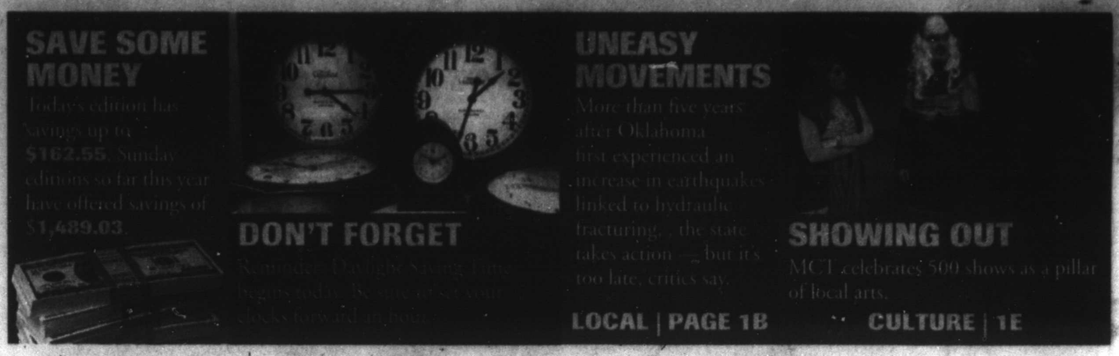


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Nye discusses climate change, oil industry's future

'The Science Guy' previously worked in the Permian Basin oil patch

By Trevor Hawes
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As President Barack Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau joined forces Thursday to address climate change, the Environmental Protection Agency announced it will set in motion a new plan to further regulate the oil and gas industry.

The aim this time is to reduce methane emissions from existing oil and gas wells.

"The agency will begin with a formal process to require companies operating existing oil and gas sources to provide information to assist in the development of comprehensive regulations to reduce methane emissions," the EPA said in a press release.

Congressmen who favor the oil and gas industry responded.

"We should be celebrating American-made energy, not regulating it into oblivion," House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton, R-Mich., and subcommittee leaders said in a joint statement. "We are a nation blessed with abundant and affordable energy, and through American ingenuity, we've been able to create more efficient ways to extract oil and natural gas, increase safety, and modernize our energy infrastructure for the 21st century."

This latest regulation is in addition to others that the EPA has put on the oil and gas industry in recent years in an effort to curb greenhouse gas emissions. Those who believe climate change is indeed a

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Grady loses tournament



Associated Press

Grady's Cole Avery (35) walks off the court after he fouled out during a UIL Class 1A boys high school state final basketball game Saturday in San Antonio. Avinger won 50-36. See more coverage of the game in Sports on **Page 1C.**

Updated figures show Midland-Odessa economic pain deeper than expected

■ New labor market figures indicate the loss of an estimated 14,500 jobs in 2015

By Mella McEwen
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Updated labor market figures from the Texas Workforce Commission this month showed the economic pain caused by low oil prices was deeper than originally thought.

"What had previously been reported as slight year-over-year gains in total employment in Midland-Odessa were revised downward, as expected, to indicate the loss of an estimated 14,500 jobs in 2015, a decline of about 8 percent over the year. Monthly employment estimates in the latter part of 2014 were revised slightly downward as well," said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for the Midland Development

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EIA says US oil production falling, lowers price forecast.

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Trump speech doesn't reflect Midland life, local Muslims say

By Cassie Burton
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Despite leading Republican nominee Donald Trump's speech — such as "Islam hates (the U.S.)," local Muslims painted a different picture of the deeply red Midland County.

"I am a Muslim, and I have never seen people treating me differently or anything like (that)," said Ahmed Elsonbaty, who moved to Midland a year and a half ago for his job in the oil industry.

Farook Rafeek, a Midland resident of about 35 years, said that he never faced any repercussions for being Muslim when in public or at work.

"Even if they're not nice, they never show it," Rafeek said. "In every society, there are good people and there are some not so good people."

Rafeek said that while the mosque does experience occasional terroristic threats made online, eggs thrown at windows or broken glass, he considers it "vandalism," not a crime born of hatred. He points to positive examples of community outreach to the Muslim community. After the 9/11 attacks in 2001, churches all over Midland reached out to the Muslim Association of West Texas, where Rafeek and Elsonbaty worship.

"(Almost) every church called us to find out if we were OK, if we need help, how we were doing. It was enormous," Rafeek said. "And that speaks a lot for Midland people here. If everyone is saying, 'If your womenfolks are scared to go to the store, we'll come and escort them to the store.' That shows how much concern they have for us as a Muslim group."

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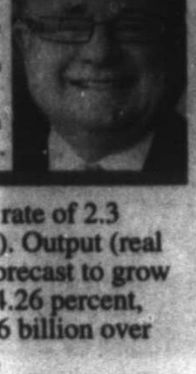
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State's main population centers should see moderate growth



THE ECONOMIST
By M. Ray Perryman

About three of every four new jobs are created in one of Texas' six largest metropolitan areas, with almost half of new jobs generated in the Dallas and Houston areas alone. The Perryman Group's latest forecast for the state's population centers indicates moderate growth over the next five years, with the Austin area setting the pace.

The Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) economy continues to outperform both the state and the nation. The recent rate of job growth has been leading the state, and the area continues to compare well with most parts of the United States in terms of economic performance. Our forecast indicates strong growth in real gross product of 4.42 percent per year through 2020 (an increase of $27.2 billion), with an addition of 127,656 jobs over the period (a 2.49 percent yearly rate). The population is expected to expand at a 2.1 percent pace during the next five years.

The Dallas-Plano-Irving Metropolitan Division (MD) economy added an impressive number of jobs over the past year, setting the stage for future growth. The area continues to benefit from relocations, expansions, and major projects, and we are projecting that the area will see 296,012 jobs added by 2020 (a growth rate of 2.3 percent per annum). Output (real gross product) is forecast to grow at a yearly rate of 4.26 percent, increasing by $80.6 billion over the next five years.

The Fort Worth-Arlington MD is somewhat more vulnerable to the energy industry than the Austin or Dallas areas, and has seen various negative effects with the end of the oil surge. Even so, some industries have seen significant expansion, offsetting losses in the construction and mining and logging sectors. Through 2020, the Fort Worth-Arlington MD is forecast to see gains in real gross product at a 4.25 percent yearly rate, for an overall increase of $27.9 billion. Nearly 112,800 jobs are projected to be added, representing 2.10 percent per annum growth.

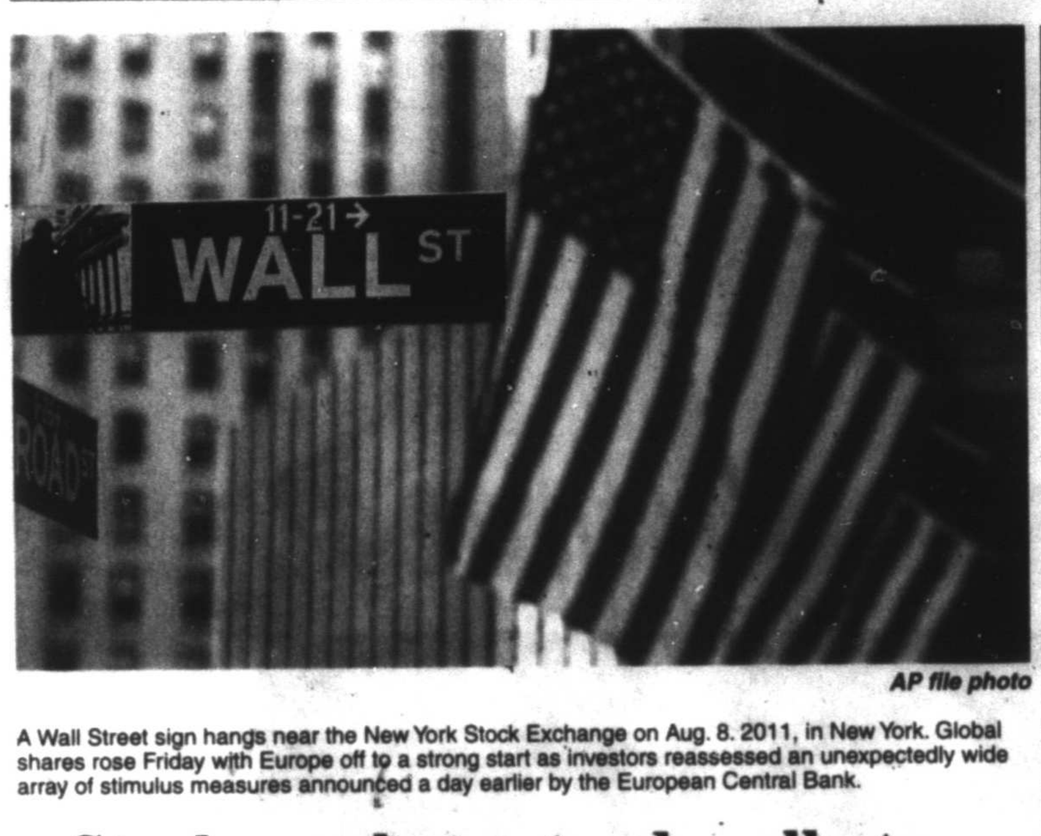
Economic conditions in the El Paso MSA have been improving, with thousands of jobs added over the past year. The largest gains have been occurring in professional and business services, education and health services, and leisure and hospitality. El Paso output (real gross product) is forecast to increase at a 3.54 percent rate through 2020, for a gain of more than $5.1 billion. During the same period, wage and salary employment is likely to grow by over 33,200 jobs, a 1.91 percent per annum gain.

The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA has struggled due to lower oil prices, but other aspects of the diversified economy are mitigating the negative effects of the energy slowdown. Job gains in leisure and hospitality, education and health services, and government segments have been offsetting heavy losses in manufacturing, mining, and financial services. Through 2020, our forecast indicates output (real gross product) expansion at a 4.31 percent pace, for a gain of nearly $115.9 billion. Wage and salary employment is projected to increase by close to 359,300 jobs over the period (a 2.22 percent yearly pace). The pace of growth is expected to pick up during the next several years, and economic gains are concentrated in the latter years of the forecast horizon.

The San Antonio-New Braunfels MSA has recently experienced spotty growth, with some industries growing and some shedding jobs. The region continues to attract locations in emerging technology industries, including a large data center recently announced, as well as maintaining a stable base of cornerstone industries such as health care, manufacturing, and tourism. The San Antonio-New Braunfels MSA is projected to experience growth in output at a 3.90 percent per year rate through 2020. More than 112,000 net new jobs are expected to be created, while population increases by about 201,000 by 2020.

The state's 20 other MSAs are projected to account for just over 17 percent of total job gains in Texas during the next five years. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission and Tyler MSAs are expected to see job growth at a rate outpacing the state, with Brownsville-Harlingen, Laredo, and Abilene also likely to experience employment expansion at relatively healthy rates. Although we expect Midland and Odessa to begin to recover in the later years of the forecast timeline, the end of the oil surge is clearly stifling growth.

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AP file photo

A Wall Street sign hangs near the New York Stock Exchange on Aug. 8, 2011, in New York. Global shares rose Friday with Europe off to a strong start as investors reassessed an unexpectedly wide array of stimulus measures announced a day earlier by the European Central Bank.

Stock market extends rally to a 4th week as energy recovers

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A jump in crude oil and a rise in European markets set off a rally in U.S. stocks to cap a four-week winning streak for major indexes.

Investors bought across industries from the start of trading on Friday. Drillers, refiners and other energy companies rose sharply as the price for U.S. crude hit a high for the year. Devon Energy jumped 11 percent and Southwestern Energy gained 10 percent.

Just a month ago, investors were dumping shares amid talk of a possible U.S. recession. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell to almost a two-year low. But confidence has returned as data has suggested the U.S. economy is strengthening.

"While things aren't great, they're not the disaster we thought," said Bill Strazzullo, chief market strategist at Bell Curve Trading. "We've rallied after a horrendous start to the year."

The S&P 500 is up now nearly 11 percent from Feb. 11.

On Friday, the S&P 500 gained 32.62 points, or 1.6 percent, to 2,022.19. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 218.18 points, or 1.3 percent, to 17,213.31. The Nasdaq composite climbed 86.31 points, or 1.9 percent, to 4,748.47.

U.S. crude gained after the International Energy Agency said signs that the market has "bottomed out" have emerged. Energy companies have been shutting down rigs and laying off thousands of workers as oil prices plunged to around $30 per barrel, from well over $100 per barrel just two years ago.

U.S. crude has risen 47 percent from a 13-year low of $26.21 a month ago.

Bank stocks also rose sharply. That sector had been beaten down in recent weeks as investors worried about loans to highly leveraged energy companies going bad.

The rally has got some investors worried, though.

Chief Equity Strategist Phil Orlando of Federated Investors said the "terrific four-week run" makes him a "little nervous." Among his concerns are a steeper China slowdown, a U.S. dollar strengthening even more and hurting U.S. exports, no relief from the corporate profits drop over the last year and more surprises in the presidential election.

"Don't discount the fiscal policy uncertainty of the election," he warned.

Xavier Smith, manager of the Centre Global Select Equity Fund, said he doesn't buy the oil rally, either.

"Oil is a proxy for the overall economy, and it's not going on four cylinders anywhere," Smith said. "So why would oil be strong? It doesn't make any sense."

European markets rose sharply as investors hoped that the European Central Bank's latest blast of stimulus policies would help revive the region's economy. Germany's DAX gained 3.5 percent, France's CAC 40 advanced 3.3 percent and Britain's FTSE 100 rose 1.7 percent.

The ECB moves included three interest rate cuts, loans to banks, and the expansion of a bond-buying stimulus program. Shares in banks, which will be supported by the ECB loans, were among the biggest gainers.

Investors turn their attention to a meeting of the U.S. Federal Reserve next week. Unlike its counterparts in Europe and Japan, the Fed is looking to wind down its economic stimulus, though most investors do not expect it to tighten credit next week. The Fed raised rates for the first time in nine years in December.

Among stocks making big moves, driller Anadarko Petroleum rose $3.79, or 9 percent, to $46.29 after saying it would cut 1,000 workers, or 17 percent of its work force.

Power company Pepco Holdings fell $2.18, or 9 percent, to $22.07 after officials for the District of Columbia where it operates rejected a proposal to salvage its troubled $6.8 billion merger with Exelon Corp. District regulators rejected the merger twice before.

U.S. crude added 66 cents, or 1.7 percent, to $38.50 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, gained 34 cents, or 0.8 percent, to $40.39 a barrel. Wholesale gasoline rose 0.5 cents to $1.444 a gallon, heating oil rose 0.2 cents to $1.218 a gallon and natural gas gained 3.4 cents to $1.822 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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ASK DAVE



Dave Ramsey, financial expert

Set aside three to six months of expenses in emergency fund

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

DEAR DAVE: Do I set aside six months' worth of paychecks or the amount of my bills for six months when it's time to save up my fully funded emergency fund? — Steve

DEAR STEVE: In my plan, Baby Step 3 is when I advise people to save up three to six months of expenses in a fully loaded emergency fund. This is set aside and not touched for any reason other than a true emergency. It's not a Bahamas fund or a new living room furniture fund. It's an emergency fund. It's not an investment or fun money; it's insurance. Think of your emergency fund as a protective barrier that keeps you from going into debt or cashing out investments when life throws bad things your way.

How do you decide where to land in the three-to six month range of expenses? That depends on how much risk your household has. If there's only one income in the equation, you have more risk, so you should skew things toward six months. Being self-employed or a commissioned salesperson is also a situation where this would be true. If there are two incomes, and both come from steady, dependable sources, you could fall into the middle of that range or even more toward the three-month side.

Make sure your emergency fund is easily accessible too. A simple money market account with check-writing privileges works fine. You want to make sure you can get your money quickly when the need arises!

DEAR DAVE: Should I ever consider a 5/1 adjustable loan if I'm buying a house and plan to pay it off in five years? — Anonymous

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Follow safe banking tips to avoid fraud

Using a smartphone, tablet or computer to manage your finances is a convenient way to monitor your money from anywhere at any time. At the same time, it's important to be cautious when checking your account balance online or with a mobile banking app.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, more than 8,600 complaints against banks and lenders were reported by Texas consumers in 2015. Also, bank fraud was ranked as one of the top five types of identity theft.

This week, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin is celebrating National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW), a national campaign aimed to educate and encourage consumers on a variety of topics, such as identity theft, safe banking practices and scams.

To protect yourself against fraud, BBB and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) offers the following safe banking tips:

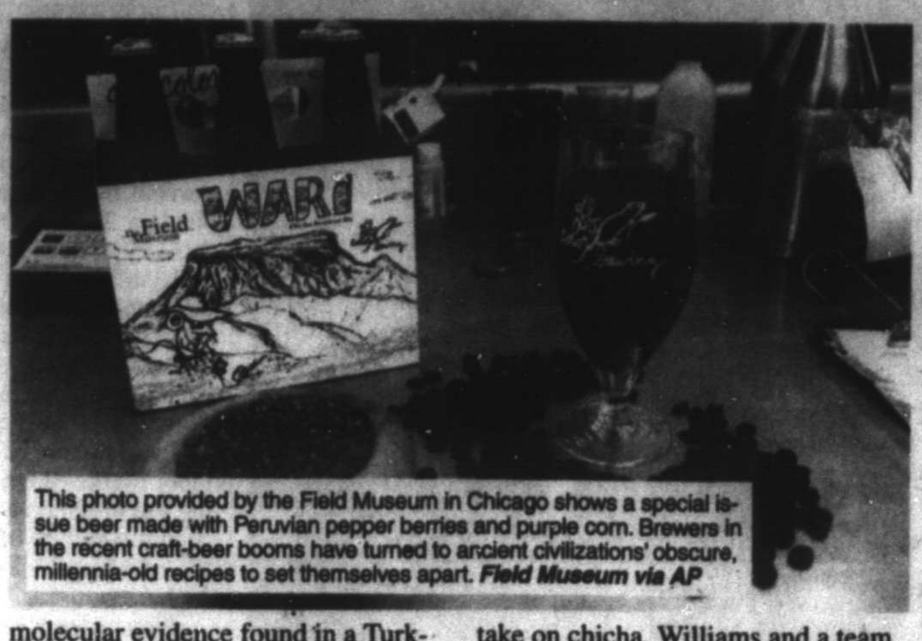
■ **Avoid "card skimming" at ATM machines.**
Card skimming occurs when scammers attach a device to an ATM machine or gas pump to "skim" the information on your debit or credit card when you swipe them. When combined with a hidden camera, the scammers are able to record your Personal Identification Number (PIN). To help protect yourself, examine the area surrounding the ATM for possible concealed cameras. Also, stand close to the machine when entering your PIN, and cover the keypad with your hand.

■ **Use a credit card for online transactions.**
Avoid using a prepaid debit card or debit card — which is linked directly to your checking account — when purchasing online. According to the FDIC, debit cards are considered less beneficial than credit cards for major purchases or online buying because of the limited protections in cases of fraud.

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Wari Ale the latest homage to ancient brews

By Dirk Lammers
Associated Press



This photo provided by the Field Museum in Chicago shows a special issue beer made with Peruvian pepper berries and purple corn. Brewers in the recent craft-beer booms have turned to ancient civilizations' obscure, millennia-old recipes to set themselves apart. *Field Museum via AP*

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Fourteen years ago, University of South Dakota anthropology professor Matthew Sayre unearthed pepper tree seed from the southern tip of Peru, unaware he'd stumbled upon a spent ingredient from a small 1,000-year-old brewery.

That discovery evolved into a team from Chicago's Field Museum team excavating a larger 500-gallon batch operation at Cerro Baul and the issuance of an ale inspired by the ingredients and brewing practices of the ancient Wari people.

In the recent craft-beer booms, brewers have turned to ancient civilizations' obscure, millennia-old recipes using corn, rice, peppers and berries to set themselves apart from their colleagues' beers as well as the vast majority of modern beer, which is brewed primarily with barley, hops and yeast.

"They started spreading out and trying other things, and it turned out that ancient people were doing the same thing," said Patrick McGovern, an ancient beverage expert at the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia. "It takes us back to our roots."

Wari Ale, the latest offering that taps ancient cultures for inspiration, carries the sourness of a corn mash with a late-breaking, delicate hint of sweetness from the pepper, said Patrick Ryan Williams, the museum's associate curator and head of anthropology.

"It's very refreshing, clear, summer ale type," Williams said of the purple beer, which was made by Chicago's Off Color Brewing. "Maybe like a shandy."

Delaware-based Dogfish Head Craft Brewery was among the first to tap into ancient beers market in 1999 as part of collaboration with McGovern. The recipe for the beer-wine-mead hybrid brew Midas Touch — honey, barley malt, white muscat grapes and saffron — came from molecular evidence found in a Turkish tomb believed to have belonged to King Midas.

Inspirations for later Dogfish Head ancients, which McGovern will be chronicling in his upcoming book "Liquid Time Capsules," include a 3,500-year-old Danish drinking vessel, 3,400-year-old pottery fragments found in Honduras and a 9,000-year-old tomb from Neolithic China.

A 2009 batch of the traditional Peruvian chicha replicated the ancient act of milling and moistening the corn in Dogfish brewers' mouths before adding it into the boil. Attendees of the Great American Beer Festival couldn't wait to try it, McGovern said.

"The line of people across the Denver Convention Center was unbelievable," he said.

Sayre's seed discovery, which he quickly connected to berries growing nearby, came along with evidence of many smaller sites that were home probably breweries, he said, but the giant operation unearthed by Field Museum anthropologists was much larger than the ones he found.

"When it was brewed in large amounts, that was probably for big feast events," Sayre said.

To map out a process for a modern take on chicha, Williams and a team of researchers brewed experimental batches in Peru using locally grown corn and pepper berries.

"We used reproduction ceramic vessels of the boiling jars and we did it over an open fire using natural woods and fuel," Williams said. "We really wanted to understand how the brew was created."

The batches gave the scientists a pretty good idea of how the brew should taste, and then the museum took its information to Off Color Brewing.

To be called a beer in the U.S., breweries must use barley and hops, so those ingredients were incorporated into the recipe.

"So it's not an exact recreation," Williams said. "It's a chicha de molle-inspired ale.

Off Color co-founder David Bleitner brewed some small batches until settling on a method that would work for a large-scale replication, overcoming logistical challenges such as finding an importer to source the purple corn from Peru.

"We've never done anything like this before," Bleitner said. "This was probably the most work I've ever put into concepting and making a beer."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland-Odessa Domino's raises $5000 for St. Jude's

Midland and Odessa residents came out in full support of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital when two Domino's stores owned by Jim and Cassie Gerety hosted Townsquare Media radio stations for Live Radio Remotes.

During the two-hour remotes, Domino's sold Medium Pepperoni Pizzas for just $3 each, with $1 from each pizza being donated to St. Jude's. In addition, Domino's accepted cash donations for St. Judes. These radio remotes were the kick off of the two-day radiothon called Country Cares that Townsquare Media does each year. The Townsquare Media's goal is to raise more than $100,000 for St. Jude's during this two-day event through phone-in and on-line pledges.

Domino's Pizza franchisee Jim Gerety announced that the community and his nine stores in Midland & Odessa raised $5,000 for St. Jude's.

WTG announces promotions

J. L. Davis, chairman of the WTG family of companies, announces a series of promotions and new appointments.

David Davis was named president of WTG Exploration Inc. and its oilfield subsidiary, WTG Services.

Richard Hatchett is now president of West Texas Gas Inc. and its regulated gas pipeline subsidiaries.

Michael Davis has been named president of WTG Gas Processing and Davis Gas Processing Inc. along with all other WTG midstream gas gathering and gas processing entities.

Larry Mills will now serve as president of WTG Fuels Inc. and its subsidiaries in the retail and wholesale refined product and propane industry.

Lori Winter is now president of Basin Aviation Inc., a fixed-base flight operation and charter service at Midland Airpark.

Other promotions and appointments within the WTG family of companies include: J. J. King, vice president, gas marketing; Jeff Sheppard, vice president, midstream engineering and operations; Casey King, vice president, operations for WTG Fuels; Nancy Davis, vice president, human relations and Barbara Geffken, assistant secretary.

Konica Minolta honors Hilliard Office Solutions

Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A. Inc. has honored Midland-based Hilliard Office Solutions with a 2016 Pro-Tech Service Award.

This award recognizes those Konica Minolta dealerships that demonstrate the highest commitment to customer support and satisfaction.

A Pro-Tech Service Award winner for the third year in a row, Hilliard Office Solutions, headed by Brent Hilliard, president, is dedicated to delivering professional, reliable service and maximum performance for Konica Minolta's award-winning solutions. To attain the Pro-Tech standard, each element of Hilliard Office Solutions operation was evaluated and measured, including its management skills, inventory control systems, technical expertise, dispatch systems and customer satisfaction ratings.

My Community FCU opens new branch

My Community Federal Credit Union will celebrate the opening of its sixth branch, inside the new H-E-B at Loop 250 and Andrews Highway, with a ceremony March 16 at 11:30 a.m.

The new branch is full-service, offering everything from opening an account, depositing/withdrawing money, applying for an auto or personal loan or credit card, signing up for online & mobile banking, or inquiring about investment opportunities and mortgage loans. This location opened its doors on February 26 along with H-E-B's grand opening.

BBB

From 2A

■ **Keep your transactions secure.**

Safeguard your bank account information, credit card numbers, Social Security number and other personal data when you use the Internet. Don't use an unsecured Wi-Fi network, such as the networks open to the public in coffee shops and restaurants. Also, don't send personal information or account numbers through regular emails or text messages.

■ **Research any app before downloading it.**

Just because the name of the app resembles the name of your bank doesn't mean that it's the official app for the bank. It could be a fraudulent app designed to look like the real one. Make sure to download the app from a legitimate app store.

■ **Secure your mobile device and the app.**

Depending on the type of mobile device or smartphone, most have technology now that requires a PIN number or fingerprint to unlock the phone. Whether you access your account through the bank's website or mobile app, create a strong password and one that's not easy to guess. The FDIC recommends a password contain combinations of upper and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols and a PIN with random numbers, and not the last four digits of your Social Security number. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

■ **Be on guard against unsolicited emails or text messages appearing to link to a financial institution's website.**

These could be phishing messages containing some sort of urgent request (such as a warning that you need to "verify" bank account or other personal information) or an amazing offer (one that is "too good to be true") designed to lead you to a fake website. Scammers use this tactic to gain access to your personal information and other sensitive data.

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China's central banker says economy can hit growth target

Associated Press

BEIJING — In a new effort to dispel anxiety about China's cooling economy, the central bank governor said Saturday the country can hit this year's official growth target and Beijing has no need to weaken its currency to boost sagging exports.

Zhou Xiaochuan's comments at a news conference during China's national legislature add to a high-level public relations campaign by Beijing to reassure global financial markets about the stability of the world's second-largest economy following stock and currency turmoil.

Zhou expressed confidence the economy can hit its official growth target, which the ruling Communist Party lowered this year to 6.5 to 7 percent from last year's "about 7 percent." Growth fell last year to a 25-year low of 6.9 percent, though that still was among the world's highest.

Economic growth has declined steadily over the past five years as Beijing carries out a marathon effort to nurture domestic demand and reduce reliance on a worn-out model based on trade and investment.

An unexpectedly sharp decline over the past two years prompted fears of a politically dangerous spike in job losses and prompted Beijing to shore up growth with mini-stimulus measures based on higher spending on building roads and other public works. But officials including Premier Li Keqiang have said longer-term gains have to come from reform, not more spending.

Productivity is improving and planned economic reforms should spur Chinese consumer demand, "so I believe we can realize these economic growth targets," said Yi Gang, a deputy governor who appeared with Zhou at the news conference.

He was responding to a question about whether Beijing might be forced to loosen credit controls in order to meet its target, potentially increasing rising debt levels that have caused unease in financial markets.

If the economy performs as expected, Zhou said "there would be no need to have stimulus from monetary policy."

The ruling party's reputation for skillful economic management has been battered over the past year by a stock market collapse that wiped out some $5 trillion in share value and turmoil over China's currency, the yuan.

The premier and other officials have spent the past three weeks giving emphatic public assurances their economy is under control.

Zhou, 68, is respected abroad and is seen as an advocate of pragmatic, market-based financial reforms aimed at making China's state-dominated economy more efficient. He was retained in his job past the normal retirement age of 65 in what appeared to be an effort by a new generation of Chinese leaders who took power in 2012 to reassure financial markets of policy continuity.

Alba's Honest Co. lashes out over ingredients report

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Honest Co., co-founded by movie star Jessica Alba, is denying a news report that said its laundry detergent contains an ingredient that it promised its customers that it would never use.

Alba helped found Honest Co. about five years ago. It has grown rapidly, selling diapers, soap, lotion and cleaning products that it says are free of "harsh chemicals." Late last year it started selling lip gloss, blush and mascara under the brand Honest Beauty.

The Wall Street Journal, in a report posted to its website Thursday, said it tested Honest Co.'s detergent at two laboratories and found it had sodium lauryl sulfate.

On its website, Honest Co. promises that it doesn't use SLS — a common ingredient in other brands — because it can cause skin irritation.

It said Friday that its detergent contains sodium coco sulfate instead, an ingredient it says is a "gentler alternative." The company said it conducted "rigorous testing" and said the Journal's article is wrong and "reckless."

"I am extremely disappointed by the recent Wall Street Journal article full of misrepresentations," Alba said in a blog post .

The Journal said Friday that its report "is accurate, fair and meets" its standards.

Honest Co., based in Los Angeles, sells its products online and at discount retailer Target, grocery chain Whole Foods and other major stores around the country.

Target Corp. said Friday that it had no plans to remove the detergent from its store shelves. Whole Foods Market Inc. said it is working with Honest Co. to "understand the results of the test."

Privately held Honest Co. is also facing a class action lawsuit from customers who say the company's sunscreen failed to protect them, causing sun burns, according to court documents. That case is still pending, and Honest Co. has said its products are safe.

DAVE

From 2A

DEAR ANONYMOUS: No! The reason is you can never be assured that you're going to pay it off in five years. If you go into it with that mindset, then you're basically saying you can predict the future will be exactly how you want it to be. That's pretty naive. Your future will never be what you think it will be. It's either going to be better or worse, but your future will never turn out exactly the way you plan for it to be.

If you can't buy a home with cash, you need the stability of a 15-year, fixed rate mortgage in your life. We're living in the lowest mortgage interest rate environment in about 50 years. I saw a 3.02 percent 15-year fixed rate mortgage just the other day.

For those of you who have not refinanced, if you're staying in your home or you're sitting on an adjustable rate, this is a great time to change that. Still, people are sitting around yawning like these kinds of rates are going to be around forever. It's gone on for a while now, but don't let that fool you into thinking those kinds of rates are normal. They're not going to last forever.

No, I would never under any circumstances take an adjustable rate mortgage. Was that unclear? I hope not!

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today in Midland history

On March 13, 1990, a 58-year-old Clayton Williams, of Midland, overwhelmed Kent Hance, Tom Luce and Jack Rains to win the Republican nomination for governor. Williams collected more than 60 percent of the vote.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of setting the clocks forward one hour from standard time during the summer months, and back again in the fall, to make better use of natural daylight.

"Spring forward, fall back" is one of the little sayings to help remember which way to set your watch. You set your clock forward in the spring when DST starts (= lose one hour), and back one hour when DST ends in the fall (= regain one hour).

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Things to do

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

■ Midland Scottish-Irish Faire and Highland Games, Horseshoe Pavilion, chapb.org.

■ Caring Bunny Experience, 10-11:30 a.m.,Midland Park Mall. facebook.com/midlandparkmall.

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

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

■ Mike Farris, 2:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing, liveonstage-pb.com.

■ MOSC: Permian Basin String Quartet, 3 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, MOSC.org.

Meetings this week

■ **Commissioners' Court**
9 a.m. Monday
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

■ **Midland College**
4 p.m. Tuesday
Gibson boardroom,
Administration Building

Support groups and club meetings today

■ ODESSA — Tourettes syndrome support group, 2 p.m., Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St.; Pam Weaks, 806-438-6601, pz-weaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell, 806-549-7788.

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

Sales Tax figures

■ **March 2016 collection:** $2,648,022
■ **March 2015 collection:** $3,412,904
■ **Percent difference:** -22.41
■ **Fiscal year-to-date total:** $19,380,104
■ **Percent decrease from last year:** 19.7
■ **Amount dedicated in March to pay off the sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.:** $662,005
■ **Amount dedicated in this fiscal year to pay off the sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.:** $4,845,026

Note: Sales tax collection is generated by sales tax income from two months before.

Sales tax collection decreases
■ **October:** 23.61 percent
■ **November:** 16.08 percent
■ **December:** 25.77 percent
■ **January:** 23.84 percent
■ **February:** 10.21 percent
■ **March:** 22.41 percent
■ **Fiscal year average:** 19.7 percent decrease

Source: City of Midland reports

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-4-5
Pick 3 day: 3-4-8
Pick 3 evening: 3-7-5
Pick 3 night: 5-6-1
Daily 4 morning: 9-9-1-5
Daily 4 day: 8-9-3-7
Daily 4 evening: 5-2-0-7
Daily 4 night: 4-5-7-1
Cash Five: 6-10-24-29-36
Lotto Texas: 4-21-24-37-44-47
Powerball: 11-28-50-57-62 PB: 23 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-4-6-8-9-11-13-16-18-19-22
All or Nothing day: 2-3-7-10-11-12-14-15-18-19-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-5-6-9-11-12-14-17-21-23-24
All or Nothing night: 4-5-6-7-10-11-13-14-15-18-21-22

Today in history

Today is Sunday, March 13, the 73rd day of 2016. There are 293 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. (Gov. Austin Peay signed the measure on March 21.)

In 1964, bar manager Catherine "Kitty" Genovese, 28, was stabbed to death near her Queens, New York, home; the case gained notoriety over the supposed reluctance of Genovese's neighbors to respond to her cries for help.

In 2013, Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis.

One year ago: In his first visit to the Phoenix Veterans Affairs hospital hose practices sparked a health care scandal, President Barack Obama acknowledged lingering weaknesses in the federal government's response to the chronic delays and false waiting lists in the VA health system.

Today's birthdays: Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 77.



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NYE

From 1A

human-made problem consider these regulations a step forward. Those who are uncertain or doubtful consider them hindrance to progress.

What does Bill Nye say?

"If you don't like regulation now, just wait, people. It's going to get worse."

Nye is a mechanical engineer who perhaps is best known as host of the popular 1990s science show for kids, "Bill Nye the Science Guy." He's a television presenter, comedian, writer, science educator and current president of the Planetary Society.

He's also a vocal advocate for reversing climate change and for the oil and gas industry to begin evolving into greener, cleaner, renewable energy-generation technologies.

Nye will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series event at Midland College. He spoke to the Reporter-Telegram last week on topics ranging from climate change, the oil industry and energy exploration, to creationism, education and the future of space exploration.

While he's notable for his hit show and enthusiasm for all-things science, what many don't know about Nye is he worked in the Permian Basin in the oil and gas industry.

After receiving his mechanical engineering degree in 1977, he went to work at Boeing in Seattle. But the job didn't last.

"I was working at Boeing, and at that time, my boss said, 'Bill, we want you to work on the 767 airplane,'" Nye said. "So when's that going to fly? 'Oh, in about 15 years.'"

Such a long-term commitment in the young engineer's career was off-putting.

"When you're a young guy, it's just like, you're kidding me," he said. "There's no such thing as 15 years from now."

So, Nye left.

"I went seeking my fortune, and I wanted to work in something groovy," he said.

That groovy gig was working in the oil industry.

Nye took a job with a Seattle-based company that specialized in pollution control, and the adventure took him to what he now calls his "old stomping grounds": the Permian Basin.

"(I worked) in the oil patch there in Snyder and Victoria; Hobbs, New Mexico; and I passed through Midland, now and then, and Big Spring for about two years," he said. "I worked for a company in Seattle that made, at that time, the best, or most popular, oil-slick skimming boat."

He worked in oil and gas from late 1980 through 1982, and spent a lot of time in the Permian.

"I ended up in the oil patch for three weeks at a time," Nye said. "I spent months there and ate at The Shack in Snyder many, many times."

But while he recalls with fondness his oil-patch stint three decades ago, he'd like the industry to adjust its business in an effort to reduce climate change, of which the oil and gas industry often is blamed.

"First of all, acknowledge that the value of your company, the reason your stock price is where it is, is because of unrealized resources that are still in the ground ... around the world," Nye said. "If politicians come to accept that humans are causing climate change and if extraction is no longer permitted, then the value of your company plummets in an afternoon.

"So, consider taking your remarkable resources that you have now — and by that, I mean money — and put them in West Texas, for example, into wind."

He also suggested oil and gas companies should put platforms on the eastern seaboard and install wind turbines on them to create offshore wind networks.

"It would be a really good start. That's what you would do if you were in the oil business," he said — with "oil" uttered in a distinctive drawl and "business" pronounced with a "d" in the middle, just how roughnecks and executives alike say it in good fun — spoken like a true West Texan.

In Nye's observation, wind power makes sense in Texas because it's already underway.

"Texas gets 10 percent of its electricity from wind. Ten percent — that's huge," he said.

And now is the right time for oil companies to convert.

"What's going on (with the industry) is that the Middle East cartel, or consortium, are driving down the price of oil to metaphorically squeeze out the smaller suppliers," he said. "And when that consortium has control of a larger market share, they'll let the price go back up again. And everybody will be angry.

"So, it's an opportunity for oil companies right now, as I told those guys at Exxon in 1994 — I did a job for Exxon in 1994 — I said you guys need to be in the energy business, not the oil business."

Nye noted that his suggestion was discounted as ridiculous, even after documents, circa 1977, from an Exxon scientist came to light that the company was producing too much carbon dioxide.

"When everybody comes around and realizes and accepts and quits whining about humans causing global climate change, the regulations are going to get heavy in a hurry," he said. "The first guys who are going to get regulated are the coal industry. The second guys are in the oil industry, and it's going to happen fast."

Oil is the lifeblood of the Permian Basin, which Nye knows firsthand. It's deeply ingrained not only in how many people make a living, but in their culture, with generation upon generation raised in the oil patch. With each new regulation, many feel their way of life is being unfairly attacked.

"Well, is it unfair?" Nye asked. "Granted, it's in the headlines, it's being noticed. But is it unfair? Keep in mind that people in the rest of the world are not crazy about the sea level going up. And the reason that ocean levels are rising is because the ocean is getting warmer. And, the thing is, when you have something that big, and you get it even a tiny bit warmer, it gets bigger. I can't change the laws of physics, captain."

To Nye, the prominence of oil and gas diminishing in the future is another example of obsolescence. He told the story about how his grandfather rode a horse into battle in World War I but that by World War II, horses were replaced by gas-fueled machines.

"Is it unfair to the horse industry when the horseless carriage made that kind of warfare impractical?" Nye asked. "When automobile companies started making tanks and personnel carriers that were driven by gasoline that was, maybe, produced in West Texas? Is that unfair to the horse industry? Maybe. But nobody is going back to riding horses into battle."

Nye said that, knowing climate change is real, the U.S. should accelerate its technology in and the production of wind turbines so that it can beat competitors in the emerging rush for renewable energy sources.

"If other countries — like Denmark, Sweden and Norway — produce wind turbines better than U.S.-made wind turbines, what's going to happen? People are going to buy Swedish, Danish and Norwegian wind turbines," he said.

"If, on the other hand, people who work in the oil industry, who are very skilled with their hands, people who have an intuition about fluid flow, decide to go into the wind business, maybe they'll get rich."

Nye said that a great change away from fossil fuels is exemplified by the fact that representatives from 200 countries attended the 2015 Paris Climate Change Conference despite the terror attacks there in which more than 100 people were killed.

"Now, I'm not saying they accomplished an enormous amount in Paris, but that they showed up indicates what the future is," Nye said. "The future is not fossil fuels, people. That's not my fault. Shooting the messenger isn't going to help you. So, the sooner everybody figures this out and gets to work, the better. And don't

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INDICATORS

From 1A

Corp. and Security Bank. The January 2016 combined unemployment rate for Midland-Odessa stands at 4.6 percent, up nearly 50 percent from 3.1 percent in January 2015.

The updated January 2016 index stands 10.2 percent below January 2015, when the index peaked and began its monthly decline, he said.

"Now we have a more realistic picture of the labor market there and the job loss, and a more accurate picture of what the economy looks like," Ingham said.

Virtually every component of the index posted sharp, double-digit declines, he pointed out.

Real, inflation-adjusted retail spending by households and businesses in Midland-Odessa was down by 21.8 percent in January compared to January of a year ago and automotive spending fell 38.3 percent compared to last January. Even hotel-motel tax collections were sharply lower, with collections in the fourth quarter of 2015, the most recent reported, down 42,3 percent from the previous year.

Construction spending is less than half a year-ago levels, with January figures for all building permit valuations 53.4 percent below January 2015. The number of new housing permits issued by Midland and Odessa was down 21.1 percent below last January's levels.

Only the housing sector posted slight year-over-year increases, Ingham said.

Sales of existing homes rose 1.3 percent and the average sales price of $224.793 was up 2.6 percent from last January's average price of $219,130.

Midland-Odessa is in "an economy that is clearly in contraction, as expected," Ingham said, predicting contraction will continue for the foreseeable future.

Contraction can be expected "until we know the oil and gas industry in that region has turned the corner and stabilized and begun to move upward. It will be some months after that happens until the general economy does the same," he said.

Crude prices have risen nearly 50 percent since falling to a low futures price of $26.21 in February and the International Energy Agency said this week oil prices may have found their bottom.

Even so, "that doesn't mean prices won't bounce along (low levels) for awhile," Ingham said. Continued weak demand, still-strong production and rising storage levels are not enough to support prices, he pointed out.

That means the Midland-Odessa and the Permian Basin economies can expect to feel continued pain this year.

"The Midland-Odessa metro area and the Permian Basin region as a whole are well-positioned to benefit from long-term increases in global energy demand as economies improve around the world and lesser-developed economies continue down the path of economic development which will increase energy demand in a big way. But that's the longer term. In the short run, the metro area and Permian Basin regional economies continue to suffer from the effects of a major oil and gas industry contraction that is not yet complete," he said.

Businesses and residents may feel like, in many ways, the bottom has fallen out, he said. But amidst the current pain, he stressed that the remarkable 70 percent surge in the area economy from 2010 through 2014 should not be forgotten.

"This is short-term pain on the heels of extraordinary gains. That context can't be forgotten," he said.

MUSLIMS

From 1A

Rafeek and Elsonbaty both said the media's inaccurate portrayals of Islam and showing only extremists such as ISIS have led to terroristic threats made to the mosque — which are forwarded to the FBI and have yet to be found serious — and has raised doubt in some people's minds.

"I had a co-worker ask me if anyone in my family was in ISIS," Elsonbaty said. "I mean these are innocent questions, because ... if you listen to the media, it's ISIS-Islam-ISIS. You feel there's a link, especially when you're not a Muslim and you don't have knowledge or understand what the difference is between Islam and ISIS."

Elsonbaty said Trump's popularity is disappointing.

"Trump can say anything he wants," Elsonbaty said. "I don't believe he can ban Muslims (if elected). The disappointment is from people supporting him and accepting what he's saying. It seems he is telling them what they want to hear. ... It just gets me to think, do people think, really deep down inside themselves, that I'm a terrorist or something? They should be scared of me or something?"

Fareek also thinks Trump's popularity comes from saying "exactly what people want to hear."

"The way the Trump campaign is going ... this is what you expect from Third World country, not a civilized country like the United States. It's ridiculous," Fareek said. "The reason why I don't take it personally is because I think Trump is telling people what they want to hear. ... Some of the people, especially his followers, like what he is saying: build this wall, saying things about women, about Islam. So these people that follow him, they like that, and those people tend to feel like Trump can really change this country, that it's all going to be one society, and 'we don't need any outsiders.'"

Like Elsonbaty, Fareek said he does not feel threatened by Trump because Islam is "a religion of God."

It is the "not so good" people in the U.S. who support Trump's general anti-Muslim speech, and who are terrorists in the Islamic faith.

"If people read the Quran and people really study Islam, whatever is happening in the Middle East and all these ISIS killings — ISIS doesn't stand for (Islam). It's totally different," Fareek said.

Elsonbaty said he is encouraged by some non-Muslims who visit the Midland mosque to ask questions about Islam. A few convert. English and Spanish copies of the Quran are available free to the public.

"(Trump) said the other day that, 'Muslims hate us,'" Elsonbaty said. "He didn't even say radical, he said it in general, and that that's what they say in mosques, 'Death to America.' I would invite you to come to the mosque in Midland. We have books and people who can tell (visitors) what they want to hear or what they want to know, people who can tell them ... about true Islam."

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SCIENCE

From 4A

tell me it can't be done."

Aside from wind power, Nye is also high on electric vehicles. While he has never owned one, he said that he has leased a Nissan Leaf.

"I had that for three years, and it was a great car," he said. "And then recently, this last summer, I had the chance to drive the next generation Leaf, and it's a little better. They've tweaked it. It's cool."

He also said he's gotten the chance to drive the Chevrolet Volt, BMW i3 and Volkswagen e-Golf. But he said there was something odd about the VW.

"That Golf, you couldn't turn off the navigation system for the location of diesel fueling stations," he said, an odd feature for an electric vehicle. "I didn't have the energy to look into it, but I'm pretty sure it's related to that software issue where they were cheating on emissions tests."

The electric-car enthusiast owns a Toyota Prius, a gas-electric hybrid that has been in production since 1997. "The Prius is 13 years old, and it still runs."

The future of transportation won't only exist on solid ground, or even on this planet.

As the president of the Planetary Society, Nye is enthusiastic about many companies' efforts to perfect travel in outer space. In particular, he thinks it's great that Midland has the opportunity to diversify away from oil and gas and into aerospace.

Budding aerospace company XCOR, which moved its headquarters to Midland from California, is developing a two-seater space plane and will launch from Midland International Air & Space Port. XCOR hopes to take its Lynx space plane and use it for tourism beyond the atmosphere and allow interested parties to conduct experiments.

"There are a lot of experiments that people want to do in anti-gravity," Nye said. As for being able to launch from Midland International, "everybody's dream is to take off from a runway, fly around in orbit and come back down on the same runway, and that's the dream XCOR is pursuing."

Nye sees Texas — and West Texas, in particular — as the perfect place for aerospace. Rocket launches historically have taken place at Cape Canaveral in Florida, but the Sunshine State has major disadvantages, namely the weather.

"Florida has thunderstorms all the time," he said. "Launches are delayed all the time because of weather. It's a real opportunity for Texas because you've got all that downrange, where you can let a rocket crash safely in West Texas."

As for XCOR, "I'm tight with those guys; I know them pretty well," he said. "The Lynx is just such a cool thing."

He said now is the perfect time to private companies to engage in aerospace.

"Public interest is as high as it's ever been, and the government support is not as high as it once was. The Apollo program was 4 percent of the federal budget. That's a lot. Now, it's 0.4 percent."

Nye said he's "all for" investment in aerospace.

"All the astronauts say when you see the Earth from space, it changes you," he said. "You feel differently about what it means to be alive on Earth."

Staying alive on Earth, however, means that humans need to address and correct climate change with urgency. Nye thinks positively.

"I'm really optimistic about the future, and I say all the time that you have to be optimistic or you're not going to do it, you're not going to get anything done," he said.

As for the oil industry, it's time to change.

"As far as the oil industry goes, it is my opinion as the — what am I — back-Eastern, elite, bleeding-heart liberal, mean-spirited, evil person, that fossil fuels are not the future," he said. "The rest of the world is getting away from fossil fuels as fast as they can for a number of reasons, and one of them is economic. That is to say, when wind is actually cheaper, then what are you going to do if you're in the oil business? And wind will be cheaper because, pretty soon, the forces that be that control the enormous oil fields in the Middle East are going to let the price go up, and oil's going to be expensive.

"In other civilized countries like Japan and Britain, people pay $10 a gallon (for gasoline), and they still drive like crazy. But it'll be $10 a gallon here one day, and wind power and electric cars will absolutely be cheaper, and then what are you going to do? … This is just how the world is."

Above all, Nye is deeply passionate about science, and he uses his knowledge and infectious enthusiasm to educate the world. But it's not easy. Education is a process.

"We just keep chipping away at the problem," he said.

He said he educates people about the issues of climate change "by coming to Midland, Texas."

Nye said he's excited about engaging at Thursday's event with those in attendance who might hold philosophies contrary to his.

"I'm hoping, frankly, that there will be some creationists there," he said. "You know, this idea that the Earth could be 6,000 years old. I used to work (in the Permian), and people could pick up fossils of seashells on the ground, which are not uncommon when you get out on the prairie."

Nye routinely challenges creationist theory and even penned a book on the matter, "Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation."

'Well, you see, that was Noah's flood.' No it's not. It was 300 million years ago. The Permian — they don't just make the word up. I mean, come on. I hope to encounter some (creationists in Midland), frankly."

Nye sees creationism as a roadblock in his journey as an educator.

"It'd be great if that had all gone away; that is to say, that if all people in the U.S. were scientifically literate and we just moved on. But that's not the case," he said.

Nye is willing to share his perspective with everyone he encounters, whether contrary or in agreement. And to him, engaging in dialogue and debate only makes the world a richer place, and it's how the world's problems are solved. He wants to talk about how the people in Midland can be part of the next great generation.

"That's my dream," he said. "We can change the world. And, really, I'm delighted to come back to Midland and talk about the relationship of the oil business to the world."

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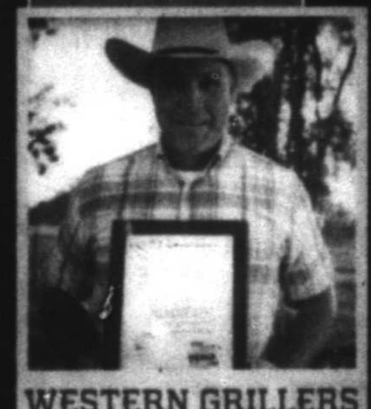
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In this March 2 photo provided by NASA, International Space Station (ISS) crew member Scott Kelly of the U.S. reacts after landing near the town of Dzhezkazgan, Kazakhstan. On Friday, NASA announced Kelly's retirement, which begins April 1. The 52-year-old Kelly holds the American record for most time in space: 520 days. ***Associated Press***

Year-in-space astronaut hangs up his spacesuit, retires

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After spending nearly a year in space, astronaut Scott Kelly is hanging up his spacesuit.

NASA announced Kelly's retirement on Friday, less than two weeks after he returned to Earth. He leaves the space agency on April 1.

The 52-year-old Kelly spent a U.S.-record 340 days in orbit on the International Space Station to see how the human body holds up for long periods of time in space. His results are being compared to those on the ground from his twin brother, Mark, who is a retired astronaut.

Scott Kelly also holds the American record for most time in space: 520 days over four missions.

"I look forward to continuing my 30 years of public service in a new role," Kelly, who joined the Navy in 1987, said in a Facebook post. "To continue toward any journey, we must always challenge ourselves to take the next step."

During his one-year trip, Kelly posted hundreds of images, mostly of Earth from orbit, on social media. But he also engaged in a little fun, donning a gorilla suit that was a gag gift from his brother and chasing fellow astronauts through the space station in a video.

"This year-in-space mission was a profound challenge for all involved, and it gave me a unique perspective and a lot of time to reflect on what my next step should be on our continued journey to help further our capabilities in space and on Earth," Kelly said in a statement issued by NASA.

No specific plans for what's next were announced. But Kelly will continue to undergo periodic medical tests as part of his year-in-space mission, NASA said.

"Adjusting in space is easier than adjusting to Earth for me," Kelly said in his first postflight news conference a week ago. Even then he gave a hint of what was to come, saying he doubted he'd fly again for NASA but adding, "I'll never be done with space. I will always be involved."

Kelly's departure means the space agency is losing its biggest star, said John Logsdon, a retired space policy professor.

"I'm willing to bet that no one could name another NASA astronaut, anyone not close to the program," Logsdon said. "It clears the way for the next generation of space fliers. There are a few veteran fliers left, but not many."

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, a retired astronaut himself, said the space agency and science in general is grateful to Kelly, who he added deserves "meals that don't come in a bag, a cold beer, hot showers, cool autumn breezes, the sounds of birds chirping, the ability to lay his head on an actual pillow and so much more of the pleasures of life."

Astronauts who eventually will land on Mars "will be following in the footsteps of one of the finest astronauts in the history of the space program, my friend, Commander Scott Kelly," Bolden said in a statement.

Kelly returned from the space station on March 2, landing in Kazakhstan with Russia's Mikhail Kornienko, his partner for the one-year mission. The usual space station stint is six months.

His re-entry into land living was good and bad. Home in Houston, he dove into his backyard pool still in his blue flight suit, going underwater for the first time in nearly a year. But clothing was a problem. In space, his clothes floated around him and didn't touch his skin.

"It's very, very sensitive," he told reporters last week. "It's almost like a burning feeling wherever I like sit or lie or walk."

Before leaving orbit, Kelly tweeted: "The journey isn't over. Follow me as I rediscover #Earth!"

His Twitter followers have since read about his first steak, first dental appointment, first rain and that dip in the pool.

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Teen scientists will give you faith in the future

By Emma Brown
Washington Post

"You might come across obstacles, but it's important to keep going, because all your hard work and efforts will not be in vain."

Augusta Uwamanzu-Nna, teen scientist

WASHINGTON — One of them has studied ways to make plastic decompose more quickly.

Another has been working on using skin cells to grow kidney tissue, taking steps toward a new treatment for kidney disease.

And a third invented a device to diagnose lung diseases in developing countries. It's made out of $35 worth of materials — patent pending.

They are among 40 U.S. teenagers who have been named finalists in the prestigious Intel Science Talent Search, which recognizes rising stars who have done notable original research. All 40 will be in Washington this weekend competing for $1 million in scholarship awards, including three top prizes of $150,000 each.

It can be deeply humbling to scroll through their project descriptions and biographies. And it also can inspire hope: These young people are looking for answers to some of the world's most intractable problems, and they're making important progress. They also have interests outside of science, from dancing to skiing to soccer and music.

Here are brief profiles of four of the finalists. Winners will be announced on Tuesday at a black-tie gala at the National Building Museum in Washington.

■ Demetri Maxim, 18, has created a method to bioengineer kidney tissue from a patient's own cells, work that he hopes eventually will mean that scientists will be able to grow new kidneys for people suffering from chronic kidney disease, so they won't have to wait for an organ donor or risk their bodies rejecting a donor's kidney.

"I was essentially growing kidneys in a cell, that's how my friends say it," said Maxim, a senior at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine.

The project is personal for him. He has polycystic kidney disease, a genetic condition that leads to kidney failure. His grandfather and his great-grandfather also had the same condition, and his mother nearly died from it; a kidney transplant saved her life.

"I have the same disease that my mom does, so someday I'm going to need a kidney," Maxim said.

Maxim said he had to teach himself a lot of basic research skills by reading papers and taking online tutorials. But last summer, after sending out countless emails to researchers, he found a Harvard professor who was willing to serve as a mentor and give him access to a real lab. The professor, it turned out, had years earlier diagnosed Maxim's mother with polycystic kidney disease.

Maxim used skin cells to grow stem cells using a lab protocol developed by Nobel Prize-winning scientists. He used those stem cells to grow kidney cells. And then, to create tissue, he transferred those kidney cells onto a three-dimen-.ional structure. That 3-D structure was composed of de-cellulized mouse tissue, or mouse tissue stripped of all its cells.

"And that's never been done before," Maxim said. "It's one thing to have cells in a dish, but it's a totally different story to have functional tissue."

Maxim then tested the kidney cells by transplanting them into a live mouse with a functioning kidney. He found that the cells survived and became integrated into the mouse's organ.

There's still a lot of work to be done before human patients can receive organ transplants grown from their own cells. But Maxim plans to stick with it when he goes to college next year.

Meantime, he's been helping his high school create a research program for other aspiring young scientists. He applied for grants and solicited donations that allowed him to build a lab at the school, and he's been teaching freshmen and sophomores how to do basic lab work.

Maxim said it's difficult to find other students his age who are interested not just in skiing and soccer and music, as he is, but also deeply interested in science. He said he was shocked to be an Intel finalist, and is excited to spend time with the other 39 finalists. "You're with your real friends for a week," he said. "That's what I'm most looking forward to."

■ Maya Varma, 17, created an inexpensive device to diagnose and monitor chronic lung diseases, a project she hopes will save lives in developing countries where such a device — called a spirometer — might otherwise be inaccessible.

Hospital-grade spirometers cost hundreds or thousands of dollars, Varma said. Her version: $35.

"People can't afford this expensive equipment, and I decided to do something about it," said Varma, a high school senior from Cupertino, Calif.

Doctors can use data from Varma's invention to diagnose and manage chronic pulmonary illnesses such as asthma or emphysema. Patients blow into the device and a smartphone app — which Varma created — analyzes the results.

Next, Varma wants to test the device on a wider scale, and eventually she'd like to take it to market. Last year, she was featured in Popular Mechanics magazine as one of "15 young innovators who are already making a difference."

She plans to study biomedical engineering in college.

■ Augusta Uwamanzu-Nna, 17, figured out how to create stronger cement seals for undersea oil wells by adding a nano clay ingredient, a project motivated in part by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, thought to have been caused in part by problems with the offshore well's cement mix.

Uwamanzu-Nna, who hails from Elmont, New York, first became interested in cement when she learned how energy intensive the cement industry is, accounting for up to one-seventh of human-caused carbon dioxide emissions.

"It was just so mind-blowing to know that one industry can cause these many emissions," she said.

The more she learned about cement, the more she noticed its critical role in modern society. It is ubiquitous, she said, yet no one ever seems to talk about it. "It's the second most consumed material after water. It's like you would never know that," she said.

Most young stars in science aren't studying cement, said Uwamanzu-Nna. They tend to gravitate toward research in biology, chemistry, biochemistry, she said, and often focus on problems related to human diseases. And at the beginning, as she struggled to find her footing in the world of cement, she felt as if some of her peers looked down their noses at her.

"Starting off on this unconventional path, there's people who look at youdifferently," she said. "They'll have their snide remarks because you're doing something different."

Eventually she found a mentor at Columbia University who gave her access to the high-tech machinery she needed to test the properties of different cement mixes. And she found success in the world of high-level science fairs, a fact that she attributes to sticking with her interest in lowly cement.

"You know it's not bad to do something different," Uwamanzu-Nna said. "You might come across obstacles, but it's important to keep going, because all your hard work and efforts will not be in vain."

She plans to study engineering in college, with an eye toward contributing to a more sustainable world. But science is not her only thing: The daughter of Nigerian immigrants, she founded a dance group that raises funds to benefit communities in Nigeria. She also edits her high school newspaper and sings in her church choir.

■ Thomas Colburn, 17, studied how to make plastic shopping bags and milk jugs decompose more quickly by adding particles of titanium dioxide.

Adding titanium dioxide meant the thin plastic used in shopping bags would break down within six months, instead of five years; the thicker plastic used for milk jugs would break down in 23 years instead of almost 270 years.

He was motivated by the litter he saw while running trails around his home in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

"When I see littered objects in the beautiful terrain around my community, that's the inspiration I drew upon for my project," he said. Colburn runs cross-country and track for his high school and also plays in the school's marching, jazz and symphonic bands.

He said he's been dreaming up possible inventions ever since he was a little kid. As he got older, he realized that he could combine his creativity with engineering to solve problems. Earlier in his high school career, he studied hydrogen fuels and how to make biofuel from invasive plant species.

"My plastic experiments were a progression of my developing skills in the scientific method," he said.

He's interested in studying chemical engineering and doing energy and environmental research in college.

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This 2012 photo provided by Murdoch University dolphin researcher Julian Tyne shows people swimming near dolphins in Makako Bay in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Swimming with dolphins is a dream for many tourists visiting Hawaii, but federal regulators are preparing to propose rules that could ban or limit swimming with Hawaii's spinner dolphins out of concern humans are depriving the nocturnal animals of the rest they need.

Feds seek rules for swims with Hawaii dolphins

By Audrey McAvoy
Associated Press

WAIANAE, Hawaii — Allison Alterman likes to swim in the ocean for exercise near her home on Hawaii's Big Island. Sometimes her swimming group will see spinner dolphins gliding or jumping near their course.

If the dolphins stick around, tour boats will inevitably show up, sometimes 20 at a time, all dropping passengers with floaties in the water for a swim. For many, it's a chance to realize a long-held dream.

For the dolphins, however, they "come into the shore to rest and it doesn't seem like they're able to do that because they're surrounded," Alterman said.

Scientists are concerned the intense interest is harming the nocturnal animals because they need to rest after foraging for food all night. Now, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is preparing to propose rules to help protect the dolphins.

The agency could ban swimming with Hawaii spinner dolphins or prohibit people from shallow bays when the dolphins are resting.

"Disturbing their resting behaviors can actually affect their long term health and the health of the population," said Ann Garrett, the assistant regional administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service's protected resources division for the Pacific Islands.

Garrett said the agency plans to propose rules in June. The regulations could affect over 200 dolphin-related businesses operating in the state as well as recreational swimmers and other ocean users.

Claudia Merrill, co-owner of Dolphin Discoveries in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island, said she would welcome some regulations, particularly if rules would prohibit swimming with dolphins during their prime resting hours from late morning to mid-afternoon.

Tour operators must be educated to watch for the signs when the dolphins are settling into their rest state, Merrill said. One key indication is when a pod of dolphins synchronizes its dives and swims.

"It should be a sustainable industry. It can be a sustainable industry," Merrill said.

Some Kona operators follow guidelines that local tours established, which include avoiding four dolphin resting bays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. But Merrill said only three of the 12 Kona coast tour operators she knows of follow the guidelines.

Garrett said her agency has heard reports of vessels chasing down pods at high speed and corralling the dolphins into an area.

Hawaii's spinner dolphins feast on fish and small crustaceans that surface from the ocean's depths at night. When the sun rises, they head for shallow bays to hide from tiger sharks and other predators.

To the untrained eye, the dolphins appear to be awake during the day because they're swimming.

But because they sleep by resting half of their brains and keeping the other half awake to surface and breathe, they may be sleeping even when they're maneuvering through the water.

Julian Tyne, an honorary postdoctoral researcher at Australia's Murdoch University, said spinner dolphins off the Big Island were exposed to human interaction about 80 percent of the time over the three years he studied them from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The median time between exposures was just 10 minutes, he said.

Tyne said he doesn't know whether this human interaction is changing dolphin behavior. But he said the dolphins may not be resting as deeply as they need, which could harm their ability to forage for food at night and their ability to reproduce.

The fisheries service first signaled it would consider regulations in 2005, after tour offerings exploded the previous decade.

But instead of proposing rules, officials have sponsored research to better understand spinner dolphin behavior and promoted a voluntary program that discouraged swimming with the animals. But the guidelines have done little to deter dolphin swim tours.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act prohibits harassing dolphins, but swimming with them falls into a grey zone under the law.

Federal authorities have prosecuted tour operators for feeding bottlenose dolphins in Florida waters, but dolphin feeding has never been a problem in Hawaii.

Jennifer Hall, a musician visiting from Chicago, joined about ten others on an early morning tour from Waianae about an hour's drive from Honolulu on Oahu island.

They jumped in the water to see dolphins swim back and forth, surfacing and descending to the ocean floor about 20 to 25 feet below. Some tourists attempted to swim after the dolphins, but guides held them back saying they should "observe not disturb."

Their boat, together with about five others, formed a large semicircle around the animals.

Hall said she felt like she shared with the dolphins the serenity and calm of being in the water. Her partner Noam Wallenberg, a songwriter, said it was "mind-blowing" and "vastly different" from seeing animals in a zoo.

"Being with creatures of the ocean right there and seeing them in their natural habitat was really wonderful. So beautiful," she said.

'Dog Whisperer' says animal cruelty claim misguided

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An animal cruelty complaint that sent authorities to "Dog Whisperer" Cesar Millan's rehabilitation center has been blown way out of proportion, the dog trainer said Friday.

The complaint was started online and based on footage from Millan's television show "Cesar 911," in which a French bulldog-terrier mix named Simon chases a farm pig and nips its ear, making it bleed. The complaint is misguided because it was a happy ending — the pig was fine and the dog was rehabilitated, Millan said.

Animal control officers and sheriff's deputies visited his ranch Thursday night, but no action was taken. In a telephone interview from Iowa with The Associated Press, Millan said that when he returns from his speaking tour, he would cooperate fully with both departments.

The dog trainer who television made famous said he has used the same technique to help aggressive canines hundreds of times. The training involves getting the dog together with the animal it doesn't like (whether it is another dog, a cat or a horse) so the two can learn to get along.

Millan, 46, is a self-taught dog trainer who became internationally known for his work on a previous show, the "Dog Whisperer," which won him an Emmy nomination.

"I do have a large group of fans and a small group of people who don't agree with me. They are taking this the wrong way and blowing it way out of proportion," Millan said.



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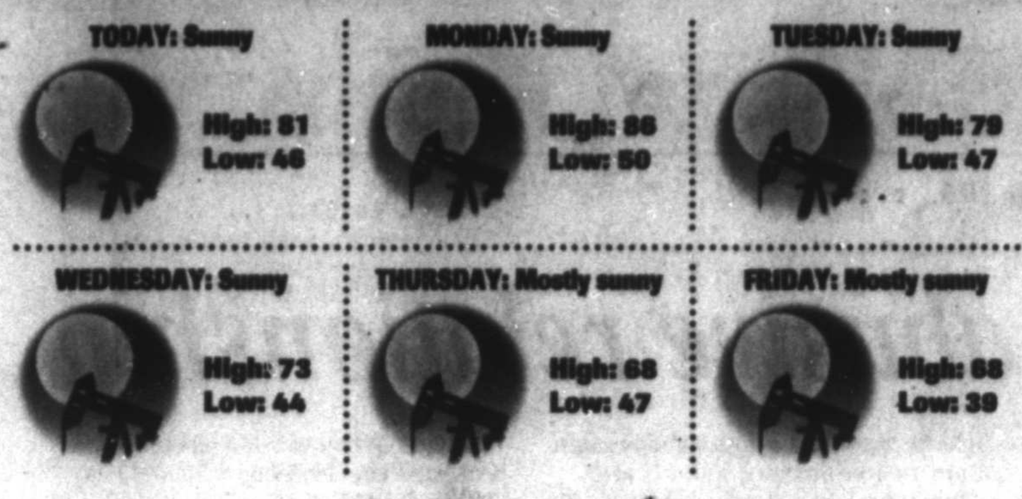
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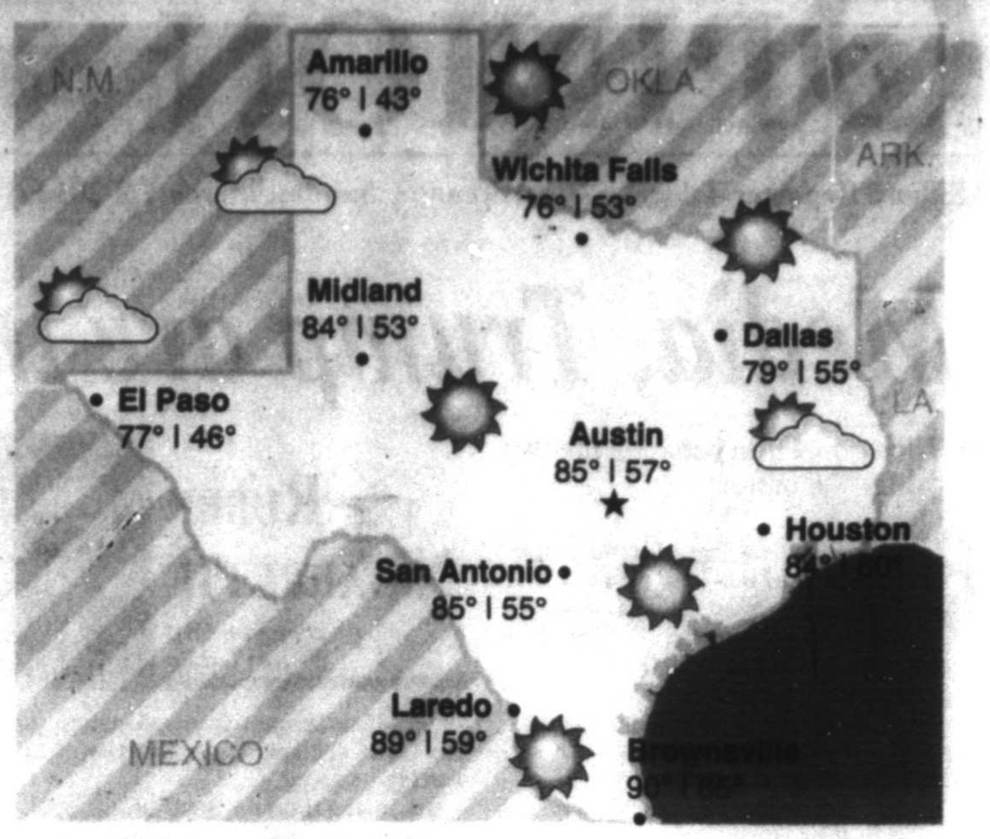


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Today, expects gusts around 35 mph. The only rain in the seven-day forecast takes place Friday as the NWS expects a slight chance of showers.

The record high for March 12 is 95 set in 1989. The record low is 15 set in 1948. On March 12 of last year, the high was 70 and the low was 37.



Environment brief

China sets energy consumption cap for first time

China aims to keep energy consumption within 5 billion metric tons of standard coal equivalent by 2020, it said in its five-year plan, marking the first time the world's second-biggest economy has set such a target.

China has long been considering an energy consumption cap in a bid to improve industrial efficiency, tackle smog and control greenhouse gas emissions, which are the highest in the world. Beijing is also pushing structural reforms to decouple economic growth from energy consumption.

"Energy consumption will be less than 5 billion metric tons if China's structural adjustment goes smoothly," said Xi Fengming, an expert on carbon emissions at the China Academy of Sciences, adding that the planned launch of a nationwide carbon emissions market next year would make it easier to achieve.

However, with energy demand growth already slowing considerably and China overshooting its 2011-15 energy efficiency targets, there might have been room to lower the number further, researchers said.

Yang Fuqiang, senior advisor at the U.S.-based think tank, the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the 5 billion figure was calculated by combining China's 6.5 percent economic growth projections for 2016-20 with its target to cut energy intensity by 15 percent over the same period.

"Based on my experience the government plans are conservative," he said. "There could be a higher 18 percent cut in energy intensity, and that means energy consumption could be kept at about 4.8 billion tonnes."

The China Energy Research Society (CERS), a think tank, said in a report published last week that it expected energy consumption to reach 4.8 billion metric tons of standard coal by 2020 and rise to 5.3 billion metric tons by the end of 2030.

"We should see this (5 billion metric tons) target as a ceiling rather than a floor," said Zhou Dadi, an energy policy researcher at CERS. "Maybe we can achieve better results."

Total energy consumption was 4.3 billion metric tons of standard coal in 2015, up 0.9 percent from the previous year, according to the most recent data from the National Bureau of Statistics.

The average annual growth rate was 2.3 percent over 2012-15, down from 6.4 percent in 2005-12, the bureau said.

With China determined to curb pollution and emissions, experts expressed disappointment at the failure to include a coal consumption cap.

Coal consumption in China fell 2.2 percent last year as a result of stricter pollution controls as well as a downturn in demand.

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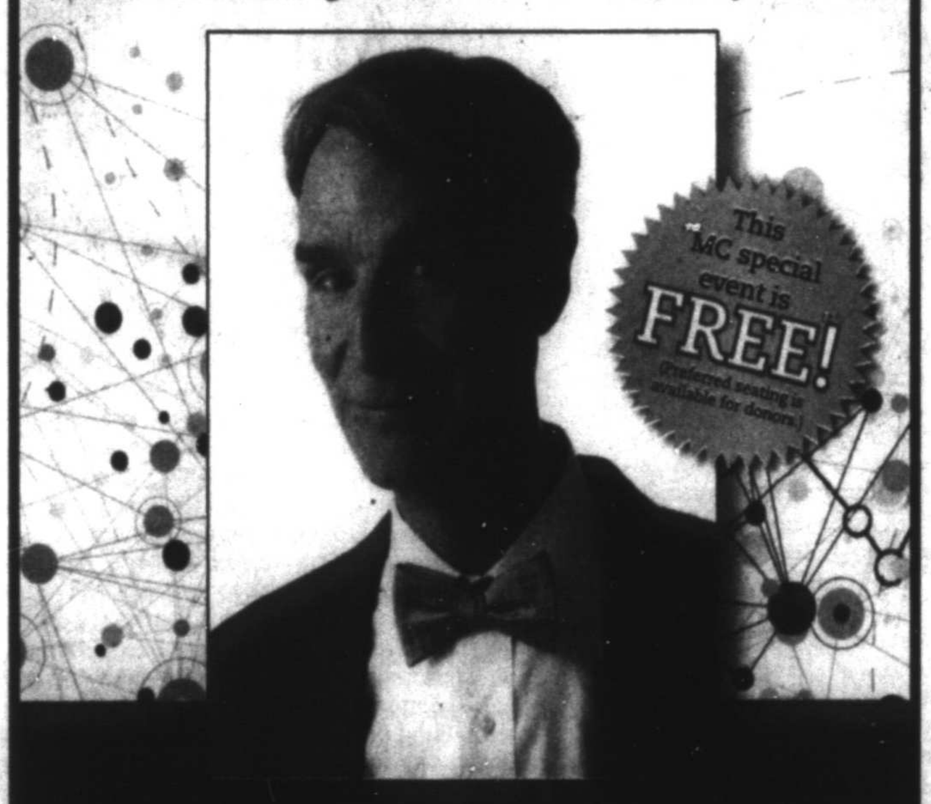
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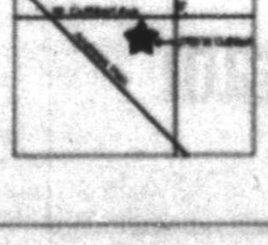
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OPINION

Media, Trump are in abusive relationship

■ The connection between the two is bad for the nation



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Love is in the air, thanks to the major infatuation of the 2016 election: "The Media (heart) Donald Trump."

