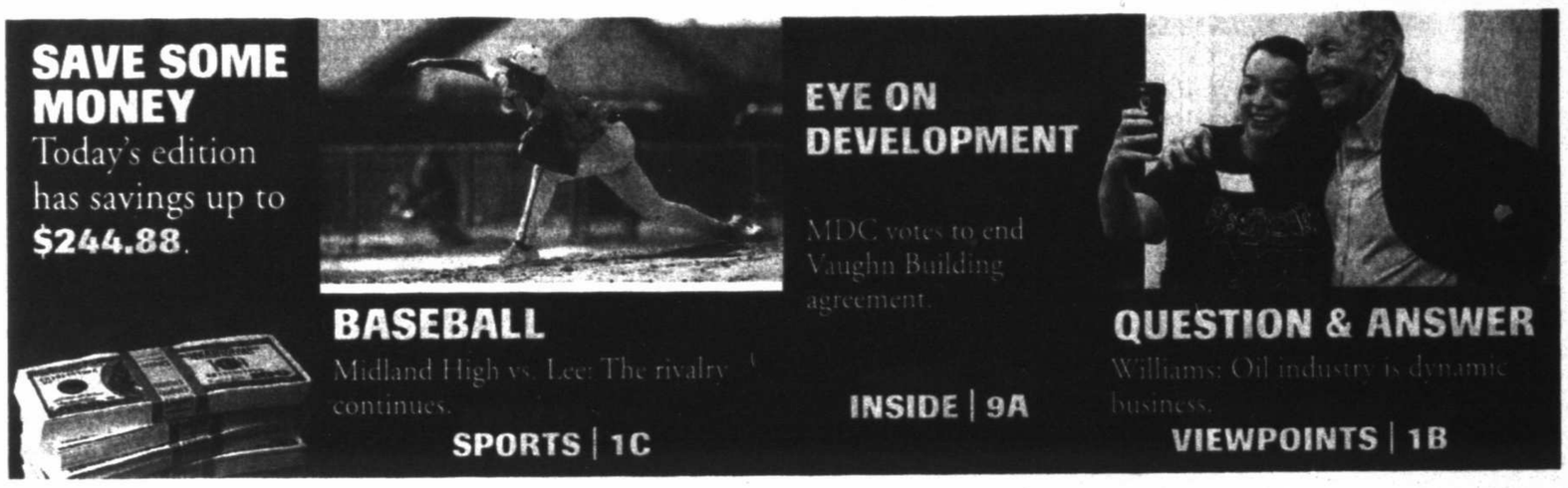


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Second shale revolution is on the horizon

Data scientist calls for pooling data to help optimize production from Permian's shales

By Mella McEwen
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In less than two decades, Permian Basin operators have unleashed a shale revolution that has virtually tripled crude production from the region and upended global energy markets.

Now, a second revolution is on the horizon as operators prepare to re-enter those wells that launched the first revolution and implement secondary recovery projects. That can consist of operators reinjecting gas into the reservoir to restore pressure and then producing the additional crude and natural gas.

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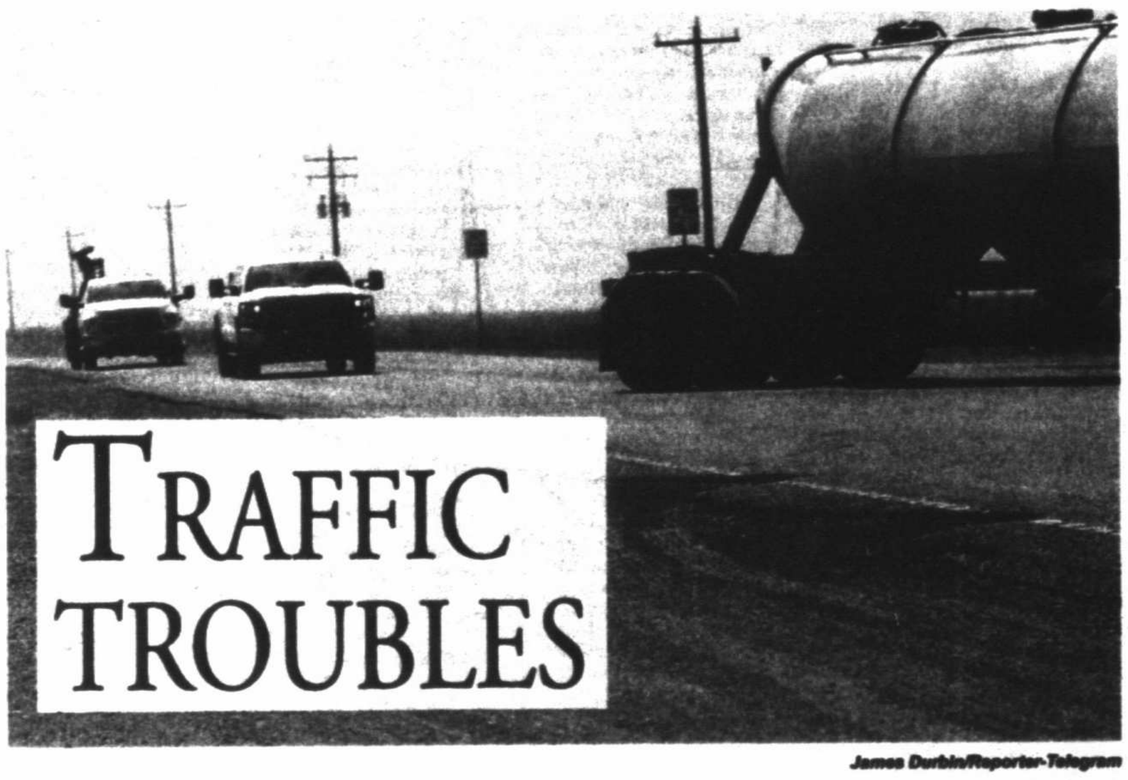
"It looks like the second shale revolution will be huge," said Lewis Matthews, data scientist with CrownQuest Operating.

He said the Permian Basin has been producing for close to 100 years and "we're not even close to getting all the oil."

CrownQuest alone has 200 years of drilling inventory, said Matthews, who thinks companies such as Concho Resources and Pioneer Natural Resources have similar inventories.

The Permian Basin is renowned for its stacked plays — up to 3,000 feet of potential producing formations, some of which

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Oilfield traffic is photographed Friday near the intersection of County Road 160 and Farm to Market Road 715 south of Midland.

Counties seek legislative fix to roads problem

■ House Energy Resources Committee to meet Wednesday to examine 'investments in public infrastructure' in the Permian Basin

By Alex Samuels
Texas Tribune

W.C. Steinmann says his family roots in southeast Texas date back to 1882.

The 74-year-old rancher lives in DeWitt County, between San Antonio and Victoria, an area surrounded by oil and natural gas fields. Steinmann and other local property owners say the oil and gas boom is destroying the rural road system.

"The base of the roads were not designed for those types of heavy equipment to go on them," Steinmann said, adding that some roads are so narrow that "you have to get in a ditch to let someone come by you. It gets very difficult day after day to travel those roads."

"Our county roads were just never built for the truck traffic that we have now. We have more rigs running in the Permian Basin than anywhere else in the U.S. right now. There's not a county road that is free and clear of truck traffic."

Robin Donnelly, Midland County commissioner

This is not a new problem for Texas, where oil and gas drilling has been a pillar of the economy for generations. And DeWitt County isn't the only affected area. During the 2013 drilling boom, county officials along the U.S.-Mexico border raised concerns about residents having to navigate yawning potholes, cracked asphalt and splintering shoulders.

Texas leads the nation in both oil and natural gas production. In the 2017 budget year, the oil production tax brought the state more than $2 billion in

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Skilled workforce needed to strengthen economic growth

■ Odessa Chamber discussion focuses on need for partnerships among all institutions to develop future workforce

By Mella McEwen
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ODESSA — The Permian Basin is attracting global attention for its surging oil and natural gas success. But local advocates want the region to be known for more than its energy prowess.

Whatever advances have been made below ground in Permian Basin oil fields, it's time to do the same above ground, said Collin Sewell, president of the Sewell Family of Cos.

Sewell and other members of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce gathered Friday at the Odessa Regional Medical Center to not only showcase the region's growth but to discuss strategies for regional partnerships to develop a 21st century-ready, skilled workforce.

Featured panelist in the discussion was Roberto Coronado, vice president in charge and senior economist for the El Paso Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He replaced Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas President Rob Kaplan, who was scheduled to attend but canceled because of travel restrictions.

Odessa College President Gregory Williams, a panel member, told the audience that Coronado's organization is aware of the growth in the Permian Basin and how residents have worked together and persevered.

"It's not just 'Friday Night Lights;' it's not just oil anymore," he said.

