his week began. He had his wisdom teeth pulled two weeks ago, went to the Bahamas and then came down with what his doctor suspected was strep throat. He wasn't sure when he arrived Monday if he could play, though it got progressively better, and so did his game.

Watson has played the 18th hole just one time this week, a halve with Julian Suri that allowed him to avoid a playoff to advance. Reaching the semifinals was bittersweet in one respect — he was to leave the country Sunday morning for a family vacation.

That will have to wait.

Kiradech bogeyed the 10th and 11th to fall behind, and Watson birdied the next two holes to go 4 up, win the match and delay his vacation. He said he booked it Sunday because the flight was cheaper, though he was assured of making at least $559,000 and as much as $1.7 million. He'll get by.

He couldn't help but consider the similarities of his last trip to the semifinals, when the Match Play was in Arizona. He played Martin Kaymer, who only needed to beat Watson to assure going to No. 1 in the world. Kaymer beat him on the 18th hole.

Is Thomas next?

"If you want No. 1, just beat me and you'll be No. 1," Watson said.



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Jimmie Johnson watches his crew in the garage during practice Saturday for the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va.

Jimmie Johnson mired in career worst 28-race losing streak

By Jenna Fryer
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Jimmie Johnson's start to the NASCAR season is not worthy of a seven-time champion.

How bad is it? He has just one top-10 finish in five races and goes to Martinsville Speedway mired in a career-worst 28-race losing streak.

But Johnson can take heart in this: He has nine victories at Martinsville, most among active drivers, and despite his slump must be considered a favorite for Sunday's race at the Virginia short track.

He laughed Saturday at the reminder of his losing streak, which dates to Dover, Delaware, last June, and pointed out he did indeed win three Cup races in 2018.

If fans of Johnson's No. 48 team are freaking out — especially since Lowe's, the only primary sponsor he's had in the Cup, is leaving at the end of the season — Johnson is not. The reality is the most consistent and successful driver of his generation is the veteran during a Hendrick Motorsports reorganization and Chevrolet's launch of an on-track Camaro.

There's a lot of stuff going on and it's going to take time to work out the kinks.

"At the end of last year, there were layers of high frustration and some embarrassment that we just couldn't get things going in the right direction," Johnson said Saturday. "This year, we've improved every week and have seen great strides. I'm very optimistic that success is out there in front of us and around the corner.

"But, through it all, I live in the moment and understand where I am and where our team is and what we're doing as a company. I know the journey that we're on. I know what's happening internally to build a better product and to better use our resources to build a better think tank. There's a journey of growth going on right now at the company."

Hendrick's lineup was overhauled because of retirements by Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr., and Kasey Kahne was released from his contract at the end of last season. The team is now Johnson, Chase Elliott, Alex Bowman and William Byron. Johnson is the only active Cup winner in the lineup.

Through five races this season, Johnson sits 18th in the standings. He was involved in crashes during all of his races at Daytona, and it took until last week in his home state of California for Johnson to put a big number on the board: ninth at Fontana.

"I'm not losing sleep over it," he said.

"I know I'm going to win races. I know this team is going to win races. I know we're going to compete for a championship."

Johnson isn't getting much sympathy, even within his own company.

"I would like to have his slump," Elliott said. "You don't forget how to drive. You don't change your driving habits. The guy is still one of, if not the greatest driver to ever come through NASCAR. I would probably say the best ever without question.

"I can assure you if the man has a car that is capable to run well and to run inside the top five and lead laps and dominate races, he is probably going to be doing that."

Johnson wondered if attention to his losing streak is because he's a victim of his own success. He has 83 career Cup victories and his seven titles tie him with Richard Petty and the late Dale Earnhardt. His streak of five consecutive championships has never been done before in NASCAR.

"I think people often take for granted how competitive pro sports are and how competitive this garage area is," Johnson said. "Although we've been able to do some pretty amazing things that have never been done before, I think it's unfair to believe that it can last forever. What we did to win five in a row was pretty darn special.

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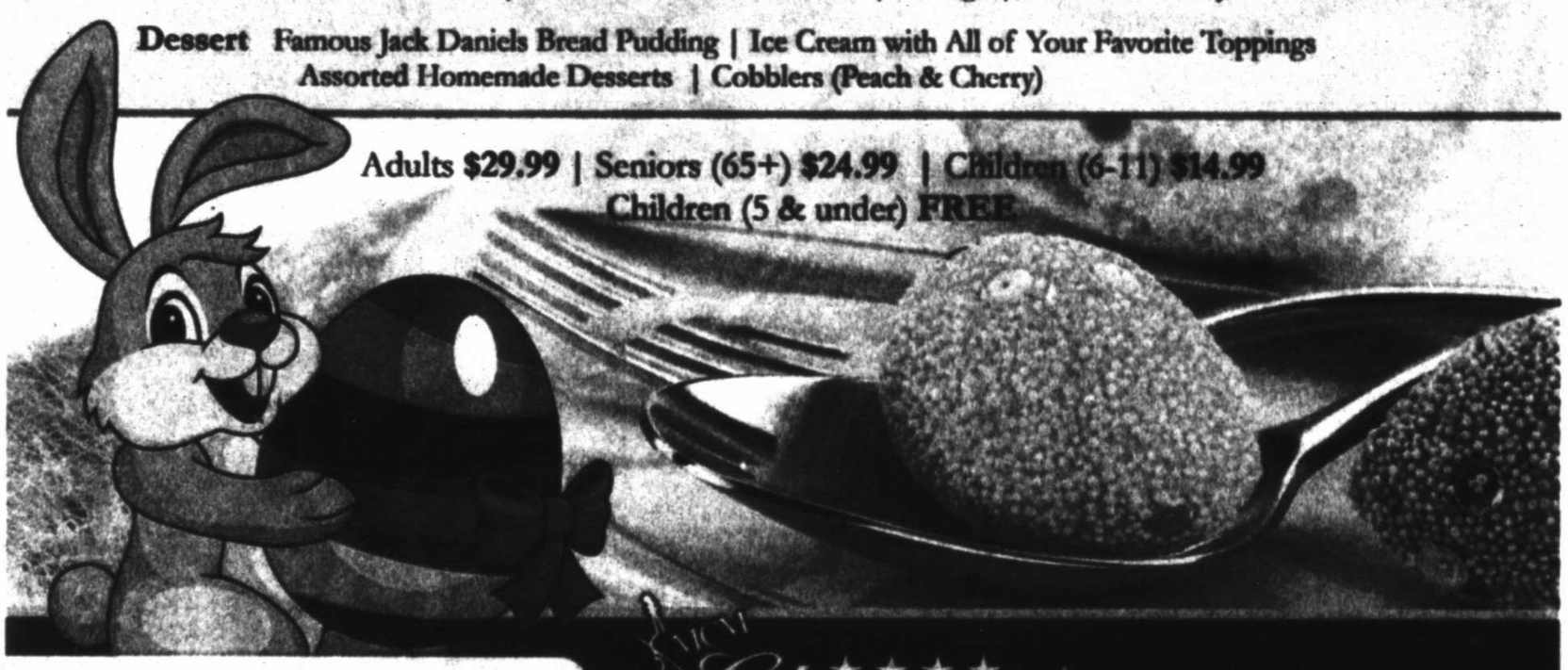
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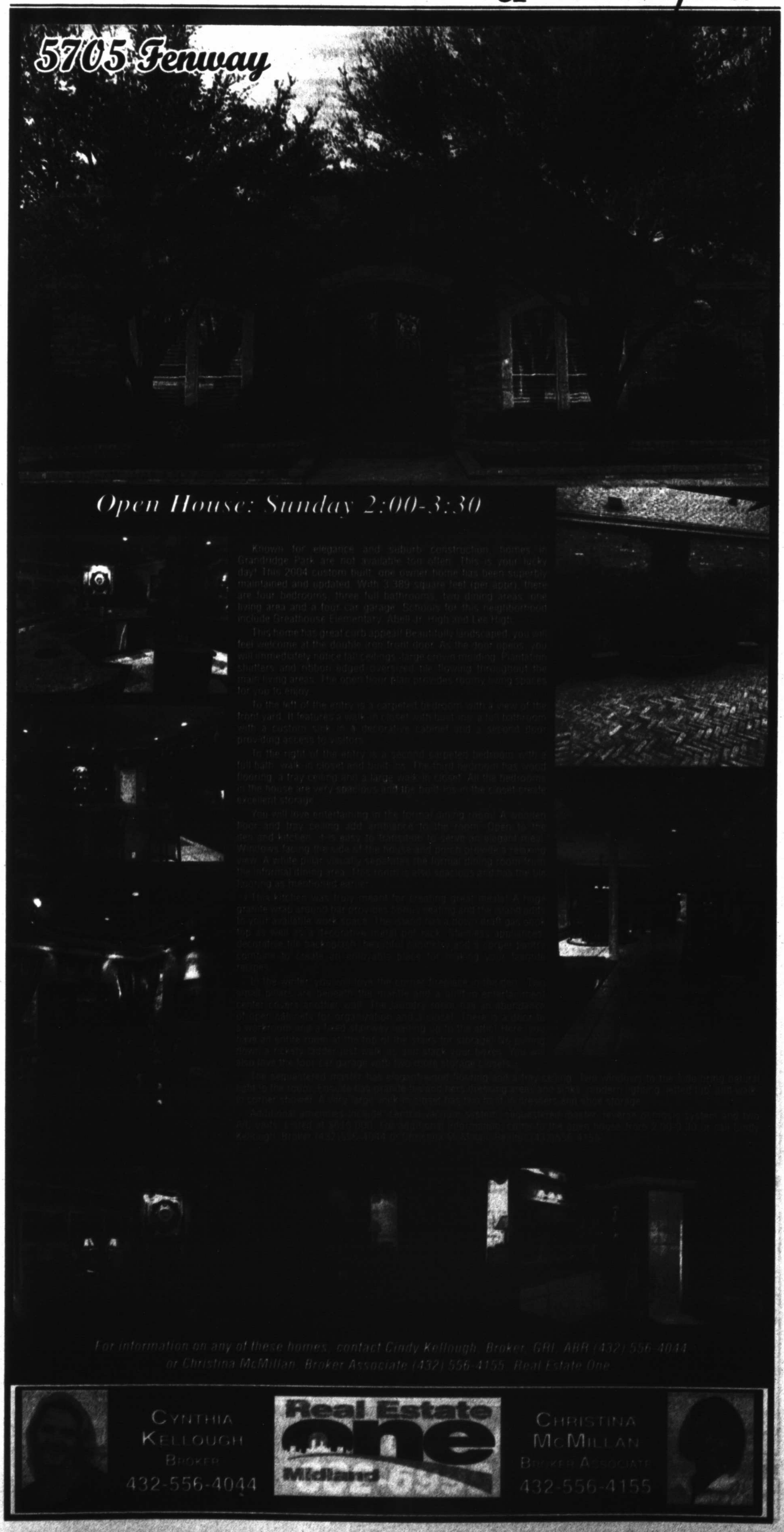
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Falcon Power Operating Company, Big Spring, TX

The operations manager position will provide direct supervision to the operations personnel, ensure the efficient, reliable operation of the facility, and ensure compliance with safety, North American Electric Reliability, Department of Energy (DOE), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), Texas Reliability Coordinator (TRC) and environmental standards.

Primary Job Duties and Responsibilities (Essential Job Functions)
Coordinate and supervise all operations functions necessary to ensure the effective and reliable operation of the plant to meet all performance and compliance requirements. Initiate action to improve operating efficiency of the plant facilities. Must be able to take immediate and decisive action to minimize disruption of operations.

Qualifications
Bachelor's degree in engineering or related field; or equivalent work experience (Typically, six years of related, progressive work experience would be needed for candidates applying for this position who do not possess a bachelor's degree).

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.For additional details related to performance expectations, position requirements and other duties, interested applicants can apply at

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MIDLAND

NOW HIRING

GIS Manager

Reporting to the Engineering Services Director, this position oversees the development and management of the City of Midland Geographic Information System (GIS). This includes staff supervision, budgeting, training, etc.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Manages the GIS Division budget and recommends budget request for new hardware and software as appropriate.

Job Duties:
•Supervises all phases and implementation of the City Enterprise GIS.
•Supervises GIS Division staff.
•Provides planning and direction for GIS growth to serve the City and Public.
•Provides general customer service; responds to concerns and inquiries related to GIS Division services.
•Negotiates and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g. - LIDAR, ortho-rectify imagery, Citywide, etc.
•Develops policies and standards for the GIS Division.
•Manages the setting of priorities for projects, software, database, and application development.
•Oversees development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and within industry standards and practices.
•Oversees the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use.
•Provides recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding annual GIS Division budget, priorities for projects, and resources required to complete them.
•Provides user-training services, as requested.
•Independently prepares and delivers reports and presentations to City Councilmembers, City Management, and outside agency officials. Serves as representative of GIS (or the City) to other departments and outside agencies.
•Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications
Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Councilmembers, City Management, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures. Ability to supervise and manage other staff with a variety of skills and abilities.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software (ArcGISDesktop, ArcGISOnline, ArcGISPro), field environments of database design/management and programming is desirable.

Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is desirable.

Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geography, Computer Science, Engineering, or a related technical or business field required. Minimum of five years' experience using Esri GIS software required. Master's degree in a related field preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
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MANAGEMENT/EXECUTIVE

MIDLAND

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Planning Division Manager

Manages Planning Division office including professional planners, technicians, and secretarial staff. Reviews items for consideration by appointed boards and commissions and elected officials.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Prepares and administers the annual division budget. Monitors expenditures during the year and makes recommendations for budget modifications.

Job Duties:
•Reviews staff work including reports, maps and special studies for presentation to Planning Commission and City Council.
•Coordinates, supervises and manages staff time.
•Prepares, administers and monitors annual budget.
•Presents information at public meetings. Participates with other staff members concerning interrelated projects.
•Answers various questions from general public and developers concerning city ordinances, development trends, and population.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

Benefits:
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PLANT OPERATOR-REQ# 1698349

Falcon Power Operating Company Big Spring, TX
Responsible for the safe, proper and efficient operation of the plant and process facilities. Responsible for operating and monitoring plant equipment outside of the control room; recording operational data and reporting any abnormalities; and performing minor maintenance tasks. The plant operator also assists in coordinating, directing and training new crewmembers. All duties are performed in accordance with approved procedures, guidelines and operating directives in effect. Work is performed with minimal supervision and direction from the control operator.

Primary Job Duties and Responsibilities (Essential Job Functions)
Adhere to and support all company safety and environmental rules, policies and procedures.

Qualifications
High school diploma or general education degree. (Typically, one year of demonstrated knowledge of power plan operation and outside operator job skills or equivalent education and experience is required for candidate applying for this position who do not possess a high school or general education degree).

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Right-Of-Way Manager

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and licensing of City rights-of-way and other real property; oversees the execution of transactions of real property; and administers the issuance of easements and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

Budgetary Responsibilities:

Assist management staff with recommendations and budget data for potential rights-of-way and easement acquisitions for public improvements.

Job Duties:
•Develops policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property.
•Manages the distribution of surface damages for City rights-of-way and other real property owned by the City; including 47,000+/-acres of City-owned parcels.
•Develops and negotiates Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Salvage Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinates with appropriate City Departments or Management.
•Prepares and presents reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies.
•Obtains Appraisals, Title Work, and coordinates Closings on tracts of interest.
•Coordinates and processes public easements for City projects.
•Coordinates departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.
•Coordinates preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents.
•Coordinates with others and utilizes engineering plans and plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, title histories, etc.
•Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures.

Knowledge of land surveying, oil drilling and pipeline operations, and typical petroleum industry practices related to land use and acquisition is desirable. Knowledge of municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is helpful.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Council members, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software is desirable.

Bachelor's degree required. Minimum of five years' experience in real estate, land acquisition, or a similar field. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
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- Receives incoming shipments and places in inventory. Unpacks and inspects incoming shipments against packing slips, invoices, shortages, and discrepancies and reports to supervisor and manager.
- Operates forklift to move, convey, or load product from shipping and receiving areas to storage or delivery trucks.
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- Operates hand equipment such as hand trucks
- Completes transportation documents
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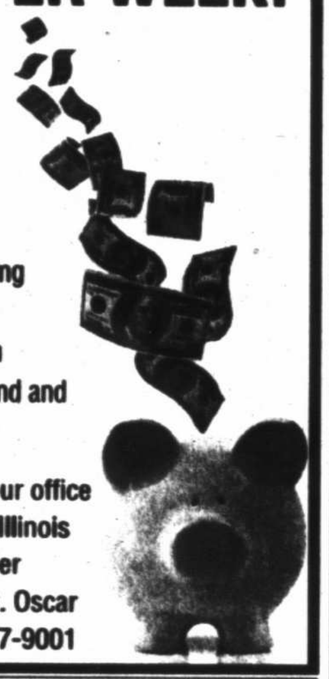
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- Must be able to work independently & in a team environment
- Ability to read, understand & follow oral and written instructions
- Perform other duties as delegated or assigned by Supervisor
- Required education. High School or equivalent

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Planner

Performs field and office work related to planning and development programs for utilization of land and physical facilities of the city.

Job Duties:
•Prepares special studies and reports related to code amendments and annexation studies. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary.
•Prepares statistical reports such as annual population estimates.
•Reviews requests and prepares written reports for zone change and proposed subdivision plat applications and special studies.
•Presents information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
•Reviews miscellaneous applications including temporary land uses, special events, public rights of way, etc.
•Responds to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas.
•Researches, compiles and analyzes land use and related data.
•Works with the public and developers in answering questions and providing information.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with developers and citizens in order to provide information and guidance on planning and zoning issues. Ability to work in conjunction with employees from different departments.

Knowledge of current planning processes and procedures. Ability to read and understand technical materials, reports and journals. Skill in developing related reports and ability to analyze and present data on land use applications and planning. Ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, to citizens and other government officials.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economics plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

Benefits:
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Job Duties:
- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, despatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, bend, and occasionally lift /carry/push/pull/move/drag up to 60 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position.

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Endeavor Energy Resources LP

DOT Driver II

JOB DESCRIPTION: Job responsibilities include local (within Midland City and County) transportation by truck for Endeavor Energy completions or production crews. Cargo transport varies depending on driver's licensing.

Essential Functions:
- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek.
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:
No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:
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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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NOW HIRING

Public Safety Dispatcher

Directs calls for service for emergency purposes and directs non-emergency inquiries.

Job Duties:
•Answers the phone and assists citizens with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical service.
•Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
•Dispatchers law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
•Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas/National Computer System (TCIC, NCIC).
•Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
•Sends and receive teletype information to and from related agencies.
•Maintains records of work performed.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for service and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.

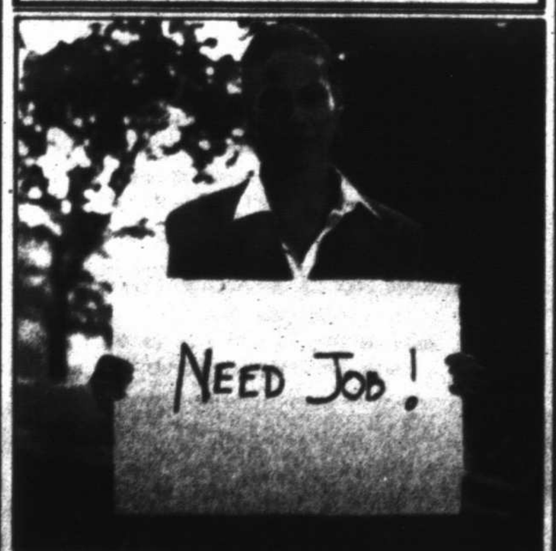
Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 30 WPM.
Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.
1.Keyboarding
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3.Data Entry NT (Audio)
4.Call Summarization
5.Memory Recall-Numeric (Audio)
6.Map Reading
7.Spelling
8.Sentence Clarity
9.Reading Comprehension

Employees work rotating shifts and gather, organize, translate and process information from various emergency callers.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shifts; Rotating Days Off - Valid Texas Driver License.

Benefits:
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Recycle Supervisor

Supervises and monitors Citizens Collection Station and recycle drivers in day to day operations and projects. Works as a service attendant at the Citizens Collection Station as needed. Acts as a Solid Waste Supervisor as needed.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provides input as to needed equipment and employment positions. Monitors supplies and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

Job Duties:
•Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
•Instructs employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
•Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
•Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed.
•Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
•Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on recycle issues.
•Keeps records and reports readily available.
•Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations
•Serve as service attendant when necessary.
•Serves as a Solid Waste Supervisor when necessary.
•Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to resolve work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with cash and adhere to cash-handling policies. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communications skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste and/or supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class 'B' Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

Benefits:
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Sanitation Driver

Drives a single or tandem axle side loading refuse packer truck and collects and disposes of solid waste. Serves as standby driver until a regular route becomes available. Works at recycling center when required sorting recyclables. May be assigned to a roll-off truck or boom truck instead of side loaders.

Job Duties:
•Drives a sanitation vehicle and collects and disposes of solid waste from containers. Collects and disposes of yard waste and bags, bulky items when assigned to hand pick up.
•Travels to and from the landfill in order to dispose of waste materials.
•Assists in litter pickup and clutter programs when required.
•Performs and inspects vehicle and performs safety checks daily.
•Maintains records of work performed for supervisor such as vehicle check list, trip logs and repair reports.
•Any solid waste management activity required of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
•Assists in repairing vehicles.
•Assists in solid waste disposal related activities when not driving a regular route.
•Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will inquire on specific disposal procedures. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints or who make requests.

Knowledge of processes used in the collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to read and write and follow oral and written instructions from supervisor. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, claws and related hydraulic systems as well as wheels, brakes and valves.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred with six months to one year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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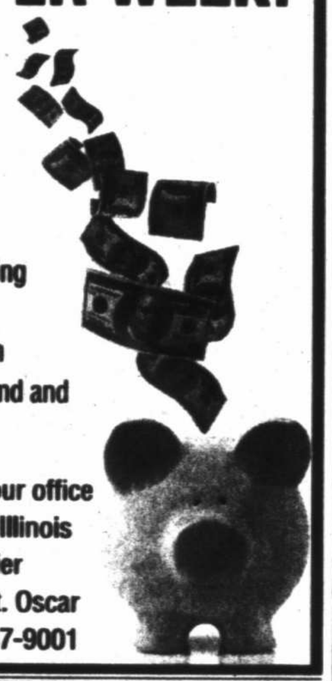
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•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with developers and citizens in order to provide information and guidance on planning and zoning issues. Ability to work in conjunction with employees from different departments.

Knowledge of current planning processes and procedures. Ability to read and understand technical materials, reports and journals. Skill in developing related reports and ability to analyze and present data on land use applications and planning. Ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, to citizens and other government officials.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economics plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

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Job Duties:
- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, despatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, bend, and occasionally lift /carry/push/pull/move/drag up to 60 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position.

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Endeavor Energy Resources LP

DOT Driver II

JOB DESCRIPTION: Job responsibilities include local (within Midland City and County) transportation by truck for Endeavor Energy completions or production crews. Cargo transport varies depending on driver's licensing.

Essential Functions:
- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek.
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:
No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:
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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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Public Safety Dispatcher

Directs calls for service for emergency purposes and directs non-emergency inquiries.

Job Duties:
•Answers the phone and assists citizens with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical service.
•Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
•Dispatches law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
•Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas/National Computer System (TCIC, NCIC).
•Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
•Sends and receive teletype information to and from related agencies.
•Maintains records of work performed.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for service and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.

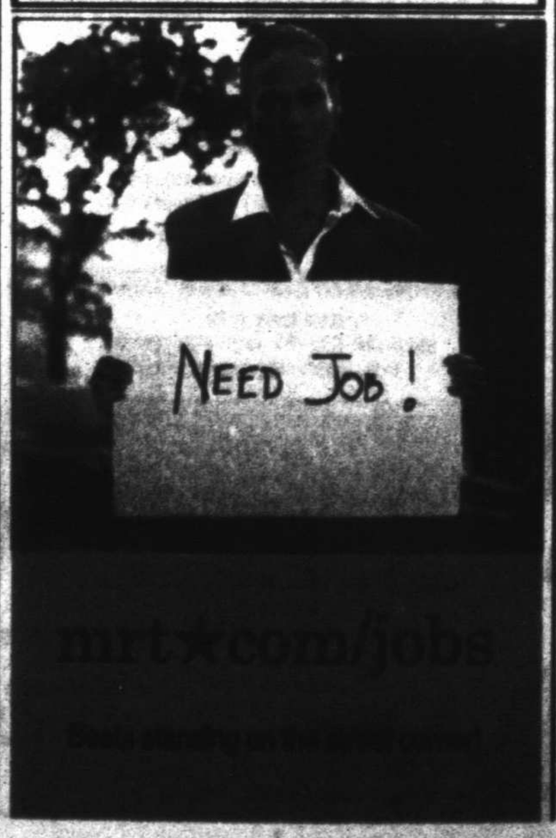
Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 35 WPM.
Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.
1.Keyboarding
2.Data Entry MT
3.Data Entry MT (Audio)
4.Call Summarization
5.Memory Recall-Numeric (Audio)
6.Map Reading
7.Spelling
8.Sentence Clarity
9.Reading Comprehension

Employee must retaining skills and gather, organize, translate and process information from various emergency callers.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shifts; Rotating Days Off - Valid Texas Driver License.

Benefits:
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- Paid Holidays
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Recycle Supervisor

Supervises and monitors Citizens Collection Station and recycle drivers in day to day operations and projects. Works as a service attendant at the Citizens Collection Station as needed. Acts as a Solid Waste Supervisor as needed.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provides input as to needed equipment and employment positions. Monitors supplies and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

Job Duties:
•Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
•Instructs employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
•Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
•Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed.
•Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
•Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on recycle issues.
•Keeps records and reports readily available.
•Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations
•Serve as service attendant when necessary.
•Serves as a Solid Waste Supervisor when necessary.
•Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to resolve work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with cash and adhere to cash-handling policies. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communications skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste and/or supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class 'B' Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

Benefits:
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Solid Waste Driver

Drives a single or tandem axle side loading refuse packer truck and collects and disposes of solid waste. Serves as standby driver until a regular route becomes available. Works at recycling center when required sorting recyclables. May be assigned to a roll-off truck or boom truck instead of side loaders.

Job Duties:
•Drives a sanitation vehicle and collects and disposes of solid waste from containers. Collects and disposes of yard waste and large, bulky items when assigned to hand pick up.
•Travels to and from the landfill in order to dispose of waste materials.
•Assists in litter pickup and similar programs when required.
•Operates and inspects vehicle and performs safety checks daily.
•Maintains records of work performed for supervisor such as vehicle check list, trip logs and repair reports.
•Any solid waste management activity required of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
•Assists in repairing vehicles.
•Assists in solid waste disposal related activities when not driving a regular route.
•Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will require regarding disposal practices. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints or other questions.

Knowledge of processes used in the collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to read and write and follow oral and written instructions from supervisor. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, cranes and various hydraulic systems as well as shovels, brooms and rakes.

High school diploma or equivalent combined with six months to one year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

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SALES JOBS



Multi-Media Sales Executive

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Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of new/existing 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 meets/exceeds all print and digital revenue goals.*
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- *Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos*
- *Generating new leads by making cold calls and maintaining an awareness of new businesses 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*
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Required Skills & Experience:

- *2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of successfully exceeding goals*
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OTHER JOBS

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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.

$11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.



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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 6pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

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Job Duties:
- Designs and coordinates segments of the IT architecture
- Manages server applications, including but not limited to social media, Active Directory, operating systems, and email.
- Produces and maintains IT design, architectural, and specifications documentation, as identified.
- Monitors information storage systems, schedules, and tools, including backup and recovery tasks, as identified.
- Provides research, development, and planning of the IT infrastructure.
- Is responsible for the validating, building, and testing IT solutions; analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues; and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned.
- Performs related duties as assigned.
- Subject to recall 24/7

Qualifications:
- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field is required.
- Four years experience may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement.
- Valid Texas Driver's License

Benefits:
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Fleet Technician

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

Job Duties:
- Diagnoses equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as ignition, steering, emission control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimates costs and rebuilds to specifications.
- Determines the appropriateness of off-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tires and mufflers.
- Inspects vehicles for state stickers.
- Determines readiness and fitness of new vehicles. Installs special equipment.
- Employee must provide own hand tools. City supplies major equipment including power tools, computerized analyzer, and other diagnostic equipment.
- Reads blue prints, electrical diagrams, manuals and other specifications in order to make repairs.
- Performs emergency repairs for various departments.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work orders, logs, historical information, and special written requests.