It's an abusive relationship. Trump often singles out reporters as "dishonest" or "incompetent," and yet they come back for more. He banned a newspaper from a campaign event in retaliation for a critical editorial, humiliated reporters by quoting back to them what he alleged were mistakes in their stories, and threatened to weaken libel laws.

The television networks are especially smitten. Tune into CNN before a Trump speech, and you might have to spend the first 10 minutes before Trump arrives staring at an empty podium. There are three other candidates running for the Republican nomination, all of them desperate for media attention, and a major cable news network would rather focus their cameras on a slab of wood that is about to be touched by their beloved.

The romance got off to a rocky start. When the real estate tycoon entered the presidential race last June, he got a rough reception from reporters, editors, producers and anchors. His offensive remarks about Mexican immigrants, Muslims, and Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly were not warmly received.

But by the time the next ratings book came out, the media had given into the attraction. By now, it's pretty clear that — as Politico's Glenn Thrush discussed with radio host Hugh Hewitt recently — the media are actively pushing Trump as the preferred GOP presidential candidate and talking down any other candidate who interferes with this narrative.

Look at poor Marco Rubio. The fact that the Florida senator is third in the delegate count didn't stop the chattering class at MSNBC's "Morning Joe" from recently declaring the nomination battle to be a "three-person race" among Trump, Ted Cruz and John Kasich. Co-host Joe Scarborough even asserted that — despite the media hype over the last few years — Rubio should never have gotten this far because he never had a national operation, platform, or constituency. Yet, it's also true Rubio was often attacked mercilessly during the campaign by Trump, Cruz, Jeb Bush, and Chris Christie.

Let me get this straight. According to some commentators, Rubio is a lightweight who was never a threat to anyone, but many of his opponents thought he was enough of a threat that he had to be eliminated?

The media have become too powerful, and gone from being the referee to being a player in the game.

It can be a little thing, such as when CBS Evening News anchor Scott Pelley felt the need, before the New Hampshire primary, to qualify a report that showed Bernie Sanders leading Hillary Clinton in the Granite State by noting that Sanders hails from neighboring Vermont.

Or it can be a big thing, like the media's obnoxious favoritism toward Trump. According to every analysis that has been done, the billionaire gets far and away the most airtime from the networks.

It's why -- in a sign of just how cozy the relationship really is -- Scarborough, CNN's Erin Burnett and other New York-based anchors and commentators tend to address the GOP front-runner simply as "Donald." When was the last time you heard another candidate addressed as "Hillary" or "Bernie" or "Ted" or "Marco?"

And as Thrush told Hewitt, the Trump love affair isn't limited to television but extends to some print and online publications. The Politico writer even acknowledged that, on any given day, a majority of the most popular stories on his site have to do with Trump. The businessman helps the bottom line.

CBS Presidentnd CEO Les Moonves admitted as much recently when he said that, while Trump might be bad for America, he is "damn good" for business.

But this is also about geography. Trump is a New Yorker, just like many of the people who cover him and the media bigwigs who sign their checks. He was even a fixture in the entertainment business himself as a former reality television star. For the elite East Coast media, Donald is like family.

Love fades. Everything will change if Trump faces off against Clinton in the general election. The liberal media will ultimately try to destroy what they have created.

But, for now, the media are busy promoting one of their own, even if it hurts the country. And, rest assured, it does.

OPINION EXTRA

It's a challenge explaining Trump to foreigners



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I understand Donald Trump's appeal to some voters. I don't share the enthusiasm. In fact, I've advanced from kind of chuckling about it to kind of shuddering about it.

So imagine the challenge my friend Rick Dunham recently tackled. Dunham, a former Austin reporter now teaching global business journalism at Beijing's Tsinghua University, did his best to explain Trump to the good people of Finland. (That's where, as I've told you in the past, it is my dream to open a restaurant for the mere thrill of going table to table and asking, "Are you Finnish?")

Dunham, a Philadelphia native and veteran Washington journalist, discussed Trump with his friend, Matti Posio, who's in charge of a national news operation for a group of Finnish newspapers. Posio started by asking Dunham if he'd met Trump.

Dunham had met Trump at one of the White House Correspondents Association's annual dinners — which, as a former Correspondents Association board member, I can tell you are a social abomination.

"He was very cordial and polite," Dunham told the Finns, "very different than his public persona. ... He was patient, unlike the hot-tempered character on the campaign trail. Nobody I talked to ever thought he would run for president.

"From my very short glimpse into his life, I would say that he is a very good actor, playing certain roles that are expected of him at different times," Dunham said.

Posio asked what it is that "foreigners/Europeans don't get about Trump?"

"Politically," Dunham said, "he is the right man at a very strange time in American political history. After two decades of anti-elitist rhetoric on right-wing talk radio and the Rupert Murdoch-owned conservative cable news network Fox, there is a large minority of the country that believes their way of life has been taken away from them by the faceless 'them' — minorities, immigrants, big companies shipping jobs overseas, corrupt speculators, too-big-to-fail banks, gays and lesbians, working women, feminists — or big government giving their tax dollars to undeserving others."

And Dunham wanted the Finns to know this about Trump: "He is playing the role of populist demagogue, race-baiter, keeper of the working-class flame, proud leader of the 'poorly educated,' ranter against the system and the elites and Wall Street and Big Business. So what if he is a son of privilege, a highly educated billionaire and someone who has played the system for years to make deals and make money?"

And Dunham fessed to the Finns that he's erred about Trump.

"I've been predicting that the public will eventually tire of Trump and cancel his election-year reality TV show," Dunham said. "But I've been wrong for months, along with my fellow political reporters and pundits. So, to repeat an American political cliché, 'Never, say never.'"

Posio then asked what would happen if Trump became president.

"If he does everything he's promising to do on the campaign trail, there will be a constitutional crisis and a global economic and diplomatic catastrophe. You'll have the Putin-Trump axis versus the world. I can't see it: He would have to change or he would be ineffective domestically and isolated internationally."

So there's that.

Posio wrapped up by asking Beijing resident Dunham how Trump is portrayed in Chinese media. "An eccentric, bombastic showman and celebrity," Dunham said.

"There has been a bit of negative editorial commentary in traditional state print media, but nothing nearly as inflammatory as what Trump has said about China. And Japan. And Korea. And Mexico. And Iran. And Europe. And Obama."

Posio ended with the question on more than one American's mind.

"Would you consider moving to China altogether, should Trump be elected?" he asked.

Dunham replied with a question: "How about Finland?"

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Rivals refuse to take on Trump

■ Media is not the culprit in billionaire candidate's rise



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For nine months, Republican leaders refused to take on Donald Trump when it would have done some good. Now that it may be too late, they're blaming their own failures on the media.

"The media's pumping him up," Marco Rubio complained.

The Republican presidential candidate alleged that there's a "weird bias here in the media rooting for Donald Trump because they know he's the easiest Republican to beat."

Ted Cruz agrees that the media have given Trump "hundreds of millions of dollars of free advertising," a "massive in-kind contribution" that "helped create this phenomenon." He even alleges that media outlets are holding exposes on Trump until he secures the nomination.

Complaining about the media is an easy applause line for conservatives, and the news business no doubt deserves some blame for Trump's rise. But if Cruz, Rubio and other GOP leaders are looking for the real culprits, they should start with themselves.

Upset about the volume of coverage Trump has received? You might as well complain about the weather. News outlets (and their customers) love conflict: If it bleeds, it leads. If GOP rivals had taken on Trump early in the race, they would have received coverage, too. But they ignored him, hoping he would disappear, and so Trump had the cameras to himself for his outrages.

Coverage volume, meanwhile, is not necessarily a measure of success. Trump got 93 percent of coverage in the past 30 days, according to the LexisNexis Presidential Campaign Tracker. But on the Democratic side, Bernie Sanders got a virtually identical 92 percent.

Also, it's worth noting that all the issues Cruz and Rubio now bring up — bankruptcies, Trump University, his bigoted remarks, his autocratic instincts — were covered by the press long ago. But Trump's rivals declined to attack him.

Recall the very first debate, when Fox News' Megyn Kelly led off with a question noting that Trump has called women "fat pigs," "dogs," "slobs" and "disgusting animals." Trump's rivals were at most mildly critical of his misogyny.

Or think back to another early debate, when CNBC's John Harwood opened by challenging Trump's preposterous promises and asking: "Is this a comic-book version of a presidential campaign?" Trump's rivals joined him in denouncing the moderators for being too tough.

Looking back through my own coverage, I see a long list of unanswered pleas for the other GOP candidates to take on Trump. On Aug. 27, for example, I lamented the lack of backbone and the "virtual silence" of others in the field in reaction to Trump's offenses. On Sept. 16, I pleaded for other GOP candidates to respond "quickly and consistently" to Trump's bullying, and four days later I argued that if his rivals "take him on consistently and jointly ... Trump's moment will end."

But they didn't. By Nov. 24, I despaired that "Trump gets ever more base in his bigotry — and yet, with few and intermittent exceptions, rival candidates, party leaders and GOP lawmakers decline to call him out. So he continues to rise."

Certainly, there's a case to be made that the media — namely, Fox News — created Trump as a political figure before his candidacy. Beginning in 2011, Trump had a weekly segment on Fox's morning show. The liberal watchdog group Media Matters calculates that Trump was on Fox's evening and prime-time programs and Fox News Sunday 48 times between January 2013 and April 2015.

There's no question Trump's run has been good for ratings and readership. But while this creates an incentive to cover Trump, it hasn't translated to favorable coverage. The LexisNexis tracker finds that 7 percent of the coverage of Republicans has been negative over the past 30 days, 11 percent positive and the rest neutral — virtually identical to the proportions for Democrats.

The bigger problem among journalists covering Trump is the moral neutrality in the reporting. News organizations apply to him the same type of horse-race reporting that they do to conventional candidates. Trump's moves are often described as "brilliant." But while it may be tactically brilliant of him to, say, propose a ban on Muslims entering the United States, it's also deplorable. News organizations fear that making such judgments would compromise their impartiality.

But that's a small flaw compared with the chronic unwillingness of Republican leaders, and particularly Trump's rivals, to take him on. Had they done so earlier, journalists would have followed their cues, and coverage would have been different. To blame the news media now for the GOP leaders' own failings compounds their cowardice.

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Increase in forcible rapes is alarming statistic



CHIEF PRICE ROBINSON
Midland Police Dept.

Each year, the Midland Police Department analyzes crime statistics from the previous year in order to set goals and strategies for the future. This annual analysis has been the motivating factor behind several crime-fighting initiatives that have made our community a safer and more enjoyable place to live.

One statistic that immediately grabbed our attention this year was an increase in forcible rape. Even more concerning was the headline I read in the Reporter-Telegram's March 6 article on this issue: "Officials: Increase in rape isn't cause for alarm." As the head official for the Midland Police Department, I am definitely alarmed by the increase in reported rapes in our community. I was perplexed about how that headline could have been drawn from my conversation with the Reporter-Telegram the previous day.

Upon further review, it appeared that this headline was derived from a quote given by a retired Midland Police Department detective. While I do not know the exact question that was asked of her, she addressed the issue by saying that none of the reported rapes in 2015 were carried out by a stranger to the victim. However, that does not take away from the alarming increase we have seen in this very intimate and devastating crime, and her quote did not accurately reflect this.

Retired Det. Kay Therwhanger took the time after the original story ran to write her own article on March 9 to clarify the original intention behind what she said. Words matter and we are glad she took the chance to explain what she meant. Her diligent work over the course of her career to bring comfort to rape victims and bring perpetrators to justice speaks louder than a poorly phrased quote that was converted into an over-simplified and incorrect headline.

I did several media interviews related to this story, and many of the other news outlets underlined the concern we had in regard to these numbers.

One TV news story used a clip of me saying that an increase in sexual assault by even one is too many and talked about our efforts with various agencies to ensure that sexual assault offenses do not go unreported.

We also do not understand why Editor-in-Chief Stewart Doreen found it "offensive" that MPD mentioned our Rape Aggression Defense class in our press release about our annual crime statistics.

This class provides yet another line of defense against violent crimes, and remains one of our most popular outreach programs.

One rape in our community is too many, and perpetrators should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. For years, the MPD has participated in a multi-agency first responder group that mobilizes to investigate cases of child physical and sexual assault in order to protect the child from further harm and gather evidence to make a strong case for prosecution. The MPD also works with SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) nurses and the District Attorney's Office to gather evidence and successfully prosecute actors in adult sexual assault cases.

Every violent crime is life-changing and should never be minimalized. Instead of seeing last year's 46 reported rapes as one, singular number, we see it as 46 people, 46 cases worked, and 46 times that our officers worked to bring a perpetrator to justice.

We will continue to work to decrease the number of rapes the best we can while always encouraging victims to step forward so that we can make Midland a truly safer community.

Primary nominating process causes GOP to self-destruct



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As a lifelong Republican and self-labeled moderate conservative/ establishment guy, I am increasingly dismayed and depressed, as are many of you, with the primary nominating process that has reduced our party to a circus of extremism and self-destruction, and, in my opinion, left us without a viable candidate.

How did we manage to devolve into a situation where none of the three leading candidates (one of whom, barring some major internal revolt, will be our nominee) has the experience or stature to be president and to command respect for America around the world? Aren't those the same qualifications we Republicans bemoaned as lacking in Barack Obama in 2008?

The polarization that grips Washington today will be made worse with either a President Trump or, certainly, a President Cruz. Marco Rubio might actually do well by that metric, but he appears to be fading. And what are the odds that Republicans might lose not only the White House, but also a majority in the Senate, if either Ted Cruz or Donald Trump is the candidate? Will independent voters, who can easily swing the election, vote Democrat, and enough moderate Republicans stay home to produce that result? Isn't that a realistic scenario that ought to be seriously pondered by supporters of either candidate? Are we quite certain that the party rank and file will line up behind Trump or Cruz, as Democrats most certainly will behind their candidate? I'm far from convinced.

Extremism and irrational positions have become the norm for both political parties. Sure, we're all frustrated with the inability of our elected leaders to resolve consequential issues and make progress. But it seems to me that we Republicans have only ourselves to blame. After all, we have asked our elected representatives to take an uncompromising position on a long list of issues, and they have listened. So it isn't Washington that is the problem when it comes to gridlock. It's us: the Republican electorate. It's the core of folks who get up every day and watch Fox News Channel for eight hours, interrupted perhaps by three hours of Rush Limbaugh. And, it is those who have the false notion that if we can just control both Congress and the White House by electing people who think just like we do, and not just a Republican of any stripe, all our problems will be solved.

The statements by the candidates and leaders in our party on the nomination and selection of a replacement for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, truly a giant of a man, say a lot in this regard. Rubio, in a recent televised debate, stated unequivocally that Obama should not nominate a replacement. This is absurd. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell stated that no nominee of the president's would be approved before the election. But since the approval of any nominee is clearly in the hands of the Senate and its Republican majority, wouldn't it have been more measured, less polarizing, and, in the case of Rubio, more presidential, to simply say that Obama certainly has the right to nominate a candidate, and that the Senate should and will consider that candidate's qualifications? The result would be the same — no confirmation — but Republicans would have avoided coming across, once again, as irrational.

How many Hispanics — whose votes and, more importantly, future involvement and support of traditional Republican values and inclusion in our party we desperately need — support building the wall that Trump espouses? Will the likely loss of the Hispanic vote by itself spell Republican defeat?

The likelihood that the next president may nominate, and the incoming Senate approve, three Supreme Court justices is, to me, the most sobering reality of this election. Cruz's supporters relish the dream that the desired result will flow from his election.

Tragically, the candidates who rise to the top today are those who are blessed with the ability to speak and debate well, regardless of the substance of their positions or their capacity to lead. The prospect of Trump or Cruz facing either Bernie Sanders or Hillary Clinton in November is a sobering and sad picture of both modern-day America and the Republican Party.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parent, children talks make a difference

April is Alcohol Awareness Month, a campaign that was created by and sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Inc. since 1987. This year's theme is: "Talk Early, Talk Often: Parents Can Make a Difference in Teen Alcohol Use."

No other substance is more widely used and abused by America's youth than alcohol, making alcoholism and alcohol-related problems the No. 1 public health problem in the United States.

It is important to know that parents play a significant role in preventing and reducing the incidence of underage alcohol and drug use. Fostering healthy and responsible attitudes, talking openly and honestly, encouraging supportive relationships and showing children that their opinions and decisions matter, are all ways to help prevent the use of alcohol and drugs.

Research has shown that kids who have conversations with their parents and are well-educated about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50 percent less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations.

It can be challenging to develop the communication skills needed to talk with your children about drinking and drugs, but it will be well-worth the effort you put into it, as you get to know your children a little better and help them build the coping skills they need to handle the anger, stress, peer pressure, loneliness and disappointment that are part of being an adolescent.

So, let's get started. We can't afford to wait any longer. Call Stop DWI and get involved.

Charles Hodges,
CEO, Stop DWI Inc.

In response to the man who seems to be very unhappy in Midland:

I, too, wish that all drivers would obey traffic laws. People who speed excessively and run red lights are frightening.

The Midland Police Department has to commit resources to investigate crimes against persons and property. They must work traffic accidents, serve warrants and look for fugitives. Making traffic stops is less important than their other duties. We could hire more officers, but property taxes would be increased to pay their salaries and benefits. The community does not want that.

What I might suggest is that specific intersections or sections of roadways that have high accident rates be targeted for enforcement in the same way that drunken drivers are targeted. The real purpose of enforcement is to reduce accidents, not to scold people or swell the city coffers.

I do find myself wondering that Midland drivers seem exceptionally reckless compared to drivers in the community that man came from.

Linda Singer

Texas has a $60B-plus public pension problem

■ New data shows unfunded liabilities continue to grow

By James Quintero
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Texas, we have a problem.

Public pension debt in the Lone Star State continues to surge, boosting the odds of a future fiscal crisis when the bill inevitably comes due.

New data from the Pension Review Board, the agency charged with overseeing Texas' state and local retirement systems, reveals that as of February, government retirement systems have promised retirees $60 million more in benefits than they actually have on hand. That's a jump in pension debt of $2.7 billion since just June 2015.

The bulk of Texas' $60 billion dollar pension problem is on account of the Teacher Retirement System (TRS), which provides benefits to public education retirees. TRS' unfunded liabilities right now total $33 billion, or about $40,000 owed per active member. But TRS is far from the only system in trouble. Others include the Employees Retirement System, with $8 billion owed; the Texas Municipal Retirement System, $3.8 billion owed; the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System, $2.1 billion owed; and the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System, $1.8 billion in the hole.

Of course, even as big and scary as these numbers are, Texas' pension problems may be much worse than the data suggests.

That's because a lot of Texas' retirement systems rely on unrealistic investment assumptions to make their books look better than they are. TRS, for example, assumes that its investments will earn 8 percent annually. But the data proves that to be overly optimistic.

TRS' latest annual financial report shows that its portfolio earned minus 0.3 percent last year and just 6.2 percent over a 10-year period. With investments underperforming expectations, TRS' unfunded liabilities are likely much higher than the reported $33 billion.

Using "funny math" to understate pension problems is no laughing matter, either. Consider that if TRS were to adjust downward its assumed rate of return by only 1 percentage point — from 8 percent to 7 percent — the system's unfunded liabilities would skyrocket from the mid-$30 billion range to more than $55.3 billion. Multiply that scenario over many different plans and things could quickly go from bad to worse.

The reason that all of this matters is because people are at stake. Failing pension plans put retirees at risk of reduced benefits and retirement insecurity while ordinary Texans could be forced to absorb massive future tax increases. Neither is an acceptable scenario.

At the heart of it all is a fundamentally flawed system. The defined benefit (DB) pension plan promises retirees a lifetime of monthly income but does so without knowing whether the money will be there or not. DB plans make all sorts of promises, but lack the sound budgeting principles to make sure those promises come true. Predictability, sustainability, and actuarial soundness are nowhere to be found.

The cost and uncertainty surrounding DB-style pension plans is one of the main reasons that a majority of the private sector long ago abandoned it in favor of more sustainable alternatives. And it's time that Texas' state and local governments started looking at doing the same.

Texas is making pension promises that will be hard — if not impossible — to keep. But with the right reforms, the state could move its pension program into the 21st century.

Real pension reform means moving away from the failed defined benefit concept and transitioning new employees into a defined contribution (DC) plans. DC-style plans operate similarly to 401(k)s, in that they allow contributions to be made into individual investment accounts that are portable and sustainable over the long-term. These are already the norm among much of the private sector; why should we give our public employees any less?

Solving Texas' $60 billion pension problem won't be easy, but it's not impossible either. With right reforms in place, state and local leaders can begin to provide actual retirement security to public employees and solid peace of mind to the taxpayers that support them.

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Does being female in the US carry unfair costs?

By Colleen Long and Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Margo Seibert and Natalie Brasington don't think women should have to pay a "period tax," and like a growing number of other women, they are publicly questioning whether being female in the U.S. carries unfair costs.

The pair are among five New York City women who filed a lawsuit last week arguing that it was unconstitutional for the state to levy sales tax on tampons and sanitary napkins while offering medical product exemptions to many other items used by both genders, like lip balm, foot powder and dandruff shampoo.

The case, they say, is about more than the few cents in tax levied on each pack.

Sick of the social taboo, and frustrated by a lack of access for some to a staple, these women and others are talking very publicly about menstruation and gaining political traction that would have been impossible a generation ago.

A national push to abolish sales tax on tampons is gathering steam, led by social media campaigns like #periodswithoutshame. At least seven states are now considering legislation. Illinois lawmakers were holding a hearing on the latest proposal Wednesday. Connecticut legislators discussed the issue Monday.

Cosmopolitan magazine launched an online petition, and even President Barack Obama has questioned why the items are taxed.

How states view the Tampon Tax

A national push to abolish sales tax on tampons is gaining steam. Here's how states rate on the issue:

States considering legislation to abolish the tampon tax:

- California (state sales tax is 7.5 percent)
- Connecticut (state sales tax is 6.35 percent)
- Illinois (state sales tax is 6.25 percent)
- Michigan (state sales tax is 6 percent)
- New York (state sales tax is 4 percent)
- Virginia (state sales tax is 6 percent)
- Wisconsin (state sales tax is 5 percent)

A bill failed earlier this session in Utah, where the state sales tax is 4.7 percent.

States that do not tax tampons and sanitary pads:

- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

States with no sales tax:

- Alaska
- Delaware
- Montana
- New Hampshire
- Oregon

Sources: National Conference of State Legislatures, State websites

"I tend to talk about my period quite a bit, to anyone who will listen," said Seibert, a 31-year-old actress and founder of an online campaign that promotes a "shame-free" period.

Brasington, a 31-year-old photographer, said the tax affects women disproportionately and is a genuine burden for poorer women.

"Being a woman is so expensive," she said.

Jennifer Weiss-Wolf, a vice president at the NYU School of Law's Brennan Center for Justice, said she began writing articles and op-eds on "menstrual equity" when she discovered food pantries were desperate for sanitary napkins and tampons because poor women can't afford them.

The tax campaign reflects a broader debate over "gender pricing," or charging women and men different rates for similar products and services, from haircuts to razors to T-shirts.

New York City's consumer protection agency studied the cost of 800 common household items last year and found that products marketed to women cost, on average, 7 percent more than similar products for men.

"Women's outcry over this issue isn't just about the tax on tampons. It's a reflection of the routine unfairness that seeps into our everyday lives," said Sonia Ossorio, president of the National Organization for Women in New York. "At the end of the day, the tampon tax movement is one small way to challenge the broader sexism that still persists. Because that's the real taboo here."

While women's advocates have long lamented that many women's products cost more, their providers say there can be legitimate reasons — a more decorative product or more complicated haircut, for instance. And some have noted that women sometimes pay less: for life and auto insurance, for example.

Nationwide, 40 states tax feminine hygiene products, deeming them non-necessities or even "luxury items," while making exceptions for products as similar as adult incontinence pads.

Currently, five U.S. states exempt tampons and other feminine hygiene products from their sales tax, which varies around the country from about 2.9 percent to as high as 7.5 percent. Another five states have no sales tax.

New York taxes tampons and sanitary napkins as tools "to control a normal bodily function and to maintain personal cleanliness."

The 4 percent state sales tax on the products costs New York women millions of dollars a year; estimates range from about $7 million to twice that, a minute fraction of the state's $142 billion budget.

Advocates say the cost, however small it may seem, is burdensome for poor women, who also can't purchase the products with food stamps.

"Having one's period is not a luxury," state Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal, a Democrat who has proposed abolishing the tax. "Because of our biology, we bear this extra cost, and the state should not compound it."

The state Department of Taxation and Finance declined to comment, citing the lawsuit. Two major manufacturers of feminine hygiene products, P&G, the maker of the Tampax brand, and Edgewell Personal Care Co., the maker of the Playtex brand, didn't respond to inquiries this week about the tax issue.

Zoe Salzman, the attorney on the New York case, said they'd push to get a judge to rule the tax unlawful.

"If men had to use these products every month, they would already be tax-exempt," she said.

Meanwhile, the legislative proposal has yet to get a hearing, though supporters are hopeful about its prospects, especially since Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently said the tax should be abolished.

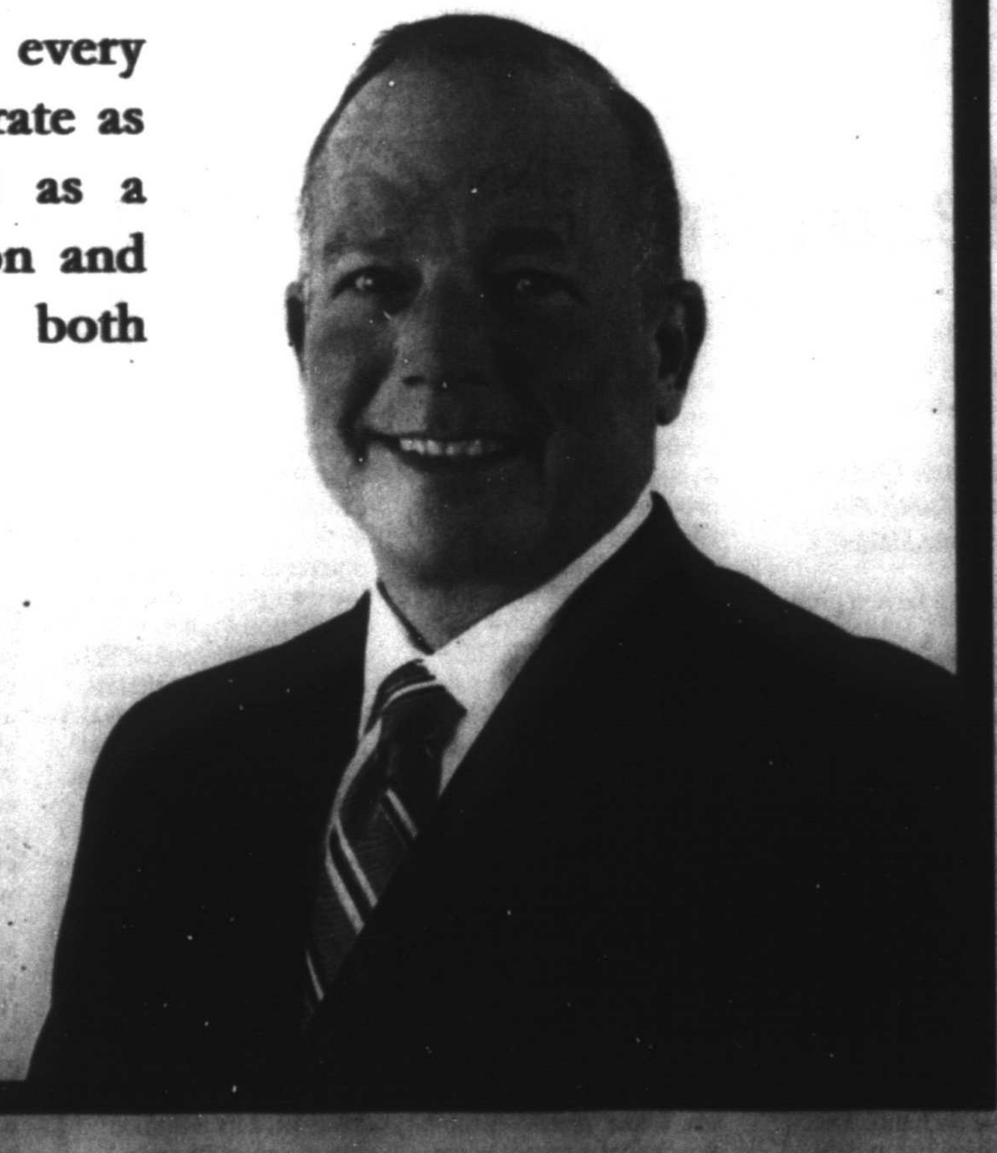
That wasn't the sense in Utah, where a legislative committee last month nixed a proposal to tax-exempt the items. While some members of the all-male committee supported the idea, others questioned where the state would draw the line on what to tax in the future.

The Los Angeles Times, in an editorial last week, expressed similar concerns in opposing a tax exemption that California lawmakers are considering.

Overseas, Canada removed taxes on the items last year, and British leaders, who have set the tax at the lowest possible level, have considered doing away with it altogether.

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Torture is illegal, but there's the issue of Appendix M

By Debbie Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A little-known appendix to the Army Field Manual, the government rulebook for interrogations that bans the harsh practices used after the Sept. 11 attacks, still allows sleep deprivation and other sensory techniques that some say amount to a loophole to the U.S. ban on torture.

Interrogation professionals and international human rights groups want to see the entire 10-page Appendix M axed from the Army Field Manual, which is undergoing a congressionally mandated review. U.S. officials insist that Appendix M doesn't condone ill treatment of detainees, and that all parts of the manual must be applied in ways that ensure detainees are treated humanely.

"We have been asking for changes to the Army Field Manual and Appendix M in particular for years now," said Raha Wala, senior counsel for defense and intelligence at Human Rights First. "There hasn't been momentum. I now sense that in the first time in years, there is a real interest in looking at it."

Their objections come at the same time that GOP presidential frontrunner Donald Trump wants the U.S. to bring back torture, including waterboarding, a practice that simulates drowning. "They have no rules. They have no regulations. They chop off heads. They drown 40, 50, 60 people at a time in big steel cages, pull them up an hour later, everyone dead. And we're working on a different set of parameters," he said in Thursday's presidential debate, explaining why he favors torturing Islamic State captives to get information.

Mark Fallon, who has spent more than 30 years working in federal law enforcement and counterintelligence, said that domestic and international law forbids waterboarding and other so-called "enhanced" interrogation techniques.

"I don't think there's much validity to Appendix M," Fallon said. "I think it can open the door to the types of abuses we have seen before."

Fallon leads the research committee of the High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group, a team of interrogators from the FBI, Defense Department and intelligence agencies that is deployed to gather intelligence from violent extremists in the U.S. and overseas. He was among more than two dozen former national security, law enforcement, intelligence and interrogation professionals who sent a letter last fall to all of the presidential candidates, urging them to reject torture and cruel treatment.

"It is counterproductive. It tends to produce unreliable information because it degrades a detainee's ability to recall and transmit information, undermines trust in the interrogator, and often prompts a detainee to relay false information that he believes the interrogator wants to hear," the letter said.

That too was the finding of a 2014 Senate report, describing the CIA's practice of torture against al-Qaida detainees after 9/11. The report said the agency's interrogation program was more brutal than previously understood and failed to produce unique intelligence that couldn't have been obtained through more traditional methods.

Some former CIA officials, however, insist that waterboarding and other harsh methods have yielded vital intelligence. "I believe that waterboarding was one of the two most effective of the all the harsh techniques (the other being sleep deprivation)," former deputy CIA director Mike Morell wrote in his book "The Great War of Our Time."

Human Rights First says a 2006 revision of the Army Field Manual opened the door to tactics that could be viewed as torture. The group said the revision also put unnecessary restrictions on an effective, humane interrogation technique known as "separation" — the practice of keeping a detainee away from negative influences of fellow detainees. The practice is not to be confused with "isolation" as a form of punishment or coercion.

The United Nation's Committee Against Torture also has expressed specific concerns about two sections of the field manual as it is currently written:

- Appendix M permits detainees to be limited to four hours of sleep every 24 hours for up to 30 days, or more, with permission. Doing this "amounts to authorizing sleep deprivation — a form of ill treatment — and is unrelated to the aim of ... preventing communication among detainees," the U.N. committee has told the U.S.
- Another section aims at "prolonging the shock of capture by applying goggles or blindfolds and earmuffs to generate a perception of separation." The U.N. committee said recent scientific evidence indicates this can cause a "state of psychosis."

Last year, the State Department said neither section of the manual would be implemented in an abusive way, and that all interrogation practices authorized in the field manual, including those in Appendix M, must be conducted in a way that ensure detainees are treated humanely.

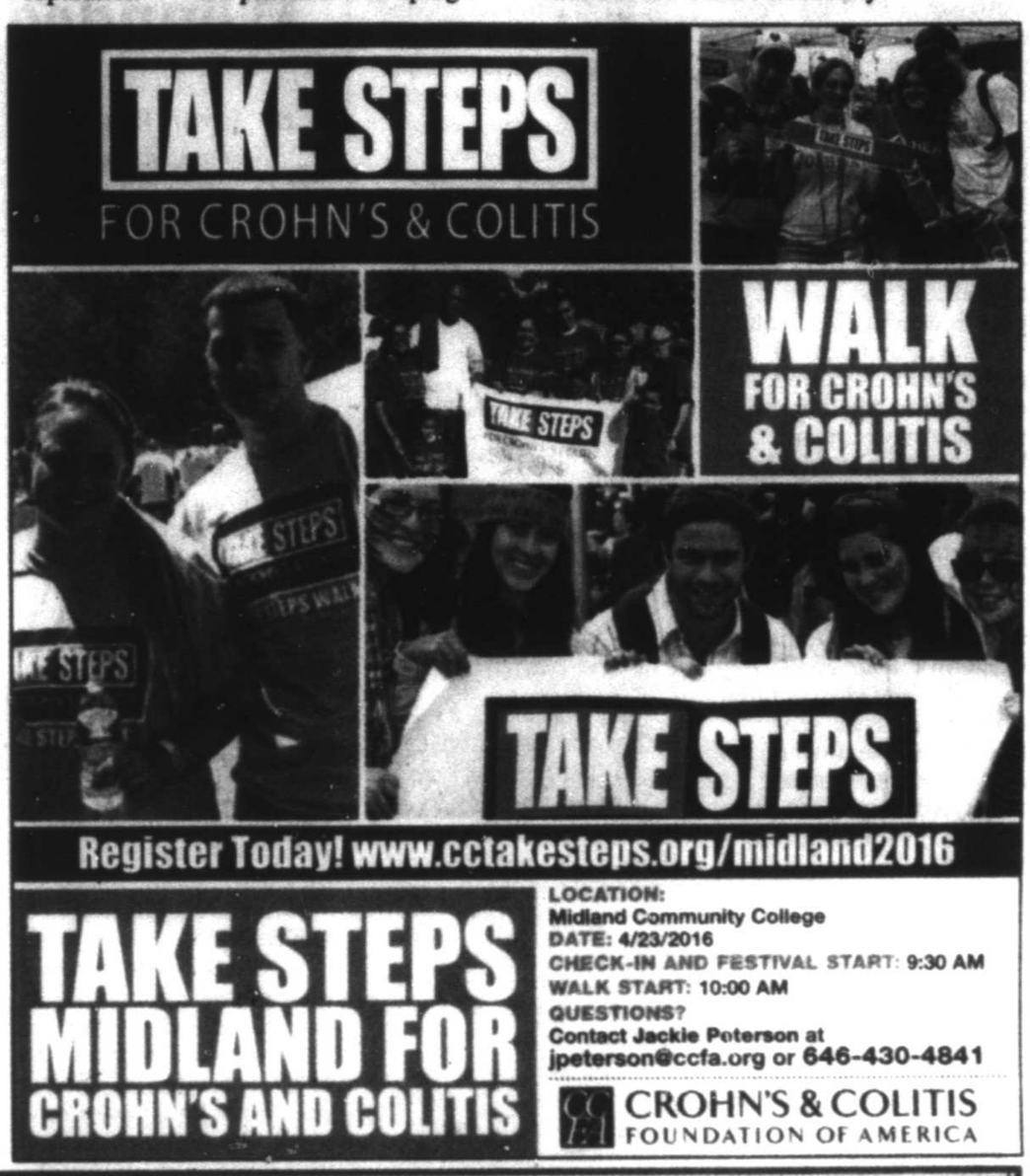
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Caitlyn Jenner's politics spark debate in transgender ranks

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Since coming out a year ago, Caitlyn Jenner has not always been a unifying force in the transgender community. Her latest political remarks — underscoring her conservative outlook and praising Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz — ignited a storm of criticism from supporters of transgender rights, who view most conservative Republicans as adversaries.

"Breathtakingly clueless" was the rebuke from blogger Monica Roberts. Tennis great Martina Navratilova and country singer Chely Wright were also among the many people denouncing Jenner.

Yet a more nuanced conversation followed, questioning whether transgender Americans must be monolithic in broadly espousing progressive politics, or whether they can make room for differing views in their ranks.

Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, said she is grateful there are transgender Republicans and would like to see the issue of transgender rights addressed on a nonpartisan basis. She also said it is inevitable that the ranks of transgender Americans would grow more diverse.

"Trans people need to buckle up," she said. "With all the folks who will be coming out in the next few years, you're not going to agree with all of them."

While Democratic candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders have voiced strong support for LGBT rights, Cruz and the other Republican contenders have expressed misgivings about same-sex marriage and supported protections for people who oppose it on religious grounds.

Among those wrestling with the fallout of Jenner's remarks is Jennifer Finney Boylan, a writer and professor at Barnard College. She is a consultant and cast member on Jenner's reality show, "I am Cait."

In one episode, Boylan — who has described Cruz as a bigot — became so aggravated with Jenner's political views that she swatted her with a rolled-up newspaper.

"In terms of equality and dignity, the difference between Republicans and Democrats is night and day," Boylan said in an interview. "I don't really get why you'd vote against your own civil rights."

Yet Boylan remains engaged in the TV series and considers Jenner a friend.

"How is it possible to communicate with people whom we want to smack with a newspaper?" Boylan asked in recent blog post. "The question, for me, is not, will Cait become a liberal? There is no operation for that, alas. But she CAN become someone who listens, who opens her heart, who has compassion. And so can I."

Jenner sparked the furor with comments in a March 2 article in The Advocate, an LGBT-oriented magazine.

"I like Ted Cruz," Jenner declared, even while describing the Texas senator as "one of the worst ones" in regard to transgender rights.

"The Democrats are better when it comes to these types of social issues. I understand that," Jenner told The Advocate. "So why support Republicans? Number 1, if we don't have a country, we don't have trans issues. We need jobs. We need a vibrant economy."

Jenner suggested lightheartedly that if Cruz is elected president, she could become his "trans ambassador" and seek to sway him on transgender issues.

Jay Michaelson, a rabbi, author and gay activist, urged Jenner to backtrack.

"I'm begging you to do so," he wrote in The Daily Beast. "The Republicans' promised actions — especially those of Ted Cruz — would be absolutely devastating to us, and even to you personally."

Transgender activist Dana Beyer, executive director of Gender Rights Maryland, said it should not be surprising that the former Olympic decathlon champion retained long-held political views.

"We're probably better off if she remains a Republican," Beyer said. "The Republicans for the most part won't talk to us, and we're not going to make progress unless we persuade some of them. We need access."

Dru Levasseur, Transgender Rights Project director of the LGBT-rights group Lambda Legal, said it would be useful if transgender-specific issues were raised in the GOP debates. He said he'd like to learn where the Republicans stand in the heated debate over transgender people's access to public restrooms.

According to the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, which supports LGBT political candidates, there are no transgender Republicans currently serving in elective office in the U.S.

U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a Florida Republican, has a transgender son, and has cited that as a reason why she's more supportive of LGBT rights than most of her GOP colleagues in Congress.



Associated Press

In this 2009 file photo, Steve Nardizzi, CEO of the Wounded Warriors Project at their meeting in Washington. The board of Wounded Warrior Project has fired two top officials amid news reports accusing the group of wasteful spending. According to a statement released late Thursday, on behalf of Wounded Warrior Project, Nardizzi and chief operating officer Al Giordano are no longer with the organization.

Wounded Warrior founder open to return

By Jason Dearen
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Steve Nardizzi's entrepreneurial approach to charity work transformed the Wounded Warrior Project, which began as a shoestring effort to provide underwear and CD players to hospitalized soldiers, into an $800 million fund-raising enterprise.

It also led to his downfall.

A lawyer by training who never served in the military, Nardizzi traded a career in the courts for one helping wounded veterans. He arrived at the Wounded Warrior Project in 2006 after nearly a decade at the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association and persuaded the board that they needed a new, more aggressive leadership style.

By 2010, Nardizzi replaced founder John Melia as CEO and catapulted the nonprofit into the top ranks of U.S. charities. His success led to lavish spending — the group's annual staff meeting in 2014 cost $970,000 — prompting complaints from employees, veterans and charity watchdogs about profiteering off veterans that emerged in reports by The New York Times and CBS News in January.

On Thursday, Nardizzi and chief operating officer Al Giordano were fired, the board said, as the organization cracks down on employee expenses and strengthens controls that have not kept pace with the rapid growth.

Melia, a former Marine, launched the group in 2003 after he was injured in a helicopter crash off Somalia and saw how wounded veterans were treated. His exit left him bitter; he said Nardizzi erased his contributions from the group's website. But he told The Associated Press on Friday that he has requested an "immediate" meeting with the board of directors and is open to leading the group again.

Board chairman Anthony Odierno, overseeing the charity on an interim basis, did not respond Friday to a request for comment. Neither did the fired executives, Nardizzi and Giordano. In the Thursday statement, Odierno said "it is now time to put the organization's focus directly back on the men and women who have so bravely fought for our country and who need our support."

The Wounded Warrior Project's directors fired the two executives after hiring outside legal counsel and forensic accounting consultants to conduct an independent review of the Jacksonville-based organization's records and interview current and former employees.

The reports by CBS News and The Times described extravagant parties and last-minute, business-class air travel; one former employee compared it to "what the military calls fraud, waste and abuse."

The group's 2014 meeting, at a five-star hotel where Nardizzi rappelled from a tower into a crowd of employees, was particularly costly. The board's statement — released late Thursday by the crisis management firm Abernathy MacGregor — said "such events will be curtailed in the future."

Nardizzi defended such spending while leading the charity. "An entrepreneurial spirit led to WWP's success," Nardizzi wrote Jan. 18 on his Facebook page.

"If nonprofits are going to be effective in their world-changing work (eliminating disease or eradicating poverty), they must be allowed to research, to advertise, and, most important, to fail — in the same way that corporations like Apple and Nike do. We need to embrace the notion that has long guided the for-profit world: think big, and often spend big, in order to succeed big," Nardizzi wrote.

Nardizzi certainly thought big: According to the Internal Revenue Service reports, the charity took in $800 million over the past six years, while also paying some of the highest salaries, to many more people, than other major nonprofits. Nardizzi earned $496,415 annually and Giordano $397,329, while at least 10 others took in more than $160,000 each for the year ending in September 2014, according to the nonprofit's Form 990 filings.

Compensation accounted for $32 million, or 13 percent of the group's spending that year. Meanwhile, the group's reserves rose to $248 million, mainly held in investments. Charity watchdogs say it's OK to keep a rainy day fund, but the money should go as much as possible to the mission.

Nardizzi's leadership drew fans. Tom Keller, a communications consultant on WWP projects, described Nardizzi as a "Powerhouse CEO" and a "superb leader" in a 2014 recommendation on LinkedIn.

Reached by phone Friday, Keller said he no longer feels the same way.

"I have associations with other veterans' organizations, and I just feel sick about the whole situation," Keller said. "My involvement with (Wounded Warrior Project) didn't last long after he came aboard. I know the truth will come out."

The nonprofit's Facebook page was filling with angry comments Friday by people rethinking whether they should donate again.

"Many donors have supported the WWP from its humble inception and have every right to be angry about the lack of stewardship shown by the immediate past leadership of WWP," Melia said in a statement. "The new leadership of the WWP must do everything in its power to restore its relationship and regain the trust of those it serves and its donors."

WWP said in response to the posts that it is proud of its programs and stands behind its fundraising.

The group's statement Thursday said its most recent audited financial statement shows 81 percent of donations were spent on "programming," not fundraising. The statement cited a "joint allocation" accounting rule that enables nonprofits to classify fundraising as a service to clients if the event or material also is "educational" and includes a "call to action" beyond simply appealing for money.

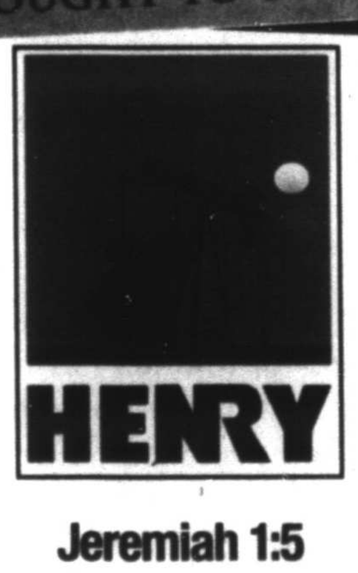
Invoking that rule, the nonprofit reported to the IRS that it spent $26 million, about 10 percent of its budget, on conferences and events between October 1, 2013, and September 30, 2014. The statement said about 94 percent of that "was associated with program services delivered to Wounded Warriors and their families."

The IRS filings said 76 percent of the budget, or $189,558,100, went to veterans programs — a share charity watchdogs would consider respectable. However, almost $41 million of that amount was claimed as the "educational" component of fundraising requests; without it, helping veterans accounted for just 60 percent of the budget.

Charitywatch.org says Wounded Warriors spent just 54 percent on programs rather than overhead, for a C rating.

"The board needs to look hard in the mirror and ask how things got so out of hand for so long," Dean Zerbe, a former senior counsel for the U.S. Senate finance committee who did extensive oversight of charities. "Every dollar that is spent by WWP on perks and parties is a dollar that isn't being spent to help a veteran or a veteran's family."

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Company owner requires workers to have firearm at the office

By Lisa Marie Pane
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The decision by the owner of a small insurance company to require his employees to carry firearms at the office has sparked a debate: Would having a gun on the job make you safer, or is it inviting violence into the workplace?

Lance Toland said his three offices, based at small airports in Georgia, haven't had problems with crime but "anyone can slip in these days if they want to. I don't have a social agenda here. I have a safety agenda."

When a longtime employee, a National Rifle Association-certified instructor who's been the company's unofficial security officer announced her retirement, Toland wanted to ensure the remaining employees were safe. He now requires each of them to get a concealed-carry permit, footing the $65 bill, and undergo training. He issues a Taurus revolver known as "The Judge" to each of them. The firearm holds five rounds, .410 shells that cast a spray of pellets like a shotgun.

"It is a weapon, and it is a lethal weapon," said Toland, whose company specializes in aviation insurance. "When a perpetrator comes into the home or the office, they have started a fire. And this is a fire extinguisher."

No employee balked at the mandate, he said. "They all embraced it 100 percent, and they said, you know, I'm tired of being afraid," Toland said.

An employer's legal standing to impose such a requirement depends on several factors, foremost whether the business is high risk, a convenience store or taxi company, for example, said Carin Burford, a labor lawyer in Birmingham, Alabama.

More than 400 people on average are killed in the workplace each year, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. Just last week, a gunman with a criminal record who had just been served with an order to stay away from his former girlfriend began a shooting spree, eventually landing at the lawn mower parts factory where he worked. Authorities say he killed three people and wounded 14 others before a police officer shot and killed him.

About half of U.S. states have laws allowing people to keep firearms in their cars at work. There are companies that allow employees to bring firearms to the office. But it's rare to hear of an employer making it a requirement.

Kevin Michalowski, executive editor of Concealed Carry Magazine, said he hasn't heard of any companies issuing a mandate, but he's increasingly hearing from companies, churches and schools seeking training so they're prepared to deal with a workplace shooting.

He said while workplace shootings don't happen every day, when they do happen, people should have the ability to protect themselves — particularly before police are able to respond.

"The gun-free-zone sign isn't going to stop anyone. In fact, it makes people more vulnerable," said Michalowski, who is a part-time officer in Wisconsin for a county sheriff's department and a rural police department. "The good people who could stop things are disarmed."

One person who isn't convinced is Charles G. Ehrlich, an attorney in California. He was working for the Pettit & Martin law firm in California on July 1, 1993, when Gian Luigi Ferri, a failed entrepreneur and former client of the firm, arrived at the high-rise office building with multiple weapons, killing eight people and injuring six before killing himself.

Ehrlich was lucky. A meeting he was attending went long, and he didn't end up down the hall in a conference room that was Ferri's first target. "I heard the shouting and the noise" but had just moments earlier left the floor.

"It's not like it is on TV or at the movies where the good guy just shoots the bad guy," said Ehrlich, the former president of the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. "It's very difficult to shoot a gun accurately, even when you're not under pressure."

She understands that not everyone wants to work for a company that requires having a weapon.

Banks now giving customers access to credit scores for free

By Ben Sweet
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — It might be the most important piece of financial information about you — and it's finally easier for you to actually get a look at it.

Big banks and credit card companies are increasingly offering customers free access to their FICO score. This score, named after the software and analytics company that developed it, is used by lenders to determine how risky you are when they are deciding whether to issue a new credit card, mortgage or auto loan.

Banks have been able to make scores available to customers for four years, a result of a FICO initiative, but they have been slow to do so. Discover Financial was the first major credit card issuer to give its customers access to their FICO scores in 2013. But banks like JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup among others have adopted the program in the past year.

"This is a piece of information that grades you and judges your ability to borrow, and because it is so crucial, you should be entitled to have it," said Chi Chi Wu, an attorney at the National Consumer Law Center.

It's the latest move by the banks to give credit information to consumers since Congress required that the three credit bureaus offer credit reports to individuals once a year. Credit reports contain much of the information that goes into determining your score, but not the actual number.

A borrower's FICO score is used in 90 percent of lending decisions, but until recently a person had to pay for it — if it was available at all. Worse, borrowers looking for their credit score would sometimes be provided what's known as an "educational score" which guesses a person's FICO score but is not the score used to determine a person's ability to borrow.

Knowing your credit score can help you negotiate for better rates and shop for better loan deals. Also, if you know your score is weak, you can work to improve it and possibly save hundreds of dollars on a future loan, or thousands of dollars on a mortgage.

Because of the lack of availability, FICO estimates that only half of Americans have accessed their score in the past year and far more don't know what their score is.

Fair Isaac Corp. created the FICO score in the late 1980s. Jim Wehmann, executive vice president of scores for FICO, said the company recently developed what it calls its "Open Access" program partly because banks were already paying for borrowers' FICO scores and there was little to no cost for banks to pass along the score.

"There was lots of confusion out there about what a FICO score is, and those educational scores were not helping. We felt the banks were the natural conduit to get consumers FICO scores, because that's where the credit process begins," Wehmann said.

Wehmann estimates 100 million Americans now have access to their FICO score through a credit card or their bank.

There are a number of different types of credit scores that FICO calculates, but the most common is a number between 300 and 850 points. The higher the score, the more creditworthy that borrower is. The average U.S. credit score is about 695, FICO says. FICO uses a formula — it does not share the exact calculations — that factors a borrower's payment history, how much debt the person has, if they have ever filed for bankruptcy and other financial behavior.

Free FICO scores have become a selling feature for banks. When Chase added free FICO score access to its Slate card in March 2015, applications and usage rose, said Pam Codispoti, president of consumer branded cards at Chase. Codispoti said the bank is considering adding the FICO score feature to its other cards.

"It was really about stepping up to meet a consumer need. Everyone benefits when our customers have more tools to handle their financial lives," she said.

Getting your credit score through your bank won't impact your credit score, FICO says, since the borrower is not actively looking to get new credit. Some credit card companies, like Chase and Discover, also provide tips on how a customer can improve their credit score, like making sure you don't max out credit cards or miss payments.

Consumer advocates — regular critics of big banks — back the trend.

The increased availability of free FICO scores could mean decreased revenue for the three main credit agencies — Equifax, TransUnion and Experian — that sell credit scores, credit monitoring and credit reports to consumers. The agencies' main source of business, though, is compiling, maintaining and selling credit reports to banks.

$400M dispute lingers over Post-it inventor

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Alan Amron has invented a battery-powered squirt gun, a digital photo frame, even a laser system that may someday provide a visible first-down line for fans inside NFL stadiums. He holds 40 U.S. patents, but he's most interested in an invention for which he gets no credit: the Post-it Note, that ubiquitous sticky-back product made into a worldwide success by the 3M Company.

Amron, 67, says he invented what he called the Press-on Memo in 1973, a full year before 3M scientists developed what later became known as the Post-it Note. Although Amron settled a previous lawsuit against 3M, he's suing again in federal court in Fort Lauderdale. He says the company breached its previous agreement not to take credit. The settlement is confidential.

Now Amron wants $400 million in damages — and something he says is even more important to him.

"I just want them to admit that I am the inventor and that they will stop saying that they are the inventor," Amron said in a recent interview. "Every single day that they keep claiming they invented it damages my reputation and defames me."

3M, based in Maplewood, Minnesota, is one of the 30 companies that make up the Dow Jones Industrial Average on the New York Stock Exchange. The maker of Scotch tape, Ace bandages, sandpaper, films, office products, window insulation, paint remover and hundreds of other products earned more than $30 billion in revenue in 2015, according to the company's website.

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> **Donna L. Fleming Runyon,** Post-it Note company spokeswoman

The company says Post-it Notes were invented by 3M scientists Arthur Fry and Spencer Silver, both members of the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Silver came up with the adhesive — one that could be used over and over yet not mar surfaces to which it attached — and Fry the idea of using it for the small, yellow squares of paper to become sticky-back notes.

"3M developed Post-it Notes without any input or inspiration from Mr. Amron and it is false and misleading for him to state or suggest that he created, invented, or had any role in the product's development," said company spokeswoman Donna L. Fleming Runyon in an email.

On Friday, Runyon added that 3M was within its rights under the previous settlement to claim credit for creating the Post-it Note.

"There was nothing in the settlement agreement that limited what 3M could say," she said.

Fry, now 84 and retired, is named as a defendant in Amron's lawsuit, but Silver is not. Fry did not respond to an email and a phone message seeking comment. Silver also is retired, Runyon said.

The history of invention is full of people competing for credit for the same idea, and often things come about because smart people are working separately. Take the microchip: Texas Instruments and Fairchild Semiconductor battled for a decade in court over who came first and deserved the patent, deciding amid the wrangling it was best to work out a licensing deal for both companies.

Amron said his idea in 1973 came about with chewing gum. He was looking for a way to stick a note on his refrigerator for his wife and used gum, providing inspiration for the adhesive he would use on his Press-on Memo. That year he took the sticky notes to a New York trade show and met briefly with two 3M executives, Amron said, but nothing came of the meeting.

Fry and Silver came up with what 3M originally called the Press 'n' Peel memo pad in 1974, but it wasn't brought to the market until 1977 and didn't really take off until 1980, when it was renamed the Post-it Note. It's now one of the top-selling items in 3M's consumer products division, which in 2015 earned $4.4 billion for all products, company figures show.

Post-it Notes have become so iconic that in the 1997 movie "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion," the title characters, played by Lisa Kudrow and Mira Sorvino, claim credit for inventing them to impress their former classmates.

It was also in 1997 that Amron sued 3M claiming he was the true inventor. The case was settled, and Amron agreed to release the company from any future claims, which intellectual property lawyers say could make his new Florida lawsuit difficult to win.

"I would predict what he has left perhaps is the enforcement of a settlement agreement but not the claims he is pursuing," said Miami attorney Jeffrey Feldman, who is not involved in the case. "The first thing I would want to know is whether or not there was an agreement between them regarding who was allowed to say what."

Amron said the agreement was that neither could claim credit because, years earlier, a Swiss inventor had supposedly devised a similar product. But that turned out to be a less-useful adhesive, not the entire sticky note, and Amron said he felt 3M used the Swiss tale to trick him into the settlement — and is now breaching that deal by claiming credit for the product.

No trial date is set for Amron's lawsuit. Runyon said 3M will file a dismissal motion next week on an amended version of his complaint, based in part on the prior settlement of similar claims. A federal judge has ordered both sides into mediation to possibly reach a agreement and set various legal deadlines through December of this year.

Female scientist uses Wikipedia to cope with online harassment

By Caitlin Gibson
Washington Post

On a typical day, Emily Temple-Wood, a molecular biology student at Loyola University in Chicago, juggles back-to-back classes, volunteer work and research projects in the school's developmental biology lab.

Then she comes home, makes herself a cup of tea — and gets to work at channeling online harassment into female empowerment.

Temple-Wood has been an active Wikipedia contributor since childhood, and like many women with an online presence, she is often bombarded by emails filled with crude messages and misogynist slurs. But now, for every one of those messages she receives, she has vowed to write a new Wikipedia biography of a prominent female scientist.

Her effort began during a Wikipedia editathon in October 2012, when she searched Wikipedia for many of her female heroes of science and realized they were nowhere to be found. Furious, she sat in the hallway of her dorm until 2 a.m. writing a biography of Ann Bishop, a British biologist who was one of the first female fellows of the prestigious Royal Society.

Soon after, Temple-Wood founded WikiProject Women Scientists to help correct the gender discrepancy she'd discovered. It's part of a larger pattern: Only about 15 percent of Wikipedia's English-language biographies are about women, the organization acknowledges.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Temple-Wood's effort triggered even more hateful emails.

"It's the stuff that gets yelled at you on the street, except someone took the time to type that down," she said. "A lot of sexual solicitation, insinuations about who I'm sleeping with and how much and where, all that gross stuff. And then they get mad when I don't respond."

The emails kept coming as her project gained steam and the number of female scientists listed on Wikipedia climbed from 1,600 to 5,000. The barrage of abusive messages was sometimes hard to take, Temple-Wood says.

"I was just so frustrated," she says. "I was like, I need to do something productive with this rage rather than sitting around and being angry — that doesn't solve anything."

So, a couple of months ago, she came up with an idea: She could use the harassment as a motivator.

Sleazy come-on? Meet Rosalyn Scott, the first African-American woman to become a thoracic surgeon.

Chauvinist remark? Profanity-laced tirade? Here's Marguerite Lwoff, a French microbiologist and virologist, and Liliana Lubinska, a Polish neuroscientist known for her research of the peripheral nervous system.

"I decided to do something actually productive that would also make misogynists angry, because that's the last thing that people who hate women want, for more information about great women to be out there," Temple-Wood says.

This tactic hasn't exactly stopped the harassment, nor has she kept up with the pace of the appalling emails. ("I have a backlog of 118," she notes dryly.) But more than 370 of the new articles have been featured on Wikipedia's homepage, and about two dozen have been peer-reviewed, which garners them a higher quality rating. Temple-Wood has also amassed a team of about 70 Wikipedia contributors who are helping with her project — and some of them have also adopted her practice of writing a new bio for each abusive online encounter.

"Instead of just being like, 'God, that ruined my day,' instead of being blindly upset, I just focus that energy into something productive and satisfying," she says.

Siko Bouterse, a former Wikipedia Foundation staff member, told the Wikimedia blog that Temple-Wood's work has had a profound impact.

"It's really important that she's not just writing about white women scientists, she's also working to address under-representation of women of color in Wikipedia," Bourtese said. "When I was a kid, I could count the number of women scientists I was aware of on one hand. But I know our daughters are going to have access to so much more free knowledge about scientists who look like them, thanks to Emily's efforts, and that's really powerful."

Even for many adults, Temple-Woods says, the Internet has become the primary source of information: If something isn't there, it may as well not exist.

"A lot of these women, you can't Google them and find their stories, they're locked up in obscure books," she says. "So we're making these stories accessible to everyone, and giving these legacies their due. We call it 'writing women back into history.'"

There's still a long way to go. Temple-Woods plans to head to medical school next year, but she says she'll keep contributing to her project whenever she has time.

"I would love for every single notable woman scientist to have an article on Wikipedia that is beautiful and comprehensive and complete," she says. "So we still have a lot of work to do."

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Oklahoma takes action on earthquakes

By William Yardley
Los Angeles Times

OKLAHOMA CITY — They feel them in the little city of Cushing, where a web of pipelines and giant oil storage tanks makes the area a crucial international hub — and vulnerable. They feel them in the time-capsule town of Guthrie, where plaster is cracking in storefronts built in the 19th century. And they feel them in rural Fairview, where cows get loud when pastures move beneath them.

"This last one, I thought the building was coming down," said Jason Levings, 29, speaking outside the Fairview feed store where he works and, he was grateful to note, was still standing. "It was intense."

More than five years after Oklahoma first experienced a startling increase in earthquakes linked to the disposal of huge volumes of wastewater created by hydraulic fracturing for oil, the state continues to shake and the number of strong quakes is increasing. In 2009, there were 20 quakes of magnitude 3.0 or higher, according to the United States Geological Survey. Last year, there were 890. In 2009, no quake measured 4.0 or greater. Last year, 30 did.

Yet, even as many Oklahomans track seismic data on their smartphones and struggle to sleep through the long, rumbling nights, there has been one notable location where people rarely seemed rattled. That is here, in the state capital, where the oil industry holds so much sway that for decades drill rigs have extracted crude from directly beneath the Capitol building.

A Democratic state lawmaker, Cory Williams, said in an interview: "They own the place."

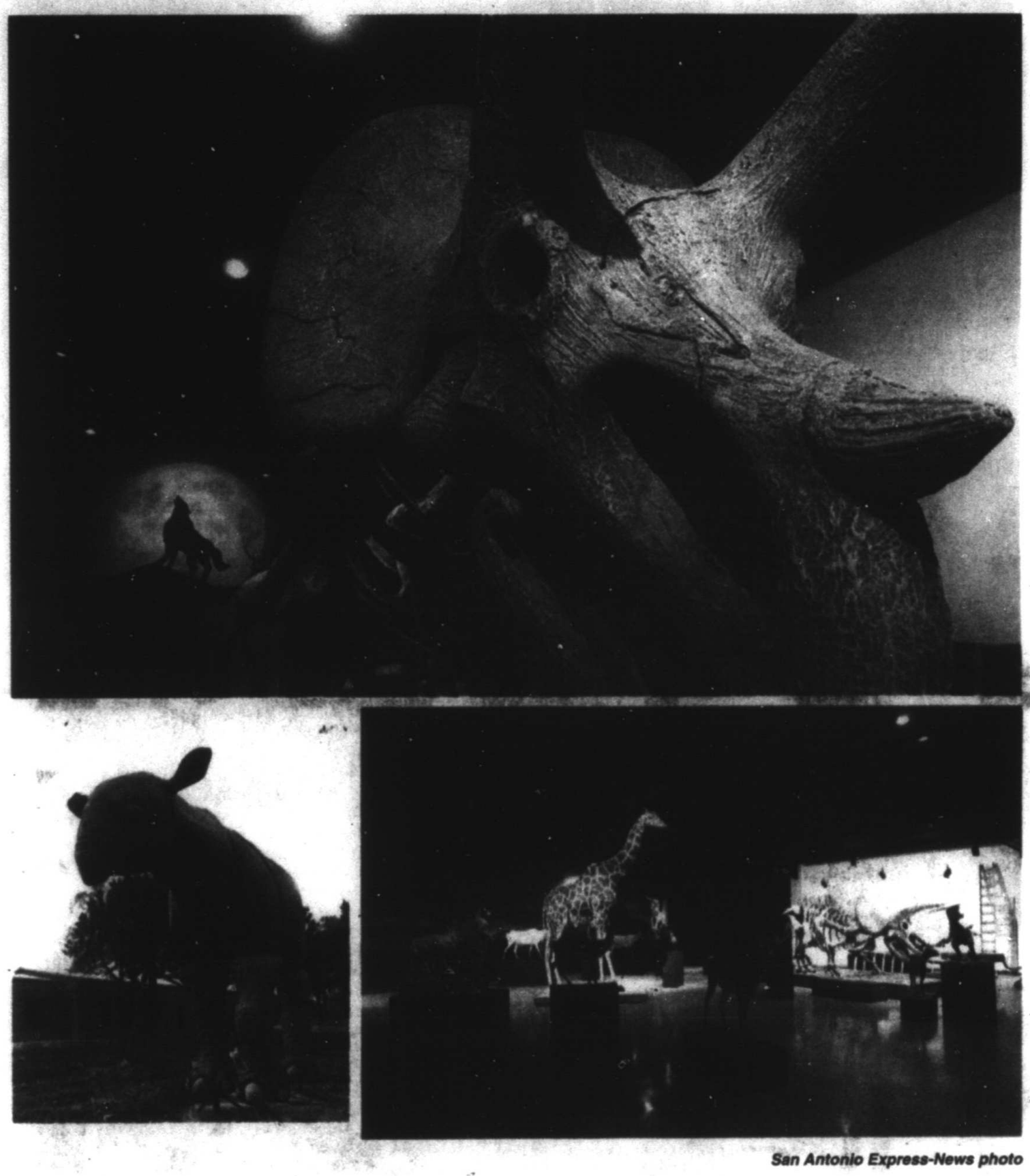
Now, however, after quakes have shaken the homes of some top elected officials — and those of the worried constituents who vote for them — the state is taking new steps to address the problem, even as critics say it is too little, too late.

Last month, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the agency that regulates the oil and gas industry, asked oil producers operating in the northwest part of the state to reduce by 40 percent the amount of wastewater they dispose of deep underground.

Scientists say natural faults in the area are being stirred by billions of gallons of water injected deep into the ground after it is used for hydraulic fracturing. Water and chemicals are used to break oil and gas free from rock formations. A large amount of the water returns to the surface and, under federal law, must be disposed of in a way that does not affect freshwater

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Dinosaurs on display



San Antonio Express-News photo

CLOCKWISE: A triceratops dinosaur skeleton replica, which was used in the movie "Night at the Museum," is on display at the soon-to-open Bandera Natural History Museum on Tuesday. The museum includes full-body mounts of animals hunted by Juan Carlos Infante. A replica of an Indricotherium, a kind of horniess rhinoceros-like creature, looms over the museum building. The museum is expected to open in late May or early June.

Bandera Natural History Museum to open in June

By Zeke MacCormack
San Antonio Express-News

BANDERA — Working quietly for several years, a group of community supporters has built a 14,000-square-foot gallery and is filling it with exhibits to form the Bandera Natural History Museum.

It all took place with little fanfare, hidden by thick brush. But now its huge dinosaur reproductions are out of storage and being set up on the newly cleared site on Old San Antonio Highway, startling passing motorists.

"People are amazed at what they're seeing," Luis Perez said while doing cosmetic work Tuesday on a model of a meat-eater that stands about 18 feet tall.

"They all say, 'My children or my grandchildren are going to love this,'" Perez said.

A tour last week of the unfinished museum, which is slated to open by June, reveals its indoor exhibits to be as impressive as the six Mesozoic characters installed out front last month.

About 100 "full body mounts" of animals, including bears, large cats and even a giraffe, will share space inside with interactive displays, a coffee shop and gift store.

The taxidermy collection came from Juan Carlos Infante, owner of the Rocky River Ranch in Medina, who has led the effort to create the $3.6 million facility.

"Our museum will strongly emphasize nature-related educational programs, complemented with the exhibition of important and valuable sculptures, carvings … and conservation-related exhibits," he said by email.

The interior also includes six large dioramas where the stuffed animals — all of which Infante killed himself on hunts — appear in three-dimensional settings with hand-painted backdrops depicting a rain forest, a swamp and other environments.

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City receives feedback on use of federal CDBG funds

By Cassie Burton
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To ascertain how to best use a small pool of federal funds, the city's community development division met with residents last week to hear their concerns and receive feedback.

"I think (the meetings) went well," said Isaac Garnett, division manager. "We're here to do what we can and to work within our means. I'm not going to promise you things that we can't deliver."

Garnett was referencing concerns about roads: Paving one stretch of road could cost well more than $1 million. The city will have about $712,000 to spend under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) plan during the 2016-17 fiscal year. The grant is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Future distribution of funds also must be timely. HUD performed its annual review of CDBG grant recipients and found that the city's 2014 action plan of acquiring land for affordable housing was behind schedule. Funds budgeted for that program should be allotted to other projects.

"Reprogramming these funds to activities that could be implemented quickly would help to resolve the city's timeliness problem," HUD said in a letter to City Manager Courtney Sharp. The city has until Aug. 2 to meet "the timeliness test," or the city's CDBG grant funds will be reduced, HUD wrote.

"Timeliness is the crux of our problem," Garnett said during the meeting.

The funds must go toward initiatives benefiting low- and moderate-income areas. Garnett said they can be used for buying lots of land for affordable housing and the city's housing minor repair program that benefits senior citizens.

"We will see what the community needs, and our dollars, and try to pair them up," Garnett said.

A map of Midland displayed at the meetings showed two small blocks of possible affordable housing sites. The lots are subject to whether the owners will sell to the city; eminent domain will not be used, Garnett said.

Concerns voiced by residents also included the nutrition programs administered by Casa de Amigos and Senior Link. The next step will be to review all feedback and incorporate it into the division's action plan. The plan will be reviewed after April 14, the deadline for when community programs such as Senior Link can apply for funding for the next year.

A local committee will look at applications and community feedback to decide which can receive a portion of the funds, Garnett said.

The amount of funds the city has to distribute has been reduced in recent years because of several factors, primarily because HUD's allocation has been decreased. City funding is determined by a formula that is based on statistical data surrounding poverty and pockets of poverty, Garnett said.

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More must be done to ensure everyone feels safe

MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist



Editor's note: This is Part 1 of a two-part series on how parents and caregivers can protect children against sexual assault.

I know that I am not the only woman disheartened by the article in the March 6 Reporter-Telegram that forcible rapes were up 27 percent in 2015 compared to the year before, according to police department statistics. Equally disheartening is that in all 46 cases, the victims knew their attackers. That makes me sad, and it makes me angry. My heart breaks for these victims, whose bodies and minds and trust were violated.

That article should have you up in arms, too. Nearly 50 people — your neighbors and friends, your coworkers, your children — will never be the same. And I am guessing those numbers actually are higher because there are many people who never report sexual assaults.

We have to demand more: more from each other, more from the justice system and more funding for shelters and victims' advocacy groups. More must be done. We have the right to feel safe.

Rape prevention starts at home. Parents, we have to teach our children boundaries. If we don't teach them not to hurt each other, not to bully and not to take things that don't belong to them, how can we expect them to act differently when they are teens or adults?

We also have to teach our children to use their words — and we have to listen. Even toddlers should be allowed to decide how they want to touch and be touched. I have never forced my children to hug or kiss anyone if they didn't want to. How can I tell Bodacious that no one has the right to put their hands on her but then expect her to submit to someone's kisses out of politeness?

I want my children to know that no *always* means no, period, whether they are 3 or 23. If your children are older, encourage them to begin thinking about their own personal limits and practice role-playing with them so that they know how to say stop.

Children do this naturally — "she's standing too close to me" or "he's breathing on me" are heard in houses and from back seats all across the country. What your child is expressing is that their boundaries are being crossed and the other person needs to back off.

Helping them decide their limits and how to communicate those limits will become increasingly important as their social circles grow and they begin to date. Teaching our children how to accept

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Obituaries



Helen Joyce Hollowell Bybee

Helen Joyce Hollowell Bybee, formerly of Midland, Texas, died peacefully at her home in Pasadena, California on March 7, 2016.

Daughter of the Reverend Dr. Howard H. Hollowell and Sally Hollowell, and wife of the late William Cecil Bybee, she is survived by her daughters Laura Rubinstein and Luretta Bybee, their husbands Mitchell Rubinstein and Greer Grimsley, and her granddaughters Hannah and Jenna Rubinstein and Emma Grimsley.

She also leaves behind her dear brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bob and Sue Bybee, as well as their loving children.

Helen was a woman of strength and faith and was proud to be a native West Texan, though her last two years were spent happily in Pasadena with her new friends and her family. She devoted her days to prayer and to her passion for books and music. Helen had a quick wit and a rich sense of humor. She filled a room with her infectious laughter and zest for life. Her family will honor her by carrying those traits forward in their own lives.

Helen's wishes were to donate her body for research to Science Care and her family will hold a private memorial service in early April.

Because Helen always believed that everyone deserves a good pair of shoes, donations can be made to *soles4souls.org/donate* in lieu of flowers.



James Michael Snow

James Michael Snow, aka 'Snowman', 64, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 10, 2016. He died at home surrounded by his wife and family after a brief bout with cancer.

He was born in Abilene, Texas on April 5, 1951 to Tom and Geraldine Snow. He married the love of his life, Cheryl G. Snow, on March 6, 1982.