Renee Earls, president and chief executive officer of the Odessa Chamber, who served as moderator, agreed. She told the gathering that economic growth in the area "is not just Odessa. It's not just Midland. It's Odessa; it's Kermit; it's

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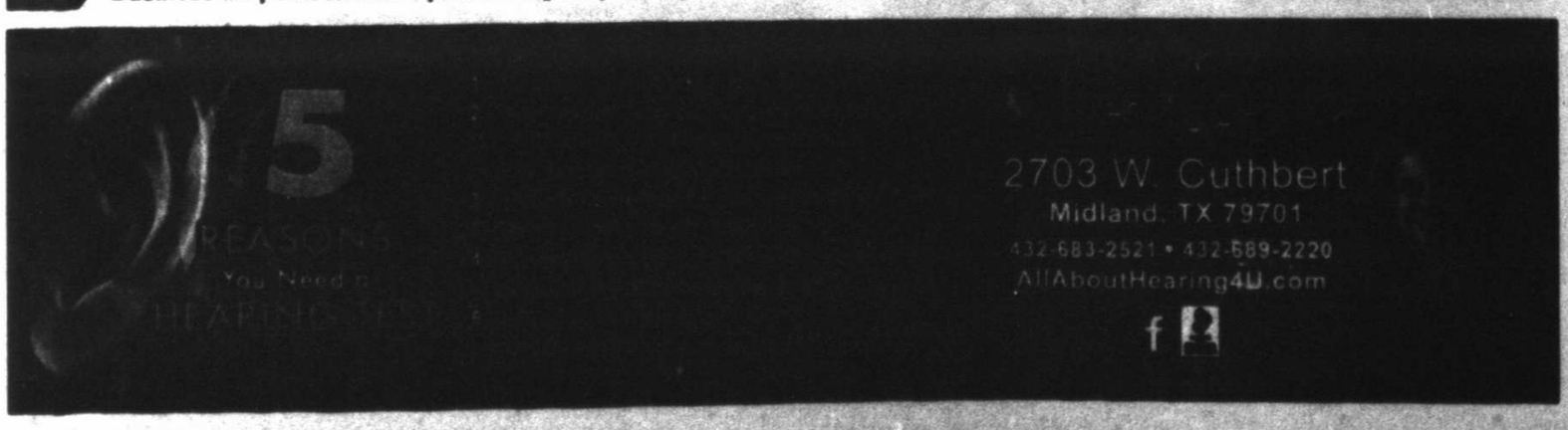
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North Dakota oil patch hub experiences housing shortage

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Williston real estate agents sold more homes in the first quarter of 2018 than any other before, according to recently published data.

Williston's Development Services Director Mark Schneider told The Bismarck Tribune that 110 homes changed hands over the three-month period.

The oil patch hub is in the midst of a single-family housing shortage that's expected to worsen as oil and gas activity picks up for the season.

North Dakota Job Service's Williston office has 2,000 job openings advertised. Officials are still unsure how incoming workers might be housed through the summer.

Schneider said apartments and hotels are at least 90 percent occupied already. Williston Area Builders Association President Mike Dolbec said he expects those units to be full within a couple months.

There are 25 single-family homes currently listed for sale in the $250,000 to $330,000 range and 24 in the $330,000 to $400,000 range, according to the Multiple Listing Service.

Schneider said it takes three to four months to build a new home but he said the current inventory could be gone in two months.

Builders, landowners, bankers, real estate agents, an appraiser, city officials and a state senator met for two hours last month to formulate a plan of tackle the housing issue.

"I'm very, very pleased," Dolbec said. "There's a lot of positives to getting all the parties involved."

Some proactive steps being taken include reducing the cost of building materials.

Dolbec said ordinances since 2015 have added to the cost of homebuilding.

He said if the city is willing to relax some of those requirements, such as not requiring landscaping by the builders, there could be some cost savings realized.

Report: Bakken job openings steadily increase

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Job openings are booming in central North Dakota and the Bakken oil patch, according to a regional report released this month.

Job Service North Dakota's latest report found that job vacancies in Divide, McKenzie and Williams counties were at their highest level last month since July 2015, the Bismarck Tribune reported .

The three counties have a significant need for health care professionals, teachers and oilfield workers, according to Cindy Sanford of the Williston Job Service North Dakota.

"Just in (Divide, McKenzie and Williams counties) alone, they have 500 kindergarteners registered for this year," Sanford said.

The oilfield needs more operators for hydraulic fracturing, pipelines, truck driving and drones, according to Sanford.

She said the oilfield is looking for people with experience and clean driving records.

Bakken-area job openings have steadily increased since fall, said Sanford.

She anticipates the trend to continue as construction projects move forward once the weather warms next month, lifting the oilfield's road restrictions.

"Once those are lifted, send your friends, your neighbors, your in-laws and your ex-laws because we're going to need everybody that we can for working," Sanford said.

The Bismarck-area is also expected to see an increase in job openings continuing into summer, according to Phil Davis, customer service area manager for the Bismarck Job Service.

Government, heath care and transportation jobs remain strong, he said.

"It's just a real strong economy continuing here in Bismarck-Mandan as well as in North Dakota," Davis said.

Several job fairs will be held this month in Bismarck, Williston and Watford City.

Why gas prices (almost) always peak in spring, not summer

By Jeff Mosier
The Dallas Morning News

Memorial Day, the unofficial start of summer, is more than six weeks away. But still, this year's highest gas prices could be closer than motorists think.

The perception that gas prices peak in the summer is more myth than reality, much like the belief that Black Friday is year's biggest shopping day.

Since 2010, national gas prices peaked on average on May 10 and as late as early June, said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com. And he also noted that gasoline prices bottomed out on July 5 last year and would have peaked in April if not for the post-Hurricane Harvey spike, according to GasBuddy data.

The springtime surge in gas prices — like what we are seeing now — is the result of refineries switching their gasoline blends for the summer. The federal government requires refiners to change their mix to reduce emissions that contribute to smog, which is created when car and industrial emissions are cooked by the summer sun.

Refineries typically take their facilities off line for spring maintenance as they prepare to produce the new blend, which is also more expensive.

DeHaan said there's also an increase in driving as the winter thaws. He said gasoline demand has generally been 9.4 million barrels per day in the winter and 9.6 million in the summer.

All that creates a combination of slightly higher demand, slightly less supply and a "huge pinch point," he said.

That can lead to an increase of 25 to 75 cents per gallon, according to GasBuddy's 2018 fuel outlook report.

There are 95 Texas counties required to have gasoline with a lower evaporation rate, known as low RVP, from May 1 to Oct. 1. The Dallas-Fort Worth area uses reformulated gasoline that's designed to burn even cleaner.

By the time the summer arrives, DeHaan said, refineries are running at near capacity and "there's a lot of downward pressure on prices."

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Analysts: Becoming Permian-bitcoin billionaire is a pipe dream

By Michael Bellusci
Bloomberg

Could turning flared gas in Texas's Permian Basin into electricity to power bitcoin mining be a solution for shale producers?

One analyst raised the idea as the oil-rich Permian has become one of the worst natural gas markets in the U.S., given a pipeline shortage that's leaving gas trapped in the region. The basin could add an "astounding 25 bcfd of wet gas to 2025, which will mostly be treated as a by-product based on oil price and possibly even flared! What could producers do instead with this free gas?" Bernstein analysts led by Jean Ann Salisbury ponder in a note to clients.

They're not the first to look to bitcoin, either. Western Canada-based Iron Bridge Resources Inc. launched a wholly owned cryptocurrency mining and hosting operation in January called Iron Chain Technology. It was created to combat a weak Canadian natural gas market, though analysts felt is was too early to speculate on the profitability of this new venture. AltaCorp Capital even dropped coverage of Iron Bridge, citing unfamiliarity with the subject of cryptocurrency mining.

But after Bernstein ran its back-of-the-envelope math on Permian producers potentially turning to bitcoin mining, the firm concluded that the "fleeting thought of becoming a Permian-bitcoin billionaire will remain, for now, a dream." The analysts found that given the total number of bitcoin is capped at 21 million, with 17 million already in circulation, the difficulty to mine is expected to increase exponentially, along with the power required. "If we account for this increasing difficulty, we make money only if the average price over 15 years is $18,788," the analysts said.

Natural gas takeaway in the Permian will be in focus for investors as first-quarter earnings begin. Guggenheim Securities noted early in February that Centennial Resource Development Inc.'s CEO Mark Papa has concerns on 2019 intrastate and interstate residue gas takeaway.

No, Mark Zuckerberg, we're not really in control of our data

By Geoffrey A. Fowler
The Washington Post

The Mark Zuckerberg that showed up in a suit in Washington last is mature. He's sweat — resistant. But he's still hiding something.

Some 45 times — I was counting — the Facebook CEO told members of Congress that we're in control of our data, when it's plainly impossible for most people to figure out how to do so. And that makes it hard to buy what he's selling, even if it's free.

Zuckerberg's testimony on Capitol Hill was as much about personal technology as it was political theater. Members of Congress spent many hours attempting to figure out just how Facebook works. You can poke fun at their octogenarian ignorance, but they were just as confused as many Americans. Zuckerberg has never really explained just how much data Facebook collects and what it does with it. As Sen. John Neely Kennedy put it, Zuckerberg's user agreement "sucks."

Last week was Zuckerberg's chance to reintroduce himself as the face of Facebook and introduce changes that make Facebook less creepy. There wasn't any Steve Jobs — style unveiling, but I reviewed his performance just like any tech launch. Whatever action lawmakers might (or might not) take next, each of us still needs to decide how much Facebook belongs in our lives.

Zuckerberg 2.0 is an upgrade from the hoodie — clad hacker many Americans met in the movie "The Social Network." When the man put on a suit and let politicians grill him for 10 hours, Facebook too became a grown — up enterprise. Facebook's onetime motto "move fast and break things," has been replaced by the snoozer "move fast with stable infrastructure," Zuckerberg said with a smile.