Qualifications:
- High School graduate or GED
- Knowledge of proper tools used in welding and fabrication
- Three years training as a mechanic or in a related field
- Valid Texas Class A CDL Driver's License within one year of employment
- Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate required within one year of employment.

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Code Enforcement Officer

Performs inspections of private and public properties to ensure compliance with municipal ordinances, zoning and land use regulations which govern the maintenance of property, grounds and structures.

Job Duties:
- Visually inspects properties for code violations as initiated by a complaint or routine inspection.
- Enters data into the computer to generate notice of violations to property owners or to record inspections.
- Responds to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
- Researches planned districts, nonconforming uses, plats and illegal uses of property for the department.
- Manages city contracts for the clearing of lots, to include bidding projects, preparing contracts, awarding contracts and preparing payments to contractors.
- Conducts inspections to ensure proper environmental compliance in response to complaints.
- Provides information to the public and contractors regarding the requirements of zoning and related code and city requirements.
- Conducts field inspections of junked and abandoned vehicles, abandoned structures and other properties for compliance with city codes.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.

Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional literature,plans, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skills in math. Skills to communicate both orally and in writing. Knowledge of office equipment including personal computer.

High school diploma or equivalent and a valid Texas driver's license required. Certification through Texas Department Health as a Certified Code Enforcement Officer, or ability to obtain after one year of training. Certification as Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, or ability to obtain within one year.

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- Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Pulls meters should business occur when customer fails to set up service.
- Collects past due utilities bills so that water can be connected.
- Changes out broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.

Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Skill in math to determining amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

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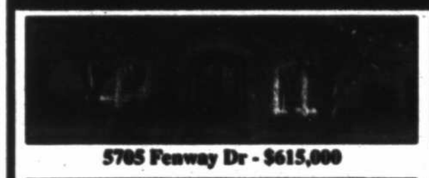
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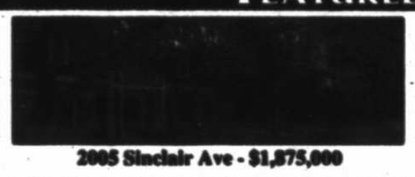
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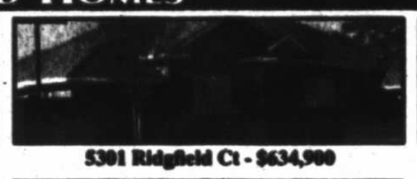
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27 Oakburn Path-Beautiful neighborhood in park-like setting! Open floor plan w/high ceilings and so many updates! Shady and lush private patio! ..... SOLD...$405,000

2301 S County Rd 1049-Country living at its "finest"! 9.11 sought after GREENWOOD acres. custom farmhouse w/open floorplan, wrap around porch & TONS of storage ..... UC...$614,000

3011 Green Tree- Impressively maintained town home overlooking the course! Spacious rooms throughout w/ lg. sunroom +BBL plus Over Sized split to covered back patio & courts. Updated kitchen w/recent granite & appliances Huge living area w/soaring ceilings. Must see! ..... SOLD...$260,000

3008 Dunlin Ct - Top quality workmanship! Custom finishes! Beautiful granite selection, chef's kitchen w/great work space & pantry. Extra storage! Plus so much more! ..Silence $369,000

3400 Boxwood- Lovely 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath home w/hardwood floors and tile flooring throughout plus fabulous POOL! $288,000

3411 Glenwolf Dr-Expect to be impressed with this wonderful home in coveted Midland...close to everything. Open plan, lots of windows, huge bedrooms, spacious living area, formal dining, tons of storage and a bonus room. Wonderful courtyard. $268,000

3210 Slate Dr- Move just like new! Wood look tiled flooring, granite in kitchen/All baths, new windows, 14 seer Ac, soft lighting on timer, recent paint, crown molding, fixtures and much more! $269,000

3308 Bluebell Ave-Charming 3BR/2BA Old Midland home in Berkshire Place with beaming hardwood floors and 5 sets of french doors. ..... SOLD...$268,000

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1312 Yoakum- Delightful 3/2 in Hollander Heights, w/recent updates, open floor plan, fireplace, and high ceilings. Light and bright, Move -in ready!! $214,000

THREE BEDROOMS

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3004 Dogwood - Delightful 3/2 with open kitchen/livingplan plus, sequestered master, new shingles being done soon, some fresh paint, 2-car garage plus 2 car carport in rear! ..... SOLD...$207,500

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3300 Crestwood Dr - Beautiful 3 Bedroom/2 Bath home in Fairmont Park ..... Ready to Go!...$195,000

2100 W Wadley Ave -Spacious corner lot/3 large bedrooms. Small gated back patio and open front patio/yard within walking distance of the pool. So many updates throughout ..... UC...$180,000

FOUR BEDROOMS

4004 Island Circle - Beautiful whimsy waterfront view. Fabulous Great Room, Sun room with telescoping glass walls that open to patio. Beautiful infinity pool/ hardscape, granite! You'll love it!! ..... UC...$555,000

2 Longwood-Lovely 4 bedroom/2.5 Bath on quiet Cul-de-Sac! Must see! ..... UC...$250,000

5301 Ridgfield Ct- Beautiful, updated, 4 bdr plus bonus room home in GTCC North. Recent updates are hardwood floors, granite counters, bathrooms, carpet, kitchen appliances, pool (2014), fence, paint, HVAC system. Don't miss it!....$634,900

1102 Castle Rock Ct. -Fabulous 4BR/3BA Mark Payne model. Wonderful open floor plan! 2 dining areas, game room, large utility room, 3 car garage. Just a few steps away from the walking trail area in Windland Park. Simply terrific!! $602,000

5705 Fenway Dr.-Lovely custom in coveted Greenridge Estates- corner 4b+Off or 2nd LA plan.Open plan w/large windows, high ceilings, granite & stainless kitchen w/full wrap around bar + bnkfast & formal! 4 car garage, front staircase to Texas classic! Move in ready!..... $615,000

1402E County Rd 120-Perfect Greenwood property, close to school nestled in quiet cul-de-sac. Large back yard has tall cedar block fence & exterior fencing for animals. Huge 40x80 DREAM SHOP with 2-10' overhead doors, awning & CAR LIFT. Extra long concrete drive & Parking Pad. Call today!! ..... UC...$495,000

3412 Dartmouth - Lovely 4 Bedroom/2 Bath in great neighborhood in Fair Oaks Estates. ..... SOLD...$257,000

4401 Rosewood Dr - Spacious 4BR/2BA, 2+2car plan w/open living, dining. Tons of storage plus lovely family yard & storage building. Hot Tub and fridge stay. So much for so little! ..... SOLD...$225,000

3309 Rue Dr - Beautiful, spacious 4 bedroom/2 bath home in Rhodes Lea. Hardwood floors, great kitchen with quartz counters tops and lovely yard with mature trees! ..... UC...$220,000

500 6th St - Beautifully maintained 4BR/2BA home in Stanton on one of the prettiest tree shaded streets!! Large living open to kitchen/dining area. Covered back patio w/big yard. $299,000

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

3005 Shasta Ave- Beautiful 5 Bedroom/4.5 Bath home in Warwick, with Guesthouse and Gorgeous POOL! $1,075,000

4004 Island Circle -Charmed home in town! Lovely throughout and perfect for family living. Gorgeous pool w/waterfall, great yard w/entertaining area. Pretty trees (front and back). Great view of lake. ..... UC...$579,000

4509 Bent Tree Trail- Gorgeous 4BR/4.5BA home! Private oasis in the back yard w/sparkling pool, spa, outdoor fireplace, fountain and Outdoor cooking area! Home has hardwood floors! Open kitchen, den, breakfast area, media/game room,3 car garage. Beautiful! $850,000

3400 Fairwood Ct - Gorgeous updating in this 5/4.5 family home. Located on a beautiful cul-de-sac. Wonderful kitchen w/great amenities. Plus guest house! $329,000

3500 Dunrobin Ct.-Immaculate w/versatile floorplan/Private wing could be guesthouse or suites. Gourmet kitchen w/island, stainless appliances, granite surfaces. Great formals, spacious rooms, sparkling pool, sunkissed yard. ..... UC...$325,000

10-Lakes Dr- Custom built home in lovely Saddle Club Estates w/beautiful views of the lake and trees, tall ceilings, spacious rooms, great storage,the list goes on. Wow! $750,000

5914 Dogwood Ct.- Beautiful 5BR/4.5BA. Fireplace around breathtaking Pool plus Outdoor Kitchen! $795,000

4300 Island Circle-Impressively maintained 5BR Log ranch in GT North! High ceilings throughout w/huge master w/fireplace, Beautiful updates throughout , wonderful 4 car garage w/finished 2 car plumbed for a bath. Lovely pool & fp covered patio/SOLD...$749,000

5004 Sterling Pl -Wonderful 5 Bedroom Graham ranch in coveted Greenbriar! Coveted Versatile floor plan, high ceilings, spacious with great storage and amenities! We think you'll agree that it is terrific! $640,000

FOR LEASE

1201 Florida, Midland- 3,600 sq. ft.; 1,800 sq. ft. each unit, recently updated carpet, paint, fixtures. Ready for lease. ..... per unit monthly $2,000

1201 Garden City Hwy- Two spaces available, both are 1600 sq ft., perfect for retail or office use. Recently remodeled w/fresh paint and carpet. Each w/over (9) 8ft Tarrific high traffic location on Garden City Hwy in SE Midland. Convenient to downtown, Loop 250 and Interstate 20 and many restaurant and retail businesses ..... $2,200 each monthly...Call 682-1111 Scott or Brandon Hall! 682-1111

1400 Cornell St.-4,000 sq. ft. industrial/office w/all restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage. ..... Call 682-1111 Scott or Brandon Hall 682-1111

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE

E Loop 250 S - 5 acre tract off Loop 250 near CR 1150 ..... Call 682-1111 Scott or Brandon Hall 682-1111

I-20, West Murphy & Loop 250 in West Odessa-1110.25 acres, terrific frontage. Call 682-1111 Scott or Brandon Hall 682-1111 ..... $2,500,000

6101 S Hwy 349- Once in a lifetime opportunity for building a dream home or 2 on this 1.59 ac tract of land @ Midland Country Club. $700,000

6700 E. Co. Rd. 60-2784 sq. ft. w/6+ bay plan. $300,000

11600 E Taylor Ave, Midland - 3.440 acres of vacant land zoned commercial $165,000

5400 Heather-Really nice residential lot in good neighborhood in Saddle Club South. Perfect for many buyers. ..SOLD...$80,000

2301 S. County Rd. 1110-Prime location 1,320 acres, to build a home that could face either South County Road 1110 or East County Road 90. ..... $97,000

COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY

1307 E Garfield St - One story office w/2 story 2 bay shop/warehouse, 5,712 sq ft. ..... Call 682-1111 Scott or Brandon Hall 682-1111

2212 Hassell Way, Odessa Tx-Two metal buildings approx 10,240 sq ft on 1.226 acres.Call 682-1111 Scott or Brandon Hall 682-1111

600 Hwy 158 S- Industrial warehouse of 4,800 sq ft on 4.15 acres (for lease). ..... Call 682-1111 Scott or Brandon Hall 682-1111

2600 S. Co. Rd. 1250, Midland, Tx.-Includes 5 buildings on 9.882 acres.

Total of 59,026 sq. ft. ..... Call 682-1111 Scott or Brandon Hall 682-1111

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2000 W Louisiana Ave-Location, Location, Location-this 40 acre facility originally built in 1954 when oil/drive sites. ... UC...$2,200,000

2211 S. County Rd. 1150-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 20 acres. $700,000

10001 W US 80, Midland- 5.039 acres; 4,200 sq. ft. office built in 2015; 2 modular buildings to house overnight drivers. Perfect truck yard. $700,000

11020 W Hwy 158, Garden City- 20 acres of Grand Prairie hwy frontage. 2,200 sq. ft. home; 4 bed, 3 bath, whole house generator. $400,000

820 Dotsy Dr- Great office warehouse. Office 1200 sq ft. Warehouse 4800 sq ft. Great location just south of downtown close to county jail. Zoned C3. ..... $550,000

0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park. $100,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

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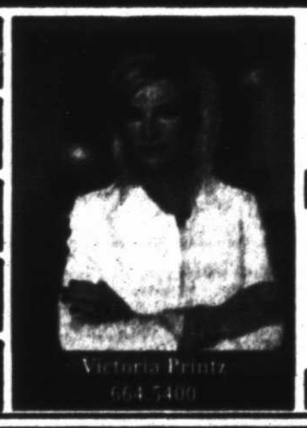
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OPEN HOUSES

4309 Haywood Dr ..... AFTER TODAY! 2:30-4:30PM

4 + BEDROOMS

5201 S Midland Dr.-Amazing location! Home & barn sit on 14.87 AC (3 tracts)! Can be subdivided- to be sold as 1 pkg. 4 bed/3.5 bath Shop/Barn/Guest house (built 1982)! Updated top-to-bottom! New Roof coming 2/2018! $1,700,000

4300 Island Dr.-Majestic estate on cliffs 9 (1.482 ac) on 9th tee box in GTN! 6 or 7 bed/4 full+2 1/2 baths (in family) 3 or 4 living/huge 4 car gar! Dazzling pool w/ pool house w/bath, brick & iron fencing & landscaped grounds w/lit+ trees! ...$1,200,000

3021 Tuscarora Ct.-Spectacular estate w/3 or 4 bed/3 or 4 living/4.5 bath/4 car gar on grand cul-de-sac/1/4 Duplexes & vast lot! Dazzling pool, hot tub, workshop (2), 2 fp patios & +-ac High brick & iron fencing! 2 side yards! $1,225,000

4309 Haywood Dr.-Spectacular 5 bed/4.5 bath/3 living/great room, study, game room/2 dining/4-gar(RV bay) w/dazzling pool (private/fully)! Outdoor living w/huge patio & complete kitchen! Extra high privacy fence! $599,000

100 Bayberry Pkwy.-One-of-a kind find on 2.49 landscaped acres in exclusive area! Main house has 4 bed/3.5 bath/3 living/1 car garage/1/4/pwring guest house w/1 bed/1 bath/full kitchen/den! Plus 2000 sq/ft shop! Dazzling pool with pergola & walking path! ..$599,000

3300 Briarvale Dr-Absolutely spectacular & better than new 4 bed/3.5 bath/great room+media room+study (all master)/2 dining areas/1 car garage! Gourmet kitchen, soaring ceilings, plantation shutters & up to the minute finishes! Light & play-equity style! $749,000

3011 Timber Wolf Trl.-Fantastic 4 bed/3 bath/3 car oversize garage, indoor and outdoor fireplace & many builder upgrades home on 10 acres in Timber Wolf Estates! (water & septic included) Completion date: March 2018! $379,000

4311 Elkins Rd.-Spectacular Anderson Construction 4 bed/4 bath/3 car oversized garage home w/builder upgrades on 5 acre lot! Granite, crown molding, walls of windows & outdoor kitchen! Still time to pick landscaping! $599,000

10210 SER 1210-Fantastic unique property! 1.2 acres w/ runway, hangar, office & living accommodations! 50x70 hangar w/ retractable door! 2-story w/ 5 bedrooms/5 full baths/3 living/3 dining/2 car garage w/ workshop! $999,000

4301 Desert Wind-Beautiful 4 bed/3 full bath/2 living (guest room/formal)/2 dining/3 car garage home on 4.7 acres! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, high ceilings w/recessed beams & silver fireplace! Private backyard, pool w/ two slides (5x12 &12x24)! $749,000

3301 SER 1270-Spectacular 4 bed/ 3 bath/2 living/2 dining home w/3 car & RV hookup on 1.24 acres in lovely Estrada Estates! Granite throughout, gourmet kitchen w/ top stainless appl! Private backyard that extends beyond fencing! $474,000

4304 Crestwood Ave.-Spectacular find on quiet cul-de-sac! Huge 4 bed/2.5 bath/2 dining/2 living (tile, game room) home w/ dazzling pool- game room overlooks pool! Lovely landscaped front yard & low maint. backyard! $332,000

1204 E Illinois St.-Fantastic custom built window from downtown! 5 bed/3 bath/2 living/1 dining home w/high ceilings, recessed lighting & gourmet kitchen! In-law quarters w/wrap kitchen & bath! 6 car parking pad! $324,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5210 Hwy 80 (On Level)-Fantastic 3 bed/2.5 bath/2 living/2 dining/4 car gar w/8 carport home on secluded 20 acres! Great house or barn + 40'x60' shop! 3 tanks for fishing, pockets of brush for hunting & plenty of room to graze livestock! $320,000

3400 Castlerock Rd.-Absolutely darling 2 bedroom/2 bath/great room+ dining open to kitchen/2 car garage- low maintenance home in lovely area! Spacious private patio/backyard w/trees! $224,000

4400-A Tennessee Dr.-What a find! Recently remodeled 3 bed/2 bath/2 living home with beautiful flooring throughout, granite in kitchen, floor to ceiling brick fireplace in den & walk-in master closet! Private courtyard w/ spacious backyard! $220,000

5201 SW Debenhauser Dr.-Very nice 2-story 3 large bed/2.5 bath townhome w/carport! Many updates! Low HOA! Some w/covered patio & trees! Public laundry facility & beautiful community pool! $105,000

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

4000 CR 200, Odessa, TX 79764-65 acres of beautiful country! Native grass, 2 stock ponds & all perimeter! 14400 Morgan Mfg 1 bed/1 bath/w central HVAC, septic & satellite tv. Storage bldg, workers rm, tools, shop heating & current! $195,000

1400 Tulsa-7.5 Acres in 249 reach exhibit (just north on Big spring across from midland country club). $225,000

710 E Dayton St, Odessa Tx 79761-Outside investment property to add value by the 4 per store business or continue the building for another business! Great location on the north side of almost 5/11 by 5/10 building featuring huge walk-in, two storage rooms, an office w/ kitchen! ..$129,000

6313 Delta Pl.-Fantastic double wide (1,512 sqft) on Delta Place in Green Tree Realty! $119,000

Timber Wolf Estates, Ector- Brand new subdivision, approx. 5-6 Acre lots, plat available. Water well/septic have not yet been installed! Great location on the north side of Odessa! 5711 by 5/10 building featuring huge walk-in, two storage rooms, an office w/ kitchen! ..$129,000

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1001 Dean Way, Snyder Tx 79549 - 5 Acres perfect for industrial use located in industrial park southeast edge! Approximately 1 acre yard fenced with entrance gate. Includes a metal office building (40' by 8' with overall storage building $75,000

Timber Wolf Estates-Fine quality subdivision of custom style estates, with an Elgin town feel of Elkins, plat available. Water well/septic have not yet been installed! Great location on the north side of Odessa! 5711 by 5/10 ..... $65,000

CR 1227, Greenwood - 1 acre lot in established champion area subdivision. Choose your own builder, already in place water well, Electric/gas, homes allowed, no mobile homes. Greenwood ISD $25,000

Gulfstream Estates subdivision, approx 5 acre lots, plat available. Water well/septic have not yet been installed! Great location on the north side of Odessa! 5711 by 5/10 building featuring huge walk-in, two storage rooms, an office w/ kitchen! ..$129,000

UNDER CONTRACTS & SOLDS!

702 Elliott ..... UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!

3304 Bolanda Dr. ..... UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 WEEK!

304 Ridgline Dr ..... UNDER CONTRACT!

5012 Green Tree Blvd ..... UNDER CONTRACT!

5711 Garden Flats ..... UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!

4313 Hastings Oaks ..... UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!

4309 Weather Dr. ..... UNDER CONTRACT!

12201 SER 110 ..... UNDER CONTRACT!

7313 Galen Dr. ..... UNDER CONTRACT!

3309 Prather Dr. ..... UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!

5309 Lenora Dr. ..... UNDER CONTRACT!

4313 Rio Grande Ave. ..... UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!

3313 Camarie Ave. ..... UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!

5113 Dorchester Oaks Blvd ..... UNDER CONTRACT!

4713A Dartmouth Dr. ..... UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!

5304 Llano Dr. ..... UNDER CONTRACT!

5711 Palo Dr ..... UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 WEEK!

1409 Delmar Dr. ..... UNDER CONTRACT!

3307 Rosalind Rd ..... SOLD!

3313 Candlewood ..... SOLD!

3307 Bedford ..... SOLD!

1313 Rosewood Ave. ..... SOLD!

1109 W Missouri Ave. ..... SOLD!

3109 S Lorraine Rd ..... SOLD!

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4313 Rosewood Dr. - 3 bed/2 bath $1,400

3309 Parkhill Dr. - 4 bed/2 bath $1,600



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Effluent Distribution Technician

Maintains pivots in good working order and prevents holding ponds from overflowing.

Job Duties:
•Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center pivots in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
•Operates gates and lagoon system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines where and when to store water.
•Monitors operations in order to apply the proper amount of water.
•Repairs water line leaks and breaks.
•Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gullies caused by operations.
•Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central pivot units.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair meters or parts. Skill in willing to record results.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. C Operator's certification from the TNRCC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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Electronics Tech - Airport

Performs routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electrician/Electronics Specialist.

Job Duties:

•Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.

•Assists the Electrician/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.

•Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring meters and devices.

High school diploma or equivalent plus two to three years of experience as an electrician required. Journeyman's License as an electrician required. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP

Troubleshoots and maintains electrical, SCADA and control equipment for the well field, Purification Plant, Water Pollution Control Plant, water storage towers, booster station.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assists in the development of the budget and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items to the appropriate division during the annual budget process.

Job Duties:
•Troubleshoots and repairs electrical service to any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Troubleshoots and repairs control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Troubleshoots and repairs SCADA equipment at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Programs SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Instructs users of SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Calculates electrical loads for equipment and installs wiring.
•Determines equipment and supplies required for jobs by reading code books and blue prints.
•Keeps abreast of changes in the Electrical Code and Regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
•Maintains inventory of supplies used and replaces as needed.
•Perform Operations & Maintenance duties as assigned.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Ability to read operator's manuals, blue prints and schematics in order to maintain electrical, SCADA and control equipment throughout the Utilities Department in good working order. Skill in the operation of electrical and mechanical hand and power tools. Employee must perform mathematical calculations in order to determine electrical needs. Skill in willing to record results and track work. Will be on-call.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. A valid Apprentice Electricians license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 12 college hours of electronics coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class 'C' or above water works license.

Benefits:
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Lab Technician

The employee is responsible for performing, monitoring, and interpreting the results of tests necessary for the operation and regulatory compliance of the water and wastewater operations of the City of Midland. They are also responsible for the interpretation and implementation of regulations promulgated by State and Federal authorities.

Assists in the development of the budget for laboratory operations and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items during the annual budget process.

Monitors expenditures during the year.

Job Duties:
•Responsible for the daily operation of laboratories in support of the Utilities Department. Conduct bacteriological, chemical, physical and instrumental analysis of water and wastewater samples submitted to the laboratory.
•Maintains equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as for the City's facilities. This includes accurately maintaining extensive records tracking all chemicals, supplies, and equipment used for daily operations.
•Collects, analyzes, and interprets results of environmental, water and wastewater samples.
•Prepares reagents for use at the laboratory and performs standardization of reagents to ensure quality.
•Must maintain work area, supplies, and equipment in an orderly, safe, and clean manner.
•Maintains accurate and extensive analytical data records of data for future use.
•Investigates and reports on complaints and all other problems delegated by the Director of Utilities.
•Make monthly reports or as required to the Water Regulator Agencies and Utilities.
•Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
•Keeps apprised of State/Federal regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
•Performs related duties as required. Available for on-call obligations and work on weekends as needed.

Qualifications:
Employee has contact with general public, other employees, and other agencies.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Must have skill in writing to record results of analysis. Employee generates memos and reports of work performed. Ability to perform chemical analysis. Must have thorough knowledge of chemistry and good knowledge of water and wastewater treatment. Must possess knowledge of computer software and applications. Working in laboratory lab protocol.

Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Biology or related field is preferred. Must be able to obtain Class D water operator license in the State of Texas within a year after hired and be able to maintain the license while employed.

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Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector

Perform responsible work in support of city engineering staff. Work relates to engineering construction activities such as construction inspection of municipal projects involving construction of asphalt or concrete pavement, sidewalks, ramps, water lines and sewer lines.

Job Duties:
•Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Tests materials and workmanship as required.
•Maintain daily diary and rec rds on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
•Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provides information to update record drawings.
•Inspect traffic control devices for compliance with plans and the Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Make safety inspections to note deficiencies for correction.
•Analyze field construction problems and assists engineers with recommending corrections.
•Performs survey work as requested by Engineering staff.
•Coordinate with traffic, utility companies, landowners, etc. before and during construction.
•Acts as project field coordinator for contractors, utility companies and city departments.
•Researches utility locations and right of way, assemble plat and deed information and produces plan views.
•As appropriate, trains and evaluates the progress of other employees.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Must be able use and communicate by hand-held radio. Basic skill in the use of a variety of machines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.

Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, surveyors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or scheduling work. Must posses skill to observe, read, and interpret written technical materials and construction drawings. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment.

Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certifications preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

Extensive skill in observing, reading and interpreting written technical materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and other state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate in drafting with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plats for boundary surveys.

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
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NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Landfill

Disposes for refuse through the use of heavy equipment at the Landfill.

Job Duties:
•Disposes of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
•Maintains access roads to the Landfill.
•Covers refuse at the end of each day.
•Maintains all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
•Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
•Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to disposal. Knowledge of the processes used in collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, claws and hydraulic systems as well as simple shovels, brooms and rakes. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent, plus one to three years of equipment operation preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater

Performs manual and unskilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of acquired skills and operates several types of light vehicles and equipment. Does related work and training as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to water and sewer system maintenance. Knowledge of the processes used in utility maintenance. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools. Skill in the use of heavy equipment utilized in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and jet truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas CDL Class A driver's license required or must be obtained within 6 months of employment. Must possess or be able to obtain Wastewater Certification Class I and Water Distribution D Certificate with in a reasonable length of time.

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NOW HIRING

Lead Water Purification Plant Operator

This position requires a demonstrated ability to perform advanced functions related to the operation and maintenance of equipment at all water treatment facilities. This position functions as a Lead Operator and also as Chief Plant operator when required, performing complex analysis of the Water Treatment Plant operations and having direct charge of the operation of a water treatment facility or Water Production Facilities. Positions at this level provide instruction and assistance to lower level of Water Treatment Plant Operators. This position is normally filled by advancement from the Water Treatment Operator II. Position requires three to five years of experience in a Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator and must possess a minimum of a Class 'C' Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the time of accepting position.

Benefits:
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SKILLED LABOR

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NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services

Maintains the animal shelter and grounds, provides quality care for the animals in our custody and assists the public and other animal control personnel.

Job Duties:

•Processes animals that are brought to the animal shelter by providing health evaluations, parasitic controls, scanning for microchips and placing in the proper holding are.
•Maintains the sanitation and environment of kennel areas, cat facilities, quarantine areas, wildlife facilities and sick/injured animal room.
•Assists in euthanasia and the disposal of animals as required.
•Maintains and operates the animal cremation system for mass disposal and private cremations.
•Picks up large quantities of dead animals from veterinarians for disposal by cremation.
•Micro-chips animals that leave animal controls custody.
•Unloads dead and live animals from the public, veterinarians and animal control offices.
•Performs preventative maintenance on equipment, building and grounds.
•Provides assistance to visitors.
•Operates a vehicle to pick up dead livestock and supplies and other machinery.
•Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or animals that may be in the kennel. Employee may have direct contact with other animal control personnel such as the SPCA, various humane societies and animal rescue organizations.

Ability to deal with the public and provide humane care for the animals. Some knowledge in the recognition of animal diseases is needed. Ability to follow both written and oral instructions is also necessary

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must be able to obtain Department of State Health Services Basic Certification within one year of employment. Must be able to obtain euthanasia certification within six months of employment.

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Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex

Performs all routine maintenance work for the parks division at the sports complex, including special events.

Job Duties:
•Performs routine buildings and grounds maintenance.
•Removes trash from containers.
•Inspects grounds and athletic areas and facilities for repairs.
•Operates and maintains equipment used in daily operations. Fills out reports and submits to supervisor.
•Helps set up of special events and sports tournaments.
•Works weekends and evenings as required.
•Performs other related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in troubleshooting air conditioning and plumbing. Ability to operate hand tools and equipment such as mowers, gas powered trimmers, saws and other gardening and maintenance tools.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas Driver's License, CDL preferred.

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NOW HIRING
Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

Maintains all electrical equipment used to monitor and control oil well services equipment. Home nightly.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- 6 months experience maintaining and repairing electronic instrumentation and automation equipment.
- Valid operator's license with clean driving record.