He chose the glass and glazing profession as his career and worked for numerous glass companies throughout Texas. Along with his wife, Mike owned and operated Bethlehem Glass, Inc., until his death. He also owned American Glass and Mirror from 1982 through April 1999.

Mike loved anything with a motor and from a young age, progressed from a Cushman motor scooter to motorcycles and cars. At the age of 64, he achieved his lifelong dream of becoming a private airplane pilot.

On June 7, 1981, Mike met Jesus Christ and his life was changed forever. He joined the Christian Motorcyclists Association on December 15, 1997, and was also an ordained minister with H.E.L.P.S Ministry Fellowship International.

Mike's passion was leading people to Jesus Christ and he loved dealing with men one on one in the trenches as he was called to in his evangelical ministry.

Mike was a father figure to many.

He was preceded in death by his son, Eric J. Snow; his father, Tom Snow; mother, Geraldine Morgan; stepfather, Willie Bob Morgan; and grandson, Ethan White.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Cheryl G. Snow; sons, Joshua Snow of Midland, Texas and Joseph Snow of Corpus Christi, Texas; daughters, April White and husband Charles of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Rebekah Jones and husband Nickolas of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; daughter-in-law, Cristal Hubbard and husband Russ of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and by 13 grandchildren.

He is also survived by brothers, Tom Snow and wife Jacque of Albuquerque, New Mexico and David Snow and wife Sherrie of Burnet, Texas; sister, Gloria Smith and husband Richard of Lipan, Texas; in addition to seven nephews and nieces, and nine great-nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home, with funeral services on Monday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701.

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

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Jean Tarlton How

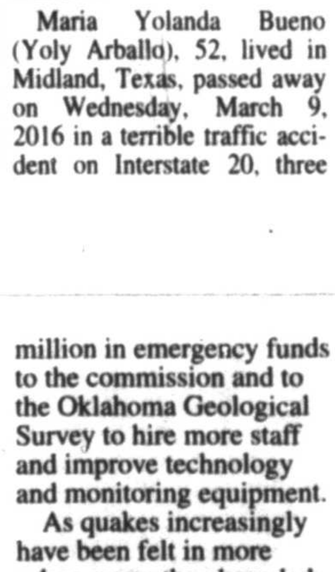
Jean was born August 10, 1922 in Breckenridge, Texas and passed on March 11, 2016 in Midland at age 93.

She was the daughter of John C. and Beulah Tarlton of Albany, Texas and was preceded in death by her husband, Charles How.

Jean started her career as a draftsman for Gulf Oil Co. in 1954, and retired after a long career there. She was a member of Midland Pallette Club and Tri Kappa Sorority.

She is survived by two nieces, Carol Tarlton Lawler and Elizabeth Tarlton Samuels; grand-niece, Lauren Steudte; and by two grand-nephews, John Steudte and Ryan Sartain.

Arrangements provided by Pipkin Funeral Home with a private burial in Albany, Texas. Memorials should be sent to her church, Memorial Christian Church of Midland.



Maria Yolanda Bueno

Maria Yolanda Bueno (Yoly Arballo), 52, lived in Midland, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 in a terrible traffic accident on Interstate 20, three miles from Pyote, Texas.

Yoly was born in Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico on May 20, 1963. It must have been a beautiful day due to the fact that an amazing woman was born that day. An amazing daughter, perfect mother, and an exemplary sister; she was the greatest blessing God has given us.

Yoly was a woman of all trades, strong, caring, and respectful, a fighter to the end, and just an inspiration to us all. Her life was not easy, but she always made it special. To her, life had no problems, only opportunities to learn something new.

Her greatest treasures were her sons, Carlos, 26, and Alex, 13, who will love and miss her forever. With the teachings she left behind as a mother, she will help them succeed in life and they will carry on her legacy, with the help of God their hearts will eventually be healed.

"You are not gone but will forever live in our hearts. Rest in paradise."

Viewing will be Sunday, March 13, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel, followed with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass is set for Monday, March 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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

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

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Melba Jean (Lucas) Friday

Melba Jean (Lucas) Friday, 81, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 14, 2016 at Alamo Heights Baptist Church in Midland.

She was born on November 17, 1934 to Vida and Robert Lucas in Waco, Texas. Jean married the love of her life, George, Friday on December 5, 1952 at Calvary Baptist Church in Midland, Texas. She worked at Ashland Oil, Texaco Co., the Midland Reporter-Telegram, and KJBC Radio. Jean served as Noble Grand for the Rebecca Lodge, President of Travis Elementary PTA, scorekeeper for Southern Little League, church choir member, Midland High Band Boosters, Sunday school teacher, election judge for 40 years, church quilting club, and church clerk at Calvary Baptist and Alamo Heights Baptist. She was a quick witted friend, a great family cook, a creative poet, and loved by those who knew her.

Survivors include husband, George Friday; son, Daniel Friday, son, Randall Friday and wife Pam; son, Lance Friday and wife Ellen, all of Midland; a daughter, Kayla Friday Hefner of Durango, Colorado; and by eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vida and Robert Lucas; brother, Hubert Osbon Lucas; and sister, Reba Lucilla Cooper.

Pallbearers will be Mark Friday, Michael Friday, Philip Friday, Jason Friday, Jeremy Hefner, Josh Hastings, Jacob Payne, and John Michael McClain.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to Alamo Heights Baptist Church Benevolent Fund, 1305 N. Midland Dr., Midland, TX 79703.

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



Reverend Charles Earl Hageman

Reverend Charles Earl Hageman, 87, of Midland, Texas, departed for his next adventure on March 10, 2016.

Charles was born in Paducah, Texas on September 25, 1928 to Charles Amial (A.C.) Hageman and Blanche Alma Clark. He graduated from Paducah High School. He married DuVon Maxine Christlieb on February 19, 1955.

Charles' careers began in selling cars, moved into finance, mining, and for 28 years, he worked for Aprotex Corporation. He loved all of the people who worked with him and considered them all family.

In the early 1980s, he received a calling which he could no longer ignore and thus began his pursuit of his most fulfilling job. In 1983, he was ordained as a Deacon in the Anglican Church and was ordained the Reverend Charles Hageman in 1984. Through the years, he has served at Rector and a founder of St. Paul's Anglican Church of Prescott, Arizona and All Saints Anglican of the Verde Valley in Cottonwood Arizona. He also served as Rector at Holy Trinity Anglican Church of Hobbs, New Mexico. Since 1988, he has served as Rector for St. Paul's Anglican Church in Midland, Texas.

His wife DuVon served alongside him as church organist, on the altar guild, and anything else that needed to be done until her death in 2005. They were a great team and enjoyed working side by side. He lovingly took care of her during her 10 year battle with Alzheimers, serving as an amazing example of what it means to love in "sickness and in health."

After his retirement from Aprotex, he continued as the Priest of St. Paul's and began to pursue his second passion, painting. He spent many hours studying and painting with his "best friend" Buddy. When he wasn't painting, he and Buddy took long walks, gardened, worked out with his super trainer Shelly, and spent many hours with his family and hanging out with his grandkids.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, DuVon; parents, Blanche and A.C. Hageman; and by his sister, Alice Ann Cheek.

Charles is survived by his children, Von Ann Wells of Lubbock, Texas, Charles Tracy Hageman and his wife Sue of Lamesa, Texas, Michael Clark Hageman and his wife Kathy of Comith, Texas, and Renee' Meiner and her husband Jeff of Midland.

He is also survived by grandchildren, Clay and Susannah Mercer, Jeff Mercer, Amanda and Elizabeth Hageman, Michael, Michelle, Melissa, and Amber Meiner, Amy Henderson, Steven Dickerson, and Karen Larson; great-grandchildren, Alex, Brown, Nathean, Kailynn, Kyler, Tanner, Julianne, Tanner, Tegan, Addyison, Ashleigh, Michael, Danielle, Keathan, Kacia, Isaiah, Ruben, and Abryella; and by his many friends at St. Paul's.

Visitation will be held on March 13, 2016 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 1600 North A St. in Midland, TX from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The services will be held Monday March 14, at 3:00 p.m. at Providence Presbyterian Church, 2900 Princeton Ave. with Reverend Dr. Michael Philber officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to St. Paul's building fund, 1600 North A St., Midland, TX 79701.

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William "Hank" Henry Hardwick

William "Hank" Henry Hardwick, 68, of Midland, Texas, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2016.

Hank was born on March 28, 1947 in Taylor, Texas to the late William "Bill" Howard Hardwick and Rowena Ruth Hawkins Hardwick. He was a Lion's Club Member, was on the City Council of Alpine from 1995 to 1997, and was a Loan Officer and Senior Vice President of the First National Bank of Alpine from 1988 to 2002. He also served his country in the United States Army.

Hank is survived by his wife, Mary Carol Harral Hardwick; his son, William Heath Hardwick and his wife Mandy Mauldin Hardwick of Portland, Texas; his stepdaughter, Christi Clifford of Alpine, Texas; his brother, James David Hardwick and his wife Kay of Greenwood, Texas, his sister, Mary Anne Alexander of Carlsbad, New Mexico; his grandchildren, Madison Faye Hardwick and William Hayden Hardwick of Portland; and by his nieces, Ruthie Yarbrough of Clovis, New Mexico, Annie Lankford of Carlsbad, and Jessica Hardwick of Greenwood, Texas.

A funeral service was held on March 5, 2016 at First United Methodist Church in Fort Stockton, Texas, with burial at East Hill Cemetery, also in Fort Stockton.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Midland.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.heritagefuneralhomeofthebigbend.com.

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Janice "Jan" LaRue Stewart

Janice Stewart, a lifetime resident of Colorado with children, grandchildren and extended friends living in Midland, TX, passed away March 5, 2016 in Lakewood, CO.

Born September 22, 1939, in Denver, CO., Jan or "Gma" as her family called her, was proceeded in death by her husband of 44 years, Arnold "Sonny" Stewart; her parents, Mary Lorene and Jack Houston; and her granddaughter, Michaela Stewart.

Jan is survived by her children Michael Stewart (Pattie Stewart), David Stewart and Tina Corbett (Matt Corbett), all of Midland, TX.; sister Judith Ann Collender and brother Jack Houston, both of Bothell, WA.; uncle Cecil Tompkins of Mission, KS.; grandchildren Katherine Stewart, Britton Corbett and Landry Corbett, all of Midland, TX., and Samantha King (Esser King) of Abilene, TX.; and great grandson Ezra King of Abilene, TX. Family members and dear friends will all miss Jan especially the beauty she brought to the world through her artwork, love and friendship.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Monday, March 14 at Bear Creek Church in Lakewood CO. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Foothills Art Center. See www.crownhillfuneral.com for more information.

Death Notices

Anne Swendig

Anne Swendig, 83, of Midland, passed away on Friday, March 11, 2016.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Midland.

Survivors include sons, John Swendig and Brad Swendig; and daughter, Susan Wisenbaker.

Pat Gean McGuire

Pat Gean McGuire, 72, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Survivors include husband, Larry McGuire; son, Sean Stringer; daughter, Jennifer McGuire; stepson, Jeremy McGuire; and stepdaughter, Heather Hampton.

Veronica Carrillo

Veronica Carrillo Veronica Carrillo, 45, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 13, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include husband, Joe Carrillo; and children, Maryellen Carrillo and Alezandro Carrillo.

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Also last month, the speaker of the Oklahoma state House, Jeff Hickman, a Republican who represents Fairview, sponsored a bill that clarifies that the commission has the power to take enforcement actions — not just to politely ask the industry to change.

And late in January, Gov. Mary Fallin, a Republican who only last summer acknowledged the connection between earthquakes and oil production, announced that she would direct $1.4 million in emergency funds to the commission and to the Oklahoma Geological Survey to hire more staff and improve technology and monitoring equipment.

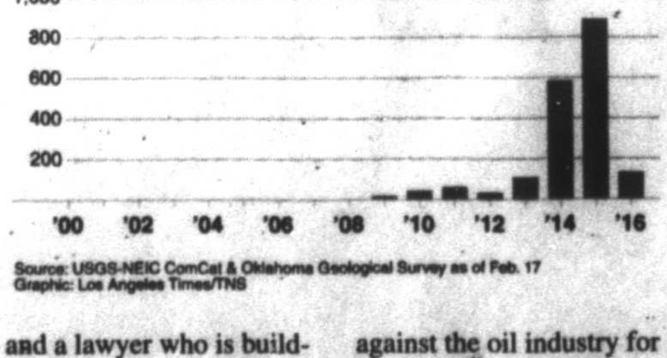
As quakes increasingly have been felt in more urban areas, they have led to fear, frustration and larger crowds at town hall meetings.

More than 500 people attended a recent public meeting on earthquakes at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

The environmental activist Erin Brockovich spoke, as did a Sierra Club official and a lawyer who is building a class-action lawsuit against the oil industry for personal property damage.

Earthquakes 3.0 or greater

Oklahoma earthquakes began rising in 2009 as an increasing amount of wastewater created by hydraulic fracturing was disposed of in underground injection wells.



Source: USGS-NEIC ComCat & Oklahoma Geological Survey as of Feb. 17
Graphic: Los Angeles Times/TNS

The Sierra Club is also suing energy companies on grounds that they are endangering public health and the environment.

"Write your story," Little Rock, Ark.-based lawyer Scott Poynter wrote in a letter to people attending the meeting. "Describe the events that you and your family have experienced with the earthquakes. This case will take years, and you will need the story to refresh your memory. Also, it will help me keep everyone's problems straight."

Richard Morrissette, a term-limited Democratic state lawmaker not previously known for being active on the issue, announced to the crowd that he planned to run for one of the three commission seats in the fall election. Among his promises: to fight for the repeal of a bill the Republican-controlled Legislature passed last year to prevent local governments from ordering moratoriums on wastewater injection wells.

"The Legislature took away your rights," said Morrissette, whose district

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Crime Stoppers fugitive

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The tires' total value is more than $8,000.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested after alleged assault using pipe

A Midland man was charged with assault after allegedly assaulting two men, according to court documents.

Marcus Wade Bell, 34, was being held Friday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Bell and a man got into an argument at a residence on West Jax Avenue. They went outside and "boxed" each other. Bell took the victim to the ground, pushed away another man who tried to break up the fight and started assaulting the second man, according to his arrest affidavit.

At some point Bell ran into a residence and grabbed a pole or pipe and struck the first man on the arm.

He fled the scene before police arrived. The first man said he did not want to pursue charges, according to the affidavit.

While police searched for Bell, Bell came back to the residence and started yelling.

The first man come out on the front porch and saw Bell holding "some type of weapon" in the same manner one would hold a handgun and yelled, "I'll shoot you," according to the affidavit.

Bell also chased after the second man and ran into the residence when police arrived. The second man also said that Bell was holding a weapon as one would a handgu, according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of a second-degree felony, Bell could face up to 20 years in prison.

Man arrested for aggravated assault

A Midland County man was arrested Wednesday for allegedly beating a man with his fists and kicking him with steel-toed boots, according to court documents.

Cedric Louis Harris, 46, was being held Friday on a $30,000 bond for a second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Harris and a man were drinking beers and barbecuing when the man asked Harris a question. Harris became angry and allegedly punched the man in the face, knocked him to the ground and kicked him several times with steel-toed boots, according to his arrest affidavit.

The man's face was swollen on the right side and his right hand was swollen, according to the affidavit.

Deputies went to Harris' residence and found him with an open first-aid kit on his kitchen counter and a fresh bandage on his hand. Harris denied the altercation, according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of a second-degree felony, Harris could face up to 20 years in prison.

Out in East Texas, there is a small town with big stories

By Joe Holley
Houston Chronicle

KIRBYVILLE — John Henry Kirby, the prototypical East Texas timber baron, made a whale of a lot of money in the dense Piney Woods that once surrounded this little East Texas town that bears his name.

In the early years of the 20th century, he controlled more than 300,000 acres of timberland, operated as many as 13 lumber mills and five logging camps, and had more than 16,000 people working for him. He also owned the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City Railway, the line that hauled the finished pine lumber to market. Kirby's Houston Oil Company held the mineral, timber and surface rights to a million acres in Southeast Texas.

Kirby's pine forests were good to the Manchac family, as well, give or take a few million dollars. Pat Manchac, a congenial fellow with a cache of East Texas tales to tell, was born 71 years ago in nearby Call, then a company town larger than Kirbyville and now a ghost town. His folks ran a mom-and-pop grocery store, but with 19 children in the family, they needed to supplement their income to make sure everybody got fed. (The women of Call, I learned this week, are proud to call themselves Call girls.)

The Manchacs were bootleggers. "We'd come in at night and wrap bottles of whiskey in tow sacks and take them out in the woods to hide 'em," Pat Manchac recalled. "'Hide it in the dark, find it in the dark,' that was our motto.

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Abbott names Midlander to Humanities Texas

From staff reports

Midlander Ellen K. Ramsey is one of three people Gov. Greg Abbott recently appointed to Humanities Texas for terms to expire on Dec. 31, 2017, according to a press release from the governor's office.

Humanities Texas is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and conducts and supports public programs in history, literature, philosophy and the other humanities disciplines.

Ramsey is a partner at Ramsey Petroleum LP. She is treasurer for the Midland County Public Library Foundation and a member of the Midland Chamber of Commerce's education committee and I-20 Wildlife Preserve & Jenna Welch Nature Study Center board.

Also named to Humanities Texas were Houstonians Laurie Morian of Houston, a former private wealth advisor, and Stephanie Tucker, a community volunteer.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Geno Garcia, 36, of Midland was charged March 4 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Destiney D. Owens, 20, of Midland was charged March 4 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Cassandra M. Parkins, 33, of Midland was charged March 4 with prescription fraud.

Mark W. Perry, 39, of Midland was charged March 4 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Jesus M. Ruiz, 22, of Midland was charged March 4 with aggravated robbery.

Caden E. Sowards, 17, of Midland was charged March 4 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Quinn S. Ward, 19, of Midland was charged March 4 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Kenneth S. Ellis, 44, of Midland was charged March 5 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Gerardo S. Collazo, 51, of Midland was charged March 6 with two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Rachael M. Floyd, 29, of Midland was charged March 6 with unauthorized use of a vehicle and credit card or debit card abuse.

Eddie G. Frazier, 59, of Midland was charged March 6 with failing to register as a sex offender.

Try J. Williams, 37, of Midland was charged March 6 with burglary, evading arrest/detention causing serious bodily injury and aggravated robbery.

Marissa D. Gutierrez, 22, of Midland was charged March 7 with injury to a child/elderly/disabled person with intent of bodily injury.

Tyree T. Johnson, 36, of Midland was charged March 7 with driving while intoxicated.

Dmonte D. Montano, 21, of Midland was charged March 7 with aggravated robbery.

Eusebio Munoz-Cepero, 19, of Midland was charged March 7 with two counts of violating motor fuel tax requirement.

Reinier Munoz-Martin, 30, of Midland was charged March 7 with violating motor fuel tax requirement.

Natalie N. Perea, 30, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was charged March 7 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Scott M. Allen, 36, of Midland was charged March 8 with driving while intoxicated.

Robert J. Bennett, 27, of Midland was charged March 8 with assault of a family/house member impeding breath and two counts of obstruction or retaliation.

Christopher M. Fino, 31, of Midland was charged March 8 with three counts of possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Miranda M. Govea-Arenivas, 22, of Midland was charged March 8 with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Steven L. Lozano, 31, of Midland was charged March 8 with burglary of a habitation and March 10 with two counts of assaulting a family or household member by impeding breath and one count of stalking.

Anna M. Navarette, 19, of Midland was charged March 8 with fraudulent use/possession of identification information.

Yaritz N. Sanchez, 19, of Odessa was charged March 8 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Adrian R. Trevino, 22, of Midland was charged March 8 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Charles J. Welch, 52, of Midland was charged March 8 with burglary of a building.

Karl D. Wilson, 24, of Midland was charged March 8 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Marissa Y. E. Te Ybarra, 23, of Midland was charged March 8 with aggravated assault of a date/family/house member.

Marcus W. Bell, 34, of Midland was charged March 9 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Guillermo F. Galindo Jr., 46, of Midland was charged March 9 with obstruction or retaliation.

Cedric L. Harris, 46, of Midland was charged March 9 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Kheyanev M. Littledog, 18, of Midland was charged March 9 with prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Justin W. McMorries, 39, of Midland was charged March 9 with driving while intoxicated.

Rudy F. Mireles, 39, of Midland was charged March 9 with burglary of a habitation.

Shaquille O. Patterson, 22, of Midland was charged March 9 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and abandonment/endangerment of a child.

Dominique L. White, 28, of Midland was charged March 9 with two counts of possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and abandonment/endangerment of a child.

Jake T. Belzner, 39, was charged March 10 with burglary of a habitation.

Roberto P. Espinoza, 32, was charged March 10 with aggravated assault.

Terrance Fillmore, 26, was charged March 10 with one count of evading arrest of a detective with a vehicle and one count of possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Michelle B. Galindo, 43, was charged March 10 with four counts of aggravated assault with a weapon.

Hardy Lenard, 43, was charged March 10 with two counts of tampering or fabricating evidence and possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Joshua Lorenz, 28, was charged March 10 with assaulting a family or household member by impeding breath.

Steven L. Lozano, 31, was charged March 10 with two counts of assaulting a family or household member by impeding breath and one count of stalking.

Christy L. Normand, 31, was charged March 10 with theft of more than $2,500 but less than $30,000.

Mark W. Sanford, 66, was charged March 10 with evading arrest of a detective with a vehicle.

Kaylie S. Stroud, 19, was charged March 10 with one count of possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Lisa Valenzuela, 42, was charged March 10 with fraudulent use or possessing identification information.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Offices

Dallas County's Unregulated Mexican-style rodeos can mean a deadly ride

By Melissa Repko and Karina Ramirez
The Dallas Morning News and Al Dia

DALLAS — Francisco Santos Sr. hoisted himself onto the horse and took off through the arena after a steer. The horse caught the calf in seconds, and Santos stretched out his right hand to grab the steer's tail. But the saddle shifted, and Santos' left leg slipped over the horse's back and his hand came loose from the saddle's horn.

He lost his grip and fell. The horse galloped away and Santos lay still with his face in the dirt, his white cowboy hat on the ground beside him.

The 46-year-old Dallas man died in July in a small rodeo arena in southern Dallas County while participating in an event that's long been part of immigrant culture across Texas. As Dallas' Hispanic population has grown, the rodeos have seen bigger crowds and greater popularity. Though dangerous, the events are places where families gather for fun and where riders test their courage and skill on a horse.

A month after Santos' death, 18-year-old Leandra Santoyo went to a rodeo at the same arena. She and her boyfriend had planned to see a band playing there. Instead, Santoyo decided to take part in the rodeo, so she climbed onto a horse. The animal bucked her, then fell on top of her. Santoyo died of her injuries on the way to the hospital.

Rodeos like these have operated in West Dallas and open land of southern Dallas County for decades. They attract dozens, if not hundreds, of participants and spectators. They sometimes cause traffic to back up on dark, narrow country roads of the county's unincorporated areas. At some of the events, known as coleaderos, bands play, vendors sell tacos and organizers charge admission. Men, fueled by family tradition, swagger and, often, beer and tequila, take turns riding a horse to try to grab a steer's tail and flip it over — usually in an atmosphere with little oversight, security or medical staff.

In the last three years, Wilmer police, who respond to emergencies in nearby unincorporated areas, have been called out numerous times to the Mars Road site where Santos and Santoyo died.

Those calls have included complaints about horses running into cars, people falling off horses and fights breaking out between participants. In one 911 recording, a caller told police that people were using saddles, whips and charging horses as weapons.

Wilmer Police Chief Victor Kemp has barred his officers from providing off-duty security at the rodeos. At some, the crowd is calm, he said. But at others, the drinking is heavy and the crowd is rowdy. At one rodeo near Wilmer, Kemp has seen horseback riders with "a beer between their legs, a cigarette in their mouth and an ear on their cellphone."

"It's a dangerous situation," he told The Dallas Morning News.

Dallas County Fire Marshal Robert De Los Santos sent notices of violation to two rodeo operators — one on Mars Road and another on Patrick Pike Road — after the two deaths last summer. The letters told the rodeo companies to get a business permit or shut down.

But there's little sign that rodeo participants or organizers are changing their traditions. A video posted last month on the Facebook page of the Patrick Pike Road arena shows a man in a cowboy hat riding a bucking bronco.

On weekends in the Dallas area, there's a strong chance that somewhere, someone is hosting a coleadero. They pop up where there's available land and little oversight —

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QUAKES

From 2B

is on the south side of Oklahoma City.

That prompted cheers from a crowd that grew raucous at times. Edmond, where the meeting was held, is one of the wealthiest areas of the state, and many of its residents have become more vocal as quakes have crept closer and grown stronger.

On Feb. 13, a quake northwest of Fairview, about two hours away, registered a magnitude of 5.1, making it the third-strongest quake in the state's recorded history. The strongest was in 2011. The second-strongest was in 1952; and scientists now say it, too, may have been induced by nearby oil production.

"What's changed is the earthquakes have come back, and they've come back to an area where the people know how to make noise," said Matt Skinner, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. "They have the money. They have the power."

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NICHOLAS

From 1B

another person's limits is just as important. Both of my children get very excited to be around their best friends. Consequently, they stick to them like glue. So we're working on respecting "personal space."

Parents have to set the standard at home. Children living with abusive parents often grow up to be abusers themselves.

If you are not safe at home, I beg you, get out. There are places to go, people who will help you. The Genesis Center of Midland provides 24-hour emergency shelter and victim services to women and children.

Safe Place of the Permian Basin provides 24-hour shelter and support for adult survivors of abuse and their children.

We have to stand firm about the types of media we expose our children to. I was stunned last year when a kindergartener told me she watches "The Walking Dead" with her parents.

Not OK, folks, not OK. Allowing children to watch television shows, listen to music or play video games that glorify violence desensitizes them to it. The Hubs and I watch "The Walking Dead," but in our room, after the kids are in bed.

I know it's a lot of work, a lot of monitoring, but it's worth it.

Movies and television shows are rated for a reason, as are albums, which carry parental advisory stickers on the covers.

Pay attention to them and pre-screen. We can't shelter our kids from everything but we can create a safe space at home.

Resources

- Safe Place of the Permian Basin: 570-1465, www.safeplacenow.com
- Genesis Center of the Permian Basin: 682-2514, www.genesiscentermidland.org
- Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center: 682-7273, www.mrcac.org.

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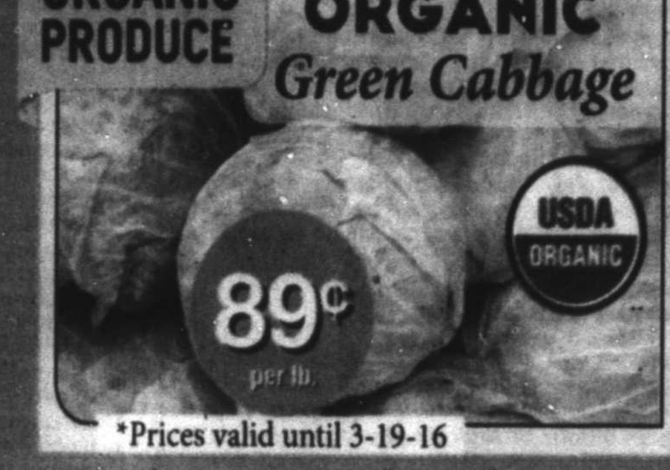
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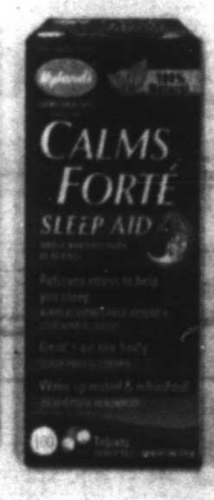
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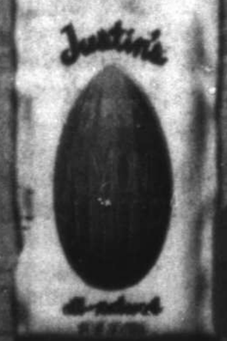
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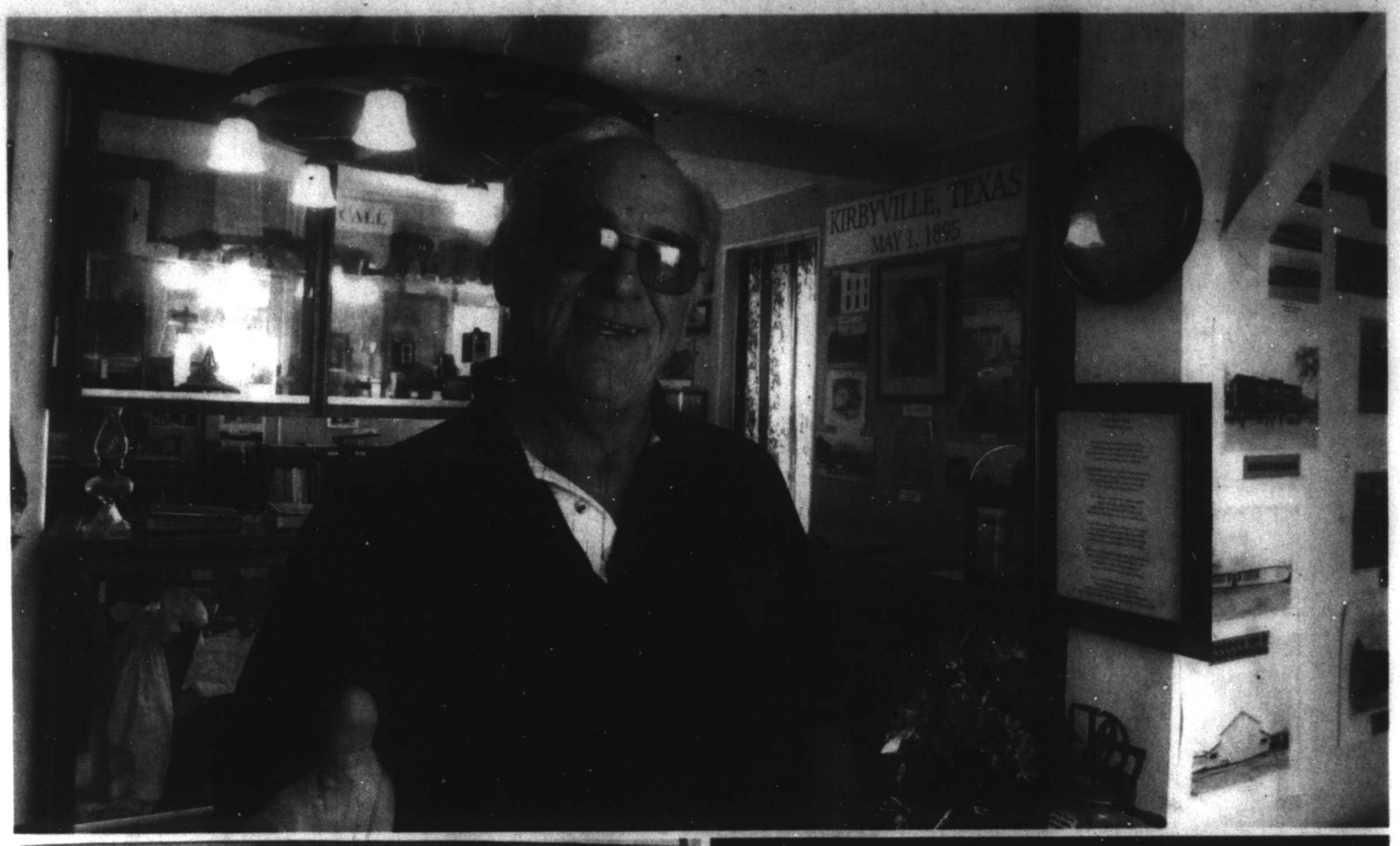
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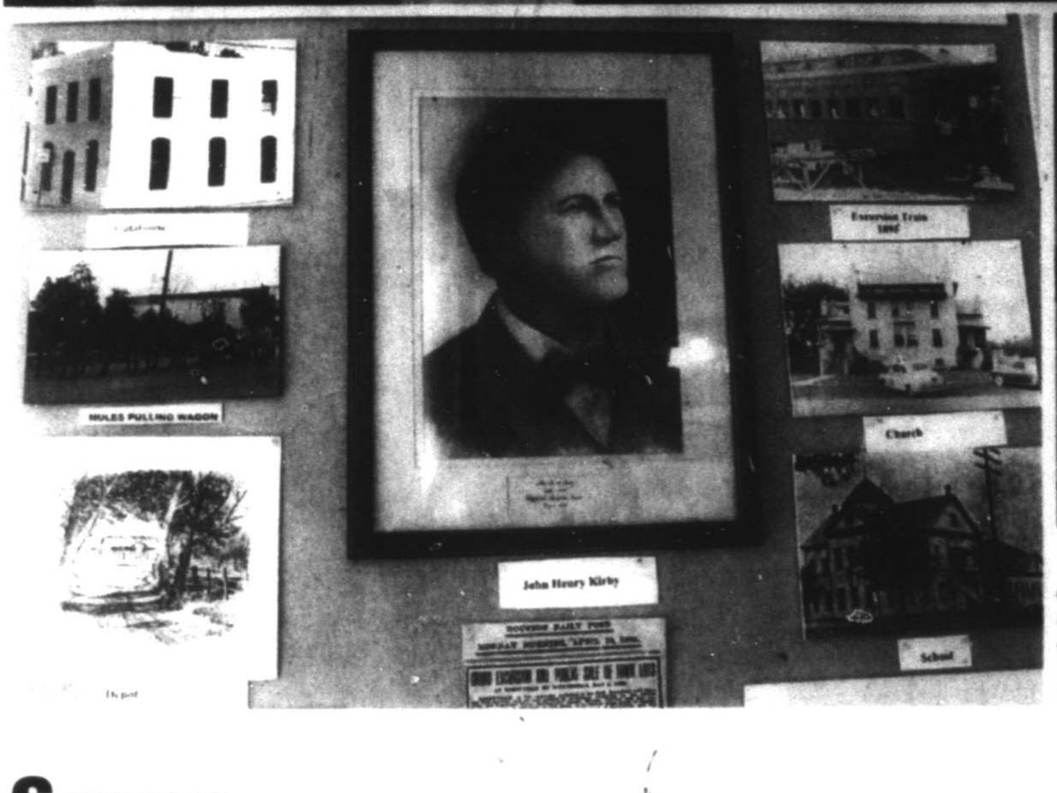
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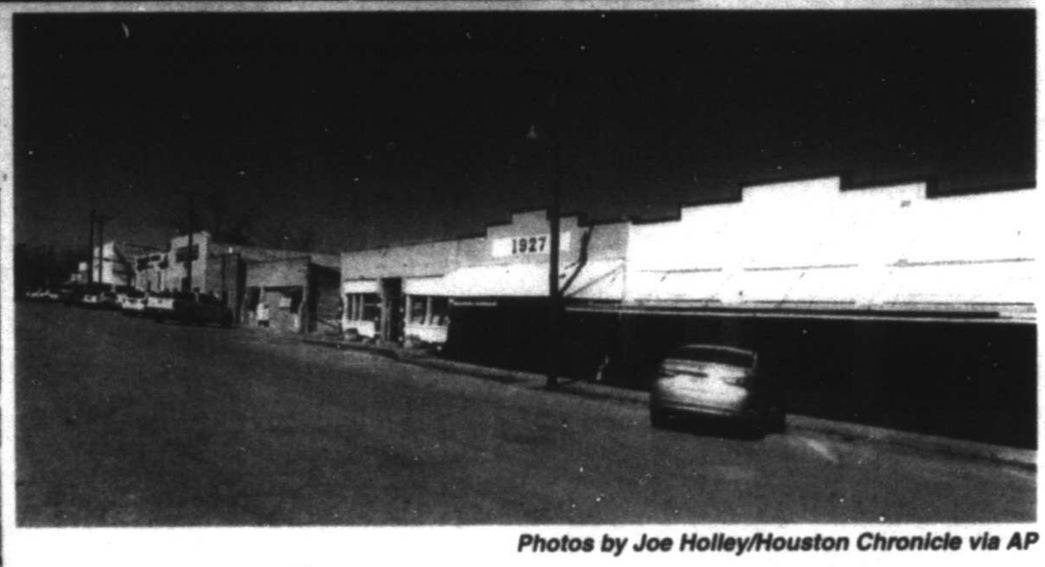
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COUNTERCLOCKWISE: John Henry Kirby poses for a photo March 2 at Calaboose Museum in Kirbyville. Kirby, the prototypical East Texas timber baron, made a whale of a lot of money in the dense Piney Woods that once surrounded this little East Texas town that bears his name. A photo at Kirbyville's Calaboose Museum commemorates the man who bequeathed his name to the company town in Kirbyville. Downtown Kirbyville is pictured here.

STORIES

From 3B

I knew how to hide 'em so you'd walk right over 'em and never know they were there."

The feds would raid the family operation occasionally, but the Newton County sheriff would almost always call ahead of time with a warning. "I remember the feds would line all of us up against a wall of the house, and we couldn't move 'til they left," Manchac told the Houston Chronicle. "I thought it was exciting."

Manchac has lived in and around Kirbyville all his life. A retired barber and high school industrial arts teacher, he was a Kirbyville Wildcats football star in the early '60s and had a couple of scholarship offers but chose to go to barber college instead.

Kirby, also known as "Prince of the Pines," moved to Houston in 1901, where he invested in real estate (in Houston and Dallas) and continued to run his lumber interests, his oil and gas company, and his railroad. He also served two terms in the Texas Legislature. A quarrelsome type who hated labor unions and FDR's New Deal, he went broke during the Depression ("Once I built a railroad, I made it run. ..."). He died in 1940 and is best known today for the perpetually traffic-clogged Houston street that bears his name.

Kirbyville, founded in 1895, had its own clogged streets in the early days. With a population of about 2,000 (then and now), it was a typical company town. Employees lived in Kirby Lumber Co. houses, relied on the company doctor and shopped in the company commissary with company scrip.

Although timber was pretty much cut over by the 1930s, the town prospered for another couple of decades as a market center for farming, poultry and dairy operations.

"You could not find a place to park on this street on Saturdays," Manchac recalled as he stood on a mostly empty Main Street amid old buildings now abandoned and collapsing on themselves. Manchac pointed out where the drug store, a Dr Pepper plant, Lindsay's Five & Dime, "Coon" Grimes' pool hall, a grocery store, a lumber yard, a mule barn, Mixson's Department Store, Sam's Barber Shop, three auto dealers and the railroad depot (three passenger trains daily) used to be. He and other residents told me that local businesses succumbed to the Wal-Mart in nearby Jasper, but the town was struggling long before the retail behemoth moved in. It still struggles.

The town's not giving up, two-term Mayor Frank George told me. George, 65, moved to Kirbyville in 1967 and was a longtime Borden's milkman before becoming a partner in locally owned Jenny's Fried Chicken in 1991. He started out part-time, coming in to cut up chicken after finishing his milk route. "I needed another job; I was making $90 a week," he recalled, while I took notes in a booth over "two pieces, mixed, with french fries and a roll."

The chicken is good, and so is business — so good, in fact, that George is building a larger restaurant. "The community has been good to us," he said. "We're the get-together place."

The mayor's municipal duties, on the other hand, are a challenge. "Hurricane Rita almost did our community in," he said.

Instead of laying people off in the aftermath of the storm, the town reduced hours, which prompted the entire police department to quit. "Nobody got mad enough not to come back," the mayor said, although the town still needs a city administrator, an economic development board and a website. It also needs a supermarket, a hospital, some kind of industry — "anything to create permanent, well-paying jobs."

Retirees make up a large portion of the population, and with their property taxes frozen the city doesn't have a lot to work with. The two largest employers are the school district, which has a good reputation, and the Jasper-Newton Electric Co-op, a mainstay of the community since its founding in 1943. "The co-op has kept the city going," George said.

Kirbyville needs young people moving in. "Maybe not a million," the mayor says, "but we'd take a thousand."

It needs people who stay, young people and not so young who put down roots, who get involved. People like Vondol Bailey and Pat Manchac. Both are retired; both are busier than they've ever been. Bailey, a former school secretary who serves on the City Council, is secretary of the Magnolia Festival and president of the Kirbyville Heritage Society. She also runs the monthly country music show at the restored Palace Theater downtown.

"We're proud of this little town," she said. "We're getting a Chinese restaurant and a lawn-mower racing track. It's big. The guy who runs the car wash is putting it in."

Manchac puts on big-time barbecues for charitable events, sells fireworks and volunteers at the Calaboose Museum. When I ran into him downtown, he was putting in redwood picnic tables and building a white picket fence for a pocket park where a building used to be.

On Halloween night of his long-ago senior year, Manchac and some buddies got in trouble for piling out of a pickup and hurling bottles of black ink and eggs at the city jail. They almost didn't graduate the next spring because, once they got caught, the acid they used to clean the building drained onto the sidewalk and ate away the soles of DPS officers' shoes, plus they charged $200 in paint to the school agriculture department.

Last year, 53 years after the Halloween prank, Manchac repainted the two-story jail, now the Calaboose Museum, and got his old buddies to help him organize the exhibits. "This is my place," he said of the town.

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Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done last week:

Water	2 families	$ 600.00
Rent	24 families	$26,080.26
Transportation	1 family	$ 200.00
Total		$26,880.26

When we began to hear of layoffs during the last months of this past year, we initially did not feel the situation to be a major problem. While people were laid off, they were often able to find new jobs within a relatively short period of time, and the only assistance that was needed from us was that temporary help with a bill until the first check from the new job arrived.

Then we began to hear of people whose pay or hours were being cut. While they still held jobs, the were having to live on substantially less money. Meanwhile the cost of living had not decreased much in Midland. Second jobs were becoming more and more scarce.

Now what we see at Helping Hands is that we are facing even more layoffs. There are rarely new jobs or second jobs available. Many people are leaving Midland, but there are many more who still consider Midland to be their home and do not want to leave. We get many, many calls from these people on a daily basis. It pains us greatly to not be able to help them all.

A friend passed along this prayer that she was given, and that she has shared with some of her friends who have experienced job loss. We share it with you, and hope you will also pray for those who are unemployed.

God our Father,

I turn to you seeking your divine help and guidance as I look for suitable employment. I need your wisdom to guide my footsteps along the right path, and to lead me to find the proper things to say and do in this quest.

I wish to use the gifts and talents you have given me, but I need the opportunity to do so with gainful employment.

Do not abandon me, dear Father, in this search, but rather grant me this favor I seek so that I may return to you with praise and thanksgiving for your gracious assistance.

Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

We are privileged to be able to provide a minimum of $25,000 each week to help those in need during these trying times. We are able to do so only because of the generosity of the people of Midland who choose to help the poor through Helping Hands, especially the parishioners of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, who this month donated over $35,000 to help those in need in our community. We thank them, and all of you so very much for your generosity! That you continue to respond to those in need, especially during these difficult times, speaks volumes about the compassion we have for our neighbor in need in Midland. What a blessing to be able to help so many of these families keep their homes. May God bless you all!





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LEFT: Jerry Ipina participates in a coleadero, a type of Mexican rodeo, Dec. 12, 2015 at Lienzo Charro Estrada in Dallas. Unregulated rodeos have operated in West Dallas and open land of southern Dallas County for decades. They attract dozens, if not hundreds, of participants and spectators. Men, fueled by family tradition, swagger and, often, beer and tequila, take turns riding a horse to try to grab a steer's tail and flip it over, usually in a dangerous atmosphere with little oversight, security or medical staff.

Andy Jacobsohn/The Dallas Morning News

RIGHT: Trinidad Santos sits for a portrait Jan. 12 in her Irving, Texas home. On July 25, 2015, Santos' brother, Francisco Santos, died while participating in an unregulated rodeo in an unincorporated area of Dallas County.

RODEOS

From 3B

in backyards, near horse stables and on large properties with open spaces. Events are publicized through word of mouth, social media, YouTube and on Spanish-language radio. Sometimes fliers are tacked up in feed stores.

The gatherings are loosely tied to charreria, a roping and riding tradition that's been passed down from generation to generation and is intimately linked to Mexican culture.

But unlike charreria — a formal Mexican rodeo competition with nine events — anyone can get on a horse if they hand over cash at a coleadero.

Robert Silva, who sponsors a Dallas team that competes in charreadas across the state and in Mexico, said the unregulated coleaderos stray far from the tradition of charreria, a sport with rules about animal treatment and athlete participation.

Silva is president of the Texas chapter of the Federación Mexicana de Charreria, a Mexico City-based group that governs the sport. He worries that the wild events like those along Mars Road taint charreria's reputation. They need oversight, he said.

"We have no authority," Silva said. "If Texas gave us the authority, we'd shut them down."

Silva estimates that coleaderos take place in the Dallas-Fort Worth area almost every weekend. He refuses to attend.

But some men on Silva's charreada team participate in both the formal and all-but-unregulated events. Orlando Garcia, a 24-year-old construction worker, compares a coleadero to a game of street soccer. He can drink beer, listen to music and have fun. There's no pressure to score points or please the judges.

The day that Francisco Santos Sr. died was chaotic, said Chris Fason, a paramedic who responded to a call at the Mars Road arena.

Two Wilmer paramedics called Fason for backup that day. He arrived in a fire engine but struggled to get to the scene because rodeo-goers' cars clogged the two-lane road.

A crowd surrounded the ambulance, with people crying, yelling and even causing the ambulance to rock as paramedics tried to resuscitate Santos, Fason said.

Fason doesn't remember seeing any police officers or security officials. No one stepped in to direct traffic or control the crowd of up to 600 people.

A month later, the Wilmer Fire Department answered another emergency call at the same address. This time, it was a teenage girl.

Fason responded again. He came upon a group of men holding hands in a circle around Leandra Santoyo. The young woman lay bleeding, with her boyfriend by her side.

A few men on horseback stopped traffic and urged people to create a path for the ambulance, Fason said.

But in an ambulance run report, his colleague wrote that driving toward the teenager "was like driving through a maze."

The graduate of Dallas ISD's Bryan Adams High School had just started pharmacy school. Her friends had to launch a fundraising website to pay for her funeral.

Months after Santoyo's death, her mother, Maria de Jesus Alba, said she doesn't know how her daughter ended up on a horse the day she died. She said the owners of the rodeo arena came to her home to talk to her husband. And the band that played the day of her daughter's death promised the family it would perform at her funeral. It never showed up.

Santoyo's father, Ramón, refused to speak about his daughter or her death. Nothing can be done to change it, he said.

Charreria grew out of the tradition of roundups on haciendas, estates where ranchers and farmhands rode horses and roped livestock. In the 1930s, the first charro association was formed in Mexico City, and charreria became a formal sport, Silva said. The sport was popular among the Mexican elite, earning the nickname "Mexican polo."

But many Mexican migrants couldn't afford the sport. Still, they adopted parts of its culture.

Upwardly mobile Mexican-Americans founded a charro association in San Antonio after World War II. Soon, associations spread to other cities where Mexican immigrants had settled.

In 1969, attorney Filemón Valdés started the Dallas Charro Association. On weekends in West Dallas, men rode horses and competed in keyhole-shaped arenas known as lienzos.

The charros, or riders, practiced nine events that make up a charreada. In one of the events, they'd rope the back leg of a horse, moving the rope so quickly that the fibers sent up smoke from the saddle horn. There were times when men lost fingers.

Valdés died in his 30s after suffering injuries in a West Dallas arena. His death mirrored that of Santos. During a practice, Valdés tried to grab a steer's tail. When he went for one last pass, his horse tumbled, and he was killed.

Like many others, Robert Silva's love of charreria was passed down through his family. His father, Roberto Silva, was a carpenter who became enamored of the sport after watching a West Dallas charreada. Roberto Silva didn't learn to ride a horse until he was 39. By his 50s, he was a state champion.

At the time, Roberto asked his 13-year-old son: "Do you want to dress like a charro? And learn to ride a horse?"

Today, Silva's accounting office is decorated with photos and trophies from charreadas and coasters with paintings of horses. He is a charro first.

Each week, Silva's charro teams practice in his father's backyard in Wilmer. The men might work in construction or repair air conditioners by day, but on nights and weekends they are charros. They practice in an arena behind the Silva family's 30-acre property.

Less than a mile away is Rancho Los Leyva, where Santos and Santoyo died.

In late August, the Dallas County fire marshal's office sent a notice of violation to Maria and Amador Dias Leyva, owners of the Mars Road property. It posted copies of the letter near the arena.

It also sent a letter to El Alasan y El Rosillo LLC, owner of a rodeo site on Patrick Pike Road. The company drew the attention of fire marshal officials when they found metal bleachers, trash and posters that advertised bull riding there.

"It has been determined that an unlawful business is being operated on this property," the notices of violation said.

"Please obtain necessary permits to operate the rodeo business or any business on this property," the notices said. "Until permits are obtained and permission is granted, no gatherings or business of any kind shall be conducted on the property. Cease all gatherings and activity immediately."

The letter stated that if business activity continued, the fire marshal's office might file criminal charges or a lien against the property, or take other legal action.

De Los Santos, the fire marshal, said he met with the two companies in September, when he explained county rules and gave the operators permit applications.

But neither property owner has applied for a business permit since, he said.

The Leyvas' attorney did not return calls for comment.

The Dallas Morning News was not able to reach El Alasan y El Rosillo or its listed owner, Manuel Cabrera of Houston. A voicemail box for its rodeo arena was full.

To operate under county rules, the rodeo operators must meet requirements such as providing adequate parking, offering a certain number of portable toilets and designating a place for ambulances and fire trucks. If they serve alcohol, they must obtain a state-issued liquor license.

De Los Santos and his two deputy fire marshals patrol the unincorporated areas on the weekends, looking for signs that the rodeos have returned.

"If we drop it and don't look at it, it's just like Murphy's Law — they are going to come back" he said.

Francisco Santos always wore a white cowboy hat like the one he had on when he fell from the horse. When he was buried, his cowboy hat was on his head.

His sister Trinidad Santos said her brother — whom she called Paco — was the family's handyman and social organizer. He bricked the chimney at her Irving home.

As a little boy in Durango, Mexico, Santos rode horses and burros when his parents weren't looking. He loved riding, even after his father died from a fall while working on the family ranch.

He sustained minor injuries and broken bones over the years because of horses.

Once, after he broke his hand and right shoulder, his mother refused to take him to the hospital, hoping it would deter him from riding, Trinidad Santos said.

But he shrugged it off, telling his sister, "You are going to die anyway."

On weekends, when he wasn't working construction, Santos would grow restless sitting on the couch. He would collect his sons and nephews and take them to a coleadero. They were watching when he took his final ride in the arena on Mars Road.

Since that day, the boys have stopped going to coleaderos.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Festival apologizes that Muslim woman asked to remove hijab

A South by Southwest volunteer has been dismissed and festival organizers apologized after an U.S. Olympic fencer who is Muslim was asked to remove her headscarf in order to get a credential.

South by Southwest registration official Amin Simms said in an emailed statement that it was "an insensitive request" and against the festival's policy to ask Ibtihaj Muhammad to remove her hijab Saturday at the Austin festival. Muhammad couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

Simms wrote that festival organizers apologized to Muhammad and that they were embarrassed by the situation.

Muhammad is set to compete for the U.S. at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro this summer.

South by Southwest is a major festival of film, interactive media, and music.

DALLAS

Rare early map of Texas sells at auction for $10K

A rare early map of Texas discovered in a box of sheet music purchased for $10 at an Indiana estate auction in the 1980s has sold at a Dallas auction for $10,000.

The 1853 map was purchased Saturday on behalf of the Bell Library at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi.

The map was owned by James M. Manning, the surveyor who made significant changes for the map's 1853 edition.

A signature says the map was his. The library maintains a collection of Manning's documents, including maps and letters.

Heritage Auctions says in a statement that a related letter was purchased separately for the library for $500.

The letter was from Texas pioneer and lawmaker Jacob De Cordova telling Manning that he would be paid for his work as a surveyor.

DALLAS

Texas teen faces sentencing for sex trafficking of minors

A North Texas teenager will be sentenced to prison next month for forcing four underage girls to act as prostitutes and for having one of them, a 12-year-old, engage in sex with a man for $50.

Federal prosecutors say 19-year-old Luis Rivera of Irving pleaded guilty in October to conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of children.

Prosecutors say Rivera and another teen met the girls in late 2014 and took them to an apartment where they were told they needed to have sex with men to earn money for food.

Thirty-three-year-old Marco Antonio Rodriguez-Mejia of Irving was contacted and agreed to have sex with the 12-year-old.

He was convicted of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of children and other charges and was sentenced Friday to more than 24 years

DALLAS

Obama thirsty for a taste of Donald Trump's wine

President Barack Obama is thirsty ... for a taste of Donald Trump's wine.

"Has anybody bought that wine? I want to know what that wine tastes like," a laughing Obama said at a Democratic Party fundraiser Saturday. "I mean, come on. You know that's like some $5 wine. They slap a label on it. They charge you $50 and say it's the greatest wine ever."

"Come on," Obama said, still laughing. "Oh, boy. Selling wine. That's not what we're for. Couldn't make it up."

Obama's larger point was that his Republican opponents have resorted to selling wine because they're out of ideas.

But just one of the remaining GOP presidential candidates is a salesman who sells wine and other edible items: Trump.

After winning presidential primaries this past Tuesday in Michigan and Mississippi, the billionaire businessman held a celebratory news conference at his golf course in Jupiter, Florida.

Various Trump-branded products, including bottles of red, white and rose wine, bottled water and butcher blocks with stacks of well-marbled "Trump Steaks" were arranged on either side of the podium.

The display was Trump's visual response to a scathing critique of him recently delivered by Mitt Romney, the 2012 Republican presidential nominee.

Romney sought in a speech to undermine Trump's political success by outlining what he said were the billionaire's business failures.

Obama joined the bandwagon, at least while in Texas.

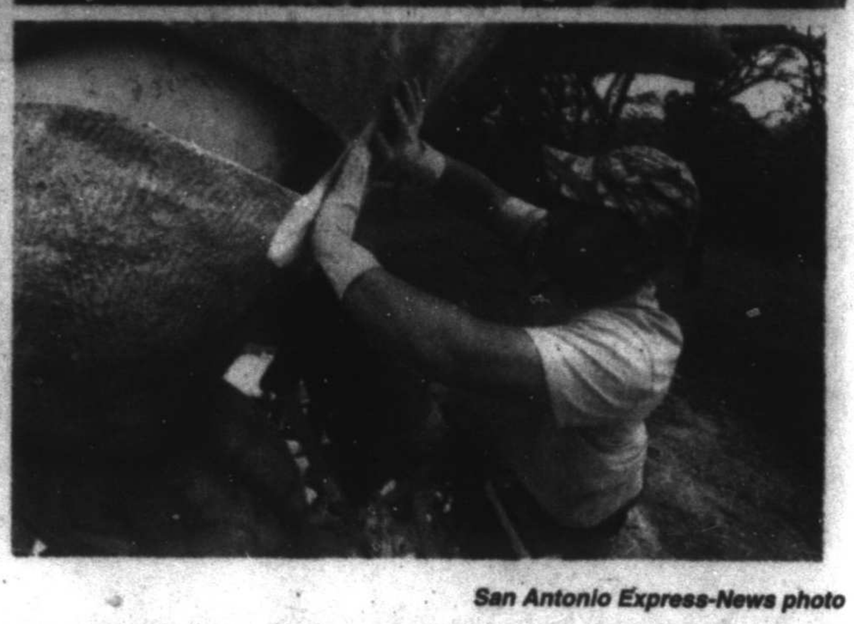
The president ridiculed Trump's products, though without naming the Republican, during two days of fundraising in the Republican state.

After highlighting some of his own record Friday for a crowd of cheering supporters in Austin, Texas, Obama started in on Trump's steaks.

"Imagine what Trump would say if he actually had a record like this. Instead of selling steaks," Obama said. "Has anybody tried that wine? How good can that wine be?"







San Antonio Express-News photo

Assembly on a Giganotosaurus replica on the grounds of the Bandera Natural History Museum, 267 Old San Antonio Highway in Bandera, is nearly complete. The museum is expected to open to the public in late May or early June. Luis Perez repairs Giganotosaurus dinosaur on the grounds of the museum on Tuesday. Melvin Antunez helps patch up a replica Giganotosaurus.

Museum

From 1B

"We never expected it to be this beautiful and this large," said Maggie Schumacher, a former city councilwoman involved in the project for which donations and grants are still being sought.

The Bandera Economic Development Corp. has allocated $45,000 in locally collected sales tax revenues to fund construction of a parking lot at the 8-acre site.

Martha Shoemaker, president of the BEDC board, called the new attraction "absolutely spectacular" and said, "It's the best thing that's happened in Bandera for so long."

Mayor John Hegemier agreed, adding, "I have a granddaughter. I'm looking forward to taking her there."

The original concept for the museum focused on exotic wildlife, but organizers deemed that too narrow and broadened its scope to natural history, hoping for a regional appeal.

"This will be a really amazing thing for South Texas," said Genie Strickland, secretary of the museum board, which is pursuing nonprofit status.

She expects ticket prices to be $10 for adults and $6 for kids, with those under 3 admitted free.

"We want to host tours by students of all ages from area schools," Strickland said.

Bandera Independent School District spokeswoman Tracy Thayer said folks there can't wait to get a look inside, adding, "I'm sure we'll be down there for field trips."

Students from the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired helped pilot the museum's planned "sensory safari" program while enjoying a visit to Infante's game ranch, said Laura Hospital, a science teacher at the Austin campus. It will allow visitors to listen to a narration on the characteristics of various animals and feel the horns, teeth and paws of the mounts, she said.

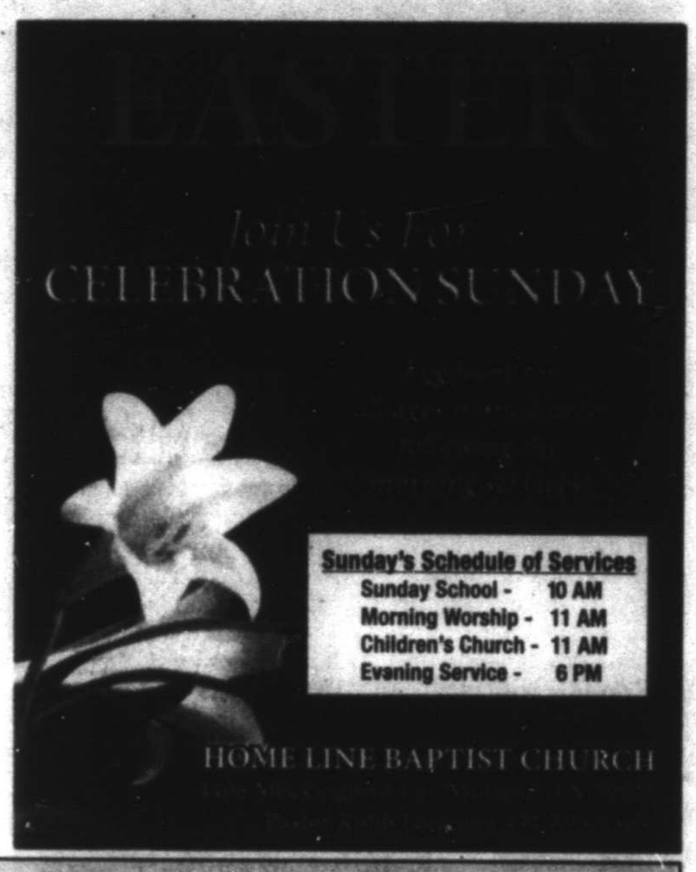
Perez, manager of Infante's ranch, recently traveled to the Mexican plant that manufactured the fiberglass and metal dinosaurs to learn how to erect the nine figures delivered to Bandera nearly a year ago. Three have yet to be installed.

"It's pretty exciting," he said Tuesday while covering connective joints and preparing to repaint the models. "We still have a lot of work to go."

The task of placing the large dinosaur bodies onto legs preset in concrete fell to Tad Perry of Perry's Crane & Rigging in Kerrville.

"We've moved big, bulky stuff before, but that was the first time for dinosaurs. It was pretty cool," said Perry, who's also eager for the museum to open.

"It's going to be a nice asset for the community," he said. "I've already been back to show my boys."



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Lady Chaps ready for national tourney

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College women's basketball head coach Ron Jones had no doubt that his team had what it took to make the NJCAA National Tournament.

The Lady Chaparrals believed they had proven themselves by playing and beating quality competition throughout the season and had reached the Region V Tournament championship game from a field that included five Top 25 teams, including No. 4 New Mexico Junior College — the tournament champion.

The only question was whether the NJCAA committee would think that the Lady Chaps were deserving of an at-large bid.

As it turns out, MC did enough to get in with an at-large bid, and even though it was the last team selected for the 24-team field, the Lady Chaps (26-6) enter the tournament as the No. 9 seed. MC will play No. 24 Highland (Ill.) College (21-10) in a first round game at noon Monday at Lubbock's Rip Griffin Center.

"I think our region was very deserving," said Jones of the at-large bid. "We had five teams in the Top 25 and Collin County was a very good team as well, Odessa College was a very good team. I just think we deserved two and I'm glad we're one of them."

While the Lady Chaps beat some good competition throughout the year and had the talent on the court to do so, the team said the key ingredient to its success was its chemistry between the players. The Lady Chaps said that is something that developed quickly.

"We're more mature and I think we play more together than last year," said sophomore Valentine Zambelli, a guard from France. "I think last year was more individual play. I saw that chemistry develop early."

Added Jones: "Even though we've had some ups and downs and haven't been as consistent as we want, they have always stuck together and rebounded mentally, which is the biggest challenge."

Freshman guard Kayla Bretherton said the effort to get to this stage in the season is a credit to everyone involved.

"Definitely our coaches were a key and how much effort they put in, how much effort we've put in,"

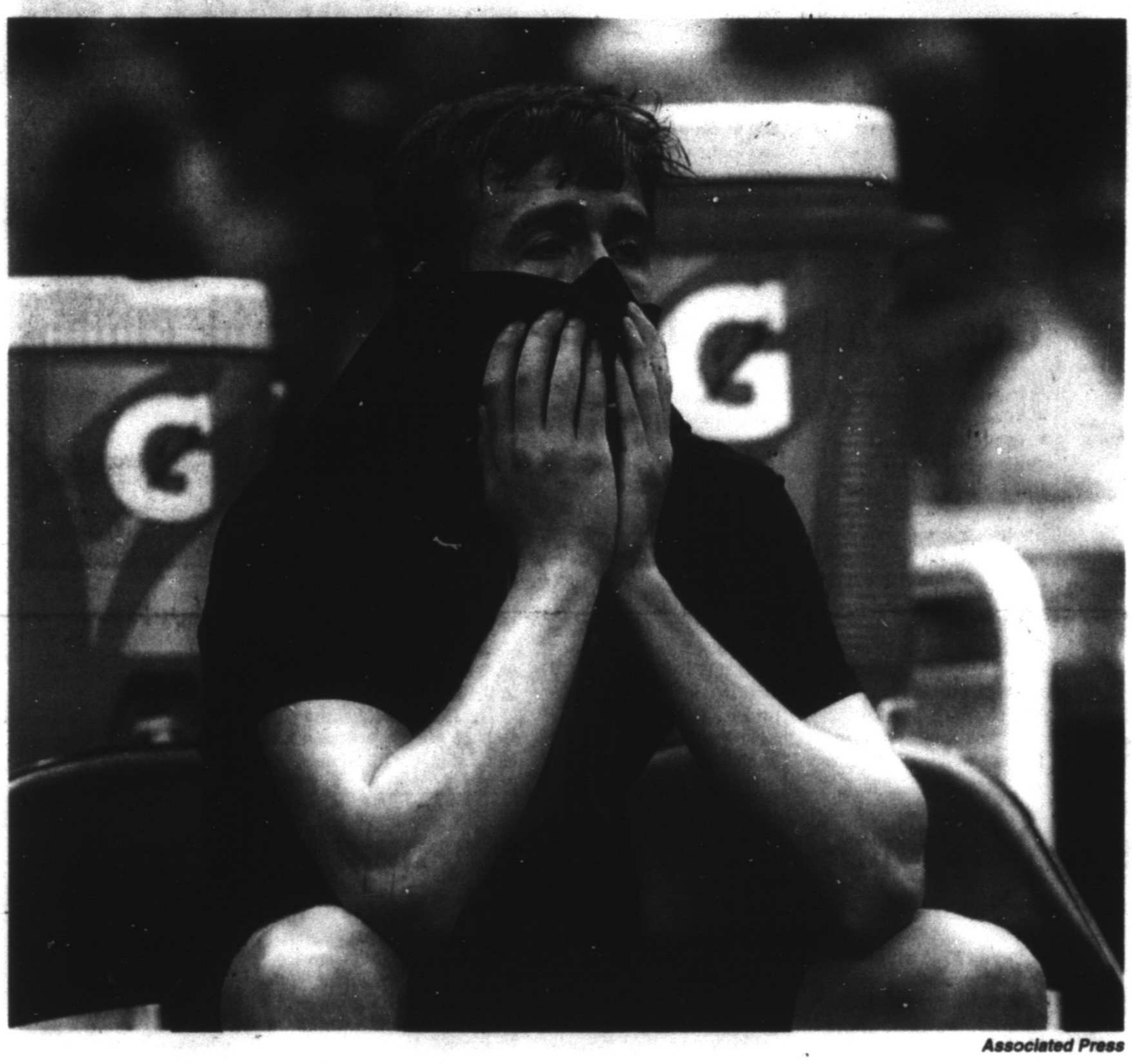
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Midland College women's basketball head coach Ron Jones talks to his team during a time out in the game against Seward on Nov. 14, 2015, at Chaparral Center.

Grady falls short again



Associated Press

Grady's Cole Avery sits on the end of the bench after he fouled out during a UIL Class 1A boys high school state final basketball game, Saturday in San Antonio. Avinger won 50-36.

Grady falls in state title game to Avinger

By Raul Dominguez
MRT Correspondent

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SAN ANTONIO — The glory of making it to the Class 1A state final in back-to-back seasons did little to soften the pain the Grady boys basketball team had after falling short again.

No. 2 Avinger fought off a rally midway through the fourth quarter, holding on for a 50-36 victory over No. 3 Grady to win the Class 1A state championship on Saturday morning at the Alamodome.

"We were blessed enough to make it back-to-back," Wildcats senior point guard Braeden Jones said. "Yeah, we didn't win a championship, but we managed to push track (season) as far away as we could. We made it to the last game that we could. It's special. It hurts, but it's still special getting here."

Avinger (34-2) was able to claim its third state championship while primarily using just six players against Grady (30-5).

After being dominated almost from tipoff in a 76-55 loss to Texline in last season's 1A final, the Wildcats had opportunities to win Saturday. They scored the game's first five points against the Indians and were within five points midway through the final quarter.

"This one we felt like we could win," Grady senior Cole Avery said. "It just doesn't happen. A loss is a loss."

Avery finished with 14 points and nine rebounds and Jaylen Short added 14 points before both fouled out in the final quarter.

A scrappy effort allowed the Wildcats to keep the game close despite a woeful shooting performance. Grady shot 4 for 25 on 3-pointers, including 2 for 11 in the fourth quarter as they attempted to rally.

The Indians' length and interior defense limited the Wildcats to 16 points in the paint.

"When we tried to go in (the lane) during the first half, they're real long, they're real athletic and they got a lot of deflections," Wildcats coach Chris Short said. "When we put it on the floor, they ended up with the ball. As far as the

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No. 1 Kansas beats No. 9 West Virginia for Big 12 title

Jayhawks	81
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By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bill Self still remembers the day Devonte Graham stepped foot on the Kansas campus, back when the point guard was trying to decide where he was going to play college basketball.

"I told him when he visited, 'You're going to won this place if you just come in and try hard,'" Self recalled with a smile. "His attitude is just a 10 and I think it's rubbed off on others."

His game has turned into a 10, too.

Graham matched a career-high with 27 points Saturday night, Wayne Selden Jr. added 21, and the top-ranked Jayhawks overcame a remarkable performance by West Virginia's Devin Williams for an 81-71 victory over the No. 9 Mountaineers in the Big 12 Tournament title game.

Perry Ellis added 17 points for the Jayhawks (30-4), who almost certainly locked up the No. 1 overall seed for the NCAA Tournament by winning their 10th Big 12 Tournament championship.

"I felt like we played well," said Graham, the game net hanging around his neck. "We just have to keep playing the way we've been playing. Play better. Keep the confidence we have. Keep this momentum going."

Kansas trailed the Mountaineers (26-8) at the break before seizing control, and it was Graham who made the difference. He hit five 3-pointers, was 10 of 10 from the foul line and had a four steals while helping his teammates through the Mountaineers' trademark pressure.

"I can't put it into words," Graham said. "It's a good feeling."

Williams finished with a career-best 31 points and 10 rebounds, but the junior forward was forced to carry the load by himself. Jevon Carter was held to four points after scoring 26 in a semifinal win over No. 6 Oklahoma, and leading scorer Jaysean Paige managed just six points while committing four turnovers.

"We came here to win a championship and we fell short," Paige still. "Time to go back to work."

With supporters and protesters of Republican presidential contender Donald Trump trading barbs just down the street, two teams intimately familiar with each other spent the first 20 minutes trading

Please see KANSAS/4C

Greenwood's Merryman throws no-hitter in WTMC finale

By Will Korn
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Merryman

Greenwood starting pitcher Dawson Merryman will probably never forget what happened at Security Bank Ballpark on Saturday night.

The sophomore right-hander fired a masterful 14-strikeout no-hitter to lead the Rangers to a 1-0 victory against San Angelo Lake View in the finale of the West Texas March Classic.

Greenwood (7-9) completed the weekend with a 3-1 mark in tournament play.

Offensively, the Rangers struggled against Lake View right-handed starter Vernon Hart, who allowed just three hits and one unearned run over seven innings. But none of that mattered once the final out of the game — Merryman's 14th strikeout of the night — was recorded.

It was an emotional scene for Merryman, his teammates and coaches after the game that saw the first seven-inning no-hitter from a pitcher on a Midland County team this season.

"It was insane," said Merryman, who was at a near loss for words. "I just couldn't be any happier. This is insane. It was good."

Greenwood head coach Stephen Rodriguez, who saw his pitching staff put together several quality performances during the tournament, had tears of joy in his eyes after watching his sophomore ace finish off the feat.

"He did a great job today," Rodriguez said. "I can't say enough. He's got great confidence and great composure on the mound and that's really good for a young guy."

Merryman was dominant right out of the gate, as he struck out the Chiefs' first eight batters, six of them swinging. He was cruising right along until the bottom of the third inning, when his perfect game bid was snapped by a hit batter in Lake View's ninth at-bat of the evening.

Ironically, Merryman admitted that it wasn't until he pegged Chief's nine-hole hitter Cole Sykes in that at-bat that he began to feel really comfortable on the mound and settle into a groove.

"(It was) about the third inning, when they started to get on — that one guy I pegged," Merryman said. "I just thought it was going to go downhill from there. I came back with a strikeout and it just all got lifted up from there."

The no-hitter was threatened on a few different occasions in the later innings. In the bottom of the sixth, Greenwood second baseman Kason Buffaloe made a spectacular scoop and throw to beat a close play — a near infield single — at first.

Please see WTMC/3C

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BASKETBALL

CBA Final, Gm 2: Liaoning vs. Sichuan, 6:30 a.m., OWSPN

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Long Beach State at Oklahoma, Noon, FSSW+, FCSC

USC at TCU, 1 p.m., FSSW

Milwaukee at Kansas State, 1 p.m., FCSP

New Mexico State at Baylor, 4 p.m., FSSW

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

Oklahoma at UCLA, 4 p.m., P12, P12 LA

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Kentucky at South Carolina, Noon, SEC

Alabama at LSU, 2 p.m., SEC

Florida at Auburn, 4 p.m., SEC

GOLF

PGA: Valspar Championship, Final Round, Noon, GOLF

PGA: Valspar Championship, Final Round, 2 p.m., NBC

Hockey

WHL: Prince George at Victoria, 2 p.m., NHL

MLB

St. Louis vs. Washington, Noon, MLB

Texas vs. LA Angels, 3 p.m., MLB

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

A10 Championship, 11:30 a.m., CBS

SEC Championship, Noon, ESPN

Sun Belt Championship, Noon, ESPN2

Big Ten Championship, 2 p.m., CBS

AAC Championship, 2:15 p.m., ESPN

NCAA Selection Show, 4:30 p.m.,m CBS

NIT Selection Special, 7:30 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

Denver at Notre Dame, 4:30 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S SOCCER

FA Cup: Arsenal vs. Watford, 8:30 a.m., FS1

Bundesliga: Bayer Leverkusen vs. Hamburg SV, 9:30 a.m., FS2, FXDEP

English Premier: Aston Villa vs. Tottenham, 11 a.m., NBCSN, TELE

FA Cup: Manchester United vs. West Ham, 11 a.m., FS1

Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund vs. FSV Mainz, 11:30 a.m., FS2, GolTV

Liga MX: Deportivo Toluca vs. CS y D Dorados de Sinaloa, 1 p.m., UNIV, UDN

MLS: New York City FC vs. Toronto FC, 4 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP

Venezuela: Monagas vs. Caracas, 4:30 p.m., GolTV

MLS: San Jose Earthquakes vs. Portland Timbers, 6 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

Liga MX: CD Guadalajara vs. Club America, 8:30 p.m., UniMas, UDN

MOTORSPORTS

IndyCar: Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, 11:30 a.m., ABC

Sprint Cup: Good Sam 500, 2:30 p.m., FOX, FXDEP

NBA

Cleveland at LA Clippers, 2:30 p.m., ABC

Indiana at Atlanta, 5 p.m., NBAtv

NHL

Pittsburgh at NY Rangers, 11:30 a.m., NBC

Toronto at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

RUGBY

NRL: Wests vs. Manly-Warringah, 2 a.m., FSP

TENNIS

ATP/WTA: BNP Paribas Open, 1 p.m., TENNIS

Women's College Basketball

Southland Championship, 11:30 a.m., CBSSN

Horizon League Championship, Noon, ESPNU

NEC Championship, 2 p.m., ESPNU

WOMEN'S SOCCER

CONCACACF U-17 3rd Place Match: Haiti vs. Canada, 2 p.m., FS2

CONCACAF U17 Championship: USA vs. Mexico, 5 p.m., FS2

A salute to Grady for repeat state title game run



OSCAR LEROY
Sports editor

A big congratulations are in order for the Grady boys basketball team as it played in the Class 1A state championship game Saturday.