Zuckerberg told Congress he's idealistic and promised he wants to fix many of the problems in his product, even if it costs a lot of money, and was willing to embrace some new regulation. That's not something we hear from most CEOs.

But he wasn't nearly as thoughtful on the problem that cuts closest to the business that's made him a billionaire. On questions about data privacy, Zuckerberg gave generic assurances. "We never sell your data," he said repeatedly, even though that's not really the issue.

Whenever he was questioned why Facebook collects so much data, he wheeled out: "You have control over your information."

That's like saying anyone can control a 747 because it has buttons and a dials. Many pilots even opt for autopilot.

Yes, when you publish a photo or post on Facebook, you can set an audience — just friends, or public. (There's a drop — down menu that says "Who should see this?") But Zuckerberg acts like keeping your cousin from seeing photos of your escapades in Cancun is the end of the data challenge. It's not.

Facebook is hiding behind bad product design. Rather than minimizing the amount of data it collects or setting defaults that truly prioritize privacy, Facebook presents a theater of controls and settings that few people use.

The issue is how much data Facebook is collecting about us on its own. Well beyond what we choose to post, Facebook can track the location of your phone, what apps you're using and even what websites you visit using its well — known "Like" button and an invisible tool called the Facebook Pixel. Facebook's data — mining operation can tap real — world activity like when you use a store loyalty card. It generates biometric data from your photos.

Beyond the information you volunteer like age and employer, Facebook draws inferences about your ethnicity, politics and more — information that's useful for regular advertisers and darker forces alike. (The Russia — linked Internet Research Agency bought more than $100,000 worth of ads from Facebook as part of its efforts to manipulate the 2016 U.S. elections.)

Sen. Richard J. Durbin got to the heart of the matter when he asked Zuckerberg whether he would be comfortable sharing the name of the hotel where he was staying. After a long pause, Zuckerberg said that he would not.

"I think that may be what this is all about," Durbin said. "Your right to privacy. The limits of your right to privacy and how much you give away in modern America in the name of quote, 'connecting people around the world.'"

Many websites, including The Washington Post, use tracking and ad — targeting technologies, but Facebook has used the sheer volume of its data to dominate the online ad business along with its equally data — hungry rival Google.

Facebook does allow you to adjust how some off — Facebook and third party data is used to target ads, and I wish anyone the very best of luck at figuring out how. As a tech columnist, I've spent days studying the many places you have to tap and make adjustments. I wish Congress had asked Zuckerberg to get out his phone and show the world exactly how we're in control.

In March, Facebook announced it would be streamlining its privacy controls in the coming months. Zuckerberg didn't show off these new designs to Congress, but the company says there will be easier — to — comprehend features that explain how Facebook is using a person's data. Bringing settings currently in 20 places into one is a good start, but privacy experts have said the changes are ultimately "lipstick on a pig" because they don't address needs for better defaults and for deleting data.

Moreover, there's a giant gap between what most people think Facebook is doing with our data and what's really going on. We signed up for Facebook to stalk our family and friends, not to be stalked by a corporation.

It's all there, Facebook counters, in its nearly 6,000 words of data policy and terms of service — 16 pages, if you print it out, single — spaced. Asked how long the average Facebook user spends studying that document, Zuckerberg said he didn't know and admitted most people probably don't read the whole thing.

Takeaways from Zuckerberg's congressional testimony

■ Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg testified about data privacy Tuesday in a marathon hearing before the Senate Judiciary and Commerce committees. Here are some takeaways.

By Callum Borchers
Washington Post

■ Facebook's internal review of possible abuse covers "tens of thousands of apps"

Zuckerberg was on Capitol Hill because personal information about an estimated 87 million Facebook users may have been improperly shared with the data firm Cambridge Analytica. Sen. Charles Grassley, R — Iowa asked whether there have been similar breaches involving other companies.

"We believe that we're going to be investigating many apps — tens of thousands of apps," Zuckerberg said without citing specific examples. "And, if we find any suspicious activity, we're going to conduct a full audit of those apps to understand how they're using their data and if they're doing anything improper. If we find that they're doing anything improper, we'll ban them from Facebook, and we will tell everyone affected."

It is possible, in other words, that Facebook will discover additional abuses.

■ Facebook is cooperating with special counsel Robert Mueller III

This is unsurprising, because Mueller is investigating Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, which involved the use of Facebook to spread disinformation. Still, it is notable that Zuckerberg confirmed the company's cooperation with Mueller's team.

"I actually am not aware of a subpoena — I believe that there may be [one] — but I know we're working with them," Zuckerberg said.

He added that he has not been interviewed by the special counsel's team but answered "I believe so" when asked whether other Facebook staffers have.

"I want to be careful here because that — our work with the special counsel is confidential," he said, "and I want to make sure that, in an open session, I'm not revealing something that's confidential."

■ Zuckerberg couldn't, or wouldn't, answer some questions about how Facebook tracks users

"There have been reports that Facebook can track a user's Internet browsing activity, even after that user has logged off of the Facebook platform," Sen. Roger Wicker, R — Miss., said. "Can you confirm whether or not this is true?"

"Senator, I want to make sure I get this accurate, so it would probably be better to have my team follow up afterwards," Zuckerberg replied.

"You don't know?" Wicker asked, incredulously.

In a similar exchange, Sen. Roy Blunt, R — Mo., asked whether Facebook tracks users' devices even when they are not connected to Facebook.

ZUCKERBERG: I'm not sure the answer to that question.

BLUNT: Really?

ZUCKERBERG: Yes. There may be some data that is necessary to provide the service that we do, but I don't have that, sitting here today, so that's something that I would want to follow up with you on.

■ Some senators don't understand how Facebook works

In perhaps the most glaring example, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R — Utah, asked Zuckerberg, "How do you sustain a business model in which users don't pay for your service?"

Zuckerberg paused for a moment, seemingly surprised by the basic nature of the question, and said, "Senator, we run ads."

■ Public speaking does not come naturally to Zuckerberg

NBC reported that Zuckerberg prepared for his testimony by participating in four practice sessions. The New York Times reported that Facebook "hired a team of experts, including a former special assistant to President George W. Bush, to put Mr. Zuckerberg, 33, a cerebral coder who is uncomfortable speaking in public, through a crash course in humility and charm."

Zuckerberg did appear to be prepared, but he also appeared robotic, at times.

An ad-free, subscription-based version of Facebook is possible

Zuckerberg said "there will always be a version of Facebook that is free" and "we don't offer an option today for people to pay to not show ads." The qualifiers in those statements — "version," "today" — suggest a future, ad-free version of Facebook could come with a subscription fee.

Facebook's chief operating officer, Sheryl Sandberg, said something similar to NBC this month: "We don't have an opt — out [of ads] at the highest level. That would be a paid product."

■ Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, is going to be a Fox News hero

Prepare to see footage of Cruz grilling Zuckerberg about political bias on every Fox News opinion show.

Yes, the focus of the hearing was user privacy. But, as I wrote Monday, some conservatives in the media hoped that Zuckerberg would be confronted about Facebook's alleged bias against right-leaning speech. Cruz delivered.

"There are a great many Americans who I think are deeply concerned that Facebook and other tech companies are engaged in a pervasive pattern of bias and political censorship," Cruz said.

"I understand where that concern is coming from because Facebook and the tech industry are located in Silicon Valley, which is an extremely left — leaning place," Zuckerberg replied. "And this is actually a concern that I have and that I try to root out in the company — is making sure that we don't have any bias in the work that we do, and I think it is a fair concern that people would wonder about."

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2 : wordy



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Things to do

Today

- Old Sorehead Trade Days in downtown Stanton. Facebook: @stantonoldsoreheedtradedays.
- Dressage show, 9:30 a.m., Skyline Farm, 3012 Todd Drive.
- Gary Gorence, 1 p.m., Polo Park Estates, 2100 Castleford Road.
- Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.
- Two on Tap, 2:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Liveonstage-pb.com.
- MOSC: "We Sing!" with Voices of the Permian Basin, 3 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.
- Bingo Nights, 4 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.
- The Doobie Brothers, Pat Simmons Jr., 7:30 p.m., Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Arena Trail. $39-$129. midlandhorseshoe.com.