Comprehensive Benefits package!
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Local Drivers

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts 5am - 5pm (14/7 rotational) never on call, optional overtime.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- Valid operator's license.
- Clean driving record.
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Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling water/brine to drill rigs, fracturing crews, etc. Hauls water/brine from well locations to proper disposal facilities.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

Performs skilled & Semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upkeep. Perform manufactures recommended preventative maintenance to equipment at the Water Purification Plant.

Job Duties:
•Repairs equipment including pumps, chemical feeders, valves and specialized equipment.
•Performs preventative maintenance on plant equipment according to manufacturer's recommendations.
•Performs annual maintenance at plants including but not limited to cleaning and painting of water treatment basins and painting of equipment.
•Performs electrical repairs including wiring of electric motors, switches, and panels.
•Troubleshoots electrical problems including checking and repairing control circuits.
•Serves as a shift relief as needed, assuming full authority, duties and responsibilities of position that is being filled.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of plant operations and maintenance. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Skill in the use of hand tools, test equipment, and welding tools. May work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. One to three years experience in a related field preferred. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Water license within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must posses a valid Texas Class 'B' CDL or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:
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Service Center Technician

Performs tire installation and repair and general maintenance on vehicles and machinery.

Job Duties:
•Repair flat tires. Removes and installs wheels and tires from vehicles and equipment.
•Responds to requests for towing and service calls.
•Performs electrical jump starts on vehicles and equipment.
•Performs diagnostic checks on batteries and alternators. Changes out as necessary.
•Balance tires.
•Performs engine oil and filter changes. Changes transmission oils and filters.
•Cleans and maintains shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
•Orders and issues parts.
•Opens work orders, charges out parts and closes work orders as required.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and vendors in order to diagnose repairs and order materials for repair.

Knowledge of proper tools used in general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as wrenches, tire hammers and breakdown bars, tire and wheel balancers, tire machines, jacks, air impact wrenches, fork lifts and assorted hand tools. Skill in the reading and practical application of manuals, schematics and other similar specifications used by city departments. Ability to

read, measure and calculate types and sizes of materials needed and ability to reason amount of time that will be used in the actual repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

High school diploma or equivalent plus one year of general service station experience is required. Experience in fueling vehicles, changing oil and oil filters, and changing or repairing auto and large equipment tires is also required. Employee must have dependable transportation and a telephone at their residence. A valid Texas license required, CDL preferred. Must have a State of Texas Inspection License or ability to obtain within 90 days.

DAYS & HOURS:
Monday - Friday, 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm

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Utility Plant Operator - Water Purification Plant

The primary function of a Water Plant employee is to perform semi- skilled and skilled operations and maintenance duties in our water facility, including monitoring, operating, maintaining and adjusting equipment. Additionally, an employee performs data collection and reporting functions to ensure compliance with Federal and State water quality requirements & Standards.

Job Duties:
• Gathers and computes chemical analysis of water samples. Interprets and logs results.
• Controls water treatment processes to meet regulatory standards.
• Operates and monitors various water plant equipment and machinery.
• Maintains daily and hourly records of plant operations
• Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage within the City.
• Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
• Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
• Reports maintenance issues that affect plant Operations.
• Assists maintenance personnel as assigned and when needed.
• Performs routine cleaning of work areas.
• Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Must work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Surface Water license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must posess a valid class "C" Texas driver's license.

Benefits:
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Well Field Technician - Paul Davis

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:
•Assists other Utility Department Divisions as required.
•Performs Operations & maintenance duties as required at WPP.
•Controls water disinfection processes to meet regulatory standards.
•Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
•Maintains required records of operations, generates monthly report and maintenance records.
•Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
•Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
•Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
•Performs routine cleaning of assigned area. Maintains grounds at well field compounds.
•Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

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Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and tower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% of evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Groundwater license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Valid Texas class "B" CDL required or must be obtained within 1 year of employment.

Benefits:
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Utility Plant Operator - WPCP

Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

Job Duties:
•Collects water samples for testing and analysis in primary treatment area.
•Operates and maintains primary treatment equipment and observes the operation of related plant equipment.
•Reads gauges, records information and reports problems to the Operator, or other supervisors.
•Performs janitorial and grounds keeping duties in assigned areas.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and supervisors on plant condition and in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders to collect samples for analysis. Skill in willing to record results. Shift work required.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus ability to obtain C operator's certification from the TNRL C within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shift; Rotating Days Off

Benefits:
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Coonrod Electric Company is Hiring for:
Automation PLC Programmer

This individual needs to be proficient in Programming Allen Bradley, Idec, SCADAPACK, Direct Logic PLCs. The program is engineered and written for any application of Oil, Gas and Water production, distribution, and disposal. Also this individual needs to be proficient in programming different types of HMIs as well, ie Redlion, Idec, Allen Bradley or Magle. Individual needs to have experience in Programming, Troubleshooting, Installations, and Retrofitting locations with either a PLC or controller of some type, ie Fisher ROC, Total Flow, Weatherford. Individual also needs to have experience in motor controls to electrical or drive type, VFD, VSD. Individual must also know how to read drawings and diagrams, electrical and mechanical. Individual needs to have experience in panel fabrication and all electronic components needed to fabricate a PLC cabinet or panel. Must have knowledge in instrumentation and various degrees of field instrumentation devices and applications in industrial or commercial. Oilfield experience not necessary, but Industrial and commercial experience a must. Certifications and Degrees preferred, but not necessary. Must have good communication, administration, and computer skills.
Please call 281-849-2188 or send resume to [redacted]

Coonrod Electric Company is Hiring for:
Senior Automation Technician

This individual must have experience in Industrial, Commercial, or Oilfield Automation. Must have strong troubleshooting skills, also installation, retrofits, and new construction of automation and instrumentation equipment. Must have experience in electronic circuitry and electrical motor controls. Individual needs to have experience in Troubleshooting, Installations, and Retrofitting locations with either a PLC or controller of some type, ie Fisher ROC, Total Flow, Weatherford. Must be able to use different types of testing equipment, measurement equipment and communication equipment and be able to test, loop check wiring, calibrate instrumentation devices. Must be able to read and write drawings and diagrams and be able to distinguish and choose instrumentation devices needed for any application. Must have great communication, administration and computer skills. Individual would be working in field alone and be able to do physical labor and lift up to fifty lbs.
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Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

Perform manual and unskilled labor on traffic signs and markings, which often involves the use of acquired skills. Operate several types of light and heavy vehicles, equipment, and tools. Do related work and training as required.

Job Duties:
•Assist in loading and unloading transported equipment.
•Operate equipment used in the daily activities of the Traffic Operations division such as paint machines, sign installation equipment, welders and other heavy equipment.
•Perform maintenance, service minor repairs on vehicles and equipment.
•Install and maintain roadway signs, markings and all other traffic devices.
•Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment.
•Maintain records of work performed, schedules, status reports and work orders.
•Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee must be able to communicate effectively with employees, management and citizens in order to effectively receive and complete assigned work.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to traffic control devices and operations. Knowledge of the processes used in traffic control maintenance. Employee must be able to follow instructions for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and striping truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders is also required.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class 'A or B' CDL required, or must obtained within 6 months of employment.

Benefits:
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Equipment Operator - Transportation

Under Supervision, performs unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled duties in the maintenance and repair of the City's street infrastructure. Performs a variety of tasks including general labor and the operation of light and heavy equipment used in the repair of streets, alleys, and drainage ways.

Job Duties:
•Performs routine maintenance and repair of City streets and alleys through the operation of light and heavy equipment including walk-behind saws and compactors, dump trucks and water trucks, and other equipment related to the maintenance of streets and alleys.
•Performs daily preventative maintenance of equipment.
•Performs manual work and general labor such as making street and curb cuts.
•Maintains tools and equipment.
•Assists with the proper set up of work zone traffic control.
•Assists in loading and unloading of transported material and equipment.
•Fulfill on-call duties as required and outlined on Transportation's on-call roster.
•Assists with the maintenance of Transportation's buildings and grounds.
•Assists other City divisions and departments, as needed.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee must effectively communicate with all co-workers, managers, and citizens. Must effectively communicate with managers regarding work orders.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to read materials including equipment manuals and daily work logs. Ability to read field levels and fuel gauges. Ability to receive and understand training materials and demonstrations regarding the proper operation of light and heavy equipment for which employee has no prior knowledge or experience.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class A or B Commercial Drivers License required.

Monday - Friday; 7:30 am until 4:00 pm; Overtime work may be required.

Benefits:
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Maintenance Specialist - Transportation

Operates some motorized equipment, hand tools and assists Equipment Operators in the maintenance and/or construction of streets, alleys and drainage channels. Installs devices that provide for the orderly and predictable movement of all motorized, non-motorized and pedestrian traffic.

Job Duties:
• Performs routine maintenance and/or construction on streets, alleys, right of ways, drainage channels, etc.
• Performs daily preventative maintenance of motorized equipment or hand tools.
• Performs manual work and general labor such as weed eating, pothole repair, shoveling, etc.
• Maintains tools and equipment in good and safe operating condition.
• Performs any related duties required to complete projects.
• Installs and maintains signage throughout the city.
• Paints lane lines on the streets and thoroughfares. Paints designated curbs.
• Installs lane marking devices.
• Trims trees in order to clear sign obstructions.
• Fabricates signs.
• Maintains records of work performed such as work schedules, status reports and records of work orders.
• Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to train on some motorized equipment or tools. Ability to read materials such as equipment manuals and work orders. Ability to write and record information such as field work on work request orders.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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"The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's (children's) adoption.

"Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Texas, this the 12th day of March, 2018.

ALEX ARCHULETA
Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas

Vivian Ramirez, Deputy

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CV54236

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: The Unknown Owner or Unknown Owners, and any and all persons, including Adverse Claimants, owning, having or claiming any interest in or lien upon the property hereinafter described; the Heirs, Legal Representatives and Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Walton Haye Bostwick; and the Corporate Officers, Trustees, Receivers and Stockholders of any of the above named and mentioned parties which may be corporations, foreign or domestic, defunct or otherwise, trusts, or receiverships, together with the Successors, Heirs and Assigns of such, who own or have or claim an interest in the property, to wit: a 4.33% non-participating royalty interest regarding Hogan Park, Pioneer Natural Res, T1S BLK 39 SEC 13 N/2 A35, RRC-08-29812 located in Midland County, Texas (the "Royalty Interest"). You are notified that this suit has been brought by Marilyn H. Page, as Plaintiff, on February 12, 2018 as Cause No. CV54236, styled: In Re: 4.33% non-participating royalty interest regarding Hogan Park, Pioneer Natural Res, T1S BLK 39 SEC 13 N/2 A35, RRC-08-29812, to quiet title to the Royalty Interest. All parties to this suit shall take notice that claims to the Royalty Interest at the time of this suit was filed be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in this cause by all other parties hereto, and by all parties who may intervene herein and set up their respective claims against said property. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND SUCH SUIT AT OR BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON APRIL 30, 2018, SUCH DAY BEING THE FIRST MONDAY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO (42) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE HEREOF (WHICH IS THE RETURN DAY OF SUCH CITATION), BEFORE THE HONORABLE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, to be held at the Courthouse thereof, then and there to defend such suit and show cause why judgment should not be rendered for Plaintiff. You are being sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday following expiration of 42 days after issuance of this Citation (being April 30, 2018), a default judgment may be rendered for the relief demanded in the Petition. HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ make answer as the law requires. ISSUED but not prepared by District Clerk's Office AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID DISTRICT COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS on this the 15th day of March, 2018.

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Midland College will receive competitive sealed proposals for General Construction Work for the Midland College Allison Fine Arts Building McCormick Gallery Renovations at 3600 N. Garfield St., Midland, TX 79705. Sealed proposals (prepared according to the instructions to Proposers may be sent to Dennis Sever, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St., Midland, TX 79705. A pre-proposal conference will be held on April 2, 2018 at the project site in the Midland College Allison Fine Arts Building at 9:00 a.m., local time. Attendance by prospective proposers is not mandatory. The bid opening location will be held in the Midland College Administrative Offices Boardroom at 1:30 P.M., local time, April 19, 2018. Proposals received prior to this time will be securely kept, unopened. Proposals received after this time will not be considered. Proposal Documents will be available beginning March 26, 2018. Digital documents are available for download at no charge and may be secured from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. at 1700 W. Wall, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701,432.697.1447

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is Requesting Proposals for:

Motorized Drive Bariatric Beds
for
Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital located at 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland TX 79701 on or after Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by 12 Noon, Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

All proposals must be sealed and labeled "RFP # 1245-032118"

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until April 10, 2018.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Officers will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy and procedures of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Bids shall be addressed to:
Amy Jean Fultz
Director of Supply Chain
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway
Midland, Texas 79701
Amy.fultz@midlandhealth.org

General Announcement

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Thursday, March 27, 2018 2pm online at storagetreasures.com. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash; immediate removal is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes the contents of the following delinquent tenants: Janette McAteer - Household Misc, Susan Littlefield - Household Misc, Catherine Spoon - Household Misc, Kelly Flanagan - Household Misc. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information, contact Midland Lock Storage at 432-694-7711.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0309679
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 9, 2018 Status/Permit No. 836829
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 13, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642852] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 36, Blk. 39, T & P RR CO Survey, A-1, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 1.7 miles E direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6791.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Apr 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REMAINS PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	RANCHLAND B UNIT	
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	4311H	
Lease/Unit Acres	:	266.56	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0	
Lease Lines	:	1445.0 F N L,	932.0 F E L
Survey Lines	:	1445.0 F N L,	932.0 F E L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
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Terminus Location
SH County: MIDLAND
Section: 24 Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 691
Survey: T&P RR CO / ZIRKER, M
Lease Lines : 15.0 F N L
330.0 F W L
Survey Lines : 1654.0 F N L
1760.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 33330, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10030 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Shanon Coleman, at (737)802-1300

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0309680
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 9, 2018 Status/Permit No. 836830
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 13, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PATSY MAURICE PHILLIPS, Deceased, were issued on March 13, 2018, in Cause No. P19339, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: BRUCE ARNOLD PHILLIPS.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: BRUCE ARNOLD PHILLIPS
2705 Hidden Springs Drive
Mesquite, Texas 75185

DATED the 13th day of March, 2018.

Glen G. Halsell
Attorney for Bruce Arnold Phillips
State Bar No.: 08005700
520 N. Grant, Ste. 1100
Odessa, TX 79761
Telephone: (432) 332-6080
Facsimile: (432) 335-8447
E-mail: glen.halsell@gmail.com

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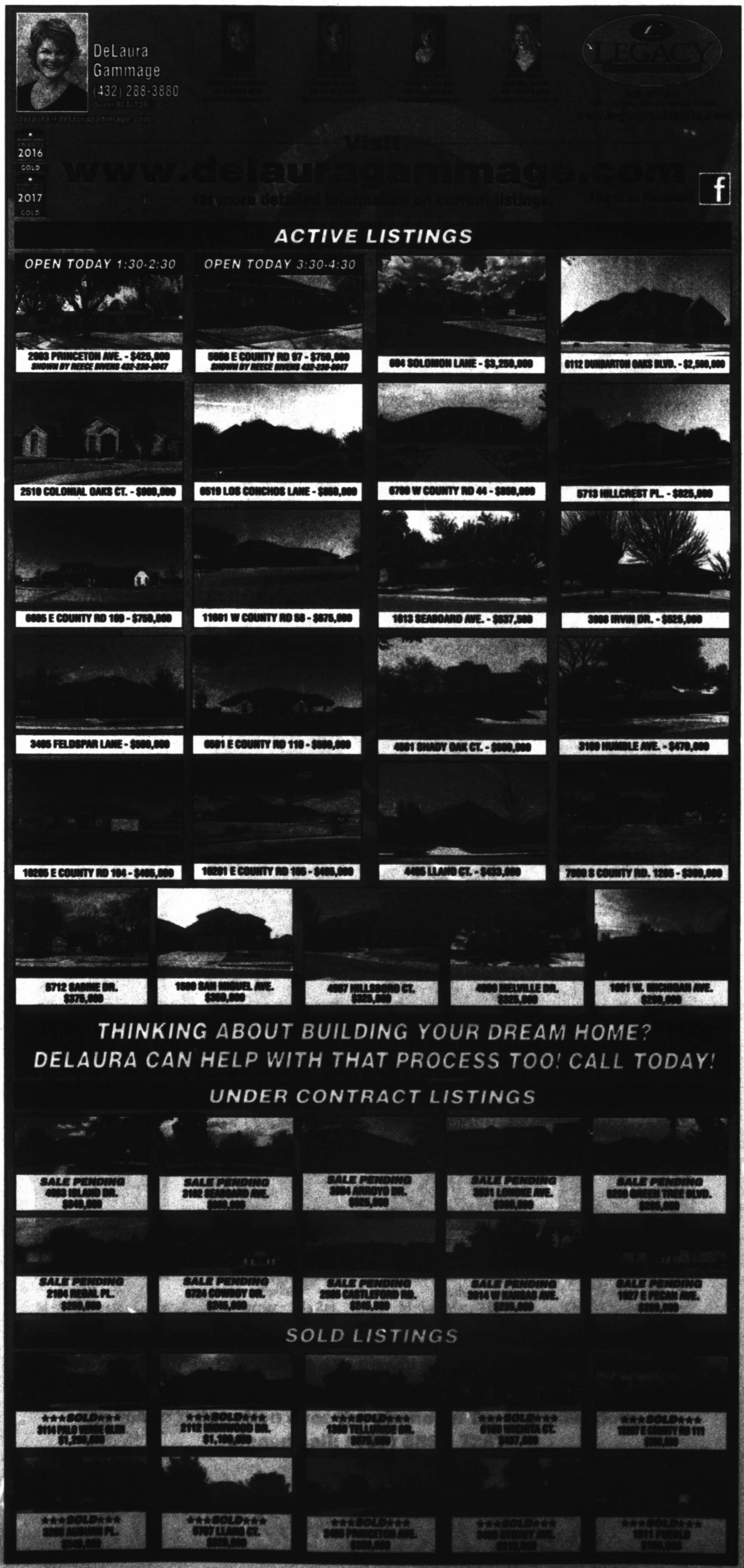
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of J.C. Whitaker, Deceased, were issued on March 20, 2018, in Cause No. P19368 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Charlotte Shirley Whitaker.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: L. Shane Stokes
Attorney at Law
200 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 20th day of March, 2018.

L. Shane Stokes
Attorney for Charlotte Shirley Whitaker
State Bar No.: 19272500
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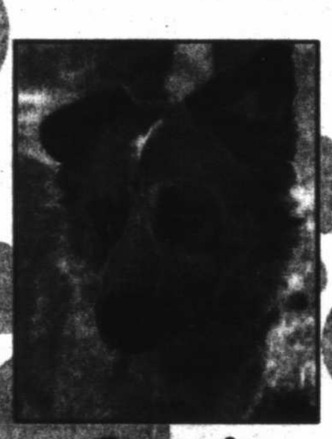
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Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

OXY USA INC is applying to the Railroad Commission to amend commingle permit 07297. Leases included in the permit are Fryar and Fryar Donelson A. Production is from Spraberry (Trend Area) field. Production will be commingled at the Fryar Battery located in RRC District 08 in Howard County.

Pursuant to Statewide Rules 28 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Sandra Musallam at (713) 366-5108.

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Midland Engineering Services Department hereby gives notice of the City's intent to revise the flood hazard information, generally located between Solomon Lane and Maverick Lane. Specifically, the flood hazard information shall be revised along named and mapped playa lakes M39, M40, M41, M42 and M43, plus unnamed playa lakes nearby, in an area approximately located on both sides of Highway 349, extending one-half mile west of Highway 349 and one mile east of Highway 349, and running from Solomon Lane north to Maverick Lane.

As a result of the revision, the 1% annual chance water-surface elevations shall increase and/or decrease or be established, and the 1% annual chance floodplain shall widen and/or narrow or be established within the area of revision.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the City of Midland Engineering Department at 300 North Loraine Street, Midland, TX 79701. Interested persons may call Assistant City Engineer Jeffrey H. Cohen, P.E., CFM at 432-685-7287 for additional information from March 26, 2018 to April 9, 2018.

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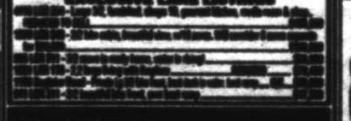




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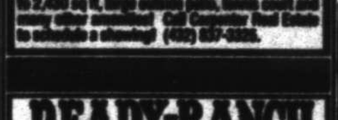
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NOTICE TO BID
MINERAL INTERESTS

The Parmer County COMMISSIONERS Court is currently accepting sealed bids for the lease of oil and gas exploration and development of approximately 12,133.616 mineral acres, being all of the County's net mineral acreage currently in Gaines County, Texas; save and except those acres under continuous lease pursuant to the building oil and gas wells.

The legal description for the property is as follows:
League 318, Labors 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.
All of League 316
All of League 317, save and except, the south 1/2 of Labor 16, all Labor 25, Parmer County School Lands, Gaines County, Texas

Bids must be submitted by 2:00p.m., on April 09, 2018 at the following address

Trey Ellis, Parmer County Judge
401 3rd Street, Room 104
P O Box 968
Farwell, Texas 79325

Bids received after the deadline will be unopened and returned to the bidder.
Bids will be opened and read on April 09, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., 2018, at the Parmer County Courthouse, by the Parmer County Commissioners Court and the Parmer County Judge and evaluated for acceptance within thirty (30) days thereafter.

Acceptance of the accepted bid will be in the open session of the Parmer County Commissioners Court on a date to be announced in advance.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

PARMER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Trey Ellis — County Judge
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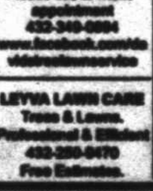
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2100 Kentucky Ave.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	SOLD
3208 Ohio Avenue	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	$195,000
3400 Dartmouth Dr.	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
400 W. Pine Ave.	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
4500 Tanglewood Trail	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$295,000
8507 Sabine Dr.	4 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
3505 N. Penn St.	4 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
911 W. Carroll Ln.	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5305 Dunes Court Lane	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
2013 Westhaven Dr.	4 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$504,000
6106 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	4 Bdrm/4.5 Bath/3 Car Garage	$939,000

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4301 Torrey Vista Dr.	Schrock Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Bath/3 Car Garage	SOLD
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9404 Shenfield Ln.	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4401 Casa Verde Ct.	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5309 Dunraven Ct.	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/3 Car Garage	$609,900
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7310 E. Co. Rd. 110	Millard Calley Homes/4 Bdrm/4 Bath/3 Car Garage	SOLD

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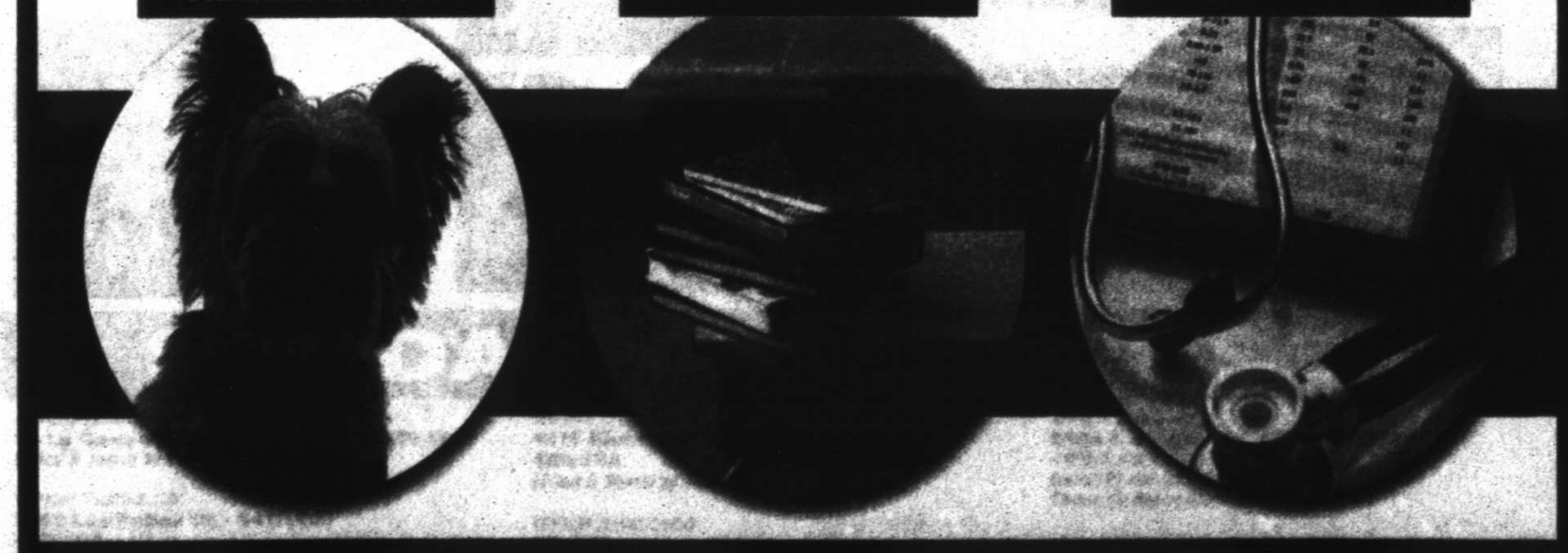
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Homeownership...Still Beneficial!

Housing finance debates have long raised these questions: What is the ideal US homeownership rate, and what should be the federal government's role in encouraging homeownership? Offered answers have lacked detailed evidence on the costs of homeownership versus renting. In a recent study we show that homeownership remains highly beneficial for most families, offering both financial gains and a way to build wealth. Home owning is especially beneficial for those who expect to own their home for a long enough period to overcome the sizable transactions costs and the cyclical volatility of home prices. We begin by determining what a homeowner would have paid to rent a comparable property. From this amount, which the homeowner saves, we subtract all the costs of homeownership, including operating costs, maintenance costs, property taxes, homeowner's insurance, capital expenditures, and loan payments, to get the property's cash flow. We then consider the tax deduction value for borrowers who itemize. Finally, to calculate the property's internal rate of return, we consider the gain or loss from the sale of the home, the property's cash flow each year, and 7 percent transactions costs from the sale. For example, a homeowner who kept the home for 14 years, from 2002 to 2016, had an annualized return of 10 percent without the tax benefit and 14.3 percent with the tax benefit. There were individual years within this window in which renting would have been more advantageous, but homeownership was advantageous most of the time, as demonstrated by the high annualized rates of return. The returns varied by the geographic areas examined.