No one really knew how the Wildcats were going to fare this year after losing a few key players and their head coach from a team that made it to the state championship game the year before.

But first-year coach Chris Short did a great job of guiding this team and had the players who returned to keep believing and keep striving for that state championship.

The shots just weren't falling on Saturday in a 50-36 loss to Avinger, but that's the way it goes sometimes.

Still, the Wildcats carried the Permian Basin banner with pride and they should hold their heads up high.

They should be saluted because it's never easy to make it to state tournament in any classification.

They not only made it back to the state tournament, they had a chance to once again play for a state championship. After all, a shot is all you can ask for.

■ With Grady's run at state coming to an end, that puts a cap on the high school basketball season.

While Permian Basin teams had their ups and downs, there was no shortage of great moments and surprises this past season.

I never got a chance to do this, but a big congrats go out to the Lee and Greenwood girls basketball teams in their runs to their respective regional tournaments. They also carried the Permian Basin banner with pride and surprised a few teams along the way.

State championships in this part of the state are a rarity but it's good to know that there are teams out there that set a good example of what hard work, classy kids and classy coaches can do.

■ I want to wish the best of luck to one of the good coaches out there as Coahoma boys basketball coach Kim Nichols has announced that he will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Nichols has spent 31 years with the Bulldogs and has amassed more than 500 wins in his career.

It was evident that Nichols always did what's best for the kids and always deflected personal accolades.

Personally we loved him at the MRT because he was coach that was always among the best to deal with and he called in his results, win or lose. A few coaches might want to get the hint.

Best of luck in your retirement, Coach Nichols.

■ While high school basketball is complete, basketball on the local scene is still not over as the Midland College women will be making their seventh appearance in the NJCAA national tournament this week in Lubbock.

The Lady Chaparrals made it as an at-large bid but still got the No. 9 seed in the 24-team field. MC plays Highland (Ill.) Community College in a first round game at noon Monday at Lubbock's Rip Griffin Center.

The Lady Chaps should do well in the single-elimination tournament, and if they catch fire don't be surprised to see them play very deep into the tournament.

MC played good competition throughout the year and played in a competitive and well-respected region to get them battle tested.

MC coach Ron Jones said Region V was so competitive that there were a couple of teams that also could have earned an at-large bid if there were more than just four given out.

So best of luck to Jones and his Lady Chaps, who always make Midland College and the Tall City proud.

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MC splits games on final day in Arizona

From staff reports

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. — The Midland College softball team went 1-1 during Saturday's final day of the Central Arizona Classic.

The Lady Chaparrals beat South Mountain Community College 9-1 in five innings during their first game before falling 10-3 to Pima Community College (Ariz.) in the tournament finale.

MC sophomore Kaitlyn Durrett held South Mountain to one run and seven hits in the early game. Durrett's battery mate Roblynn Kami helped her out by swatting two doubles in the win.

The Lady Chaps (20-6) only managed four hits in their defeat to Pima. Cassie Siataga hit a double, MC's lone extra-base hit.

Midland College begins WJCAC play with a home game versus El Paso College at 1 p.m. Friday.

Game 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 9, SOUTH MOUNTAIN CC (ARIZ.) 1, 5 INNINGS

So. Mountain	100	00	—1 7 0
MC	300	6x	—9 13 0

Caitlin McDowell and Anissa Morales. Kaitlyn Durrett and Roblynn Kami. W — Durrett. L — McDowell. 2B — MC: Lauren , Alexis Sullivan-Aguilar, Kami 2

Game 2
PIMA CC (ARIZ.) 10, MIDLAND COLLEGE 3

Midland	210	000	0 —3 4 2
Pima	006	211	x—1010 0

Senaie Nakoa, Kaitlyn Durrett (3) and Roblynn Kami. Bailey Critchlow and Rita Corona. W—Critchlow. L — Nakoa. 2B — Pima: Critchlow, Ascell Peralta. Gabriella Goroszeni; MC: Cassie Siataga.

Record: Midland College 20-6

Next: El Paso College at Midland College, 1 p.m. Friday

Chaps complete 4-game sweep of Frank Phillips

From staff reports

BORGER — Midland College beat Frank Phillips College twice again on Saturday to complete a four-game sweep in the opening series of Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

The Chaparrals (9-8, 4-0 in WJCAC) rode their hot bats during an 18-6 win in seven innings over the Plainsmen (5-14, 0-4) in their first game, and then followed with a 7-1 victory in game two to extend their winning streak to six games.

In the early win, MC pounded Frank Phillips' pitching to the tune of 17 hits.

Connor Gessell spearheaded the offensive barrage, going 4-for-4 with a double, four RBI and four runs. Hill Alexander and Dally Burney each contributed with three hits for MC. Burney led the Chaps with five RBI, while Yahir Gurrola slugged two doubles and had three RBI.

During the second game, MC pitchers Callan Johnson and Raymond Salazar combined on a three-hitter.

Salazar was victorious on the mound after holding FPC to no earned runs, one run, one hit and one walk over six innings of relief. Salazar struck out five.

Gurrola went 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs in the second game.

The Chaps host Odessa College in a non-conference game at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Christensen Stadium.

Game 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 18, FRANK PHILLIPS 6, 7 INNINGS

MC	026	050	5—1817 2
FPC	0200	030	0 —610 2

Brady Mosham, Jason Conway (6) and Dally Burney. Chandler Carter, J.J. Buentello (5), Trevor Lunkwitz (6), Victor Gomez (7) and Gerry Guel. W — Mosham. L — Carter. 2B — MC: Connor Gessell, Eric Senior, Hill Alexander, Nolan Ratar, Yahir Gurrola 2. 3B — MC: Burney

Game 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 7, FRANK PHILLIPS 1

MC	201	000	022 —712 3
FPC	000	000	001 —1 3 0

Callan Johnson, Raymond Salazar (4) and Dally Burney. Branson Hall, Manuel Valle (8) and Alex Angulano. W — Salazar. L — Hall. 2B — MC: Connor Gessell.

Record: Midland College 9-8, 4-0 in WJCAC; Frank Phillips 5-14, 0-4

Next: Odessa College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

TEXAS RANGERS — Assigned RHP Miles Jaye, RHP Scott Williams, and C Kellin Deglan to their minor league camp.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Released RHP Kyle Kendrick and RHP Chris Volstad. Optioned RHPs Danny Burawa, Tyrell Jenkins and Casey Kelly and INF Daniel Castro to Gwinnett (IL), and RHP Mauricio Cabrera to Mississippi (SL). Reassigned RHPs Chris Ellis and Madison Younginer, LHPs David Holmberg and Sean Newcomb, and INFs Chase d'Arnaud, Nate Freiman and Rio Ruiz to their minor league camp.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Signed G Ray Mc Callum and C Alex Stephenson to 10-day contracts.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with LB Jerrell Freeman on a three-year contract, DL Mitch Unrein on a two-year contract and WR Marc Mariani on a one-year contract.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed S Rafael Bush.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed P Tress Way to a five-year contract.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR-KR Solomon Patton.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned D Tyler Wotherspoon to Stockton (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Reassigned F Brendan Woods to Charlotte (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Providence C Ben Sexton one game for a boarding incident in a March 11 game against Hartford.

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Atlanta-La Ian Barteaux one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a March 11 ECHL game at South Carolina. Suspended Brampton-s Tim Billingsley one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a March 11 game against Orlando. Fined Tulsa-s Brian Nugent an undisclosed amount for his actions in a march 11 game at Missouri.

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Announced F Maxim Kitsyn was assigned to the team by Ontario (AHL). Loand D Matt MacKenzie to Portland (AHL). Signed F Steve Brown.

READING ROYALS — Announced G Martin Ouellette was recalled to Lehigh Valley (AHL). Signed G Nick Naiderl.

COLLEGE

BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Announced that Wisconsin hockey player Jedd Soleway has been suspended for one game under the conference's supplemental discipline process.

TEXAS A&M — Agreed to terms with men's basketball coach Billy Kennedy on a five-year contract.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	9	2	818
Texas	8	2	800
Houston	8	3	727
Chicago	6	4	600
Seattle	6	4	600
Detroit	7	5	583
Oakland	5	5	500
Boston	5	6	455
Los Angeles	5	6	455
Minnesota	5	6	455
Tampa Bay	5	6	453
Cleveland	4	6	400
Kansas City	5	8	385
New York	3	7	300
Baltimore	1	10	091

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Arizona	9	3	750
Philadelphia	9	3	750
Washington	8	3	727
Los Angeles	5	2	714
St. Louis	7	4	636
Colorado	6	5	545
Miami	5	5	500
Milwaukee	5	5	500
Cincinnati	5	6	455
New York	4	5	444
San Francisco	5	8	385
Chicago	3	8	273
Pittsburgh	3	8	273
San Diego	3	8	273
Atlanta	3	9	250

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings. games against non-major league teams do not

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores

St. Louis (ss) 4, Houston 3
Tampa Bay 2, N.Y.Yankees 1
Detroit 3, Pittsburgh 0
Baltimore 8, Minnesota 1
Miami 11, Boston 8
Philadelphia 8, Toronto 5
St. Louis (ss) 14, N.Y.Mets 9
Chicago Cubs (ss) 9, Chicago White Sox 2
Arizona (ss) 9, San Francisco (ss) 5
Texas 14, Oakland 5
Milwaukee 7, Colorado 6
Arizona (ss) 3, Kansas City 0
L.A. Angels 9, San Francisco (ss) 5
San Diego 6, Cleveland 3
Washington 11, Atlanta 1
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., late
Seattle (ss) vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., late
L.A. Dodgers (ss) vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., late

Today's Games

Boston vs. Tampa Bay (ss) at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y.Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. N.Y.Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (ss) vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:07 p.m.
Cleveland (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Cleveland (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Texas vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
San Diego vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 5:05 p.m.

MHS finishes 2nd at region, qualifies 7 for state

From staff reports

Devon Miller highlighted a group of seven Midland High boys powerlifters that are headed to state following their performance at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association Region 1 Division 1 Championships Saturday at Midland High School.

Miller lifted a total of 1,780 pounds to become the regional champion in the 275-pound class, earning a trip to the THSPA State Championships on April 2 in Abilene. Miller received the meet's Best Lifter Award, Best Squat Award, Best Bench Press Award and Best Deadlift Award on the heavy platforms.

Other Midland High region champions included Josh Chandler in the 198-pound weight class and Keoni Garcia in the 242-pound weight class.

The three region champions will be joined in Abilene by MHS second-place performers Tyler Gonzales (181-pound division), Turner Phillips (220), Paxton Heiting (275) and Braxton Gardner (super heavyweight).

MHS placed second among 14 teams with 47 points, seven behind meet champion Plainview with 53.

THSPA Region I, Division 1 Championships
At Midland High
Saturday's results

Team results: 1. Plainview 53; 2. Midland High 47; 3. San Angelo Lake View 18; 4. Abilene High 12; 5. Canyon Randall 10; 6. Lubbock Cooper 10; 7. Wolfforth Frenship 3; 8. Lubbock Coronado 6; 9. Lee 6; 10. Odessa High 5; 11. Dumas 5; 12. San Angelo Central 4; 13. Lubbock Cooper 2; 14. Odessa Permian 0

Individual results

181 — 12. Tyler Gonzales, MHS, 1,170
198 — 1. Josh Chandler, MHS, 1,275
220 — 2. Turner Phillips, MHS, 1,390
242 — 1. Keoni Garcia, MHS, 1,500
275 — 1. Devon Miller, MHS, 1,780; 2. Paxton Heiting, MHS, 1,510
Super heavyweight — 2. Braxton Gardner, MHS, 1,555

Melatonin scores upset in $1M Santa Anita Handicap

Associated Press

ARCADIA, Calif. — Joe Talamo left his house Saturday sensing he had a good chance of winning the $1 million Santa Anita Handicap with 16-1 shot Melatonin.

Still, the jockey had no idea it would be by 4 1/4 lengths while beating a less than stellar field in the Grade 1 race.

"I think I need some melatonin right now to calm down from it," Talamo said, referencing the substance used to induce sleep and reduce the effects of jet lag. "I had goose bumps when I crossed the wire. Ever since coming to California, aside from winning the Santa Anita Derby, this was a huge, huge goal of mine."

Melatonin ran 1 1/4 miles in 2:02.01 and paid $34.60, $13.80 and $6 for the crowd of 27,259.

Talamo convinced trainer David Hofmans to enter Melatonin after the horse won by 3 3/4 lengths in his last start at the track last month.

"He said he loves this race track, he's so strong and he had so much horse left, I think he wants to run even farther, and I was convinced he was a miler," Hofmans said.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: 2.19 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs. Catfish are fair on live bait.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 57-65 degrees; 0.05 feet high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and split shot rigged Rattlesnakes. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 58-69 degrees; 14.24 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, Rat-L-Traps and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: 55-62 degrees; 1.34 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 54-62 degrees; 15.25 feet low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 54-55 degrees; 46.48 feet low. Black bass are fair on Senkos with a 1/16-oz. bullet weight, Texas rigs, jigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 58-67 degrees; 0.05 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 54-62 degrees; 16.66 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 68-67 degrees; 24.69 feet low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, jerkbaits, soft plastics, spinnerbaits, and swimbaits. Striped bass are fair on slabs and jigging spoons. White bass are fair on slabs, jigging spoons, and live minnows. Catfish are fair on cheesebait, shrimp, and liver over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

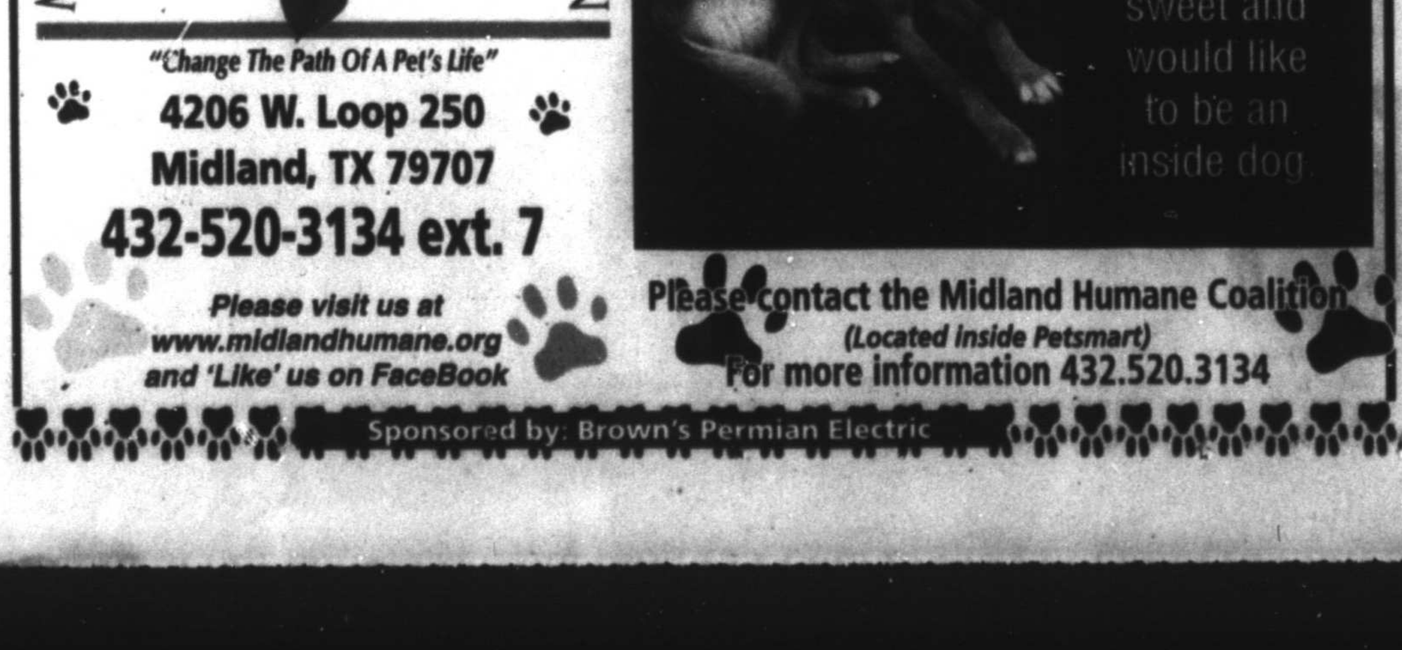
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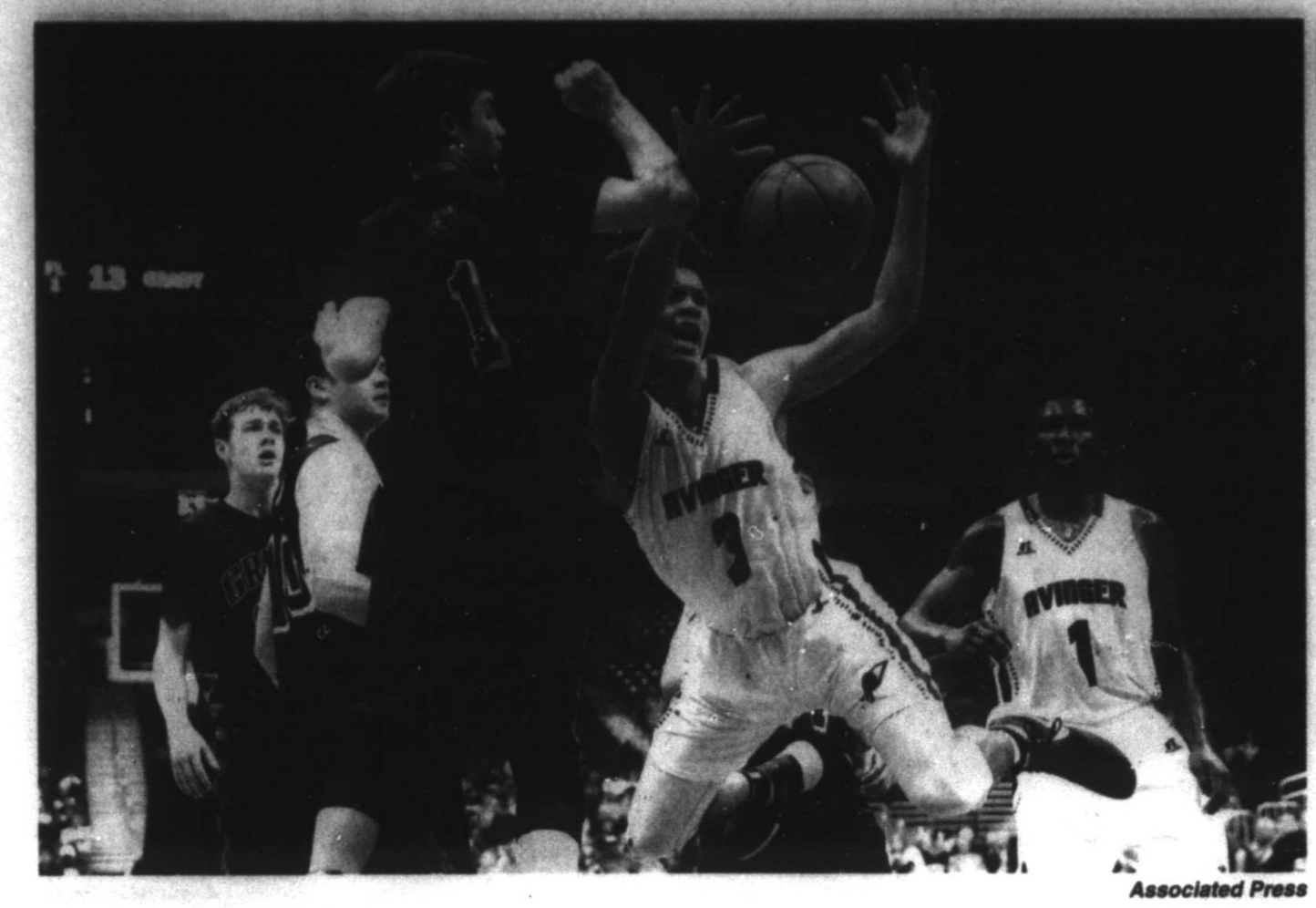
BASTROP: Water clear; 63-67 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are very good on live bait, frozen shrimp, liver, and bloodbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky; 61-65 degrees; 0.15 feet high. Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are very good on minnows around structure under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on hot dogs. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 60-64 degrees; 0.08 feet low. Black bass are fair on color colored crankbaits, chartreuse/blue Bass Hogg spinnerbaits and jigs, and watermelon soft plastics. Hybrid striper are slow. White bacs are slow. Crappie are good on white tube jigs and minnows over brush piles. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 58-62 degrees; 6.93 feet low. Black bass are good on pumpkin JDC Craws, hard jerkbaits, and watermelon Whacky Sticks on jigheads off points in 10-20 feet. Striped bass are fair trolling crankbaits and Curb's striper jigs, and drifting live bait from near Paradise Point in 20-25 feet. White bass are fair on LR Fishies, Shad Raps, and live bait near Cedar Point. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles in 10-20 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.





Associated Press

Avinger's Grayson Early (3) looses control of the ball as he drives to the basket against Grady's Kyle Garza (1) during a UIL Class 1A boys high school state final basketball game, Saturday in San Antonio.

GRADY

From 1C

shooting, they closed out great on the shooters. We didn't shoot the ball well, that's pretty obvious."

Avinger led 32-25 entering the fourth quarter after holding Grady to five points in the third quarter.

"We moved the ball, but we just didn't hit shots," Chris Short said. "We turned it over gave them a lot of transition baskets. We weren't as sharp defensively. Let them get in (to the paint)."

The deficit forced the Wildcats into a full-court defense and the pressure worked against the Indians.

Grady forced consecutive turnovers midway through the fourth quarter to pull within two possessions of the lead. Kyle Garza stole the ball in the backcourt off an inbounds and passed it to Devynn Smith, who was fouled while attempting a short jumper. Smith made 1 of 2 free throws to cut the Indians' lead to 38-33 with five minutes remaining in the game.

Avinger was flustered by the pressure, but managed to scramble to get the ball across midcourt on the ensuing possession and draw a fifth foul on Avery. Indians center Grayson Early dribbled wildly into the lane and tumbled to the ground as Avery placed his hand on the sophomore's back with 4:42 remaining.

"That was a turning point in the game," Chris Short said of Avery's fifth foul. "It kind of handcuffed him prior to that to where he wasn't able to be as aggressive. Cole has been one of all leaders all year. I'm so proud of him."

Losing Avery eased the pressure Avinger was experiencing, Indians coach Treston Dowell said.

"It was a big difference," Dowell said. "He's a really good player. We saw him on film. We knew we were going to have to attack him inside to try to get him in a little foul trouble and with him going out there with four minutes ago, we wanted to really, really be in attack mode."

Avinger was able to close the game on a 12-3 run by driving into lane offensively and limiting Grady's second-chance opportunities.

Desmond Chism had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Indians. Early finished with 16 points.

AVINGER 50, GRADY 36

Grady (30-5): Cole Avery 14, Jaylen Short 12 Kyle Garza 7, Devynn Smith 3

Avinger (34-2) — Desmond Chism 18, Grayson Early 16, Demionte Mitchell 9. Curtis Henry 5, Brennan Dowell 2

Grady	9	11	5	11—36
Avinger	10	9	13	18—50

Free throws — Grady 6-8. Avinger 13-18

3-point goals — Grady 4-25 (Jaylen Short 2-13, Cole Avery 1-2, Kyle Garza 1-3, Devynn Smith 0-3, Braeden Jones 0-4). Avinger 1-7 (Demionte Mitchell 1-3, Grayson Early 0-2, Brennan Dowell 0-2). Total fouls — Grady 14, Avinger 11. Fouled out — Avery, Short.

STATETOURNAMENTS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Class 5A Final

LANCASTER 67 FORT BEND ELKINS 64

SAN ANTONIO — Darius Anderson and Tahjon Starks combined for 39 points as Lancaster defended its Class 5A championship in a 67-64 win over Fort Bend Elkins on Saturday.

Anderson had 20 points and snagged MVP honors, while Starks had 19 for Lancaster (36-2) in a foul-filled contest that featured 52 combined infractions between the teams.

Lancaster never trailed after the first quarter, managing to survive a late push by Fort Bend Elkins (36-3).

Nate Morris' dunk with 22 seconds remaining pushed the lead to 66-61 and sealed the victory for Lancaster. Starks added a free throw with four seconds remaining before Fort Bend Elkins' last-second heave fell short.

Chad Bowie had a game-high 22 points for Fort Bend Elkins.

Class 4A Final

DALLAS LINCOLN 75 SILSBEE 72

SAN ANTONIO — Kortrjik Miles scored 28 points as Dallas Lincoln defeated Silsbee 75-72 in the Class 4A championship game Saturday.

Miles also grabbed 11 rebounds and went 11-for-14 from the free-throw line as Dallas Lincoln (23-15) won its fourth title. Kennedy Milton added 14 points and Jaberi Richardson scored 12 in the victory.

Silsbee (31-6) freshman guard Devon McCain was taken to the hospital after suffering an apparent head injury with 5:15 remaining in the third quarter. He was unintentionally hit in the head by a teammate's elbow and fell hard to the court where he hit his head again on the court.

Michael McCain led Silsbee with 15 points and six rebounds, while Trajan Harris added 11.

Class 3A Final

BROWNFIELD 80 EAST CHAMBERS 54

SAN ANTONIO — Jezreel Griffin scored 37 points and collected 15 rebounds as Brownfield staged a 21-4 third-quarter run to race past Winnie East Chambers 80-54 for the Class 3A state title.

Griffin, named the game's MVP, scored 31 points in the first three quarters as the Cubs (32-3) built a 20-point lead late in the third quarter. East Chambers (34-5) cut the margin to 10 points but Brownfield answered with a 19-2 scoring run to end the game.

Jaelyn Nolan scored 16 points and had eight rebounds for Brownfield while Alex McCrary added 11 points and six rebounds.

Ethan Kahla and Dylan Silcox had 10 points each for East Chambers while Darius Guillory and Kordell David each netted nine points.

Class 2A Final

CANADIAN 56 MUENSTER 46

SAN ANTONIO — Junior Cameron Copley scored 21 points to lead defending state champion Canadian past Muenster 56-46 for the Class 2A title Saturday in San Antonio.

Copley, a point guard who started for the 2014 Water Valley 1A state title team, was named the game's most valuable player.

Tanner Schafer added 13 points and 10 rebounds for Canadian (18-6), which had 12 players on its roster who also won back-to-back titles in football.

Matthew Lynch added nine points for Canadian.

Muenster (34-4) had four players with nine points each: Logan Cook, Cal York, Blake Hoephner and John Weger. Blayne Jones chipped in with eight points.

STATE PAIRINGS

2016 UIL Boys Basketball State Tournament
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Thursday's Scores
Class 1A Semifinals

Avinger (33-2) 46, Happy 37
Grady (30-4) 64, Coolidge 58

Class 3A Semifinals

Winnie East Chambers (34-6) 66, Van Alstyne 61
Brownfield (31-3) 70, Aransas Pass 54

Class 5A Semifinals

Lancaster (35-2) 79, Edinburg Vela 58
Fort Bend Elkins (36-2) 101, Fort Worth Dunbar 73

Friday's Scores
Class 2A Semifinals

Muenster 50 (34-3), Dallardsville Big Sandy 43
Canadian (17-6) 47, Thorndale 46

Class 4A Semifinals

Silsbee (31-5) 89, Levelland 47
Dallas Lincoln (23-14) 62, LaMarque 59

Class 5A Semifinals

DeSoto (35-2) 58, Cibolo Steele 53 OT
Humble Atascocita (38-0) 78, vs. Houston Math and Science Tech 67

Saturday's Scores

Class 1A Final: Avinger 50, Grady 30
Class 3A Final: Brownfield 80, Winnie East Chambers 54
Class 2A Final: Canadian 56, Muenster 46
Class 5A Final: Lancaster 67, Fort Bend Elkins 64
Class 4A Final: Dallas Lincoln 75, Silsbee 72
Class 6A Final: DeSoto (35-2) vs. Humble Atascocita (38-0), late

Andrews girls, Walinder win own tournament

From staff reports

ANDREWS— The Andrews Black team shot a 318-315—633 to win the Andrews Girls Golf Classic, Saturday at Andrews County Golf Course.

Libby Walinder, of Andrews Black, outshot the field by seven strokes to win the individual title with a two-day score of 74-72—146.

Midland High sophomore Faith DeLaGarza shot a 82-74—156 to place third in the medalist standings.

The Andrews Black and Gold teams had a combined five golfers finish in the top 10 of the medalist standings.

ANDREWS GIRLS GOLF CLASSIC
At Andrews County Golf Course
Saturday's final results

Team standings: 1. Andrews Black 318-315—633. 2. College Park (Ga.) Woodward Academy 345-327—672. 3. Andrews Gold 344-338—682. 4. Wolfforth Frenship 363-346—709. 5. Andrews JV No. 1 374-368—742. 6. El Paso Eastwood Gold 377-374—751. 7. Monahans 387-391—778. 8. Snyder 393-387—780. 9. Lubbock Cooper 398-388—786. 10. Andrews JV No. 2 400-391—791. 11. El Paso Eastwood Blue 398-408—806. 12. El Paso Americas 416-392—808. 13. Wolfforth Frenship Gold 418-405—823. 14. Levelland 442-410—852. 15. El Paso Eastlake 431-447—878

Medalist standings — 1. Libby Walinder, Andrews, 74-72—146. 2. Brenda Dominguez, El Paso Americas, 74-79—153. 3. Faith DeLaGarza, Midland High, 82-74—156, 4. (tie) Madi Caballero, Wolfforth Frenship, 82-76—158; Madee McAllister, Andrews, 78-80—158; 6. Jakari Harris, Woodward Academy, 88-71—159. 7. Mikayla Haynie, Andrews, 82-79—161. 8. Ayannah Habeel, Woodward, 78-85—163; 9. Rachel Huffman, Andrews, 82-83—165. 10. Katelynn Savell, Andrews, 82-83—165

Area team results

Andrews Black (318-315—633) — Libby Walinder 74-72—146; Madee McAllister 78-80—158; Rachel Huffman 82-83—165; Savannah Pinson 88-80—168; Kinzee McAllister 84-88—172.

Andrews Gold (344-338—682) — Mikala Haynie 82-79—161; Katelynn Savell 83-84—167; Bailey McCarver 90-82—172; Macy Schulze 90-93—183; Magi Lopez 89-102—191

Andrews JV No. 1 (374-368—742) — Sam Flores 89-89—178; Skyler Strube 92-95—187; Sarah Harris 97-91—188; Paige Jennings 97-93—190; Dallas Hathcock 96-95—191

Andrews JV No. 2 (400-391—791) — Ally Ortiz 103-91—194; Raegan Riley 96-101—197; Alyssa Gerhardt 100-99—199; Brook Jannarmon 101-103—204; Char Maxey 104-100—204

Area medalist

Midland High — Faith DeLaGarza 82-74—156

HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

MCS SWEEPS DAY AT HOME

Midland Christian won a pair of games in one-sided fashion Saturday at Christensen Stadium. MCS cruised to a 9-1 victory over Cleburne in game one, and followed with an 11-1 five-inning route of Saginaw Chisholm Trail.

Mustangs pitchers Tyson Banks and Hunter Robertson combined on a three-hitter vs. Cleburne. Robertson got the win after throwing 3 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Nolen Hester had a triple and three RBI for MCS (11-8-1) in the early victory.

Later in the day, Mustangs senior Grant Little went 3-for-3 with two triples, three RBI and a run scored to spearhead his team's 15-hit effort versus Chisholm Trail.

Blake Letcher, Hester and Zac Tilton each had two RBI for MCS versus Chisholm Trail.

Mustangs starter Cooper Jauz hurled five innings of four-hit ball versus the Rangers.

MCS 9, CLEBURNE 1

Cleburne	100	000	0	—1 3 0
MCS	100	611	x	—9 10 2

Brown, Robinson (2) and Guereca, Tyson Banks, Hunter Robertson (4) and Zac Tilton. W — Robertson. L — Brown. 2B — MCS: Anderson Needham, Robertson. 3B — MCS: Blake Letcher, Nolen Hester

MCS 11, SAGINAW CHISHOLM TRAIL 1, 5 INNINGS

Chisholm Trail	000	01	—1	4 1
Midland Christian	003	8x	—11	5 1

J. Garza, M. Negrete (4) and M. Bolin; Cooper Jauz and Zac Tilton. W — Jauz. L — Garza. 2B — Chisholm Trail: A. Dominguez, Garza; MCS: Blake Letcher. 3B — MCS: Grant Little 2

Record: Midland Christian 11-8-1

Next: Colleyville Covenant at MCS, 6 p.m. Friday

FRIDAY'S LATE BOXES
KATY CINCO RANCH 3, LEE 1

Lee	100	000	0	—1 5 6
KCR	001	000	2	—3 6 0

Blake Blessie and Hunter Coleman. Poehl, Edwards (6) and Brown. W — Edwards. L — Blessie (2-2). 2B — Lee: Hunter Coleman 2. Adam Becker. KCR: Fletcher. HR — KCR: Thomas

LEE 5, BRENHAM 3

Lee	000	005	0	—5 9 6
Brenham	120	000	0	—3 6 1

Chapman Payton, Evan Mata (5) and Hunter Coleman. Lester, Josiak (5) and Marshall. W — Evan Mata (2-0). L — Josiak. 2B — Lee: Hunter Colemon; Brenham: Acker, Josiak.

Record: Lee 1-4, 1-0 in District 3-6A

Next: Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

Softball

GREENWOOD WINS PAIR IN AMARILLO

AMARILLO — Greenwood cruised to a 12-4 victory over Amarillo Caprock in six innings and then rolled to an 18-4 win in six innings over Amarillo Tascosa in non-district games on Saturday.

GHS catcher Payslee Sims was 3-for-4 with two home runs, four RBI and three runs scored versus Caprock, while teammate Natalee Karcher homered and had four RBI.

Rangerettes pitcher Kyndall Dove allowed two earned runs versus Caprock and helped her cause with a home run at the plate.

Karcher continued her tear against Tascosa by going 3-for-3 with two home runs, seven RBI, three runs scored and a walk. Jaylene Valenzuela homered and had four RBI for GHS (5-15) versus the Lady Sandies.

The Rangerettes played the games in Amarillo after the Gatesville Tournament was cancelled because of rain.

Game 1
GREENWOOD 12, AMARILLO CAPROCK 4, 6 INNINGS

Greenwood	202	404	—12	9 7
Caprock	102	001	—4	10 3

Kyndall Dove and Payslee Sims. Atchley and Brasher. W — Dove. L — Atchley. 2B — GHS: Jaylene Valenzuela. HR — GHS: Dove, Sims 2, Karcher

Game 2
GREENWOOD 18, AMARILLO TASCOSA 4, 6 INNINGS

Greenwood	533	106	—18	10 5
Tascosa	200	110	—4	7 2

Kyndall Dove and Payslee Sims. Slack, Corea (1) and Gray. W — Dove. L — Slack. 2B — GHS: Mollie Snowden, Dove, Jaylene Valenzuela, Brittany Robinson; Tascosa: Lorea. HR — GHS: Valenzuela, Natalee Karcher 2; Tascosa: Corea

Record: Greenwood 5-15

Friday's late boxes
AMARILLO HIGH 11, GREENWOOD 3

Greenwood	000	300	0	—3 5 1
Amarillo	116	210	x	—11 14 2

Kyndall Dove and Payslee Sims. McAlpine and Sullivan. W — McAlpine. L — Dove. 2B — Amarillo: Hernandez, Lowery, Higgs 2, Sullivan. HR — GHS: Sims; Amarillo: Bradley, Lowery

IOWA PARK 7, GREENWOOD 6

Greenwood	400	020	0	—6 5 7
Iowa Park	402	010	x	—7 7 3

Kyndall Dove and Payslee Sims. Davis and England. W — Davis. L — Dove. 2B — GHS: Karcher; Iowa Park: Acosta, England. Greenmild

WTMC

From 1C

Then in the bottom of the seventh, Lake View made a push to not only break up Merryman's no-hit bid, but also potentially hand the Rangers a crushing loss.

After fanning Hart to open the half inning, Zach Mata reached on an error by first baseman Kesmond Andrews, who had the play made but dropped the ball.

The Chiefs' next batter — Julian Madero — reached on a fielder's choice out by shortstop Josh Urias, who made a diving play in the hole and just got a throw to Buffaloe in time at second base to eliminate Mata.

"I just couldn't be happier with Josh," Merryman said. "It was a pretty good play.

Catcher Vance Martinez scored the only run of the game for Greenwood in the fourth inning on a throwing error by Lake View shortstop Zac Robledo.

GREENWOOD 1, SAN ANGELO LAKE VIEW 0

Greenwood	000	100	0	—1 3 2
Lake View	000	000	0	—0 0 1

Dawson Merryman and Vance Martinez. Vernon Hart and Tanner Woods. W — Merryman. L — Hart. 2B — Greenwood: Sam Shaw.

Record: Greenwood 7-6

Next: Greenwood at Lubbock Estacado, 7 p.m. Thursday

OHS JV, Pecos, Monahans co-champs

The Odessa High JV team, Pecos and Monahans all finished the weekend with a 4-0 record and were the tournament's co-champions.

Since the three teams did not play each other, there was no head-to-head tiebreaker in play.

The Bronchos outscored their four opponents, 28-6, while Pecos won its four contests by a combined run margin of 44-7. Monahans outscored its opposition, 25-15 during the tournament.

MCA learns from tourney losses

The Knights capped off their WTMC slate with an 11-1 loss against OHS JV in the 10 a.m. game on Saturday at the Greenwood High School field.

MCA (0-5) lost all four of its games over the weekend, but head coach Eric Littleton said he continues to see progress from his incredibly young roster.

He has high hopes for his club over the rest of the season.

"Our young guys are still battling," Littleton said. "This tournament was a learning experience for us. From this point on, we'll be looking to compete a little better."

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West Texas March Classic
Thursday-Saturday
Thursday's Scores
Greenwood HS Field

Odessa High JV 5, Reagan County 3
Greenwood 14, MCA 0 (5 innings)
Greenwood 8, Alpine 6
Pecos 10, Reagan County 0
Alpine 10, San Angelo Lake View 2

Zachery Field

Monahans 5, MHS JV 4
Pecos 9, San Angelo Lake View 6
MHS JV 8, Presidio 0

Friday's Scores
Greenwood HS Field

Odessa High JV 8, Presidio 1
Monahans 4, Presidio 3
Odessa High JV 4, Greenwood 3
Monahans 7, San Angelo Lake View 4

Zachery Field

Pecos 19, MCA 1
MHS JV 11, MCA 3
Reagan County 8, Alpine 1

Saturday's Scores
Greenwood HS Field

Odessa High JV 11, MCA 1
Serenity Bank Shootout
Monahans 9, Reagan County 4
Pecos 8, Presidio 0
MHS JV 9, Alpine 6
Greenwood 1, San Angelo Lake View 0

Blues win 5-4 in OT to pull into tie with Stars atop West

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Alex Pietrangelo scored 2:11 into overtime after Jamie Benn pulled Dallas even late in regulation and St. Louis ended up tied with the Stars atop the Western Conference after the Blues' 5-4 win Saturday night.

It was the second straight night that the top spot in the West was on the line in Dallas after the Stars beat Chicago 5-2 with both teams tied atop the conference.

The Stars forced overtime with a 6-on-4 advantage in the final 2 minutes of the third period when Benn redirected Tyler Seguin's shot past Jake Allen.

The point for Dallas left both teams with 91 points with 12 games remaining. The Blackhawks have 88 points with 13 games to play.

Dallas' Jason Spezza had two goals for a six-game goal streak, the longest of his career.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	70	39	23	8	86	213	188
Florida	68	38	21	9	85	192	167
Tampa Bay	68	39	24	5	83	186	163
Detroit	68	34	23	11	79	173	181
Ottawa	70	32	30	8	72	202	218
Montreal	69	32	31	6	70	187	194
Buffalo	70	28	33	9	65	167	180
Toronto	67	22	34	11	55	159	201

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	67	49	13	5	103	217	155
N.Y. Rangers	68	39	22	7	85	194	176
N.Y. Islanders	66	37	21	8	82	190	166
Pittsburgh	67	35	24	8	78	183	170
Philadelphia	67	32	23	12	76	174	180
Carolina	69	31	26	12	74	170	186
New Jersey	68	32	29	7	71	151	170
Columbus	68	28	32	8	64	180	211

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	70	41	20	9	91	227	203
St. Louis	70	41	20	9	91	191	172
Chicago	69	41	22	6	88	195	168
Nashville	68	34	21	13	81	187	172
Minnesota	69	32	27	10	74	182	172
Colorado	70	35	31	4	74	188	196
Winnipeg	68	26	35	5	61	176	203

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	66	40	22	4	84	179	152
Anaheim	67	37	21	9	83	167	159
San Jose	67	37	24	6	80	198	177
Arizona	68	29	32	7	65	181	211
Vancouver	66	26	28	12	64	160	190
Calgary	68	28	35	5	61	182	213
Edmonton	70	27	36	7	61	169	205

NOTE: Two points for a win; one point for overtime loss

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores

Florida 5, Philadelphia 4, SO
Boston 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Buffalo 3, Carolina 2, OT
Detroit 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Minnesota 4, Montreal 1
Ottawa 4, Toronto 0
Winnipeg 3, Colorado 2
St. Louis 5, Dallas 4, OT
Arizona at Edmonton, late
Nashville at Vancouver, late
New Jersey at Los Angeles, late
Washington at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 11:30 a.m.
Tampa Bay at Columbus, 2 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

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NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 93
THUNDER 85

SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard scored 26 points and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 93-85 on Saturday night for their 41st straight home victory, the third-longest streak in NBA history.

The Spurs avenged a season-opening loss to the Thunder and made it 32 straight wins to open this season at home, where they haven't lost in the regular season since last March.

Only Golden State, which had won 47 in a row entering Saturday, and the Chicago teams that won 44 straight in 1995-96 had longer streaks.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 24 points and Tim Duncan had 11 for San Antonio, which extended its lead over Oklahoma City (44-22) to 12 games for the second seed in the Western Conference.

PACERS 112
MAVERICKS 105

DALLAS — Monta Ellis has watched Dirk Nowitzki take over plenty of games in the fourth quarter.

This time it was his job to make sure his old teammate didn't beat his new team.

Ellis scored 17 points in his return to Dallas, Paul George had 18 of his 20 in the second half and the Indiana Pacers extended the Mavericks' longest losing streak of the season to five games with a 112-105 victory Saturday.

Nowitzki scored 15 of his 30 points in the final quarter, and Dallas twice got within a point after trailing by 11 late in the third. George Hill had the answers for the Pacers, hitting three 3-pointers and getting 10 of his 16 points in the final quarter of the Pacers' third straight victory.

But Ellis did his part as well, getting two of his team-high seven assists on a couple of key baskets and pushing the lead back to seven late with a three-point play.

HORNETS 125
ROCKETS 109

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker scored 17 of his 26 points in the second half, and the Charlotte Hornets used a 27-8 run to open the fourth quarter and beat the Houston Rockets 125-109 Saturday night for their seventh straight victory.

Marvin Williams added 25 points, Jeremy Lin scored 16 and Al Jefferson added 10 rebounds and 10 assists for the Hornets, who have won 13 of their last 15 games during their recent playoff push.

Corey Brewer had 21 points and Dwight Howard added 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Rockets.

PISTONS 125
76ERS 111

PHILADELPHIA — Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 23 points, Tobias Harris added 21 and the Detroit Pistons used a big second half to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 125-111 on Saturday night.

Trailing 57-52 at halftime, the Pistons shot 15 for 20 in a 38-point third quarter and finished with 73 points over the final two periods while erasing two 10-point deficits.

Reggie Jackson scored 15 of his 24 points in the first half for the Pistons, who put all five starters in double figures. Andre Drummond had 19 points and 15 rebounds, while Marcus Morris also finished with 19 points.

Isaiah Canaan finished with 20 points for the Sixers. He and Pistons guard Steve Blake had a heated exchange in the fourth quarter that led to each being assessed a technical foul.

Caldwell-Pope hit a 3-pointer at the end of the third quarter to put the Pistons ahead by three and that momentum carried into the fourth quarter as the Sixers couldn't slow down the Pistons.

HAWKS 95
GRIZZLIES 83

ATLANTA — Paul Millsap scored 21 points, and the Atlanta Hawks beat the depleted Memphis Grizzlies 95-83 on Saturday night.

Al Horford had 19 points and Jeff Teague scored 18 for Atlanta, which grabbed the lead by closing the first half with a 30-10 run.

Before the game, the Grizzlies said guard Mike Conley will miss at least three to four weeks with Achilles tendinitis in his left foot. Conley missed his fourth straight game.

Memphis had won two of its last three without Conley, but appeared to wear down while playing for the second straight night. The Grizzlies' long list of injured players also includes center Chris Andersen and forward Zach Randolph.

Lance Stephenson scored 18 points for Memphis, and Tony Allen had 15.

Randolph missed his fourth straight game with a sore right knee. Coach David Joerger said Vince Carter (left calf) was feeling "much better." Carter was in uniform but did not play.

BUCKS 103
PELICANS 92

MILWAUKEE — Khris Middleton scored 19 points, Giannis Antetokounmpo added 18 and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the New Orleans Pelicans 103-92 on Saturday night.

Jerryd Bayless had 17 points for Milwaukee, which put six players in double figures and snapped a six-game losing streak to New Orleans that dated to 2012.

Anthony Davis had 29 points and 11 rebounds for the Pelicans, who have lost seven of eight. Luke Babbitt added 16 points and nine rebounds, both season highs. He also logged a season-high 38 minutes.

Milwaukee used a 14-2 run midway through the fourth, capped by Jabari Parker's dunk, to build a 15-point margin and gain control of the game.

Milwaukee led 55-52 at the half as New Orleans made just three of 19 3-pointers.

After trailing for nearly all the first half, New Orleans grabbed a 69-68 lead midway through the third, but Milwaukee held a 77-71 lead heading to the fourth.

RAPTORS 112
HEAT 104, OT

TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan matched his season high with 38 points and added 10 rebounds as the Toronto Raptors beat the Miami Heat 112-104 in overtime on Saturday night.

Jonas Valanciunas added 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Kyle Lowry chipped in with 16 points for the Raptors, who secured the season series against the Heat for the second straight season, as well as a potential playoff tiebreaker should they finish with the same record.

Joe Johnson had 28 points while Luol Deng added 20 for the Heat, who have lost five of their last six games against Toronto.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	44	20	.688	—
Boston	39	27	.591	6
New York	27	40	.403	18½
Brooklyn	18	47	.277	26½
Philadelphia	9	57	.136	36

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	38	28	.576	—
Charlotte	37	28	.569	½
Atlanta	37	29	.561	1
Washington	30	34	.469	7
Orlando	28	36	.438	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	46	18	.719	—
Indiana	35	30	.538	11½
Detroit	34	32	.515	13
Chicago	32	32	.500	14
Milwaukee	28	38	.424	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	56	10	.848	—
Memphis	39	27	.591	17
Houston	33	33	.500	23
Dallas	33	33	.500	23
New Orleans	24	41	.369	31½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	44	22	.667	—
Portland	34	32	.515	10
Utah	30	35	.462	13½
Denver	27	38	.415	16½
Minnesota	21	45	.318	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Golden State	58	6	.906	—
L.A. Clippers	42	22	.656	16
Sacramento	25	39	.391	33
Phoenix	17	48	.262	41½
L.A. Lakers	14	52	.212	45

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores

Indiana 112, Dallas 105
Toronto 112, Miami 104, OT
Detroit 125, Philadelphia 111
Charlotte 125, Houston 109
Milwaukee 103, New Orleans 92
Atlanta 95, Memphis 83
San Antonio 93, Oklahoma City 85
Washington at Denver, late
Phoenix at Golden State, late
Orlando at Portland, late

Today's Games

Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
New York at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

LADY CHAPS

From 1C

Bretherton said. "We've worked hard and we're a great team that gets along, so that helps us out as well. We definitely deserve to be there. I hope we do well, I hope we make it all the way."

The Lady Chaps are certainly not content to just be there. They think that if they play well together, they have a shot to make a run at a national title.

"I think it's another chance to prove ourselves," said sophomore post Walmaia Wright, the Western Junior College Athletic Conference MVP. "We just can't be happy to be there. We have to give it all we've got to win nationals. We just have to play hard and be aggressive. It's the same thing that we've had to do all year."

Added Zambelli: "We can win, definitely. I think we got everything we need to be a good team. We just have to work all together as posts and guards. I think we can be great. We need to bring great energy and if we follow the coach's game plan, we can do really well."

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Associated Press

Texas A&M players celebrate from the bench during the second half of a game against LSU in the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday.

No. 17 Texas A&M trounces LSU 71-38 in SEC Tournament

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The 17th-ranked Texas A&M Aggies will play for their first conference tournament title since 1987, just not in the way they expected.

Their latest win was much too easy.

Tonny Trocha-Morales scored 13 points as Texas A&M trounced LSU and freshman star Ben Simmons 71-38 on Saturday to reach the Aggies' first conference tournament championship game since 1994.

"You don't envision beating someone by 40 in the semifinal game before you try and go to the championship, but that's just how the game played out," Aggies senior guard Alex Caruso said. "They kind of withered down as we got stronger."

Texas A&M (26-7) will play for the Southeastern Conference Tournament title on Sunday after sharing the regular-season crown with No. 16 Kentucky. It will face either the Wildcats or Georgia.

Texas A&M, winners of eight straight, hadn't reached a conference tourney championship since losing to Texas 22 years ago in the Southwest Conference.

The Aggies announced a new five-year deal with coach Billy Kennedy before tipoff, and then they proved he deserved it by routing the last team to beat them back on Feb. 13.

"Obviously, I'm thrilled with the effort that we played with, especially on the defensive end," Kennedy said.

Jalen Jones added 12 points and Admon Gilder had 10. The Aggies not only held LSU to a season-low in both points and made field goals (13) but also the fewest points scored by a team in any major conference this season, according to STATS LLC.

Simmons finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds for fourth-seeded LSU (19-14). The Tigers were the first team held below 40 in this tournament since Mississippi State in 1985.

"Very disappointing for us to find and pick the day to have a bad shooting day and not get anything to go," LSU coach Johnny Jones said.

The Tigers beat the Aggies 76-71 in Baton Rouge but looked nothing like that team in this game.

The Aggies missed five of their first six shots before Trocha-Morelos hit a 3-pointer that woke them up with 13:29 left, starting them on what wound up a crushing 32-5 run. Gilder punctuated the performance by beating the buzzer with a 3-pointer for a 35-13 lead at intermission.

LSU led 8-3 in the opening minutes and had a 13-5 edge in rebounding when Tocha-Morelos hit his second 3 to tie it up at 9 with 11:40 left in the half. That's when the Tigers' mistakes caught up with them and LSU fell apart with a simply ghastly performance. The Tigers wound up with more turnovers (11) than made shots (five) by halftime as they missed their final 14 shots.

Tim Quarterman hit two 3s within the first 2 minutes of the second half to pull the score to 39-19. The Tigers never got any closer. Texas A&M spent much of the second half throwing down big dunks that had the Aggies jumping up and down on the bench.

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

SETON HALL 69
NO. 3 VILLANOVA 67

NEW YORK — Isaiah Whitehead scored 26 points, including the deciding three-point play with 18 seconds left, and Seton Hall won the Big East Tournament for the first time in 23 years, beating No. 3 Villanova 69-67 on Saturday at Madison Square Garden.

Whitehead drove on the right side, flipped the ball in and was fouled. His free throw gave the Pirates a 68-67 lead. Villanova had two more chances sandwiched around a free throw by Angel Delgado, but the Pirates held on and beat the top-seeded defending champions.

It was Seton Hall's third tournament title, the others coming in 1991 and 1993.

NO. 2 MICHIGAN STATE 64
NO. 18 MARYLAND 61

INDIANAPOLIS — Denzel Valentine had 18 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds to lead Michigan State past Maryland in the Big Ten Tournament semifinal.

The league's player of the year sealed it with two free throws with 0.8 seconds to go, and Melo Trimble's desperation heave from 55 feet away didn't get past midcourt.

Michigan State (28-5) has won 12 of 13 and will face No. 13 Purdue in Sunday's title game.

Robert Carter Jr. had 18 points and eight rebounds to lead Maryland. Trimble finished with 11 points.

NO. 13 PURDUE 76
MICHIGAN 59

INDIANAPOLIS — A.J. Hammons had 27 points and 11 rebounds, and Purdue beat Michigan to advance to the Big Ten Tournament championship.

Hammons made 11 of 17 shots, mostly from inside. Vince Edwards added 13 points, and Isaac Haas finished with 11.

Purdue (26-7) is seeking its first Big Ten Tournament title since 2009.

Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman led Michigan with 15 points.

Eighth-seeded Michigan (22-12) was playing its third game in three days.

NO. 16 KENTUCKY 93
GEORGIA 80

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jamal Murray scored 26 points, Tyler Ulis added 25 and both keyed a late 11-3 run that helped Kentucky put away Georgia in a semifinal of the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

Isaiah Briscoe's putback with 8:16 left put the Wildcats up 68-67 and Murray followed with two free throws. After Houston Kessler's jumper got Georgia within one, Ulis scored five points while Murray made a layup during the critical run that pushed second-seeded Kentucky ahead to stay and into Sunday's championship.

KANSAS

From 1C

baskets.

Trading turnovers, too. They combined for 24 of those in the first half.

Williams was the difference-maker, scoring 18 points on 7-for-7 shooting. That helped the Mountaineers cover a 0-for-7 performance from beyond the arc and forge a 33-32 halftime advantage.

It didn't stay that way for long.

With his infectious aura and devil-may-care attitude, Graham began to take over for the Jayhawks in the second half. He knocked down a 3-pointer immediately out of the locker room, then curled in two more in quick succession to give Kansas a 51-39 lead with just under 15 minutes to go.

West Virginia's vaunted press, so effective early in the game, had been reduced to shreds.

Attrition and foul trouble also began to play a role. Williams appeared gassed in the closing minutes, and Carter and Daxter Miles Jr. had to play with four fouls apiece down the stretch.

The remarkable depth of the Jayhawks became apparent as Self kept sending wave after wave of long, talented players onto the floor. And no matter what combination he used, Kansas never seemed to get too far out of rhythm, holding the Mountaineers at bay in the closing minutes.

When the final buzzer sounded, the Jayhawks celebrated in a business-like manner — as if they had known all along the outcome was inevitable. They shook hands with West Virginia, gathered together in front of the bench and patiently awaited their coronation as the league's best one more time.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Saturday's scores

MEN
TOURNAMENT

America East Conference Championship
Stony Brook 80, Vermont 74
American Athletic Conference Semifinals
Memphis 74, Tulane 54
UConn 77, Temple 62
Atlantic 10 Conference Semifinals
Saint Joseph's 82, Dayton 79
VCU 78, Davidson 54
Big 12 Conference Championship
Kansas 81, West Virginia 71
Big East Conference Championship
Seton Hall 69, Villanova 67
Big Ten Conference Semifinals
Michigan St. 64, Maryland 61
Purdue 76, Michigan 59
Conference USA Championship
Middle Tennessee 55, Old Dominion 53
Mid-American Conference Championship
Buffalo 84, Akron 61
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship
Hampton 81, SC State 69
Mountain West Conference Championship
Fresno St. 66, San Diego St. 63
Southeastern Conference Semifinals
Kentucky 93, Georgia 80
Texas A&M 71, LSU 38
Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship
Southern U. 94, Jackson St. 53
Sun Belt Conference Semifinals
Louisiana-Monroe 82, Texas-Arlington 81
UALR 72, Louisiana-Lafayette 65

WOMEN
TOURNAMENT

Big Sky Conference Championship
Idaho 67, Idaho St. 55
Big South Conference Semifinals
Liberty 51, Radford 41
UNC Asheville 65, Presbyterian 55
Big West Conference Championship
Hawaii 78, UC Davis 59
Colonial Athletic Association Championship
James Madison 60, Drexel 46
Conference USA Championship
Middle Tennessee 70, Old Dominion 54
Horizon League Semifinals
Green Bay 60, N. Kentucky 78, 2OT
Milwaukee 68, Wright St. 60
Mid-American Conference Championship
Buffalo 73, Cent. Michigan 71, OT
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship
NC A&T 65, Coppin St. 46
Missouri Valley Conference Semifinals
Missouri St. 85, Drake 61
N. Iowa 67, S. Illinois 43
NCAA Division II Second Round
Alaska-Anchorage 83, Cal Baptist 79
Augusta 81, Anderson (SC) 73
Benedict 69, Nova Southeastern 67
Bentley 77, Queens (NY) 67
Drury 86, Ashland 60
Emporia St. 66, Winona St. 62
Francis Marion 67, Columbus St. 58
Grand Valley St. 83, Saginaw Valley St. 56
Lubbock Christian 101, Angelo St. 72
NY Tech 72, American International 69
Virginia Union 75, Wheeling Jesuit 66
West Liberty 68, California (Pa.) 62
West Texas A&M 63, Black Hills St. 48
NCAA Division III Quarterfinals
Amherst 78, Rochester 50
Thomas More 88, Washington (Mo.) 72
Tufts 57, Scranton 48
Wartburg 80, Texas-Tyler 74
Patriot League Championship
Army 69, Loyola (Md.) 51
Southland Conference Semifinals
Cent. Arkansas 72, McNeese St. 64
Sam Houston St. 78, Northwestern St. 71
Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship
Alabama St. 55, Southern U. 51
Sun Belt Conference Championship
Troy 61, UALR 60
Western Athletic Conference Championship
New Mexico St. 80, Texas Rio Grande Valley 53

Today's games

MEN
TOURNAMENTS

American Athletic Conference
At Orlando, Fla.
Championship
Semifinal winners, 2:15 p.m.
Atlantic 10 Conference
At Brooklyn, N.Y.
Championship
Semifinal winners, Noon
Big Ten Conference
At Indianapolis
Championship
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.
Southeastern Conference
At Nashville, Tenn.
Championship
Semifinal winners, Noon
Sun Belt Conference
At New Orleans
Championship
Semifinal winners, Noon

WOMEN
TOURNAMENTS

Atlantic Sun Conference
At Higher-Seeded Teams
Championship
Jacksonville vs. Florida Gulf Coast, 1 p.m.
Big South Conference
At Asheville, N.C.
Championship
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.
Horizon League
At Green Bay, Wis.
Championship
Semifinal winners, Noon
Missouri Valley Conference
At Moline, Ill.
Championship
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.
Northeast Conference
At Higher-Seeded Teams
Championship
Robert Morris vs. Sacred Heart, 2 p.m.
Southland Conference
At Katy, Texas
Championship
Semifinal winners, 11:30 a.m.

Kyle Busch takes Phoenix for 3rd straight Xfinity Series win

By Mike Cranston
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Kyle Busch made it 3 for 3 in the Xfinity Series this season, cruising to another victory at Phoenix International Raceway on Saturday.

A week after leading all but one lap at Las Vegas, Busch led 175 of 200 laps on the mile oval to win for the record 79th time in the second-tier series.

Busch also posted a dominating win at Atlanta. He didn't race in the opener at Daytona.

In the past three weeks, Busch has led 493 of 563 laps.

"Some people will say I'm a failure for just joining this field," the Sprint Cup regular said. "I get plenty of criticism, whether I'm winning, losing or participating. For me, I don't really pay attention to any of that. I do what I need to do to help support my team."

Busch's biggest obstacle was lapped traffic and the lone competition his Joe Gibbs Racing teammates. Busch and series rookie Erik Jones raced side-by-side for several laps before their green-flag pitstops with 24 laps left. Busch beat Jones to the line and built as much as a 3-second edge.

When Brad Keselowski finally pitted with 13 laps left, Busch took the lead for good and secured his ninth Xfinity Series win in 20 races at Phoenix.

"A knack for this place, I guess," Busch said. "We've been off a little bit on the (Sprint) Cup side for years, but this year we seem to be a lot better. ... The Xfinity Series program has always been good. I'm not sure why."



Associated Press

Kyle Busch celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series auto race at Phoenix International Raceway on Saturday in Avondale, Ariz.

Jones finished second, 2.3 seconds back. Daniel Suarez, who scraped the wall early, was third. It gave JGR a top-three sweep for the second straight week.

"That pit stop we lost a lot of ground to him," Jones said about Busch. "It just got too tight after that and he ran away."

Busch started third behind Jones and Suarez on the sunny and breezy day and shot to the lead on the sixth lap. He worked his way from fourth to first after three drivers took only two tires on a mid-race pitstop.

Justin Allgaier finished fourth and Chase Elliott fifth.

With Elliott winning at Daytona, a Sprint Cup regular has won every Xfinity race this season.

The series switched to a playoff format similar to the Sprint Cup this season. But Jones and Suarez haven't been able to take advantage of the win-and-you're-in format, not with their teammate dominating.

"They made me run hard all day long," Busch said about his JGR mates. "There's nothing left in this car."

Suarez opened an eight-point lead over Elliott Sadler in the season standings. Sadler finished eighth.

Haas builds lead at Innisbrook

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Bill Haas was looking for a spark and knew just where to find it.

He called his dad.

Jay Haas is a nine-time PGA Tour and two-time Presidents Cup captain, and the only person Bill Haas trusts when it comes to golf. So he asked his father to come down to the Valspar Championship earlier in the week, hopeful "he would have the magical touch."

It appears to be working.

Haas worked his way through the wind on another tough day and chipped in for birdie one the par-3 15th hole on his way to a 4-under 67, giving him a one-shot lead over Graham DeLaet of Canada going into the final round at Innisbrook.

It was one shot on the fifth hole of a practice round Tuesday. Jay Haas suggested that his son use an abbreviated follow on his swing so that it would force him to get his hands through the ball quicker and avoid shots that were leaking to the right.

"He came up with the swing thought I've had for three days, and I'm leading," Haas said. "Without him coming down, I might not even have made the weekend. It was very valuable."

And if it doesn't hold up on Sunday?

"If it goes south, I can blame him," Haas said with a laugh.

Haas was at 8-under 205

DeLaet, now sporting a beard that would make Old Tom Morris proud, pounded a 3-wood out of the rough and over the water to 3 feet on the par-5 14th for an eagle that shot him up the leaderboard, and he finished with a 68 to get into the last group.

Haas is as honest as any golfer at the highest level. He realizes he can play a solid round Sunday and it might not be enough because of the players behind him — that includes defending champion Jordan Spieth — and the nature of the Copperhead course. This is the first stop on the Florida swing where no one has shot better than 66.

DeLaet, still looking for his first PGA Tour victory, sounds more determined than ever. This is a great chance to win. He wants to grab it.

"Every time in this position I kind of say the politically correct things," he said. "I'm going to go and win this golf tournament tomorrow. That's my plan."

It's still up in the grabs on Sunday because of Innisbrook, which takes shots away more often than it gives up birdies. Six players were within four shots of the lead, and even Spieth believes he is still in the mix.

Spieth, who opened his title defense with a 76, made the cut with one shot to spare on Friday and moved into a tie for ninth on Saturday with a bogey-free 67 in which he holed a long eagle putt and made a pair of key par saves coming in.

"To think after the first round that I go Saturday night be able to sleep with a chance to win the golf tournament, I'm very pleased with that," Spieth said.

Charley Hoffman (67) and Ryan Moore (69) were three shots behind.

Charles Howell III had a 70 and was four shots behind, though still has a reasonable chance to win and earn a return to the Masters, which motivates the Augusta, Georgia, native this time of the year. He was amazed to still be this close to the lead.

Power leads Team Penske parade in St. Pete qualifying

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Not even illness could slow Will Power on the streets of St. Petersburg.

Power led a Team Penske sweep of the top four spots in qualifying for the IndyCar season-opener, and he did it in record time.

Power broke his own track record three times Saturday. His best time around the streets of St. Petersburg was in the second session, but he won the pole in the third session at 1 minute, 0.2450 seconds. The record set in his second session was 1:00.0658.

It was Power's sixth pole at St. Pete in nine career races. The Australian has won 43 career poles.

Power downplayed the qualifying session, but praised his Penske team for repairing his car after he wrecked on Friday.

"Had to replace the whole rear end. First-class team, I love driving for Team Penske," he said.

Power is a two-time winner at St. Pete but didn't reveal much in terms of his strategy for the race Sunday.

"We'll be good, do our thing and see what happens," he said.

He later admitted he wasn't feeling well and skipped the post-qualifying news conference.

"Unfortunately, I've been feeling pretty ill all day," he said. "It was a struggle to get through qualifying, honestly, but we were able to do it ... I just started feeling a lot worse. I'll try to get some good rest tonight and come back ready to race on Sunday."

Simon Pagenaud qualified second and was followed by Helio Castroneves and Juan Pablo Montoya, the defending race winner. The four Penske drivers will try to give owner Roger Penske his eighth win in 12 tries at St. Pete.

Scott Dixon qualified fifth as Chevrolets took the top five spots. But the reigning IndyCar champion wasn't pleased with the session.

"It's tough to see the Penske's in the top four spots," Dixon said.

NOT A GOOD DAY: It was a miserable qualifying session for Andretti Autosport, which failed to advance three of its four drivers out of the first round. Marco Andretti, Carlos Munoz and Alexander Rossi were eliminated in the first group, while Ryan Hunter-Reay made it out of his group into the second round. Andretti appeared angry as he exited his car, and Munoz said "as a team, we were not competitive in qualifying."

LISTEN TO ME: Sebastien Bourdais had a heated exchange with Mikhail Aleshin following Saturday's practice session: Bourdais was upset that the Russian driver pulled out in front of him as Bourdais was trying to make a fast lap.

PRO GOLF SCORES

Valspar Championship

Saturday
At Innisbrook Resort, Copperhead Course
Palm Harbor, Fla.
Purse: $6.1 million
Yardage: 7,340; Par 71
Third Round

Bill Haas	71-67-67—205
Graham DeLaet	72-66-68—206
Charley Hoffman	69-72-67—208
Ryan Moore	70-69-69—208
Patrick Reed	71-70-68—209
Charles Howell III	67-72-70—209
Steve Stricker	71-66-72—209
Charl Schwartzel	71-70-69—210
Lee McCoy	74-71-66—211
Jordan Spieth	76-68-67—211
Jason Gore	72-72-67—211
John Huh	71-71-69—211
Henrik Stenson	71-70-70—211
Justin Thomas	72-67-72—211
Retief Goosen	70-69-72—211
Scott Brown	70-69-72—211
Daniel Berger	70-68-73—211
Will MacKenzie	70-67-74—211
Danny Lee	70-72-70—212
Louis Oosthuzen	72-70-70—212
Sung Kang	72-68-72—212
Jerry Kelly	70-69-73—212
Sam Saunders	74-71-68—213
Shawn Stefani	73-72-68—213
Daniel Summerhays	71-73-69—213
Danny Willett	70-72-71—213
Jamie Lovemark	70-71-72—213
K.J. Choi	74-67-72—213
George McNeill	74-66-73—213
Brandon Grace	72-72-70—214
Justin Hicks	72-72-70—214
Patton Kizzire	71-73-70—214
Russell Knox	75-69-70—214
Brandon Hagy	70-73-71—214
Greg Yates	69-73-72—214
Kevin Na	74-68-72—214
Tyler Aldridge	70-72-72—214
Cameron Smith	70-71-73—214
Camilo Villegas	72-73-70—215
Justin Leonard	72-72-71—215
Luke Donald	75-69-71—215
Thomas Aiken	75-69-71—215
Jason Dufner	72-71-72—215
Whee Kim	72-71-72—215
Steve Wheatcroft	73-68-74—215
Matt Kuchar	71-70-74—215
Vijay Singh	75-70-71—216
Padraig Harrington	74-71-71—216
Ryan Palmer	71-74-71—216
Hunter Mahan	73-72-71—216
Gary Woodland	73-72-71—216
Hiroshi Iwata	71-74-71—216
Will Wilcox	72-71-73—216
Brett Stegmaier	71-72-73—216
Ken Duke	67-73-76—216
Kyle Reifers	71-73-73—217
Chez Reavie	69-75-73—217
Rory Sabbatini	73-71-73—217
Jonas Blixt	70-73-74—217
Seung-Yul Noh	71-71-75—217
Matt Every	70-74-74—218
Blayne Barber	71-72-75—218
Ian Poulter	72-71-75—218
Mark Hubbard	71-73-75—219
Chris Kirk	72-72-75—219
Mark Wilson	74-69-76—219
Kyle Stanley	73-69-77—219
Carlos Ortiz	74-69-77—220
Hudson Swafford	73-71-77—221
Chesson Hadley	68-76-77—221
Kevin Chappell	72-72-76—222

Thailand Classic

Saturday
At Black Mountain Golf Club
Hua Hin, Thailand
Purse: $1.75 million
Yardage: 7,492; Par: 72
Third Round

Scott Hend, Australia	68-64-70—202
Peter Uihlein, United States	64-71-69—204
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	73-68-66—205
Pelle Edberg, Sweden	65-67-73—205
Benjamin Hebert, France	72-64-70—206
David Lipsky, United States	67-68-71—206
Shaun Norris, South Africa	67-68-71—206
Prom Meesawat, Thailand	68-70-69—207
Panuphol Pittayarat, Thailand	68-65-74—207
Simon Yates, Scotland	67-68-72—207
Brad Kefberg, Sweden	69-71-68—208
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	69-69-70—208
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	70-68-70—208
Marc Warren, Scotland	68-68-72—208
Piya Swangarunporn, Thailand	68-68-72—208
Also	
Paul Peterson, United States	70-70-71—211
Brett Munson, United States	70-70-75—215
Casey O'Toole, United States	70-72-74—216
Anthony Kang, United States	68-71-77—216

AUTO RACING STATISTICS

Phoenix lineup

After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Phoenix International Raceway
Avondale, Ariz.
Lap length: 1 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 138.387 mph.
2. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 137.515.
3. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 137.426.
4. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 137.394.
5. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 137.174.
6. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 137.174.
7. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 137.033.
8. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 136.934.
9. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 136.773.
10. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 136.752.
11. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 136.555.
12. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 136.307.
13. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 137.247.
14. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 137.216.
15. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 137.091.
16. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 137.028.
17. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 136.971.
18. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 136.803.
19. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 136.851.
20. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 136.576.
21. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 136.503.
22. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 136.488.
23. (83) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 136.395.
24. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 137.19.
25. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 135.537.
26. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 135.527.
27. (38) Landon Cassill, Ford, 135.394.
28. (14) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 135.389.
29. (23) David Ragan, Toyota, 135.206.
30. (44) Brian Scott, Ford, 134.917.
31. (7) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 134.514.
32. (34) Chris Buescher, Ford, 134.429.
33. (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 134.068.
34. (99) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 133.67.
35. (15) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 133.072.
36. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 132.895.
37. (30) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 132.797.
38. (46) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 132.768.
39. (32) Joey Gase, Ford, 132.543.

XFinity results

Saturday
At Phoenix International Raceway
Avondale, Ariz.
Lap length: 1 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (3) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200 laps, 149.7 rating, 0 points.
2. (1) Erik Jones, Toyota, 200, 122.4, 40.
3. (2) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 200, 119.6, 38.
4. (10) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200, 114, 37.
5. (5) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200, 107.8, 0.
6. (4) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 107.7, 36.
7. (8) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 100.6, 0.
8. (16) Elliot Sadler, Chevrolet, 200, 93.4, 33.
9. (7) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 200, 101.6, 0.
10. (17) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 200, 86.8, 31.
11. (6) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 200, 91.1, 30.
12. (9) Darrell Wallace Jr., Ford, 199, 91.5, 29.
13. (11) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 199, 85, 28.
14. (13) Ryan Reed, Ford, 199, 81, 27.
15. (14) Justin Marks, Chevrolet, 199, 78.8, 26.
16. (12) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 199, 74.2, 25.
17. (15) Jeb Burton, Ford, 199, 75.2, 24.
18. (28) Dakoda Armstrong, Toyota, 198, 65.7, 23.
19. (26) Dylan Lupton, Chevrolet, 198, 65.2, 22.
20. (23) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 198, 66.5, 21.
21. (24) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 197, 58.3, 20.
22. (22) David Starr, Toyota, 197, 52.6, 19.
23. (18) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, 196, 59.3, 0.
24. (19) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 196, 63.8, 17.
25. (25) Ray Black Jr., Chevrolet, 196, 52.3, 16.
26. (27) T.J. Bell, Toyota, 196, 52.3, 15.
27. (21) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 195, 66, 14.
28. (20) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 195, 58.4, 13.
29. (35) B.J. McLeod, Ford, 194, 43.6, 12.
30. (38) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 194, 40.3, 11.
31. (34) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 194, 42.3, 10.
32. (31) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, 193, 45.8, 0.
33. (36) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 191, 36.8, 8.
34. (37) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, 191, 32.6, 7.
35. (32) Mario Gosselin, Chevrolet, 190, 40, 6.
36. (33) DJ Kennington, Dodge, 190, 33, 5.
37. (40) Todd Peck, Ford, 188, 27.3, 4.
38. (39) Mike Harmon, Dodge, 182, 28.3, 3.
39. (30) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, overheating, 11, 28.5, 2.
40. (29) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 5, 23.2, 1.