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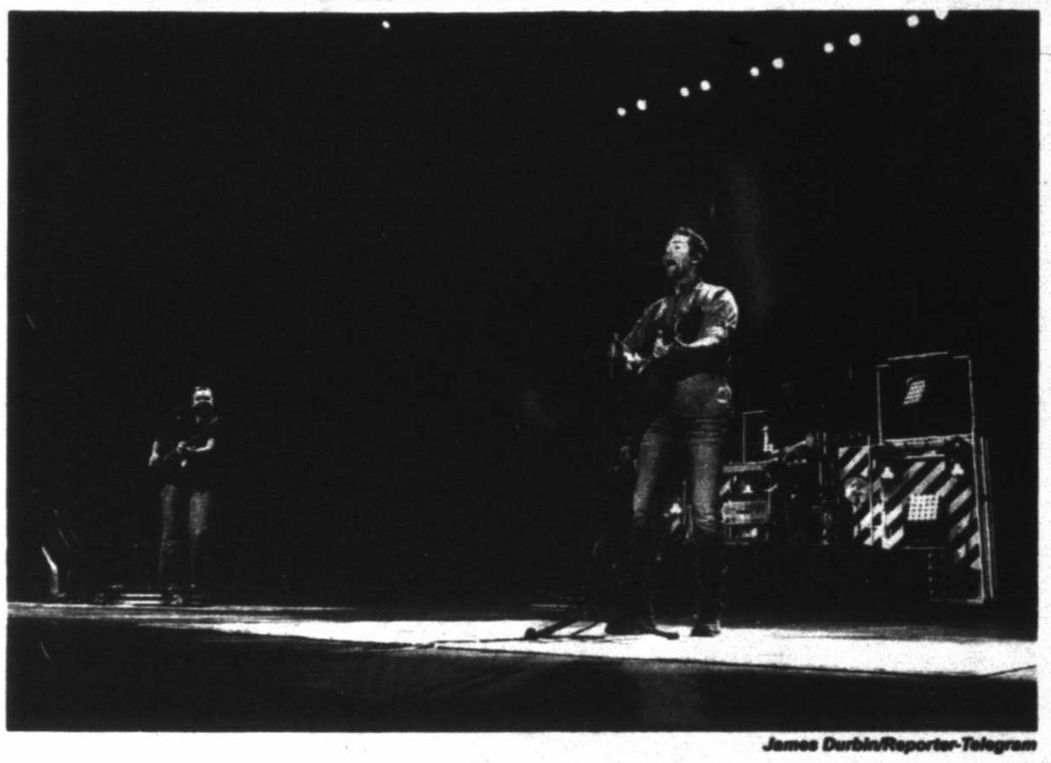
- Brown Bag Lunch and Film Series: "Rock Stars: Women in the Petroleum Industry," 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20. Free. pbpetro.org.
- "Drum Heart" by Japanese percussion group Drum Tao. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Road 1788. $18-$40. wagnernoel.com.

Friday

- Bret Michaels and Jack Russell's Great White. 6 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. haciendamidland.com.
- "Tosca" presented by the Permian Basin Opera, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $27-$42. mypbo.org.

Saturday

- Earth Day Festival! Hosted by Keep Midland Beautiful and West Texas Food Bank, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Westcliff Drive. Free.
- Astronomy Day: Celebrating Women in Science, featuring Col. Eileen Collins. 11 a.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org. The day will also feature the SpaceXplore Awards and family activities.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Country music artist Josh Turner performs Saturday during Big Boys' Toys, an annual fundraiser for the benefit of MARC. The event included dinner, a collector car show, a raffle and live and silent auctions. View more photos at mrt.com and in Monday's edition.

Meetings this week

- Planning and Zoning
3:30 p.m. Monday
Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.
- Permian Basin MPO
5 p.m. Monday
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive
- MISD
5:30 p.m. Monday
Bowie Fine Arts Academy
805 Elk Ave.
- Midland College
4 p.m. Tuesday
Gibson Board Room
- MISD District 1 community meeting
6:30 p.m. Thursday
Bunche Elementary
700 S. Jackson

State of Education

The Midland Chamber of Commerce will present the State of Education luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

The chamber hosts this annual luncheon to engage and inform the public about the challenges and opportunities facing public and private schools, colleges and universities. The keynote speaker is Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick.

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Weather

Saturday's temperatures
High.....67
Low.....41
Normal high.....79
Normal low.....49

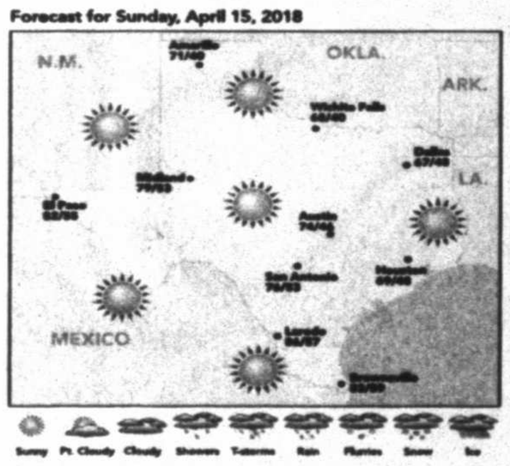
April 14's records
Record high: 95, set in 1935
Low: 29, set in 1983

Precipitation
Friday.....0.00 in.
Saturday.....0.00 in.
Month total.....0.00 in.
Year total.....0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date).....2.17 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 17 mph
Gust speed: 27 mph

Today forecast
High: 75

Forecast for Sunday, April 15, 2018



Low: 53
Conditions: Sunny today/mostly clear tonight
Winds: East 5-10 mph today/south 5-10 mph tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....7:20 a.m.
Sunset.....8:18 p.m.
Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 15, 2018:

This year you could startle many people around you with your unusual insights and energy to follow through on them. You could become quite the innovator or inventor. Confusion tends to surround you, as you often run with an idea without first completing your thought. If you are single, your energy and creativity will attract many people. In fall, you are likely to meet someone who intrigues you. If you are attached, be sensitive to your sweetie's needs. A fellow ARIES could point out how me-oriented you have become.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might wake up on the wrong side of the bed. What starts off as a tense situation could transform into an enlightening conversation. Both parties recognize the importance of changing and adapting to a new situation. Consider a new beginning. Tonight: Relax over a great dinner. This Week: Curb a possessiveness that takes over by midweek.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ You sense that much more is going on than you realize. How you deal with an imaginative yet aggravating person depends on what you want in the long run. Before blurting out a comment or two, consider who this person is to you. Tonight: Play it low-key. This Week: You might not be yourself until Thursday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to reconsider your approach with a friend. You could have a grievance, and will want to air it. Ask yourself what the cost of speaking up is before taking action. Make good choices for you and others. No one needs to call all the shots. Tonight: Follow the crowd. This Week: You experience a sequence of ups and downs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You'll be expected to meet the demands of someone around you. Know that this is likely to create more stress for you. Perhaps bringing your feelings out into the open might help. Have a discussion about different ways you can compromise. Tonight: Drop in on an older loved one. This Week: Your emotions swing from emotional to depressed to ecstatic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You shine and express deeper feelings than you have in a long time. This openness delights someone who might be quite distant from you. A visit will be in order, even if it means a change of plans. Meanwhile, get into an important project. Tonight: With a favorite person. This Week: Zero in on your obligations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You have the ability to relate to others on a one-on-one level. You might want to clear the air in the near future. Be responsive to the other party's feelings. Adapt for a loved one's sake, and you'll see the benefits immediately. Tonight: Find a reason to celebrate! This Week: Don't allow a loved one to know how transparent he or she is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Defer to a partner who might be unusually feisty. You could feel as if you need to distance yourself from others in the morning. Later in the day, you will witness a change that allows you to be respond accordingly. Have a long-overdue conversation. Tonight: Order in. This Week: Allow others to make the first move.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You have a project in mind that needs completion. Handle your taxes, if need be. You might want to rebel against doing this work, but discipline yourself and just do it. You will feel remarkably better as you start to see the outcome. Tonight: Lighten up your mood with a friend. This Week: Spin your tale, and see how others react.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your playfulness cannot be suppressed. Avoid serious conversations and/or projects. A loved one adores it when you are carefree and easy-going. Relax with others while exchanging humor, knowledge and caring. You have a great time together! Tonight: Let the fun continue. This Week: Work needs to be completed quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A family member might be the source of pressure, yet you feel as if you can't change the situation. Recognize that you are making a judgment about what is expected of you. Observe a difference in what occurs once you tackle this issue. Tonight: Share news with a loved one. This Week: Let your ingenuity infuse various situations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might not recognize the anger that seems to be building within you. You suddenly could find yourself seething for a reason that you don't fully comprehend. Open up a discussion quietly, without going on a tear about how you feel. Get feedback. Tonight: Till the wee hours. This Week: Stay close to home through Tuesday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have a lot to share. The friend who takes your comments personally also embodies some of the problems that you are discussing. You might not want to push this person, unless you want to witness a major uproar. Tonight: Indulge in a favorite treat at a favorite place. This Week: You will tell it like it is.