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5611 Co. Rd. 1214	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, New Const.	MLS #50011954		$475,000
10507 E. Co. Rd. 109	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, HUGE shop in Greenwood	MLS #50012032	UNDER CONTRACT	$384,900
1216 Convair Drive	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Const.	MLS #50012309	NEW LISTING	$360,000
1217 Convair Drive	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Const.	MLS #50012308	NEW LISTING	$327,000
2513 Cimmaron	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage + shop	MLS #50012256	UNDER CONTRACT	$300,000
3805 Bedford Ave.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #50012003	SOLD	$285,000
2717 W. Co. Rd. 130	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, 1/2 acre	MLS #50012205	SOLD	$284,000
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 259	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #109008	OWNER CARRY	$99,400

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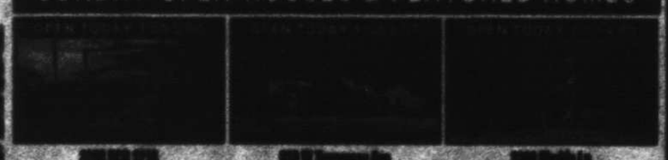
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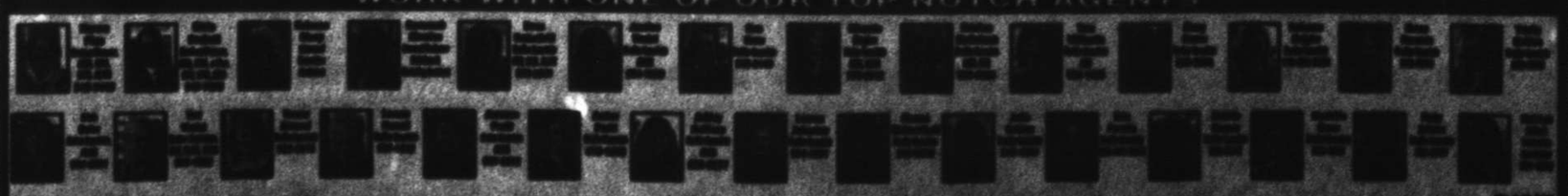
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5707 LOS PATOS DR...Pam Dodd ... $419,000
4616 RICHMOND DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... $419,000
5114 GREATHOUSE...Stephanie Rogers 432-978-9757 ... MLS #50011578 ... SALE PENDING
3204 HERBERT...Martha Manolis ... MLS #50013329 ... $385,000
5200 HATHER...Martha Manolis ... SALE PENDING
5500 GRASSLAND...Martha Manolis ... MLS #50012489 ... $375,000
3124 PATRICK...Wendy Waddell 638-9055 ... MLS #50002405 ... $369,000
4105 CRESTRIDGE DR...Leah Watkins ... $369,000
1500 SAN MIGUEL AVE...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013704 ... $359,000
1600 BACA ST...Brittney Boyd ... MLS #50013004 ... $349,000
2500 EMERSON PL...Karen Foster ... MLS #50011909 ... $335,000
4000 MELVILLE DR...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013475 ... $325,000
45 STUTZ CT...Cheryl Parrish ... $324,000
1311 CORRILLOS...Leah Watkins ... MLS #50010457 ... $314,000
2402 W. TERRACE...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... SALE PENDING
6702 VANGUARD...Donna Omar ... $309,000

5302 WAGNER STRIP...Lavaune Johnson 770-3003 ... MLS #50004532 ... SALE PENDING
4500-10 FAIRGATE DR.-DUPLEX...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50008199 ... $299,900
5307 WAGNER...Larry Hatfield ... MLS #50013054 ... SALE PENDING
6110 CRYSTAL SKY LN...Leah Watkins ... MLS #50008920 ... $295,000
1501 W. WILSHIRE...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013698 ... $295,000
4102 GLENEAGLES...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50012401 ... SALE PENDING
2800 DURANT...Pam Dodd ... $288,000
610 HARBOR COURT...Martha Manolis 557-6744 ... MLS #50008418 ... $279,900
3602 HORSESHOE...Leah Watkins ... MLS #50005704 ... $275,000
2500 FRONTIER DR...Darla Davis ... MLS #50011734 ... $265,000
4616 RICHMOND DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50013023 ... $425,000
7310 E. CO. RD. 91...Melody Carroll ... MLS #50009732 ... $259,000
3610 STONEY AVE...Ashley St. John ... MLS #50012705 ... SALE PENDING
3217 SINCLAIR...Donna Omar ... MLS #50007208 ... $255,000
4016 GLENEAGLES DR...Kim Merrill ... MLS #50010827 ... $255,000
1627 E. PECAN AVE...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013270 ... SALE PENDING
4010 N. CO. RD. 1270...Kay Evans 894-5005 ... MLS #50012570 ... $199,900
604 W. KANSAS AVE...Lisa Russell 741-8804 ... MLS #108208 ... $199,900
700 UPLAND DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #50005200 ... $199,000

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

6724 COWBOY DR...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013212 ... SALE PENDING
3701 CARDINAL LN...Pam Dodd ... $499,000
4400 GREEN TREE BLVD...Gina Reyes ... MLS #50013622 ... $499,000
3000 RIVER DR...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013679 ... $425,000
4501 SHADY OAK CT...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013560 ... $399,000
3109 HUMBLE AVE...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013574 ... $479,000
2905 PRINCETON AVE...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013398 ... $425,000
7000 N. CO. RD. 1205...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50012698 ... $399,000
5712 SABINE DR...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013599 ... $376,000
1004 NORTH B...Danny Harwood 413-2764 ... MLS #50008505 ... $369,900
3322 HAYNES...Savannah Glover ... MLS #50013561 ... $365,000
4007 HILLSBORO CT...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013656 ... $325,000
6016 RIO GRANDE AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013528 ... SALE PENDING
4709 ROSEWOOD...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... MLS #50009502 ... SALE PENDING
2513 CHIMARRON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ... MLS #50012755 ... SALE PENDING
3102 PRINCETON...Leah Watkins ... MLS #50010427 ... $299,900
4709 BISHOPS CASTLE...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50009843 ... SALE PENDING
9405 SAN SABA CT...Gina Reyes ... MLS #50008830 ... $299,900
500 W. GOLF COURSE RD...Kim Merrill 664-6702 ... $299,900
6200 GREEN TREE BLVD...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013385 ... SALE PENDING
2021 HOOS AVE...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50009731 ... $270,000
2905 SKYLINE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... $270,000
100 CLUB DR...Josie Alvarez ... $264,900
2905 DOUGLAS...Karen Foster ... SALE PENDING

6001 HESSIA DR...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... SALE PENDING
6000 KING RANCH RD...Pam Dodd ... $369,000
1209 PRAIRIE LANE...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... MLS #100004433 ... $355,000
3027 SEABOARD AVE...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50013745 ... $354,900
6300 CHIMARRON...Pam Dodd 413-6700 ... SALE PENDING
6000 KING RANCH RD...Pam Dodd 413-6700 ... $350,000
2104 REBEL PL...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013433 ... SALE PENDING
4500 BISHOPS CASTLE DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #50003108 ... $349,900
3301 CLAREMONT DR...Darla Davis 260-0077 ... MLS #50001001 ... $349,000
3405 EDGEMONT DR...Leah Watkins ... $339,000
3605 WAGNER...Lauren Smith 201-0575 ... SALE PENDING
6210 CHIMARRON...Donna Omar ... MLS #50005775 ... $335,000
3004 W. KANSAS AVE...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... SALE PENDING
1601 CASCADE CT...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50012309 ... SALE PENDING
2001 DOUGLAS...Pam Dodd ... SALE PENDING
1000 KELLY AVE...Martha Manolis 557-6744 ... MLS #50004091 ... $332,000
604 S. JACKSON...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ... MLS #50007040 ... $330,000
1109 HILLTOWN RD...Darla Davis 260-0077 ... MLS #50008001 ... $329,900
3412 EMERSON CT...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50008158 ... $329,000
702 SINCLAIR AVE...Lisa Russell ... MLS #50012959 ... $329,000
409 GREENHAW DR...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... MLS #50004711 ... $325,000
3601 STANSBURY...Danny Harwood 413-2764 ... $325,000
3609 BOYD AVE...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... MLS #50007035 ... $325,000
3604 SINCLAIR...Darla Davis 260-0077 ... MLS #50008005 ... $324,000

4007 CONCHO...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50013117 ... SALE PENDING
900 SHEA LN...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... MLS #50003252 ... $323,000
3011 PRINCETON...Donna Omar ... $320,000
3200 W. WOODROW...Martha Manolis 557-6744 ... MLS #50001315 ... $319,000
3910 EDGEMONT DR...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50013046 ... $314,000
3005 JORDAN AVE...Skye Farris ... $313,000
605 WAVERLY DR...Skye Farris ... MLS #50008418 ... $299,000
2202 N. D ST...Larry Hatfield ... MLS #50011483 ... $199,900
601 N. TERRELL...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50013154 ... SALE PENDING
2800 NOVA DR...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... MLS #50002162 ... $199,000
507 S. CLEMMONER...Wendy Waddell ... $197,000
4405 PINEDALE DR...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50008701 ... $179,900
4303 PRINCETON AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50011269 ... SALE PENDING
3230 WHITTLE WAY...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... $169,000
309 S. DALLAS ST...Darla Davis ... MLS #50002102 ... $167,000
5305 SUNNYSIDE DR...Martha Manolis ... MLS #50004108 ... $165,000
1204 SAN ANTONIO...Danny Harwood ... MLS #50004827 ... $160,000
3405 IDLAND AVE...Wendy Waddell 638-9055 ... MLS #50006053 ... $159,000
4702 COMANCHE...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... MLS #50006021 ... $149,900
3214 PARK LN...Ashley St. John ... MLS #50013053 ... SALE PENDING
2609 W. OHIO...Lavaune Johnson 770-3003 ... MLS #50011286 ... SALE PENDING
1600 HUDSPETH...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50008570 ... $134,900
4405 PINEDALE...Danny Harwood 413-2764 ... $134,000

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

2305 CASTLEFORD RD...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50012810 ... SALE PENDING
2400 COLLEGE...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50013713 ... $210,000

4724-D HARVARD AVE...Stephanie Masterson 935-1924 ... $109,000
3500 CALDERA #140...Cheryl Parrish ... MLS #50008509 ... $110,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

4400 E. CO. RD. 60...Danny Harwood 413-2764 ... MLS #100422 ... $699,000
6700 W. CO. RD. 46...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50010101 ... $599,000
6000 E. CO. RD. 100...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013002 ... $799,000
6000 E. CO. RD. 97...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013609 ... $760,000
4011 E. CO. RD. 66...Tina Atkins 432-661-0062 ... $599,000
11601 W. CO. RD. 86...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013550 ... $575,000
7213 E. CO. RD. 114, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... MLS #50008497 ... $539,000
6001 E. CO. RD. 110...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... $499,000
7110 E. CO. RD. 114...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ... MLS #50010571 ... SALE PENDING
10201 E. CO. RD. 105, GREENWOOD...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50012591 ... $469,000
12107 W. CO. RD. 92...Lisa Russell 741-8804 ... MLS #108216 ... $464,900

10200 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50012750 ... $449,000
7000 E. CO. RD. 110...Nicole Duncan ... MLS #50010402 ... $439,000
7000 S. CO. RD. 1205...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013698 ... $399,900
5700 E. CO. RD. 90, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013102 ... SALE PENDING
10307 E. CO. RD. 105...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ... MLS #50012652 ... SALE PENDING
2305 E. CO. RD. 140...Donna Omar ... $325,000
1200 S. CO. RD. 1110, GREENWOOD...Darla Davis ... MLS #50011018 ... $310,000
1002 E. CO. RD. 100...Andrea Snell 559-0417 ... MLS #50003114 ... SALE PENDING
3700 W. CO. RD. 145...Danny Harwood 413-2764 ... $300,000
3700 W. CO. RD. 145...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... MLS #50000040 ... 10 Acres/$300,000

2500 E. CO. RD. 140...Donna Omar ... MLS #50013410 ... $449,900
1010 S. CO. RD. 1000, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 MLS #50012507 ... $399,900
7000 E. CO. RD. 91...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... SALE PENDING
4010 N. CO. RD. 1270...Kay Evans 894-5005 ... MLS #50009403 ... $349,900
10000 SAN MIGUEL...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50012000 ... SALE PENDING
4007 S. CO. RD. 1177...Darla Davis 260-0077 ... MLS #50005740 ... $349,900
10201 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... SALE PENDING
4010 N. CO. RD. 1270...Kay Evans 894-5005 ... MLS #50012570 ... $199,900
3010 S. HWY. 349...Kim Merrill ... MLS #50012102 ... $149,000
6001 E. CO. RD. 85...Stephanie Masterson ... MLS #50013092 ... $134,900

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

14400 OLD N., BROWNWOOD, TX...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #50005008 ... $699,000
10 LA CAMPANA DR...Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6005 ... MLS #50012053 ... $749,900
CO. RD. 2400, COMANCHE TX...Melody Carroll ... MLS #50011044 ... 155.391 Acres/$700,000
6011 CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ... MLS #50011054 ... $479,000
14 SUSSEX DR., ODESSA...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... MLS #105300 ... $349,900
3010 SAN PEDRO, ODESSA...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... MLS #50005002 ... $315,000
COLORADO CITY...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... MLS #50005043 ... 10 Acres/$300,000
3000 CO. RD. 310, HOWARD CREEK LAKE-GREENWOOD...Josie Alvarez ... $220,000

2742 PAIR OAKS CIRCLE...Darla Davis 260-0077 ... MLS #100332 ... $370,000
6000 KING RANCH RD., ODESSA...Pam Dodd 413-6700 ... $360,000
6000 STE, ODESSA...Pam Dodd 413-6700 ... SALE PENDING
6720 CORNELL AVE., ODESSA...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... MLS #102370 ... $334,000
1100 E. 46TH, ODESSA...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... MLS #50007312 ... $309,000
1710 ROSEWOOD AVE., ODESSA...Darla Davis ... MLS #50011002 ... $199,000
2304 S. 3RD, LAMESA...Larry Hatfield 340-4700 ... MLS #50005973 ... $198,000
401 E. 60TH ST., ODESSA...Tina Atkins 432-661-0062 ... MLS #50012800 ... $195,000

420 OLD COURSE RD...Amanda Gunter ... MLS #104104 ... $165,000
400 E. 60TH STREET, ODESSA...Amanda Gunter 413-7200 ... $160,000
14240 LOYOLA, BROWNWOOD...Leah Watkins ... MLS #50002203 ... $160,000
5421 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA...Darla Davis ... MLS #102231 ... $170,000
512 CEDARWOOD...Jordlyn Gardner 202-0276 ... MLS #103010 ... $159,500
10201 E. CHEROKEE ST., BROWNWOOD...Leah Watkins 559-2187 MLS #50004439 ... $153,000
3432 CENTER AVE., ODESSA...Tina Atkins 432-661-0062 ... MLS #107210 ... $117,000
5102 LAKE CO. RD. 350...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ... MLS #100026 ... $99,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

4300 E. CO. RD. 1131...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... MLS #50009725 ... $1,000,000
12102 W. CO. RD. 100...Ashley St. John ... MLS #50012205 ... SALE PENDING
4300 E. CO. RD. 1131, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 MLS #50009724 ... $1,575,000

6700 FM 307...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ... MLS #50005749 ... $999,000
200 S. COLLEGE, STANTON...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... MLS #50007703 ... $749,000
2322 WOLFCAMP GROVE...Susan Palmer ... MLS #50013369 ... $399,000

1010 MIDKIFF, ODESSA...Ashley St. John ... MLS #50010005 ... SALE PENDING
401 KIRKLAND RD...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #100027 ... $50,000

LAND AND LOTS

3102 E. CO. RD. 1000, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... MLS #50010403 ... 10 Acres/$1,500,000
4300 E. CO. RD. 1131, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... MLS #50011022 ... 40 Acres/$1,200,000
6200 FM 307...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ... MLS #50005743 ... $999,000
3701 CHIMARRON LN...Pam Dodd ... $999,000
600 W. 14TH...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3019 ... MLS #50002910 ... $499,000
N. CO. RD. 1205...Pinnacle Glover ... MLS #107020 ... 70.5 Acres/$699,000
6110 E. CO. RD. 120...Kim Merrill ... MLS #50011027 ... 10 Acres/$399,000
CO. RD. 69 W. AND 1200...Lavaune Johnson 770-3003 ... MLS #50007410 ... 3 Acres/$199,000
[illegible]...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... MLS #50007174 ... 10 Acres/$199,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013340 ... 5.733 Acres/$174,000
12100 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50012020 ... $31,000
[illegible] LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013109 ... SALE PENDING
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013032 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013030 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000

4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013035 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013036 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013037 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013038 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013039 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013040 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013041 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013042 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013043 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
4300 S.E. CO. RD. 1100...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013044 ... 2.5 Acres/$94,000
[illegible]...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... 20 Lots Available/Starting @ $40,000
[illegible] LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013110 ... 1.00 Acres/$39,000
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[illegible] LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013113 ... 1.00 Acres/$39,000

[illegible] LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013114 ... 1.00 Acres/$39,000
[illegible] LOT...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013115 ... 1.00 Acres/$39,000
3000 CHIMARRON, CROSBY CO...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... $24,000
3000 CHIMARRON, CROSBY CO...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... $24,000
3000 CHIMARRON, CROSBY CO...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... $24,000
2004 PINEDALE ST., CROSBY CO...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... $24,000
3007 CHIMARRON, CROSBY CO...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... $24,000
3000 CHIMARRON, CROSBY CO...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... $24,000
300 S. CLEMMONER...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... MLS #50005170 ... $24,000
4000 CHIMARRON, CROSBY CO...Michelle Lasiter 230-5033 ... $24,000
1000 E. CO. RD. 82, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 MLS #50013115 ... $39,000 Per Acre
1200 E. CLEMMONER...Karen Foster 559-0000 ... $-0,000
4007 E. CLEMMONER...Karen Foster 559-0000 ... $-0,000

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

2010 CROSS AVE...Denise Shepler ... MLS #50011408 ... SALE PENDING
3504 LOUISE AVE...DeLuna Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #50013491 ... SALE PENDING
2010 CROSS...Karen Mason ... MLS #50003701 ... $209,000
4310 PINEDALE DR...Gina Reyes ... MLS #50003701 ... SALE PENDING
3102 TEALWOOD...Danny Harwood 413-2764 ... MLS #50007035 ... $199,000

5400 W. WASHINGTON AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-6412 ... MLS #50013109 ... SALE PENDING
5103 GLENEAGLES, UNIT 10...Wendy Waddell 638-9055 ... MLS #50013109 ... $109,000

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ABOVE: Sister Malgorazata "Margo" Majszczyk visits with nurse Sandy Kirk at the Neonatal Intensive Care unit March 14 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital-Tyler in Tyler. BELOW: Sister "Margo" Majszczyk prays with new mother Alison Collins of Whitehouse and her 6-day old daughter, Lucy.

Roman Catholic nun offers love, support at Tyler hospital



By Betty Waters
Tyler Morning Telegraph

TYLER — Smiling broadly while wearing her nun's habit, veil, ring and cross, Sister Margo strolled up to a tiny newborn baby girl sleeping peacefully in the neonatal intensive care unit at Christus Mother Frances Hospital-Tyler.

She visited with the mother. Then she prayed in thanksgiving for the new life and for God's blessing that the infant will be well and go home as soon as possible. She also prayed for the whole family to grow in love every day. She made the sign of the cross on the baby's forehead and hugged the mother.

Alison Collins, whose new daughter was 6 days old and named Lucy after St. Lucy, said it was a blessing that Sister Margo came at the right time.

"It's one of those God things," she said. "It's been a beautiful experience to be here."

Later, Sister Margo approached staff, visited with and hugged them.

A chaplain originally from Poland, she is called Sister Margo because her real name — Malgorzata Majszczyk — is difficult to pronounce. She has been at Christus Mother Frances Hospital almost 13 years, but has been in this country more than 25 years.

Sister Margo, a member of the community of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, is one of eight nuns who live in a convent on the hospital grounds, serve Christus Mother Frances Hospital and were honored in recent observance of National Catholic Sisters Week.

Sister Margo's primary ministry here is to serve the neonatal intensive care unit, where she prays for infants and supports expectant mothers and mothers who have already had babies as well as their families.

Often, Sister Margo also is on call for the whole hospital.

"It is a beautiful, profound, amazing experience because God allows me to be with people at a time when they are really in a tough spot because when you come to the hospital, most of the time — even if you come for tests — it's scary," she said.

Her days begin early with prayers and Mass before she heads out to serve patients and hospital staff.

Sister Margo strives to be a witness of God's love to people as she assists the hospital in carrying out its mission to expand the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

She said, "All I want is to bring a ray of light that people know that there is a ray of hope because God loves them."

In all circumstances, Sister Margo gives big hugs, even to strangers she has just met.

When Sister Margo enters a hospital room or unit, she introduces herself to the patient and family and tells them she is there to support them in any way that she can. Many times, she just listens to what they want to share about what is happening in their life.

Almost every day, Sister Margo sees babies being born. "Witnessing a new life is always awesome," she said.

Sister Margo rejoices with parents when a baby is born and prays with them in thanksgiving.

However, from time to time, she said, it is a sad experience because there are mothers who lose their baby because of different circumstances. That is a crushing, devastating experience for those parents, Sister Margo said, and she tries to bring them comfort, to just be with them and pray for them.

Seeing somebody go home from the hospital makes Sister Margo happy, and she prays for him or her. "I find myself praying in thanksgiving many, many times when something beautiful happens," she said.

Even when somebody is dying, Sister Margo prays in thanksgiving for his or her life. "I always pray thanksgiving for the blessings they have received throughout their life, just asking God to bring them

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5 QUESTIONS

With Paula Brooks | First Christian Church of Midland

The Rev. Paula Brooks is associate minister at First Christian Church of Midland. The Big Spring native is an alumni of Howard College and West Texas State University from which she received a degree in education. She also has a master of divinity from Texas Christian University. She's taught in Big Spring ISD and served as associate chaplain at Big Spring State Hospital. She was called back into ministry full time and accepted the position of associate and children's minister in 2007.

Holy Week services at First Christian Church will begin today. Palm Sunday. The church is hosting Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday.

Brooks

I reserved my perfect residential lot at Village South!

My sister is a long time resident of Manor Park, and I have been thinking about making the move for a while.

When I heard about their new development for active seniors, Village South, I chose my floorplan and signed up!

Village South at Manor Park

NAMES & FACES

OUT&ABOUT

by Julie Donnelly





EMPTY BOWLS

Nathaniel Ramirez, left, and Kaden Ramirez

EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER BENEFITS FOOD BANK

Bowls were filled to the brim at "Empty Bowls 2018," West Texas Food Bank's annual fundraiser, which took place at Trinity School last month. In addition, the organization hosted its second Bowl-A-Thon, at which University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Midland College and Odessa College students taught area residents how to make pottery bowls.

Guests then had the option to buy a handmade pottery bowl for soups and desserts served by Jason's Deli and Catfish & Co.

MIDLAND ROTARY CLUB HONORS 3 WOMEN

Midland Rotary Club honored three local women with the "Women Making a Difference Award." Lisa Kelly, Eileen Piwetz and Tricia Redwine were honored during the 30th anniversary celebration of the year women were permitted to join Rotary.

The club wanted to honor women who, while not Rotarians themselves, exemplified the vision, character and ethics of Rotary members, and who have helped make Midland the community it is today.

The luncheon, which was at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, featured salad, smothered chicken and a variety of desserts.



EMPTY BOWLS

Braden McAfee, from left, Jordyn Whitson, Maddox Easley, Caroline Hartzer and Audrey DeWoody

To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.



EMPTY BOWLS

Samantha Medney, left, and Allystair Jones



EMPTY BOWLS

Melissa and James Rowland and Liam Rowland



MIDLAND ROTARY CLUB

Tricia Redwine, from left, Lisa Kelly and Eileen Piwetz



EMPTY BOWLS

Shirley and Jim Woods



EMPTY BOWLS

Miranda Weldon, left, and Mimi Weldon

Woman is rocked by results of DNA test

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I'm hoping you can give me some guidance, as I am a huge fan and read your column regularly. I am a 32-year-old woman whose mother and grandmother told me about our proud Native American heritage all my life. Several years ago, I got a large tattoo in our tribe's language as a way to honor my family.

Recently, Mom did a DNA test and discovered that we are not, in fact, of Native American descent. We feel devastated and betrayed by our parents and grandparents for lying to us for generations. I haven't shared this news with my husband, extended family and friends because I feel so ashamed and humiliated.

I told Mom that I would like to have my tattoo covered up or removed. It upset her and made her feel incredibly guilty. I'm not doing this to hurt her, but because I feel like a fraud and don't want to lie about the tattoo's meaning in the future. Abby, your thoughts on how best to handle this situation? — TATTED AND CONFUSED

DEAR T and C: Considering the circumstances, I see no reason for continuing to wear a tattoo that would be a constant reminder you were lied to. If your mother deliberately misled you, she has good reason to feel guilty. If she, too, was misled, then she's as much a victim as you are.

My thought is that you are the only person who has to live in your own skin, and you should do with it whatever will make you happy.

DEAR ABBY: For 18 years I was in a loveless marriage. The one good thing that came out of that marriage was my beautiful, 14-year-old daughter. My ex-wife and I have been divorced for a year now, and I'm feeling emotionally available.

I have met — or shall I say re-met — a woman I have known since second grade. She was my sister's best friend and was always around our house growing up. She was kind of like a sister, but I always had a crush on her. Now, so many years later, we have connected. We see each other every few weeks and text each other.

This has been going on for almost a year. My crush has come back, but it is different this time. I feel like I'm falling in love with her. I'm not sure how she feels about me, but we do have an incredible connection. She calls us kindred spirits. And that's where my question lies. How do I take a 45-plus-year friendship out of the friendship zone? Should I tell her how I feel or not? I have tried, but the words just wouldn't come out of my mouth. — LOST IN FRIENDSHIP

DEAR LOST IN FRIENDSHIP: The words you are looking for are, "I think I'm falling in love with you, and I need to know if you feel the same way." Say that, and the worst that can happen is your friendship of 45-plus years will remain a "kindred spirit" friendship. The best that can happen will be you will hit the jackpot. Speak up!

BRIDGE

Permian Bridge Club

March 12
Belle Harris-Ann Parish, Ann Servatius-Kay Sewell, Greg Keys-Sandy Hill, Marlene Blumentritt-Audie Brooks, Linda Buzan-Betty Moore, Linda McDonald-Lonnie Yee

March 13
Tommie Strack-Patti Heard, Martha Poss-Douglas Brown, LaDoyce Lambert-Blumentritt, A. Brooks-Bill Brooks, Buzan-Parish

March 14
Dorothy Brenneman-Paula Baggett, Sarana Savage-Harris, Linda Scarpelli-Keys, Strack-B. Brooks

March 15
Helen Davis-John Seymour, Baggett-Brenneman, Charlie Grimes-Scarpelli, Les Neal-Mike Schlueter, Phyllis Maxwell-Georgia Temple
Mike Robinson-Marilyn Matthews, Mamessa Smith-Harris, Ann Brooks-Mary Tift, Sewell-Savage, Iris Foster-Buzan
Overall: Robinson-Matthews, Harris-Smith, Davis-Seymour, Brenneman-Baggett, Grimes-Scarpelli, Neal-Schlueter, Maxwell-Temple, Savage-Sewell, Foster-Buzan

March 16
Debbie Conly-K.C. Evans, Buzan-Baggett, Blumentritt-Flo Curry, Kay Arrell-Strack, Janet Stoltz-Poss

March 18
Curry-Evans, Bob Bacon-Deborah Brookins, Grimes-Servatius, B. Brooks-Debra Jones, Blumentritt-Arrell, Buzan-Yee

SUPPORT

From 1E

peace and serenity if He is calling them home so that they will feel his love and not be afraid," she said.

Sometimes in grief, there are no words to say, but Sister Margo may offer comfort by holding the hands of those involved. "Many cry on my shoulder," she said.

Besides offering support to families in a time of death, Sister Margo occasionally conducts a debriefing session for the medical staff after a particularly traumatic death of a patient.

"It is overwhelming how some people will respond. Not only do I pray for them, but they pray for me to continue this ministry because they know it's not easy," Sister Margo said

She said her main purpose is to be a witness of God's love to people. And in that process, she said, she has received countless blessings.

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BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Another roadmap

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ J 8 5
♡ K 6 5 2
◇ A 6 5
♣ K Q 5

WEST
♠ 4
♡ 9 4
◇ K J 10 8 3
♣ A J 10 9 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 9 7
♡ Q J 10 7
◇ 9 4
♣ 8 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 6 3 2
♡ A 8 3
◇ Q 7 2
♣ 7 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2NT*	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

*Weak, at least 5-5 in the minors

Opening lead: Nine of ♡

The "Unusual no-trump," showing 5-5 in the minors, is a popular convention for tournament players. The West hand is a good example of the bid. When the opponents buy the contract, however, these bids often provide a roadmap for declarer in the play of the hand. The defense to this bid is pretty standard and North's three diamond bid showed spades and at least invitational values.

South won the opening heart lead with his ace and led a low club. Dummy's king won when West played low, so declarer crossed back to his hand with the ace of spades and led another club. West rose with his ace and continued clubs to dummy's queen as South shed a low heart. Decision time! West, assuming he was 5-5 in the minors, only had one major suit card remaining. Unless that card was precisely the queen of spades, the contract could not be made with straightforward play. South would have to lose two diamonds and a spade to go with the club trick already lost. Should West's last major-suit card be a heart, the contract could still be made, and South showed us how.

He cashed the king of hearts and ruffed a heart as West discarded a diamond. Dummy was re-entered with the ace of diamonds and another heart was ruffed. South exited with the queen of diamonds to West's king, but when West tried to cash the jack of diamonds, East was forced to ruff and lead a spade away from his queen. Making four!

50s

From 1E

"I would like to invite everyone to come and join us as our journey to Easter draws closer," Brooks said. "There will be egg hunts for children of all ages and it will also be an opportunity to learn about 30-plus different agencies in our community," she said.

For more information about upcoming events, visit fccmidland.org.

MRT: What's been your proudest achievement in your calling?

Brooks: I have worked with children for more than 35 years either as a teacher or a children's minister. As an educator, I always felt proud when I saw the "light bulb" come on when a student learned something new or was able to master something that they struggled with. As a children's minister, experiencing those moments when a child begins to have a relationship with Jesus Christ and how much they are loved and valued.

MRT: What is your motto?

Brooks: Never ask anyone to do something that you're not willing to do yourself.

MRT: What is the best thing you cook?

Brooks: Chicken and dumplings.