INDYCAR lineup

After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At St. Petersburg Street Circuit
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Lap length: 1.8 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (12) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 107.581 mph.
2. (22) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 107.21.
3. (3) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 107.108.
4. (2) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-Chevrolet, 107.052.
5. (9) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevrolet, 107.038.
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8. (11) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Chevrolet, 106.805.
9. (5) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda, 106.803.
10. (41) Jack Hawksworth, Dallara-Honda, 106.721.
11. (14) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 106.274.
12. (21) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 106.13.
13. (26) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda, 105.907.
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15. (27) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 105.81.
16. (19) Luca Filippi, Dallara-Honda, 105.634.
17. (8) Max Chilton, Dallara-Chevrolet, 105.302.
18. (7) Mikhail Aleshin, Dallara-Honda, 105.721.
19. (98) Alexander Rossi, Dallara-Honda, 105.23.
20. (10) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet-405.638.
21. (18) Conor Daly, Dallara-Honda, 104.62.
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An AL East primer for fantasy baseball players

By Christopher Hadorn
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The American League East is expected to be one of most intriguing divisions in baseball, as all five teams have postseason hopes if circumstances break right for them.

Some of the most attractive fantasy pieces in this division include Baltimore Orioles third baseman Manny Machado, center fielder Mookie Betts and pitcher David Price of the Boston Red Sox, Tampa Bay Rays ace Chris Archer and the Toronto Blue Jays' triumvirate of sluggers — third baseman Josh Donaldson, first baseman Edwin Encarnacion and right fielder Jose Bautista.

Upon Aroldis Chapman's return from a 30-game suspension, the New York Yankees will feature a back end bullpen for the ages, which will include Major League Baseball's only three relievers (Chapman, Andrew Miller, Dellin Betances) that eclipsed 100 strikeouts in 2015.

These players are known commodities and will be highly sought after in auctions and drafts. Here are some lesser known A.L. East players that can help you this season:

Baltimore Orioles

Poised for a breakout
Jonathan Schoop, 2B

The Curacao native brings big time power to a position dearth of sluggers. He clubbed 10 home runs and recorded a .461 slugging percentage in 271 second-half plate appearances.

Don't forget about
Matt Wieters, C

The former can't miss, super-prospect has lost some luster following his Tommy John surgery setback, but he still brings a solid foundation of hitting skills and a promising pre-injury track record to the table.

Boston Red Sox

Worth a low investment
Clay Buchholz, RHP

Buchholz has frustrated fantasy managers time after time with his injury history, but he quietly demonstrated strong peripherals in 2015. If his stock plummets in a draft or auction, he's worthy of a low-risk flier.

Future star
Yoan Moncada, 2B

The Cuban is a well-rounded hitter that brings elite base stealing ability, successful on 49 of 52 stolen base attempts in his 2015 North American professional debut. This is a keeper league gem even though his 2016 major league arrival is a long shot.

New York Yankees

Sleeper
Aaron Hicks, OF

Hicks stands as the Yankees' fourth outfielder now, but he has a chance to be a mainstay given the health concerns surrounding veterans Jacoby Ellsbury and Carlos Beltran. His performance versus right-handed pitchers are worrisome, but made across the board improvements in walk rate, making contact and hitting for power during the 2015 second half.

Another sleeper
Rob Refsnyder, 2B/3B/OF

The offseason acquisition of second baseman Starlin Castro appeared to stonewall Refsnyder, but the Yankees appear willing to try him out at third base and in the outfield — his college position — to get his bat into the lineup. Refsnyder has a chance to top double digits in both homers and stolen bases at his fantasy position of second base.

Tampa Bay Rays

Post-hype sleeper
Brad Miller, SS/2B/OF

Miller was a popular sleeper in preseason 2014 before stumbling in Seattle to the tune of a .221 average. The Rays acquired Miller via trade in November and have welcomed him with open arms, calling him their everyday shortstop. The versatile Miller enjoyed incremental increases in his offensive skills in 2015. He has a chance to post 15 homers/15 steals this season.

Health is only holding him back
Drew Smyly, LHP

Smyly averaged an eye-popping 10.4 strikeouts per nine innings in 2015, but a partially torn labrum limited him to only 12 starts. After resting the shoulder, Smyly finished with a 4-0 record, a 2.50 ERA and averaged 11.3 strikeouts per nine innings in September.

Toronto Blue Jays

Post-hype sleeper
Dalton Pompey, OF

Pompey was thrust into a starting role at the start of 2015 even though he had only 183 minor league at-bats above Single-A. He flopped in the majors, but went on to log much needed at-bats against higher minors pitching and had success. Michael Saunders is getting the first crack at the left field job, but the oft-injured outfielder is only keeping it warm for Pompey, a strong source of steals.

Invest with confidence
Marcus Stroman, RHP

A spring training knee injury limited Stroman to only four regular starts in 2015. When he returned, the diminutive Stroman demonstrated the profile of a No. 3 starter with a heavy ground ball rate and a propensity to get ahead of the count. He has a stable floor and an impressive array of pitches to show further growth.

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FLORIDA

Gossage does not regret criticism of Bautista and Cespedes

TAMPA — One day later, Hall of Famer Goose Gossage did not regret his criticism of Toronto star Jose Bautista and New York Mets slugger Yoenis Cespedes for their home-run celebrations during last year's playoffs.

Girardi met Friday with New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman and manager Joe Girardi.

"I was passed the torch, a certain way to act," said Gossage, a Yankees spring training guest instructor. "Flipping the bat is not part of it. All the things that I said, Bautista just came into mind. I was asked a question and got it off my chest. Hopefully, they think about it.

"Nobody else is going to tell them not to do it. None of their teammates. Act like (Derek) Jeter, act like Mo (Mariano Rivera). Act like a professional. That's all."

Gossage called Bautista a "disgrace to the game" during an interview with ESPN on Thursday.

"He's embarrassing to all the Latin players, whoever played before him," Gossage said. "Throwing his bat and acting like a fool, like all those guys in Toronto. Cespedes, same thing."

Bautista memorably flipped his bat after hitting a three-run homer that gave the Blue Jays the lead in the seventh inning in Game 5 of the AL Division Series against Texas.

After his outing Friday against Boston, Toronto pitcher Marcus Stroman wore a blue "JOEY FLIP-PIN' BATS" T-shirt that included a caricature of Bautista's bat flip. Stroman views Bautista as a role model, adding: "you just have to adapt to the times."

"Everyone is not the same. Everyone is not cookie-cutter," Stroman said. "People go about their business differently. Some guys are emotional, some guys aren't. But it's not a bad thing if guys are emotional. We put in a ton of work, so we are allowed to show emotion out there on the field, and I'll back that every single day."

Cespedes added his own highlight bat flip after a home run during Game 3 of the NL Division Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I just kind of lost my mind there for a minute," Gossage said. "You're talking to an old-school guy, man. And there are things I have a hard time with."

Gossage also said in Thursday's interview that baseball is becoming a joke because of the nerds running it.

"They expressed where they were coming from with the analytics," Gossage said. "I understood some things where they were coming from, and it was a good meeting."

Girardi said Gossage is very passionate and loves the game.

"We just tried to point out some things that we do, and how the game has changed," Girardi said. "It's just the evolution of sports."

When it comes to bat flips, Girardi maintained they are part of the game.

"It's been going on for a while," he said. "It's not something that I would encourage for anyone to do. It's not something that I ever did. I think emotion is good in the game, as long as you're not intentionally showing someone up."

FLORIDA

Cardinals want Piscotty to concentrate on right field

JUPITER — There's a crowd of candidates to play first base for the St. Louis Cardinals. More than enough that budding star Stephen Piscotty can concentrate on mastering right field.

Earlier this week, manager Mike Matheny said getting Piscotty work at first base was "not a huge priority."

"Right now I just don't see it as being the best use of his time," Matheny said. "Things change and I know he's done enough work to do whatever we ask."

The 25-year-old Piscotty arrived at spring training preparing for both spots, but he's fine with the plan. The NL Central champions need his bat, wherever they put him.

"I'm still preparing to do whatever they need and whenever I get the opportunity to take some ground balls I will, but if I had to make a choice between the two, it would be the outfield," Piscotty said. "I like parts of both, but my skills fit better in the outfield."

Keeping an open mind is a positive. Versatility increases value beyond the potent bat.

"We believe he can be a plus defender in the outfield, and I don't think he's the kind of kid that it's going to bother him," said Matheny, adding that he didn't think Piscotty would blink if asked to try third base, either.

Piscotty escaped serious injury when he was hit above the left elbow by a pitch Saturday at Port St. Lucie by the Mets reliever Stolmy Pimentel.

Authorities: Snowmobile made several hits at Iditarod teams

By Dan Joling
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A man on a snowmobile purposely drove into two dog teams competing in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race early Saturday morning, killing one dog and injuring at least three others, officials said.

Mushers Aliy Zirkle (AL-ee ZUR-cul) and Jeff King were attacked outside the village of Nulato (noo-LAH-toh), a community of 236 on the Yukon River a little more than halfway into the 1,000-mile race to Nome.

A suspect has been identified by a village police officer.

Race marshal Mark Nordman said Saturday that Zirkle, 46, who finished second three times from 2012-2014, was mushing from Kokukuk (KOY'-yoo-kuk) to Nulato, a run of less than 20 miles (32.19 kilometers) on the Yukon River, when she was hit.

The snowmobile hit the side of Zirkle's sled at 5 miles out of Koyukuk, turned around multiple times and came back at her before driving off, Alaska State Troopers spokeswoman Megan Peters said by email.

The snowmobile reappeared 12 miles (19.31 kilometers) out of Nulato. He revved up and was pointed at Zirkle before leaving, Peters said.

One dog on her team was bruised. Officials described the injury as non-life-threatening.

King, a four-time Iditarod champion, was behind Zirkle and fared worse.

When King reached the vicinity, he was struck from behind by the snowmobile and at least three of his dogs were hit.

Nash, a 3-year-old male, was killed. Crosby, another 3-year-old male, and Banjo, a 2-year-old male, received injuries and are expected to survive.

Race officials said King received medical attention in Nulato, but troopers quoted King as saying he was not injured.

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To fax your information, send to 570-7650 or you can email it to sports@mrt.com.

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What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
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For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

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What: Instruction for players 5 and up.
For more info: wtxbaseball.com, facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

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For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Tae Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

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What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
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Contact Coach Jon Ianier for clinics and lessons at jianer@midlandchristianschool.org

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Where: Trinity School gyms
For: Kids age 8 through 12th grade
When: June 13-17, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cost: $225
For more info: Contact Coach Young at 432-528-5206 or go to www.debb.com to register.

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beak Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall St., Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse spring "Learn-2-Play" clinics and scrimmages
For: Boys 3rd through 8th grade
When: 2:30-4 p.m. Sundays March 20-May 8 (except Easter Sunday on March 27)
Where: Hogan Park South, 1307 E. Wadley Ave (across from Sibley Nature Center)
For more info: Go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org

Lacrosse Day at Academy Sports & Outdoors Midland
Learn more about lacrosse and register for spring season
When: 2-5 p.m. today
Early registrasion for clinics: $75, ends March 14

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155.

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez1@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 300 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 2205 Cuthbert

For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic relationships
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments for: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-897-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-782-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyolastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

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Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
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When: Early morning, noon and evening
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Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
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Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
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For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and or call, 620-8180.

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When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

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For more info: Call 687-4046

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When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
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Note: Will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 11 a.m.

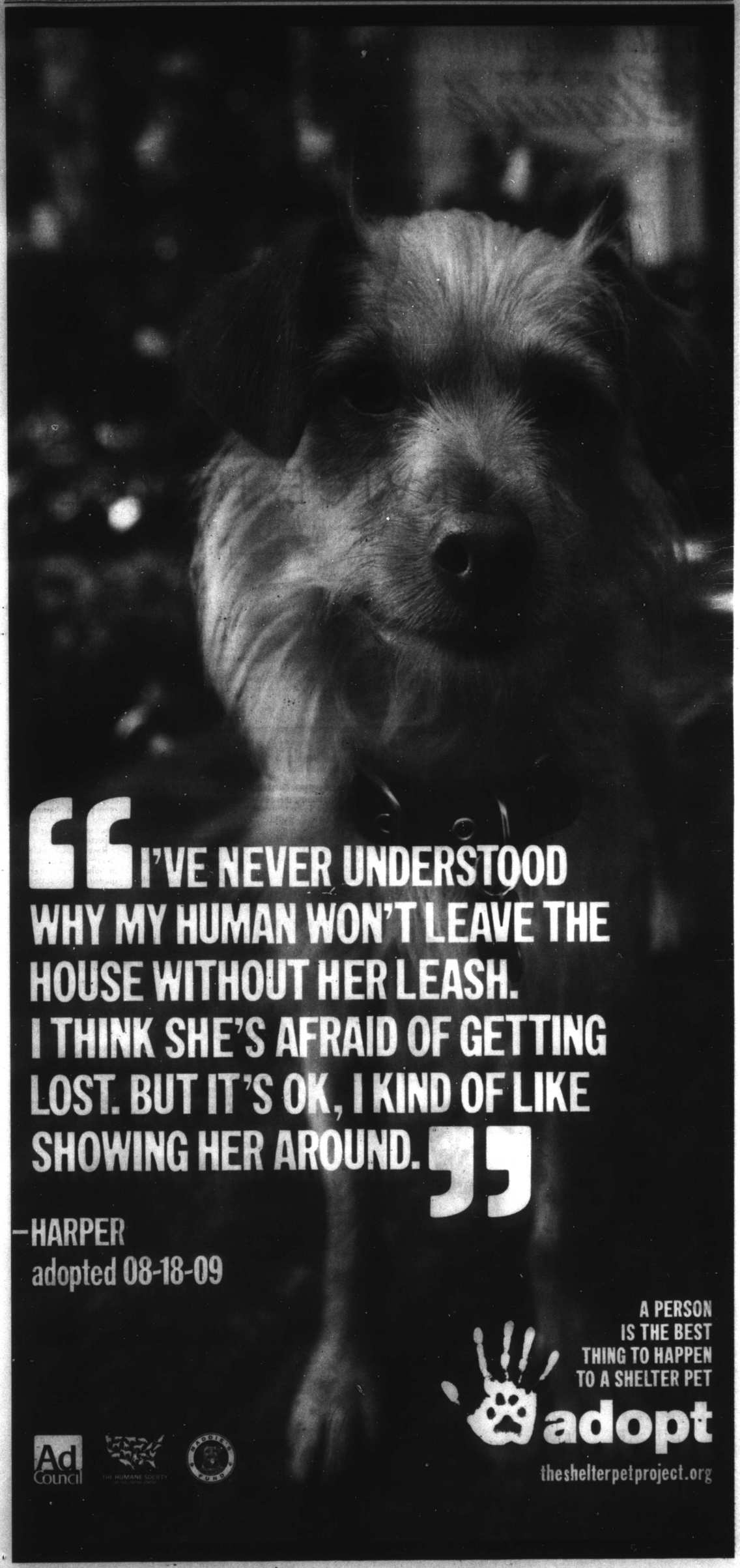
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For more info: 559-7208

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Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
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For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

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Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Muñay's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
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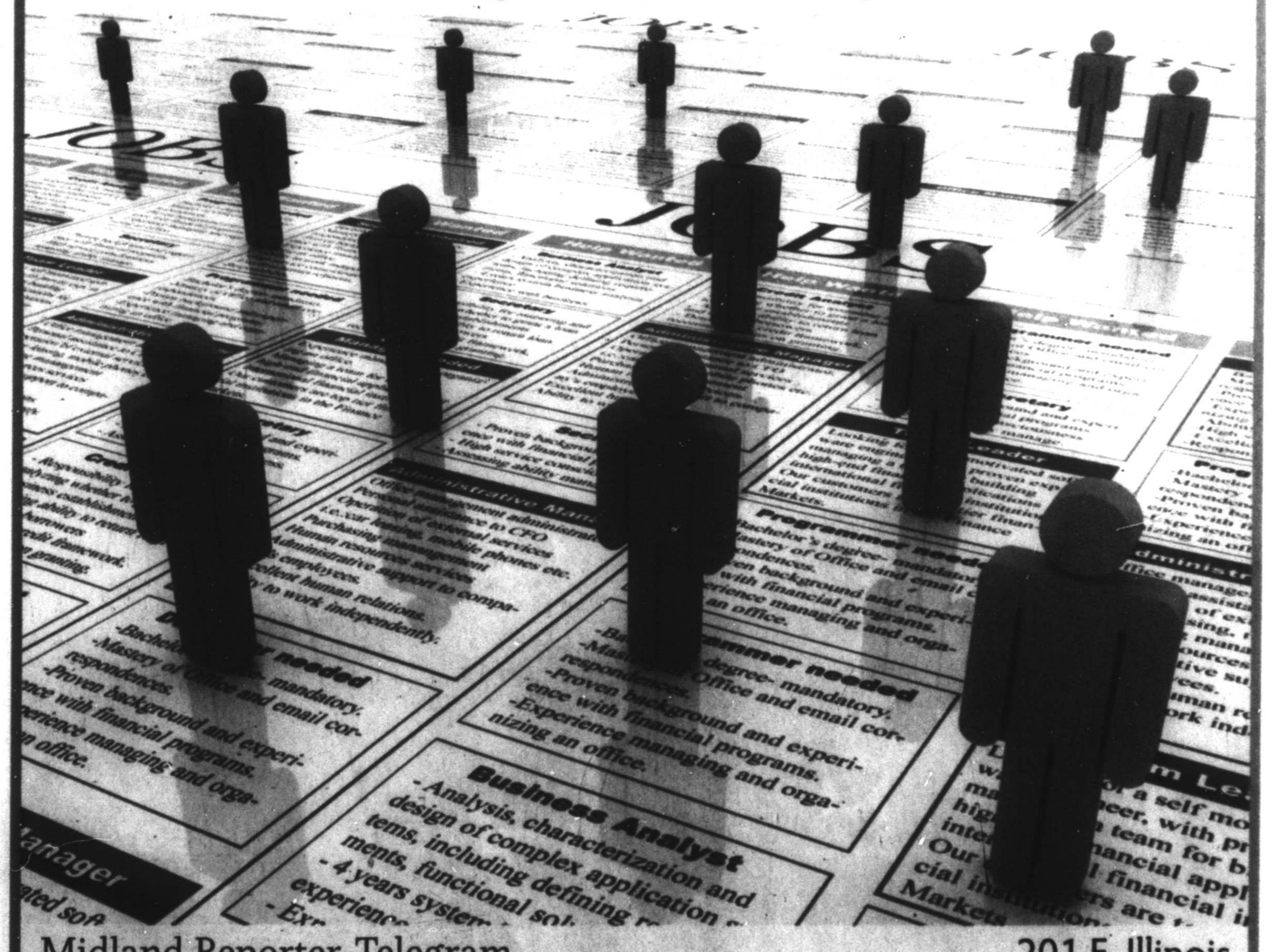
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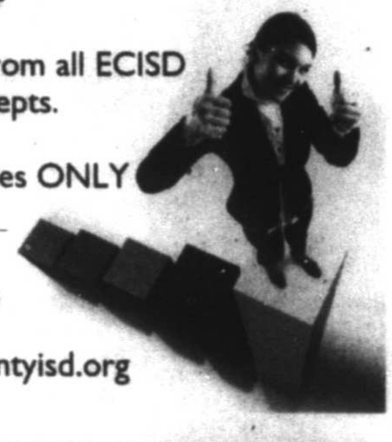
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HOW WORKERS LOSE MONEY ON THEIR WAY TO A NEW JOB

MANAGING 401K ROLLOVERS WHEN CHANGING JOBS IS TRICKY, BUT WORKERS NEED TO MAKE SMART CHOICES WITH THEIR MONEY

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
CTW FEATURES

There's a huge leak that, drip by drip, is downing out millions of Americans' hope for a financially secure retirement.

When they change jobs, it's up to workers to make a deliberate effort to plug the hole their 401K money can so easily slip through.

A recent survey of 5,000 workers by the Defined Contribution Institutional Investment Association found that one-quarter of Baby Boomers and one-third of younger workers [born after 1964]] took the funds from their 401K when they changed jobs, instead of "rolling-over" the money by putting it directly into another retirement account, or leaving it in their former employer's 401K plan.

Using 401Kmoney now instead of rolling it over results in what's termed "leakage," and the retirement experts and the federal government worry that it will cause big problems later when workers hope to retire with more than just a Social Security check.

Federal rules already discourage leakage. Taking 401K when you're under age 591/2 means you'll pay income taxes on the amount, as well as a ten percent penalty for early withdrawal.

But given the financial and time pressures on many workers, it's understandable that they'd grab the funds. Indeed, research from the Employee Benefits Research Institute [EBRI] finds that paying off debt is a popular way workers use early distributions of their 401K.

Ironically, though the government wants to encourage retirement saving, there's a federal law allowing firms to "force-out" the 401K money of an employee leaving the company when his account amounts to less than $5,000.

Job changers should take the time to roll-over their money, or see if they can arrange it to stay at their employers' plan, advises Tony Webb of the Boston College Center For Retirement Research.

Roll-overs require careful transfers directly into another retirement account, look at the rules posted at http://bit.ly/401kroll, advises Jack Vanderhei of the EBRI.

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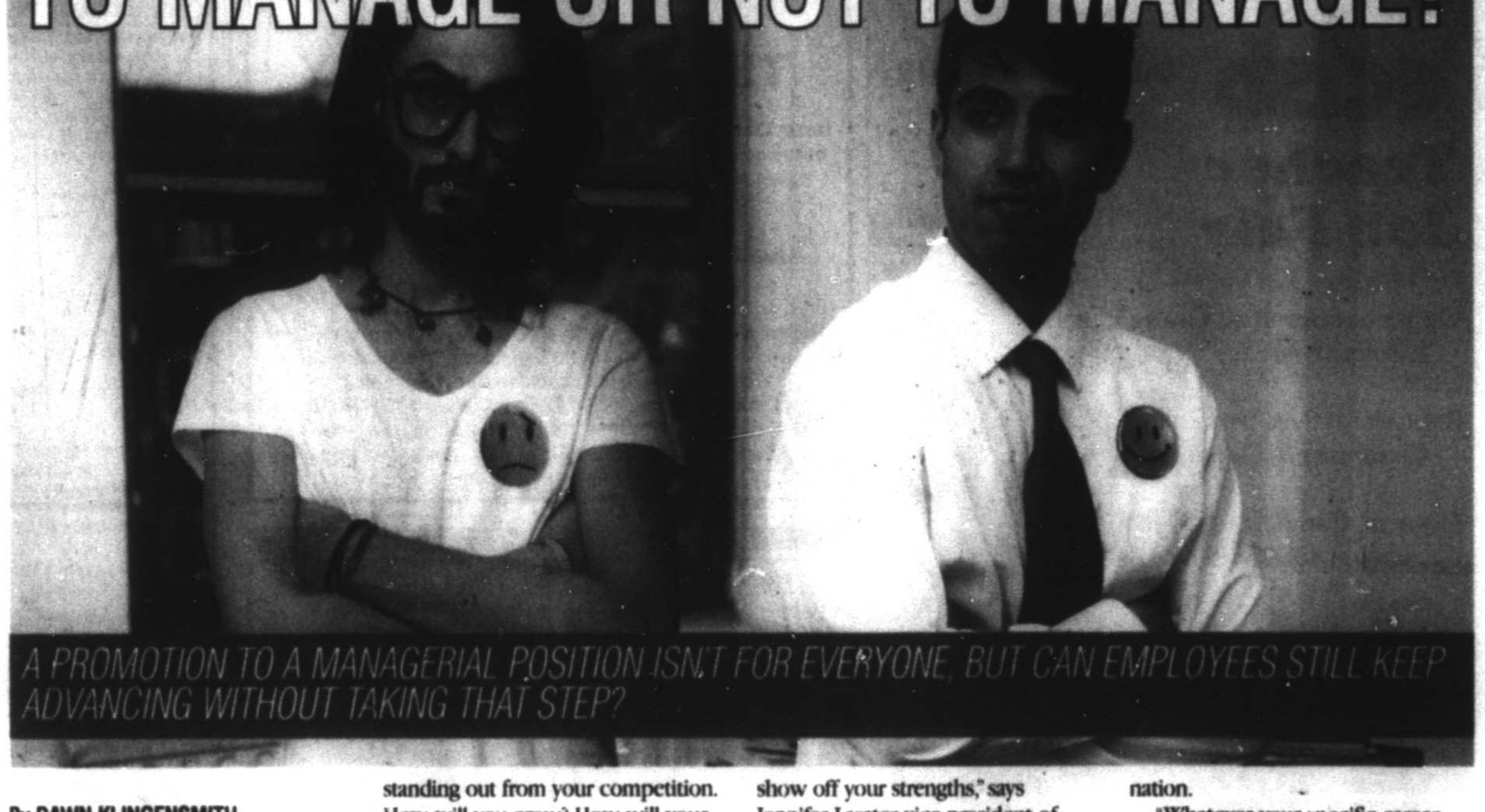
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TO MANAGE OR NOT TO MANAGE?



A PROMOTION TO A MANAGERIAL POSITION ISN'T FOR EVERYONE, BUT CAN EMPLOYEES STILL KEEP ADVANCING WITHOUT TAKING THAT STEP?

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW FEATURES

You landed a job you love. Your passion for your work supercharged your performance. Your performance has put you in the running for a management position.

You're not sure you want it.

A promotion means higher pay and more prestige, but you've seen what's expected of managers. You'd be supervising rather than doing the work you love.

Can you have the best of both worlds by being a hands-on manager? Don't count on it.

"You'll get overloaded, and in the majority of management positions, it would be seen as a control issue – a failure to delegate," says executive recruiter and career coach Tom Chaplin.

Should you decide that managing – or micromanaging, as the case may be – is not for you, you're not alone. More than three-quarters of employees polled by the staffing firm OfficeTeam said they're not interesting in having their manager's position.

Still, you must make sure you're advancing professionally, as well has standing out from your competition. How will you grow? How will your salary grow?

Let's talk money first. Using an online calculator, "it's important to regularly benchmark your salary against others in your position and with your experience. You can't make a case for upping your salary if you don't know the going rate," says Brandi Britton, a district president at OfficeTeam.

If your job title and duties stay the same, you have to do extra to justify merit-based raises from one year to the next. Your value to the organization needs to go up, but simply doing more and more of the same work isn't sustainable.

Keeping abreast of changing technology is one way to add value. "There may be all kinds of new ways to do the same job more effectively," says executive and career coach Rebecca "Kiki" Weingarten.

You might also increase your perceived value simply by becoming more visible within the organization. Look for situational leadership opportunities such as taking charge of high-profile projects "that don't require a promotion but give you an opportunity to shine, work with others throughout the company and show off your strengths," says Jennifer Lasater, vice president of employer and career services at Kaplan University.

Join teams or committees, mentor others or simply forge relationships with influential people, she adds.

Don't take for granted that your boss will notice and reward you for merrily working away. Come out of the zone every so often to reassess priorities with your boss and discuss your professional goals.

"You may learn of interesting opportunities within the company by having these conversations, and if there's a certain area you'd like to build your skills in, your supervisor may be able to suggest appropriate training options or additional projects that will help you improve and grow professionally," Britton says.

Since companies sometimes have salary caps for certain job titles, there may come a time when you need to leave your employer in order to advance. Map out a career plan before it comes to that. Instead of the traditional career ladder, picture a career map with onramps to bigger and better opportunities to do what you love. For example, a small-town newspaper reporter may envision a national magazine as the final destination.

"Whatever your specific career goal, set tangible action steps to keep your eyes on the prize," Britton says.

If you dream of a certain job, scrutinize the person who has it. "How did they get there? LinkedIn makes it fairly easy to trace someone's steps," Weingarten says.

Consider how your skills and talents might transfer to a different field. The people skills and powers of persuasion required for fundraising, for example, could transfer to a position in sales for a company with products and a mission you believe in.

Whether at one organization or a series of organizations, "to keep advancing in your career, it's necessary to stay in tune with what's new in your field and industry by participating in professional organizations, reading trade and business publications, and attending conferences or courses to add to your skill set," Britton says. "Keep your ear to the ground by networking. Word of mouth is still the best way to hear of new opportunities. You can also get insight into potential career trajectories by talking to others in the same space."

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INTERVIEWING

60 SECONDS TO IMPRESS



When it comes to making the best first impression during the job interview, you've got to nail the first 60 seconds.

That's when the interviewer decides that he or she is going to listen to you, says Robin Ryan, a career counselor in Seattle, Washington and author of "60 Seconds and You're Hired!" (Penguin Book, 2016).

Ryan has been teaching job hunters about her 60-Second Sell for three decades, and although everything related to job searches has changed, the need to quickly spark a potential employer's interest has not.

In fact, Ryan says in today's fast-paced world, it's become much harder to keep interviewer's attention.

"Verbose, lengthy answers, where job hunters babble on and on when answering interview questions, bore the interviewer into not hiring them," she adds.

By using a 60-second summary in the interview process, you make it easier for hiring managers to really appreciate your skills, abilities and previous experience.

You compile your 60-Second Sell by summarizing your top five selling points, which could include your industry experience, demonstrated skills, professional results and global view.

As you brainstorm, take the time to write out and enumerate your best selling points.

Later you will need to customize them to reflect the responsibilities of each job as well as the company's goals. You may need to vary your response based on what you think each company needs and your most marketable abilities to meet those needs, she adds.

Ryan says you can discuss and illustrate each point repeatedly throughout the interview process. Even repeating elements of your sell three or four times over the course of the interview, including at the beginning and end, is not excessive, she adds, because employers aren't always tuned in to what the applicant is saying.

"With this approach, you are constantly emphasizing exactly how you can do the job right from the start and they are more likely to remember," Ryan says.

These five points become the building blocks to answer the interviewer's questions.

Typically the first question you are asked in an interview is "Tell me about yourself," which lends itself perfectly to the 60-Second Sell. This type of question requires a summary of your most marketable skills, Ryan says, not a life story. Your pitch is also the perfect answer: Why should I hire you?

"The key to a successful interview is being prepared," Ryan says. "You need to write out your responses to all possible questions. Then you're in a better position to give short, concise, specific answers that never exceed 60 seconds."

—Patricia Rivera

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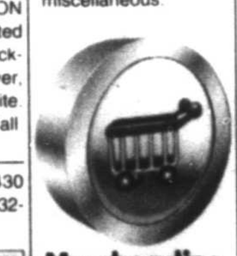


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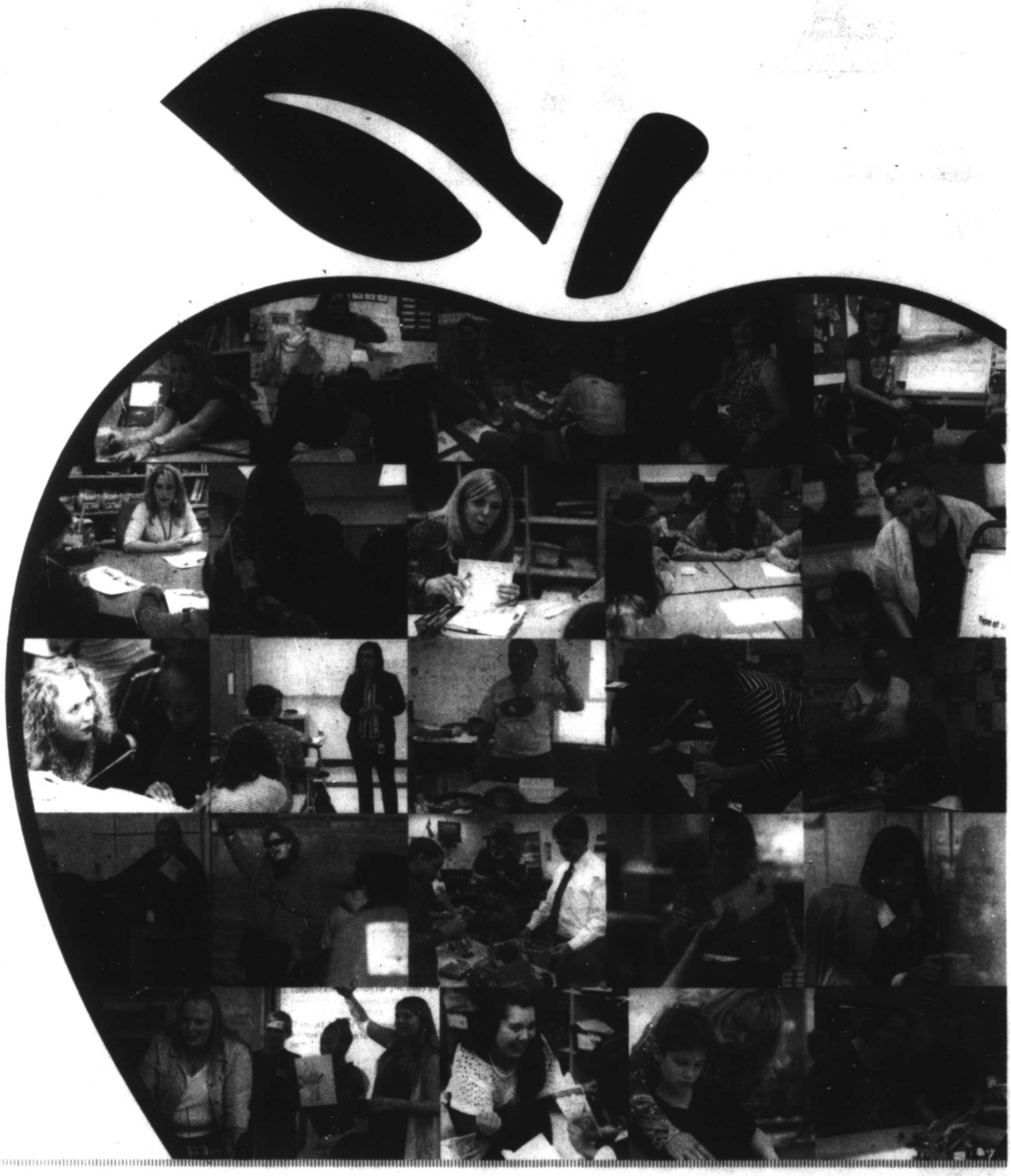
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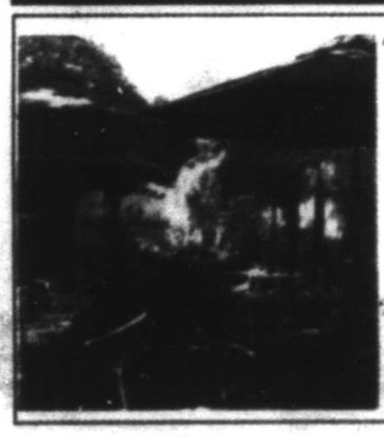
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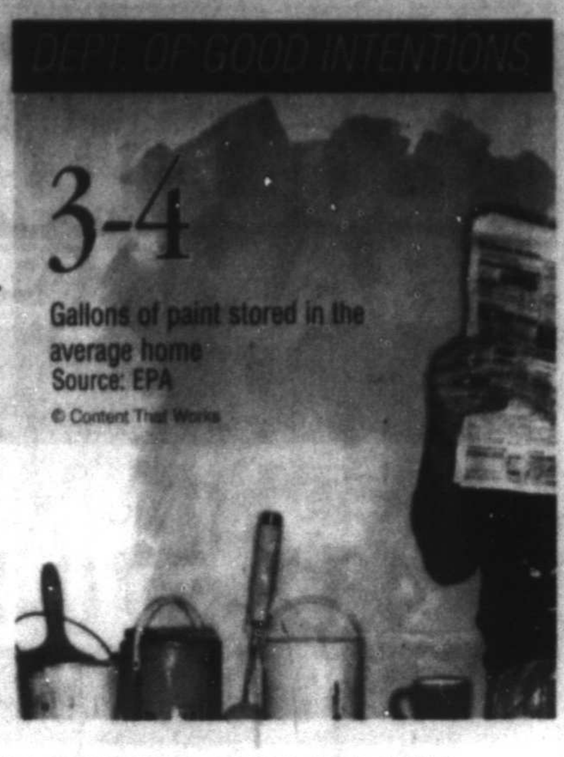
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Mortgage financing is so cheap that paying off a mortgage may not be a good economic decision, simply because in today's market you're not getting much of a return. If you pay off the mortgage you may have a difficult time in the future should you need to raise cash and rates have gone up, your income has dropped or your property value has declined.

Keep in mind your best first step would be to use your new-found wealth to pay off higher cost debt, such as credit cards and student loans.

That said, there are some very good reasons to own a house free and clear.

Paying off a mortgage means you save the cost of interest each month. And with no mortgage bill to pay, your monthly cash flow will be significantly higher.

For example, if you have a $150,000 fixed-rate mortgage at 4 percent, the cost of interest in the first year is $5,952 or an average of $496 per month. The interest cost declines each year as the principal balance is reduced. With a fixed-rate loan the monthly payment for principal and interest remains constant, in this case $716.12 or $8,593 per year.

For many households, the big deal is not tax write-offs or maximizing the rate of return, it's cash flow. Reducing monthly expenditures is especially important at a time when jobs are no longer so certain or so lucrative. You may simply prefer the comfort of a home that is mortgage-free.

Of course, your tax bill will go up without the mortgage interest write-off, but that cost can be paid from monthly cash savings. In addition, you can use the monthly savings to pay down student loans, high-cost credit card debt and car loans.

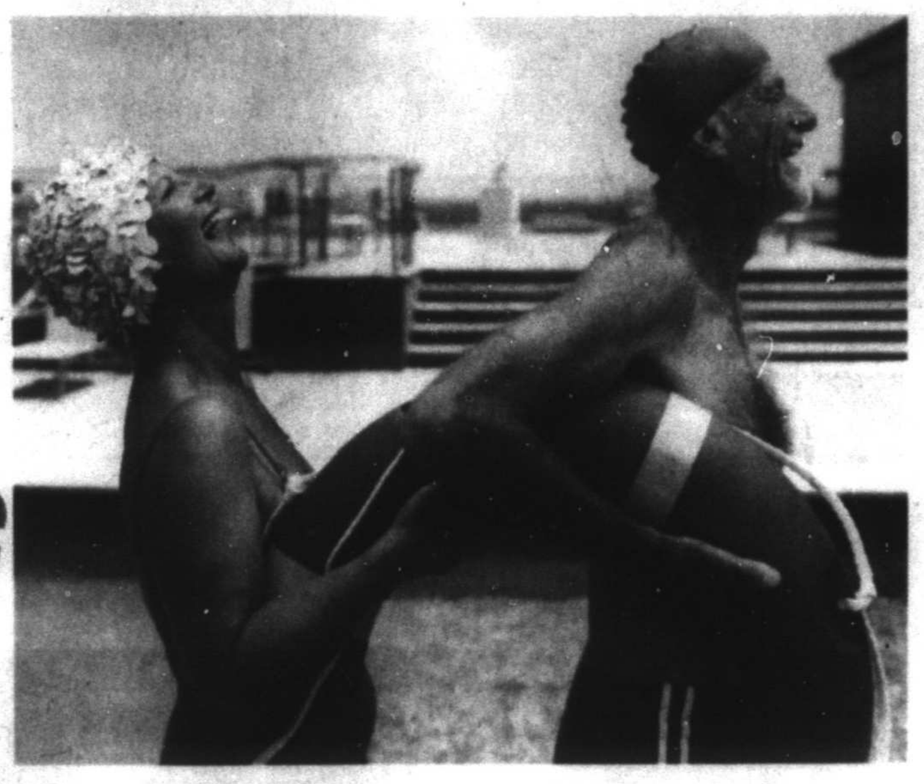
Perhaps you want a solution in the middle. If you have a loan and pay private mortgage insurance, ask the lender if the loan can be curtailed, or paid off more quickly, with extra or larger payments applied to the principal. Also ask if you can get rid of the monthly mortgage insurance payments. No PMI results in a smaller monthly payment.

If you chose a curtailment you may be able to reduce your monthly costs and keep much of your cash. The choice, of course, is up to you.

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THE BIG BOOM IN FIFTY-SOMETHING RENTERS



IN THE VANGUARD OF THE RENTAL BOOM: BABY BOOMERS. MANY 50-PLUS, EMPTY NESTERS STILL SEEK HIGH-END AMENITIES AS THEY SET ASIDE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOME OWNERSHIP.

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
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The last decade saw the biggest jump in Americans renting, rather than owning, of any ten-year period on record, finds a recent Harvard University study.

No surprise, given that millions of owners lost their homes in foreclosures or distress sales and that young adults have struggled to meet stringent buying requirements.

Unexpectedly, though, more than half of the 9 million additional renters are households aged 50 and over: baby boomers.

Some boomers were victims of the housing collapse. However, the sharp rise "likely also reflects some combination of voluntary return to renting among empty nesters," notes Jonathan Spader, of the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University.

"When boomers were entering their twenties, the de-facto rules were strictly, Get a job and get a mortgage," says Alan Feldman, CEO of Resource Real Estate, a Philadelphia real estate investment firm.

A substantial slice of new boomer renters "now has less of a desire to own two cars and maintain a large house and property," Feldman adds.

Given the less-than-robust appreciation in home prices, many boomers who sell the family home are not inclined to sink money in another home purchase.

"It will be difficult for homes to appreciate in the short run," notes Jeffrey Christakos, a Westfield, N.J. financial planner whose boomer clients often choose renting as the most prudent financial strategy.

But boomerswho downsize and rent are not necessarily downgrading their lifestyles.

Many apartment experts concur that those who choose to rent, and are not forced to do so because they could no longer afford home ownership, typically seek out a rental with luxurious amenities.

"They typically want spacious, well-appointed kitchens with granite or quartz countertops, modern cabinetry and stainless steel appliances," observes Philip Martin, head of research at Waterton, a Chicago property management and investment company.

"They tend to gravitate to communities that offer a similar level of finishes to what they had in their previous home," Martin adds.

Many boomers can satisfy their desire for new, high-end amenities thanks to a building boom in multi-family, apartment construction.

According to Axiometrics Inc., 263,470 new units rental units were completed in 2015 and 306,124 have been identified for delivery in 2016, making these two years the biggest for multi-family construction since before the recession began last decade.

While Axiometrics doesn t have hard data on building geared specifically geared to boomers, anecdotal evidence suggests that some developers are changing up unit mixes based on the surge in boomer rentals, putting in more two-bedroom and fewer one-bedrooms than originally planned, says Stephanie McCleskey, vice president of the apartment research firm.

"We may start to see multifamily owners allow renters to pay a premium for upgrades such as custom color palettes, high-end fixtures and hardware, and top-of-the line appliances, similar to the process they might go through when buying a newly constructed home," says Waterton's Martin.

Overall, about one-half of renters live in single-family homes or condominium units, despite the popular perception that "renting" equates with an apartment in a large building or complex.

Many boomers will gravitate towards rentals that allow them to escape all maintenance, predicts a recent Axiometrics report.

Like younger renters, boomers search for their apartments online, says Dean Holmes of Madison Apartment Group.

But Internet search sites like Apartments.com and Zillow.com are more popular with this age group than social media channels such as Facebook, Holmes says.

Boomers "take longer to decide on where to rent, but when they do, they seem to stay longer," observes Holmes.

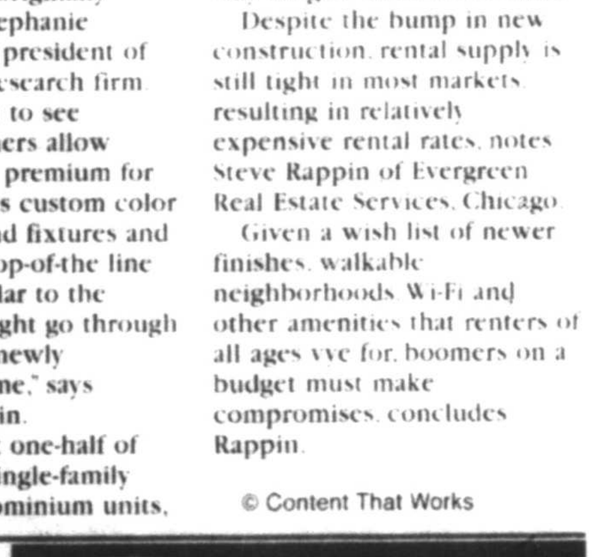
Despite the bump in new construction, rental supply is still tight in most markets resulting in relatively expensive rental rates, notes Steve Rappin of Evergreen Real Estate Services, Chicago.

Given a wish list of newer finishes, walkable neighborhoods, Wi-Fi and other amenities that renters of all ages vve for, boomers on a budget must make compromises, concludes Rappin.

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THE MARKET

FOUND MONEY: FINANCING HOME IMPROVEMENTS



Home improvement stores should be crowded this spring, as record numbers of homeowners tackle project they've been putting off.

"In most markets across the country, rising house prices are bringing more homes to the market and increasing sales, which is a large driver of home improvement activity," says Chris Herbert of the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University.

Still, values haven't risen enough for many owners to finance a remodeling with a home equity line or loan, a traditionally popular way to pay for renovations.

Most lenders won't approve an equity loan – which is a "second mortgage" secured against the property just as a primary mortgage is – unless the total borrowed (first mortgage plus equity loan) doesn't exceed eighty percent of the appraised value of the home, notes Keith Gumbinger, spokesperson for hsh.com, a mortgage data site.

Even though the JCHS predicts home improvement spending will break a record this year, some owners will be restrained by "still limited equity levels and today's restrictive lending environments," says Abbe Will of JCHS.

Another type of borrowing, the personal loan, is growing popular for those with limited equity.

These loans, though, may have rates above credit cards and certainly well above home equity offers, Gumbinger says.

Personal loans are like credit cards, in that they are unsecured, or not collateralized by the home.

In some cases, banks and credit unions offer both unsecured home improvement loans, where the proceeds must be used for remodeling, and personal loans, with no restrictions on the use of funds, says James Royal of Informa Research Services, Calabasas, California.

Personal loans are also typically available from a new breed of "marketplace lenders" on the Internet. Borrowers often find these lenders using search engines, says Suk Shah of avant.com, a lending site.

– *Marilyn Kennedy Melia*

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Show by Ruth Young 432-352-0996



OPEN TODAY 2:00-4:00
4309 FERNCLIFF AVE.
$210,000

Right in the center of it all. Great updated home close to restaurants, entertainment, schools and shopping. Great living areas with vaulted ceilings, wood flooring and unique fireplace. Two dining areas close to updated kitchen with new lighting. Sequestered master with his and her closets w/a bonus room right off the master bath. Two more large bedrooms. Spacious backyard with basketball court.

Shown by Emmanuel Cardenas 432-894-6836



OPEN 2:00-3:30
5809 PEDERNALES DR.
$295,000

Show Stopper!! Must see this Kahler resale - 3 bedroom, 2 full bath with open floor plan, concrete floors, lovely stone fireplace in living area. Granite and stainless kitchen with lovely upgraded island. Formal dining area. Sequestered large master bedroom. Master bath has dual sinks, large walk-in closet and separate tub & shower. Inside utility room with lots of storage. Inviting, lush back yard.

Shown by Sharon Horton 432-853-7875



OPEN TODAY 2:00-3:30
5604 SAN SABA COURT
$310,000

Don't miss this Tom Woodruff resale in Holiday Hill Village! Four bedroom, 3 full baths with open floor plan, nice size kitchen with big pantry, breakfast bar & separate dining area, spacious living area with beautiful limestone fireplace. All bedrooms are a good size, seq. master suite with dual sinks, large walk-in closet, separate tub and shower. Landscaped lot with back covered patio.

Shown by Misti Lewis 432-559-0702

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1104 SILVERTON DR		$760,000
12810 FM 307	FACT ID #1072	$589,000
11802 COUNTY RD 58	FACT ID #1072	$475,000
3202 SHELL AVE	FACT ID #1082	$445,000
5315 GREATHOUSE	FACT ID #1072	$423,725
1001 RANGERS CT	FACT ID #1036	SOLD
5104 TEAKWOOD		$399,900
805 WOODLAND PARK AVE		$387,500
4405 LLANO COURT		U/C
5802 DEVLIN PLACE		$373,900
5211 GREATHOUSE AVE	FACT ID #1007	$365,000
6104 WICHITA		$360,500
6105 INDIGO SKY	FACT ID #1085	U/C
6106 WICHITA		$358,500
6004 FRIO DR		$358,500
412 NOLAN RYAN	FACT ID #1012	$358,410
5604 SAN SABA COURT	FACT ID #1061	$310,000
307 SKYWOOD CIRCLE	FACT ID #1721	SOLD
4307 VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1036	U/C
806 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1086	$270,000
3605 EDGEMONT	FACT ID #1018	$245,000
3401 UPLAND ST	FACT ID #1085	$160,000

4+ BEDROOM

3313 CAMARIE AVE	FACT ID #1096	SOLD

3 BEDROOM

4109 SPRINGFIELD CT	FACT ID #1093	$418,000
908 TRINIDAD		U/C
4821 ROSEWOOD		$339,500
5045 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$314,900
1210 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1082	$299,500
5809 PEDERNALES	FACT ID #1038	$295,000
3208 FRONTIER AVE	FACT ID #1026	U/C
3802 PLACID COURT		$291,900
4703 CHEROKEE DR		$215,000
4309 FERNCLIFF AVE		$210,000
1014 OLD COURSE RD	FACT ID #2091	$210,000
5132 ASHDOWN	FACT ID #1082	U/C
3401 PRINCETON		$205,500
717 W. PINE	FACT ID #1096	$205,000
4406 TREVINO ST	FACT ID #1078	SOLD
805 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1018	$189,000
4815 STOREY AVE		$157,000
424 E M AVE	FACT ID #1098	$150,000
4518 ELDDY DR	FACT ID #1057	SOLD
1320 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD		$69,900

2 BEDROOM

103 RIDGLEA DR		$175,000
215 MILTON ALLEY	FACT ID #1721	$174,900
1501 E. 17TH		$135,000
3209 ROOSEVELT		$135,000

COMMERCIAL

6293 E. CO. RD. 67	FACT ID #1074	$300,000

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13416 W COUNTY RD 109		$198,000
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3321 SHERBROOK	FACT ID #1082	U/C
1708 E 53RD ST, ODESSA	FACT ID #1068	$230,000
2238 E. 52ND ST		$135,000
3967 HYDEN DR		SOLD
7304 COOMBS		$85,000
7819 BRENTWOOD DR		U/C
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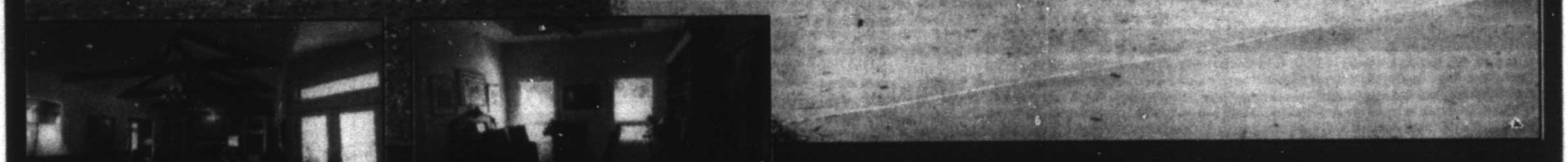


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2106 N. N Street

"Old World charm with New World convenience"













Beyond the courtyard wall is the home of you have been waiting for! 2106 N. "N" was constructed in 2008 with 3,475 square feet (per appraiser) with three bedrooms, three full baths, one living area, two dining areas and a two car garage. Custom designed home built by Chris Rasnick. A lot of planning went in to the design of this home and it was built with indoor and outdoor entertaining in mind. Exquisite architectural details include various tall ceiling styles with exposed beams and trusses, open floor plan, wide walkways, the use of stone and brick and elegant amenities throughout. Two patios with pergolas are beyond the front wall. French doors make them totally accessible from the interior of the home. Schools for this area include Fannin Elementary, San Jacinto Jr. High and Midland High.

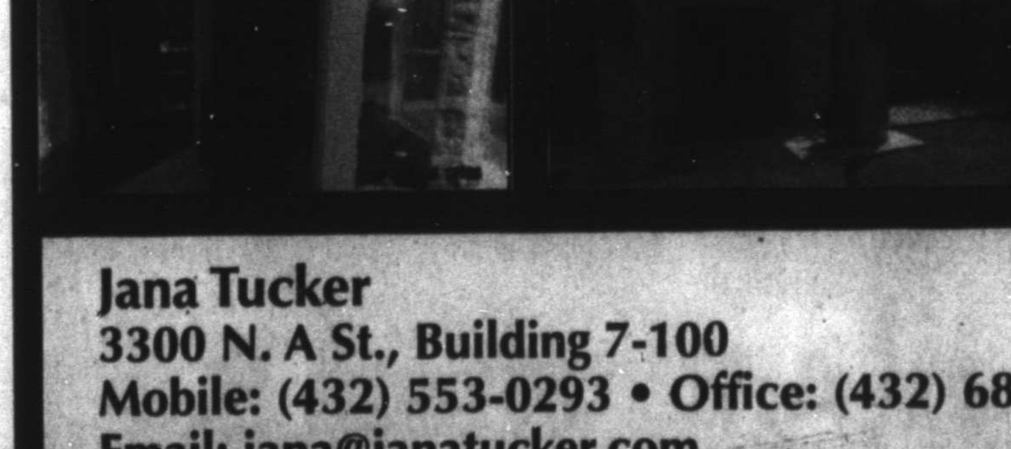
Passing through the front double doors, you will be in a large foyer with an arched ceiling of exposed wood. Stained cement flooring flows throughout the home and floor to ceiling windows bring amazing light to the open floor plan. As you enter the great room, you will notice the dark wooden beams, a pair of forged iron chandeliers, massive stone fireplace surrounded by built-ins and a wall of windows looking out to a beautiful back yard.

The kitchen features a large wrap around granite countertop where barstools are the perfect choice for seating. The stainless appliances, gorgeous wooden cabinetry with easy close drawers, stone surround around the gas stove top, granite topped island with bonus storage, skylight and large pantry create a wonderful work space! The dining area is nearby and is surrounded by windows looking out to the spacious covered porch with four fans and low-maintenance xeriscaped yard with artificial turf and rock. This is not just a porch! It is an additional living space! There is also a fountain, built-in grill with workspace and storage, in-ground fire pit and area to play washers. A MistAway mosquito system has been installed on the back and front two porches to make them even more enjoyable.

A hallway from the kitchen leads to the sequestered master suite. A stacked ceiling and built-ins around the bed area create a very inviting bedroom. A gas fireplace has controls by the bed for convenient on and off and a door to the porch allows you to easily enjoy the back yard. The bath features two toilets, separate dressing areas and sinks, an oversized tub with skylight, walk-in shower and wrap around closet with built-ins. Another hall from the kitchen leads to the laundry room with cabinets that match those in the kitchen. Access to the two car garage is here as well.

To the left of the front door, a hallway leads to two additional bedrooms. The first has a full bathroom and large closet. The hall has a full bathroom with granite countertops and walk-in shower. The third bedroom has a door to the back yard, spacious walk-in closet and a door that opens to the hall bathroom.

Additional amenities include: reverse osmosis, security system, wet bar, sequestered master, alley access, low maintenance yard and sprinkler system. Listed at $675,000, more information may be obtained by contacting Jana Tucker, GRI, Co-Owner/Broker for Real Estate One at (432) 553-0293 or e-mail her at jana@janatucker.com. MLS#108879









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14700 Kelvyn Lane-Recently completed elegant estate in gardendale on 6.03 Acres! Main home has 5 (or 6) bed/6 Full+2 1/2 baths/grnd room, study, theatre & playroom!, pool, workout room, workshop, barn, pond & playground! $2,750,000
3420 County Rd D 2240, Blanco-Ideal horse lovers dream on 34 acres! Stunning home features marble floors w/wood inlays,granite thru-out, fabulous built-ins, cozy fireplace on porch, breathtaking pool room, incredible barn & lighted arena! $1,850,000
4 Ray Meadows Lane-Absolutely fabulous stucco hacienda in saddle club estates-1.4 Acres! Dazzling pool & spa! 6 Bed/6.5 Bath/9 living guest quarters, workshop & a delightful casita! Splendid outdoor living spaces abound! $1,800,000
2800 Pasoge Way-Beyond stunning custom dream home on 20.2 Acres! Fabulous 4 bedroom (each w/ private bath), 6 living area (formal dining & living, den, game-room, home theater, office), 2 dining, 4 car garage & 4 fireplaces! $1,700,000
4000 Trobaugh-Stunning estate on 20 acres-4 bed/4.5 Bath/6 living areas&2 dining areas! Dazzling exercise pool w/spa, outdoor kitchen & fabulous outdoor living area-entertainer's dream! Huge amazing workshop! $1,500,000
6601 WCR 44-Absolutely breath-taking 4 bed/4.5 bath/3 living /4 car gar+dazzling pool, cabana w/bath & fabulous outdoor living space on 3.5 (Fenced) acres w/b ft stucco fence & 40x60 workshop w/overhead doors! Gourmet kitchen! $1,500,000
116 Solomon-Austin stone exterior, extensively landscaped 2 acres of gorgeous grounds, dazzling pool, outdoor kitchen & 3780 sw ft party barn! Is delightfully finished w/huge living areas, kitchen, bath, media+enormous workshop! $1,300,000
401 Alfirosd- Stunning custom home in Solomon Estates w/ gleaming hardwood floors, soaring ceilings, walls of windows & gorgeous cabinetry! 4 Beds each w/ private bath, 2 half baths, 4 living areas,2 dining & 5 car gar! $1,100,000
5400 Unbridled Trail-Fabulous new construction 4 bedroom, 6 bathroom, 3 living areas + huge gameroom, 3 car garage and large workshop! make your own color selections! Grand versatile plan, safe-room & amazing storage! $1,100,000
16 Oasis, Odessa-Stunning home in gated community-gorgeous grounds, tennis court, home theatre, 2 living, 2 dining, gourmet kitchen, huge master suite w/fireplace! Lushly landscaped, soaring ceilings, walls of windows & miles of tile! $995,000
6924 Shadyview-Absolutely astounding 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living w/venetian plaster thru-out! Barrel wood entry ceiling, iron & onyx light fixtures, reclaimed hardwood floors ,lighted art niches,archways, rounded corners,french doors! $975,000
3201 Elkins-Dream home with guest house + a must see on almost 20 acres! Main house has 6,956 sq. ft.+guest house has 1,293 sq. ft.! Hardwood, tile, marble & stained concrete flooring, walls of windows, soaring ceiling! Just fantastic! $795,000
2001 Daybreak-Oper the pages of house beautiful & step into this flawless showstopper! Updated top to bottom - 4 bed/3 bath/4 living /3+gar w/dazzling pool (by grandis)! Updated gourmet kitchen! Wristate-of-the-art appliances & gorgeous marble! $790,000
3600 Trinity-4 bed/3 Full/2 Half Bath Home in Trinity Estates Bright & Dramatic-Beautiful Museum Lighting! 91 windows making it light, bright & dramatic! Oak trees galore provide fantastic shade! Huge lot! Soaring ceilings make this unique home a show stopper! $729,900
2917 Mosswood-Absolutely stunning 4 bed/4.5 bath/3 living/4 car gar home w/granite thru-out, gleaming hardwood & tile flooring, soaring ceilings & walls of windows! Fabulous sequestered master suite! Incredible utility room! $645,000
4512 Best Tree Trail-Absolutely spectacular estate w/sweeping course views! Custom dazzling pool & spa! 5 Bed/4 bath/3 living/2 dining/3 car garage & water well! Walls of windows! Gourmet kitchen w/recent exotic granite countertops! $600,000
10100 W County Rd 150 - 4 bed/2.5 baths/4+living areas & several garages! Very versatile property w/endless options for use on 14.99 Acres! Must see to understand! Workshops w/multiple garages! A real find! $575,000
07 San Clemente-Simply spectacular! Main house has exquisite master ste w/2 baths, fireplace, lovely study & private patio! Guest house is 871 sq. ft. w/2 bed/2 baths & kitchenette! Built around dazzling pool-gorgeous grounds! $475,000
4616 Hilltop-Spectacular Parade Of Homes 4 bed/3 bath/2 Living! Updated Thru-Out W/Fantastic Fixtures, Art Lighting, Hand Made Metal Sinks, Unbelievable Hand-Troweled Textures & Faux Finishes! Hand-scraped hardwood floors! $450,000
10113 W County Rd 150 - Absolutely wonderful one-owner (father built) custom home on 1.5 Acres w/fruit tree orchard, great water well, metal shop w/3rd garage & extra carport! 4 bed/2.5 bath/3 living w/lovely gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops! $440,000
5306 Greathouse-Spectacular 4 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining & 3 car garage home in greathouse! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows & miles of tile thru-out home! Fabulous gourmet kitchen w/ granite & abundant cabinetry! $415,000
4907 Hilltop-Absolutely stunning 4 bed/3.5 bath/3 car gar home on lovely landscaped corner lot! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, plantation shutters & tile thru-out (carpet in bedrooms)! Fabulous (spacious) gourmet kitchen w/granite, stainless appliances, island, custom cabinets & built-in desk! $399,900
4702 Yearwood-Absolutely spectacular 4 bed/3 bath/3 living/2 dining & 2 car garage home in briarwood! Beyond stunning & unique soaring ceilings, hardwood floors , walls of windows & designer paint thru-out! Gourmet kitchen! $375,000
2201 Hereford-Absolutely lovely 4 bed/3 bath/formal living+greatroom/formal dining+breakfast w/3 car gar! Mature landscaping & great pergola! Hardwood & tile flooring, walls of windows, plantation shutters & updated gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops! $365,000
1203 Castleford-Fabulous 4 bed/3.5 bath/3 living/2 dining/3 car garage home w/walls of windows & miles of tile! Gourmet kitchen! Huge sequestered master suite w/separate study! Lovely patio--great for entertaining! Open floorplan! $349,900
2502 W Shandon-Gorgeously updated 4 bed/2.5 bath/2 living/2 dining area home on lovely lot in fannin area! Recent windows, hardwood & tile flooring, cabinetry & fabulous gourmet kitchen w/granite! Spacious rooms & covered patio! $299,000
2928 W Shandon-Fabulous & just completed total renovation that includes new open floor plan, 4 bed, 2 bath, 3 living (den, formal, office) home on great corner lot! Spacious separate study/office in back! Tons of updates and new roof! $299,000
801 Cheyenne St-Fabulous new construction in great subdivision! Beautiful home loaded w/updates! Formal dining area! Large open living area w/high ceilings & fireplace! Gourmet kitchen w/tons of granite, large pantry, breakfast area & bar! $249,900
413 Mantle-Better than new & absolutely darling 4 bed/2 bath w/seq mstr ste w/jetted tub, 2 sinks & 2 closets! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, 2-inch blinds & cozy fireplace! Low maint front yard (landscaped back yard) on corner lot! $249,900
2602 Sentinel-Light & bright 4 bed/2.5 bath/2 living(den+formal)/2 dining room home-fabulous central midland location! great open floor plan w/miles of tile & walls of windows! Abundant storage thru-out! Tons of recent updates! $245,000
606 Wagner-Better than new & absolutely darling 4 bed/2 bath/formal dining or breakfast room w/2 car garage & extended driveway-built in 2012! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, 2-inch blinds, rounded corners, crown molding & cozy fireplace! $239,000
4300 Dogwing Ave.- Absolutely lovely 4 bedroom/3 bath/1'or' 2 living area or 1 or 2 dining area home in nice area (excellent condition)--lots of mature trees!! Sequestered master & guest suites w/full private baths--super floor plan! $239,900
3005 Vermont-Absolutely stunning 4 bed/2 bath home (2010) on quiet cul-de-sac. Miles of gleaming dark hardwood floors, plantation shutters, crown molding, walls of windows & soaring ceilings! Extended patio & no neighbors in back! $236,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

10101 Knotty Pine, Gardendale -Spectacular 3/2.5/2 Ranch home in gardendale! Elite country charm! 3/4 Wrap around porch! Soaring ceilings! Tons of light! Open concept! Sequestered master! Property is a must see! $415,000
7324 Fox River Ridge, Odessa-Beautiful 3 bed/2.5 Bath/3 car garage in Castle Ridge Estates! Fabulous hard wood floors in dining and living areas. roof replaced nov 2015, instant hot water system and tankless water heater installed in 2015! $385,410
5107 King Richards Row - Absolutely incredible 3 bed/2.3 bath/2 living w/ miles of hardwood floors & walls of windows! Covered patio & wonderful outdoor kitchen under spectacular pergola! Gorgeous mature trees on beautiful street! $329,900
4016 Trinity Court-Absolutely wonderful low-maintenance 3 bed/2.5 bath/3 living area (greatroom, game room, study) 1-owner home! Gleaming hardwood floors, walls of windows, plantation shutters & soaring ceilings thru-out! Fabulous greatroom w/cozy fireplace! $299,900
3000 S Co. Rd. 1187-Totally remodeled & fabulous country living home w/3 bed/2 bath/2 living(den+formal living)/2 dining(breakfast+formal) on 5.5 Acres! Open floor plan w/super spacious living areas! Gourmet kitchen! $279,900
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5818 Pedernales-Super cute 3 bedroom/2 bathroom/2 car garage home in heritage oaks -- built in 2010! Spacious sequestered master suite has soaring ceiling, separate tub/shower & dual sinks! Zeroscaped front yard & charming back patio! $249,900
7204 Dunstelle, Odessa-Spectacular 3 bed/2 bath/2 living(den+study/office) low maintenance home in renaissance estates! Zeroscaped front yard & charming back patio! Sequestered master suite! Super open & spacious kitchen w/granite! $249,900
2906 Emerson-Absolutely darling 3 bed/2 bath/2 dining home on great corner lot in cul-de-sac! Wonderful outdoor living areas-large front porch, charming open patio off formal dining & covered patio in backyard! Granite in kitchen & baths! $249,900
2505 SE 1000, Andrews-Super cute totally updated country property! Fabulous kitchen with granite counter tops & tons of cabinets! Large backyard w metal fence & oversized patio! Beautiful grounds w 8 mature trees! $245,000
1605 Mays-Absolutely darling 3 bed/2 bath/2 living w/high ceilings. cozy fireplace & open kitchen w/granite countertops! Sequestered master suite w/soaking tub & 2 closets! Immaculate & cheerful w/lovely grounds! Precious! $244,900
1407 Godfrey- Absolutely darling 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area home with fabulous hardwood floors, soaring ceilings and gorgeous granite thru-out entire home on corner lot! Covered patio & pool-sized backyard! $200,900
3008 W. Louisiana-Spacious 3 bed/2 bath/ 3 living area (formal living, den, sunroom) home w/ great curb appeal! Walls of windows, plantation shutters thru-out & miles of tile! Fabulous workshop & open patio! Pool size yard! $199,900
511 S Madison-Completely remodeled top to bottom 3 bedroom/2 bath home-wonderful open floor plan! Absolutely fabulous w/tons of updates including new carpet & fresh paint! Totally gutted kitchen! Great fenced backyard! $198,300
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1002 E. California-Quaint 3 bedroom/1 bath starter home with 1 living area in greenwood subdivision. tile flooring, wall heaters, and window units! Composition roof only 4 years old, recent electrical updates, large, roomy backyard with privacy wood fence! $98,000
2204 NCR 1134-Beautiful 15x76 champion home builders mobile home bit 2012,homeowners pay $250/mth for water, septic & trash service provided by park. Nice 3 bed/2 bath home w/ carpets in bedrooms, wood-like flooring in kitchen & bath! 3 sequestered master $40,000

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

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2101 N Big Spring & 2111 N Big Spring- This property is a package deal! Fabulous commercial location! Easy access to downtown as well as loop 250! $219,900
5900 Shadyview-Huge corner lot (0.353 Acre) in mockingbird heights across from clubhouse & pool! Fabulous residential homesite! $145,000
8500 County Rd 1110-Peaceful country living on 5 acres! Deer and quail on property! Easy access from 158! New paved country street! No restrictions! $80,000
2221 Timber Well Lane -Fast-growing subdivision-timber wolf estates-city of midland, martin co. 25 Lots (appr 5 acre lots @ $13k/acre)! $75,000
304 George-Recently replaced roof, wood fence! Office area in front of building w/ shop in the back includes one garage bay w/ roll door. Paved parking on south & east side of building $72,000
1075 Timber Wolf Lane - One of Midland's newest subdivisions - Timber Wolf Estates---city of midland, martin co. 25 Lots (appr 5 acre lots @ $13k/acre)...Plat available! $62,400
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5808 Pedernales ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
5507 San Saba ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
1003 Seaboard ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
8 Hialeah ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
4205 Dawn Circle ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
3704 Gail ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
1003 Castleford ..... UNDER CONTRACT!
1005 Stanolind ..... SOLD!
701 S. Lincoln ..... SOLD!
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5807 Nolan Ryan ..... SOLD!
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423 O'rourke - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms $2,500
421 Mac - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms $2,500
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3329 Fannin - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms $1,700
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Successful Home Seller Tips

If you are selling your home it is important to make your home completely available to potential buyers. Neutral carpet and white paint may be one of the best investments you can make. Make sure everything works, door jams well oiled so they don't squeak, moldings aren't cracked or chipped, making sure your deck is newly painted or varnished and loose boards are nailed down so they don't make noises when walked on are also important to do. But to "gut your home" spending lots of money should not be done. That would be throwing money away. Over improving your home for the neighborhood may cause you to loose money in the long run. Brokers often advise sellers not to do "everything" to your home. Regardless if your home is totally redone, the new buyer will want to change things to his own tastes – whether that means repainting your white house a different color with black shutters or gutting the master bathroom. If you leave something obvious (such as an unfinished basement or enclosed patio), feel free to point that out to prospective buyers. It will give them the feeling that there is potential to improve the house and increase its value.

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RISMedia Top 5 Midland's PACE SETTERS

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

3 tips to prepare your house for selling

While you don't have to do a complete overhaul to get your house market-ready, you do need to make an effort. Your Texas Realtor can suggest some ways to make your home appealing to buyers, but here are three ways you can prep your house for selling.

Don't ignore fixable problems

Maybe you're used to living with the dripping kitchen faucet, but a potential homebuyer may not be able to ignore it during a showing. Sure, it might be an easy fix for a new homebuyer, but it might be easy fix for you, too.

If there are repairs that you've been putting off, it's time to consider which ones are worth making. You can also ask for some advice from your REALTOR about which home repairs should be on the top of your to-do list. Some may be too large to tackle at this stage in your sale, like a major renovation. Others, like a leaky faucet, can probably be fixed for less money and in a short amount of time.

Remember, while you may be willing to lower the asking price because you're not interested in remodeling your outdated bathrooms, you can get a can of paint to freshen up the walls.

Keep your clutter to a minimum

If you are living in your house while you're waiting for it to sell, it's going to look like someone lives in it. Buyers expect occupied properties to look, well, occupied. But that doesn't mean that they need to see your dirty laundry pile on the bathroom floor.

Although REALTORS encourage their buyer clients to look past those small things, many buyers have a hard time with it. If it's not difficult for you to put a hamper in the bathroom to store your dirty towels, you might as well give it a try. If you're having trouble deciding how much de-cluttering to do, ask your REALTOR for some guidance.

Make sure the price is right

You made a lot of memories in your home, and maybe you even invested your time and money into improving it, but the fact is that the market is what dictates the sales price.

If you price your property based on sentimental value or the remodeling costs you hope to recoup, you're probably not pricing it properly. When a property is priced too high, it doesn't sell quickly. In fact, it might not sell at all. Your REALTOR will be able to help you come up with the right asking price. Your REALTOR will even take into account those updates you made, but do so with accurate market information.

If the price seems lower than you want, don't be afraid to ask why. But don't forget that you might be accounting for emotions more than a buyer would.