BORN TODAY

Singer Bessie Smith (1894), actress Emma Thompson (1959), singer/songwriter Chris Stapleton (1978)

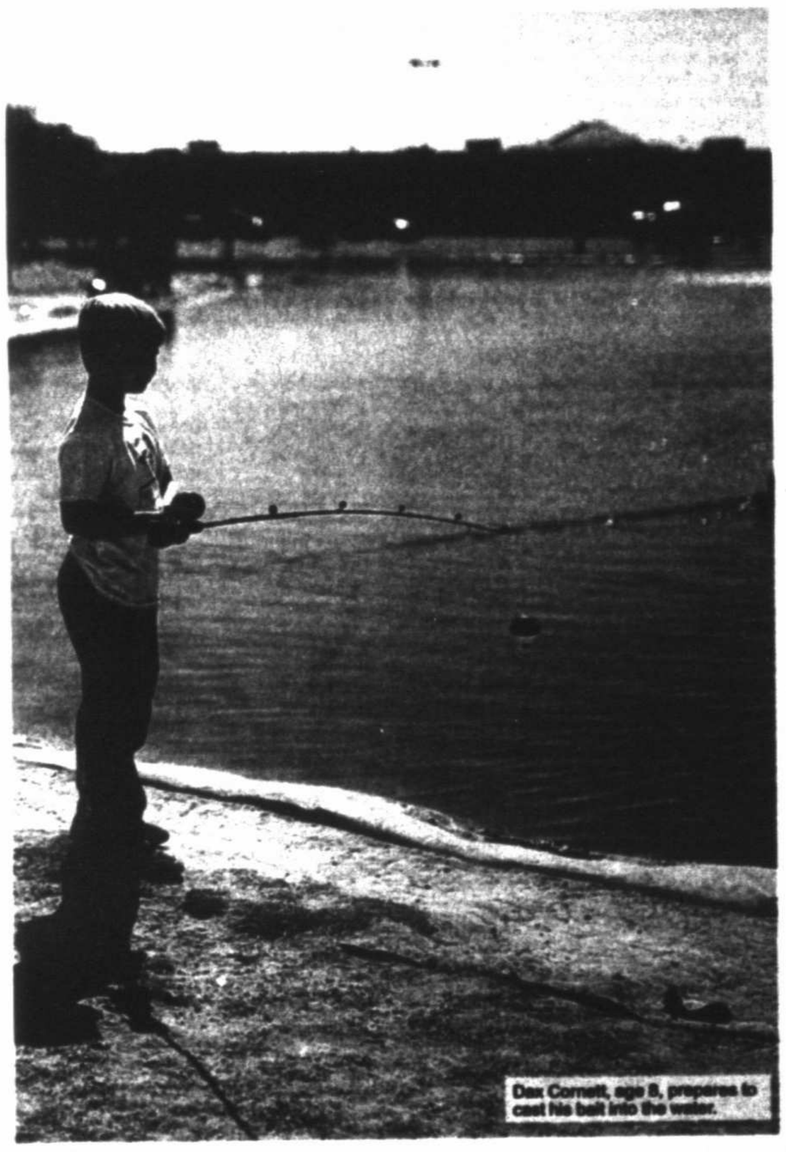
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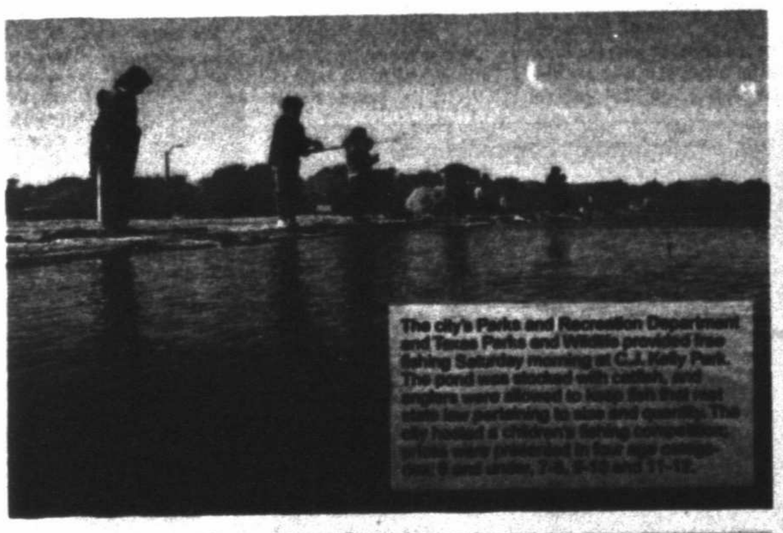
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Dax Cornett, age 8, prepares to cast his bait into the water.



Aiden Courtney, age 5, holds a catfish he caught.



The city's Parks and Recreation Department and Texas Parks and Wildlife provided free fishing Saturday morning at C.D. Kelly Park. The pond was stocked with catfish, and anglers were allowed to keep fish that met state fish and game guidelines. The city hosted a children's fishing competition. Entries were presented in four age categories: 8 and under, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.







Crime Stoppers fugitive

ABRAHAM SANCHEZ

DOB: 8-03-1994
Height and weight: 5 foot, 7; 180 pounds
Charge: Count I Endanger Child and Count II Assault on Public Servant


Sanchez

- Wanted as of 4-13-2018
- Warrant #CR46053
- $500 cash reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- Mobile App 'P3 TIPS' or go to www.p3tips.com
- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous.

Crime of the week

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

Deputies responded to a business located in the 7100 block of West Highway 80 at about 8:30 a.m. March 13. The complainant said a man and a woman entered a small building behind the main building by breaking the front door. The suspects are seen on video going from room to room. They damaged the business' cameras and then left the store with computer equipment valued at more than $2,000. Video of the two suspects can be seen at midlandcrimestoppers.com.

If you are the first person to call with information leading to an arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used. Call 694-TIPS (8477) or use mobile app 'P3 TIPS'

Visit the Midland Crime Stoppers Facebook page @MidlandTxCS or the website www.midlandcrimestoppers.com to view surveillance video of suspects.

How to submit a secure tip

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- **Text**: Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- **Mobile app on iPhone or Android phones**: Mobile App 'P3 TIPS' or go to www.p3tips.com
- **Facebook**: Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

Man charged with assault against peace officer

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Monday after assaulting a police officer, according to court documents.

Timothy Ray Walker, 30, was being held Friday on a $20,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of assault against a peace officer/judge and a $370 bond for a Class C misdemeanor of public intoxication.

Midland police were dispatched at about 3 a.m. Monday in reference to a disturbance.

The complainant stated a man in a gray hoodie — later identified as Walker — was hitting customer vehicles with his hands, according to his arrest affidavit affidavit.

Walker told officers he was trying to get a drink and tried walking away from them, according to the affidavit.


Walker

While trying to detain him, Walker attempted to tackle the officer to the ground by wrapping his arms around the officer's legs, according to the affidavit.

While on the ground, Walker began swinging his hands in short, swatting motions toward the officer.

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

Woman allegedly hits family member with shovel

From staff reports

A Midland woman was arrested March 30 after allegedly using a shovel during the commission of an assault, according to court documents.


Fletcher

Alyshia Rachelle Fletcher, 30, was being held Friday on a $15,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/house member with a weapon and a $500 bond for a Class B misdemeanor charge of criminal trespass.

Midland police were dispatched at about 1 p.m. March 30 in reference to a disturbance.

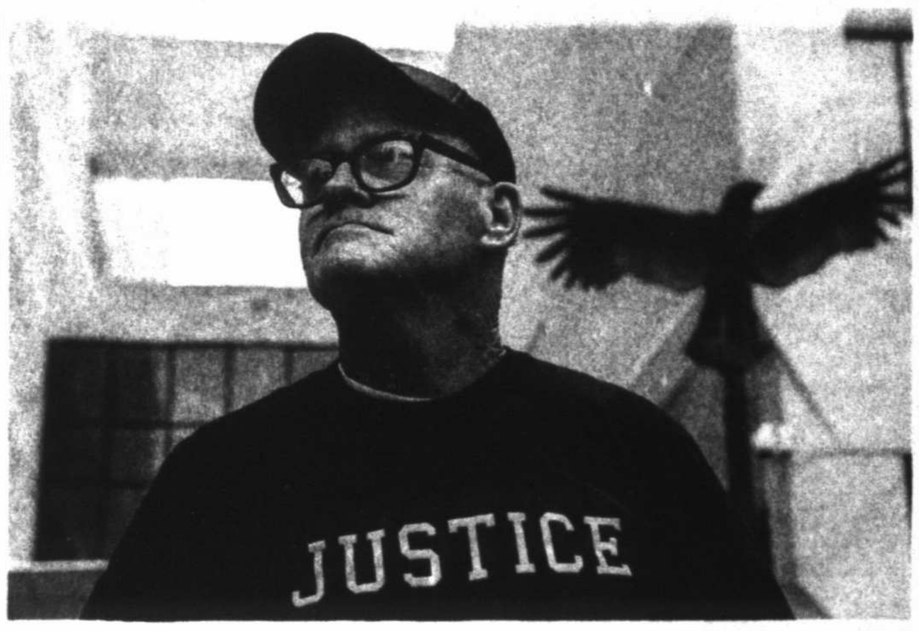
When officers arrived, they saw a woman — identified as Fletcher — holding a 2-by-4, according to her arrest affidavit.

Fletcher told officers she was damaging the RV parked outside the residence because she was frustrated with a family member, according to the arrest affidavit.

A man on the scene told the officers Fletcher had struck two family members with a shovel after an argument a week before, according to the affidavit.

Officers determined Fletcher had assaulted the family members after seeing a photos of the injuries, according to the affidavit.

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



Sophia Germer/Associated Press

John Floyd stands in front of the Hale Boggs Federal Building and Courthouse on June 22, 2017, in New Orleans. Floyd was freed last year after spending 36 years locked up for a New Orleans murder he insisted he didn't commit. A federal appeals court this month upheld a U.S. District judge's decision to order a new trial for Floyd, who said a detective coerced him to confess to the 1980 slaying.

Legal fight lingers for man freed in 1980 murder case

By Kevin Mcgill
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — John Floyd spent 36 years locked up for a New Orleans murder he insisted he didn't commit. A federal judge sees things the same way and ordered his release from jail last year and a new trial. Her decision was backed by a federal appeals court.