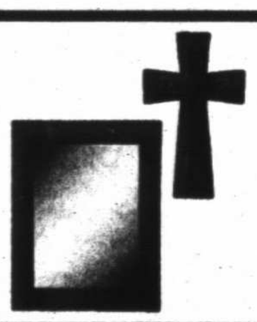
MRT: Who is a fictional hero and why?

Brooks: Leroy Jethro Gibbs on "NCIS." Gibbs is strong, determined, doesn't let anything stop him to get to the truth and will make any sacrifice to do so. Under that tough exterior, he has a heart of gold. We need more (people like) Gibbs in this world.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Brooks: Dr Pepper and M&M's — sorted by color.

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Circo - Robb

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Circo and Ms. Lori Daisley of Omaha, Nebraska, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Marie Circo, to William James Robb. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Robb of Midland, Texas.

Ashley is the granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Circo of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Daisley of Omaha, Ms. Virginia Daisley of Omaha, and Mr. Albert Mueller and the late Bonnie Mueller of Grayslake, Illinois. Ashley is a 2011 graduate of Millard North High School in Omaha and a 2015 graduate of Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth. Ms. Circo is currently a CPA with BDO USA, LLP, in Dallas.

William is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Y. Robb, Jr., of Big Spring, Texas, the late Mr. and Mrs. George S. Crawford, Jr., of Dayton, Ohio, and Mr. Stan Lagedrost of Dayton, Ohio. William is a 2011 graduate of Midland Christian High School and a 2015 graduate of Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth. Mr. Robb is currently a partner with Robb Management Group in Midland.

The couple will marry at TCU's Robert Carr Chapel in August.

'Grate' cheese idea prevents cooking mess

Dear Heloise: There is a great way to grate cheese and not have a mess afterward. Use a stand-alone box grater and place it inside a very large plastic bag. Zip-close bags are best for this task. Grate the cheese, and you'll notice that it all goes into the bag. Take out what you need, then zip it shut and put the rest in the refrigerator. — Lucy A., Mesa, Ariz.

Concentrate on this

Dear Heloise: What is meant when a label says "from concentrate?" My husband says juice from concentrate is of poorer quality. — Penny F., Hanover Park, Ill.

Penny, water is removed from the product (usually fruit), and it becomes "concentrated." Water is later added back to restore the concentrated product to its normal state for consumption. This does not affect the vitamins and minerals in the juice. — Heloise

Simple side dish

Dear Heloise: I have a cucumber dish that my friends love, and it's so easy to make:

- 1 or 2 cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 1 cup sour cream

Place sliced cucumber in a bowl. Mix sour cream and vinegar together, and gently stir into cucumbers. Chill for 30 minutes. This dish is especially nice on a warm day, and it adds a little zip to any meal. — Frances G., Evansville, Ind.

A little wine with dinner

Dear Heloise: When a recipe calls for a "dry" white wine, I never know what to use. Any suggestions? — Candice V., Gillette, Wyo.

Candice, a dry white wine could be pinot grigio or sauvignon blanc or chardonnay, for example. When a recipe calls for dry, it's probably best to stick with a dry wine rather than substituting a sweet wine. — Heloise

'Dollar store diva'

Dear Heloise: My husband calls me the "Dollar store diva" because I find so many great buys in those types of places. One of my favorite tricks is to buy cheap plastic plates, especially seasonal ones, and use them to give away cookies, cake, etc.

They're so much prettier than plain paper plates, and can always be reused. — Danielle D., Lubbock

Tiny tins

Dear Heloise: I love breath mints that come in a little tin. When I'm finished with the mints, I paint the tins a pretty color and attach a label describing what's inside.

I have one for extra earring backs, one for single earrings (in case I find their mate), one for safety pins, etc. I love to recycle this way! — Carrie D., Bangor, Maine

Keep your matches dry

Dear Heloise: As a camping enthusiast, I've discovered that one of the most important things I can do is keep my matches dry.

To ensure that they stay dry, I use an empty pill bottle with a childproof top. This also is a great idea for the kitchen if you need to light a stove, and it keeps kids out of a potentially dangerous substance. — William O'M., Durango, Colo.

Hints from Heloise
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Names in the News

from staff reports

■ U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Russell D. Newsom recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio and earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Greta L. Newsom of Amarillo and Dwayne Newsom of Monroe, Louisiana.

Newsom is a 2013 graduate of Lee High School and earned an associate degree in 2015 from Texas Tech University.

■ A Midland woman is among those who Gov. Greg Abbott reappointed to the OneStar National Services Commission.

Kate Williamson, owner and president of Katherine E. Williamson, is chair-elect for High Sky Children's Ranch and is a member of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Gene Seaman of Corpus Christi was appointed to the commission. Others who were reappointed are Daphne Brookins of Forest Hill and Annette Juba, Mike Morath and Kathryn Timmerman, all of Austin.

The commission is the state's liaison to the Corporation for National and Community Service, oversees Texas' participation in the corporation's programs, prepares a comprehensive plan for the state and helps to oversee the Rebuild Texas Fund to help those recovering from Hurricane Harvey.

Calendar

Compiled by staff reports and the Arts Council of Midland | acmidland.org

March 25-31

TODAY

Easter Bunny at Midland Park Mall: Caring Bunny is a comforting photo experience for children with special needs. Noises and lighting will be reduced, queues will be altered and special activities will be available during the wait. 9-10:30 a.m. at 4511 N. Midkiff Road. simonbunny.com.

Wall St. Antiques Treasure Hunters Expo features antiques, repurposed items, rustic decor and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail.

CLOSING: "The Jungle Book" by the Pickwick Players. Closes today. 2:30 p.m. at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

MOSC: "Classic Brass" with Lone Star Brass. 3 p.m. at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Easter Bunny at Midland Park Mall: Pet photos with the Bunny. Guests can bring pets for a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. 6:30-8 p.m. at 4511 N. Midkiff Road. simonbunny.com.

MONDAY

"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.

Bridge games play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

Palette Club Painting. 9 a.m.to noon at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Permian Basin Bookies monthly meeting. 6 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. pbbookies.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 Lines: 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. bbbercik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Day of Giving benefiting West Texas Food Bank. Jersey Mike's will offer100 percent of the day's receipts to the WTFB. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at Jersey Mike's Subs, 4400 N. Midland Drive.

THURSDAY

Hours of Friends beginning Cours de Amigos. 6:30-9 p.m. at the Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St.

Meditation and Finding Balance by the Lifestyle Meditation Center. Limited space so online registration is required. 6-7 p.m. at Midland Memorial West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway 85. Brentalex.com.

Easter Egg Eggstravaganza by the Midland Parks and Recreation Department. Egg hunts and activities for age groups: 3 and younger, 4-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-10 years and 11-12 years old. 6-8 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1415 E. Scharbauer Drive. Free. midlandtexas.gov.

Capernaum Art Gallery Fundraiser by Midland Young Life. The event will help fund students attending summer camp. Cocktail attire requested. 7:30 p.m. at Midland Young Life Capernaum, 925 W. Wadley Ave.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

FRIDAY

Eggcellent Adventure will have a coloring station, egg hunt and even shopping deals. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Natural Grocers, 3116 N. Loop 250 W.

Alpine Gem and Mineral Show, through April 1 at the Alpine Civic Center, 801 W. Holland Ave., Alpine.

Easter Spring Fest is 4-6:30 p.m. at Ashton Medical Lodge, 801 S. Loop 250 West; Easter egg hunt, hot dogs and cotton candy; face painting and balloon animals; and photos with live rabbit; 689-2100.

SATURDAY

Classic Cars and Coffee. 9 a.m.-noon at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, 403 Andrews Highway.

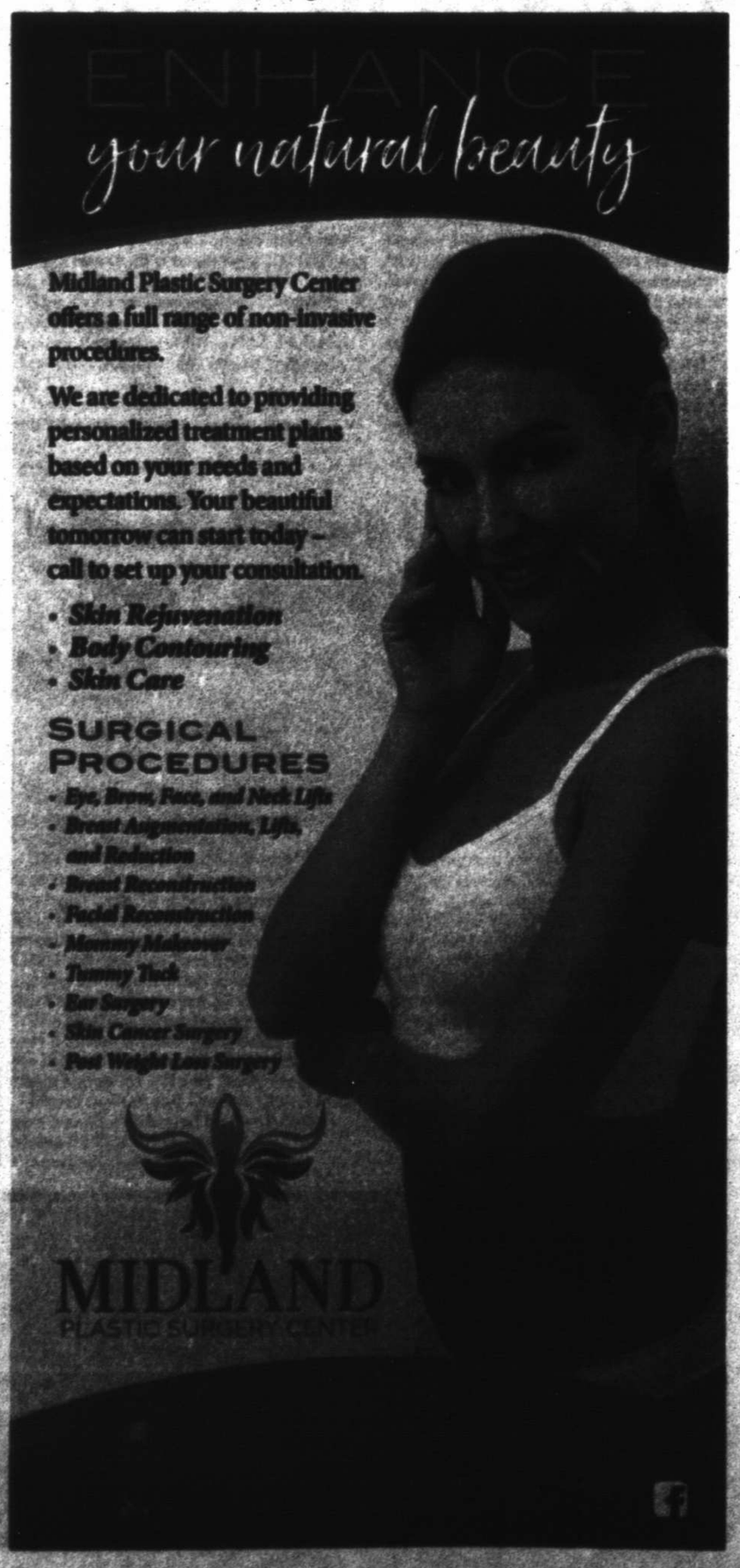
Sensory-friendly Screening "Sherlock Gnomes." This screening is hosted in auditorium dedicated to guests on the spectrum and with sensory processing disorders. 9:30 a.m. at Cinergy, 1917 Library Drive.

"The Duckling Gets a Cookie!" storytime. 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

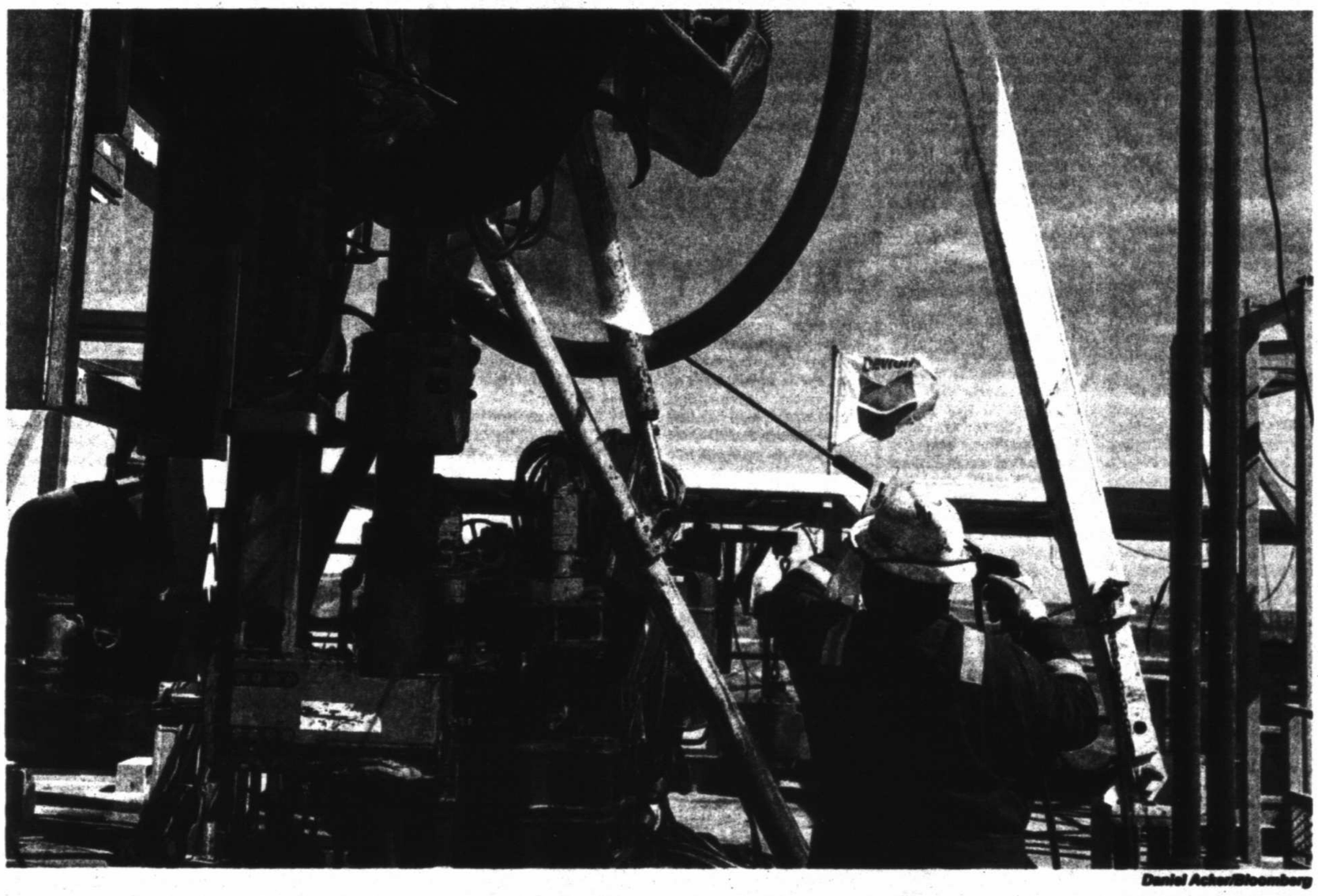
The eighth annual Community Egg Hunt hosted by First Christian Church. The event will feature free hot dogs, cotton candy and more than 25,000 eggs to hunt for. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hill Park, 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave.

Author Signing: Local pastor Tyler Price signs copies of his book "Prevailing Soul."

Noon at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.



SOARING OIL PATCH



Daniel Acker/Bloomberg

A Nabors Industries Ltd. roughneck uses a power washer to clean the floor of a rig drilling for Chevron Corp. in the Permian Basin near Midland on March 1. Chevron, the world's third-largest publicly traded oil producer, is spending $3.3 billion this year in the Permian and an additional $1 billion in other shale basins. Its expansion will further bolster U.S. oil output, which already exceeds 10 million barrels a day, surpassing the record set in 1970.

Petroleum index climbs 30 percent

■ Oil prices at $60 help fuel recovery

By Mella McEwen
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Crude prices that have rebounded from their steep decline have helped fuel a sharp increase in the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index.

Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the index, reported the January index posted its 16th consecutive monthly increase and is 29.6 percent higher than the January 2017 index.

For the first time since November 2016, crude prices crossed the $60 barrier, averaging $60.10 a barrel in January, up 22 percent from the $49.25 averaged in January 2017.

Drilling activity has recovered from a September-October slump, with the rig count in the Railroad Commission districts that cover West Texas averaging 329 rigs in January, a 40 percent surge from the 235 averaged the previous January.

That rise in drilling activity sent crude production volumes to a record high of just under 63 million barrels in January, a gain of 17.8 percent over a year earlier. The value of that production rose 43.7 percent to $3.77 billion, compared to $2.63 billion a year ago.

The cash flow from that output was flowing into more paychecks, with oil and gas industry employment surging 25 percent to approximately 34,575 from 27,665 in January 2017. Revised figures released earlier this month by the Texas Workforce Commission increased the number of jobs by an estimated 1,660 and raised the growth rate to 25 percent from the original 20.3 percent.

The Railroad Commission issued 656 drilling permits in January, the highest January figure since 2014 and a 34.7 percent jump from the 487 issued in January 2017.

Permian operators reported 550 oil well completions in January, 125.4 percent more than the 244 reported the previous January.

Natural gas generally followed crude oil trends, with the January average price of $3.18 per Mcf inching up a penny from last January's average of $3.17 per Mcf. Natural gas production volumes in January were 204.7 million cubic feet, up 13.8 percent from 178.9 million the last January. With slightly higher commodity prices, production values rose 14.2 percent to $651 million from last January's $570.3 million.

Permian operators reported 35 natural gas well completions in January, 30 more, or 600 percent more than the five operators reported in January 2017.

Lotus Midstream jumps into midstream space

By Mella McEwen
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Midstream companies of all stripes — from integrated firms to master limited partnerships to private equity-backed firms — are flocking to the Permian Basin, drawn by expectations of high rates of growth in oil and natural gas production.



Prince

Joining that crowd will be Lotus Midstream, backed by a $400 million capital commitment from EnCap Flatrock Midstream and its management team.

Mike Prince, who will serve as chief executive officer, said it is an exciting time to be a midstream company, in part because there is a renewed focus on infrastructure and the need to take care of energy infrastructure, maintaining and upgrading pipelines and the need to upgrade the nation's ports. He said this will lead the United States to be competitive, not just in energy but economically overall.

Another reason it's an exciting time to be a midstream company is because "the midstream space is continuously evolving," Prince said.

Part of that evolution is the large acreage positions operators are taking in both the Midland and Delaware basins that will need infrastructure — from gathering lines to mainlines to terminals — in the next several years, he said.

Operators also will need access to various end-markets, particularly as exports of U.S. crude continue to increase, Prince said.

"Shippers need optionality to get to the water for shipping," he said.

That's why midstream companies planning projects bringing Permian Basin crude to the Gulf Coast are offering the option of sending that crude to the refineries or to the

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Desk and Derrick Club gets boost from rising oil patch activity

■ Membership has doubled in last year

By Mella McEwen
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Growth fueled by the region's oil and gas economy is impacting other areas, including industry associations.

The Desk and Derrick Club of Midland is an example. Its membership has increased from 23 at the beginning of 2017 to 60 at the end of the year, representing 27 energy-related companies. Club President Lea Ann Spurlock said she expects the organization to end 2018 with membership of between 50 and 55.

The Midland group is marking its 67th year and also is celebrating being named the Premier Organization in the Permian Basin region for 2018 by Shale Magazine.

March is Desk and Derrick Club Awareness Month, celebrated by its 49 clubs across the U.S. and Canada.

Spurlock said plans are to continue Desk and Derrick's mission "to educate and learn about the industry, its importance and how it operates," she said.

Among those efforts are assisting with the quarterly "Family Science Night" at the Petroleum Museum and distributing "Energy Activity Books" to area elementary school students. Members of the group also assist the Permian Basin Petroleum Association with its membership luncheons, Top Hand Banquet and annual meeting, Rockhad Oil & Gas's annual energy conference and the Permian Basin International Oil Show.

Members will host their annual Industry Appreciation Dinner April 12 at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Michael Hollis, president and chief operating officer of Diamondback Energy, will be the evening's speaker.

Then members will turn their attention to the 25th annual Black Gold Golf Tournament, which is May 4 at Hogan Park Golf Course. Spurlock said the

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Forum with executives from several major chemical companies discuss success strategies during the shale boom, at the IHS World Petrochemical Conference on Wednesday.

Petrochemicals executives focus on challenges ahead as industry booms

By Katherine Blunt
Houston Chronicle

Petrochemicals executives on Wednesday agreed that plastics and other materials will drive demand for oil and gas in the coming decades, but warned that the industry must spend carefully and seek advances in materials that help curb greenhouse gas emissions, reduce waste and improve agricultural productivity to help feed a ballooning population.

Speaking at the World Petrochemical Conference by IHS Markit, leaders from companies with major Houston-area operations outlined plans to invest more heavily in producing lightweight, durable plastics while emphasizing the need to hold down the costs of building and operating plants to remain competitive if the costs of natural gas and petroleum feedstocks rise.

The panelists each addressed the overarching question of how to preserve the rapid growth of the petrochemicals industry during a boom in U.S. shale production that has generated a steady flow of inexpensive natural gas liquids to turn into feedstocks for plastics, building materials and consumer products. The surge has fueled a wave of multi-billion-dollar investments in chemicals manufacturing plants along the Gulf Coast.

Chevron Phillips Chemical, for example, last week completed its first new ethane cracker in decades at its Cedar Bayou complex in Baytown. The company, a joint venture of the oil company Chevron and Houston refiner Phillips 66, built the cracker to process the natural gas liquid ethane into ethylene, a the building block of most plastic. The new plant has the capacity to produce 1.5 million tons of ethlyene a year to feed the production of advanced polyethylene resins at two new facilities in Old Ocean.

Chevron Phillips Chemical chief executive Mark Lashier said the company had no problem finding labor to construct the cracker, but underestimated the cost of training construction crews to adhere to a high level of safety and productivity. He added that reducing the cost to complete a new wave of petrochemicals projects will be critical to remain competitive as the industry expands along the Gulf Coast to meet burgeoning demand for plastics and consumer goods in emerging markets in China, India and elsewhere.

"Shale is here to stay," he said. "The key issue is to addess is rising capital costs."

Thomas Casparie, vice president of the Americas for Shell Chemicals, agreed that the industry must maintain financial discipline in the coming years, particularly if the cost of natural gas increases from its current lows.

"Advantaged feedstock," he said. "We have been overly focused on this as the savior of everything."

He emphasized that global efforts to address climate change have even greater significance for an industry in flux. He said his company is focused on petrochemical products for use in renewables, such as solar panels, as well as lighter-weight materials that can help reduce emissions from automobiles and airplanes by reducing their weight.

"Petrochemicals is a growing business and can be a force for good," he said, "but we need all of us in the industry to act on that."

Nick Clausi, senior vice president of polymers for Exxon Mobil Chemical Co., said his company is also focused on producing advanced materials for the auto industry as well as new polyethlyene products that can help improve agricultural yields to feed a growing population. But he noted that reducing waste will also be critical to address environmental concerns as new middle-class consumers use more plastics and packaging.

"The plastic waste we see in the streets and the landfills is not an acceptable outcome," he said. "We have to do more."

Chazen: Wall Street thinks drillers will 'waste' cash on fruitless investments

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Stephen Chazen believes Wall Street's recent push for U.S. shale drillers to return cash to shareholders isn't meant to turn oil companies into a retirement plan for investors. It's really a move to fix a high-rolling industry that chased a lot of not-so-great investments in the nation's energy revolution.


Chazen

In a wide-ranging interview on Tuesday about his upcoming return to the U.S. oil patch at the head of a new public company, the former chief executive of Houston's Occidental Petroleum Corp. said it doesn't make much sense for investors to demand dividends and share repurchases from smaller oil companies that can't compete on those grounds with far more stable rivals like ExxonMobil — unless they're really after something else.

"If you want dividends, you should buy Exxon stock," Chazen said. "What they're really saying is, 'actually, we don't trust you to hold the money because you'll waste it, so we want it back.'"

Chazen, 71, spoke to the Houston Chronicle on Tuesday shortly after his publicly traded investment vehicle TPG Pace Energy Holdings Corp. announced the $2.7 billion purchase of 360,000 net acres in South Texas from Houston oil company EnerVest, an acquisition the executive plans to use as a launching pad for Magnolia Oil & Gas Corp., a new Houston-based oil producer that will trade on the New York Stock Exchange.

Chazen picked out EnerVest's 14,000 net acres in the Eagle Ford Shale's oil-rich Karnes County to be the heart of the new venture, and he sold investors a business plan that's almost identical to his playbook at Occidental: keep spending relatively low, use little debt and focus on generating free cash flow, which is the money generated after companies make investments known as capital expenditures.

It's a message that has picked up adherents on Wall Street, and one Chazen says is reverberating across the U.S. oil industry. Late last year, big institutional investors began telling U.S. oil executives they want companies to curb their enthusiasm for booming shale plays and focus on profits, marking a seismic shift in financiers' priorities after years of pushing for surging crude production and the accumulation of vast chunks of onshore oil land.

The switch came as investors realized they weren't getting much back for the billions of dollars they shoveled into shale drillers. Investors poured $150 billion in public equity and bond debt into U.S. oil companies, and private equity firms raised more than $200 billion for energy-focused funds over the past three years, according to IHS Markit.

The cash influx saved the oil industry from a much more brutal downturn than the one that sent 116 U.S. oil producers, including 60 in Texas, into bankruptcy proceedings. Because of those investments, the oil bust only claimed a handful of larger oil companies, and it didn't lead to a wave of corporate consolidation, as analysts had predicted in the early days of the downturn. And without that money, the Energy Department almost certainly wouldn't be talking about U.S. crude output climbing above 10 million barrels a day, Chazen said.

"It was certainly good for Houston," he said. "But it wasn't a particularly good investment. At the bottom, it might have been."

For example, it wasn't uncommon, Chazen said, for oil companies to spend $10 million drilling and pumping oil from a well and collect $11 million in total revenue over the life of that well. That translates into a 10 percent return over five years, or a mere 2 percent per year. Financial returns, he said, weren't really there.

"And not only that, but (oil companies) took the money and paid it to (themselves) in G&A," he said, referring to general and administrative costs. "There's no cash being built up. Every year the guy comes out and he says we need more money."

Wall Street has altered the U.S. oil industry's destiny a few times in recent years. With the advent of major U.S. shale plays, investors wanted oil production growth. Later, they asked for better internal rates of return, which is controlled by how fast a company can make its money back. That prompted oil companies to pour more money into U.S. onshore fields, where they could start pumping oil much faster than in the deep-water Gulf of Mexico, where investments can take more than five years to pay off.

Investors' call for shareholder returns came after the U.S. energy industry fell from 12 percent of the S&P 500 before the oil downturn to about 6 percent. Portfolio managers, Chazen said, now see energy as less important than, for example, the technology and financial sectors, which make up a larger share of the major stock index.

"What they really want is capital discipline," he said. "The returns on invested capital were less than they think Google could make."

Since 2015, oil companies have touted efficiency gains that have lowered the oil price at which drillers can break even in certain areas. But Chazen said the industry's emphasis on "breaking even" misses the point. Investors, he said, aren't interested in just getting their money back; they want to know at what price companies make a reasonable return. A few years ago, he said, that number was $75 a barrel. Now, with cost reductions and technological improvements, that level is around $65 a barrel, close to where prices hover today.

"You're not going to get rich," he said. "But you'll make at least your cost of capital. So you're close to that."

One major problem U.S. shale drillers face is that, even as oil prices float near favorable levels, they're producing too much natural gas, which fetches a far lower price tag than oil. When Chazen began looking at potential assets to acquire for Magnolia, natural gas was everywhere.

Magnolia's Karnes County acreage, which the company will take ownership of in the second quarter after the EnerVest transaction closes, produces 75 percent oil, one big reason Chazen pursued the deal. It's a relatively small area with a lot of concentrated oil, similar to older conventional fields that, unlike today's shale plays, didn't span hundreds of thousands of acres.

Drilling new wells in that region, he said, will generate free cash flow in five to six months. Compare that to some areas of the coveted Delaware Basin in West Texas, for example, where oil companies are producing a lot of natural gas, and many of the wells there start generating cash over two years. It's a more capital intensive venture than drilling in areas with a higher oil cut.

"It's not one of my goals in life to make Halliburton rich," he said. "Ideally, you drill one well and drain the whole place."