Get more advice on preparing your home for sale, plus other tips for buying and selling real estate in Texas, at pbbor.org



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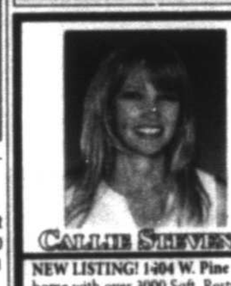
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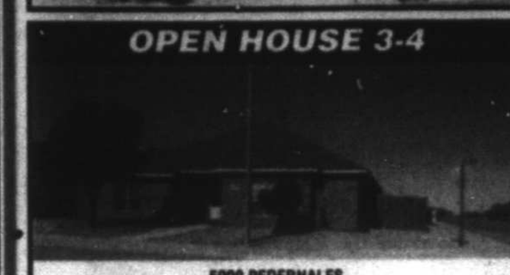
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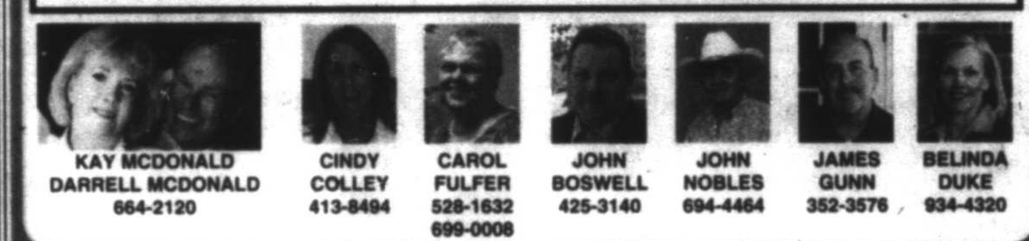
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4806 Pleasant 3/3/3	$2,100
723 Melton Alley 2/2/2	$1,400
2211 Hughes 3/2/2	$2,000
2306 Haynes 3/2/2	$2,000
5309 SanAntonio 3/2/2	$1,650
509 Parkwood 3/2/2	$1,500

OFFICE SPACE

4998 N. Midkiff	$2,200

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5404 San Saba Ct. - $329,900
4 Bedrooms/2 Baths
Beautifully laid out home!
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4303 E. County Rd. 60 - $650,000
5 Bedrooms/4.5 Baths
Beautiful home on 2.24 acres!
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1900 N. I Street - $349,000
3 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths
Updated beautiful home w/pool!
Shown by Cindy Kellough

Featured Homes



5005 Apple Creek Rd. - $392,900



5101 Graceland Dr. - $298,000

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New and Reduced Listings

5005 Apple Creek Rd. -Lovely 4 bedroom/3 bath home w/great plan in Greathouse! $392,900
4502 LaSalle Circle-Extras! Extras! 2 bdrms/2 bth. new construction. Duplex $325,000
5101 Graceland Dr - Super duplex built by Payne builders each unit has 3 bdrms/2 bths $298,000
5103 Graceland Dr -Gorgeous duplex built by Payne builders each unit has 3 bdrms/2 bths $298,000

One Bedroom

1909 Woodlawn Dr -Really nice 1 bedroom townhome. Clean and ready for occupancy! ..... U/C. $134,500

Two Bedrooms

4502 LaSalle Circle Extras! Extras! 2 bdrms/2 bth. new construction. Duplex $325,000

Three Bedrooms

7298 E. County Rd. 113-Custom built 3bdrm/3 bath home! incredible brickwork inside and out. MARBLE EVERYWHERE! $900,000
2211 N. County Rd. 1129-Greenwood property/ 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $795,000
2106 N. H St.- Old World Charm - new world amenities Amazing treasure behind courtyard wall $675,000
1926 Crescent Pl. -Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in great location $599,000
1909 Crescent Pl. -Wonderful townhome in Crescent Place $550,000
112 Wind Ridge Circle-Wow! Such an awesome property, media room wet bar, POOL! So much more $549,900
10003 S. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property/ New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! $539,000
5306 Quicksand Cove-Another Glenn Miller low maintenance 3BR/3BA patio home w/oversized rooms $499,900
Lot109b3 E. County Rd. 120-New construction 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home in The Meadows $376,000
1900 N. I Street-Wonderful location ! I & Winfield. Great backyard w/sparkling pool $395,000
4910 Kingsboro Ct. -Meadow Park jewel! Lots of new in this spacious 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home! Walk to Pool and Clubhouse! $350,000
4823 Spring Meadow Ln. -Unbelievable quality in this totally remodeled 3 bdrm/2.5 bath home! $349,000
2102 Neely Ave. -Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2 bath townhouse in Old Midland $329,000
1404 Douglas-Lovely 3 bdrm/2bth home in great neighborhood, great plan w/POOL! ..... U/C. $325,000
902 W. Pine Ct. -Lovely townhome in Highland Park $319,000
5009 S. County Rd. 1184-Spacious 3BR, great country property $299,000
5101 Graceland Dr - Super duplex built by Payne builders each unit has 3 bdrms/2 bths $298,000
5103 Graceland Dr -Gorgeous duplex built by Payne builders each unit has 3 bdrms/2 bths $298,000
908 Neely Ave. - Charming 3bdrm/2bth Highland Park Townhouse with many updates! $289,000
13304 FM 307- Wonderful 3Bdrm/2Bth home with great additions $285,000
1208 S. County Rd. 1129-Wonderful 3/2 home on 1.568 ac in Greenwood! $279,000
2011 County Rd. 1185-Wonderful country property close to town w/large open concept plan ..... U/C. $279,000
5103 Crystal Sky Ln. -Beautiful front entry way into this stunning 3bdrm/2bth home with granite on every surface. ..... U/C. $254,900
1100 Godfrey St. -Nothing but the best - from stately exterior to attention to detail interior plus convenient location. ..... U/C. $250,000
4717 Boulder Ave. -Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse w/lots of many updates! $229,000
1805 McClintic St. - 3/2, 2 car garage w/water well, hot tub, large backyard ..... U/C. $295,000
2410 Camarie-3/2 w/2 living areas. 1 block from Fannin Elementary $191,500
2400 Haynes Dr -Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home w/some fresh paint, a newly remodeled kitchen $179,000
2008 Storey Ave.-Charming 3 bedroom/2 bath home with nice updates ..... U/C. $175,000

Four Bedrooms

519 Sir Barton Pkwy-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan $1,150,000
5400 Unbridled Trail-Amazing custom home in Solomon! Open plan w/great amenities $975,000
6316 Haywood-Gorgeous custom home in Grassland West! Beautiful pool and outside entertaining area! ..... U/C. $739,000
6701 E. County Rd. 112-Beautiful new construction in Cowboy Estates! ..... U/C. $470,500
1205 Breckenridge Dr -Great plan in Woodland Park! ..... U/C. $469,500
2103 Co. Rd. 1000-Beautiful custom 4bdr/2bth Tom Woodruff resale on 5 acres w/all the bells and whistles! $458,000
Lot110b3 E. County Rd. 120-home in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now as granite, brick, etc. $449,000
6667 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bdr/2bth Ashington home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! $430,500
7008 Chadwick Ct. -Gorgeous in Green Tree North $408,500
7208 E. Co. Rd. 112-Beautiful Chaney Ranch Horry while you can still choose your selection today $408,320
10508 E. County Rd. 104-Greenwood ISD 4BR/3BA, granite, pergola, gas fire pit $408,000
5005 Apple Creek Rd.- Lovely 4 bedroom/3 bath home w/great plan in Greathouse! $392,900
7208 E. County Rd. 112-Chaney Ranch is finally ready for your Dream Home! You can make all your selections now. $380,480
2006 Porter Way-Less than 3 year old Bernal home beautifully maintained in Mayfield Pl. $375,500
Lot206b3 E. County Rd. 120-New construction in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now. $353,700
2701 S. Co. Rd. 1089-better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, good plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! $330,500
1508 S. County Rd. 1085-Beautiful new construction on quiet street (dead ends) Large open floorplan $335,000
5404 San Saba Ct.-Builder's personal home & every detail was meticulously completed in this beautiful 4BR home $329,900
2503 Culpeper Dr.-Gorgeous 4 bdrm. 2 bath. updated kitchen. fabulous landscaping plus workshop ..... U/C. $299,900
3005 Roosevelt Ave.- Remodeled 4 bdrm/3 bth home w/2 car garage $239,000
3300 S. County Rd. 1060-Great opportunity to have an acre of land in Greenwood. 4bdr/3 bath w/lots of space $180,000

Five or More Bedrooms

5108 Alpheho-Gorgeous pool and outdoor kitchen $1,450,000
4303 E. County Rd. 60-Beautiful 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home on 2.24 acres $650,000
5306 Quicksand Cove-Another Glenn Miller low maintenance 3BR/3BA patio home w/oversized rooms $499,900

New Construction

Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision w/acreage ..... $30-$60

Town Houses and Patio Homes

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For Lease

4710 Gateway-Immaculate open flowing plan! $1,700
1400 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/white w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage. ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
10601-A W. Murphy, Odessa-For sublease. 7,750 shop & 1,500 sq. ft. of office, on I-20 Service Rd ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111

Lots, Land and Acreage

Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build you dream home ..... $30-$60
S. Co. Rd. 1120-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood $2,000,000
I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-111F.95 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111 ..... $2,000,000
S. Co. Rd. 1040-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood $1,305,200
3010 Jasmine-Oasis on the Interstate! $475,000
1105 E. Co. Rd. 150-56.39 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn. mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111 ..... $401,129
5703 E. Co. Rd. 90-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan $398,000
6701 Desert Wind-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community $250,000
W. County Rd. 123-Ready to develop! $250,000
4405 Green Tree Blvd.-Lot in Green Tree North/ 0.18 acres $125,000
E. Co. Rd. 120-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows ..... U/C. $80,000

Commercial Investment Property

1409 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/white w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
10 Devils Draw-For Sublease, approx. 13,500 sq. ft. of Class A office space - ExCe ffice/Dist Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-Approx. 9,301 sq. ft. ±2ha building, great location - near hospital Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
Centennial Tower-Downtown Midland-For Sublease, approx. 7,729 sq. ft., Class A Bldg. with covered parking ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-For lease, approx. 9,301 sq. ft. of very attractive site, convenient location w/parking ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
7900 Greening-Industrial sublease. 14,998 sq. ft. on 4.74 acres. In Lesco Industrial development w/city utilities ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
13112 W. Hwy. 80-Redeveloped office building with 4,000 sq. ft. on just under 1 acre. For sale or for lease ..... Call Bill or Brandee
2106 N. Big Spring-2,175 sq. ft. office space, convenient location with easy access, lease at $15/sq/yr. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall $1,906,000
Craddick Hwy. & 158-205.-4 Acres available for immediate industrial development. Call Bill or Brandee $3,000,000
Interstate 20-44.38 acres in Lesco Addition w/city utilities next to GE Oil & Gas. Call Bill or Brandee $2,664,7000
3030 S. County Rd. 1290-21,336 sq. ft. Industrial Bldg. with 4.22 acres, across from Coors Bldg. between Midland & Odessa. Call Bill or Brandee. $1,100,000
2211 S. County Rd. 1129-Greenwood property/ 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $795,000
2500 S. County Rd. 1159-Approx. 11,000 sq. ft.shop or industrial space, a 7,000 sq. ft. shop & 4 - 1,250 sq. ft. leasable spaces. Great man cave. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall @ 682-1111 ..... $725,000
801 S. Garfield St.-Wonderful money making commercial building! $600,000
6000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.5+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
Fawtree Rd.-4.82 acres with city utilities in the Lesco Industrial Addition. Call Bill or Brandee $290,475
0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $189,000

Out of Town Properties

51 West Rd.-Fabulous Lake Henry pit-stop. 3 bdrm/2bth home located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estate $340,000
3939 Scotts St.-Beautiful & meticulously maintained low-maintenance home in Odessa $230,000



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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Carrasco Homes



1505 S. Mineola Street
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $345,000

Ashington Homes



4405 Casa Verde Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $425,000

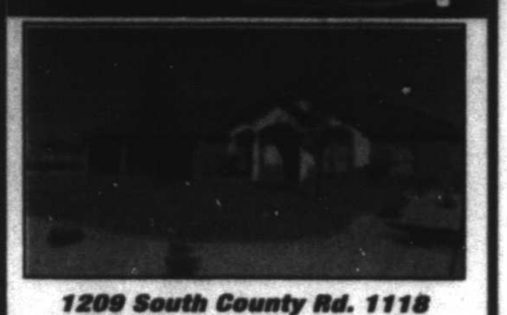
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4306 San Pedro Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $424,900

Elgin Homes



1209 South County Rd. 1118
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $489,900

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7117 E. Co. Rd. 91
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2+ car garage, priced @ $410,700



7407 E. Co. Rd. 93
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $429,900

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(Greenwood)
Corner of S. Co. Rd. 1120
and E. Co. Rd. 96



1209 E. Co. Rd. 1118
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $489,900

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> *~ Og Mandino*

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

509 Canyon Dr	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
501 Scharbauer Dr	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$84,000
311 E. Golf Course Rd	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	$127,000
4704 Thompson Dr	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$189,000
3403 Thomas Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Detached 2 Car Garage	$179,900
3612 Storey Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1103 Alaska St	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$195,000
2405 Fairview Lane	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
7217 Raphael St	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
6010 Wagner	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1705 N. Fort Worth	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$220,000
4105 Godfrey St	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$269,900
4000 Compton Drive	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
2430 E. 17th Street	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$289,000
1609 Castleford Rd	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$335,000
1004 Glenwood	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
3700 Cassidy Court	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool	$439,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION

917 N. Weatherford	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	U/C
1505 S. Mineola St	Carrasco Homes/ 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$345,000
3414 S. Co. Rd. 1060	Michael Davis Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/Greenwood	$249,900
7117 E. Co. Rd 91	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2+ Car Garage	$410,700
4306 San Pedro	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$424,900
7407 E. Co. Rd. 93	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$429,900
10503 E. Co. Rd. 105	Michael Davis Homes/5 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 2 Car Garage/Greenwood	$427,000
5315 Brown Heart Ln	Diaz Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$449,000
5306 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$479,900
1209 S. Co. Rd. 1118	Elgin Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 car garage	$489,900
5306 Balfour Ct	A&E Home Construction/5 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	U/C
4101 Timbergien Circle	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$975,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

15356 N. Hollyhock Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2.205 Acres	$90,000
14943 Sunflower Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Carport	$123,900
14941 Sunflower Ave	Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/7.2 Acres	U/C
4301 W. Co. Rd. 104	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$235,000
Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
4201 S. Co. Rd. 1105	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$310,000
10507 E. Co. Rd. 105	Greenwood/5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$369,900

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

1400 Webb Lane	L-J Spring/4 Acres	$550,000
302 S. Marienfeld	11,640 Sq. Ft./0.482 Acres	$750,000
Reef Parkway	3.98 Acres	$1,475,000
3008 Elkins Rd.	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,500,000

RENTAL PROPERTIES

4303 Leddy Dr.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$1,500
501 Scharbauer Dr	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$1,000

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1705 N. Forth Worth
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $220,000



4101 Timbergien Circle
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2403 E. 17th Street
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March of Homes at Vista Del Sol

Sunday, March 13, 2016
2pm-4pm



7314 E County Rd 91
$425,872
4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage, 2476 sq. ft.



7308 E County Rd 91
$426,216
4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage, 2478 sq. ft.



1209 S County Rd 1118
$489,900
4 bed, 2 1/2 bath, 3 car garage, 2535 sq. ft.



7303 E County Rd 93
$493,915
4 bed, 3 bath, 3 car garage, 2855 sq. ft.



7407 E County Rd 93
$429,900
4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage, 2552 sq. ft.



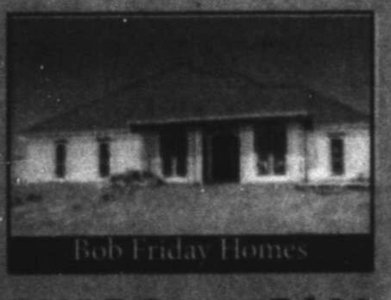
7116 E County Rd 96
$355,000
3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 2097 sq. ft.



1186 S County Rd 1118
$325,000
4 bed, 2bath, 2 car garage, 2094 sq. ft.



7117 E County Rd 91
$410,700
4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage, 2409 sq. ft.



7305 E County Rd 96
$439,000
4 bed, 2 1/2 bath, 3 car garage, 2556 sq.ft



1210 S County Rd 1117
$436,050
4 bed, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 2565 sq. ft.

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307 to Greenwood, turn left north on 1120 (1120 is just past Uncles & Dollar General), .4 mile to VISTA DEL SOL on right. Turn on first entrance.

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FEATURED HOME

4517 St. Andrews- $256,000
Picture perfect brick home on large corner lot with 3 car garage. Open floor plan with 4 bed, 2 bath, 2 living areas, formal dining, second living with 2 walls of windows. Great transition to entertaining. Updated kitchen with granite, island & stainless appliances. Master suite has separate tub & shower. Add'l beds & closets. Covered patio & auto sprinkler system.

OPEN SUN. 2:30-3:30

504 CABRILLO DR.-ODESSA, TX- $236,000
Spacious 4 bed/2 bath/2 garage home w/shop! Entry leads to open living area w/fireplace (gas logs) corner shelving & big windows. Large kitchen w/lots of cabinets, breakfast bar & pantry. Compartmented master has soaking tub, separate shower & dual sinks. Pretty wood-look laminate flooring throughout. Large backyard w/shop!

FEATURED HOME

1213 CONQUISTADOR CT.- $299,000
Beautiful 4 bed/2 bath pool in perfect condition! Lots of upgrades! Gorgeous tile look in living area w/slate fireplace (gas logs) open kitchen w/granite, granite tile, stainless appls, gas stove & pantry. Spa master retreat w/whirlpool tub, separate shower & dual sinks. Landscaped yard, timed buttons for back patio w/fan for indoor ambiance, big patio perfect for entertaining, watering system on patio!

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4006 Stacy Ave., Midland, TX
Beautiful 3 bedroom 1 bath home has a ton of curb appeal with its charming brick exterior and mature landscaping. The backyard is a great place to entertain with a covered patio area, and even a dog run! This sweet home is close to stores, main highways, and even busy 250! Downtown is just minutes away.
Call Sonya Luna 432-934-8358

1405 W Illinois Ave., Midland, TX
TERRIFIC Location in Old Midland. Located between two established "Dr's Offices"! Waiting area, receptions area, 4 Wonderfully sized offices, 2 restrooms and a kitchen area!! GREAT buy for your NEW business!
Call Carrie McMahon 432-664-0813

U/C
4910 Versailles Dr., Midland, TX
Super CLEAN and ADORABLE Midland home!!! 3BR/2/BATH with plenty of parking and storage!!! This is a MUST see!!!
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U/C
4300 Harlowe Dr., Midland, TX
Three bedroom with two bathrooms. Hardwood floors, sunken living room, large eat in kitchen. There is so much potential on this house. Just needs you to personalize it.
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3000 W. Branson Ave., Midland, TX
Located in the Hideout West Del Addition. Prime Location Near Museum of the Southwest! Great Living Area with Fireplace and two large windows looking into the spacious front Lawn. Huge kitchen with plenty of room for family and friends. Recent Updates: both Baths, Easy Access to Downtown, Upstairs Loft is a great get-away room cooled with window unit. Storage, Storage and more Storage.
Call Warren Ivey 432-238-7832

1903 Windmill Midland, TX
Beautiful 3 bed/2 bath/2 living areas and 3 car garage. Gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, stone backsplash, island with an electric cooktop, new double oven, nice hand-glazed cabinets and a large breakfast bar that opens to the living and dining area. High ceilings, hardwood flooring, separated master suite with separate vanities and separate tub and shower with a walk-thru closet.
Call Bobby McCourt 432-967-0652

852 Brooks Dr., Midland, TX
Charming well maintained updated home with Two Living areas. Updates include carpet, farmhouse windows, light fixtures and ceiling fans. Huge backyard with a 12'x16' metal storage building. Won't last long.
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3005 S County Rd. 1270 Midland, TX
BEAUTIFUL MODULAR HOME with ACREAGE. This beautiful home has two living areas, dining area, large kitchen, four bedrooms and two full baths. The large kitchen has lots of storage and granite counter tops. The large master bath has separate sinks, separate tub and shower. Unobstructed views of magnificent sunrises and sunsets.
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FEATURED HOME
4112 BAYBROOK - $425,000
4 Bedroom 3 Bath. Under $120 per sq. ft in Mockingbird Heights.
Call Bill Underwood 432-413-5855

OPEN 1:00-2:00
2405 SCR 1121 - $449,900
4 Bedrooms 3 Baths 2 Living Areas 2 Dining Areas 2 Acres Workshop
Shown by Ray Castaneda 432.296.1229

FEATURED HOME
6905 CATTLEMAN - $270,000
3 Bedrooms 2 Baths 2 Car garage low maintenance yard.
Call Brooke Underwood 432-618-6380

OPEN 3:00-4:00
3213 PATRICK - $369,000
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths like new home, high ceilings, open floorplan, neutral paint.
Shown by Sheet Doss 432.357.4826

OPEN 1:30-2:30
5707 LOS PATIOS - $359,900
4 bedroom, 3 bath, 18' tile flooring, high ceilings, crown molding!
Call Sheet Doss 432.357.4826

FEATURED HOME
6213 HOMESTEAD - $930,000
Spacious & beautiful!! Golf course. 4-4 1/2-4 living, (4-6 car gar)
Call Denise Underwood 432-553-9121

FEATURED LISTINGS

4006 Cardinal Gorgeous estate on nearly 4 acres! 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half. Pool, playscape, outdoor kitchen, RV storage, man cave apartment. Energy efficient, wired & metal shop. $1,300,000
1005 S Jackson Dr Commercial Zoned property, 6 Buildings, Secure fencing, 0.4 Acres. $1,300,000
7 Reaping Willow 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths amazing estate with guest quarters! huge shop $1,295,000
4217 Yorktown 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, in Mockingbird Heights, gorgeous pool, stamped concrete paving $949,000
4207 Homestead Drive 4 Bedrooms, 4.1 Baths, 3 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 4 Car Garage. Golf Course Lot REDUCED $885,000
2205 Homestead Drive 5 Bedrooms, 5.5 Baths, 3 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 5 Car Garage. Robert Graham Co. $687,402
4208 OCR 10 Acres Zoned: mi 2 acres 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, Dining, 2 Dining $649,900
4209 OCR 10 Acres Zoned: Home on 2 acres 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 living, 2 Dining $649,900
3618 OCR 10 4 bedrooms, 4 baths Pool with hot tub, 2 tile acres, separate entrance used as guest quarters $619,900
17 San Luan Park Absolutely wonderful condo newly painted/tile with detached guest suite $599,900
106 Chelsea 3 bedrooms, 4.5 baths. Saddle club town homes. Downstairs pool, workroom. $598,000
4704 Homestead Drive 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 2 Living Areas, 1 Dining Area, 4 Car Garage. Robert Graham Co. $495,402
1405 SCR 1138 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, on 5 acres in Greenwood huge shop, sprinklers & RO... $495,000
1200 Community Recent remodel, 3 bed, 3 bath, 3 living, office & spare room!... $479,900
1406 SCR 1121 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 living, 2 living, 2 acres in Greenwood. REDUCED $449,900
6401 Dogwood Bridge Drive Sparkling pool, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, gate-auto, absolutely stunning $424,900
4112 Baybrook Drive 4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths, 2 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 2 Car Garage, 2nd Floor in Mockingbird Heights. $425,000
1000 E County Road 120 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 1 Carport. Sparkling Pool. 2.66 Acres. $398,000
6707 Las Palmas 4 bedrooms, 2 baths 2 dining area. Low Maint. Like new home. $398,000
3213 Patrick 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths stunning like new home, open floorplan, high ceilings, plantation shutters. $369,900
2001 Del Norte 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 dining areas, Marble floorplan, wood floors built-ins. $349,900
1010 WCR 41-3 3,326 acres 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, large master with jacuzzi tub, stash $325,000
3709 S County Road 1210 3 bedrooms, 3.5 Baths, 2 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 2 Car Garage. Chestnut Midland ISD Sparkling Pool $299,900
1009 OCR 10 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2.27 acres in greenwood Pet restrict on property $299,000
4200 Dallas 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 living, 2 dining, Huge corner lot, new carpet and paint $292,500
1011 S County Rd 1030 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 2 Car Garage, in Greenwood $289,900
4005 Calhoun Drive 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 2 Car Garage, Open Floorplan... REDUCED $274,900
2910 Rio 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, Low Maint. court yard $269,900
2700 Calvin 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, high ceilings, tons of updates $259,900
12700 OCR 20 3 bedroom, 2 baths, mobile home on 0.53 acres in greenwood. $259,000
2 Linda Ct 3 bedroom, 2 bath home conveniently located, great for entertaining. $255,000
2010 Dixie 4 bedroom, 2 baths, 3 living areas, 1 dining $227,000
905 Adams 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths 2 living areas, complete interior remodel, 2 living rooms. $224,900
2013 Austin 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, newer construction, granite counters storage and metal building $219,900
2607 Wade 3 bedrooms, 2 baths huge master suite with 2 walk-in closets, bonus room $219,900
4310 Nevada Drive 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1 Living Areas, 1 Dining Area, 2 Car Garage. Large Backyard $199,295
307 E Lee Street 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 1 Car Garage. New Construction LIB Custom Homes $199,000
309 E Lee Street 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 1 Car Garage. New Construction LIB Custom Homes $199,000
2309 Evergreen 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, and 2 dining. New AC game room $198,000
4712 W I-20 SVC 4 bedrooms, 2 bath mobile home on .86 acres $179,000
2309 S County Rd 1140 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 1 Living Area, 2 Dining Area. Close to town far enough to feel country $175,000
704 S Baird 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 2 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 2 Story Home $165,000
4700 W Ranch Drive 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 1 Car Garage. Move in Ready $142,000
402 Waverly 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, tons of recent updates, guest quarters $141,000
11707 N. Garfield 4 acres 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, ducks-wild... $140,000
2215 Illinois 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, great bones! has so much potential, utility on wells $129,900
2500 Roosevelt 6 bedrooms, 2 baths, duplex REDUCED $116,900
600 W Kansas 5 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, old Midland home hardwood floors, work out room $110,000
600 Hazard 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, Original Hardwood flooring, huge back yard $95,000
4214 OCR 120 3 bedrooms, 1 bath on 1 acre, water well $74,000
400 Yucca Drive 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, updated floors... $160 Monthly/$480 Deposit
120 S. Redwood 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 living areas, 1 dining area $120 Monthly/$360 Deposit

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OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30
6406 Mockingbird Lane
Gorgeous 5bedroom/5bath French Country design with brand new floor plan by Summit Homes! Impressive front entry! High-end finishes! Will trade!
$995,000

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30
3101 Lockheed Ave
Huge 4 bedroom/3 bath family home with spacious den that overlooks in-ground pool! Remodeled gourmet kitchen! Mother-in-law area!
$299,000

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30
5004 Rio Grande
Extra fabulous!! Stunning 3bedroom/2bath one-owner home! Scored stained concrete floors in open living and dining areas. Kitchen has new stove and microwave. Granite throughout!
$225,000

OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00
4606 St. Andrews
Just Reduced! GREAT 4 bed/2bath in the heart of Fairmont park! Oversized bedrooms, walk-in closets. Sunny garden room/game room/gym! Come by and register for a free gift, sponsored by First American Home Warranty!
$289,900
Shown by Chris Beckett

OPEN TODAY 2:00-3:30
4415 Guadalupe
Absolutely spectacular 4bedroom/2.5bath home! Arched entry to this stunning open kitchen, living area. Huge entertaining island, granite w/stainless appliances, sequestered master!
$379,000

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30
1301 E County Rd 130
Austin Stone traditional 3bedroom/2.5bath family home on 1.25 acres! Interior is in PHENOMINAL Condition! Thick crown molding, 12ft ceilings, arched doorways, fluted columns, skylights & much more!
$345,900
Shown by Chris Beckett

OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00
4705 Laura
Come see this fresh move-in ready 3bed/2bath/2living home with a wonderful remodel, beautiful wood floors, fresh interior paint, lighting, windows, and much more!
$179,900

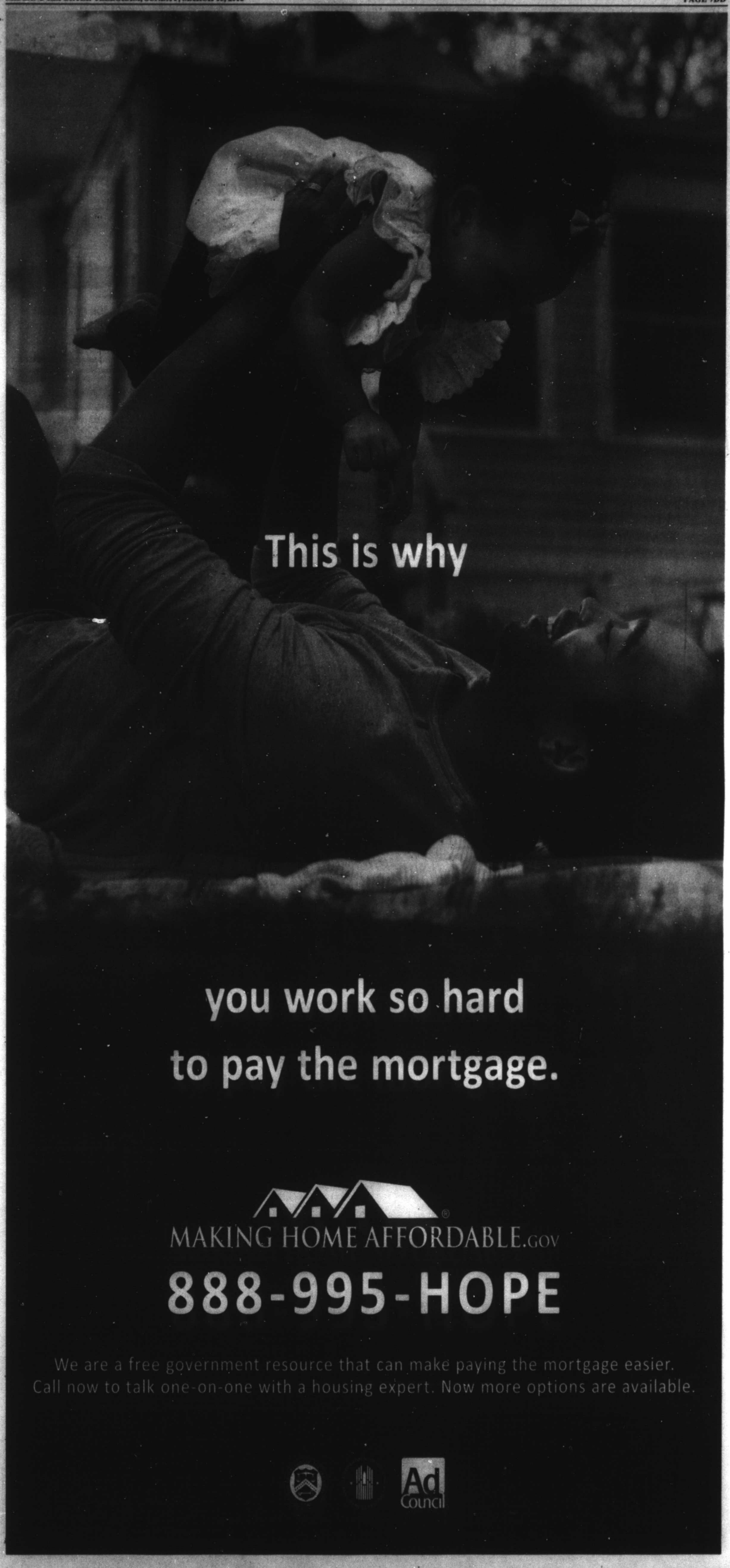
OPEN TODAY 2:00-3:30
2703 Maranatha Place
Reduced! Extra special, quiet private cul-de-sac! Oversized living room with built-ins! Must see this fabulous 3 bedroom/2 bath home! (Off Neely to W. Dengar to Maranatha Pl.)
$199,900

OPEN TODAY 4:00-5:00
5459 Juniper Ct.
Fabulous entertaining 3 bedroom/2.5bath/4car-garage in Green Tree! Granite kitchen w/island! Workshop/gameroom!
$300,000

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Jeaneen Pruitt Team

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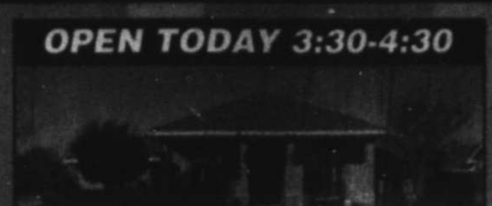
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ACTIVE LISTINGS



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2906 AURORA - $240,000
Shown by Reece Bivens (432) 230-8647



OPEN TODAY 3:30-4:30
1901 FRINGEWOOD DR. - $495,000
Shown by Reece Bivens (432) 230-8647



531 SIR BARTON
$1,750,000



6012 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD.
$1,700,000



1904 SCR 1121, GREENWOOD
$550,000



58 LAFAYETTE PLACE
$520,000



5906 FRIAR TUCK CT.
$500,000



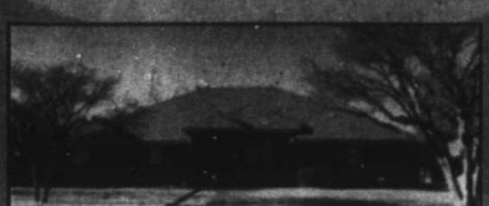
4481 HACKBERRY CT.
$485,000



4001 HERTIAGE OAKS
$478,500



5802 SABINE
$395,000



4506 WOODHOLLOW
$395,000



201 SKYWOOD CIRCLE
$385,000



5804 SABINE DR.
$375,000



4810 YEARWOOD
$375,000



5515 NEWCASTLE DR.
$350,000



1611 W. ILLINOIS AVE.
$340,000



5012 WHITMAN DR.
$315,000



6118 CANDLESTICK
$300,000



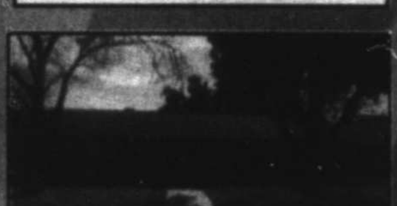
3013 MOSS AVE.
$300,000



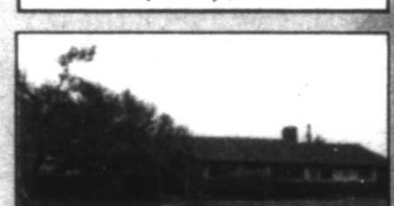
1201 OVERSHINE LN.
$295,000



2502 STANOLIND AVE.
$275,000



3905 CRESTGATE AVE.
$270,000



2313 DENGAR AVE.
$260,000



2604 ADONIA ST.
$250,000



1408 W. PINE
$245,000



4507 NCR 1284
$230,000



3212 SENTINEL DR.
$225,000



917 NOLAN RYAN
$220,000



2703 ADONIA ST.
$208,500



809 CALUMET ST.
$199,900



2215 HUNTINGTON ST.
$197,000



1110 KATHERINE, CRANE
$190,000



3605 MISSION CT.
$150,000



1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE
$110,000



4700 BOULDER DR. #101
$75,000



3116 B KANSAS AVE.
$65,000



3000 ILLINOIS #49
$54,950

UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS



SALE PENDING
6508 WCR 41
$600,000



SALE PENDING
2104 DEEANNA LANE
$575,000



SALE PENDING
2800 CHELSEA PLACE
$412,000



SALE PENDING
5003 APPLE CREEK RD.
$395,000



SALE PENDING
2909 SAVOY PLACE
$350,000



SALE PENDING
5713 SAN SABA AVE.
$300,000



SALE PENDING
5210 MATHIS
$295,000



SALE PENDING
2607 KESWICK COVE
$250,000



SALE PENDING
107 CLUB DR.
$245,000



SALE PENDING
3610 DOUGLAS AVE.
$215,000



SALE PENDING
3321 CAMARIE AVE.
$215,000



SALE PENDING
1412 SPARKS ST.
$210,000



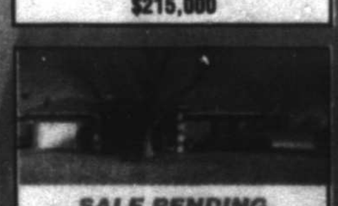
SALE PENDING
805 CHEYENNE ST.
$199,995



SALE PENDING
3213 CR 1060, GREENWOOD
$190,000



SALE PENDING
3602 MISSION CT.
$185,000



SALE PENDING
4600 SEMINOLE DR.
$185,000



SALE PENDING
215 N. DEWBERRY
$155,000



SALE PENDING
1004 DELMAR ST.
$150,000

SOLD LISTINGS



★★★★SOLD★★★★
4011 HERTIAGE OAKS - $421,500



★★★★SOLD★★★★
219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE - $400,000



★★★★SOLD★★★★
6003 WICHITA AVE. - $362,900



★★★★SOLD★★★★
4007 NAVASOTA - $300,500

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Sunday Featured Home!





Karen Foster
ABR, CRS, ASR
Realtor Associate
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6011 Llano Court - $369,900 - Mls #108762

Very nice 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath home in Heritage Oaks. Great open floor plan with tile flooring. Open Kitchen Area with Breakfast Bar and Dining Room, Granite throughout. Large Living Room with beautiful fire place. Very Roomy Utility Room. Sequestered Master Bedroom with Separate Tub and Shower, and a huge walk in closet. Nice sized back yard with covered patio, wood fence and sprinkler system. These are just a few things that you will love about this house. It is absolutely stunning! Great Curb Appeal! 3 Car Garage.








SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 12:00-1:30
5909 LLANO COURT - $330,000
This house is move-in ready, picture perfect, stop on by to see for yourself!!
Shown by Danny Norwood

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4411 LEDDY DR. - $175,000
Nice 3 bed, 1 1/2 bath home, 2 living areas, tile and laminate flooring throughout home. Large backyard with covered patio. Storage building in backyard.
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4402 WILSHIRE - $195,000
3Bed/2Bath, 1791 sq ft, 2 living areas, recently updated, workshop!
Listed & Hosted by Ashley St. John

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4510 FANNIN - $219,900
Lovely 3Bed/2Bath home w/low maintenance backyard on corner lot!
Listed by Ashley St. John & Hosted by Kate Christian

OPEN 1:00-2:30
3304 CLAREMONT - $235,000
Really nice 3/2 with a huge bonus room in a quiet cul-de-sac in Fairmont Park. Lots of recent updates.
Shown by Donna Omar

OPEN 1:30-2:30
5304 GREEN TREE BLVD. - $330,000
Built in 2002, low maintenance, open plan.
Shown by Stephanie Rogers

OPEN 1:30-2:30
1610 NEELY - $215,000
3/2 with lots of recent updates!
Shown by Susan Palmer

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4604 TEAKWOOD TRACE - $419,900
Beautifully updated 4 bdrm on the golf course.
Listed by Cheryl Parrish, Shown by Darla Davis

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2906 AURORA - $240,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2402 CAMARIE - $205,000
Spacious 4bdrm, 2 bath home!
Listed and Shown by Pam Dodd

OPEN 2:00-3:00
4903 FOXBORO CT. - $324,999
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath on lovely cul-de-sac, large office and beautiful swimming pool.
Listed and Hosted by Denise Brasher

OPEN 2:00-3:00
4512 PALMER DR. - $190,000
Squeaky clean!! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with granite, sequestered master and great yard for entertaining.
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 2:00-3:00
1600 N. I ST. - $375,000
Amazing price on this beautiful 4 bedroom in Old Midland!
Shown by Kim Merrill

OPEN 2:30-3:30
2200 D ST. - $319,900
4bed/3bath, 2 story home in old Midland with many updates.
Listed & Hosted by Ashley St. John

OPEN 2:00-4:00
8 WARWICK, ODESSA, TX. - $550,000
Custom 1 Owner! AMAZING!
Shown by Sandy J. Hanson

OPEN 2:00-4:00
1106 S. CO. RD. 1118 - $325,000
4br/2ba/2car, 1 acre, Vista Del Sol Addn., Greenwood ISD. New construction by Covenant Homes.
Listed by Tracy Farrow

OPEN 2:00-4:00
7314 E. COUNTY RD. 91 - $425,872
Listed by Josie Rendon, Shown by Mark Phillber

OPEN 2:00-4:00
7308 E. COUNTY RD. 91 - $426,216
Listed by Josie Rendon, Shown by Mark Phillber

OPEN 2:00-4:00
7303 E. COUNTY RD. 93 - $493,915
Listed by Josie Rendon, Shown by Josie Alvarez

OPEN 2:00-4:00
1210 S. COUNTY RD. 1117 - $436,050
Listed by Josie Rendon, Shown by Josie Alvarez

OPEN 2:00-4:00
7401 E. COUNTY RD. 93 - $374,000
Listed by Josie Reodon

OPEN 3:00-4:00
4801 HILLTOP DR. - $395,000
Open pfan, 4 bd, 3 ba, 3 car garage, 3rd oversized.
Shown by Stephanie Rogers

OPEN 3:30-4:30
2901 ARROWHEAD TRAIL - $255,000
Lovely 3 bed/2 bath in Vista West.
Shown by Lisa Russell

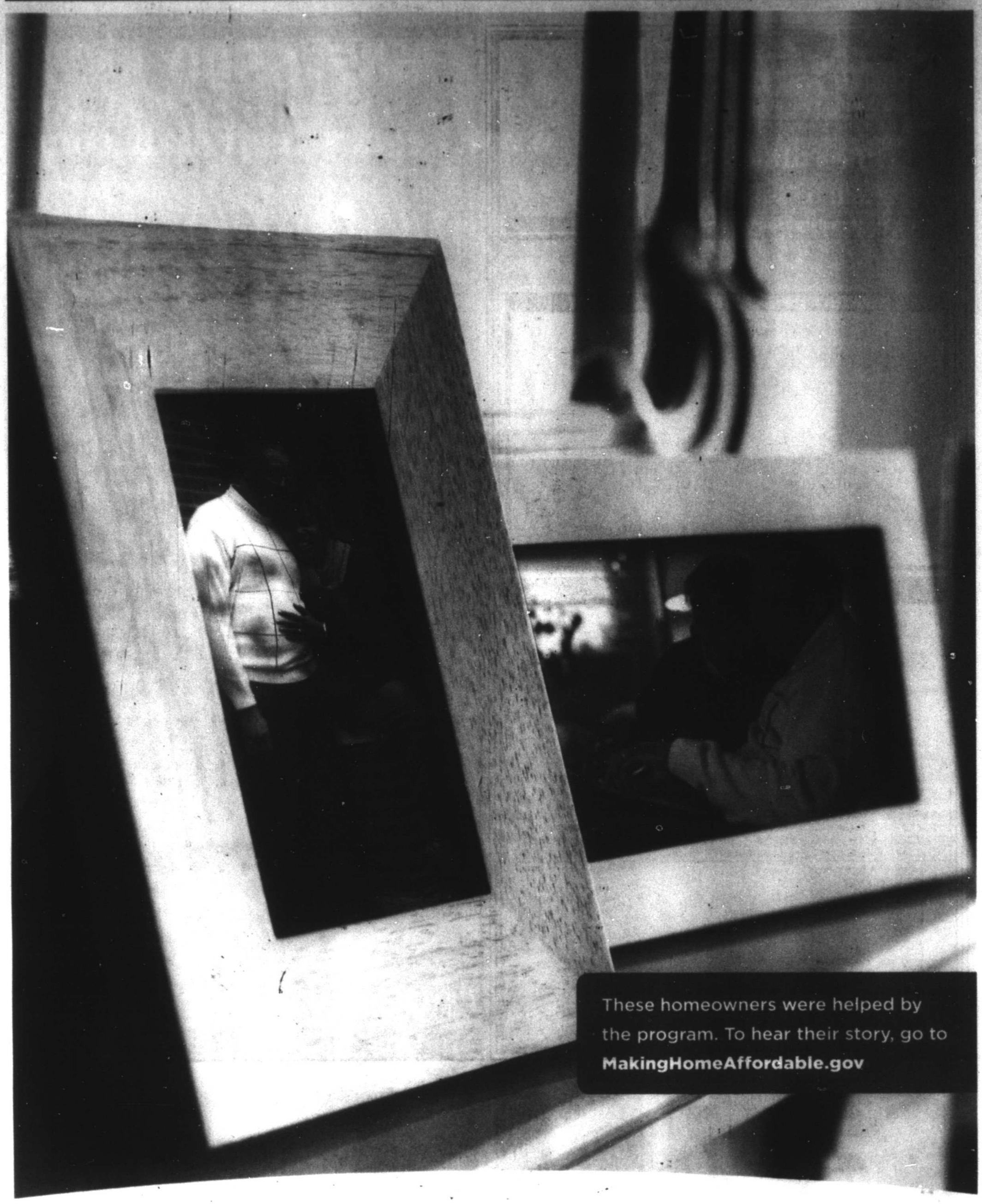
OPEN 3:30-4:30
1901 FRIDGEWOOD DR. - $495,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 3:30-4:30
6001 PRAIRIE RIDGE DR. - $450,000
Spacious 4-3-3 in Grassland Estates West.
Shown by Kay Bivens

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8 WARWICK, ODESSA, TX.
CUSTOM 1 OWNER - AMAZING!!
$550,000



FEATURED LISTINGS

8 Warwick, Odessa, Tx.	3 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, heated & cooled 7-car garage	MLS #108465		$550,000
1306 West Co. Rd 130	2 houses, barn with 6 stalls, arena, 2 shops 12.43+/- acres	MLS #106546		$498,000
801 ECR 130	4 Bed, 2 Bath on 5.75 acres Barns, Pens, Stalls	MLS #106761		$380,000
7209 ECR 96	Gorgeous new construction 4 Bed, 2 bath by Kes Builders, LLC	MLS #106727		$369,900
5313 Scottsboro Lane	4 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 LA & 2 DA's	MLS #108193		$364,900
3400 Alicia Ct.	5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 LA's, 2 DA's, pool	MLS #107193		$289,000
2510 Maxwell Dr.	4 bedroom, 2.5 baths, 2-car garage	MLS #108274	UNDER CONTRACT	$259,900
3200 W. Wadley Ave.	3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2LA's, 2DA's & atrium	MLS #107277		$252,900
3300 Windsor Dr.	One Owner, 4 bedroom 3 bath home	MLS #107614		$239,900
5221 Canadian Ave.	4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 LA	MLS #108673		$227,500
2613 Sunburst Dr.	3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 car garage	MLS #108380	UNDER CONTRACT	$182,000
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #106038		$99,400
102 Waverly Dr.	Nicely update 2 bedroom, 1 bath home	MLS #107630		$89,900
6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	.97 acres RESIDENTIAL LOT	MLS #102876		$140,000
6714 FM 715	-22 Acres	MLS #108863		$365,000
Sundridge Ranch Estate -New Homesites (Only 4 Lots)				3+ acre lots $135,000
2610 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	3.5+/- acres w/3/2 mobile home, 1500sqft bar, 10x12 storage bldg and lots of trees.	MLS #108094	UNDER CONTRACT	$74,500
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	5.5 +/- acres, non-restricted land	MLS #108091	UNDER CONTRACT	$59,900
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	3.888 acres with Caliche put on property, non-restricted	MLS #108092	UNDER CONTRACT	$32,000



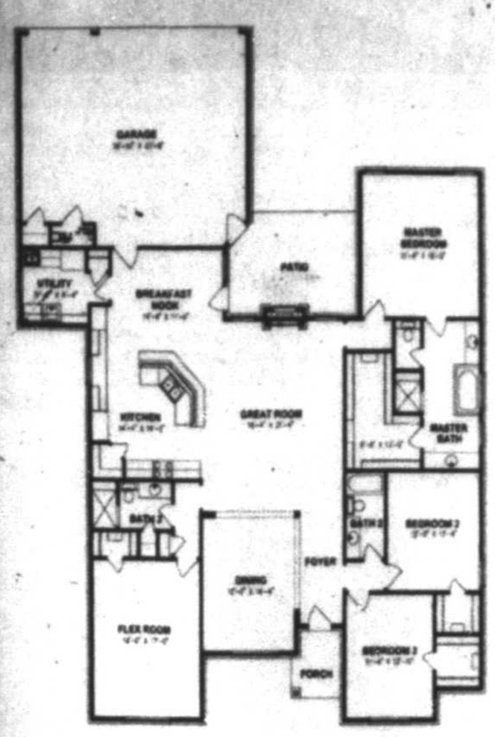
Barbara Bates
Office Manager for Sandy Hanson

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Homes for Sale

Mark Payne Homes





6001 Wichita
$418,500

This home is 3 bedroom, 3 baths and features a very large flex room that can be used as a 4th bedroom or game room. The double sided fireplace allows you to enjoy the cozy feeling from the inside, or create an outdoor living space in this cul-de-sac lot.





6016 Frio Drive
$314,800

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5409 SECRETARIAT ST...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #104142 ... $1,450,000
1610 W CUTHBERT...Amy Barnett 352-6714 ... $865,000
5909 FAIRWOOD CT...Virginia Elizondo ... MLS #108718 ... $679,900
4001 FAIRWOOD...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $574,000
5606 FRIAR TUCK CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108726 ... $560,000
2104 DEEANNA LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106091 ... SALE PENDING
7303 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108052 ... $493,915
3611 MEADOWRIDGE LN...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #107990 ... $450,000
6001 PRAIRIE RIDGE...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ... MLS #108670 ... $450,000
2014 EVANS LANE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #106156 ... $448,900
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #105385 ... $436,050
6303 DRIFTWOOD...Donna Omar 349-1454 ... MLS #107037 ... $430,500
7308 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #107925 ... $429,210
7314 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #107924 ... $426,672
4004 TEAKWOOD TR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #108254 ... $419,900
2118 EVANS...Samantha Smith 978-3588 ... MLS #108527 ... $415,900
2900 CHELSEA PLACE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107841 ... SALE PENDING
4001 HILLTOP DR...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ... MLS #108278 ... $395,000
5003 APPLE CREEK RD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107227 ... SALE PENDING
4500 WOODHOLLOW...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $395,000
3305 FELDSPAR LN...Jennifer Garrison 207-0276 ... MLS #108513 ... $395,000
5207 MATHIS...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108186 ... SALE PENDING
201 SKYWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107518 ... $385,000
4208 EDGEBROOK...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #108002 ... $383,000
3104 PATRICK...Martha Manulik, 557-8744 ... MLS #103108 ... SOLD
4213 BAYBROOK...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #104745 ... SOLD
1800 N.I 177...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #108058 ... $375,000
5804 SABINE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108356 ... $375,000
4810 YEARWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108570 ... $375,000
1401 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #106080 ... $374,000
6011 LLANO...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108762 ... $369,900
5313 SCOTTSBORO LANE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108193 ... $364,900
2901 COLEMAN CT...Martha Manulik, 557-8744 ... MLS #107897 ... $355,000
3305 WOODHAVEN DR...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #108697 ... $354,000
5515 NEWCASTLE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108797 ... $350,000
2909 SAVOY PLACE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108360 ... SALE PENDING
1011 W. ILLINOIS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108588 ... $340,000
3200 PATRICK PLACE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108823 ... $340,000
5304 GREEN TREE BLVD...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ... MLS #108233 ... $340,000
4902 MELVILLE...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #108242 ... $329,900
2904 SAVOY...Lisa Jansa ... MLS #106440 ... $329,000
5005 CASTLEFORD RD...Jo Keller 432-269-8319 ... SOLD
2200 N. D ST...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #108200 ... $319,900
5012 WHITMAN DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107361 ... $315,000
5010 SHERWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108370 ... $315,000
2600 W. DENDAR AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #109007 ... $310,000
5713 SAN SABA AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108579 ... SALE PENDING
3204 DURANT...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #108501 ... $300,000
6110 CANDLESTICK...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #104691 ... $294,900
5908 MILE HIGH LANE...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ... Mt. #106359 ... SALE PENDING
4904 LANCASHIRE...Tina Atkins 681-0069 ... $295,000
4004 CRESTGATE AVE...Lavonne Johnson 618-5082 ... MLS #108522 ... $290,000
5100 CASTLEFORD...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #107858 ... SALE PENDING
1500 W. MISSOURI...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #108548 ... $289,900
3400 ALICIA CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #107193 ... $289,900
3607 SEABOARD AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #106822 ... $275,000
3905 CRESTGATE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108432 ... $270,000
2313 FANNIN AVE...Donna Omar 349-1454 ... MLS# 107439 ... SOLD
2308 CAMERON AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #108339 ... SOLD
6003 RANCHLAND DR...Lisa Russell ... $263,900
2510 MAXWELL DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108274 ... SALE PENDING
2515 DENDAR AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107020 ... $260,000
2602 MAXWELL DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #106719 ... $254,500
3300 WINDSOR DR...Sandy J. Hanson ... MLS #107614 ... $239,900
5221 CAMADAN AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108873 ... $227,000
3911 BALTIC AVE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #108913 ... $225,000
5306 ANETTA...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #108835 ... $224,000
4907 BRIDDESALE...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #108449 ... SALE PENDING
2402 CAMARIE...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... MLS #104861 ... $215,000
3225 DENDAR AVE...Mark Philbber 222-5071 ... MLS #108321 ... $215,000
4411 LEROY DR...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #108263 ... $200,000
410 W. ESTES...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108972 ... $180,000
806 CARVER...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #106250 ... SOLD
3417 W. MICHIGAN...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #107170 ... $179,000
1202 ELM AVE...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108190 ... $179,000
1711 N. WEATHERFORD...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #107765 ... SOLD

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4601 ANDREWS HWY...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #108126 ... $749,000
1901 FRINGEWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108804 ... $495,000
4481 HACKBERRY CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108382 ... $485,000
4100 EDGEBROOK...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #107075 ... $449,900
5802 SABINE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108875 ... $395,000
5013 PIMLICO...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108856 ... $379,000
4531 SHADY OAK CT...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #107715 ... SALE PENDING
5909 LLANO COURT...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ... $330,000
4903 FOXBORO CT...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #108604 ... $324,999
3013 MOSS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108982 ... $300,000
705 CAROL LN...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #108296 ... SALE PENDING
4012 TRINITY COURT...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ... SOLD ... MLS #104840
602 ELK...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #106248 ... $299,000
1201 OVERSHINE LN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #105681 ... $295,000
5210 MATHIS...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108705 ... SALE PENDING
1101 OVERSHINE LANE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108041 ... $295,000
2502 STANOLIND AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108676 ... $275,000
6009 MEDINA...Jennifer Garrison 207-0276 ... MLS #101402 ... SALE PENDING
602 ELK...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #106248 ... SALE PENDING
3215 SOUTHRIDGE CT...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ... MLS #107653 ... $269,900
6210 DRIFTWOOD...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108572 ... $269,000
1009 VENTURA AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108171 ... $259,900
2510 MAXWELL DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108274 ... $259,900
2812 DURANT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108531 ... $258,900
2910 ARROWHEAD TR...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #108864 ... $255,000
3200 W. WADLEY AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #107277 ... $252,900
4304 BOULDER...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #108306 ... $250,000
2607 KESWICK COVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106408 ... SALE PENDING
2604 ADONIA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #101146 ... $250,000
2407 FAIRVIEW LANE...Mark Philbber 222-5071 ... MLS #108500 ... $249,000
2906 AURORA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108980 ... $240,000
107 CLUB DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108462 ... SALE PENDING
2509 CASTLEFORD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108301 ... SOLD
3304 CLAREMONT...Donna Omar 349-1454 ... MLS #108683 ... $235,000
5914 WAGNER...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ... MLS #108484 ... $235,000
2100 ROSITA...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108964 ... $234,900
1306 COLLEGE AVE...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... SALE PENDING
2210 COLLEGE AVE...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #105098 ... $124,500
1101 WAVERLY...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $89,900
913 HOLLY...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108606 ... $80,900
102 WAVERLY DR...Sandy J. Hanson ... MLS #107630 ... $80,900
2105 NORTHRUP DR...Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121 ... MLS #10357 ... $184,900
1306 CHUKAR LANE...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108547 ... $179,000
3614 MONCLAVE...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108466 ... $179,900
2502 TERRACE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108229 ... SALE PENDING
113 SOUTH TYLER...Pam Messer 432-349-3075 ... MLS #106445 ... $179,500
4810 ARBLEE...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #107202 ... $179,500
1215 E. NOBLES...Pam Dodd ... SALE PENDING
211 CARVER...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #108355 ... $178,000
4411 LEROY DR...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #108943 ... $175,000
2007 N. D STREET...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #108744 ... $175,000
1400 ARNLEE...Skye Farris 432-294-3336 ... MLS #105276 ... $175,000
3307 CIMMARON...Amanda Gunter ... MLS #108886 ... $172,000
1800 GRENSHAW...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... SOLD
1010 W. MICHIGAN...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108307 ... $169,900
3701 W. LOUISIANA...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... $169,900
4507 PASADENA...Jose Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #106995 ... $169,500
4726 RIC DR...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #107536 ... $169,000
313 ROCKY LANE...Lavonne Johnson ... MLS #104500 ... SALE PENDING
1605 W LOUISIANA...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #108185 ... $165,000
2805 BARKLEY...Martha Manulik ... MLS #108205 ... SALE PENDING
702 S. MARSHALL...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #107322 ... $159,200
113 S. TYLER...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #106445 ... $157,000
215 N. DENWERT...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #108405 ... SALE PENDING
4614 SHADYLANE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #107161 ... $155,000
308 S. DALLAS ST...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #106637 ... $154,000
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1004 DELMAR ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107912 ... SALE PENDING
4001 MONTY...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #107304 ... $149,900
1201 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108304 ... SALE PENDING
1005 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108305 ... $149,000
4209 PLEASANT DR...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #105700 ... $143,500
4614 W. ILLINOIS...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #108828 ... $130,000
600 HOWARD DR...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #108741 ... $130,000
2608 KESSLER...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108725 ... SALE PENDING
2506 W. WASHINGTON AVE...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #105613 ... $113,000
4304 THOMASON...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #103796 ... $109,700

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

5805 OPAL CT...Denise Brasher ... MLS #108542 ... SALE PENDING
219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106215 ... $408,000
2510 QUAIL POINT...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #105892 ... $240,000
410 W. ESTES...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108972 ... $180,000
5105 CONCHO DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106360 ... SOLD
4700 BOULDER #1301...Ashley St. John ... MLS #107903 ... $95,500
311 S. BENTON...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #105052 ... SALE PENDING
3207 DELANO...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #105994 ... $79,500
4700 BOULDER DR.. UNIT #610...Mark Philbber 222-5071 ... MLS #107957 ... $79,000
3000 W. ILLINOIS #15...Angie McKay 689-0272 ... MLS #108354 ... $60,000

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6409 E CO RD 83...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $899,000
6806 E CO RD 109, OAK RIDGE SUBDIVISION...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #107880 ... $795,900
6704 E. CO. RD. 107...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #106602 ... 2 Acres/$695,000
4303 W CO RD 1284...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #104991 ... $575,000
1904 S. CO. RD. 1121, GREENWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107015 ... $550,000
1306 W. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #106546 ... $498,000
12107 W CO. RD. 52...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #108236 ... $450,000
2024 S. CO. RD. 1063...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #106536 ... SALE PENDING
2025 S. CO. RD. 1066, GREENWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #107205 ... $399,900
12906 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... 5 Acres/$399,900
10804 E. CO. RD. 109...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ... MLS #108496 ... $399,000
601 E. CO. RD. 138...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #106761 ... $380,000
2025 S. CO. RD. 1066...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #107205 ... $375,000
2805 S. CO. RD. 1066, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #108736 ... $325,000
1106 S. CO. RD. 1118...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #106626 ... $325,000
10906 E. CO. RD. 109...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #108961 ... 0.51 Acres/$299,900
10711 W. CO. RD. 150...Angie McKay ... MLS #101077 ... $299,000
9103 W. CO. RD. 100...Lisa Russell ... MLS #107091 ... $275,000
1300 E. CO. RD. 120...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... MLS #108197 ... $235,000
1408 W. CO. RD. 143...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #107427 ... 2 Acres/$230,000
4827 W CO. RD. 1284...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106158 ... $230,000
1509 E. CO. RD. 149...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108279 ... $225,000
2107 S. CO. RD. 1086, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... MLS #107947 ... $209,000
4916 W. COUNTY RD. 1122...Skye Farris 432-294-3336 ... MLS #104921 ... 2.2 Acres/$199,500
2714 S. CO. RD. 1052...Mark Philbber 222-5071 ... MLS #107194 ... $198,000
1291 E. CO. RD. 128...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #108266 ... $180,000
2113 CO. RD. 1086, GREENWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107888 ... SALE PENDING
3701 S. CO. RD. 1086...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #108116 ... SALE PENDING
5402 E. CO. RD. 136...Samantha Smith 432-978-3588 ... MLS #109946 ... SALE PENDING
2011 W. CO. RD. 119...Mark Philbber ... MLS #93899 ... SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

8 WARWICK, ODESSA...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108465 ... $550,000
7100 WESTSIDE DR...Stanton Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... MLS #105659 ... $299,000
17939 INDIAN BLANKET TR., GARDENDALE...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #107346 ... 5.14 Acres/$274,900
309 LAMAR CT, ODESSA...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #98183 ... SOLD
2807 HWY 350 E BIG SPRING, TX...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #108038 ... $220,000
4001 APPLEWOOD DR., ODESSA...Jance Murrell 349-7242 ... MLS #98351 ... $215,000
1110 KATHERINE, CRANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $190,000
3271 BLOSSOM LN, ODESSA, TX...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #108148 ... $180,000
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... MLS #105750 ... SALE PENDING
3100 DUMONT DR., ODESSA...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #98643 ... $155,000
4820 BONHAM, ODESSA...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #99242 ... $155,000
1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #102029 ... $110,000
404 S. ODESSA ST...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #107041 ... $105,000
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 250...Sandy J. Hanson ... MLS #106038 ... $99,400

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

807 E 2ND ST, ODESSA...Sue Lyfe ... MLS #107382
3114 SUNBURST...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... MLS #102751 ... $1,900,000
10204 FM 307...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... MLS #106670 ... $1,520,000
3400 W 7TH ST BIG SPRING...Mark Philbber 222-5071 ... MLS #106813 ... $1,500,000
807 E 2ND ST, ODESSA...Sue Lyfe ... $870,000
5300 WALL ST...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #99421 ... $799,000
1002 MARIENFELD...Jose Rendon 689-6394 ... $499,500
S. HWY 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO...Mark Philbber 222-5071 ... MLS #102474 ... 7.817 Ac/$337,560
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S. HWY 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO...Mark Philbber 222-5071 ... MLS #102472 ... 9.479 Ac/$284,370
17039 INDIAN BLANKET TR., GARDENDALE...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #107346 ... 5.14 Acres/$274,900
1100 W HWY. 80, STANTON...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #108426 ... 8.743 Acres/$250,000
313 SUMMIT AVE...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #108183 ... $229,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO...Mark Philbber 222-5071 ... MLS #102473 ... 9.250 Ac/$200,100
401 MIDLAND DR....Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #103887 ... $80,000

LAND AND LOTS

S HWY 137, STANTON...Mark Philbber 222-5071 ... MLS #103592 ... 348 Acres/$495,000
FM 715...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #96888 ... 22 Acres/$444,000
3201 CYNTHIA DR...Josie Rendon ... MLS #108772 ... 11.44 Acres/$343,200
S CO RD 8 3501, STANTON...Mark Philbber 222-5071 ... MLS #107801 ... 134 Acres/$335,000
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"The Little Mermaid"



"Peter Pan"

500 SHOWS AND POSES

Midland Community Theatre celebrates 500 shows as a pillar of local arts

By Rich Lopez
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When the cast and crew of "Disney's The Little Mermaid" struck the set of their six-week run March 5, they also were closing down a landmark show for Midland Community Theatre. The musical was the 500th production since MCT was established in 1946, and serves as testament to the organization's longevity.

Executive Director Tim Jebsen helmed "Mermaid," which was his 69th show with the theater. Over the course of MCT's 70 years, Jebsen is only the third person serving in that position.

"Our founder, Art Cole, was the director for 30 years, and my predecessor, Don Bachmann, was here for 18," the former Ohioan said. "I'm very proud of that fact that Midland Community Theatre has been around for this many years, and it's maintained that tremendous amount of stability."

Since the beginning of his tenure in 1997, Jebsen and his staff have worked to push MCT forward as an entertainment outlet. He's had to navigate the changing tide of the audience's needs, while ensuring the theater can pay its bills. And as the city has grown, tastes have shifted.

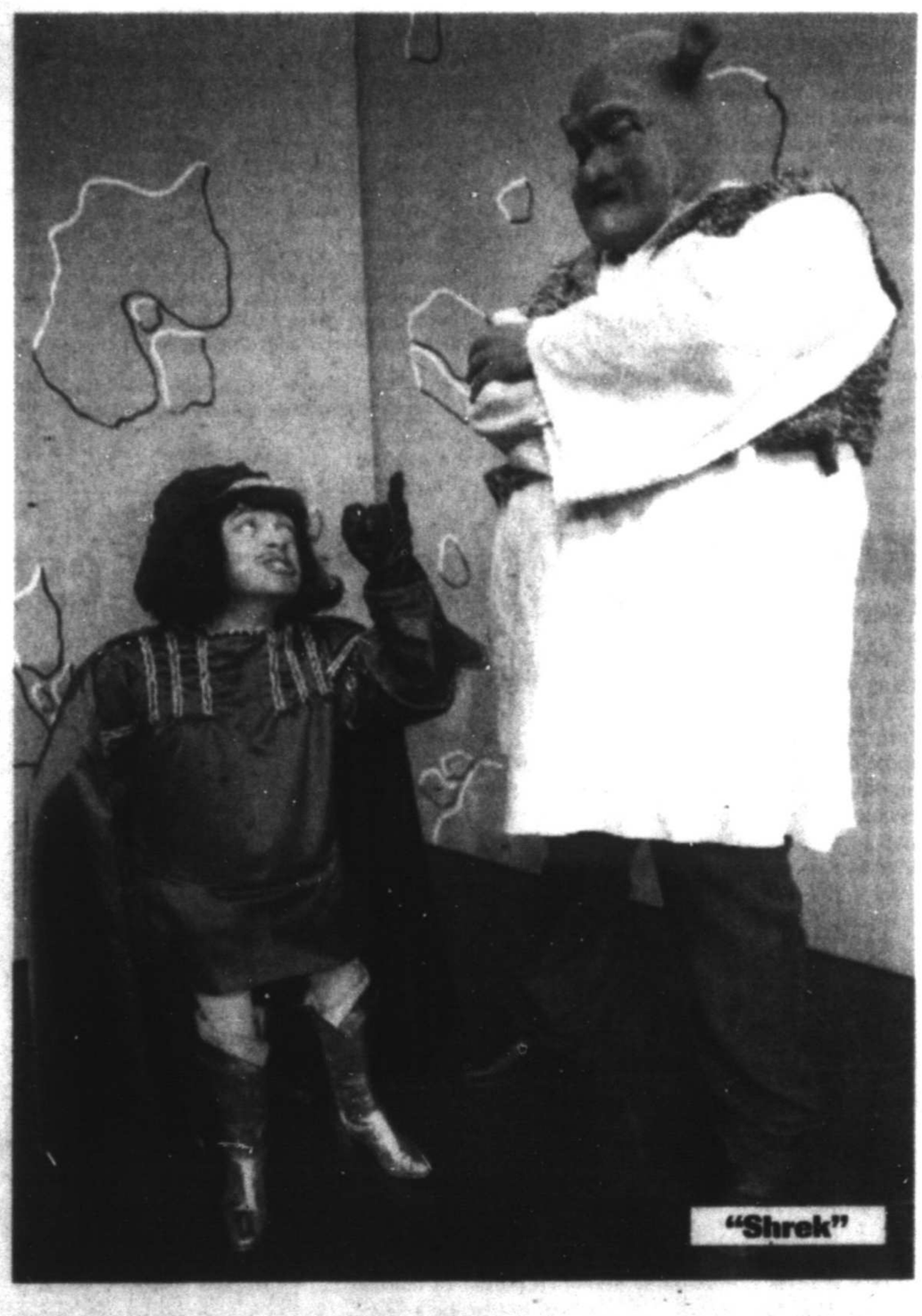
"The theater itself has changed with the number of shows and types of shows as the community has changed," Jebsen said. "This isn't the same community it was in 1997. Because we're a larger community theater, we have to be financially successful with our shows. We'll experiment more with our smaller stage and at the Yucca, but for the larger crowds, audienees now want comedies, musicals and family-friendly shows."

MCT has worked that to its advantage. Theater itself has changed as classics and standards, while still popular, have given

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More information

Midland Community Theatre's current production is "Around the World in 80 Days." It continues through Saturday. For ticket information, visit mctmidland.org.



"Shrek"

5 QUESTIONS

With Mary Lambeth | artist



Lambeth

What's inside

MCT

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way to blockbuster musicals such as "Wicked" and "Hamilton." To meet both challenges, MCT has brought in those big shows to kick off seasons with a bang and to have strong sales. MCT was the first community theater in the country to stage "The Producers," "Rent" and "Shrek."



Jebsen

MCT has been able to step up its shows because of Midland's location and Jebsen's drive to bring elevated theater to its stages.

"Because of our size and capacity that can pull off these shows, we're also a product of our location. We're far enough away from major cities that could also stage the same shows, but because of where we are, we can be on the front edge of putting on those types of shows," Jebsen said.

This keeps Jebsen and MCT always looking to the future.

With 500 shows under its belt, the theater's history provides its foundation, but its future is in a new generation.

As the economy ebbs and flows, some of that trickles to the theater — notably in the seats or in casting. Jebsen and his staff work to maintain memberships and regular theatergoers while also reaching out to volunteers who make up the stage crews and the casts.

"We're not bulletproof but we continue to develop. I always say we're building two different things — audiences and volunteers — because we have to be concerned with both. Audiences have responded to our shows and have maintained. Our immediate vision is to find and reach our next generation of volunteers, as core theater people have moved on or away for whatever reasons. It's that core that we can lean on for future shows," Jebsen said.

MCT is also a source of hometown pride as well. Managing director Ryan Loyd hopes Midlanders don't forget that.

"The productions are all put on by locals, so audiences can have that connection to each show that it was put on by a friend, loved one or neighbor,"Loyd said. "You can go see a major touring production and it can be great, but with our shows, it's really a community theater because of the community efforts in making our productions come to life."

Both past and future shows is how Jebsen sees the service Midland Community Theatre provides to the city. He said that with its diverse selection of shows each season, MCT strives to deliver fare for all types and tastes and will continue doing so.

"We're not a theater you can put a label on, and interest in our theater has grown because of our diverse shows," he said. "And even with the economy, we still get financial support from both the community and corporate. We're so lucky to be in a place that supports the arts."



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"Urinetown"

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MCT's Greatest Hits

"Evita" - 2001. "This show held a lot of satisfaction for me. It was our first production with Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale. We did it at the Chaparral Center at Midland College so we had to turn a basketball arena into a theater space. It was an unbelievable amount of work but we pulled it off."

"A Tuna Christmas" - 2009. "Back in the '80s, the theater put on "Annie" in the large theater and had 30 performances. For "A Tuna Christmas," the show ran for 34 performances, albeit in the small theater. It had a four-weekend run before a five-weekend run of "A Christmas Carol." Well, "Tuna" ran all nine weekends. It was the show that would never die."

"Shrek" - 2013. Our tickets weren't selling the weekend before. We were at H-E-B handing out coupons, we were at the mall in costumes. But it ended up being very successful. We usually have a bus from one of the retirement communities and they weren't going to see it because they told us it was a kids' show. They ultimately came after they heard it was fabulous.

Source: Tim Jebsen, executive director of Midland Community Theatre

Timeline

1946: Founded April 21. Organized from Civic Theatre group with Art Cole as founding director. First production was "George Washington Slept Here" in the City/County Auditorium. Initial season included seven shows, two performances each, for 250 members.

1949: Summer Mummers organized to raise money for Building Fund; nets $1,200.

1953: Celebrated 50th production: "Stalag 17." Construction begins on Theatre Centre behind Dennis the Menace Park.

1958: Celebrated 75th production: "Oklahoma." HamHocks begin as The Unaffiliated Stage Hands Union: Local No. 1. Season includes six shows for a total of 42 performances.

1968: The Pickwick Players are formed by Ed Grayczik, education director.

1969: Act IX auxiliary established to promote education and fundraising events.

1978: Construction completed on Theatre Midland, the $3.8 million dollar home of MCT. Season includes nine shows for more than 54 performances and 2,000 memberships.

1979: Art Cole retires and Don Bachmann hired as executive director.

1981: Yucca Theatre leased as home of the Summer Mummers.

1995: Host for the AACT National TheatreFest.

1996: Celebrates 50 years of operations. Building rechristened Cole Theatre in honor of Art and Ruth Cole.

1997: Tim Jebsen hired as executive director

1999: MCT purchases the Yucca Theatre and celebrates the 50th year of Summer Mummers madness.

2001: Produced "Evita" at the Chaparral Center with Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale

2004: Produced "Ragtime" at the Chaparral Center with MOSC

2005: Renovations begin on Cole Theatre.

2006: Host for International AACTheatreFest

2016: "Disney's The Little Mermaid" marks the 500th production by MCT.

Source: Midland Community Theatre

5Qs

From 1E

MRT: What is the best thing you cook?

Lambeth: This isn't my forte. My No. 1 requirement in the kitchen is anything quick and easy, because I'd rather be painting. I like good salads. I love to bake, so I will make time to put together pies, cookies, or cakes for special occasions or holidays. Nearly all the recipes my mother wrote down in the family cookbook were desserts, hardly any "main" or "side" dishes. I think it's something genetic.

MRT: Who is a fictional and real-life hero and why?

Lambeth: As a kid, I tried to read every Nancy Drew book there was in the library at Rusk Elementary. I often imagined myself hanging out with her and helping her solve mysteries.

In real life, it was my dad. I didn't meet many other kids who could say their dad was a Pearl Harbor vet so I thought that was really cool. I found out after his death that he had enlisted in the Navy after failing his freshman year at UT. I'm so proud of his courage and bravery to volunteer for that kind of service for seven years of his life.

MRT: What's your karaoke jam?

Lambeth: You don't want to hear my karaoke.