U.S. District Judge Sarah Vance said Floyd had met the "demanding legal standard of actual innocence" and found credible Floyd's claim that he was coerced into confessing to two murders that took place three days apart in New Orleans in 1980. Her ruling noted the absence of physical evidence linking Floyd to either crime.

But Floyd's legal battles aren't over.

New Orleans District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro said last week he will ask the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals court to reconsider the case and reinstate Floyd's murder conviction in the death of William Hines. Cannizzaro cites an 11-page dissent in this month's appeals court decision. That dissent by Judge Jerry E. Smith holds that no new evidence has been introduced that would overcome the one-year limit on filing appeals — or the deference federal courts must give to state courts under the federal Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act.

Floyd was convicted in the death of William Hines in 1982. Although he wrote an estimated 500 letters to various officials and organizations over the years, insisting his was innocent, records indicate a proper appeal wasn't filed until 2006 by the Innocence Project New Orleans.

A former warden has declared Floyd, who admitted to abusing drugs at the time of arrest, is rehabilitated. And Floyd was acquitted of a separate murder in 1982 in a case that bore a striking resemblance to the Hines case. Still, Cannizzaro said he would continue to fight the case.

"While we believe this defendant may be rehabilitated, we also believe he was responsible for the murder of William Hines in 1980," Cannizzaro said in an emailed statement. He also said that it was "improper for a federal judge to impose her appreciation of the facts some 35 years later and overrule the trial judge who listened to all live trial testimony."

Floyd confessed to both killings: of Hines, murdered at his French Quarter apartment; and of businessman Rodney Robinson, three days later at a downtown hotel.

Both were killed after apparently sharing a drink and having consensual sex with their attacker, according to the court record. Floyd later said he had been coerced into confessing by a detective who plied him with drinks and beat him.

Vance's 2016 ruling that led to Floyd's release last year notes evidence available at the time of the trial, plus new evidence, including DNA analysis and psychiatric evidence indicating Floyd's limited mental abilities made him susceptible to coercion. Evidence that someone other than Floyd killed Robinson was strong, according to the judge.

"Physical evidence recovered on the scene of the Robinson murder suggests to a near certainty that Robinson was stabbed to death by an African-American man with type A blood shortly after Robinson and the man had sex," Vance wrote. "The evidence therefore excludes Floyd, who is white and has type B blood."

Evidence in the Hines case has been lost over the years, but Vance said there were strong indications of Floyd's innocence in that case as well, including "the striking similarity" between the Robinson and Hines slayings: the finding of African-American hair in the bed of Hines, who was white; new testimonial evidence that Hines was attracted to black men, contradicting a detective's testimony; fingerprints at the Hines murder scene that matched neither Hines nor Floyd.

The Innocence Project New Orleans, which worked on Floyd's case, believes the facts of the case are overwhelmingly favor the defendant.

"If the appeals court finds that John's case doesn't qualify," said Innocence Project attorney Richard Davis, "I find it hard to see as a practical matter any case that would qualify."

City spokeswoman: Midland man charged with murder in stabbing

From staff reports

A 42-year-old Midland man was being held Saturday on a murder charge in connection with a stabbing that occurred early Saturday morning, according to the city's spokeswoman. Bond for Don D. Herrera had not been set as of Saturday night.

Police responded at about 1:40 a.m. to a disturbance in the 900 block of West Montgomery and found Francisca Sanchez, 41, had died from apparent stab wounds, Elana Ladd, said via email. Officers arrested Herrera, who was at the scene, she said. No other details were available as of press time.

This is the second fatal stabbing this year and the third stabbing year to date, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Forty-six-year-old Dolores Marquez Alvarez died the night of March 11 from a stabbing that allegedly was committed by her husband, Juan Garcia Alvarez, 57, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. When Midland County sheriff's deputies arrived on scene at a residence on West County Road 137, Juan Alvarez had fled.

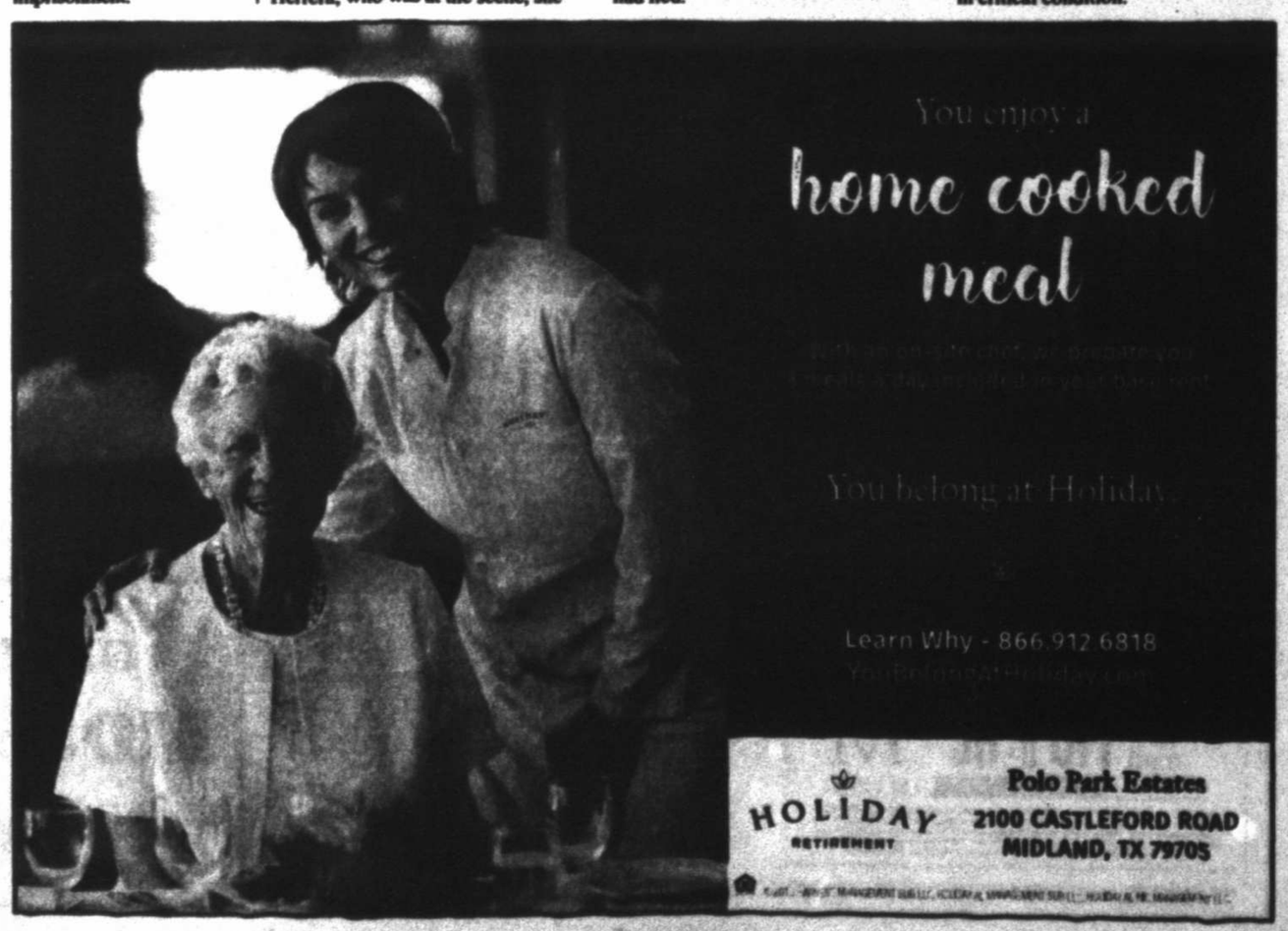
He reportedly returned to the scene a couple of hours later, and shot at deputies who had been summoned to the residence. Deputies returned fire, and Alvarez was hit, according to the article.


Herrera

The Texas Rangers are investigating the officer-involved shooting.

Meanwhile, Midlander Leo Brito, 27, was being held Saturday on a $75,000 bond for a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with a stabbing that occurred Jan. 27, according to a previous article.

The male victim had been transported to Midland Memorial Hospital in critical condition.



SHALE

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have yet to be developed.

"The number of benches we're looking at today, we know there's more there," Matthews said.

Matthews discussed this coming revolution and its challenges during a recent quarterly luncheon of the Petroleum Professional Data Management association at Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center.

The challenges of the second revolution will be similar to those of the first: optimizing spacing and completion techniques, but with additional cycles of injecting gas to repressure the reservoirs, he said. But operators are using what he called heterogeneous completion techniques and relying on heterogeneous geology, geophysics, geomechanics and geometry.

Just as a doctor would not prescribe the same identical medication for each patient, "each well requires unique spacing and completion," he said.

But devising unique spacing and completions for each well requires data, and data is in short supply, Matthews said.

"We have tiny data sets on spacing and completions," he said. "The newest wells are the most interesting and the most economic. But a single operator may have a data set that's tiny — 10 to 20 wells if they're lucky."

As the industry turns to advanced technology such as machine learning to help find the best drilling locations and improve operations efficiencies and production, he said data on just 20 wells isn't enough.

That's why he spent the last year calling for a consortium solution, whereby operators pool data and help speed the cycle of machine learning.