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SPE section to discuss hurdles of EOR

Members of the Trans-Pecos section, Society of Petroleum Engineers, will meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, Highway 191 and FM 1788.

S.M. Farouq Ali, distinguished professor of petroleum engineering at the University of Houston, will give a presentation on the technical and economic hurdles of implementing enhanced oil recovery.

Cost is $25 in advance, $30 at the door. Online reservations can be made at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3365853

FORT WORTH

CIG Logistics acquires transload terminals in Permian, Eagle Ford

CIG Logistics has reached agreement with U.S. Silica Holdings Inc. for the acquisition of three large, strategically located transload terminals owned by U.S. Silica in the Permian Basin, Eagle Ford and Marcellus shale plays.

These terminals are expected to serve as the foundation for a broader strategic relationship between the two companies under which CIG will serve as the preferred transload provider to U.S. Silica in the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford.

The three transload terminals purchased by CIG are located in Odessa, Von Ormy and Benwood, West Virginia, and serve as critical logistics hubs for the oil and gas industry in the Permian Basin, Eagle Ford and Marcellus, respectively. Additionally, as part of the transaction, CIG Logistics will also operate U.S. Silica's facility in Seagraves.

HOUSTON

C&J Energy announces management changes

Mark Cashiola, chief financial officer of C&J Energy Services Inc., has resigned to pursue other opportunities.

C&J has retained a leading executive placement firm to assist in recruiting a new CFO. Mike Galvan, currently senior vice president and chief accounting officer, will assume the additional role of CFO on an interim basis.

Galvan joined the company in 2014 as part of the financial leadership team working with the CFO. He has approximately 25 years of accounting and financial experience and is responsible for the company's accounting and financial reporting processes.

There aren't any issues involving C&J's financial statements, internal controls or financial reporting procedures that led to Cashiola's departure, according to a press release from the company.

Venado Oil & Gas and KKR acquire Cabot Eagle Ford assets

Venado Oil and Gas LLC and KKR have closed on the acquisition of the operated and non-operated Eagle Ford assets of Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. for a purchase price of $765 million, subject to customary closing adjustments.

Venado and KKR acquired interests that include approximately 303 gross/203 net wells and 74,400 net acres situated primarily in the Eagle Ford oil window of South Texas (Atascosa, Frio, and LaSalle counties). During the fourth quarter of 2017, the assets produced 15,656 net barrels of oil equivalent per day (85 percent oil, 5 percent natural gas and 10 percent NGLs).

As of the closing date, the Venado and KKR partnership will hold interests in 112,000 net acres, producing over 43,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day from the Eagle Ford trend of South Texas.

The Venado partnership is principally funded by KKR's Energy Income and Growth Fund I. EIGF manages a portfolio of oil and gas assets in numerous unconventional and conventional resource areas across the United States. KKR has made more than 10 investments in the Eagle Ford to date.

LOUISIANA

Bidding up slightly in US offshore oil lease sale

NEW ORLEANS — Oil and gas companies bid on about 1 percent of the Gulf of Mexico waterbottom offered in what the Trump

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LOTUS

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water, he said.

He predicts the rising tide of light sweet crude coming from shales in the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford will prompt Gulf Coast refineries to move beyond their ability to process heavier crudes.

"There will be refinery expansions or redesigns. But that won't capture all the growth in the future from the Permian," he said. "The Permian has demonstrated that, amid all the price variability, it's the most resilient play, and its potential is enormous."

Prince said Lotus Midstream plans to be competitive by "focusing on what we know. I have a 25-year record in the midstream space and over 10 years doing business development."

Prince and fellow founding partners Emily Baker, chief commercial officer, and Jon Fontenot, chief operating officer, worked together for more than five years as members of Sunoco Logistics Partners' business development team and have more than 55 years collective experience. Liz Condreay serves Lotus as commercial manager.

Lotus will develop crude oil transportation infrastructure specifically, with an initial focus on the Permian Basin, he said.

There are a couple of acquisition opportunities the company is looking at, but Prince declined to be more specific because they're in the very early stages. He said he believes the team's track record has opened up several opportunities as Lotus gets up and running.

"We organized in January, signed the lease on our office in February and we're already busy," he said.

Being backed by a private equity firm such as EnCap Flatrock Midstream gives Lotus an advantage in terms of cost to capital and flexibility in structuring deals, Prince said.

"The backing from EnCap has been invaluable not only financially but in sharing ideas," he said.

CLUB

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tournament is the club's main fundraiser for its scholarships. Last year the club awarded nearly $10,000 in scholarships to area students.

The club meets the second Tuesday of each month at Ranchland.

"I felt like, as president, this year, with all the new members, I wanted to do some education, on our mission, our parliamentary procedures, so our members understand the professional group that we are," Spurlock said.

She said some of the new members already have helped update the club's technology and programs.

"We've got some new members who are enthusiastic," Spurlock said. "I'm looking forward to the future; they are the future."



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$59.35	Shell Trading	$61.80
Energy Transfer Partners*	$61.75	Nymex futures	$62.84*
Flint Hills Resources*	$61.75	*Net price without transportation charge	
Phillips 66	$61.79		
Plains*	$61.75	Note: Posted prices as of March 21	

Susan Dio named BP America chairwoman and president

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

BP has a new U.S. leader with Susan Dio named Tuesday as the chairwoman and president of BP America.


Dio

Dio, who previously headed BP Shipping, will lead the British oil company's U.S. operations now that former BP America President John Mingé is stepping down to lead a study for the National Petroleum Council that advises U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry.

Dio was the head of audits for BP refining and marketing in Houston before moving to the United Kingdom in 2015 to lead the BP Shipping business. Now she's back in her home in The Woodlands.

BP Chief Executive Bob Dudley praised Dio's experience, which also includes running petrochemical plants and refineries from Texas City to Australia.

"The U.S. is a vital part of BP — we have invested more than $100 billion here since 2005," Dudley said. "All our businesses, from exploration to refining to renewable energies, operate at scale in the U.S. and together they make up the largest portfolio of businesses we have anywhere in the world."

As the chief of BP Shipping, she managed BP's fleet of vessels moving more than 200 million tons of products across the globe each year.

Dio is a chemical engineer by training who graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1983. She's spent her entire career with BP, initially working for more than 15 years at BP's chemical plant operations in Port Lavaca.

As for Mingé, he will officially retire in March 2019. In the meantime, he'll serve under former Texas Gov. Rick Perry leading a study on carbon capture, utilization and storage technologies within the energy sector.

Mingé took over BP America in 2013 after previously heading BP Alaska for several years.

Dudley credited Mingé with leading the recovery of BP›s reputation in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon tragedy. The explosion killed 11 workers and resulted in a three-month discharge of nearly 4 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana.

"John has been a superb leader of BP America through a period of great challenge," Dudley added. "He has driven a culture of safe, reliable and compliant operations throughout our businesses, worked steadily to rebuild our reputation, and been a tireless advocate for BP and our industry in Washington and across the U.S."

Saudi crown prince visiting Houston at end of U.S. tour

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is met with President Trump Tuesday and he plans to conclude his whirlwind U.S. tour in April with a visit to Houston.

The 32-year-old crown prince is seeking to strengthen U.S. political and business ties, including in the Texas energy sector, now that he's consolidating power in Saudi Arabia and feuding with Middle Eastern neighbors like Iran, Qatar and Yemen.

Salman, known by his initials MBS, plans to conclude his visit on April 7 in Houston and Port Arthur with visits to his state oil company's Saudi Aramco Research Center in Houston and to the nation's largest oil refinery in Port Arthur, which is owned by Saudi Arabia's Motiva Enterprises.

Saudi Arabia is increasingly expanding its oil, gas, petrochemical and refining presences in Texas as the nation seeks to diversify its energy holdings and take Saudi Aramco public as soon as 2019.


Cliff Owen/Associated Press

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman meets with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis at the Pentagon in on Thursday.

Aramco, Motiva and Saudi Arabia's petrochemical arm, Sabic, all have their North American headquarters in Houston. Sabic is currently developing a $10 billion petrochemical plant near Corpus Christi with ExxonMobil, and Motiva recently bought out Royal Dutch Shell for full ownership of the Port Arthur Refinery.

Salman last year ordered the arrest of 11 princes of Saudi Arabia's sprawling royal family, as well as various ministers and other prominent officials in what was portrayed as a crackdown on corruption. Salman, who leapfrogged uncles and older brothers to become heir to the throne, is considered a modernizer looking to develop industries and investments beyond oil, and soften the harsh brand of Islam practiced in the country, including allowing women to drive.

His move to consolidate power less than six months after he was named crown prince by his father, King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud Salman, coincides with his "Vision 2030" modernization plans to open Saudi's oil sector to foreign investors, while diversifying globally, especially along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Apart from Washington, D.C. and Texas, Salman also has trips planned to Boston, New York, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles, meeting with companies ranging from Google and Apple to Lockheed Martin.

He plans to return to Saudi Arabia at the conclusion of his Texas visit.

Wisconsin industry recovers, faces new competition

Associated Press

LA CROSSE, Wis. — A surge in domestic crude oil production has helped Wisconsin's frac sand industry overcome a slump that idled mines two years ago, but it now faces new competition.

Producers and industry analysts expect demand for U.S. frac sand to grow this year after a strong 2017, the La Crosse Tribune reported. Frac sand is used in the hydraulic fracturing process to extract oil and natural gas from rock.

Falling oil prices in 2015 slowed drilling and caused many of Wisconsin's sand mines to lay off workers. The industry rebounded after overall domestic crude production growth.

"We're looking at a really good year," said Rich Budinger, spokesman for the Wisconsin Industrial Sand Association.

Many idled mines are now ramping up production, Budinger said.

"They can pretty much sell all the sand they want," said Kent Syverson, an industry consultant and chair of the geology department at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Several new mines in Texas will begin operations this year, but experts don't expect them to cut into the Wisconsin market because Texas' finer grain sand is different from Wisconsin's northern white sand.

"The Texas sand is definitely a big deal," said Ryan Carbray, senior vice president and analyst for Rystad Energy. "However, we think the demand is growing so much that there won't be a negative impact on white sand."

Demand is expected to increase the price of northern white sand by 10 to 12 percent this year, Carbray said.

Willbros Group considering bankruptcy or selling assets

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

The Houston-based energy engineering and construction firm, Willbros Group, is considering filing for bankruptcy or selling all of its assets as it continues to struggle financially.

Willbros, which is already selling its pipeline construction business, is now putting the rest of the company up for sale. Willbros said it is in "advanced discussions with multiple parties" regarding a potential sale of all or most of its assets.

Willbros has struggled for years, but its stock value has traded below the dreaded $1 per share threshold since early February and is now hovering just above 60 cents a share.

"We are working on solutions with our lenders and are also in discussions with parties on bridge financing through the close of a sale," said Willbros CEO Michael Fournier in a prepared statement.

Additional weather-related financial losses in late 2017 pushed Willbros to the tipping point, the company said.

As it has struggled in recent years, Willbros dealt with investor activism that led to the ouster of its former Chairman and CEO John McNabb in 2015. Fournier, who has served as the president and chief operating officer, was promoted to CEO at that time. But the company still has struggled to survive through the recent oil bust and to recover as oil prices rose last year.

Petroleum Professional Development Center

All classes will be held at the Midland College PPDC building, 221 N. Main St.

To register, go to the Midland College PPDC's Website: https://mcce.midland.edu

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

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 1 of 6: Introduction to Division Order Practices
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 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 1 of 6: Introduction to Land Management Practices
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://mcce.midland.edu

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://mcce.midland.edu

New Course: LMKR: GGX – Project and Data Management Essentials
Registered directly with LMKR: cvitari@lmkr.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: $575, 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: $1836; Out of State

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administration has been calling the biggest offshore lease sale in U.S. history.

The government says 33 companies made $124.8 million in high bids Wednesday on 148 offshore tracts.

That's up slightly from August, when 27 companies submitted $121.1 million in high bids on 90 tracts. That sale was the first since 1983 to offer all available Gulf acreage.

It offered 73 million acres compared to Wednesday›s 77 million acres.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management says 43 bids Wednesday were for tracts in shallow water less than 200 meters deep, up from about 10 in August. Regional director Michael Celata said royalty rates for such tracts were reduced very close to the August bidding deadline.



Petroleum Professional Development Center

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Introduction to FME 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@lmkr.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 - GLI
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://mcce.midland.edu

Waterflooding: Performance Predictions and Surveillance
Instructor: Dr. Michael Wiggins
Start Date: April 23-27, 2018 – Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. to Noon
Cost: $3,975; Out of State: $4,000

Energy Land Management
Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: April 26-27, 2018 – Thursday - Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $675; Out of State $700

Professional Technical Sales
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: April 27, 2018 – Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State: $275

New Course: LMKR: Geomodeling with GVERSE Registered directly with LMKR: cviteri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Andrew Vessel
Start Date: April 30, 2018 – Monday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $750

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils
Instructor: Kerry Sublette
Start Date: April 30, 2018 – Monday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $395; Out of State: $420

Critical Title Issues
Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: April 30, 2018 – Monday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Land Titles, Title Examination and Title Opinions
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 2, 2018; End Date: May 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: Noon, May 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Chaining, Interpreting and Curing Title
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 2, 2018; End Date: May 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: 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://mcce.midland.edu

Petroleum Land Management
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 8, 2018; End Date: May 9, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $649; Out of State: $674

Sucker Rod Pumps: From Basics to Troubleshooting Sand and Gas Interference
Instructor: Rodney Sands
Start Date: May 8, 2018 8 a.m. to Noon and May 9, 2018 8 a.m. to Noon – Tuesday and Wednesday – ½ days
Cost: $150; Out of State $175

New Course: LMKR: GGX – Project and Data Management Essentials Registered directly with LMKR: cviteri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Andrew Vessel
Start Date: May 8-9, 2018 – Wednesday - Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1000

New Course: LMKR: PRIZM – Petrophysics Essentials Registered directly with LMKR: cviteri@lmkr.com
Instructor: John French
Start Date: May 10-11, 2018 – Monday – Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1500

"OLD" (Pre-1958) Electric Logs: A Quick Review
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: May 11, 2018 – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $425; Out of State: $450

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: May 14-16, 2018 – Monday – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1095; Out of State: $1020

Gas Lift Design and Operations
Instructor: Michael K. Johnson
Start Date: May 14 – 17, 2018 – Monday – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1800; Out of State $1825.00

Division Orders 101
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: May 15, 2018 – Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State: $425

Introduction to Well Completion
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: May 17 -18, 2018 – Thursday - Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $720; Out of State: $745

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@lmkr.com
Instructor: Scott Oelhe
Start Date: May 29, 2018 – Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost. $900

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6: Land and Leasing
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: June 4, 2018; End Date: June 28, 2018; Registration Deadline: Noon, June 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6: Oil and Gas Lease Interpretation, Negotiation and Interest Calculations
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: June 4, 2018; End Date: June 28, 2018; Registration Deadline: Noon, June 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Well Control Drilling/ Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: June 4 - 8, 2018 – Monday – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

PetroSkills: Completions and Workover - CAW
Instructor: Hector Vargas
Start Date: June 4-8, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4610 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: https://mcce.midland.edu

IHS Markit: Kingdom Basic Geological Data Loading
Instructor : Jenga Ngalawa
Start Date: June 4, 2018 - Monday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $700 - Register directly with IHS Markit on the PPDC website: https://mcce.midland.edu

IHSMarkit: Kingdom Geological Interpretation
Instructor: Jenga Ngalawa
Start Date: June 5-6, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1400 - Register directly with IHS Markit on the PPDC website: https://mcce.midland.edu

IHSMarkit: Kingdom Geosteering
Instructor: Jenga Ngalawa
Start Date: June 7, 2018 – Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $700 - Register directly with IHS Markit on the PPDC website: https://mcce.midland.edu

SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Database
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: June 12, 2018 - Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State: $400

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: June 12-13, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

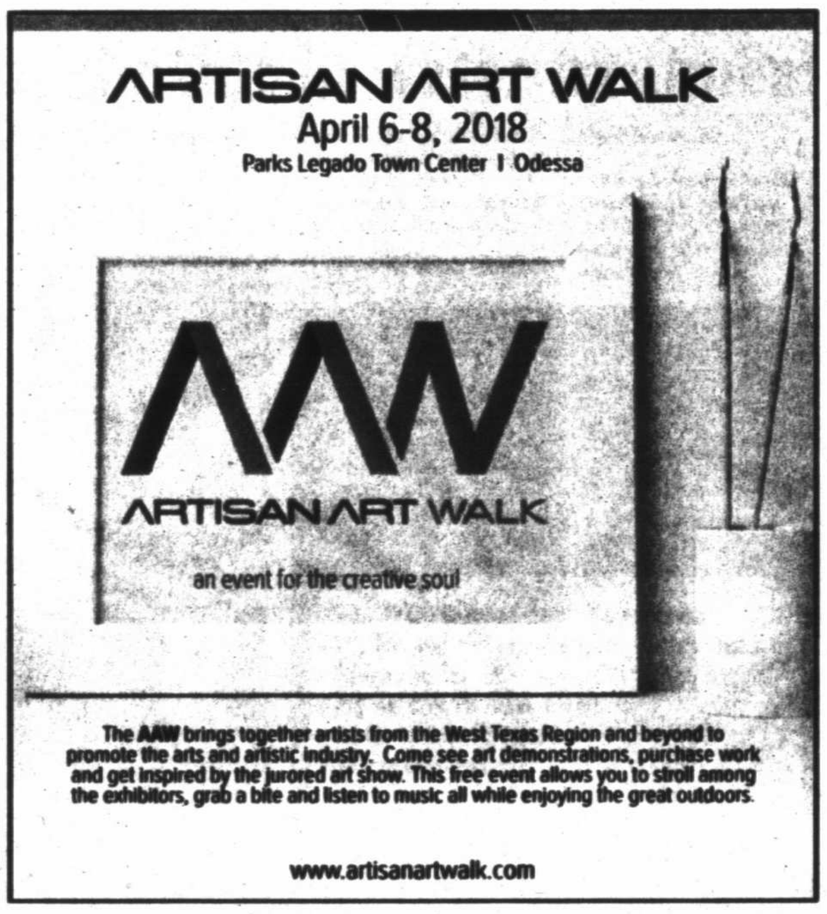
New Course: Gas Lift and Production Optimization in Unconventional
Instructor: Rajan Chokshi, Ph.D.
Start Date: June 13, 2018 – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; $525 Out of State (Lunch included)

New Course: LMKR: Shale Petrophysics Training Registered directly with LMKR: cviteri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Marc Connolly
Start Date: June 13-14, 2018 – Wednesday - Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1560

PetroSkills: Production Chemistry
Instructor: Dr. Carlos Palacios
Start Date: June 18-22, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4290 - Register directly with PetroSkills on the PPDC Website: https://mcce.midland.edu

PHDWin
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: June 19-20, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State: $650

New Course: LMKR: Geomodeling with GVERSE Registered directly with LMKR: cviteri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Andrew Vessel
Start Date: June 25, 2018 – Monday - Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1000



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Do you work where there's a genuine feeling of family and community?

Saulsbury's community spirit is unique in business

When you hear the word "family" related to "business" you probably say, "They all say that. Show me how your business is *really* a family."

At Saulsbury Industries, the importance of family and community connections is evident every day, says the company's Executive Director of Employee and Community Relations, Courtney Wardlaw.

Saulsbury employees donate more money than any other company in Odessa to the United Way. "This comes from individuals," Wardlaw explains, "not from a corporate gift."

When there's a drive for food, coats for kids in need, backpacks for school, Saulsbury employees give generously every time.

On "Oreo Cookie Day" every employee was invited to share their favorite flavor of Oreos. Saulsbury provided a 30 minute break out of the day to share, dip them in milk and enjoy a treat.

Before starting their Christmas in Action (CIA) work (rehabbing houses for those in need) there is a safety meeting. "We emphasize safety in all areas, every day in the work environment," she says. "At CIA, everyone is working hard at jobs they may not normally do—so we make sure, with hammers and saws in action, that they're familiar with safe operation of those tools as well."



Saulsbury's 2017 Christmas in Action team was just one small part of the Saulsbury community's activity that year. Call Saulsbury this week to see if they're the right fit for you.

Saulsbury was founded 50 years ago as a family company and that culture has been maintained—intentionally—for more than half a century.

"We're very passionate about keeping the family culture," Wardlaw says. "It affects how and who we hire, and every decision made at every level. We promote safety (starting every workday with a safety minute) because we want everyone to go home in the same condition in which they came to work. That's what their families need."

The founding family is still involved, continuing the legacy that Dick Saulsbury began. The Saulsbury's four offspring work there, but they have also brought in executives with needed talent and experience to help the company grow while maintaining the family values.

With now 4,600 employees across multiple locations, one might ask how they can maintain the family culture.

"It is indeed different now from when we had 500 employees, all in one building," says Wardlaw. "But we still hire only people who can welcome this culture, wherever the location is. Our CEO and other executive staff, four times a year, hold live management calls. Every employee listens, and is invited to turn in questions, with no restrictions. Their management visits each location regularly to meet everyone and to hear what they have to say.

"Communication is very important."

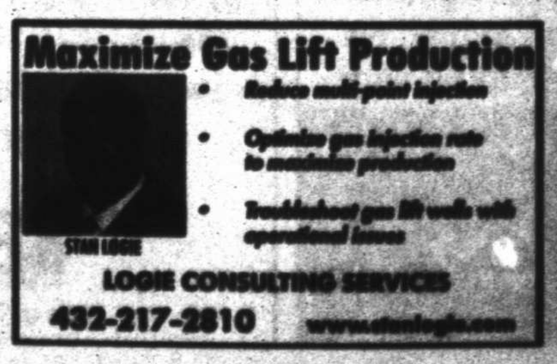
In all areas, the idea is to make the culture second nature—not a list of rules.

Loyalty is a byproduct of this culture; many employees have stayed with the company for 30 and even 40 years.

Looking for a workplace with real community? Saulsbury might be the right fit.

Saulsbury Industries was founded in Odessa in 1967, and its headquarters is still there. They also have offices in Westchase and on the Highway 225 Corridor in Houston, as well as elsewhere around the US. To learn more, call them at 432-366-3686 or visit www.saulsbury.com.





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Texas RRCD 7C

Concho County

Mercury Operating LLC
Jones A #2
Don Pfluger (Detrital); 1041 fnl, 410 fnl, Sec 2122, Blk 72, Abst. 61, F. Bockmier, 8 sw Eden; TD 9000; API #42-095-32442 Permit Issued 3/15

Crockett County

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 40 #2207WB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 11403 fsl, 4520 fel, Sec 15, Blk 40, Abst. 305U, ULS, 25.84 mi Ozona; TD 10000; API #42-105-42449 Permit Issued 3/15

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 40 #2208WB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 11403 fsl, 4490 fel, Sec 15, Blk 40, Abst. 305U, ULS, 25.84 mi Ozona; TD 10000; API #42-105-42450 Permit Issued 3/15

Irion County

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 39-40 #2111WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 660 fsl, 2284 fel, Sec 1147, Abst. 7, A.D. Anderson, 8.2 mi Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-38257 Permit Issued 3/15

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 39-40 #2201WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 660 fsl, 2234 fel, Sec 1147, Abst. 7, A.D. Anderson, 8.21 mi Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-38258 Permit Issued 3/15

Reagan County

FDL Operating LLC
University 10 #2802HB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 6039 fsl, 8500 fel, Sec 28, Blk 10, Abst. 232U, ULS, 5.9 mw Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40179 Permit Issued 3/13

Upton County

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
North Brook NE46S #19H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 350 fnl, 2100 fel, Sec 45, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 419, T&P RR, 4.8 sw Midkiff; TD 10580; API #42-461-40782 Permit Issued 3/13

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
North Brook NE46T #20H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 350 fnl, 2060 fel, Sec 45, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 419, T&P RR, 4.8 sw Midkiff; TD 10580; API #42-461-40783 Permit Issued 3/13

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
North Brook NE46U #21H
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Andrews County

COG Operating LLC

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Mabee 240A #4207BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 13120 fsl, 850 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 40, Abst. 88, G&MMB&A, 19.1 nw Midland; TD 10100; API #42-003-47761 Permit issued 3/13

COG Operating LLC
Mabee 240A #4208BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 13120 fsl, 805 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 40, Abst. 88, G&MMB&A, 19.1 nw Midland; TD 10100; API #42-003-47762 Permit issued 3/13

Lime Rock Resources IV-A LP
Jaffrey #5H
Shafter Lake North (San Andres)-Horizontal; 600 fsl, 1340 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 13, Abst. 415U, ULS, 12.1 nw Andrews; TD 4700; API #42-003-47757 Permit issued 3/16

Ring Energy Inc.
Vulcan #1H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 600 fsl, 380 fel, Sec 5, Blk A-45, Abst. 1985, PSL, 3.4 nw Andrews; TD 5800; API #42-003-47737 Permit issued 3/16

Texland Petroleum LP
Forks #1H
Dempsey Creek (San Andres)-Horizontal; 345 fsl, 2181 fel, Sec 8, Blk A-31, Abst. 448, PSL, 16.5 nw Andrews; TD 12800; API #42-003-47772 Permit issued 3/15

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #4366
Fullerton-Directional; 5664 fsl, 6082 fwl, Sec 31, Blk 13, Abst. 423U, ULS, 13.5 nw Andrews; TD 7550; API #42-003-47770 Permit issued 3/14

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #5538
Fullerton; 5006 fnl, 4605 fel, Sec 3, Blk A-32, Abst. 589, PSL, 18.4 nw Andrews; TD 7550; API #42-003-47773 Permit issued 3/14

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #5842
Fullerton; 5450 fnl, 3197 fel, Sec 2, Blk A-32, Abst. 2024, PSL, 17.8 nw Andrews; TD 7600; API #42-003-47774 Permit issued 3/14

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #6926
Fullerton; 15835 fsl, 15019 fel, Sec 17, Blk A-32, Abst. 616, PSL, 16.8 nw Andrews; TD 7475; API #42-003-47775 Permit issued 3/14

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #7142
Fullerton; 6519 fsl, 6195 fel, Sec 3, Blk 13, Abst. 395U, ULS, 15.1 nw Andrews; TD 7450; API #42-003-47776 Permit issued 3/14

Culberson County

Cimarex Energy Co.
War Admiral 18 Fee #6H
Derby (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 510 fsl, 2242 fel, Sec 7, Blk 59, T-1, Abst. 2689, T&P RR, 28.7 nw Orla; TD 10500; API #42-109-33300 Permit issued 3/15

Cimarex Energy Co.
Middleground 16 Unit #7H
Derby (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 489 fsl, 2286 fel, Sec 16, Blk 59, T-1, Abst. 5580, T&P RR, 17.8 nw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-109-33305 Permit issued 3/15

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Savage Unit #1708H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fsl, 174 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 53, Abst. 6870, PSL, 18.8 nw Pecos; TD 10480; API #42-109-33304 Permit issued 3/15

Glasscock County

Diamondback E&P LLC
Riley P 1807 #2WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1044 fwl, 2027 fsl, Sec 18, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 999, T&P RR, 11.4 sw Garden City; TD 9570; API #42-173-37844 Permit issued 3/13

Diamondback E&P LLC
Riley Q 1807 #2WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1074 fwl, 2027 fsl, Sec 18, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 999, T&P RR, 11.4 sw Garden City; TD 9350; API #42-173-37845 Permit issued 3/13

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around the oil patch

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Here's the truth about chlorine dioxide in water treatment

With the growth in use of chlorine dioxide as a biocide in the treatment of frac water, there has been an equal growth in certain myths about ClO2 in regards to safety and alleged corrosiveness.

Orion Water Solutions' Warren Sumner says ClO2 is much more effective and fast-acting than traditional biocides, and that the myths are not true with proper preparation and injection.

Myth #1: Chlorine Dioxide Is Dangerous. Untrue, when properly handled. There are two main methods of generating ClO2 in the field—the two-precursor method and the three-precursor method.

In the two-precursor method, concentrated sulfuric acid and Purate™, a patented blend containing sodium chlorate, are pumped into a mixing chamber in carefully controlled amounts.

The three-precursor method uses 15 percent hydrochloric acid, bleach and sodium chlorite. This method is commonly used in municipal drinking water plants for its effectiveness and safety.

Here's the key: instead of pumps, Orion uses an eductor and the venturi effect to create suction to draw the three precursors into the mixing chamber.

Why is this important? This way, ClO2 only flows into the pipe when water is flowing, to dilute it to a safe level and keeps control of the blend ratio between the three precursors.

This keeps the CLO2 at a safe and stable concentration of less than 3,000 ppm, and proper mix ratios assure that there's no excess chlorine.