Elvis Presley estate sues Las Vegas casino

By Sally Ho
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Elvis Presley estate has filed a lawsuit against a Las Vegas casino-hotel that is holding artifacts and memorabilia involving the King as part of a leasing dispute.

Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc. filed the lawsuit Monday in Clark County District Court seeking to retrieve stage outfits, jewelry, letters and a high school yearbook, among other artifacts from the career, home and wedding of Elvis.

The estate and business group is trying to get back hundreds of items it loaned to the much-hyped "Graceland Presents Elvis" attraction at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino.

The off-Strip property took control of the items last month when it shut down the attraction that includes a museum exhibit, wedding chapel and theater. The move came after the third-party operator, Exhibit A Circle, said it was quitting.

The lawsuit accused the casino of holding the valuables hostage for leverage in its leasing dispute with Exhibit A Circle, noting the estate has been cut off from a security camera that allowed it to monitor the items. it's asking the court to order the items be returned and seeks punitive damages.

Elvis Presley Enterprises declined to comment further on its lawsuit but previously said Westgate aggressively seized the valuables without a legitimate legal basis. Elvis Presley Enterprises runs the Graceland attraction in Memphis, Tennessee.

Westgate's chief operating officer Mark Waltrip declined to discuss the case.

The latest lawsuit is separate from the legal dispute between the casino and Exhibit A Circle that is being reviewed by an independent arbitrator. The Elvis estate group says it's not involved but Exhibit A Circle's manager is also the managing partner of the company that owns a majority of Elvis Presley Enterprises.

Westgate maintains that Exhibit A Circle defaulted on its 10-year lease with the casino. Waltrip suggested the closure was caused by poor attendance but he said the casino spent millions of dollars outfitting the space and wants to recoup money owed as part of that leasing agreement. He said the company hopes to reach an amicable solution with all parties.

Exhibit A Circle previously said the casino violated the contract first but declined to elaborate.



AP file photo

A woman tours an Elvis exhibition on the first day of "Graceland Presents Elvis: The Exhibition - The Show - The Experience" on April 23, 2015, at the Westgate Las Vegas hotel in Las Vegas. The Elvis Presley estate has filed a lawsuit against the casino-hotel, as the King's artifacts are being held as part of an ugly leasing dispute.

Police shootings of blacks influence crime fiction genre

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press



NEW YORK — In "Underground Airlines," an upcoming novel by Ben Winters, a black bounty hunter rides through a poor neighborhood in Indianapolis alongside a white policeman.

"As we crossed Broad Ripple Avenue," Winters writes, "we passed a small knot of black kids, laughing and walking together on the narrow sidewalk; one of them, a short kid pushing a bike, wore a hoodie pulled low over his eyes. Cook slowed down and gave a blurp of the siren, gestured at the kid to make sure his face was showing. I caught the kid in the mirror with his middle finger aloft, a miniature of impotent rage frozen in the side-view as we drove away."

Winters could imagine the scene simply by following the news. The wave of police killings that helped launch the Black Lives Matter movement is also influencing a genre that captured tensions between police and non-white communities well before the rise of social media and cellphone videos. Publishers and writers say that story lines known to readers of Gary Phillips or Walter Mosley or Eleanor Taylor Bland will likely become more common and intense.

"When you're writing a book, you're not in an isolation chamber," said Winters, who in "Underground Airlines" depicts slavery still being legal in the U.S.

"This particular issue has long and faithfully been represented in crime fiction," said Joshua Kendall, editor-in-chief of the crime fiction imprint Mulholland Books, Winters' publisher. "It's simply that much of the fiction has been overlooked, just as the actual rate of abuse overlooked by media until now. That said, we need and want more fiction about it. The curiosity, concern and appetite seem to have finally grown."

David Baldacci's novel "The Last Mile," scheduled for April, tells of a black man on death row and the likelihood he was wrongly convicted. Mosley, best known for "Devil in the Blue Dress" and other novels featuring the black detective Easy Rawlins, says he has been working on a book about a former New York City policeman investigating the shooting of two officers by a black man and learning that the officers had tried to kill the man first.

"In the end he realizes that he has to come to some kind of understanding about how the system works, that his own sense of law and justice is never going to work for him," says Mosley, who is calling the novel "Detective, Heal Thyself."

Louise Penny's "The Great Reckoning," coming out in August, focuses on a corrupt police academy in Quebec and how trainees absorb a hostile mentality toward non-whites. In one passage, a white cadet confronts a black woman, Myrna Landers, and glares at her as he tells her not to advance any further.

"Myrna Landers had seen that look many times," Penny writes. "When stopped for traffic tickets. While walking in civil rights marches through Montreal. She'd seen it in reports of riots and police shootings. She'd seen it in color and in black and white. In recent news reports and in old newsreels. And archival photographs. Of the deep South. And the enlightened North."

But crime fiction is no more diverse than much of the book world and, at least in the near future, many narratives that take on race will likely come from white authors such as Baldacci, Winters and Trudy Nan Boyce. Kendall is trying to change that. He has agreed to a multibook deal with Attica Locke and says he is looking to sign up other black writers.

Phillips, who set his 1994 novel "Violent Spring" in the aftermath of the Los Angeles police beating of Rodney King, said he was hoping that such younger authors as Aaron Philip Clark and Desiree Zamorano would tell stories reflecting more recent events.

"The old days of the PI with just a file and an address and a sexy secretary are long dead," said the 60-year-old author. "Back in the 1980s and '90s writers like me and Walter Mosley and Paula Woods pushed the envelope forward and looked at different issues. I think the younger folks will do even better pushing it forward more. You have writers in this field who are going to be able to use things like Ferguson and what's happening on college campuses."

"Everyone knows of Walter Mosley, and there have been other excellent black crime writers published in recent years, such as Paula Woods," says Mark Tavani, vice president and executive editor of G.P. Putnam's Sons. "But in my experience these writers are a small percentage of those I see. As the larger discussion about race and justice engages more people, I can see that changing."

Boyce is a former Atlanta police officer whose debut novel, "Out of the Blues," came out last month. She said she is currently working on a book about the murder of students at Spelman College, a prominent black liberal arts school in Atlanta, and the protests that follow when the suspects are not identified. Boyce added that the new novel, currently untitled, was inspired in part by the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

"As in many cases where there's a violent confrontation between the police and citizens, that incident did not begin with the encounter between the officer (Darren Wilson) and Mr. Brown. That incident had its roots in the systemic racism and the legacy of slavery that survives today," she said.

"So the next novel I have written has an even stronger thread exploring some of the issues between the police in Atlanta and citizens who are confronting a justice system that they do not trust."

BOOKBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Title and release date announced for Amy Schumer's book

Amy Schumer's upcoming book has an indelible title.

Gallery Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, announced Tuesday that Schumer is calling the book "The Girl With the Lower Back Tattoo." It's scheduled to be released on Aug. 16. As the title might suggest, the essay collection will "feature personal and observational stories from Schumer that range from the raunchy to the romantic, the heartfelt to the harrowing," according to Gallery.

Schumer's deal with Gallery was announced last September, following a run of success that included her hit movie "Trainwreck" and an Emmy for her Comedy Central show "Inside Amy Schumer."

NEW YORK

Book of Justice Ginsburg's writings coming next January

The next book about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will be straight from the "Notorious RBG" herself.

Simon & Schuster announced Thursday that Ginsburg's "My Own Words," a collection of speeches and writings, will come out in January. Ginsburg, who turns 83 next week, will help select the material and provide an introduction.

Ginsburg's authorized biographers, Mary Hartnett and Wendy W. Williams, also will contribute introductions, along with excerpts from interviews they have conducted with the justice. Simon & Schuster will publish their Ginsburg book, but hasn't set a release date.

Ginsburg already is the subject of a best-selling biography, last year's "Notorious RBG," by Irin Cannon and Shana Knizhnik.

NEW YORK

J.K. Rowling launching 4-part series on wizarding school

J.K. Rowling has more magic on the way.

The "Harry Potter" author is launching a series called "Magic in North America," a four-part backstory for this fall's film adaptation of the Potter prequel "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them."

Announced on Rowling's website, www.pottermore.com, "Magic in North America" will run in installments Tuesday-Friday on Pottermore.

According to the website, the new series will tell of the North American wizardry school Ilvermorny and "bring to light the history of this previously unexplored corner of the wizarding world in the run up to 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.'"

Rowling has taken on numerous projects lately, from the stage production "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" to her detective novels written under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.

NEW YORK

Stories of race and immigration among PEN/Faulkner nominees

This year's list of finalists for the PEN/Faulkner Award features stories of war, race and immigration.

Nominees announced Tuesday for the $15,000 fiction prize include Viet Thanh Nguyen's novel about a former spy for North Vietnam, "The Sympathizer"; Julie Iromuanya's novel about a Nigerian in the U.S. who lies about his profession to his family back home, "Mr. and Mrs. Doctor"; and James Hannaham's book on race and class, "Delicious Foods."

Two story collections also are finalists: Luis Alberto Urrea's "The Water Museum" and Elizabeth Tallent's "Mendocino Fire."

The winner will be announced April 5. Previous recipients of the award, established in 1981, include Philip Roth, Sherman Alexie and Ann Patchett.

MICHIGAN

'Radio Reader' program host retires after 5 decades

EAST LANSING — The host of a long-running radio program at an East Lansing-based radio station is retiring after five decades behind the microphone.

The Lansing State Journal reported 89-year-old Dick Estell's run as host of WKAR's "Radio Reader" that began in the 1960s ends Thursday, along with the program itself. Estell said health concerns are why he's stepping away.

Estell started at WKAR in 1955 with reading announcements and farming reports. He became station manager in 1962 and was selected as host of "Radio Reader" in the mid-1960s, reading books on the air.

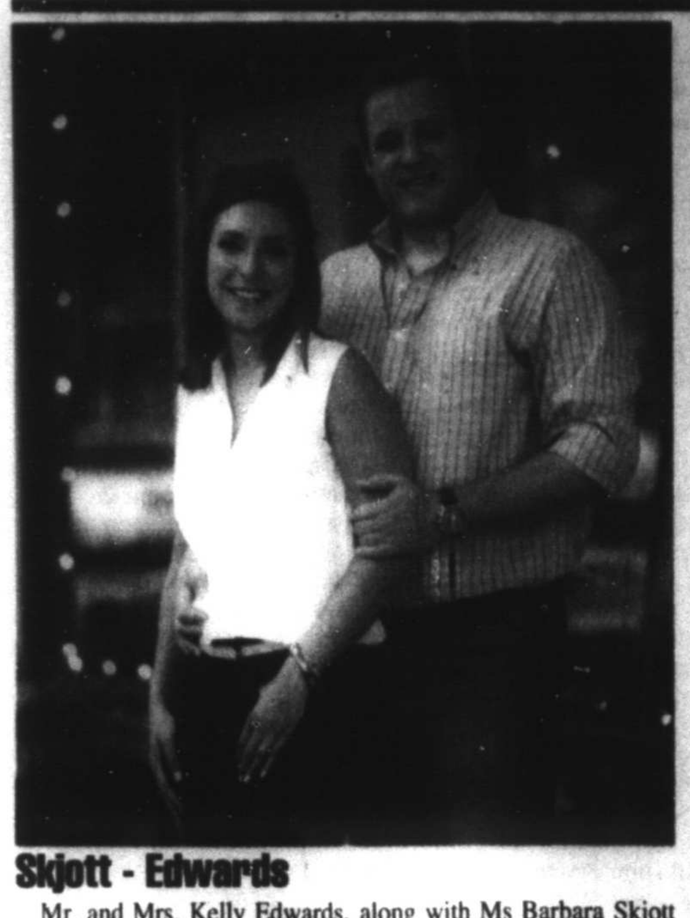
Sheryl Estell said her husband still has each book he read on-air, stacked in his office and the couple's basement.

The "Radio Reader" program aired on WKAR and other public radio stations for seven decades.

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ENGAGEMENT & WEDDINGS



Skjott - Edwards

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Edwards, along with Ms Barbara Skjott and Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Skjott, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Lauren Skjott and Matt Edwards.

Lauren is a 2006 graduate of Stratford High School in Houston, Texas. She graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology and from the University of Texas of Dallas with a Master's degree in Speech Pathology. She is currently employed as a speech pathologist at the Shelton School in Dallas, Texas.

Matt is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Russom and the late Geraldine Edwards. He is a 2005 graduate of Lee High School of Midland and a 2010 graduate of the University of Texas with a Master's degree of Public Accountancy. He is currently employed as a CPA with Paradigm Energy Partners in Dallas, Texas.

The couple will wed April 2, 2016 at the Old Red Courthouse in Dallas, Texas.



Alarcon - Clark

Patrizia Alarcon and Justin W. Clark were married on Valentine's Day weekend in Cancun, Mexico. Patrizia is the daughter of Patricia and Horacio Alarcon of Mexico City and Justin is the son of Gerald and Mary Lynn Clark of Kansas City and the grandson of the late Maurice and Virginia Finley of Amarillo, Texas.

The wedding venue was the beautiful beachside Kay Club, where the ceremony was followed by a seated dinner, dancing and mariachi music.

The bridesmaids were Cristina Suarez (friend of the bride) of Morelia, Mexico, Violeta Agraz (friend of the bride) of Mexico City, Paola Alvarez (niece of the bride) of Mexico City, and Emily Clark (sister of the groom) of Missoula, Montana.

The groomsmen included Horazio Alarcon (brother of the bride) of Costa Rica and Scott Steele (friend of the groom) of Kansas City.

Patrizia is an HR Manager with PepsiCo and Justin is an attorney with Davis, Gerald & Cremer, PC.

At home in Midland, they will take a cruise to Europe later this year for their honeymoon.



Hancock - Ware

Miss Jennifer Marie Hancock and Mr. Wesley Michael Ware were united in marriage on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 6:30 in the evening at the Chapel of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas. The marriage ceremony was officiated by Father Kevin Shanahan of San Antonio. Following the ceremony, the bride's family hosted a reception at The Briscoe Art Museum where guests danced to Ice House party band. On the eve of the wedding, the parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner at The San Antonio Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Terry Hancock, II of San Antonio. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Jo Hancock, the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joseph Sheridan, and the late Mr. John Terry Hancock, all of San Antonio. The groom is the son of Mr. Herbert Earl Ware, III and Mrs. Emily Chalfant Ware, both of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chalfant of Midland, the late Ms. Carlene Traub Ware, and the late Mr. Herbert Earl Ware, Junior.

Presented in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a chantilly lace gown designed by Carolina Herrera.

Serving as matron of honor was Mrs. Katherine Molak Courtney of San Antonio. Serving as maid of honor was Miss Allison Leigh Brady of Raleigh, North Carolina. Serving as bridesmaids were Mrs. Alicia Ware Hudson of Midland, sister of the groom; Mrs. Claire Jones Davis of Dallas; Miss Hannah Christine Heighten of New York; Miss Holly Katharine Hughes of Dallas; Mrs. Lindsey Dutton Lomax of Corpus Christi; Miss Carey Elizabeth Pritchard of Houston; Miss Margaret Tucker Rudd of Dallas; Miss Laurel O'Neal Stuckey of Houston; Miss Starla Leigh Terry of Austin, Miss Logan Alexandra Vaughan of Dallas; Miss Torrey Marion Vaughan of Houston; and Miss Margaret Jane Wolcott of Dallas.

Serving as best man was James Michael Nolan, IV of Dallas. Groomsmen were brother of the bride, Mr. Matthew Sheridan Hancock of Austin; brother-in-law of the groom, Mr. Seth Hudson of Midland; Harrison Laing Biddle of Dallas; Robert Weber Broadnax, Junior of San Antonio; Cody Scott Courtney of San Antonio; Christopher Charles Layne of San Antonio; Mason Gary Macnoll of Dallas; Bretton Coker Martin of Dallas; Nicholas Garrett McCoy of Midland; Hayden Carl Molberg of Dallas; John Brun Shaw of Midland; and Jacob Hines Speight of Midland.

Ushers were Wilson Allen Cash of Houston; Robert William Floyd, Junior of Fort Worth; Jeffrey Clark Newton of Midland; Russell John Podraza of Dallas; Herbert Crawford Smith of Midland; Wilson Carter Smith of Abilene; and Mitchell Andrew Strickling of Denver.

Jenny is a 2008 graduate of Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio. She received a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations and a minor in Business from the University of Texas in Austin where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She works for oil and gas company, Double Eagle Development.

Wesley is a 2008 graduate of Midland High School in Midland. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from Texas Tech University where he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He works for oil and gas company, Patriot Resources.

Following their honeymoon on the island of Saint Barthélemy, the couple will reside in Midland.

For best Easter eggs, use simple hollandaise

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

When the subject is Easter eggs, most folks usually are talking about the gaily painted specimens in a basket. Me, I think of holiday brunch, and in particular of eggs Benedict. I think of the rich and indulgent dish of Canadian bacon, sauteed spinach and poached eggs enthroned on an English muffin, the whole kit and caboodle drenched in hollandaise sauce.

Making this winner, however, is no snap. Not only must you time the cooking of the separate ingredients just right, but whipping up the hollandaise — that classic French butter sauce — can be challenging.

Happily, I solved the first problem by rethinking the components so that they can be prepared in advance, then combined and baked together. This required making a few subtle substitutions.

I traded the Canadian bacon for a thin slice of ham, which does double duty as a cup to hold the rest of the ingredients. Likewise, I swapped out the English muffin for croutons, which provide some welcome crunch. Finally, there's now no need to poach the egg (a scary undertaking all by itself). Instead, it bakes right in the ham cup.

What about that fearsome old hollandaise sauce? In truth, it's never been a terribly big deal as long as you take your time and pay attention. Over the years I've made it every which way, with chunks of whole butter or melted butter or clarified butter, using a double boiler or a saucepan directly over low heat or a blender. But the method laid out in this recipe is my favorite.

The key to making a hollandaise is cooking the eggs just enough so that they thicken (starting around 145 F), but not so much that they curdle (between 165 F and 170 F). The best way to control this process is to put the eggs in a metal bowl set over — but not touching — some barely simmering water and cook them slowly. The lemon juice helps to keep the yolks

Please see EGGS/5E

Should my selection be convection?



HINTS FROM HELOISE
King Features Syndicate

Dear Heloise: We have a double oven, and the top oven has four settings: convection bake, bake, convection roast and broil.

I do not understand the difference between convection bake and bake. When fixing salmon, oven-fried chicken, baked potatoes, biscuits or meatloaf, which one of these settings should I use? — Bob H., via email

Bob, a very good question, and one I think many readers may want to know the answer to. The difference is that convection baking has a fan and exhaust system that is "on" during the baking cycle. Regular baking uses only heat.

A convection system is perfect for many foods, such as fish and fowl. The food cooks faster and more evenly, since there is hot air blowing over the dish, not just heat surrounding it.

Some say using a convection oven is a smidgen more energy-efficient if used correctly, because foods cook at a lower temperature (less energy) and quicker (less time), but I don't think it's enough to see on your energy bill.

Generally, most foods can be baked using the convection mode.

That said, as they say, delicate foods, custard, souffles and the like won't do well on the convection setting. Think of a fan blowing over a nice fluffy meringue! It may just blow the soft peaks of sugar and egg white to smithereens. — Heloise

P.S.: If you want to do a Heloise test hint, cook/bake the same dish, a baked potato or fish, both ways and see if there is any difference.

Shaker stoppers

Dear Heloise: I had salt and pepper shakers for which the stoppers/corks were either missing or too crumbly to be useful. Finding replacement stoppers/corks was a challenge until I discovered brass wind instrument (trumpet, trombone) water key (spit valve) corks, which are sold at music stores that have and service brass wind instruments.

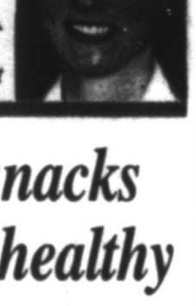
The corks come in various sizes and in packages of 12 or more. Because I needed a small number of corks, the store gave them to me free out of its "spare parts" inventory. — Sandra M., Lexington, Ky.

Sandra, you taught this "windbag" a hint! I never would have thought about it. I, too, have some favorite shakers like you are talking about. I spent time "cutting" down a wine cork. Thanks! — Heloise

Pie crust

Dear Heloise: I am writing for my mother-in-law. She is of an old culture in the Appalachian Mountains of western Virginia. She "invented" an easy way to make a shield to keep the rim of pie crust from burning while the pie continues to bake.

Take a square of foil the size of the pie's diameter. Fold it in half. Cut the middle out in a curve (like cutting a paper snowflake). Then, when opened, the one piece can be laid across the pie. (Heloise here: The center is removed, and only the sides remain to cover the edge of the pie crust). — Nancy for Marjorie C. in Fulks Run, Va.



JACQUELYN WARNOCK
AgriLife Extension Agent

March Madness snacks don't have to be unhealthy

It's that time of year again. March Madness is upon us, and most sports fans are brimming with excitement. It can be argued that the NCAA tournament is the most exciting sports event of the year. Nail-biting finishes, great players, legendary coaches and winner-take-all format make for unparalleled drama. Yet, it goes without saying that snacks are a big part of enjoying our favorite team battle for the championship.

According to Health.com, a sports fan can consume a day's worth of calories during a single game. The U.S. Calorie Control Council estimates that Americans "pack away 11 million pounds of chips" on Super Bowl Sunday alone. One can only imagine how many pounds are consumed during the three-week period of March Madness.

Making a few adjustments to your snacking habits on game day can leave you feeling a lot better whether your team wins or loses.

Many recipes call for one cup of this ingredient or that. Unfortunately, not everyone has a measuring cup. Below are popular and healthy foods and the amounts we should use to make one cup.

- 1 small apple
- 1 large banana
- 1 medium grapefruit
- 1 large orange
- 1 medium pear
- 1 small wedge watermelon
- 8 large strawberries
- 1 large bell pepper
- 1 large sweet potato
- 12 baby carrots
- 2 large stalks of celery
- 16 grapes

Please see WARNOCK/5E

Don't let landscape design overwhelm



JEFF FLOYD
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Careful planning is the key ingredient to crafting the kind of home landscape that makes people stop and admire your lawn. Contrary to what you may think, anyone can learn the basic steps in landscape design to create beauty and save thousands of dollars. Unfortunately, many homeowners are never exposed to this simple formula.

A small investment in planning will offer a big payoff in the future. The time spent in proper planning is small when compared to the cost of selecting the wrong landscape plants. Although it's true that virtually everything you ever wanted to know about landscaping is available online, one problem with collecting facts from the Internet is that you do so without a basic framework of horticultural knowledge. So the information can be about as clear as mud.

Our local nursery and landscape professionals work hard to help us select the right products and plant material. Another great source for information on gardening is the County Extension Office or the Permian Basin Master Gardeners. The Extension Service trains Master Gardeners in basic garden and landscape horticulture.

Please see FLOYD/5E

Common weed has simple solution



NEIL SPERRY



Dear Neil: What is this weed (pictured), and how can I control it?

Answer: I normally don't do a lot of weed identifications here because there are so many of them, but this one is particularly obnoxious and it's of interest to a big percentage of our readers. Its stems reach out like Velcro® to grab your clothes as you pass by, and it grows inches per day as it sprawls across groundcovers and flowers. Appropriately, its common name is sticky willy (*Galium aparine*). I get it in less "developed" parts of our rural landscape, and I've always found that the easiest way to eliminate it is simply to mow or trim it back to the ground. I try to do so before it starts to run rampant. It grows over the winter and will die as it turns hot.

Dear Neil: I saw recently where you wrote that Bradford pears have bad branching, and that they only last 15 or 20 years before they split. What do you think of Callery pears?

Answer: Callery pears are the rootstocks of Bradfords and several other types of grafted pears. They're reasonably attractive trees, but they don't have the handsome growth form of the Bradfords, plus they have very long thorns. They tend to send up shoots freely from their roots, and the small, inedible pears are messy underfoot. It wouldn't rank very high on my list.

Dear Neil: Is it too late in the year to trim my oak? It has developed an unusual shape.

Answer: Spring is the worst time of the year to prune oaks, since that is the time that oak wilt fungus is active. Wait until mid-summer or even mid-winter when everything is dormant. Let a certified arborist who is familiar with oak wilt and how it is spread do the trimming for you.

Dear Neil: My lawn has been invaded with khakiweed. Please tell me how to eliminate it.

Answer: It's a difficult weed to eliminate because the burs it produces stick to everything and germinate freely. Also called matt chafflower, it's botanically *Alternanthera pungens*. Weed control specialists say that products labeled for the elimination of chickweed and oxalis will eliminate much of it, but they also say that good old hand-digging early is your best way of avoiding a major outbreak later.

Dear Neil: I'd like to avoid squash bugs this year, and I would prefer not to use chemicals. Can you give me some help?

Answer: Squash bugs (like all of the true "bugs" with the shield-shaped backs) are challenging, even with pesticides. You can certainly hand-pick the adults, and you should learn what their egg masses look like as they are deposited on the bottoms of the leaves. Find them and mash them with your finger before they start to hatch. The adult bugs prefer shade to sun later in the spring, so you're likely to find them at the bases of the plants. Prop up an old board to entice them into its shadow. Sometime in early afternoon, kick out the prop and step on the board to mash the bugs. And for the record for our other readers, Sevin dust applied to the ground around the plants will kill the nymphs before they reach full size. It has only a one-day waiting period before the squash could be harvested.

Dear Neil: I recently saw Scarlet's Peak yaupon holly in a nursery. What is the difference between it, Will Fleming and Sky Pencil hollies?

Answer: They are similar in their very upright, columnar habit of growth, but Scarlet's Peak and Will Fleming are more universally adapted to both alkaline and acidic soils. Sky Pencils are adapted only to acidic soils. Scarlet's Peak also bears fruit abundantly. It's the best of the bunch.

Dear Neil: When I hear the recommendation for an all-nitrogen fertilizer for my lawn and landscape plants, does 21-0-0 fit that description?

Answer: Technically, yes, but that is not a good plan. I generally try to include the longer phrase "a high-quality, all-nitrogen fertilizer with half or more of the nitrogen in slow-release form." The one you mentioned is ammonium sulfate. While it's 21 percent nitrogen, every bit of that nitrogen is instantly water-soluble. That results in a surge of vigorous growth, followed by a complete drop-off two weeks later. The better fertilizers, by comparison, have half of their nitrogen encapsulated or coated and waiting in reserve. You still get a nice green-up from the fast-dissolving portion, but subsequent rains will activate the rest. It's a bit like distance runners who pace themselves for the marathon instead of tearing out of the blocks at full speed.

Dear Neil: Is there anything I can do to make a mulberry that produces messy fruit stop producing them? What are the "fruitless" mulberries people have?

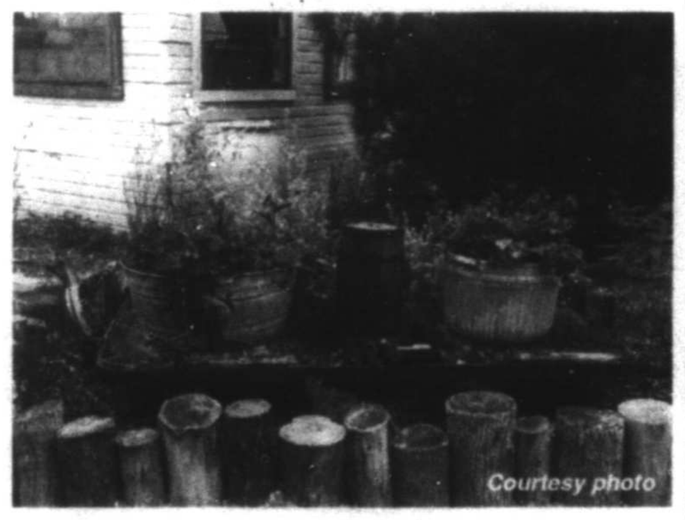
Answer: Fruitless mulberries are vegetatively propagated to ensure that they will all be fruitless. What you have is a seedling tree. They are extremely prolific, coming up all through our landscapes and even in undeveloped properties — anywhere there is a little moisture. If only there were a spray we could apply to render them fruitless, but there is none.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Mail it to him in care of this newspaper or e-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

Junk gardening can be a thing of beauty

SHIRLEY JO & JOHN KELLEY

Permian Basin Master Gardeners



Courtesy photo

When we say "junkyard gardening," we really mean using things that might end up in the Dumpster, garage sale, landfill or maybe the junkyard.

We had an abundance of tree stumps that had to be disposed of, so, instead of taking them to the landfill or burning them, we picked an odd space in the back yard and marked out an area for a "junk bed." After planting the stumps upright in an oval design, we placed an old railroad cart that was headed to the scrap yard in the center of the bed. We planted two old wash tubs with native and adaptable plant material, placed those in the center of the cart, planted native plants between the cart and stumps and added native mulch. This bed was very inexpensive. The cost of gas and landfill rates covered the price of plant material, and the mulch is free from the Time Machine located at 816 W. 42nd St. in Odessa. Everything else was "junk."

Having junk on your mind, you begin to be on the lookout for different ideas where things can be used and enjoyed in your landscape. One bed caught my eye that was completely xeriscaped using Thompson yucca, black foot daisy, hesperaloe yucca and a rusty three-point plow with new gold lantana planted around and in between the plow points. The bed was bordered with lueder stones and the top dressed with native mulch. This might not be to everyone's taste but it was surely a low-maintenance bed.

We're really not sure how we feel about the old purple bicycle with double wire baskets over the back tire. It was placed under the vitex, a large shrub or small tree. A lovely conversation area might be created by planting red geraniums in the basket, autumn sage around the front tire and bronze leaf cannas behind the vitex.

Old wooden chairs painted bright colors can fill in blank spaces in flower beds. The seat can be replaced with chicken wire or a planted pot can be set on the seat. The good thing about this is that during the winter you still have color while in the spring it can contrast with your established plant material. Don't worry about having to hand water the plants in the chair. You can always add emitters to water when your irrigation system comes on. Emitters can be easily installed by connecting them to your drip irrigation or bubblers with adapters and tubing.

Wooden wagon wheels aren't really considered "junk" to antique dealers because they have been very popular in the last few years. You can find them in wood and also metal. They can be used to add interest to most any area. You can use fencing, cedar staves or posts to mount your yard art.

Xeriscaping is not "zero"scaping. It is using low-water, low-maintenance and adapted and native plants in your landscaping. When choosing the right plants you can have color attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

Everyone has" junk mail," and we have a solution for that along with cardboard, clippings, leaves, rocks and kitchen scraps except meat and dairy products. It is called a "key hole" garden. This is an excellent way to dispose of all of these products and give you something in return for your labor. Key hole gardens are about three-feet tall and only take up about a 6-foot by 6-foot area. They are low-maintenance and use very little water. You can get more information by contacting the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension service office in Midland at 432-686-4700 or by visiting westtexasgardening.org.

FLOYD

From 4E

Many Master Gardeners use that knowledge to give their own properties a facelift, and their enthusiasm for gardening also translates into some remarkable educational opportunities for you each year. In the final analysis, it's up to you to take responsibility for selecting the right plant for the right place.

The thought of a complete landscape makeover all at once can be overwhelming, not to mention expensive. However, tackling a series of small landscape projects over several seasons is both affordable and much less intimidating. The way to start is by gaining knowledge and developing a comprehensive plan with defined objectives.

The County Extension Service is hosting a two-day Home Landscaping short course designed to help the do-it-yourselfer make dramatic improvements to their landscapes. The program will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office in Midland at 2445 E Highway 80 beginning on April 22 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and April 23 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The cost to attend is $140 For individuals or $190 for couples.

Each class participant will receive a free one-on-one consultation with a landscape design expert. Registrants will also receive a packet with a design kit and lists of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals that perform well in West Texas landscapes. The keynote speaker will be Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Landscape Specialist Steve George. To register, call 432-498-4071 or drop me an email at ector-tx@tamu.edu.

Modern country decor is homespun with a twist

By Kim Cook

Associated Press

As spring starts to peek around winter's corner, there's an array of new home decor that gives a fresh, modern vibe to the farmhouse or cottage look.

Textiles, furniture, tabletop and kitchenware are maintaining their traditional, homespun roots while getting an update. It's a look that taps what's going on elsewhere in the culture, says Lorna Aragon, editor of Martha Stewart Living.

"I think that just as with the artisanal, farm-to-table food movement, people are looking for home goods that are handcrafted and will last," she says. "It's nice to see the hand of the maker in items and to see that someone made them with care. The look also gives your home a sense of history and rootedness."

Combine that with the modern emphasis on simplicity and clean lines.

Aragon's especially fond of some new modern quilts, which look good as wall hangings as well as on beds. She mentions Denise Schmidt in Bridgeport, Connecticut, who puts her own spin on traditional quilt patterns, and Meg Callahan, who uses her Oklahoma roots as inspiration. (www.dsquilts.com ; www.megcallahan.com)

Aragon also likes Louise Gray, some of whose designs are being carried by West Elm. The serene, stylish quilts bring the age-old craft firmly into the 21st century with crisp and spare graphics and colors. (www.westelm.com)

O&G Studio in Warren, Rhode Island, crafts sleek new interpretations of traditional furniture like colonial settees and Windsor chairs. (www.oandgstudio.com)

"Farmhouse style is centered on rustic woods and functional accents that foster a cozy, welcoming environment," says Kirstin Hoffman, merchandising director for San Francisco-based Dot & Bo, a retailer that is offering some photographic prints of barns and goats on simple white backgrounds. Here too, a low-profile, reclaimed-fir dresser on brushed steel legs. (www.dotandbo.com)

Zoe and James Zilian were inspired by the countryside around their home in Woodstock, Vermont, to craft a collection of pottery that includes dog bowls, kitchenware and lamps. (www.farmhousepottery.com)

Maxwell Ryan, founder of interior design site Apartment Therapy, recently collaborated with home goods retailer Canvas Home to create Tableware, his debut collection of glasses, plates, bowls and cups. The crockery references 18th century creamware, in warm hues of vanilla and gray. Each piece was given a subtle gray tab embellishment that adds a modern touch. Simple French linen napery in salmon and wine round out the collection. (www.canvashome.com)

Updated cottage textile prints can be found at Minted, where artist Miriam Tribe of Springville, Utah, pares a floral motif down to its geometric essence. The fabric, called Tribal Rose, graces pillows and table runners in sunny yellow, lichen, rose gold and pink.

EGGS

From 4E

from curdling, but you'll also want to keep track of how hot the egg mixture is becoming by sticking your immaculately clean finger into the bowl every couple of minutes. When the egg mixture is quite warm, it's time to add the butter.

We're using whole chunks of butter here for a couple reasons. First, whole butter is roughly 15 percent water, and that water helps to keep the sauce from splitting. Second, using whole butter results in a lighter and fluffier finished product than a sauce made with melted or clarified butter. Still, to keep the sauce from splitting, be careful to add the butter just a bit at a time.

What to do if that pesky sauce splits anyway? Dump the mixture into a measuring cup, wash out the bowl, drop in a tablespoon or two of hot water, then slowly add the split sauce to the water, whisking as you go, and watch with triumph as your sauce re-emulsifies.

As noted, this recipe — unlike the classic method — does not require you to pull all of the cooked ingredients out of a hat at the moment of assembly. You can saute the spinach and bake the croutons the day before your brunch. Then, on the morning of the appointed day, you can make the hollandaise up to an hour ahead of time and store it in a wide-mouthed thermos that's been preheated with boiling water. Last step? Add the ingredients to the ham cups. Then just pop those cups into the oven 20 minutes before it's time to sit down.

Eggs benedict reconstructed

Start to finish: 1 hour
Servings: 8

- 4 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 3 slices homestyle white bread, crusts discarded and bread cut into 1/4-inch cubes
- 10 ounces baby spinach
- 8 thin slices ham (try to find slices with no holes in them)
- 8 large eggs
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- Hollandaise (see recipe below)
- Chopped fresh parsley, chives or tarragon, to garnish

Heat the oven to 375 F.

In a large skillet over medium-low, melt 1 1/2 tablespoons of the butter. Arrange the bread cubes on a rimmed baking sheet, then drizzle the melted butter over them. Toss well, then bake on the oven's middle shelf for 5 to 7 minutes, or until golden. Set aside and reduce the oven to 350 F.

Return the skillet to medium-high and add the remaining 3 tablespoons butter. Heat until the butter is melted and starts to brown. Add half the spinach and cook, stirring, until it starts to wilt. Add the remaining spinach and cook, stirring, until all of the spinach is wilted. Season with salt and pepper, then transfer to a strainer set over a bowl or sink and let excess moisture drip away.

Lightly mist 8 muffin cups with cooking spray, then line each with a slice of ham, allowing the excess to flop over the edges. Divide the drained spinach among the cups, then crack 1 egg on top of each mound of spinach. Season with salt and pepper, then bake until the whites are set and the yolks remain runny, 16 to 18 minutes.

Transfer the cups immediately to serving plates (they should lift right out), then top each with hollandaise sauce, a few toasted bread cubes and a sprinkle of herbs.

Nutrition information per serving: 360 calories; 280 calories from fat (78 percent of total calories); 32 g fat (18 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 380 mg cholesterol; 540 mg sodium; 7 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 13 g protein.

WARNOCK

From 4E

Our favorite game-time snacks include chips, hot dogs, chili-cheese fries and pork rinds. There are, however, much healthier snack alternatives that are just as delicious. Here are some healthy substitutions that will satisfy the most rabid sports fan.

Traditional snack

- chips, nachos, and dips
- burgers and fries
- hot dogs
- ice cream cookies

Alternative snack

- Chex Mix with cereal, nuts and dried fruits
- turkey slices on wheat crackers with a slice of cheese and a side of carrots
- cheese quesadillas
- fresh fruit smoothie or yogurt
- vanilla wafers

DEAR ABBY



Universal Press Syndicate

Friends are stymied on how to help wife in bad marriage

DEAR ABBY: How can I help a friend who needs to stand up for herself and file for divorce? Her husband is in a high-profile job that's connected with hers. He has been having an affair with a co-worker for years, and he is verbally and sometimes physically abusive. She has called the police twice, but didn't press charges.

Friends are running out of sympathy, but don't know how to help her. Is it wrong to report his behavior to his employer even though he might get fired because of it? — NEEDS TO STAND UP

DEAR NEEDS TO STAND UP: As your friend may probably be already aware, abuse doesn't stay at the same level. It can escalate from verbal abuse to pushing and slapping to serious physical harm and sometimes even death. That's why this woman's friends should assure her they stand with her, and try to convince her to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline (800-799-7233; thehotline.org) and arrange a safe and effective escape plan. Trained advocates at the hotline have told me that not every caller will leave after the first — or even the second — episode of violence, but at least she will know what she needs to do.

If she comes to you injured, get her to an emergency room for treatment and so that her wounds can be photographed. If she shows up at work with bruises, it's time to talk to human resources to see if you can get her some help, but I would not advise contacting her husband's employer.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a happily married gay man living in metro Atlanta. My 50th high school reunion is approaching and I want to take my husband. The reunion is being held in a small rural town in the Midwest. Of course, I haven't lived there in 50 years, but I go there occasionally for family events.

I come from a large family, lots of brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews, many of whom still live in my hometown. I don't know if all of them know about my situation and I'm not that concerned, but I am concerned about small-town gossip that can be mean-spirited. I wouldn't want anyone to be hurt.

I know my relatives interact professionally and personally with some of my classmates and their descendants. Am I being overly concerned, or should I just go and let the chips fall where they may? That's the thing about coming out as gay — it's an ongoing process, even at my age. — GAY GRADUATE IN GEORGIA

DEAR GAY GRADUATE: Go to the reunion, take your husband and have a good time. If anyone has a problem with the fact that you are homosexual and married, do not make it your problem. We can't control what someone might say behind our backs. But whatever is said is a reflection on the speaker — not us or our relatives. Because people live in small towns does not mean they are all small-minded.

Woman recalls sinking of Andrea Doria



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Storyteller

The Andrea Doria was the fastest, biggest, safest and most beautiful of all the ships in the Italian Line. It was built in Genoa, Italy, and made its maiden voyage in January 1953. Sixty years ago, it left Genoa on a voyage to New York with 1,134 passengers and a crew of 572. Kathy Dickson of Sweetwater boarded the ship at Gibraltar. She was a student at Park College in Missouri then and had just completed her junior year of study abroad at a university in Spain.

Kathy had traveled on cruise ships before but said this one was the fanciest she had ever seen. She bought a third-class ticket and had a small room on one of the lower decks. She enjoyed all the amenities the ship offered and got acquainted with several of the passengers, some of whom were immigrants bound for a new life in the United States.

She was in an upper deck ballroom dancing the night of July 25, 1956, when she felt a jolt and the lights started going out.

"They flashed all around the room, and it looked like a carnival," she said. "Then the ship started to tilt and glasses started breaking all over the place. We tried to get downstairs but there were so many people coming up there was no way to do that."

In heavy fog, about eight hours from Nantucket, the Andrea Doria collided with another ship.

"The Stockholm had an ice plow on the front of it. It was going north and it plowed into the middle of the Doria, destroying all the safety doors that were built to keep water out in case of an accident. The collision created a hole in the side of the Doria that was 40-feet deep."

Kathy and other passengers went to the railing to descend down rope ladders to small boats provided by the Stockholm. Some lifeboats on the Andrea Doria were destroyed in the collision.

"There was a woman there who looked like she was about seven months pregnant and had two small children with her. They were all wearing life jackets. She popped the children into the water then jumped in. They swam to a boat and boarded the Stockholm. That's the bravest lady I ever saw."

The Ile de France and five other ships arrived to help with the rescue. Although considered a successful rescue operation, 51 people died: 46 on the Andrea Doria and five on the Stockholm. Eleven hours after the collision, the Andrea Doria sank.

Kathy was 20 years old at the time and didn't panicked at all.

"We didn't ever have a lifeboat drill because we just knew the ship was safe and wouldn't sink."

She didn't call her mother when she got to New York.

"She was ready to kill me. I thought she would know that I was OK. They had a room where you could go send a message, but it was so jam-packed with people I thought she'd know I was safe."

Tumbleweed enjoys hearing good stories and sharing them with readers of his column. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

The force awakens in Springfield martial arts class

By Gregory J. Holman

Springfield News-Leader

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — In "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," Luke Skywalker gave up on training new Jedi knights, but closer to home, Theron Sturgess is just getting started.

Sturgess told the Springfield News-Leader that he's taught martial arts like jiu-jitsu and kenpo for 30 years, but his effort to teach Star Wars-style martial arts, Springfield Jedi Arts Academy, is "brand-spanking new."

Academy sessions — including free monthly events for kids and families and paid sessions — are held at Dynamic Edge Martial Arts, where Sturgess is lead instructor.

The academy blends fitness, Star Wars movements like lightsaber fencing, with philosophy and meditation.

"It's kind of growing faster than I'd even hoped for," Sturgess said. About 80 people came to one of his first free events, he said. He's taught kids as young as 5 or 6 years old up to adults in their 60s.

And despite old stereotypes of Star Wars fandom, the academy is not a boys' club: Sturgess guesses about 40 percent of the latest round of attendees were girls and women.

He also does private lessons in Star Wars-style martial arts, with coaching much like that of a personal trainer at a gym, he said.

Friday afternoon, Sturgess coached Springfield resident Jamie Diamond in a private lesson. Diamond said she'd practiced a variety of martial arts before, but this was her first encounter with lightsaber basics and the three basic pillars of Jedi studies (which are, per Sturgess, the Force, knowledge and self-discipline).

There are also group "intensive" lessons. A two-hour Feb. 28 event, "Academy Force Focus Intensive," cost $25 and included meditation, exercise, stretching, fundamental stances, strikes and blocks, fight choreography, stage combat punching and Jedi combat rolling.

If it sounds intense, Sturgess keeps it light during lessons. "What's the biggest room in the world?" he asked Diamond during her session. "Room for improvement!"

He said his Jedi academy is really about connecting people with fitness and mindfulness.

"(Lightsaber training) is not quite as hard-core as some of the Olympic fencing, or the Japanese sport of kendo," he said.

"This is for people nervous about trying actual martial arts or jumping into a fitness routine," Sturgess said. "I like to say, they go from playing the video games to living the video games."

Some of Sturgess' students are using Jedi martial arts to work through obesity issues, he said, finding it a "legitimate form of exercise."

Along with exercise and meditation, Sturgess said the "third tier" of Springfield Jedi Arts Academy is "community." Participants have helped raise funds for National Public Radio and other causes, he said.

He hopes to develop a group of "core members" who will demonstrate and even teach Jedi arts. He'd like to put on tournaments.

"My personal time is limited," he said. "But I hope to train the 10 Jedi that will train the hundred, and who knows, maybe the hundred that will train the thousand."

The next hour-long Springfield Jedi Arts Academy free event is Saturday; potential attendees need a doctor's approval for physical training.

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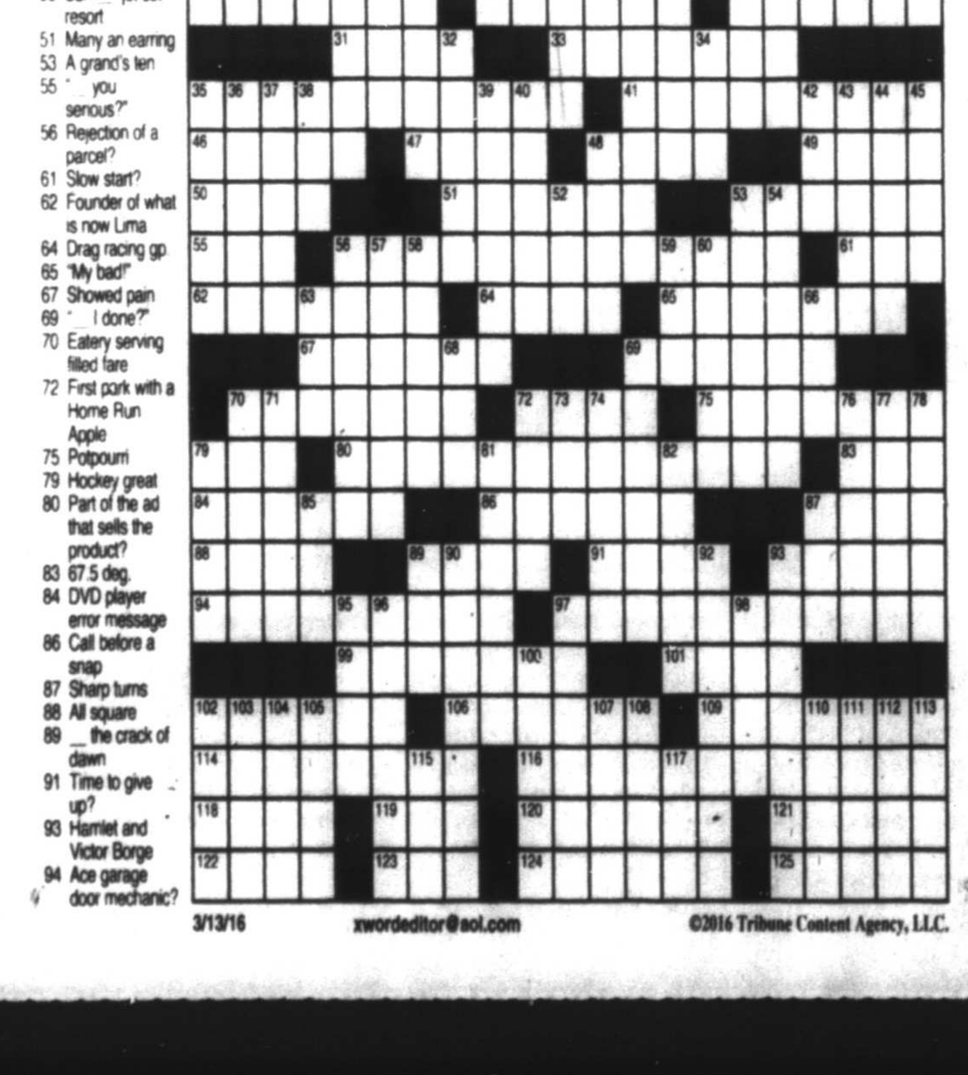
'PLUGGED NICKEL." By DON GAGLIARDO and C.C. BURNIKEL

ACROSS

1 Compares poorly
6 Untes
12 Scoundrel
15 Terminus of all roads?
19 Slip past
20 Lizard with a dewlap
21 Coleridge wrote one on dejection
22 Scrape, in totspeak
23 Flier with a magical rod?
25 Signal that nails are dry?
27 "We gotta go"
28 Work in a park, perhaps
30 Fight sites
31 Couple in a boat
33 Venice glider
35 Sweet tooth?
41 Nocturnal critter enjoying a meal?
46 Sporty auto roofs
47 Cut with a beam
48 First name in fashion
49 Word accompanying finger-shaking
50 San ___ jet set resort
51 Many an earning
53 A grand's ten
55 "___ you serious?"
56 Rejection of a parcel?
61 Slow start?
62 Founder of what is now Lima
64 Drag racing gp.
65 "My bad"
67 Showed pain
69 "___ I done?"
70 Eatery serving filled fare
72 First park with a Home Run Apple
75 Potpourri
79 Hockey great
80 Part of the ad that sells the product?
83 67.5 deg.
84 DVD player error message
86 Call before a snap
87 Sharp turns
88 All square
89 ___ the crack of dawn
91 Time to give up?
93 Harriet and Victor Borge
94 Ace garage door mechanic?
97 Ralph Lauren's "Celebrate Radio" clothing line?
99 Where Puccini's "Turandot" premiered
101 Salon say
102 Patio door
106 In the thick of
109 Game with reading
114 Superhero who doesn't do well in a crisis?
116 Camer pigeon's daily delivery?
118 Airbrush target
119 Explosive first used as a yellow dye
120 Subside
121 Scottish feudal lord
122 Wicked one's lack?
123 Garden chopper
124 Controversial blasts
125 Gossip queen

DOWN

1 Digital indulgence
2 Came down
3 Ultra Leakguards brand
4 Polish for publication
5 Fourth-year group
6 ___ water
7 Metaphoncal facial embarrassment
8 Coaxes from a lamp with "out"
9 Canter or trot
10 Really tick off
11 ___ say
12 Chuckle-inducing
13 Oral health org.
14 Alaska Range highcght
15 Loungewear item
16 Wilson of "Marley & Me"
17 Leon Uris '18"
18 Elongated fish
24 Desktop since 1998
26 Persian Gulf land
29 Come ___ lose one's composure
32 Vending machine item
34 Tokyo-born artist
35 Spaghetti
36 Gestation sites
37 Addams family patriarch
38 Mil. address
39 Key, e.g.
40 Stable negative?
42 Econ. measure
43 Anti at the ballpark
44 Full of nervous energy
45 Deep-six
48 Sonata finale
52 According to
53 Leader who gave up cigar-smoking in 1985
54 Polish relative
56 Checks for errors
57 Mideast language
58 Late-night show since 2010
59 Biomedical research agcy.
60 Insect stage after pupa
63 Theater chain initials
66 Johnny
68 Pa. airport north of PIT
69 Ring Cycle composer
70 Treasure stash
71 "As You Like It" forest
72 Close
73 Top 10 song
74 ___ Gay
76 Bingo cousin
77 Word from the Latin for "messenger"
78 Painter's undercoat
79 Universal donor's type, briefly
81 Gomer Pyle exclamation
82 Thus
85 Pasta suffix
87 Heat up quickly
89 Hesitant sounds
90 Hot and spicy
92 Alley lurkers
93 It's good to lose with it
95 Juice: Abbr.
96 Genuality
97 Reached the big time
98 Chicken vindaloo go-with
100 Singer Ronstadt
102 Practice for a bout
103 Bra fabric
104 Holiday lodgings?
105 South Beach, for one
107 "Pea
108 General ___ chicken
110 1975 Wimbledon champ
111 Asian country suffix
112 Lawn party rental
113 Interior designer's statistic
115 "Is that ___?"
117 "Stop filming!"



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Clever move backfires

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A 9 8 2
♡ 9 6 5
♢ 10 9 4
♣ J 9 4

WEST
♠ 10 6 4 3
♡ 8 7
♢ K 8 5 3 2
♣ 10 7

EAST
♠ J 5
♡ A Q J 3 2
♢ J 6
♣ K 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 7
♡ K 10 4
♢ A Q 7
♣ A Q 6 5

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♣	Dbl	1♠	Pass
2♣	2NT	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

West's "clever" one spade response was intended to muddy the waters for North-South, but it backfired on him in a couple of ways. First, had he passed, the opponents might not have reached game. Second, even if they did reach game, East would not have shown his club suit, nor West his spades, and making nine tricks would have been much more of a challenge.

The opening heart lead went to East's jack and declarer's king. South cashed the king and queen of spades, noting the fall of the jack from East, and led a low spade to dummy's nine, finessing West's 10. He then cashed the ace of spades. East discarded a low club on the third spade and a low diamond on the fourth.

The distribution was an open book at this point. South led the 10 of diamonds to East's jack and his ace, and then exited with the 10 of hearts. East could cash four heart tricks, but then had to lead away from his king of clubs to give declarer three tricks in that suit and his contract.

As the cards lie, South could also have succeeded by leading the jack of clubs rather than the 10 of diamonds. West's doubleton 10 would have allowed him to take four tricks in that suit whether or not East covered. But that play would have failed had East held the club 10, so South's actual play was certainly correct.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 13, 2016:

This year you exude stability, openness and the ability to put your feelings into words. Many people find you to be unusually charming and direct at the same time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could be hung up doing taxes or pricing out a new purchase. When you decide to stop, a loved one could become unusually caring. Return the sentiment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You can't go wrong if you follow your feelings. You seem to know what to do in order to make a dear friend happy. A feeling of excess surrounds you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Close the door if you need to get some work done, or if you want to snooze. You could be in a situation where a partner wants attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You know how to get your friends to join you. You love get-togethers that are planned around food. Why not invite everyone in your immediate circle to brunch?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You'll have to respond to someone's needs in the morning. You are likely to accept extra responsibility, even though it could take time away from some other fun plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You identify with others easily and respond accordingly. You have the ability to see the big picture and can understand where loved ones are coming from.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You love close, intense moments, and today is no exception. With a loved one, you might act as if this is the first time you've ever interacted. Make a call to a friend at a distance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Others will make decisions that please you, especially as they demonstrate their loyalty to you. Be willing to express your feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might need part of the daytime for a project or some type of household chore. You could be doing taxes or getting into some spring cleaning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your creativity remains a source of fun when making plans. A child or new friend appreciates being included in what occurs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Getting going could take some effort. You might decide on a lazy day. A friend seems determined to create some good times.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You often are not able to visit certain loved ones, which makes reaching out even more important. Cultivate these ties.

BORN TODAY

Actor William H. Macy (1950), musician Adam Clayton (1960), singer Neil Sedaka (1939)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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52 FACES OF COMMUNITY

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SUNDAY MORNING — MARCH 13, 2016

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid	This Week		Church	Paid	Racing
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	M. Lyon	First Baptist Church		CBS Sunday Morning			Face the Nation		Messiah	First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	F Troop	F Troop	BackScatter	BackScatter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	Brady8.	Brady8.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAlive	Fox News Sunday		OCFC	Rain	Paid	Paid	Doctor Dolittle 2	
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Light of Southwest		Walking	Mission	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Cry Zion	Chur.Way	R/Manusc	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Mercury	Secrets	W.America	B&N Mtn.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		NHL Live!	Hockey
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	D.Tiger	C.George	Cat	Sid	Rogers	Odd Squ	Odd Squ	Arthur	Cyberch.	Wild K.	Mayra&M.
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mercury	Mercury	Programa pagado		Rosa Guadalupe		Al punto		Netas divinas		Como dice el dicho	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeowem.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	First Baptist Church		B-Ball	Final Four
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:30) The Night...		(6:15) The Jefferson in Paris ('95, Dra) Nick Nolte.				(7:55) ★★★ Bubble Boy				★★★ The Program	
HBO	300	590	14	14		Conchrds	Sin Andrews ('15, Act) Dwayne Johnson.					(7:25) ★★★ Unbroken Jack O'Connell.			(7:55) ★★★ Antwone Fisher		
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	★★★ Blended ('14, Com) Adam Sandler.				Gonzaga		★★ The Ladies Man		Together	Together	Together	Movie
HBOS	304	552	16	102		★★★ Saving Silverman		(5:55) ★★ My Big Fat Greek Wed...				(7:15) ★★★ Run All Night Liam Neeson.			(7:15) Vinyl		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	★★ What's Up, Doc?		(5:25) ★★★ Soapdish				(7:15) ★★★ Joshua Sam Rockwell.				Poltergeist	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Seventh Son Jeff Bridges.		(5:45) ★★ The Boy Next Door				(7:20) ★★★ Pay It Forward ('00, Dra) Kevin Spacey.			(7:55) Movie		
PLEX			96			(5:35) My Girl 2		(6:15) Cat's Life: Junkyard B...				(7:40) Brewster's Millions			(7:20) ★★ K-9 ('89, Com) James Belushi.		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:15) Life of a King Cuba Gooding Jr.						(7:30) ★★★ The Lovely Bones ('09, Dra) Rachel Weisz.		Circus	The Talented ...		
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:15) ★★ The Mirror Has Two Faces Barbra Streisand.						(7:30) ★★ Waterworld ('95, Act) Kevin Costner.				★★ Snowpiercer	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Pain Sight"		(7:30) ★★★★ District 9 ('09, Act) Sharlto Copley.				Movie	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★★ The Untouchables				(6:30) ★★★★ The Patriot (2000, Drama) Heath Ledger, Jeely Richardson, Mel Gibson.						★★★★ King Kong	
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration						Bobby Jones Gospel	Lift Voice	Mann's		★★ Just Wright ('10, Com) Queen Latifah.	
BRAVO	65	76	*	41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Primal Fear"		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Miles	★ Mickey's Great ...	The Lion		Dog Blog	Dog Blog	★★ Beverly Hills Chihuahua		Underc.		Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter				Coll. Basketball (L)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SEC Storied		Becoming	Becoming	SportsCenter		OLines	Report	Coll. Basketball (L)		SportsCenter	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Barefoot	Barefoot	Glada	Southern	Pioneer	SimLaura	Cooking	Giada	Pioneer	Southern	Heart	Brunch
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★★★ Back to the Future III ('90, Com) Michael J. Fox.						(7:45) ★★★ Back to the Future ('85, Com) Michael J. Fox.				Movie	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Fishing	Mavericks	Champio.	Sports	Paid	Paid	NCAA Softball Maryland at Oklahoma				Game365	Lineup (N)
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Ellen 1/2	Buffy "Bargaining"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother		The Counselor Cameron Diaz.	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls			Backyard Wedding ('10, Dra) Alicia Wit.	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Restoration		Am. Restoration		Am. Restoration		Am. Restoration		Am. Restoration		Am. Restoration	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Mother Daughter		Mother Daughter		Taken Back	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	PoliticsNation		MSNBC Special Coverage "The Place for Politics"							
NBCSN	38	43				(5:30) Match of the Week (N)		UCI Cycling	Paris-Nice (L)			Badge	Badge	Leauge Live (L)		(:55) EPL Soccer (L)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Dino	Sponge	★ Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs				Ninja (N)	Sponge	Kids' Choice Awards	
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Internet		★★ Star Trek: Generations Patrick Stewart.						★★★ The Fifth Element Bruce Willis.	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends					★★ Valentine's Day ('10, Com) Kathy Bates.	Movie
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) The Prince ...		(6:15) ★★★ The Smiling Lieutenant								★★ Love Letters ('45, Dra) Jennifer Jones.	The Uninvited
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Videos	EPL Fútbol (L)	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	LoveLust	LoveLust	LoveLust	LoveLust	LoveLust	LoveLust	LoveLust	LoveLust
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	LawOrder "Ramparts"		Law&Order "Haven"		LawOrder "Hunters"		Law&O. "Sideshow"		LawOrder "Disciple"		Resident Evil: R...	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(5:10) Chris	(5:50) G. Girls	Chris		G. Girls	(7:25) G.Girls	(7:55) G.Girls	(7:25) The Golden Girls			G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid	Turning	Miracles	J.Osteen	Colony "Zero Day"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Key David	Paid	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 13, 2016

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	(11:30) IndyCar Auto Racing				Count		NBA Basketball Cleveland vs L.A. Clippers (L)				News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NCAA Basketball A-10 Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball Big-10 Tournament (L)				NCAA Select Show (L)			
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Brady8.	Brady8.	Gilligan	Gilligan	Happy0.	Laverne	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(11:00) Doctor Do...		2½Men	2½Men	Pre-Race	NASCAR Auto Racing Good Sam Club 500 Site: Phoenix International Raceway (L)						
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani Erlan	Z. Levitt	Restore	Light of Southwest		Light of Southwest		Joshua	Biblical	House	About Us
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:30) NHL Hockey Pit./N.Y. R. (L)				PGA Golf Valspar Championship (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Innovati	2.Opinion	Sit Fit	W.L.Yoga	Sewing	Beads	Nature "Wild France"		Nova "Lethal Seas"		News.	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Fútbol Central		MFL Fútbol Dorados at Toluca (L)				Republica (L)		Rosa Guadalupe		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		News	Real Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	The Good Wife		Rizzoli
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:00) ★ The Program		(1:00) ★★ Metro ('97, Act) Eddie Murphy.				(3:00) ★★★ The Weight of Water				★★★ Dick Tracy	
HBO	300	590	14	14		Movie	(:45) Girl in the River	Bill Maher		★ San Andreas ('15, Act) Dwayne Johnson.				(5:30) ★ Ouija ('14, Hor) Olivia Cooke.			
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(11:40) ★ Burn After...		(2:20) ★ Mavis! ('15, Documentary)		(4:05) ★★ Focus ('15, Com/Dra) Will Smith.				Animals.	Vice (N)	LastWeek	
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:15) Girls	(:45) ★ Entourage ('15, Com) Adrian Grenier.			Together	LastWeek	(1:40) State of Play		(2:25) ★ Spy Melissa McCarthy.			
MAX	-	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:25) ★★★★ John Wick		(2:20) ★★★ The Fly Jeff Goldblum.				★★ The Other Woman		Movie	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(11:25) ★ The Astron...		(1:10) ★★ Wild Wild West Will Smith.				★ Cop Car Hays Wellford.		★★★ Rush Hour Jackie Chan.			
PLEX			96			(:05) ★★★ Clue Tim Curry.		(:45) ★★ Danny Deckchair Rhys Ifans.				★★ In Good Company		(:20) ★ The Freshm...			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(11:00) ★ The Talented Mr. Ripley		★★★ The Aviator ('04, Bio) Cate Blanchett, Leonardo DiCaprio.						Circus		Billions "The Punch"	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:00) ★ Snowpiercer		(1:00) ★★ Kate and Leopold Meg Ryan.				(4:10) ★ Need for Speed ('14, Act) Aaron Paul.				Movie	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(11:30) ★★★ Ocean's Eleven				Damien		Bates Motel		Interve. "Latisha"		Intervention "Darick"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(11:00) ★★★ King Kong Jessica Lange.						★★★ The Green Mile ('99, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.					
BET	58	-		40		(10:00) ★ Just Wright		(:05) ★★★ This Christmas ('07, Com) Idris Elba, Loretta Devine, Delroy Lindo.						★★★★ The Five Heartbeats			
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Special		CNN Special	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Friends	Jessie	Girl M.	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Austin	(:15) ★★★ Despicable Me Steve Carell.			
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball SEC Tournament (L)				Score. (1:15) NCAA Basketball				(:15) SportsCenter			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball SBC Tournament (L)				Bubble Watch (L)				MLS Soccer Toronto FC at New York City FC (L)			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Property	Journal E.	America's News HQ		MediaBuzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Kitchen "Pie Day"		Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	All-Star Aca "Math"	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(11:30) ★★★ Back to the Future II				(1:15) ★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Com/Dra) Sally Field, Tom Hanks.						(3:15) The Blind Sid...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Polaris	SnowM (N)	NCAA Basketball USC at TCU Site: Williams-Reilly Field (L)						NCAA Baseball New Mexico State at Baylor (L)			
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(10:30) ★ The Couns...		★★ White House Down ('13, Act) Jamie Foxx, Channing Tatum.								★★ Identity Thief	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Recipe for Love Danielle Panabaker.						★ Valentine Ever After William Baldwin.			★★ So You Said Yes Kellie Martin.		
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp "Home Turf"		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00) ★ Taken Back		★ Gone Missing ('13, Dra) Daphne Zuniga.				★ The Stepchild ('16, Suspense) Sarah Fisher.				★★★ Taken	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(8:00) Special Cov.		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	43				(10:55) EPL Soccer (L)		Goal Zone (L)		Mecum Auto Auctions "Kansas City, MO" (N)				Mecum Auto Auctions (N)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	(11:00) Kids' Choice		Henry Danger		ALVINNN	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie	★★ Outlander ('08, Sci-Fi) James Caviezel.					★★★ Fantastic Four ('05, Act) Ioan Gruffudd.				Movie	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(11:30) ★★ Definitely, Maybe				(1:40) ★★ Hitch ('05, Com) Will Smith.				★★★ Killers ('10, Act) Ashton Kutcher.			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ The Univ...		★★★ Summer of '42 Jennifer O'Neill.				★★★ The Quiet American				(:15) ★ Viva Las V...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		(11:00) EPL Fútbol (L)		Enfoque	★ Black Dragon ...					Noticiero	Videos	La Reina Del Sur	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	LoveLust	Love, Lust	48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(11:00) ★ Resident E...		★★★★ I Am Number Four ('11, Act) Alex Pettyfer.						★★★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		SVU "Criminal Stories"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	85				In Heat of Night		Interest "Triggerman"		Person of Interest		Person of Interest		...Interest "Critical"		BlueB. "Parenthood"	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — MARCH 13, 2016

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon a Time "Labor of Love" (N)		Family "Of Puppies and Monsters" (N)		Quantico "Clear" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Monopoly	(:05) Paid Program	(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(4:30) NCAA (L)	60 Minutes		Scorpion "N Roll"	Tech, Drugs and Rock		CSI: Cyber "Legacy" (SP) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Elementry	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo	Prescription: Murder"			The Odd Couple	Honey-mooners	Cheers	8 New-hart	MaryTy-lerM.	Taxi
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Border-town (N)	Bob's Burgers (N)	TheSim-psons (N)	Cooper B. (N)	Family Guy (N)	Last Man (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Met Your Mother	Jack Van Impe	Texans 360
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Audra Grace	Update News	What's the Cost	Someb-ody Cares
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Little Big Shots "Little Bruce Lee"	Shots "Little Blue" (P) (N)	BigShot "Little Boy		Carmic-hael (N)	Carmic-hael (N)	Hollywood Game Night (N)		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Mercury	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey: Season Six"				Masterpiece "Grantchester"		Masterpiece "Granchester"		Vicious "Gym"	The Inspector Lynley Mysteries "A Cry for Justice"		
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y Ahora		Nuestra Belleza Latina				Sal y pimienta		Underc.	Noticiero o mi jefe	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli	Castle			Scandal		Mike&M.	Anger M.	Office	Univision NameG.	Fam.Feud	Closer
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) ★ Dick Tracy		(6:30) ★★ The Program ('93, Spt) James Caan.				(8:30) ★★★ The Way of the Gun Ryan Phillippe.				★★★ Empire	
HBO	300	590	14	14		(:05) ★ Max ('15, Fam) Robbie Amell.				Vinyl (N)		Girls (N)	Together	LastWeek	Vinyl		Together
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	Bill Maher		Vinyl "The Racket"				★ San Andreas ('15, Act) Dwayne Johnson.				★★ Get Hard Will Ferrell.	Movie
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Movie	Lady Day Emerson					★ Win Win ('11, Com/Dra) Paul Giamatti.				★★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:50) ★★ Blades of Glory		(7:25) ★ Poltergeist Sam Rockwell.						★★★ Independence Day ('96, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.		(:25) Forbid	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(1:10) ★★★ Deception Ewan McGregor.				★ Gone Girl ('14, Mys) Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck.				★★ Dracula Untold Luke Evans.			
PLEX			96			(:20) ★ The Freshman	★ Brewster's Millions			(1:40) ★★★ Clue ('85, Myst) Tim Curry.				(:25) ★★★ To Catch a Thief			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Shameless		Circus (N)	Circus	Shameless (N)		Billions (N)		Billions		Circus	Shame.
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:20) ★ Garm Wars...		★★ Snowpiercer ('14, Sci-Fi) Chris Evans.				(8:10) ★★ Waterworld ('95, Act) Kevin Costner.				Movie	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Interve. "Kaeleen"		Hoarders (N)		Codependent		Interve. "Sierra" (N)		60 Days In (N)		60 Days In	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Dead "Knots Untie"		The Walking Dead		Walking Dead (N)		Talking Dead (N)		Fear Dead "The Dog"		ComicB.	(:35) Dead
BET	58	-		40		(6:30) ★★★★ The Five Heartbeats				Mann's	Mann's (:50)	Payne	(:25) Payne	About the Business		BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atl. (N)		Housewives Atl. (N)		Housewives P. (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta	Housew.	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Boss "O'Neill Clothing"		Boss "Loehmann's"		Under Boss "Orkin"		Boss "PostNet"		Undercover Boss		Boss "Loehmann's"	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Special		CNN Special		CNN Special		White House (N)		CNN Special		CNN Special	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked "Sorthive"		Naked "Forsaken"		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)	(:05) Naked	(:05) Naked	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	K.C. Undercover		Underc.	Liv/Mad	S.Middle	Bunk'd	Girl M.	Friends	Underc.	Liv/Mad	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Bracketology (L)				30 for 30 "Fantastic Lies" (N)				SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Track & Field Division I Tournament				Bracketology (L)				30 for 30 "Fantastic Lies"			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		The O'Reilly Factor		Justice Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld Show		Election HQ		Election HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		All-Star Academy (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		All-Star Academy	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:15) ★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Sandra Bullock.						(7:30) ★★★★ The Proposal ('09, Com) Sandra Bullock.			J.Osteen	Jeremiah	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	(4:00) NCAA Baseball		West Customs (N)		WPT Poker		OU Basketball (N)		Rodeo	School (N)	WTP Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ The Internship		★★ The Internship ('13, Com) Vince Vaughn.						★★ The Internship ('13, Com) Vince Vaughn.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ Anything for Love ('15, Romance)				When Calls Heart (N)		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Bargain	Bargain	Life (N)	Life (N)	IslndLif	IslndLif	H.Hunt	House	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	(:05) Amer. Pickers	American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★★ Taken		There Were None 1/2 cont'd March 14 (N)				★★★ Taken ('08, Thril) Liam Neeson.				There Were None 1/2	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey	Toronto Maple Leafs at Detroit Red Wings (L)				(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		Shootout	FIVB Volleyball World Tour		
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	School	★ Rotten Class	H.Danger	F.House	H.House	F.House	J.Houss	G.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Life or Debt (N)		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★★ Planet of the Apes				★★★★ Skyfall ('12, Act) Helen McCrory, Daniel Craig.						★ Quantum of So...	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Separation Anxiety		★★ Definitely, Maybe	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Viva Las V...		★★★★ Victor, Victoria ('82, Mus) Julie Andrews.						★★★★ Tootsie ('82, Com) Dustin Hoffman.		(:45) Fleas	
TELE	20	-	10	20		(11:00) La Reina Del Sur		Gran Hermano				Ya era hora		Titulares	Videos	The Hard Corps	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Long Lost Family		L.I. Medium (N)		L.I. Medium (N)		Long Lost Family (N)		Long Island Medium		Long Lost Family	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) ★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey				★★★★ An Unexpected Journey ('12, Fan) Martin Freeman.				★★★ The Lord of the Rings: The ...			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WGN	19	85				Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Underground		(:05) Outsiders		Mother	Mother

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CALENDAR

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TODAY

Midland Scottish-Irish Faire and Highland Games is presented by the Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin. The event will feature workshops, Celtic music, bagpipe performances, Highland games and more. Today at Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. chspb.org.

MOSC: Permian Basin String Quartet perform the next in their Late Beethoven Cycle and will include Beethoven Op. 135 and Brahms Op. 51. 3 p.m. Today at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

AUDITIONS: "La Cage aux Folles" by Midland Community Theatre. The musical runs April 15-30. Auditions are at 6:30 p.m. Today and Monday. Scripts are available for checkout and character information and rehearsal schedule can be found on the website. MCT, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

MONDAY

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the colledge. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

Lunch & Lecture: James Collett's Postcard History Series on Midland,11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20 W. Free. pbpetro.org.

Tuesday Night Open Mic Comedy hosted by Cesar Udave and Willy Olguin. 7 p.m. weekly at Wyndham Garden, 3100 W. Wall St.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephens Ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Palette Club Painting session from 9 a.m.-noon weekly. Meeting and demonstrations on the second Tuesday of the month. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio-Every Tuesday -Thursday at 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.: KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/Crossing-TheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

MusikGarten classes for infants 3-5 years. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1412 W Illinois Ave. Call 432-683-4207 for class times and registration.

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

THURSDAY

MOSC: Lone Star Brass performs a Brown Bag Concert in the ClayDesta Atrium. 11:45 a.m. at Clay Desta, 6 Desta Drive. Free.

An Evening with Bill Nye, The Science Guy as presented by the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series 7:30 p.m. at the Chaparral Center at Midland College. Free.

Third Thursday Reading Program will feature "A Tale for Easter." The free children's reading event will offer free copies of the book to those in attendance. Refreshments provided but spaces must be reserved. 4:30 p.m. at George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W Ohio Ave. 432-685-1112. bushchildhoodhome.org.