Matthews said operators are very protective of their data. But he points out that all the core acreage has been leased, so sharing data wouldn't result in one operator leasing prospective acreage out from under another operator.

"What I look to do is establish a central place for operators to see data. Like a map where they can see what data is available and make a deal with that operator for the data," he said.

Matthews said it speeds up the process because if an operator hasn't traded data on a well before, he has to ask if he should "derisk" sharing that data. Now, having done that, the next operator can see what's available, he said.

"In the bigger picture, I'm seeking to speed up the cycle of scientific reproduceability," he said. He compared that to service companies unveiling a new product and other service companies then devising their own products in a similar vein.

He said attitudes have changed in the year he's touted establishing a consortium. A year ago, he said the bigger producers weren't interested. But now "folks are coming up to me and saying they like the idea, it would be difficult to sell internally but they want to start. The smaller, private equity-backed companies have been more nimble.

"You have to ask yourself, 'What's the opportunity cost for the time it takes to optimize production alone versus sharing data?'" he said.

GROWTH

From 1A

Monahans, it's Fort Stockton. It's truly all of the Permian Basin."

A skilled workforce will be key to future economic prosperity, Coronado said following the panel discussion.

He expanded on earlier comments that middle-skilled workers — those with a high school diploma but without a college degree — had been most impacted by technological advancements and automation.

"When you think about middle skills, according to the Kansas City Fed, 43 percent of workers are in that sector. That's significant," he said.

Opportunity areas — those that require training certification or an associate degree — include automotive technicians, nursing and information technology, he said.

Partnering with local community colleges such as Odessa College and Midland College is critical to help workers keep up with their skills, Coronado said.

He cited a February essay penned by Kaplan that noted 46 million members of the nation's labor force lack secondary education — some have only a high school diploma; some don't even have that.

"That's a challenge," he said. A decline in skill sets and educational attainment "will boil down to lower economic growth," he said.

Williams said OC is working to help address those concerns by offering training, continuing education courses and partnering with companies to develop training courses. For example, the college and Sewell are partnering to develop a program to train automotive technicians. Every September, the college launches its 30 in 30 — 30-minute workouts a day for 30 days, sponsored by the city of Odessa and Medical Center Hospital. And Sewell every year provides the Ford Mustang that the college gives away; a pickup is donated after the fifth year.

Because of all the support the college receives locally, Williams said it's important that the college do its part in return by providing a well-educated, well-trained workforce. He touted the college's three-year graduation rate of 42 percent and an even stronger rate for part-time students.

Sewell said it's important that those students realize it's a lifelong commitment.

"The greatest decision one can make is to choose to be a lifelong learner," he said. "Keep up with the trends that impact your life and impact them instead of being impacted."

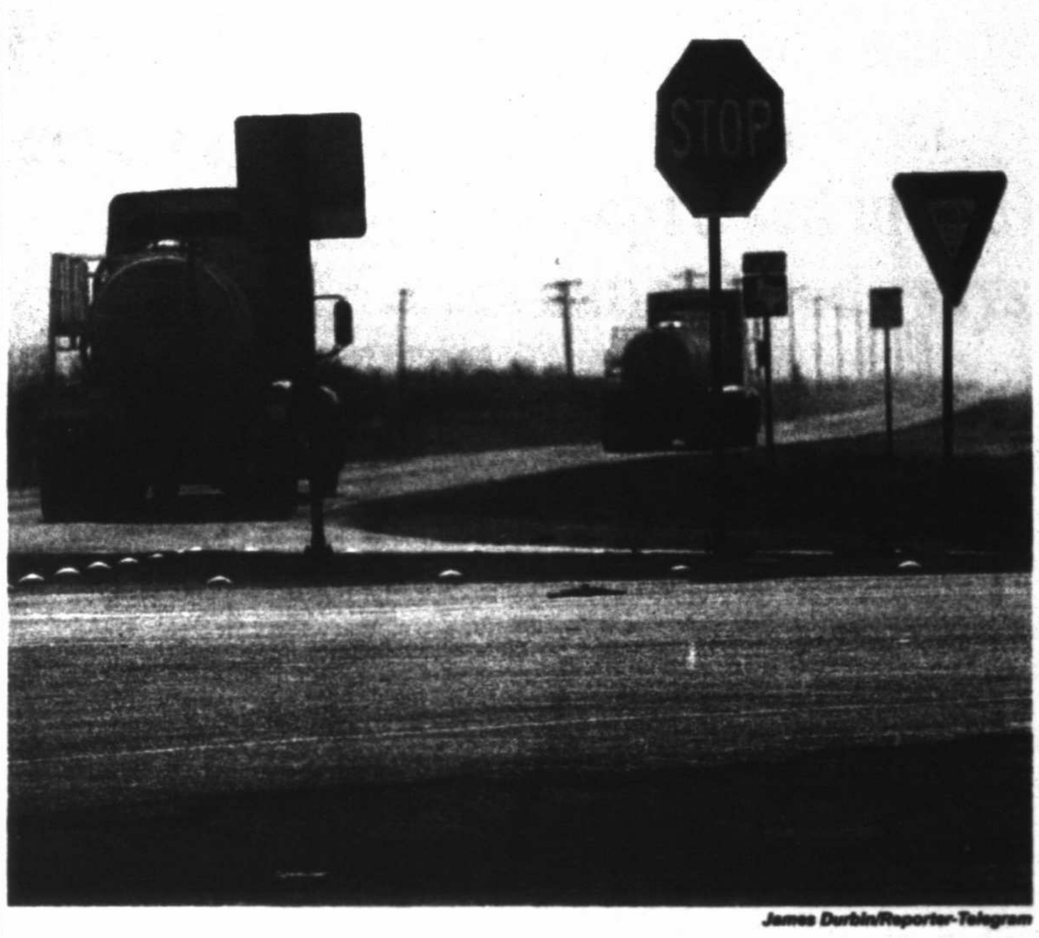
He said when his company interviews applicants, "We look for their capacity to learn and grow." If they have that, then the company can help guide them, he said.

As for his work with area schools, he said he realized that a higher-quality staff starts with the institution that trains them and it's up to him to help those institutions provide high-quality workers.

Those employees need to valued, said panel member Sondra Eoff, president of Eofficial Enterprises, which is spearheading the Marriott Building project in downtown Odessa.

"Employees need a culture of valuing employees. So many times the employer's focus is on the bottom line and they forget about those that bring about the bottom line," she said.

She said because she and her husband, Toby, create a culture that values employees, "We've had no trouble finding employees. In a lot of cases they come to us."



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Oilfield traffic is photographed Friday near the intersection of County Road 160 and Farm to Market Road 715 south of Midland.

ROADS

From 1A

revenue, while the natural gas production tax brought in a little less than $1 billion.

But none of that tax money goes to fixing roads in the areas where the production is occurring. Instead it's divided among several state funds: the rainy day fund, the State Highway Fund and the Foundation School Program.

"The drilling continues, the fracking continues, there's more weight on the road and I don't really see any relief," said DeWitt County Judge Daryl Fowler. "It'd be nice for the state to realize that they haven't really contributed anything."

The House Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on Tuesday to "evaluate the impact energy exploration and production has on state and county roads, and make recommendations on how to improve road quality in areas impacted by these activities." The House Energy Resources Committee will meet Wednesday to examine "investments in public infrastructure" in the Permian Basin, the state's most productive oil and gas region. After both committees meet, they'll publish an interim report.

But until there's a permanent legislative fix, some rural leaders say the state is enjoying a free lunch at the expense of local property tax owners who have to pay for the damage to their roads — often through higher property taxes. The Texas Department of Transportation has also struggled to maintain farm-to-market roads near oil and natural gas wells because of damage from heavy trucks.

"The money from the oil and natural gas production taxes just goes back to the state … and they redistribute it," said former Nueces County Judge Richard Borchard, who lives in DeWitt County. "The local taxpayers live here, we stay here and we have to deal with these roads. The state needs to understand that the local governments need some help."

In 2014, Texas lawmakers approved a one-time appropriation of roughly $225 million to help counties fix damaged local roads. Of the state's 254 counties, 191 applied, and identified more than $1 billion in needed road improvements. The biggest grants went to counties in West and South Texas with the heaviest oil and gas production.

In the heart of the Permian Basin, Midland County Commissioner Robin Donnelly said the county received $5.9 million from the state in 2014 and put it toward a single road project that's still not complete.

"Our county roads were just never built for the truck traffic that we have now," Donnelly said. "We have more rigs running in the Permian Basin than anywhere else in the U.S. right now. There's not a county road that is free and clear of truck traffic."

That money didn't go far in DeWitt County either, Fowler said. The county received less than $5 million in 2014, which paid most of the $6.2 million cost of repairing four county roads. The county's road and bridge budget that year topped $31 million, he said.

East of Midland in Howard County, County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said that during the last oil boom from 2011 through 2013 — when the oil price per barrel topped $100 — county roads suffered roughly $30 million worth of damage directly attributable to oilfield traffic. The county received $3.8 million from the state, she said.

Many county officials are asking legislators to find a more permanent fix. Fowler said he supported a measure — filed during last year's legislative session by state Rep. James White, R-Hillister — that would have taken 2 percent of the money collected from the state's oil and natural gas production taxes and given it back to the counties whose roads and bridges have been damaged.