Plus, chemical lines whose flow is activated by suction instead of pressure are less likely to spring a leak and are less susceptible to being mixed incorrectly upon pump failure.

One method of making ClO2 should never be used in the oil patch. It uses "dry" sodium chlorite which is highly reactive. Mis-handling of this product was linked to an oilfield fatality awhile back.

Myth #2: Chlorine Dioxide Is Corrosive to frac iron. ClO2 is less corrosive than an equally effective amount of bleach or peroxide.

ClO2 is used in many municipal applications instead of chlorine. When properly dosed and monitored, says Orion's SVP of Operations and Technology, Gary Griesenbeck, the ClO2 residual, at the blender, is typically 1 - 4 ppm. That is only a few ppm higher than what is used in municipal plants that treat drinking water for public consumption. Because Orion closely monitors ClO2 levels, it is highly unlikely that any measurable corrosion could be attributed to ClO2.

ClO2 is *less* corrosive than many of the substances it treats—such as produced water containing high chloride levels, acid producing bacteria, sulfate reducing bacteria, hydrogen sulfide, iron sulfide and more.

Sumner adds, "We've treated millions of barrels with ClO2 across many different pressure pumpers and not one has ever said our ClO2 was inducing corrosion in their frac iron."

ClO2's advantages are many. Precision dosing based on real-time feedback limits the amount of chemical used to only what is needed and enables dosage adjustments when water quality changes on the job.

Risk/Reward ClO2 when properly handled, as Orion does, makes the risk almost non-existent, but the rewards are many: better treatment, less chemical used (reduced cost) and cleaner wells.

Call Orion Water Solutions this week!

The phone number for Orion Water Solutions is 432-219-8100. Their website is www.orionwatersolutions.com.



REALITY SHOW Properly generated and dosed, chlorine dioxide is highly effective, fast acting and patently safe to people and frac iron, says Orion's Gary Griesenbeck. Call Orion Water Solutions to learn more.

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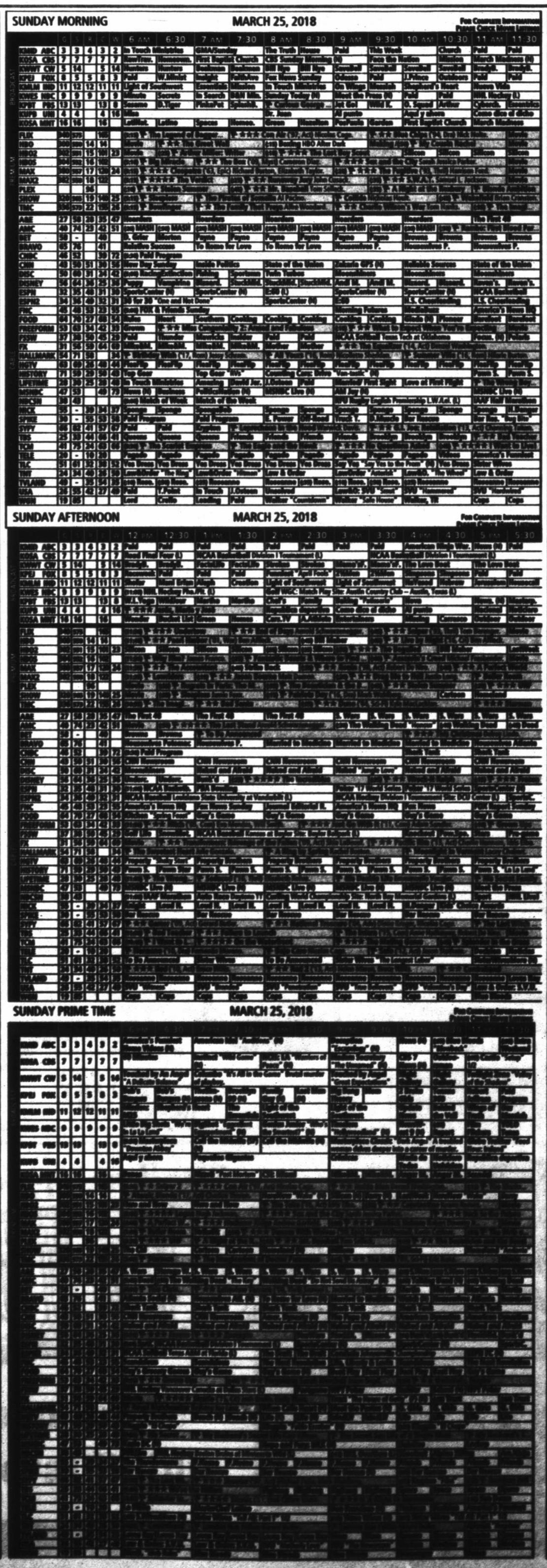
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UT Permian Basin welcomes Dr. Sandra Garcia

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin welcomes Dr. Sandra Garcia, assistant vice president of Research and dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Garcia brings more than two decades of experience and will be instrumental in assisting UTPB faculty, staff and graduate students.

She holds a doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and a bachelor's and master's degree in Science from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. She has more than 20 years of experience in research administration in higher education, as well as in graduate studies.

Garcia recently served at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center as the director of Research and Compliance. She also served as the assistant vice-president of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at the University of Houston – Downtown (UHD) where she oversaw the pre-award and post-award office, as well as regulatory compliance. Prior to joining UHD she was the executive director of Research and Sponsored Programs and Graduate Studies at Texas A&M University-Kingsville facilitating more than $100 million in external funding.

At UTPB, Garcia will lead the Graduate Studies Office in recruiting, admitting and assisting students in their educational endeavors as they earn a graduate degree in their respective field of study. In addition, as assistant vice-president of Research she will oversee the research, sponsored programs, compliance, and pre-award administrative functions for the University by providing leadership and expertise to faculty and staff, oversight of the pre-award office in regards to research proposals and budget development, strategic direction, and regulatory guidance regarding grant funding regulations and policies.

> *"The recruitment of Dr. Garcia to UT Permian Basin represents the University's enhanced commitment to faculty research and grantsmanship and the support and development of high-quality and relevant graduate programs."*
>
> *– Dan Heimmermann*
> *Provost*
> *Vice President for Academic Affairs*

"I love assisting faculty and staff in applying for and receiving external funding in the areas that they have a passion for whether in serving our students, their research or the community," said Sandra Garcia. "My favorite part of Graduate Studies is seeing students through graduation. I love graduation — especially that moment when we students and their families beam with pride. It's a privilege to play a role in that process."

"I want to welcome Dr. Sandra Garcia to the University family," said Dan Heimmermann, provost and vice president of UTPB. "The recruitment of Dr. Garcia to support Office of Research and Graduate Studies is yet another example of UT Permian Basin's commitment to our student's success."



"My door is always open for students, faculty, and staff to come by our offices and discuss their needs or a funding idea," added Garcia. "I want to extend a welcome to everyone to come by my office and talk about how we can assist you with your graduate or external funding needs."

UTPB STEM Academy accepting applications

The UTPB STEM Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year for students in grades kindergarten – tenth grade.

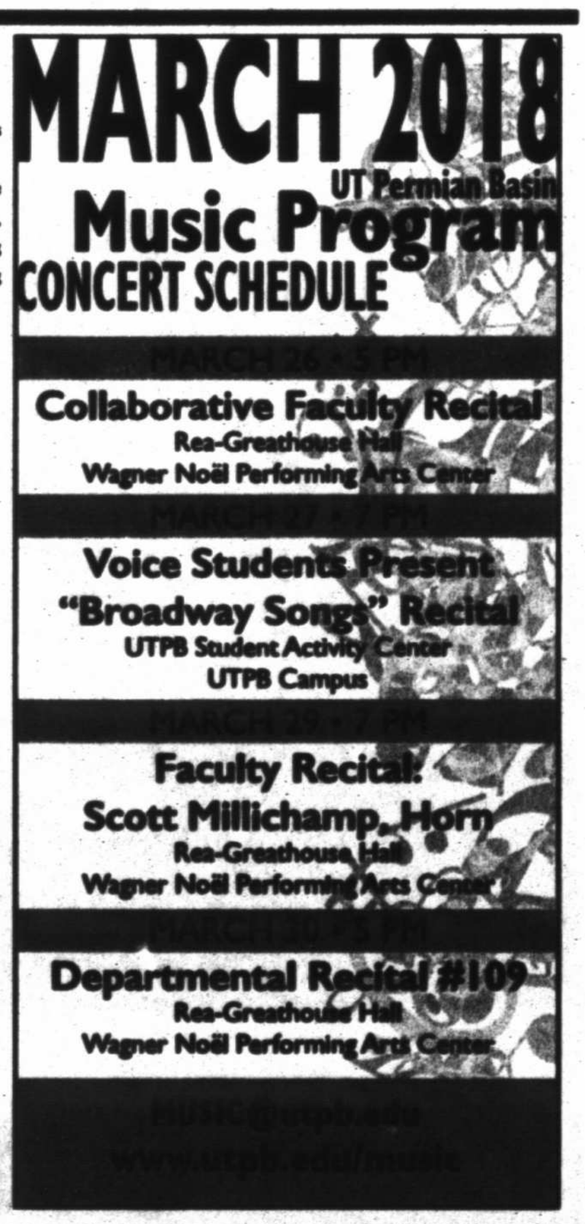
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Riley R 1807 #3WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1104 fwl, 2027 fsl, Sec 18, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 999, T&P RR, 11.4 sw Garden City; TD 9570; API #42-173-37846 Permit issued 3/13

Diamondback E&P LLC
Riley S 1807 #3WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1134 fwl, 2027 fsl, Sec 18, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 999, T&P RR, 11.4 sw Garden City; TD 9350; API #42-173-37847 Permit issued 3/13

Hunt Oil Company
Harris-Cook 60 #306HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1038 fwl, 2244 fnl, Sec 20, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 1268, T&P RR, 16.1 sw Garden City; TD 9058; API #42-173-37823 Permit issued 3/15

Hunt Oil Company
Harris-Cook 50 #105HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 485 fwl, 2217 fnl, Sec 20, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 1268, T&P RR, 16.1 sw Garden City; TD 8560; API #42-173-37831 Permit issued 3/15

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Brunson 42-6-E #4309H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 390 fnl, 2310 fsl, Sec 42, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 915, T&P RR, 11.5 w Garden City; TD 9004; API #42-173-37843 Permit issued 3/15

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Brunson 42-6-E #4209H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 420 fnl, 2310 fsl, Sec 42, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 1212, T&P RR, 11.5 w Garden City; TD 8724; API #42-173-378513 Permit issued 3/15

RSP Permian LLC
Calverley 9-4 W #101H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 241 fsl, 2239 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 419, T&P RR, 15.1 ne Garden City; TD 12000; API #42-173-37840 Permit issued 3/12

RSP Permian LLC
Calverley 9-4 W #102H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 241 fsl, 490.1 fel, Sec 9, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 419, T&P RR, 15.1 ne Garden City; TD 12000; API #42-173-37848 Permit issued 3/12

RSP Permian LLC
Calverley 9-4 W #103H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 241 fsl, 950.2 fel, Sec 9, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 419, T&P RR, 15.2 ne Garden City; TD 12000; API #42-173-37849 Permit issued 3/12

RSP Permian LLC
Calverley 9-4 W #104H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 241 fsl, 990.1 fel, Sec 9, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 419, T&P RR, 15.2 ne Garden City; TD 12000; API #42-173-37850 Permit issued 3/12

Howard County

Bayswater Operating Company LLC
Winchester 73 6-7 #H 1W
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3 fwl, 200 fnl, Sec 6, Blk 20, T-1-N, Abst. 1031, T&P RR, 16.8 ne Big Spring; TD 8500; API #42-227-39533 Permit issued 3/14

SM Energy Company
Maximus A #2664WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 395 fsel, 2135 fnel, Sec 24, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 1213, T&P RR, 10.8 nw Big Spring; TD 10500; API #42-227-39507 Permit issued 3/12

SM Energy Company
Merlin F #2624LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 394 fsel, 2195 fnel, Sec 24, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 1213, T&P RR, 10.8 nw Big Spring; TD 10500; API #42-227-39509 Permit issued 3/12

SM Energy Company
Top Gun #0830LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 375 fnwl, 1194 fnel, Sec 8, Blk 34, T-1-N, Abst. 1339, T&P RR, 12.4 nw Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-39537 Permit issued 3/15

SM Energy Company
Top Gun #0831LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 375 fnwl, 1134 fnel, Sec 8, Blk 34, T-1-N, Abst. 1339, T&P RR, 12.4 nw Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-39538 Permit issued 3/15

SM Energy Company
Top Gun #0850WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 375 fnwl, 1184 fnel, Sec 8, Blk 34, T-1-N, Abst. 1339, T&P RR, 12.4 nw Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-39539 Permit issued 3/15

Surge Operating LLC
Muse-Newton Unit 31-42 #2AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 329 fnl, 1262 fwl, Sec 31, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 280, T&P RR, 6.5 se Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-227-39535 Permit issued 3/12

Surge Operating LLC
Old Tom Unit A 21-28 #4AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 916 fnl, 2380 fel, Sec 21, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 273, T&P RR, 12.54 n Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-39536 Permit issued 3/15

Surge Operating LLC
Evans-Antell Unit B 48-03 #2AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 349 fnl, 1009 fwl, Sec 46, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 1225, T&P RR, 16.6 nw Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-39543 Permit issued 3/16

Loving County

Matador Production Company
Wolf 81-TTT-B33 WF SA #203H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1807 fswl, 1026 fnwl, Sec 81, Blk 33, Abst. 8, H&TC RR, 1.6 sw Mentone; TD 11000; API #42-301-33935 Permit issued 3/13

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
North Rudd Draw 22 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 270 fsl, 571 fel, Sec 22, Blk C-26, Abst. 1016, PSL, 12.8 ne Mentone; TD 16000; API #42-301-33933 permit issued 3/13

Shell Western E&P
University 19 PW Unit #2204H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 880 fnel, 9164 fsel, Sec 25, Blk 19, Abst. 25U, ULS, 13.6 se Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33937 Permit issued 3/13

Shell Western E&P
Grand Forks 75-5 LOV #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 570 fnwl, 558 fsel, Sec 14, Blk 75, Abst. 1248, PSL, 19 ne Mentone; TD 12500; API #42-301-33870 Permit issued 3/16

Martin County

DE3 Operating LLC
Davidson-Hale 65-37 #4414H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 280 fsl, 270 fel, Sec 65, Blk A, Abst. 341, Bauer & Cockrell, 8.1 sw Ackerly; TD 9000; API #42-317-41276 Permit issued 3/13

DE3 Operating LLC
Davidson-Hale 65-37 #4215H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 280 fsl, 300 fel, Sec 65, Blk A, Abst. 341, Bauer & Cockrell, 8 sw Ackerly; TD 9000; API #42-317-41278 Permit issued 3/13

DE3 Operating LLC
Davidson-Hale 65-37 #2815H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 280 fsl, 3370 fel, Sec 65, Blk A, Abst. 341, Bauer & Cockrell, 8.1 sw Ackerly; TD 8500; API #42-317-41277 Permit issued 3/13

Energen Resources Corporation
Kathryn Ida Unit #506H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3244 fnl, 605 fel, Sec 246, Abst. 610, Wheeler CSL, 6.6 nw Tarzan; TD 12000; API #42-317-41328 Permit issued 3/14

Exl. Petroleum Operating Inc.
Barrett 1011 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2150 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 36, T-3-N, Abst. 825, T&P RR, 19.2 ne Lamesa; TD 12000; API #42-317-41327 Permit issued 3/14

Lario Oil & Gas Company
Steuben 5 #102
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 383 fnl, 509 fel, Sec 27, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 54, T&P RR, 8.2 ne Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-41298 Permit issued 3/16

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Woody-Inez 37V #22H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2543 fsel, 1620 fnel, Sec 37, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 254, T&P RR, 14.1 nw Stanton; TD 10810; API #42-317-41284 Permit issued 3/13

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Woody-Inez 37W #23H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2543 fsel, 1600 fnel, Sec 37, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 254, T&P RR, 14.1 nw Stanton; TD 10810; API #42-317-41285 Permit issued 3/13

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Sale Ranch 13A #101H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3554 fnl, 1505 fel, Sec 13, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 218, T&P RR, 9.8 nw Stanton; TD 10548; API #42-317-41292 Permit issued 3/15

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Sale Ranch 13B #102H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 3554 fnl, 1480 fel, Sec 13, Blk 37, T-1-N, Abst. 218, T&P RR, 9.8 nw Stanton; TD 10548; API #42-317-41293 Permit issued 3/15

QEP Energy Company
John B #04SC
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 991 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 9100; API #42-317-41336 Permit issued 3/15

QEP Energy Company
John B #05BU
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 1008 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 9800; API #42-317-41337 Permit issued 3/15

QEP Energy Company
John C #06SA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 1031 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 8950; API #42-317-41338 Permit issued 3/15

QEP Energy Company
John C #06WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 1056 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 9500; API #42-317-41339 Permit issued 3/15

QEP Energy Company
John A #02BL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 306 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 9800; API #42-317-41332 Permit issued 3/15

QEP Energy Company
John A #03SA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 331 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 8950; API #42-317-41333 Permit issued 3/15

QEP Energy Company
John B #04WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 356 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 9500; API #42-317-41334 Permit issued 3/15

QEP Energy Company
John B #04WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 381 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 8300; API #42-317-41335 Permit issued 3/15

QEP Energy Company
John C #06WD
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 550 fnl, 875 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 10750; API #42-317-41340 Permit issued 3/15

Midland County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
FR Catalyst D 94 #4BB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 195 fnl, 452 fel, Sec 4, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 907, T&P RR, 2.2 w Spraberry; TD 9800; API #42-329-42137 Permit issued 3/14

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio San Gabriel 28-29 Unit 1 #242
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fsl, 2300 fel, Sec 17, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 203, T&P RR, 13.2 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42369 Permit issued 3/13

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio San Gabriel 28-29 Unit 1 #143
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fsl, 2325 fel, Sec 17, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 203, T&P RR, 13.2 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42372 Permit issued 3/15

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio San Gabriel 28-29 Unit 1 #241
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fsl, 2350 fel, Sec 17, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 203, T&P RR, 13.2 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42373 Permit issued 3/15

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio San Gabriel 28-29 Unit 2 #252
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fsl, 2375 fel, Sec 17, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 203, T&P RR, 13.2 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42374 Permit issued 3/12

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio San Gabriel 28-29 Unit 2 #251
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fsl, 2400 fel, Sec 17, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 203, T&P RR, 13.2 se Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42382 Permit issued 3/15

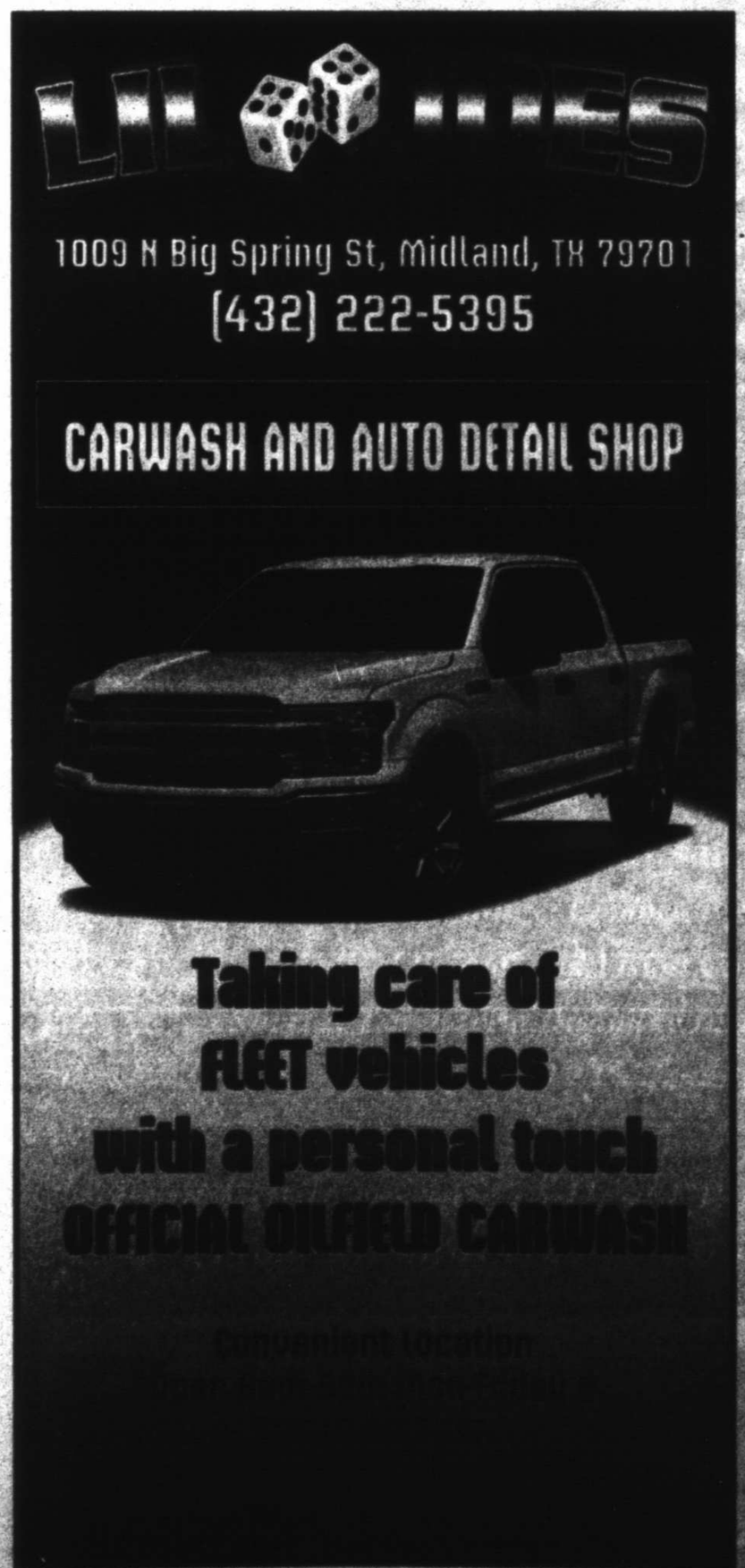
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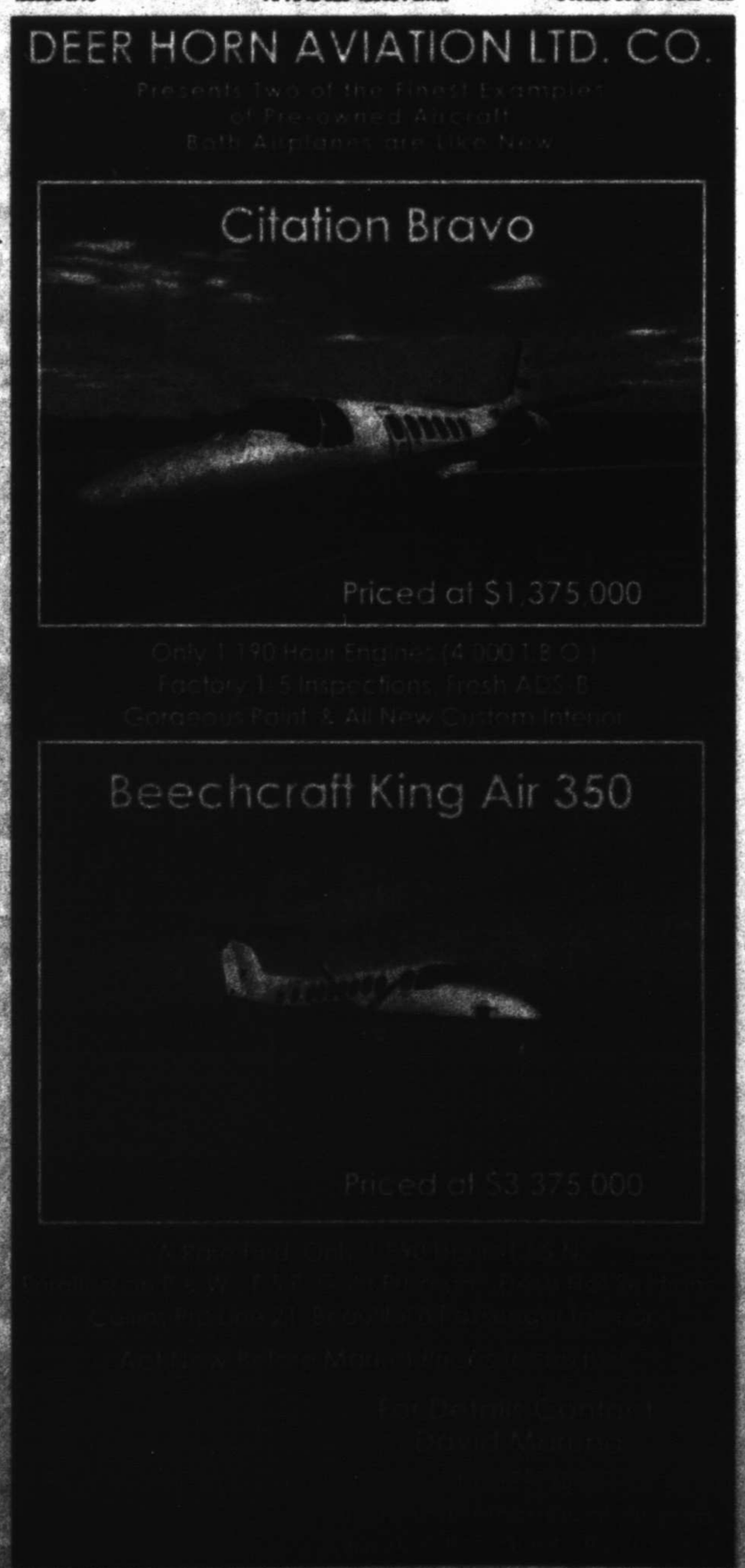
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Lario Oil & Gas Company
Jot #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 358 fnl, 399 fel, Abst. 656, H.F. Taylor, 8.9 sw Midland; TD 10605; API #42-329-42390 Permit issued 3/16

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Charger A #H110MS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 388 fnel, 144 fsel, Sec 10, Blk 38, Abst. 670, T&P RR, 2.1 sw Midland; TD 8500; API

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Mitchell County

SWJN Oil Company
Grant #6
Turner-Gregory (Clearfork); 975 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 28, T-1-N, Abst. 1774, T&P RR, 14 w Colorado City; TD 3300; API #42-335-35975 Permit issued 3/14

Unitex Oil & Gas LLC
L.A. Strain "A" #5
Sharon Ridge (1700); 304 fnl, 1851 fel, Sec 63, Blk 97, Abst. 138, H&TC RR, 8.33 nw Colorado City; TD 2000; API #42-335-35974 Permit issued 3/14

Pecos County

Diamondback E&P LLC
State Slickrock 24-20 A #1WA
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2195 fel, 995 fsl, Sec 24, Blk OW, Abst. 8417, TC RR, 12.8 se Coyanosa; TD 10957; API #42-371-39689 Permit issued 3/12

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Bubblin' Crude 0807A-143 #11H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2520 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 8, Blk 143, Abst. 8678, T&STL RR, 9 se Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-371-39705 Permit issued 3/15

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Bubblin' Crude 0807B-143 #61H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 550 fsl, 406 fel, Sec 8, Blk 143, Abst. 8678, T&STL RR, 10 se Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-371-39706 Permit issued 3/15

Rosehill Operating Company LLC
Trees Estate 77 #A001
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 77, Blk 8, Abst. 232, H&GN RR, 21 n Fort Stockton; TD 9750; API #42-371-39707 Permit issued 3/15

Reeves County

Apache Corporation
Burnside #416DH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 1630 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 56, Abst. 3698, T&P RR, 10.8 se Orla; TD 15000; API #42-389-36913 Permit issued 3/16

Apache Corporation
Burnside #417CH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2430 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 56, Abst. 3698, T&P RR, 10.8 se Orla; TD 15000; API #42-389-36914 Permit issued 3/16

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
St. Clair Unit 2827 #10H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 309 fnel, 331 fsel, Sec 28, Blk 4, Abst. 1892, H&GN RR, 6.3 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36905 Permit issued 3/12

Centennial Resource Producing LLC
Eady C 4 59-60 #U 16H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10200 fnwl, 340 fswl, Sec 59, Blk 4, Abst. 410, H&GN RR, 6.7 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36886 Permit issued 3/14

Centennial Resource Producing LLC
Eady D 4 59-60 #U 09H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 990 fnwl, 340 fswl, Sec 59, Blk 4, Abst. 410, H&GN RR, 6.7 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36887 Permit issued 3/14