The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces Spring Art Opening will feature new art by local artists with a reception. 5 p.m. at MSS, 3500 N. "A." St. midlandsharedspaces.org.

Opera 101 is a continuing education class offered by Permian Basin Opera at Midland College. The class will study Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro."Classes are on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. Through April 30. midland.edu.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

FRIDAY

"Around the World in 80 Days" tells the tale of a rich Englishman who has to circumnavigate the globe or lose a steep wager. Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Saturday

Auction 2016: Black and Gold Ball at Museum of the Southwest. The black-tie gala is the key fundraiser for the museum. Proceeds from the triennial event benefit the organization, its exhibitions and programming. The night includes cocktails, dinner service and a live auction. Preview the auction catalog on the website. 7 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. RSVP to 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

"The Carpenter's Son" is the first show of Ragtown Gospel Theater's new season about the early years of Jesus Christ. 3 p.m. Saturdays through May 7. Ragtown Gospel Theater, 870 Ragtown Road, Post. $24. 877-724-8696. ragtowngospeltheater.com.

ON DISPLAY

"Dust and Depression" will feature historic photographic works of the country after the stock market crash of 1929. The exhibition includes works by John Collier Jr., Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and more. Opens March 17 and runs through June 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

"Otra Vez" featuring works by Wayne Hilton. Using recycled materials, Hilton focuses his works on Mexican arts and culture. The works were commissioned specifically for the Centennial branch's public gallery space. The art will display through April 30 with a series of programming. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us.

The works of Allison Easlon Moyers Closes March 31. Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"Texas Native Wildflowers Exhibition" at Sibley Nature Centre, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. On display through March 26. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 432-684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Artizen Outlet, 436 Andrews Highway. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 432-770-3494. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios 700 Andrews Highway. 432-664-3197. artquesttx.com.

Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroommarfa.org.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 432-685-1112

Haley Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 432-682-5785. haleylibrary.com.

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Admission currently free. highskywing.org.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Rick Reese, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during February. midlandartsassociation.org.

Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 432-682-5447.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. petroleummuseum.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.



The Centennial library hosts the exhibition "Otra Vez" featuring works by El Paso artist Wayne Hilton through April 30. Hilton uses found object and recycled materials in his creations. *Courtesy photo*

The face of uncertainty looms



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A couch sits near a pump jack on East County Road 90 in Midland on Jan. 9.

EIA says US oil production falling, lowers price forecast

By Mella McEwen
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Uncertainty continues to rule the nation's energy industry, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The agency reported last week that U.S. monthly crude oil production in December was its lowest since November 2014 and was below year-ago levels for the first time in more than four years.

At the same time, the agency lowered its price forecast for 2016 in its Short-Term Energy Outlook, released Tuesday. In this outlook, the agency forecasts Brent crude prices will average $34 a barrel in 2015 and $40 in 2017. West Texas Intermediate is expected to average the same as Brent, based on the assumption the two grades will compete in the U.S. Gulf Coast refinery market with similar transportation differentials.

The EIA's forecast is $3 and $10 lower, respectively, than in its outlook issued in February, reflecting the fact oil production has been more resilient than expected in this low price environment and lowered expectations for demand growth.

According to the EIA, December crude production averaged 9.3 million barrels per day, down 166,000 barrels a day from December 2014 and the first year-over-year decline since September 2011.

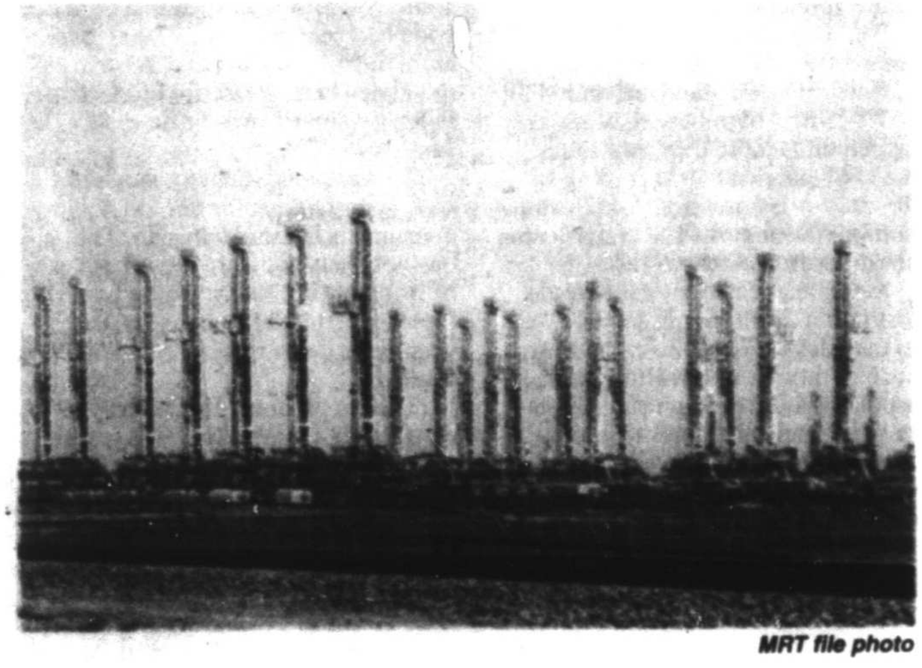
Domestic oil production has generally declined month to month since reaching a 44-year peak of almost 9.7 million b/d in April 2015, the agency reported.

The EIA expects U.S. oil production will continue to decline on both a month-to-month basis and from year-ago levels until the fourth quarter of 2017.

Most of the decline in oil production has occurred in states with large amounts of production from tight oil formations, including Texas, New Mexico and North Dakota. This production contributed the most to the increase in domestic production over the past five years and is now responsible for most of the decline, the EIA said.

The EIA attributes

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Rigs are stacked along Business 20 west of FM 1788 photographed in 2015.

Trafigura opens oil-trading office in Midland

By Mella McEwen
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Through ever-evolving technology and data collection and analysis that has let them zero in on the sweetest of sweet spots, Permian Basin production has soared to levels not seen in decades.

But without an end-user, there's little incentive for Permian Basin oil and gas producers to coax their product out of the ground.

Numerous companies have invested billions in takeaway infrastructure, such as pipelines and rail hubs. One company has seen so much business that it opened an oil-marketing office on the first floor of downtown Midland's Bank of America building.

"We move 30,000 to 35,000 barrels of oil a day from the Permian Basin," said Paul Vega, director, West Texas marketing for Trafigura Trading LLC.

Jeff Kopp, director of North America operations, said the company's goal is to move product, including crude oil, around the globe to the best market.

The global trading company, headquartered in Geneva, has been buying crude from Permian Basin producers since late 2012.

"Here, we have a lot of customers with a lot of product they need to move," Kopp said, who is based in Houston.

Vega said the company has purchased crude from New Mexico, the Delaware Basin, Midland Basin and the Cline Shale from more than 20 area operators.

According to Vega, Trafigura has extensive storage facilities around the globe, including in Cushing, Oklahoma, and Corpus Christi.

Kopp said that the company recently installed a condensate splitter at its Corpus storage terminal.

With the ban on exporting U.S. crude lifted, "Oil can flow anywhere," Kopp said. "We've already moved oil from the Permian Basin to Israel and the Mediterranean."

Before exports were allowed to resume, oil had to stay in the U.S., and "prices became weaker and weaker," he said.

The ban was lifted at a time of significantly lower oil prices and weaker demand, he said. But he said the company believes demand is improving amid low prices, as is seen with gasoline demand. "Hopefully, demand will pick up a little and help refiners pick up some margin," he said.

Opening its Midland office at this time is "even more important than ever," Vega said.

"It tells our customer base we're here for the long-term, even in a downturn. It sends the message we'll be here all the time," Vega said.

Trafigura officials understand crude oil is a cyclical business that will recover, he said. "Unfortunately, you have to find the bottom."

Vega said he plans to split his time between Houston and the Midland office, which currently employs five people, including himself. The new office is 4,000 square feet, "so there's room for growth," he said.

New completion system could find its way to Permian Basin

By Mella McEwen
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A new completion system just tested in the Williston Basin could find its way to the Permian Basin.

Nine Energy Service recently tested its first 50-stage Divert-A-Frac open-hole system for a large independent oil and gas operator.

The 50 stages used 3.5 million pounds of proppant and 52,300 barrels of fluid, taking a little more than 50 hours, compared to the typical 12 and 15 days for a standard plug-and-perforate well. Each stage averaged about an hour.

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Oil prices edge closer to hedging territory

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

"There is no hard and fast rule for industry hedging policy. But recent conversations with management teams suggest that operators would consider hedging out part of their production stream in 2017 above $45 a barrel in order to protect downside risk from a cash flow perspective."

Statement from Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. analysts

HOUSTON — Three weeks ago, the CEO of a major domestic oil producer lamented the U.S. oil industry has been "disproportionately" slammed by the oil-market crash.

North America has sustained the bulk of the energy world's job cuts, investment reductions, bankruptcies and rig closures since late 2014, and the United States is expected to bear most of the oil-production decline needed to correct the oil-market oversupply. In a year and a half, 70,000 U.S. oil and gas jobs have been lost and 1,400 drilling rigs have been sidelined.

"Our activity level is bare minimum," Hess CEO John Hess said at the recent IHS CERAWeek energy industry conference in downtown Houston.

Still, if not for the U.S. shale oil industry's ability to act quickly, the oil glut might not have been corrected for years, energy research firm Wood Mackenzie says in a new report comparing the ongoing downturn to the mid-1980s oil bust.

Some analysts believe U.S. crude production will drop this year by 600,000 barrels a day or more, which may be enough to realign supply and demand late this year or early next year.

In the 1980s, crude production outpaced supply for four years in a row, and the market was still oversupplied by nearly 3 million barrels a day in 1988, long after crude prices were in free fall in 1986, according to Wood Mackenzie.

"This time, it should be different because by 2017, the projected decline in non-OPEC supplies will occur more quickly than in the 1980s," Wood Mackenzie said.

That's because U.S. shale oil production, which didn't exist in the 1980s, can theoretically respond much more quickly to a lower price signal than conventional oil production.

Wood Mackenzie believes crude prices could begin recovering in 2017 after the market rebalances and starts working through high oil-inventory levels, though it noted China's oil demand and Iran's return to the market are "key risks" to that forecast.

The recent oil rally, analysts say, could prevent that U.S. oil-production decline from happening. On Wednesday, U.S. crude edged higher to more than $38 a barrel, creeping closer to levels that could prompt oil drillers to hedge their future production, which could cut into the expected output decline this year.

"There is no hard and fast rule for industry hedging policy," analysts at Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. wrote in a recent client note. "But recent conversations with management teams suggest that operators would consider hedging out part of their production stream in 2017 above $45 a barrel in order to protect downside risk from a cash flow perspective."

Oil futures contracts for February 2017, for instance, are priced at $44.14 a barrel. Tudor Pickering analysts say oil companies will be more aggressive in locking-in future prices when crude prices reach $50 to $60 a barrel, a level drillers could "actually hold production flat with internally generated cash flow."

Goldman Sachs says the recent oil-price rally, which pushed Brent crude to $41 a barrel on Wednesday, is premature and not sustainable, as it comes before U.S. crude production can drop enough to actually fix the oil glut.

"The longer (oil prices) run, the more destabilizing they become to the nascent rebalancing they are trying to price," Goldman analysts said. "Energy needs lower prices to maintain financial stress to finish the rebalancing process; otherwise, an oil price rally will prove self-defeating as it did last spring."

GE oil chief weighing Iran in growth strategy

Bloomberg

"Iran is a big market from an oil and gas perspective. We will abide by the sanctions, but it's a market where we used to transact."

Lorenzo Simonelli, head of General Electric's crude division

General Electric Co. is plotting a strategy for its oil and gas business in Iran as the U.S. eases sanctions with the petroleum-rich country.

Lorenzo Simonelli, head of the company's crude division, said he visited Iran in recent weeks to "understand what was taking place in the country." GE will only proceed if government rules allow the company to do business there, he said.

"Iran is a big market from an oil and gas perspective," Simonelli said Wednesday in an interview at Bloomberg's New York headquarters. "We will abide by the sanctions, but it's a market where we used to transact."

Geographic expansion is part of a broad growth strategy for London-based GE Oil & Gas that may include acquisitions and more advanced product offerings. Building out the division is central to Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Immelt's transformation of GE into a more streamlined industrial manufacturer. The company had agreed to sell more than $150 billion of finance assets in the past year and is unloading the home-appliances unit.

For oil explorers and the service companies, Iran represents a huge bonanza. The Persian Gulf nation's 157.8 billion-barrel cache of untapped oil is more than four times the U.S. endowment, according to the Energy Information Administration in Washington. The country also boasts large natural gas reserves.

A number of nations eased trade restrictions with Iran in January as the Islamic Republic curbed its nuclear program. Remaining U.S. sanctions allow foreign subsidiaries of American companies to operate in Iran, but they require a separation of those projects from U.S. employees and offices.

GE's oil and gas division is one of the world's largest equipment manufacturers for crude explorers. Its gear is used on land to boost production in aging wells and sits on the seafloor under miles of water to regulate the stream of crude coming from below the Earth's crust.

GE is pursuing growth as it weathers a slowdown in global activity driven by the collapse in crude prices. Revenue in GE Oil & Gas fell 14 percent last year to $16.5 billion and may drop another 10 percent to 15 percent in 2016, the company has said.

The division has reduced headcount to about 39,000 from 44,000 during the downturn, which is "in line with the industry," Simonelli said. "As we see the industry continuing to ebb and flow, we have to take the appropriate actions."

Energy companies slashed more than $100 billion in spending worldwide last year and cut 250,000 jobs amid the oil price decline. Brent, the global benchmark for crude, has fallen by almost two-thirds since June 2014.

The weakened industry may provide opportunities for GE Oil & Gas, division CEO Simonelli said. The business benefits from the resources of its parent company, which has forecast rising profit and sales this year despite contraction in the oil division.

"There's no doubt that when you go through a down cycle, it's good to be part of GE," he said. The unit expects investment in research and development to remain constant through the slump, he said.

The company has held talks to buy the drill-bits and drilling-services operations of Halliburton Co., which is divesting assets to win antitrust approval for its takeover of Baker Hughes Inc., people familiar with the matter said in December. The transaction was scheduled to close last year, but has been delayed amid reviews by U.S. and European antitrust regulators.

While Simonelli didn't say whether GE would be interested in the Halliburton-Baker Hughes assets, he said his company wouldn't shy away from doing deals if they make sense.

"There are places that we can bolt on and bolster," he said. He added that the company's own digital technology could broaden product capabilities and boost organic growth. GE Oil & Gas is adding sensors to equipment to aid in data collection that will improve operations and reduce unplanned downtime, mirroring efforts in GE's other businesses.

GE built up its oil and gas unit over the past decade through more than $10 billion in acquisitions, including a $3.3 billion deal in 2013 for Lufkin Industries Inc. While GE is a relatively new entrant to the global oil market, growth has helped the company establish a presence with customers, Simonelli said.

"I think we're becoming better known as truly an oil and gas industry player," he said.

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

SEPM hosts ConocoPhillips geologist

Members of the Permian Basin section, SEPM will meet in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club, beginning 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Ryan Phelps, carbonate geologist for ConocoPhillips in Houston, will present "Oceanographic and Eustatic Control of Carbonate Platform Evolution and Sequence Stratigraphy on the Cretaceous (Valanginian-Campanian) Passive Margin, Northern Gulf of Mexico."

Cost is $20 with a reservation, $30 at the door, including lunch. Reservations can be made by calling 683-1573 or by email at wtgs@wtgs.org. Online registration is also available by going to www.wtgs.org and clicking on the Events tab.

Alaska will focus of SIPES luncheon

The Midland chapter, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, will meet Wednesday in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club. The luncheon begins with a reception at 11:15 a.m.

David Rohr, emeritus professor of geology at Sul Ross University, will speak on "A Snail's Eye View of the Paleozoic of Alaska," an overview of paleontologic studies and field work (and scenery) in Alaska.

IRVING

Medallion Pipeline launches open season for Crane Extension

Medallion Pipeline Co. LLC, a subsidiary of Medallion Midstream LLC, announces a binding open season that solicits long-term commitments from shippers for firm transportation capacity on the fourth major expansion of Medallion's existing crude oil pipeline system.

The current project proposed by the open season will further extend and expand the geographic scope of the 370-mile Medallion system:

■ The "Crane Extension" is a proposed 100,000 barrel per day bi-directional crude oil pipeline that will extend approximately 25 miles in a southwesterly direction from Medallion's existing Midkiff Station in northwest Upton County to an interconnection with Magellan Midstream Partners' Longhorn Pipeline in east Crane County.

■ An integral part of the overall project is a proposed 25,000-barrel-per-day expansion of Medallion's existing Midkiff Lateral that extends in a northwesterly direction from the Midkiff Station to the Garden City Station in Glasscock County. As part of the Midkiff expansion, the existing Midkiff Lateral will be reconfigured for bi-directional operations.

Open season will end on Wednesday.

HOUSTON

KJ Energy acquires interests in 329 wells

KJ Energy LLC has acquired oil and gas producing assets in East Texas and North Louisiana.

The properties include 329 oil and gas wells and associated facilities located primarily in the Brachfield, S.E., Minden and Angie Fields in Rusk, Panola, Shelby, San Augustine and Nacogdoches counties; and Vernon, Ada and Bryceland, West Fields in Webster, Jackson and Bienville parishes, Louisiana.

Iowa regulators approve Bakken pipeline permit

By David Pitt
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The last state permit needed for a pipeline that will carry a half-million barrels of crude oil daily from North Dakota to Illinois was approved Thursday by Iowa utilities regulators, who also gave the Texas-based company authority to use eminent domain for land that property owners are unwilling to voluntarily provide.

The Iowa Utilities Board voted unanimously to approve a hazardous pipeline permit for the Dakota Access pipeline, called Bakken pipeline because it will stretch 346 miles from Bakken oil fields in North Dakota to Illinois, crossing through 18 Iowa counties and 1,300 parcels of land.

"Together we weighed all the issues presented by the parties and found the issues of safety, economic benefits, environmental factors and landowners' rights to merit the most significant weight in reaching our decision," board member Elizabeth Jacobs said.

The board decided that the pipeline met the requirements of Iowa law requiring it to "promote the public convenience and necessity."

After the vote, about a dozen people in the audience stood one by one and stated, "I am an Iowan and I vote no." Board members quickly left the room. Outside of the building, opponents held a rally.

"That pipeline will be a legacy that we will live to regret if we do not stop it. It is going to poison the land," said Rodlynn Harrington, a Des Moines woman who was crying.

An appeal is likely from individual landowners, farmers and a coalition of environmental and property rights groups who have voiced concerns about spills that could harm farmland, rivers and streams.

"While the ruling is certainly a setback and disappointing, landowners will assess how to move forward on appeal and they are going through that process," said John Murray, a Storm Lake attorney who represents the Northwest Iowa Landowners Association.

Lawsuits also are expected to challenge whether the board has the authority to grant eminent domain to a company building a pipeline for profit. Such authority is frequently given to publicly owned utilities, but not often to for-profit companies, like Dakota Access, which is owned by publicly traded companies Phillips 66 and Energy Transfer Partners.

Owners of 296 parcels of land have refused to sign easements allowing the pipeline to go through their property, and may fight land condemnation proceedings at the county level and appeal their individual cases to district court.

The pipeline has been in the works since 2014, after North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple urged industry and government officials to build more pipelines to keep pace with North Dakota's rapid oil production and reduce truck and oil train traffic. North Dakota is the nation's No. 2 oil producer behind Texas.

The project was first proposed when oil prices had slipped to about $80 a barrel. They're now closer to $40 a barrel.

"This is fantastic and certainly a big step in getting Bakken barrels to quality markets and further displacing foreign barrels," said Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, which represents hundreds of companies working in the state's oil patch.

EIA

From 1F

the relative resiliency of production largely to non-OPEC investments that were committed during a higher price environment.

Even though production has been declining, the EIA said that inventory build-ups are larger than previously expected, delaying the expected rebalancing of the oil market and contributing to the agency's lower oil price forecasts.

If global storage capacity becomes stressed, the cost of storage will rise to reflect more expensive marginal storage options such as floating inventories on crude oil tankers, the EIA warned. Higher storage costs would tend to divert volumes that would otherwise be stored into the spot market, reducing near-month crude oil prices. Additional uncertainty stems from the pace of global economic growth and its contribution to oil demand growth, and the responsiveness of non-OPEC producers to sustained low oil prices.

EIA expects global consumption of petroleum and other liquid fuels to grow by 1.1 million barrels a day in 2016 and by 1.2 million barrels a day in 2017, down 100,000 and 200,000 barrels a day, respectively, than the February forecast.

SYSTEM

From 1F

"We believe this new 50-sleeve single-ball drop system will have a good application in the Permian Basin. Although we have successfully run our open-hole liner assemblies with frac sleeves and swell packers in the Permian Basin, it is still currently primarily a cemented plug & perf market," Kendall Manning, Nine Energy sales director of U.S. completions, told the Reporter-Telegram in an email.

"However, in today's low oil price market, we are seeing a shift from our customers to enhance completion techniques. They are drilling longer laterals, which equates to more stages during the frac operation. These types of wells are where our new 50-sleeve system is more cost-effective and efficient than cemented plug-and-perf," Manning said.

It is also very difficult to drill out plugs on these long laterals and, in some cases, not feasible, Manning said.

"Since the Permian Basin is now leading with new technology advances, it should fit in nicely with our product offerings," Manning said.

Nine Energy's Williston Basin customer was looking to increase stage count without reporting to limited entry cluster stimulation.

Rickey Green, Nine Energy's vice president for the Rocky Mountain region, described the company's Divert-A-Frac test in a press release:

"The operator was looking for a single-point entry solution to significantly increase their stage count from 35 to 50 without resorting to limited entry cluster stimulation. This success was a result of detailed testing and analysis of Nine's Divert-A-Frac Port Sub (DAFPS-III) frac sleeve to confirm the 50-stage design was sound."

The system was engineered for the operator's 10,000-foot laterals and the sleeves were pressure tested with dissolvable metallic actuation balls, and computational fluid dynamics analysis demonstrated that ball-on-seat performance would not be affected by the planned proppant stimulation in the 50 sleeve system, Green said.



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$33.10	Sunoco*	$34.75
Flint Hills Resources*	$34.75	Nymex futures	$36.64*
Phillips 66	$34.91		
Plains*	$34.75	Net price without transportation charge	
Shell Trading	$34.90	**Note:** Posted prices as of March 9	

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price March 9	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	$1.711	$1.752	$2.678
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$1.600	$1.440	$2.670
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$1.500	$1.383	$2.393
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$1.567	$1.410	$2.530
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$1.520	$1.415	$2.510
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$1.505	$1.390	$2.584
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$1.643	$1.504	$2.847

Chevron pivots from big projects to West Texas shale

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — After years of spending billions of dollars constructing massive oil and gas projects, Chevron Corp. is planning to pivot to more profitable, shorter-cycle investments like its fields in the West Texas tight-oil plays.

The No. 2 U.S. oil company says it is winding down long-term investments on big projects as they come into production this year and next, but it's going to put more of its budget toward the Permian Basin. It believes it can double or nearly triple its oil production there by the end of the decade by doubling its spending from $3 billion, about a tenth of its budget, and boosting its rig fleet there to 14 from seven.

"Don't be surprised if by the middle of the next decade 20 to 25 percent of our production is in this short-cycle shale and tight activity," Chevron chairman and CEO John Watson told investors Tuesday in an annual update.

In the Permian Basin, Chevron says it has 1,300 drilling locations that can make a 10-percent return at $40 oil; at $50 oil, 4,000 locations can turn a profit; at $60, 5,500 locations. And that's just assessing a third of its portfolio there.

It expects to drill 175 wells this year with seven operated rigs and nine non-operated rigs. By 2020, the company projects it could pump up to 350,000 barrels a day out of the Permian, up from its current 125,000 barrels a day.

The only way to cope with the oil downturn is to get more efficient and productive. Over the past year, Chevron said its cost to drill a horizontal well has fallen 40 percent to about $7.1 million and the time it takes to drill a well has been cut in half to 20 days. By improving its well-stimulation techniques, the company has boosted its returns from the play by 30 percent.

"When you combine our royalty advantage with the good rocks and competitive execution performance, it translates to compelling economics," said Jay Johnson, senior vice president of upstream at Chevron.

That cost-cutting has a human toll. Chevron said it plans to shed 20 to 25 percent of its upstream work force this year, and it has yet to make more than half of those job cuts. All told, it expects to cut 4,000 jobs this year, on top of the 3,000 it cut last year.

Bracing for low oil and gas prices, Chevron said it will cut its capital spending from a range of $26.6 billion this year to $22 billion to $17 billion a year in 2017 and 2018.

But the portion of money earmarked for big projects that were under construction last year should fall from about half to a fraction of the budget. Still, it expects production to increase through the end of the decade as its projects come online, Watson said.

The company expects to boost production to 2.9 million to 3 million barrels a day in 2017, from 2.62 million barrels a day in 2015. Part of that will come from the massive Gorgon and Wheatstone liquefied natural gas projects coming online in Australia this year and next year, among other projects.

"We're in a fairly unique position in the industry," Watson said. "We're cutting spending pretty dramatically but we're going to see higher volumes."

Anadarko cutting 17 percent of workforce

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Anadarko Petroleum Corp., the fourth-largest U.S. oil company, is cutting about 1,000 jobs, or roughly 17 percent of its workforce, to cope with a relentless downturn in crude oil and natural gas prices, a company spokesman said Thursday.

Anadarko spokesman John Christiansen told Fuelfix the laid-off workers will be streaming from its U.S. headquarters, which is comprised of office towers in The Woodlands, and other offices across the company, on Thursday.

Executives of The Woodlands-based oil explorer had said last month it would reduce its capital spending by half this year amid low oil prices and evaluate its staffing needs as it reduces activity.

"We've been very carefully evaluating what our staffing levels should be, given the downcycle," Christiansen said Thursday. "These are our co-workers and friends, so this has been a difficult day."

After an 18-month oil bust, energy layoffs are nothing new. Oil producers, their suppliers, service providers and equipment makers, along with refineries and pipeline operators, have so far cut more than 320,000 jobs worldwide, according to Houston consultancy Graves & Co., which has tracked industry layoffs since the downturn began.

Within the United States, Anadarko produces oil and gas in Colorado's DJ Basin, in the Permian Basin in West Texas, in the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere. After ConocoPhillips, it's the second-largest independent U.S. oil company, which means it doesn't have its own refining assets like Chevron Corp. and Exxon Mobil Corp.

The company did not disclose where the jobs were cut, though Christiansen said the cuts were "spread across most organizations" within the company.

It's about the same size reduction that Apache Corp. made last year. Houston-based Apache cut more than 1,000 employees, or 20 percent of its workforce, through direct reductions and asset sales in 2015, which included its liquefied natural gas assets in Canada and Australia and its upstream unit in Australia.

Columbia Pipeline jumps on report of TransCanada deal talks

Bloomberg

BLOOMBERG — Columbia Pipeline Group Inc. surged following a report that it's in talks for a takeover by TransCanada Corp.

Houston-based Columbia rose as much as 18 percent after trading resumed following a pause triggered by a circuit breaker, and traded 15 percent higher at $22.75 as of 12:41 p.m. in New York. TransCanada fell as much as 4.2 percent before trading of its stock was halted at 11:50 a.m., pending news.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the companies are in talks and that a deal could be reached in the coming weeks, citing unidentified people familiar with negotiations. Columbia has a market value of more than $9 billion and TransCanada is valued at about C$34 billion ($25 billion).

"It is company policy not to comment on market rumors or speculation," James Millar, a TransCanada spokesman, said in an e-mailed statement. "As we have said previously, TransCanada remains focused on opportunities that would be in line with our strategy and grow shareholder value."

In a subsequent statement, TransCanada said it's in discussions "regarding a potential transaction with a third party," and didn't name any company. No agreement has been reached and there is no assurance the talks will continue or that a deal will be agreed upon, TransCanada said.

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Instructor: Celia Payne
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Plummeting global rig count could trigger oil supply crunch

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

With much of the focus on oil production in the U.S. and the Middle East, a rapid reduction of oil exploration in the rest of the world could lead to a sooner-than-expected oil supply crunch, a new analysis warns.

The current global oil glut is distracting from the future supply of crude as most of the world is quickly cutting back on the number of rigs actively drilling for oil. And the huge number of energy-sector layoffs worldwide will only make an eventual recovery take longer, according to a report released Tuesday by Houston-based Simmons & Co. International.

Although Saudi Arabia and much of the Middle East are remaining active despite low oil prices, the international rig count has plummeted by 30 percent to 43 percent since mid-2014 in other regions. Africa and Latin America are both down by about 43 percent, according to rig count numbers compiled by Baker Hughes, while Europe and Asia Pacific have cut back their rig counts by 30 percent.

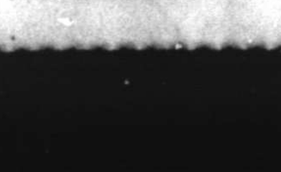
It's amazing how much focus there is on the U.S. oil bust and not the global ramifications, said Bill Herbert, senior research analyst with Piper Jaffray. There could be "grievous consequences" on producing the world's future oil supply, even if there is ample oil in the ground.

"The fact of the matter is there's a world of carnage unfolding and it's increasingly widespread," Herbert said. "We're digging ourselves a very deep hole."

Although it's tough to predict when a breaking point could occur, he said, the world may need more North American oil sooner than many expect. The U.S. oil rig count is now down more than 75 percent from its peak of 1,609 in October 2014 before oil prices began plummeting.

But shale production in the U.S. cannot turn on a dime and scale back up as needed, Herbert said. Top U.S. shale producers like Houston-based EOG Resources recently indicated the industry needs at least $65 a barrel oil over an 18-month duration to truly create a strong rebound. That compares to the U.S. benchmark for oil sitting below $37 a barrel on Tuesday.

And companies can't grow production as "quickly and significantly" as many outsiders believe, Herbert said, because the widespread layoffs and budget cuts in the oil field services sector cannot be quickly corrected.

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AMERICAN ENERGY-PERM BASIN LLC , LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 38HK UNIVERSITY UNIT 1 RE 10 4, 659 FNL 463 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 10, UL SUR. 9000', 6 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39511

AMERICAN ENERGY-PERM BASIN LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 32HA TUCKER UNIT 2 RE 1 184, 225 FSL 1748 FEL, SEC 184 BLK 1, T&P/MM WALLACE SUR., A-907 9000', 9 NW BARNHART API# 42-383-39521

AMERICAN ENERGY-PERM BASIN LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4HT TURNER AR UNIT B, 5522 FNL 575 FWL, SEC 1, A ROACH SUR., A-401 9000', 16 NE RANKIN API# 42-383-39518

RBJ & ASSOC., LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 CROSSROADS SWD, 1076 FNWL 369 FEL, SEC 14 BLK B, L&SV/WJ CUTBIRTH SUR., A-757 5000', 12 N STILES API# 42-383-39520

Runnels County

EAGLE PRODUCTION, INC., SW WINTERS (CAPPS) (O) DRILL Well# 4 BILLIMIER, 1433 FWL 1948 FNL, SEC 169, ET SUR., A-169 5000', 6 W BALLINGER API# 42-399-35491

Sutton County

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC, SAWYER (CANYON) (G) (RECOMP) Well# 16 DUKE WILSON 21, 2438 FNL 486 FEL, SEC 21 BLK C2, TP GILLESPIE/ SE GILBERT SUR., A-1699 8800', 12 SW SONORA API# 42-435-38226

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H STONE 5202C (ALLOC), 2320 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 52, GC&SF/JH JOHNSON SUR., A-1241 8400', 3 SE RANKIN API# 42-461-40229

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H KENNETT 29-41, 1919 FNL 910 FEL, SEC 32 BLK 37 T5S, T&P/ J DAVIDSON SUR., A-567 9500', 4 SE MIDKIFF API# 42-461-40232

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H KENNETT 29-41, 2118 FSL 1025 FEL, SEC 32 BLK 37 T5S, T&P/ J DAVIDSON SUR., A-567 9500', 4 SE MIDKIFF API# 42-461-40231

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4401H RATLIFF 28, 375 FSL 480 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 39 T5S, T&P SUR., A-433 9900', 25 N RANKIN API# 42-461-40230

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D SKAGGS 8, 2005 FNL 2039 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 39 T5S, T&P/ WH SKAGGS SUR., A-1493 5100', 28 N RANKIN API# 42-461-40233

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4401H FRANKLIN 22B-22, 225 FSL 206 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-459 9900', 26 N RANKIN API# 42-461-40210

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H BROOKY-6F, 80 FSL 2125 FWL, SEC 14 BLK B, CCSD&RGNG/ JW THORNTON SUR., A-607 10780', 14 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40193

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4WB LOIS H, 1320 FWL 2065 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 42 T5S, T&P SUR., A-522 10100', 30 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40220

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4WB ELIZABETH H 4, 1320 FEL 2015 FSL, SEC 12 BLK 42 T5S, T&P/ ZT BROWN SUR., A-732 10100', 29 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40219

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Andrews County

FORGE ENERGY, LLC, DEMPSEY CREEK (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H WFM RANCH 23, 330 FSL 380 FWL, SEC 23 BLK A28, PSL/ MRS AT TERRY SUR., A-2204 4736', 31 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47277

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6952 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1420 FNL 583 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A35, PSL/H DENNIS SUR., A-488 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47152

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6452 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 44 FSL 678 FWL, SEC 23 BLK A35, PSL/JT SMITH SUR., A-1228 5300', 9 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47151

Crane County

APACHE CORPORATION, BLK 31 (DEVONIAN) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 38B, 1980 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 38 BLK 31, UL SUR. 9300', 5 NW CRANE API# 42-103-32997

Ector County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., ANDECTOR (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1702H EMBAR, 205 FNL 2318 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 44 T1N, T&P SUR., A-260 7100', 20 SW ANDREWS API# 42-135-43394

Glasscock County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 1 PALLADIUM FR 30 UNIT, 475 FSL 525 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 36 T3S, T&P/B LEE SUR., A-1241 12000', 5 S SPRAYBERRY API# 42-173-37273

HUNT OIL COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5HB BOONE-COFFEE (PSA) 5, 1939 FSL 985 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 36 T3S, T&P/WW JORDAN SUR., A-1018 9000', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-173-37276

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 GLASS 192, 1171 FSL 1715 FWL, SEC 192 BLK 29, W&NW/ WB CURRIE SUR., A-709 9859', 5 SE FORSAN API# 42-173-35477

Howard County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 TAYLOR GUITAR 19, 475 FWL 1787 FNL, SEC 19 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-568 12000', 7 S KNOTT API# 42-227-38657

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H SILVERTIP 76-9 F, 330 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 76, PSL/AM ROSS SUR., A-1227 13000', 18 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32754

APACHE CORPORATION, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 102H SEAGULL UNIT, 1155 FSEL 4910 FNEL, SEC 85 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-10 12000', 2 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32759

APACHE CORPORATION, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 103HR SEAGULL UNIT, 4989 FNEL 1145 FSEL, SEC 85 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-10 12000', 2 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32761

APACHE CORPORATION, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 103H SEAGULL UNIT, 1151 FEL 4940 FNL, SEC 85 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-10 12000', 2 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32760

APACHE CORPORATION, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 106H PELICAN UNIT, 5019 FNEL 1141 FSEL, SEC 85 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-10 12000', 2 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32762

COG OPERATING, LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1201H BRUNSON D, 835 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 12 BLK C26, PSL/GS BRUNSON SUR., A-1013 13000', 20 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32770

PANTHER EXPL., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ROCKET 8, 250 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 8 BLK C24, PSL/ GS BRUNSON SUR., A-997 12350', 23 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32758

SHELL WESTERN E&P, W QUITO (DELAWARE) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D UNIVERSITY 19-22 LOV, 467 FNEL 856 FNWL, SEC 22 BLK 19, UL SUR. 9000', 13 SE MENTONE API# 42-301-32767

SHELL WESTERN E&P, W QUITO (DELAWARE) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D UNIVERSITY 19-10 LOV, 467 FNEL 1500 FSEL, SEC 10 BLK 19, UL SUR. 9000', 12 SE MENTONE API# 42-301-32766

Martin County

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 306O WHITE DEEP, 467 FSL 2165 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 34 T1N, T&P SUR., A-543 10545', 13 W BIG SPRING API# 42-317-40291

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3 BAYES 4A, 660 FWL 1878 FSL, SEC 4 BLK 34 T2N, T&P/ AE BROOKIN SUR., A-695 10725', 12 NE LENORAH API# 42-317-39951

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4 BAYES 4A, 1980 FWL 1876 FSL, SEC 4 BLK 34 T2N, T&P/ AE BROOKIN SUR., A-695 10650', 13 NE LENORAH API# 42-317-39905

Midland County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H PECAN ACRES 22A3, 280 FNL 335 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ BM AYCOCK SUR., A-1391 9900', 8 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40559

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D CASSELMAN 8, 1493 FSL 1963 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ BM AYCOCK SUR., A-1385 14000', 11 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40594

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4232H SCHARBAUER C JR, 330 FSL 2628 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/ CL DAVIS SUR., A-773 10500', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40575

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4234H TEXAS TEN 13/16, 330 FSL 2677 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/ CL DAVIS SUR., A-773 11500', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40566

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4231H TEXAS TEN 13/16, 330 FSL 2603 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/ CL DAVIS SUR., A-773 11500', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40574

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 15HA MIDLAND AV FEE, 330 FNL 815 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-171 11000', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40597

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4233H SCHARBAUER C JR, 330 FSL 2653 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/ CL DAVIS SUR., A-773 10500', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40576

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 13HA MIDLAND AV FEE, 330 FNL 865 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-171 11000', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40595

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 14HB MIDLAND AV FEE, 330 FNL 840 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-171 11000', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40598

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 16HB MIDLAND AV FEE, 330 FNL 790 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-171 11000', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40599

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, BETTY SUE (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 458 TRIPLE HOP, 475 FEL 475 FSL, SEC 45 BLK 37, L LEACH SUR., A-1037 12000', 2 W SPRABERRY API# 42-329-40523

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 1 CADMIUM FR 30, 1920 FEL 2165 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 36 T3S, T&P/B LEE SUR., A-957 12000', 5 S SPRABERRY API# 42-329-40556

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1101E WINDHAM H1101, 2575 FNL 308 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-298 9764', 19 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40557

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1102E WINDHAM H1102, 2527 FNL 333 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-298 9559', 19 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40592

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 BRYANT RANCH 44 SWD, 300 FNL 800 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 39 T3S, T&P/ CC JOHNSTON SUR., A-1172 7000', 16 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40579

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD, W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3912 FEE AW, 1650 FSL 880 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 40 T1N, T&P SUR., A-48 11400', 11 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40593

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3408H SHACKELFORD, 884 FSL 1366 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-981 10500', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40584

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3413H SHACKELFORD, 347 FSL 765 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-981 10500', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40570

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3404H SHACKELFORD, 250 FSL 1170 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-981 10500', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40582

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3412H SHACKELFORD, 839 FSL 1366 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-981 10500', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40578

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3402H SHACKELFORD, 250 FSL 1125 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-981 10500', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40580

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3207H SHACKELFORD, 269 FSL 1952 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-979 10500', 17 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40573

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3406H SHACKELFORD, 250 FSL 1215 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-981 10500', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40583

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3410H SHACKELFORD, 794 FSL 1366 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-981 10500', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40577

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3203H SHACKELFORD, 269 FSL 1862 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-979 10500', 17 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40571

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3411H SHACKELFORD, 302 FSL 766 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-981 10500', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40569

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3409H SHACKELFORD, 765 FSL 392 FSL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-981 10500', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40567

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3606H TEXAS TEN Y PU, 1285 FWL 764 FNL, SEC 36 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/ IM PEMBERTON SUR., A-746 10200', 9 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40565

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3205H SHACKELFORD, 269 FSL 1907 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/C ROE SUR., A-979 10500', 17 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40572

PPC OPER. CO. LLC, AZALEA (GRAYBURG) (O) DRILL Well# 210 AZALEA GRAYBURG UNIT, 1072 FNL 1953 FWL, SEC 55, JL VEAZEY SUR., A-1002 4300', 6 E MIDLAND API# 42-329-40588

PPC OPER. CO. LLC, AZALEA (GRAYBURG) (O) DRILL Well# 201 AZALEA GRAYBURG UNIT, 125 FSL 480 FEL, JL VEAZEY/AP VEAZEY SUR., A-997 4300', 6 E MIDLAND API# 42-329-40586

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4LS BANAY, 200 FSL 1280

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For years upstream companies have relied on the speedy installation and security of connection that Victaulic's Series 713 check valve line provides for smaller lines. Now Victaulic has expanded these reliable valves to include sizes ranging from 2 to 4 inches (50-100 millimeters).

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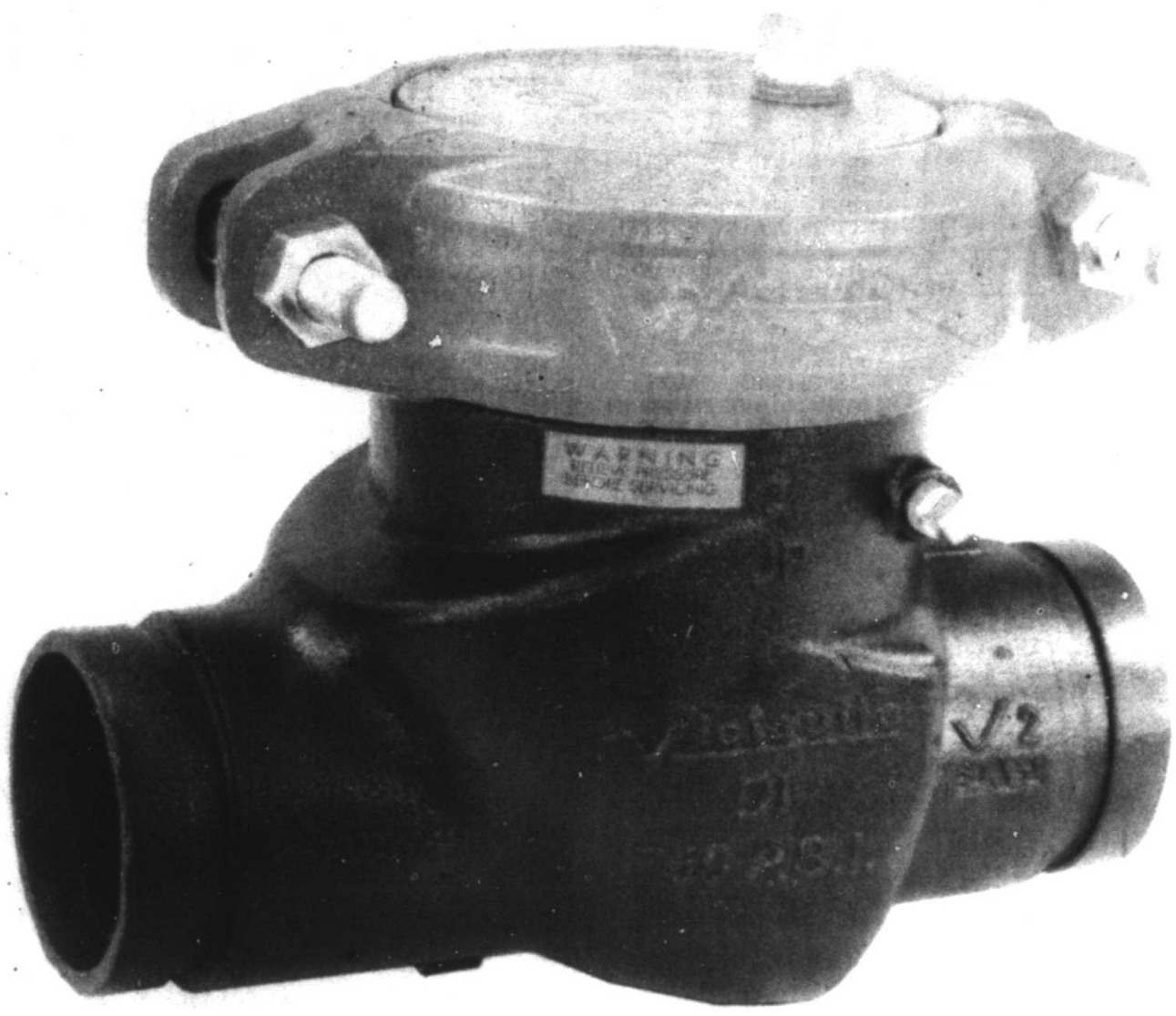
The Series 713 swing check valve is available with grade 'E' EPDM or grade 'T' nitrile seat material, which have corresponding temperature ranges of -30 to 230 degrees Fahrenheit (-34 to 110 degrees Celsius) and 20 to 180 degrees Fahrenheit (29 to 82 degrees Celsius) respectively. The valve is designed for use in horizontal installations and can be coated for use in corrosive services.

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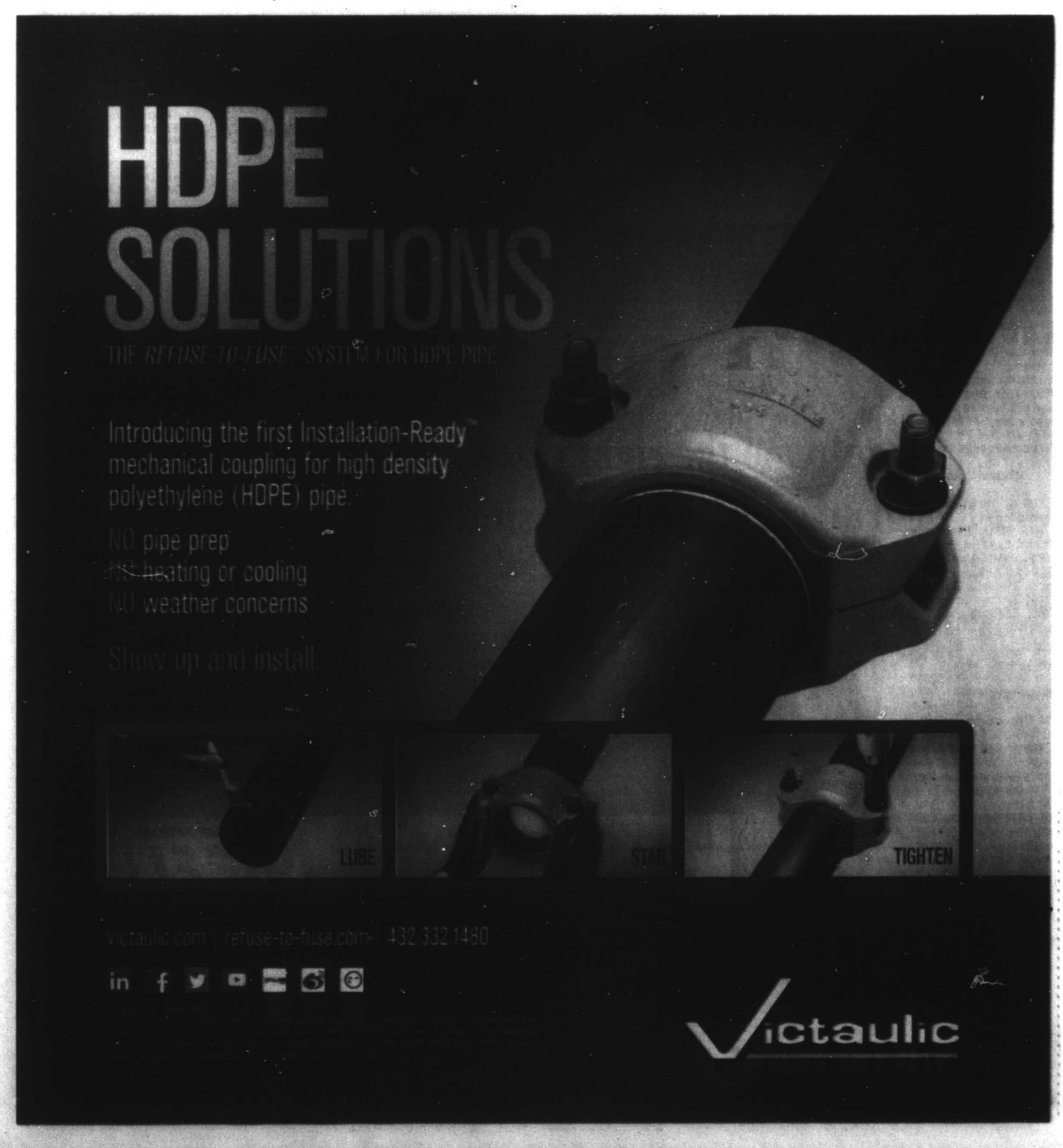
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FWL, SEC 7 BLK 41 T4S, T&P SUR., A-394 9100', 25 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40591

TRAIL RIDGE ENERGY PRTNS II, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 391HS WILLOW LAKES 34 SL, 1190 FWL 1037 FNL, SEC 39 BLK 38 T1S, T&P SUR., A-29 10500', 5 NE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40568

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 428SH PARKS, 385 FEL 860 FSL, SEC 36 BLK 41 T2S, T&P/C EDWARDS SUR., A-718 9410', 8 E ODESSA API# 42-329-40589

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2528SH PARKS, 257 FEL 562 FNL, SEC 42, MRS SA HALCOMBE SUR., A-1077 9410', 8 E ODESSA API# 42-329-40585

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2526SH PARKS, 1650 FEL 563 FNL, SEC 42, MRS SA HALCOMBE SUR., A-1077 9410', 8 E ODESSA API# 42-329-40587

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4111AH LILLIE MIDKIFF 44-41 ALLOC 4111, 337 FWL 500 FNL, SEC 5 BLK 38 T5S, T&P SUR., A-179 9600', 25 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40529

Mitchell County

PURVIS OPER. CO., PURVIS RNCH (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 3 BLACK ANGUS 47, 1760 FSL 1418 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 29 T1S, T&P SUR., A-612 5800', 10 SW WESTBROOK API# 42-335-35943

Pecos County

JAGGED PEAK ENERGY LLC, ROXIE (YATES) (O) DRILL Well# 1Y STATE NEAL LETHCO, 776 FEL 2339 FSL, SEC 34 BLK 142, T&STL/ MR ROBERTSON SUR., A-8673 3300', 16 NW FT. STOCKTON API# 42-371-39364

Reeves County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BIGFOOT C21-6 UNIT, 200 FNL 200 FWL, SEC 6 BLK C21, PSL/JC VICK SUR., A-2509 11500', 28 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35060

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H HUCKLEBERRY C21-9 UNIT, 220 FNL 200 FWL, SEC 6 BLK C21, PSL/JC VICK SUR., A-2509 11200', 28 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35061

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H RICHBURG UNIT, 665 FSL 4478 FWL, SEC 25 BLK 4, H&GN SUR., A-393 12000', 7 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35066

ENDURANCE RES. LLC, W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H STATE JOHNNY CASH 23, 283 FNL 1337 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 53, PSL/WP BRYAN SUR., A-4088 10120', 18 SW ORLA API# 42-389-35064

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11H ELAND STATE 14, 575 FNL 341 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-608 12500', 16 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35059

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 16H JACKAL STATE 28, 228 FNL 1718 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 50 T7S, T&P/TC POPE SUR., A-2389 12500', 16 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35063

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 15H JACKAL STATE 28, 228 FNL 1758 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 50 T7S, T&P/TC POPE SUR., A-2389 12500', 16 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35062

SILVERBACK OPER., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H FOLK ROLWING A 4-34 33, 2623 FSWL 1982 FSEL, SEC 34 BLK 4, H&GN/JW DAY SUR., A-1393 11000', 8 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35058

Ward County

OXY USA, INC., MARSTON RNCH (CLRFRK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 WINTER 5-20, 1115 FNL 2465 FEL, SEC 5 BLK B20, PSL/AV WINTER SUR., A-1277 7700', 41 E PECOS API# 42-475-34595

OXY USA, INC. API# 42-475-34580, MARSTON RNCH (CLRFRK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 WINTER 7-20, 1207 FNL 2184 FWL, SEC 7 BLK B20, PSL/AV WINTER SUR., A-1278 6000', 42 E PECOS

SEABOARD OPER. CO., QUITO (DEL-CONS) (O) DRILL Well# 1R WARTHOG, 2206 FNWL 1644 FSWL, SEC 196 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-938 5500', 5 NE BARSTOW API# 42-475-37034

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Dickens County

CANAN MOWREY OPER., LLC, TRIFECTA (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SPRING FECTA-STEPHENS, 467 FNL 200 FEL, SEC 145 BLK 1, H&GN SUR., A-79 7200', 7 SW SPUR API# 42-125-31352

Hockley County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., SLAUGHTER (O) (RECOMP) Well# 64 SUNDOWN UNIT, 833 FSL 1307 FEL, MAVERICK CSL LGE 41 LAB 18 SUR., A-169 5500', 4 NE SUNDOWN API# 42-219-36072

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., SLAUGHTER (Q) (RECOMP) Well# 48 SUNDOWN UNIT, 852 FSL 868 FWL, MAVERICK CSL LGE 40 LAB 35 SUR., A-172 5500', 3 NE SUNDOWN API# 42-219-31628

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., SLAUGHTER (O) (RECOMP) Well# 92 SUNDOWN UNIT, 551 FSL 1199 FEL, SEC 40, MAVERICK CSL LGE 40 LAB 55 SUR., A-172 5500', 2 NE SUNDOWN API# 42-219-36886

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., SLAUGHTER (O) (RECOMP) Well# 95 SUNDOWN UNIT, 992 FSL 352 FEL, SEC 40, MAVERICK CSL SUR., A-172 5500', 3 NE SUNDOWN API# 42-219-36991

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 8-2A SACROC UNIT, 694 FNL 1896 FEL, SEC 450 BLK 97, H&TC/ BL PATTERSON SUR., A-1531 7250', 11 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35182

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 8-11 SACROC UNIT, 116 FSL 1240 FEL, SEC 495 BLK 97, H&TC/ WG MEYERS SUR., A-2545 7250', 11 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35181

KING OPER. CORP., S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) (HORZ) (RCMP) Well# 7H EARNEST E, 660 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 20 BLK 3, H&GN/JA DOCUS SUR., A-2789 7000', 9 SE SNYDER API# 42-415-34366

Yoakum County

MANZANO, LLC, PLATANG (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H WHITEPORT 537, 225 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 582 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ TL MCCRAVEY SUR., A-473 9000', 11 SW PLAINS API# 42-501-36637

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 3821 YOAKUM WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 509 FEL 2400 FSL, SEC 867 BLK D, JH GIBSON/JS WEBBER SUR., A-489 8800', 3 E DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36640

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 3824 YOAKUM WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1970 FSL 1112 FEL, SEC 867 BLK D, JH GIBSON/JS WEBBER SUR., A-489 8800', 3 E DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36638

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 3822 YOAKUM WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2080 FEL 2439 FNL, SEC 867 BLK D, JH GIBSON/JS WEBBER SUR., A-489 8800', 3 E DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36641

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 3826 YOAKUM WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 767 FSL 464 FEL, SEC 867 BLK D, JH GIBSON/JS WEBBER SUR., A-489 8800', 3 E DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36639

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL Well# 4844 YOAKUM WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1881 FWL 2495 FSL, SEC 890 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ FL PHENIX SUR., A-573 8800', 2 E DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36635

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 814 WASSON ODC UNIT, 291 FNL 2636 FEL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36629

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 813 WASSON ODC UNIT, 291 FNL 753 FWL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36628

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 817 WASSON ODC UNIT, 876 FNL 184 FWL, SEC 804 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-490 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36632

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. API# 42-501-36630, WASSON (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 815 WASSON ODC UNIT, 292 FNL 970 FEL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 818 WASSON ODC UNIT, 904 FNL 1870 FWL, SEC 803 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-17 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36633

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 816 WASSON ODC UNIT, 1177 FSL 96 FWL, SEC 761 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-99 5800', 5 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36631

New Mexico

Eddy County

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #115
Cedar Lake; Sec 11 T17S R30E; 1650/S & 330/W; 2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-43570

Burnett Oil Co.
Gissler B #116
Cedar Lake; Sec 11 T17S R30E; 2310/S & 1080/E; 2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-43572

Burnett Oil Co.
Gissler B #113
Cedar Lake; Sec 23 T17S R30E; 2460/N & 330/E; 2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-43573

Burnett Oil Co.
Gissler B #112
Cedar Lake; Sec 24 T17S R30E; 990/N & 330/W; 3 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43571

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #718
Burch Keely; Sec 30 T17S R30E; 1650/N & 1420/W; 2 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-43577

Tandem Energy Corp.
BGSAU 19 #4
Metex; Sec 7 T18S R29E; 2581/S & 1196/E; 8 1/2 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 2850 Premier; API #30-015-43575

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Derringer 18 B3EH Fed #2
Russell; Sec 18 T20S R29E; 1860/N & 330/W; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13100 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43578

Caza Operating LLC
Mad River 13 State #2
East Black River; Sec 13 T24S R27E; 330/S & 560/W; 4 mi W Malaga; Rot 13920 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43581

Matador Producing Co.
Jimmy Kone 05 24S 28E RB #204
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 4 T24S R28E; 221/S & 380/W; 2 mi S Loving; Rot 14100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43574

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Willow Lake 35 Federal Com #1
Willow Lake; Sec 35 T24S R28E; 235/S & 1300/E; 3 mi S Malaga; Rot 13041 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43590

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Willow Lake 35 Federal Com #2
Willow Lake; Sec 35 T24S R28E; 235/S & 1350/E; 3 mi S Malaga; Rot 13016 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43591

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit CVX JV BS #62
Undesignated; Sec 29 T24S R31E; 990/S & 60/W; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18112 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43588

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit CVX JV BS #68
Undesignated; Sec 29 T24S R31E; 974/S & 24/W; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 17392 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43589

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
East Pecos Fed Com 22 #12
Undesignated; Sec 22 T26S R29E; 310/S & 1335/E; 14 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14651 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43584

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
East Pecos Fed Com 22 #13
Undesignated; Sec 22 T26S R29E; 310/S & 1310/E; 14 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14651 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43585

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
East Pecos Fed Com 22 #14
Undesignated; Sec 22 T26S R29E; 310/S & 1285/E; 14 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14540 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43586

XTO Energy Inc.
Ross Draw 25 #4
Brushy Draw; Sec 25 T26S R29E; 170/N & 410/W; 16 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15927 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43579

XTO Energy Inc.
Ross Draw 25 #5
Brushy Draw; Sec 25 T26S R29E; 170/N & 2131/W; 16 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15927 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43580

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 21 #9
Undesignated; Sec 21 T26S R30E; 175/S & 865/W; 17 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15276 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43583

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #64
East Ross Draw; Sec 26 T26S R30E; 1980/N & 2310/W; 20 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7580 Delaware; API #30-015-43587

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 28 #43
West Ross Draw; Sec 28 T26S R30E; 990/S & 1650/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7400 Delaware; API #30-015-43576

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 28 #32
West Ross Draw; Sec 29 T26S R30E; 1880/S & 2310/W; 15 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7500 Delaware; API #30-015-43582

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Airbonita 12 Fed Com #9
Red Tank; Sec 12 T22S R32E; 190/S & 390/E; 12 mi SE Halfway; Rot 14458 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43014

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Lotus ALT State #13
Sand Dunes; Sec 32 T22S R32E; 330/N & 580/W; 14 mi SE Halfway; Rot 14753 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43016

Endurance Resources LLC
Telecaster 30 Federal #1
West Antelope Ridge; Sec 30 T23S R34E; 330/N & 760/W; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14868 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43013

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Blue Krait 23 Federal #5
North Red Hills; Sec 23 T24S R33E; 200/S & 710/W; 6 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15578 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43012

COMPLETIONS

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Andrews County

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #3015
Fullerton; 21126 fsl, 10322 fwl, Sec 8, Blk A-48, Abst. 838, PSL, 16.4 nw Andrews; TD 7325; Comp 2/3/2016; producing from 6692 -7256, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 335 BO, 160 MCF, 875 BW, 38.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47264

Mitchell County

Reatta Energy Inc.
Warthog #1
High Plains (Ellenburger); 467 fnl, 3399 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 28, T-1-S, Abst. 533, T&P RR, 7.39 sw Westbrook; TD 8010; Comp 2/10/2016; producing from 7972 -7978, treated with acid; flow 144 BO, 105 MCF on 10/64 inch choke, FTP 760 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-335-35944

Texas RRCD 8A

Borden County

PPC Operating Company LLC
Canon Ranch Unit #4017
Jo-Mill (Spraberry); 4018 fnl, 2013 fwl, Sec 27, Blk 33, T-5-N, Abst. 374, T&P RR, 15 sw Gail; TD 7400; producing from 7086 -7224, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 48 BO, 41 MCF, 330 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-033-32385

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #931
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 820/N & 300/W, 950/N & 472/W; EL 3635 GL, TD 10150 MD, 4905 TVD, PBTD 100093 MD; Spud 6-9-15, Comp 10-20-15; production is through treated perfs: 5136-10073. Treat: Acdz w/62,909 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/1,982,144 gals gel, 118,605 gals WF R3, 172,524 gals WF R9, 237,088 gals trt wtr, 3,998,143# 20/40 white sd, 753,093# 20/CRC. IP: 10-30-15 Pump 24 hrs 317 BO, 882 BW, 658 MCF, GOR 2075, Gty 38.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 294 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1010 w/550 sx, 7 @ 4370 w/1900 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4370-10160, 2 7/8 @ 4355; API #30-015-42761



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A dust storm blows in over a pumpjack located on South County Road 1150 in Midland on Sept. 8, 2015.

Apache Corp.
NFE Federal #34
Cedar Lake; Sec 6 T17S R31E; 945/S & 155/E. BHL: 945/S & 330/E; EL 3754 GL, TD 9812 MD, 5048 TVD, PBTD 9812; Spud 3-28-15, Comp 11-16-15; production is through treated perfs: 5294-9791. Treat: 2988 bbls acid, 3,038,800# sd. IP: 11-25-15 Pump 24 hrs 799 BO, 2154 BW, 455 MCF, GOR 569, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 418 w/470 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3612 w/1450 sx, 7 @ 4455 w/500 sx, 5 @ 9812, 2 7/8 @ 4710; API #30-015-42654

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Boyd X State Com #14
North Seven Rivers; Sec 16 T19S R25E; 990/N & 15/W. BHL: 649/N & 261/E; EL 3531 GR, TD 7350, PBTD 7279; Spud 4-12-14, Comp 11-25-14; production is through treated perfs: 2899-7243. Treat: Acdz w/55,750 gals 20% HCL, Frac w/5,439,992# 40/70 white sd. IP: 11-30-14 Pump 24 hrs 64 BO, 1710 BW, 59 MCF, TP 150, CP 70. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 967 w/1084 sx, 7 @ 2009 w?290 sx, 5 1/2 & 4 1/2 @ 7327 w/595 sx, 2 7/8 @ 1953; API #30-015-42253

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Roy AET Com #9
North Seven Rivers; Sec 17 T19S R25E; 990/N & 15/E. BHL: 894/N & 231/W; EL 3531 GR, TD 7390, PBTD 7248; Spud 4-12-14, Comp 10-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 2797-7244. Treat: Acdz w/69,839 gals 10% HCL acid, Frac w/6,000,740# 40/70 sd. IP: 11-19-14 Pump 24 hrs 67 BO, 840 BW, 27 MCF. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 1400 w/975 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7390 w/1240 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2164; API #30-015-42252

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Tranquil 13 State Com #2
North Hay Hollow; Sec 13 T25S R27E; 330/S & 1795/E. BHL: 330/N & 1945/E; EL 3082 GL, TD 12240 MD, 7858 TVD, PBTD 12200; Spud 7-22-15, Comp 10-2-15; production is through treated

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Documentary Screening and Lecture at UTPB

The John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute and the UTPB College of Arts and Sciences will host Bring it to The Table, a documentary film screening and discussion with Emmy-Nominated Director Julie Winokur. The event will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 pm in the UTPB Library Lecture Center RM LLOO1.

Winokur is the Executive Director of Talking Eyes Media and is a documentary film producer whose work has been broadcast on PBS and the Documentary Channel. She has appeared on National Geographic, Discovery, Time, MSNBC and MediaStorm and works extensively with major nonprofits and foundations to produce powerful visual media on pressing social issues.

Talking Eyes Media is a non-profit, non-partisan public interest organization that uses visual artistry to create powerful media for pressing issues through video, audio, and photography. Since its founding, TEM has been at the forefront of multimedia storytelling, and produced books, films and exhibitions that actively stimulate dialogue and advocate for positive change.

Bring it to The Table is a documentary film and community engagement campaign aimed at engaging students in civic action and empowering them to take an active role in breaking down hyper-partisanship. The Shepperd Institute and the UTPB College of Arts and Sciences join colleges and universities across the country in screening the film and hosting the interactive events this fall.

Talking Eyes Media (TEM) launched Bring it to The Table to reclaim the rightful place of healthy discourse by encouraging people to listen to each other and collaboratively move towards action. The Bring it to The Table documentary film is one component of the interactive campaign. The screening will be followed by a live "Table Talk" event with filmmaker Julie Winokur where there will be interactive dialogue with selected members of the audience who will be encouraged to explore their own belief systems while listening to the complex reasoning behind their fellow citizens' ideas.

For additional information please visit www.Shepperdinstitute.com or www.utpb.edu/cas/ or contact Katie Lopez, 432.552.2852, lopez_k@utpb.edu.

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Dinner will be served and free childcare will be available.

The workshop will be taught by the Texas A&M's AgriLife Extension program.

On March 15th participants will explore how spending, saving, and values impact your finances. Participants will learn how to create a spending plan (aka budget) successfully manage expenses including.

To participate, RSVP by March 14th by calling 432-552-4025 or register online at http://getyourfamilyinthegreen.eventbrite.com.

At the conclusion of the meeting, participants will vote on topics (such as credit or obtaining loans) they would like to cover at workshops scheduled for March 22nd, 29th, and April 5th. Participants can choose which of the free workshops they want to attend.



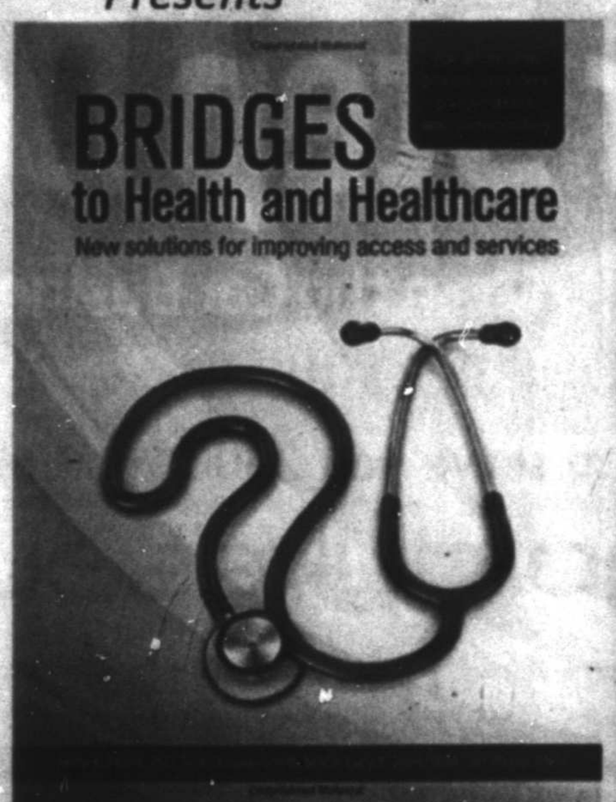
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perfs: 8070-12135. Treat: Frac in 16 stages w/35,784 gals 7.5% HCL acid, 2,699,000# 30/50 Ottawa sd, 3,798,000# 20/40 Ottawa sd. IP: 10-2-15 Flow 24 hrs 653 BO, 1045 BW, 1215 MCF, TP 490, CP 1280, GOR 1860.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 670 w/700 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2358 w/870 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12240 w/2445 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7887; API #30-015-41294

Cimarex Energy Co.
White City 8 Federal #5
Cottonwood Draw; Sec 8 T25S R27E; 330/S & 660/EBHL: 330/N & 1977/W; EL 3220 GL, TD 11776 MD, 7419 TVD, PBTD 7126; Spud 7-18-14, Comp 9-5-14; production is through treated perfs: 7126-11730. Treat: 3466697 bbls fluid, 5010824# sd. IP: 9-16-14 Flow 24 hrs 770 BO, 986 BW, 708 MCF, 32/64" Ch, TP 775, CP 375, GOR 919, Gty 43. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 456 w/495 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2048 w/710 sx, 8 1/2 @ 11776 w/2305 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6761; API #30-015-41610

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Snapping 2 State #9
West Jennings; Sec 2 T26S R31E; 200/N & 880/W. BHL: 348/S & 410/W; EL 3300 GL, TD 14825 MD, 10214.8 TVD, PBTD 9523; Spud 5-25-15, Comp 11-2-15; production is through treated perfs: 10600-14755. Treat: Frac in 16 stages 19,499 gals 7.5% HCL acid, 6,423,000# 30/50 Ottawa sd. IP: 11-15-15 Flow 24 hrs 514 BO, 1615 BW, 1255 MCF, TP 1100, CP 2225, GOR 2441.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1002 w/1055 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3153 w/1390 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14825 w/2890 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9498; API #30-015-43023

Lea County

Seely Oil Co.
KSI 22 Federal Com #2
South Corbin; Sec 22 T18S R33E; 205/S & 785/E. BHL: 461/N & 678/E; EL 3837 GL, TD 13,938, PBTD 13,895 MD, 9479 TVD; Spud 1-30-13, Comp 5-10-13; production is through treated perfs: 9700-13872. Treat: Acdz w/21,000 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/1,581,000 gals gel KCL W/1,277,637# 30/50 sd, 889,017# 20/40 Super LC. IP: 5-10-13 Pump 24 hrs 203 BO, 195 BW, 102 MCF, 48/64" ch, TP 120, CP 40, GOR 502/1, Gty 37.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1591 w/1415 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3026 w/880 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13938 w/2795 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9045; API #30-025-40911

COG Operating LLC
Black Pearl 1 Federal #2
Lea; Sec 1 T20S R34E; 190/N & 1090/E. BHL: 340/S & 1982/E; EL 3694 GL, TD 15632 MD, 11000 TVD, PBTD 15568 MD, 11000 TVD; Spud 7-12-15, Comp 8-4-15; production is through treated perfs: 11149-15476, 15530-15540. Treat: Acdz w/72030 gals 7.5%, Frac w/7157027# sd & 7320390 gals fluid. IP: 9-9-15 Flow 24 hrs 350 BO, 823 BW, 635 MCF, 22/64" Ch, TP 1075. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1935 w/1200 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3475 w/1000 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15632 w/2665, 2 7/8 @ 10322; API #30-025-42293

COG Operating LLC
Stratosphere 36 State #4
North Berry; Sec 36 T20S R34E; 480/N & 1980/E. BHL: 354/S & 1970/E; EL 3750 GR, TD 15520, PBTD 15385; Spud 5-27-15, Comp 11-23-15; production is through treated perfs: 11586-15360. Treat: Acdz w/58674 gals 15%, Frac w/6273089# sd & 6464094 gals fluid. IP 11-29-15 Flow 24 hrs 440 BO, 2360 BW, 571 MCF, 24/64" Ch, TP 1300. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1802 w/1409 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5833 w/2240 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15510 w/2175 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10684; API #30-025-42035

ConocoPhillips Co.
Red Hills West 16 State TC #12
Wildcat; Sec 16 T26S R32E; 349/N & 330/E. BHL: 330/S & 368/E; EL 3222 GL, TD 15,333 MD, PBTD 15,258 MD; Spud 7-17-14, Comp 7-6-15; production is through perfs: 11240-15053. IP: 7-6-15 Pump 24 hrs 520 BO, 3225 BW, 1700 MCF, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 952 w/860 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4660 w/1330 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15,304 w/2248 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10,805; API #30-025-41706

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Battle AXE #2
Red Hills; Sec 2 T26S R33E; 2260/N & 380/W. BHL: 351/N & 377/W; EL 3322 GL, TD 16233 MD, 9305 TVD, PBTD 16140; Spud 9-20-13, Comp 2-6-15; production is through treated perfs: 9610-16130. Treat: 137,000 gals 15% HCL acid. IP: 2-22-15 Flow 24 hrs 670 BO, 1100 BW, 1136 MCF, 26/64" Ch, TP 1200, GOR 3763, Gty 45. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1052 w/755 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4920 w/1380 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16233 w/2250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8354; API #30-025-41370

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Terrell County

ATLANTIC RES. CO., LLC, WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 LEXINGTON, 2075 FSL 2030 FEL, SEC 8 BLK A2, TC/SL ELDRIDGE SUR., A-1610 5000', 7 SW SHEFFIELD API# 42-443-31355

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New Mexico

Lea County

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Barlow 27 Fed Com #701
Wildcat; Sec 27 T26S R33E; 2200/S & 220/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17137 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43017

EOG Resources Inc.
Colgrove 35 Fed #701
Wildcat; Sec 35 T26S R33E; 360/S & 215/W; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17152 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43018

EOG Resources Inc.
Endurance 36 St #702
Wildcat; Sec 35 T26S R33E; 850/S & 360/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 20016 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43019

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Wildcat; Sec 36 T26S R33E; 360/S & 1020/W; 13 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 12680 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43015

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