Centennial Resource Producing LLC
Eady E 4 59-60 #U 03H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 960 fnwl, 340 fswl, Sec 59, Blk 4, Abst. 410, H&GN RR, 6.7 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36889 Permit issued 3/14

Cimarex Energy Co.
Sentinel State 55-28 Unit #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 280 fnl, 1360 fel, Sec 28, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 3171, T&P RR, 20.8 nw Pecos; TD 15000; API #42-389-36910 Permit issued 3/12

Cimarex Energy Co.
Sentinel State 55-28 Unit #6H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 280 fnl, 1340 fel, Sec 28, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 3171, T&P RR, 20.8 nw Pecos; TD 15000; API #42-389-36911 Permit issued 3/13

Energen Resources Corporation
Express State 55-13-6 #601H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 450 fwl, Sec 13, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 799, T&P RR, 11.7 sw Mentone; TD 14500; API #42-389-36874 Permit issued 3/12

EOG Resources Inc.
State Bluewing Unit A #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 2, Blk 55, T-5-S, Abst. 4742, T&P RR, 15.1 nw Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36916 Permit issued 3/16

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Skinwalker 2-8 #11H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 180 fsl, 576 fsl, Sec 1, Blk 8, Abst. 46, H&GN RR, 26.45 se Pecos; TD 15000; API #42-389-36906 Permit issued 3/12

Oxy USA WTP LP
Bengal 27-34-2N #23H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 373 fnl, 2184 fsl, Sec 39, Blk 50, T-8-S, Abst. 4754, T&P RR, 25.1 se Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36724 Permit issued 3/14

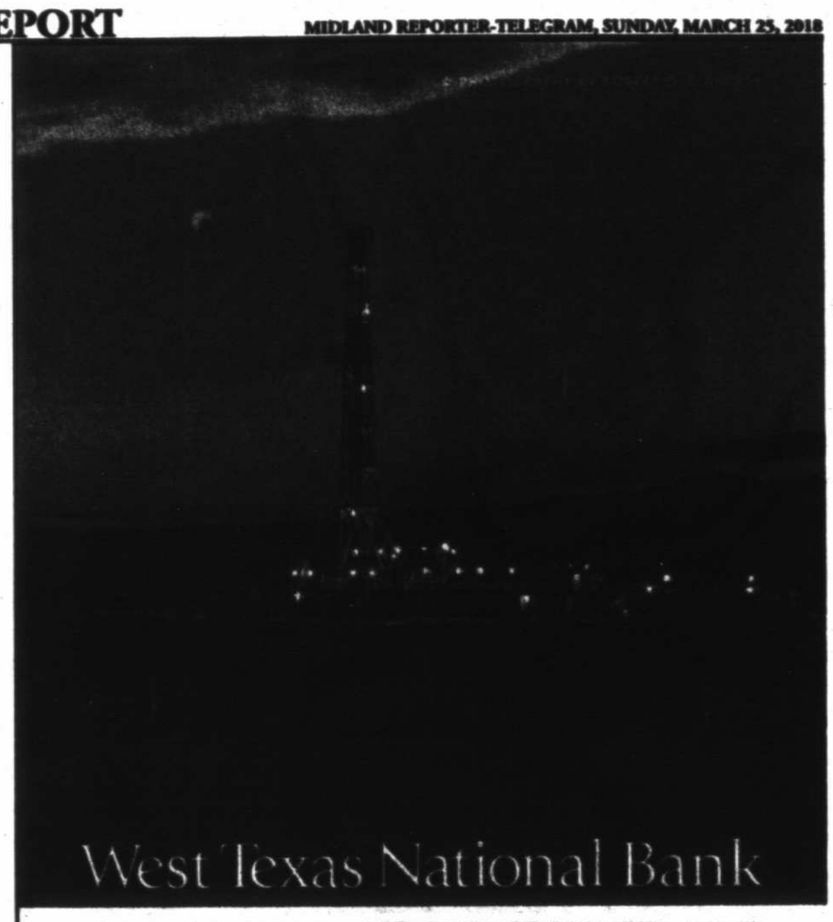
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PRI Operating LLC
Mongoose 20 #2H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2140 fnl, 990 fwl, Sec 20, Blk C-1, Abst. 4586, PSL, 23 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-36900 Permit issued 3/12

PRI Operating LLC
Tiger Unit 21B #4H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 450 fsl, 675 fwl, Sec 16, Blk C-1, Abst. 4584, PSL, 22 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-36896 Permit issued 3/15

Ward County

Halcon Operating Co. Inc.
Sealy Ranch #7506H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 9286 fswl, 2080 fnwl, Sec 74, Blk F, Abst. 980, G&MB&A, 6.4 ne Pyote; TD 15000; API #42-475-37489 Permit issued 3/15



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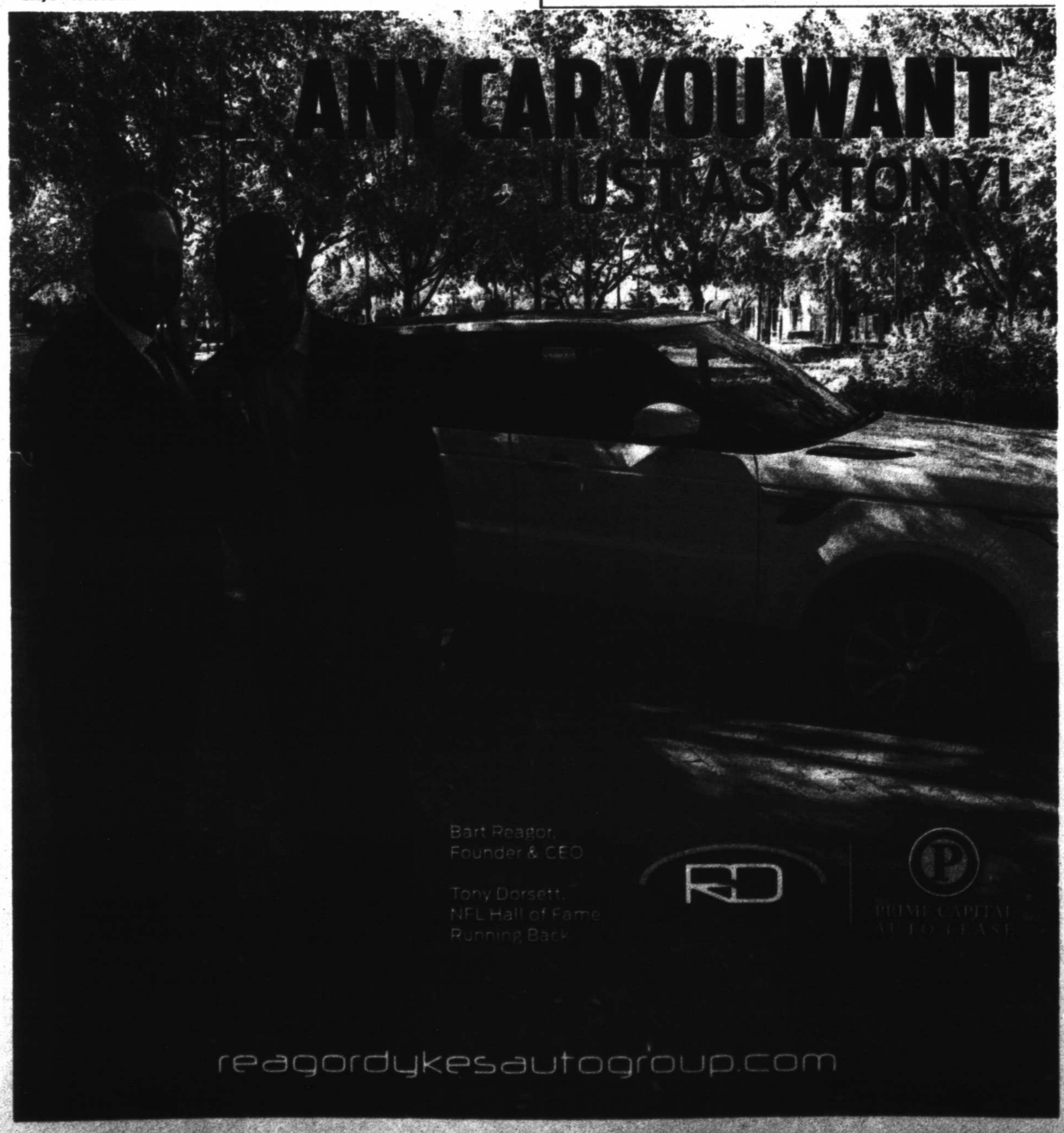
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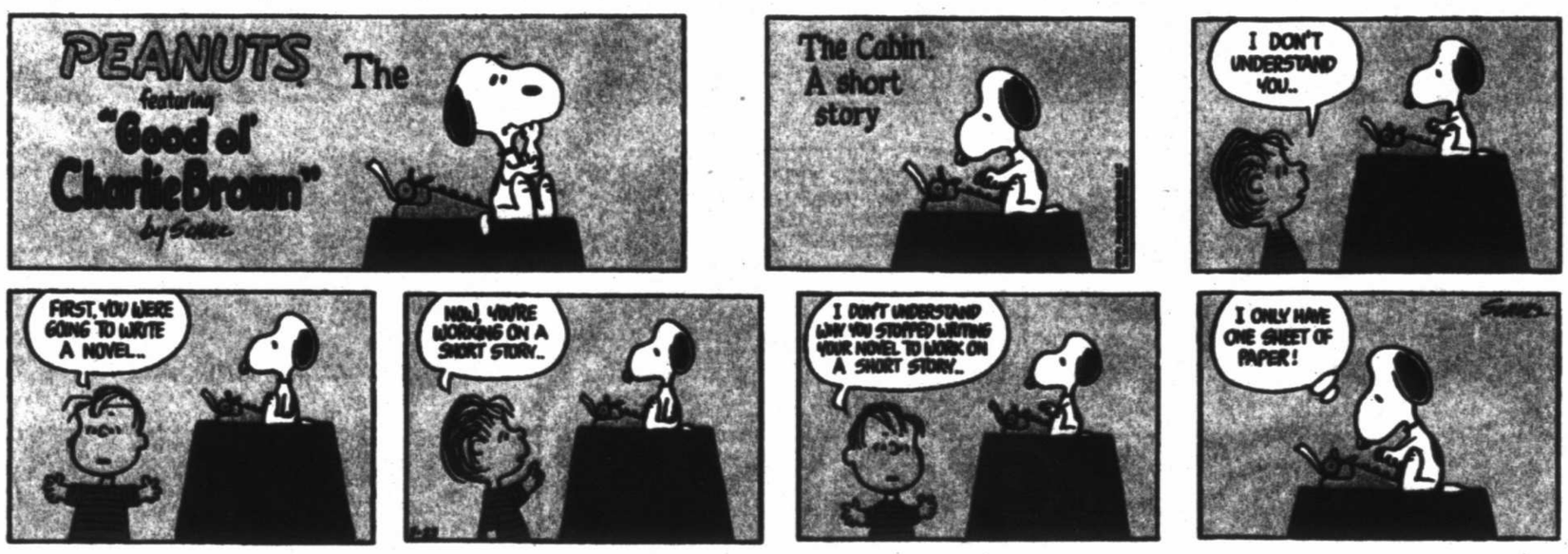
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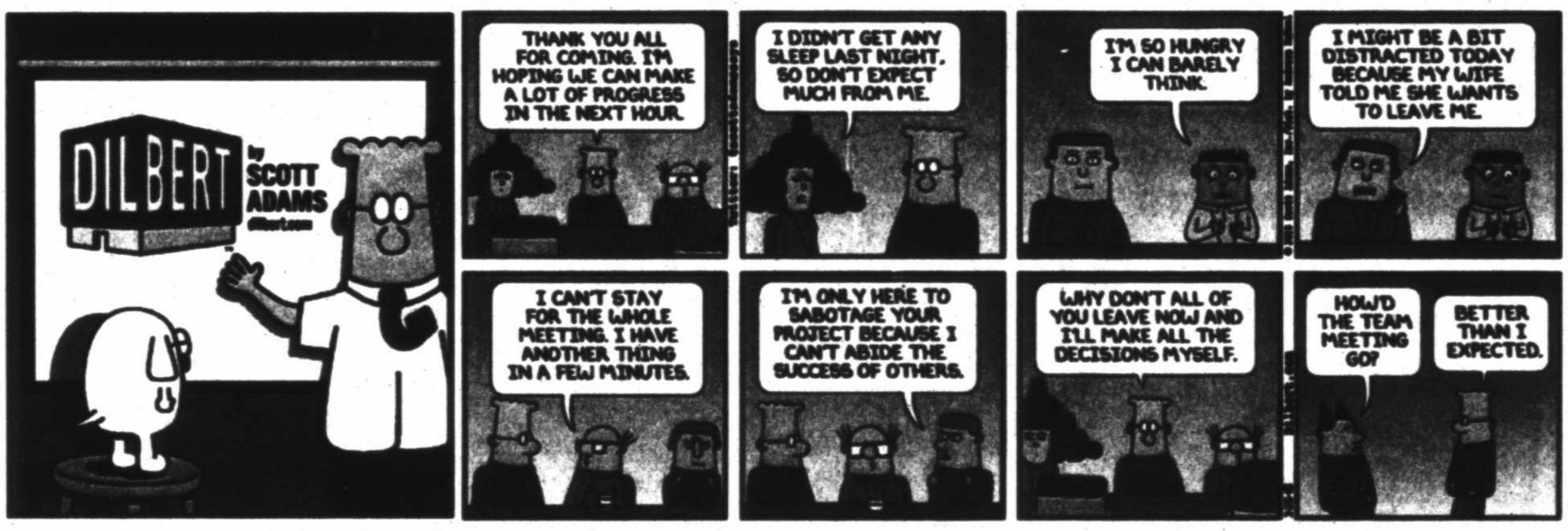
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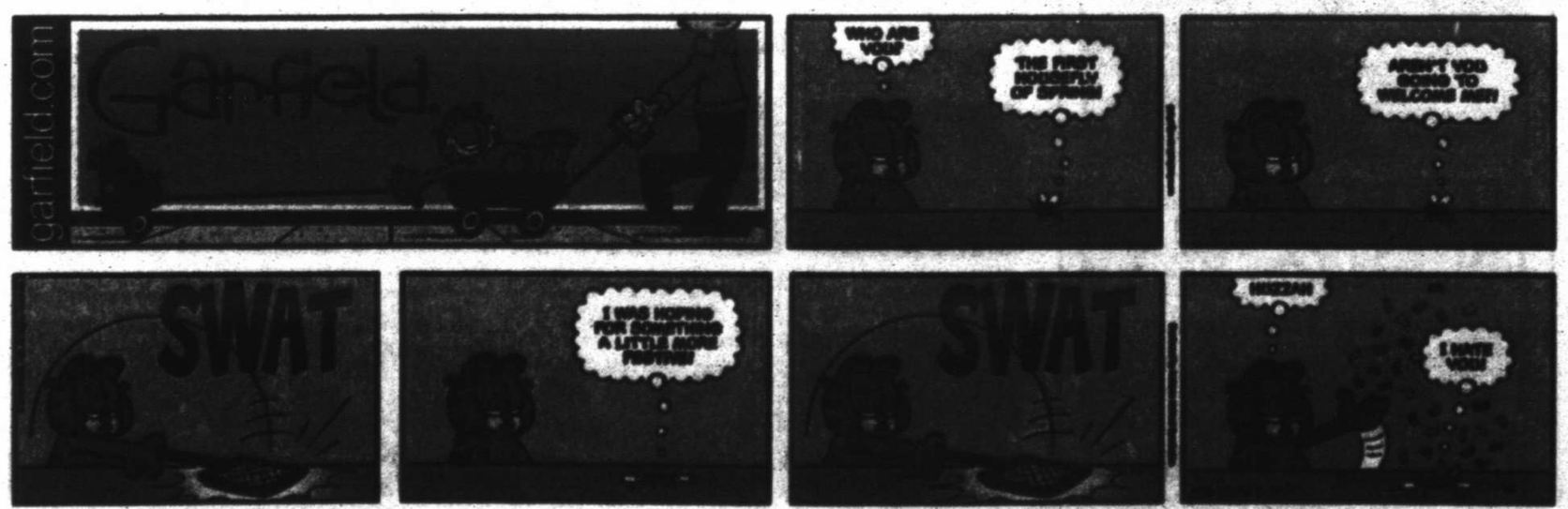
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Mort Walker's beetle bailey



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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY DIK BROWNE

HI AND LOIS

BY BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



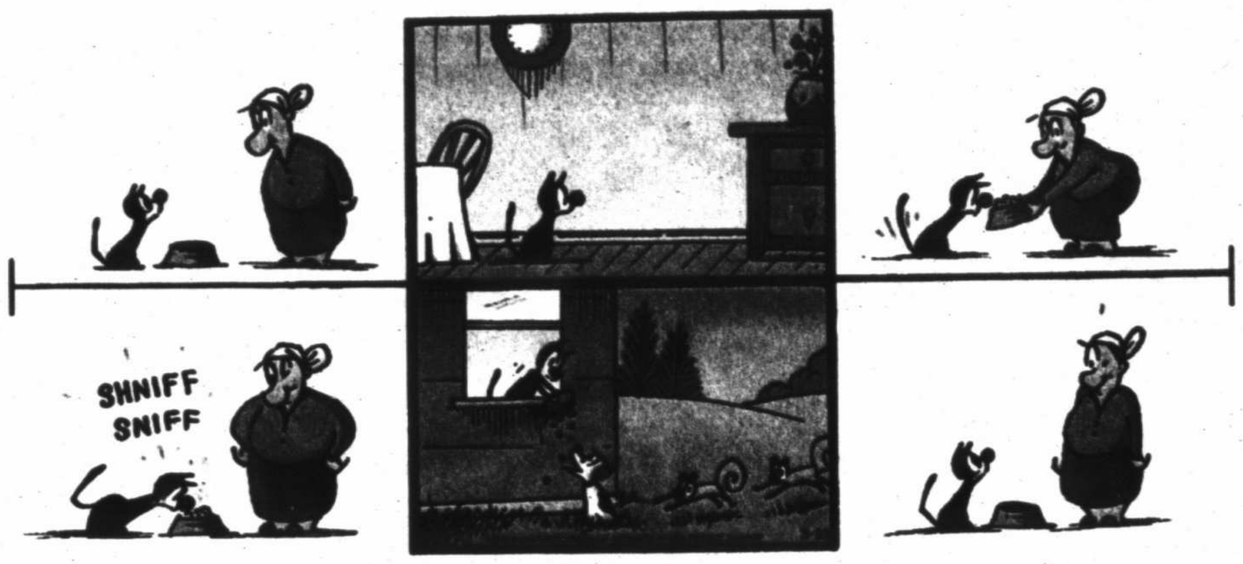
DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM



MUTTS

Patrick McDonnell



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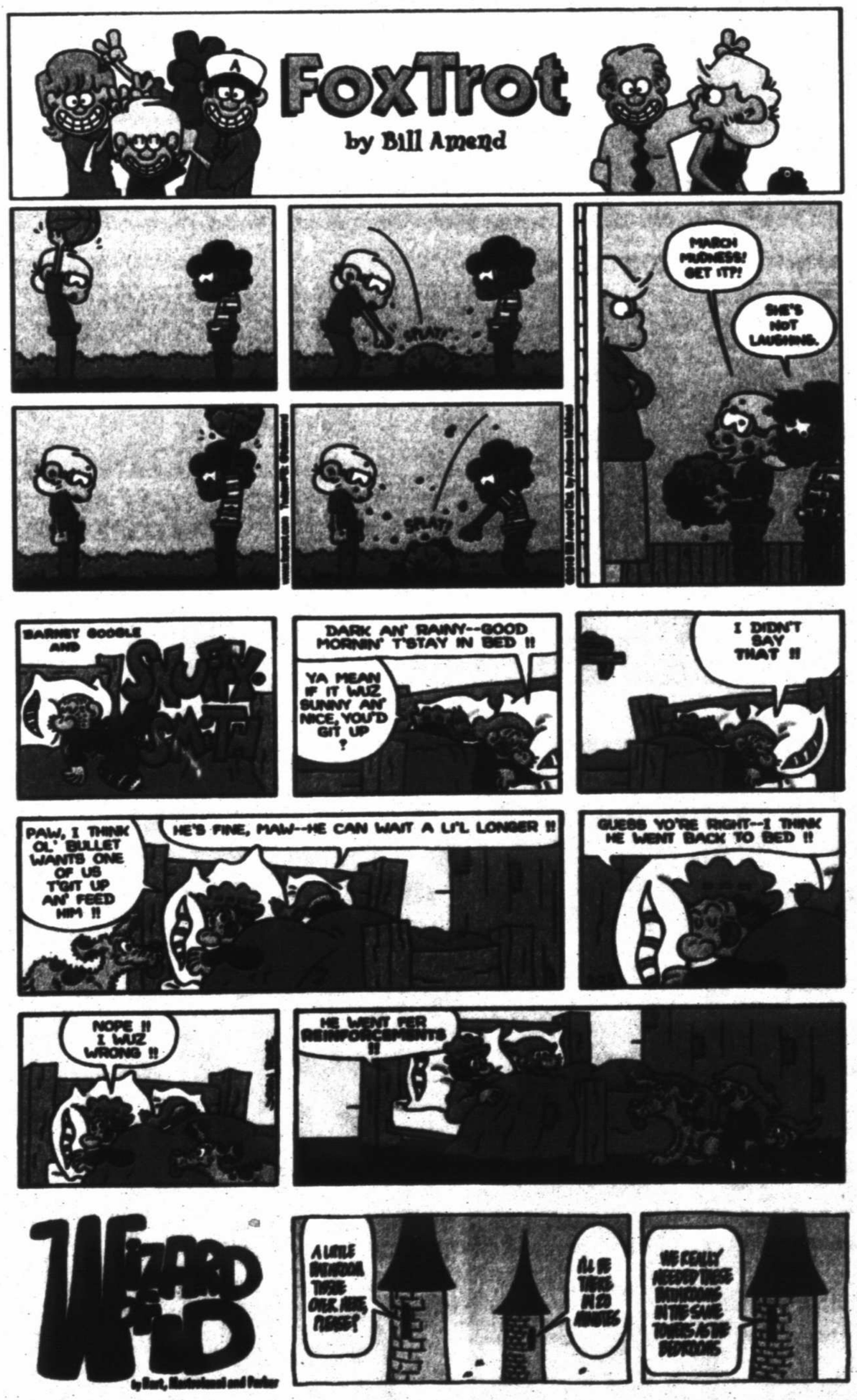






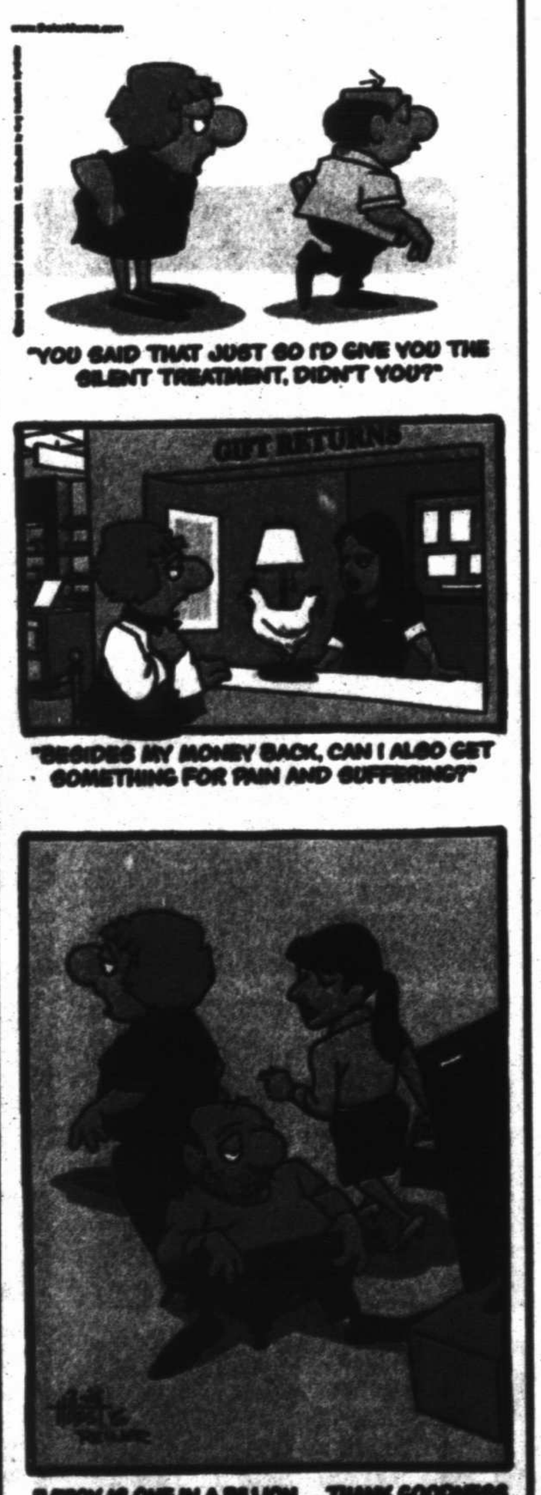
FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



THE LOCKHORNS

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Wizard World

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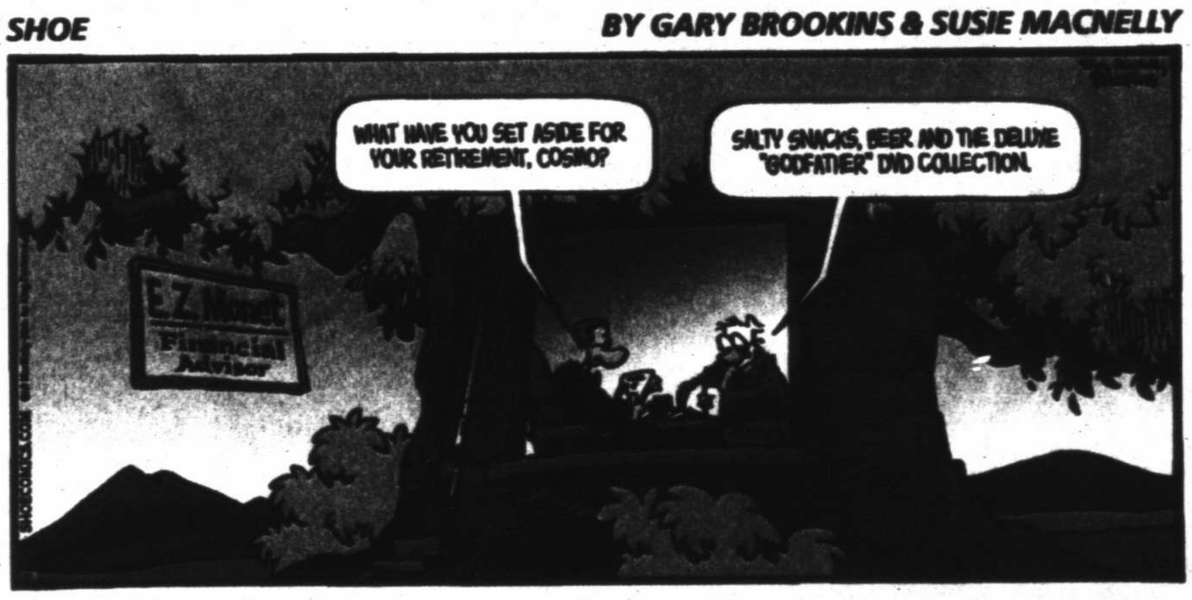
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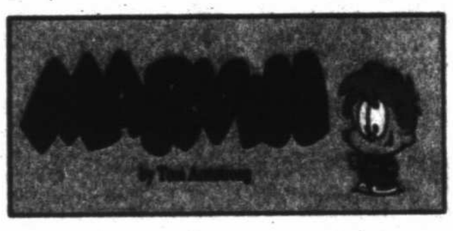
BY BOB WEBER JR.



SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY

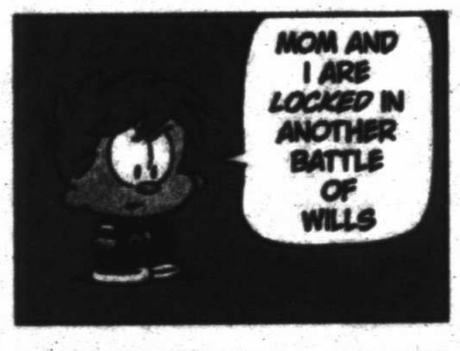






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BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL





FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

BY LYNN JOHNSTON