White said the bill died during the infamous "Mother's Day Massacre," when tensions between members of the Texas Freedom Caucus and their Republican leadership boiled over and the caucus members — angry over what they called "personal petty politics" — used a procedural maneuver to kill more than 100 bills.

White said he plans to refile his measure during the 86th legislative session, which begins in January.

"We're not against drilling. We're not against oil and gas," White said. "I don't think (my measure) was looting the rainy day fund … this is just a little small percentage going back to these local communities to pay for these roads."

State Rep. Travis Clardy, R-Nacogdoches, who sits on the House Energy Resources Committee, said he's hopeful that with the state's booming economy, there will be leftover money the state can send to rural counties affected by the oil boom. But Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar recently warned lawmakers that the beginning budget when the Legislature reconvenes in 2019 would be $94 million, compared to the $880 million beginning budget they had in 2017.

But Clardy's still optimistic they can find money to help fix local roads.

"There's nothing that money can't solve, and the good news is we do have a very robust economy" said Clardy, who represents several East Texas counties. "I want to keep our local counties and cities happy. If there are potholes in the road, nobody is happy."

TxDOT issues traffic alerts for the week of April 15

From staff reports

The following are traffic alerts from the Texas Department of Transportation for the week of April 15.

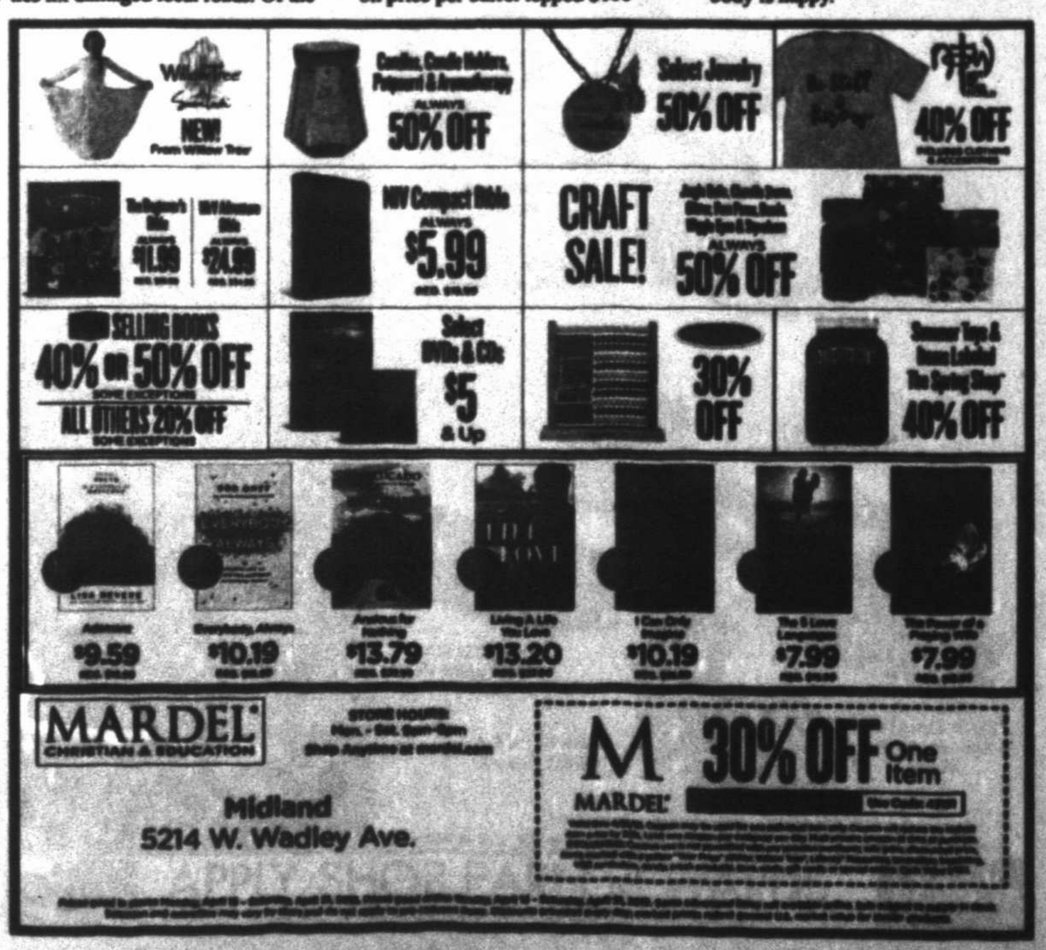
ANDREWS COUNTY: A crew will be working today on State Highway 176 in the eastern part of the county between mile markers 270 and 274, about 3 miles west of SH 349. Lane closures will be necessary. Work starts at 7:30 a.m.

ECTOR COUNTY: A crew will be working Monday on southbound U.S. Highway 385 just north of Loop 338.

MIDLAND COUNTY: The Texas Department of Public Safety will close southbound Loop 250 just north of Business 20 this morning. DPS also will have closures on SH 158 near Five Points in the morning.

REEVES COUNTY: A crew will be working on Farm-to-Market Road 2448 most of this week. Work will take place between mile markers 384 and 390, between Interstate 10 and SH 17.

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National Guards troops headed for West Texas to restore 'control'

By Alfredo Corchado
The Dallas Morning News

EL PASO — U.S. Customs and Border Protection acting Deputy Commissioner Ronald D. Vitiello said on Friday that National Guard troops will be deployed in West Texas and New Mexico until "operational control of the border" is restored, a benchmark that's remained elusive over the years.

Vitiello was vague on the exact number of troops in the region, the cost, or the specific assignments for the troops, saying planning and coordination meetings are under way.

"To be clear, border security will remain a civilian law enforcement capability and responsibility," said Vitiello, adding that the guardsmen will not be directly involved in enforcement roles.

El Paso Sector Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Hull said his agency has begun vetting the guardsmen. He applauded their presence, saying the troops will "enable us to do our law enforcement mission on the border."

Critics said the move underscores President Donald J. Trump's fear mongering efforts to appease what some called xenophobic supporters, using a safe region as theater, its people as pawns and threatening a longstanding relationship with neighboring Mexico.



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Border Patrol agent Eduardo Olmos walks near the secondary fence separating Tijuana, Mexico, background, and San Diego on June 22, 2016, in San Diego. California Gov. Jerry Brown agreed Wednesday to deploy 400 National Guard troops at President Donald Trump's request, but not all will head to the U.S.-Mexico border as Trump wants, and none will enforce federal immigration enforcement.

Last week, federal authorities re-branded the expansion of pre-planned fence, known during the Bush and Obama administration, as bollard steel. It's now known as a "wall." On Friday, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Public Affairs distributed a video of the 20-mile construction project, referring to it as the "Santa Teresa Border Wall Replacement Project" in southern New Mexico.

The Trump administration's effort, said Kathleen Staudt, an author and retired Professor of Political Science at the University of Texas at El Paso, "is a waste of money.

The guard has been used under Bush and Obama. I don't know if Texans know that Texas taxpayers will be paying for this. So it's ridiculous, horrific and sends the wrong message to an important trading partner, Mexico."

Trump, frustrated because Congress will not fund his "big, beautiful wall," has called for up to 4,000 National Guard troops to deal with what he called "a crisis," a term echoed by U.S. Attorney Jeff Sessions last week when he addressed a border sheriffs' conference.

Gov. Greg Abbott said last week that more than half of roughly 1,400 National Guard members the state wants to put on the U.S.-Mexico border are already on the job.

In New Mexico, Gov. Susana Martinez is sending 250 guardsmen to the border.

California Gov. Jerry Brown, in a statement last week, said his state will send 400 guardsmen to the border, but he had pointed words on the effort:

"This will not be a mission to build a new wall," Brown wrote. "It will not be a mission to round up women and children or detain people escaping violence and seeking a better life. And the California National Guard will not be enforcing federal immigration laws. Here are the facts: There is no massive wave of migrants pouring into California."

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Cannabis crackdown? With new policy, Texas health agency may step up enforcement

By Melissa Repko
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State health officials could soon confiscate one of the few cannabis products that Texans can find on store shelves.

Texas Department of State Health Services is considering a proposal that would require inspectors to detain all food products and cannabis oils that have added cannabidiol, a cannabis compound that's used as a treatment for epilepsy and other medical conditions. It is a different compound than tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the psychoactive compound that creates a high.

If the state agency approves the policy, retailers would be required to ship products back to the manufacturer or supplier, destroy them or surrender them to the agency. It would not apply to products like hemp oil, which has naturally occurring amounts of CBD.

The dispute over the policy marks the latest clash between state officials and Texas cannabis companies, who are eager to see the state loosen marijuana laws. And it adds another layer of complexity for entrepreneurs looking to open or expand a cannabis business in Texas.

The state agency drafted the new inspection protocol after noticing more foods and dietary supplements that had the cannabis compound as an additive, said Lara Anton, a spokeswoman for the DSHS.

Anton said the written policy would formalize the rules, not change them. She said the state agency is simply upholding federal law, which classifies the cannabis compound as a controlled substance.

Industry groups are pushing back, saying the products aren't dangerous, the policy would be impossible to enforce and elected officials, not state agencies, should make the rules.

In a statement, the Texas Cannabis Industry Association described the policy as "a blow to the liberty of thousands of Texans who choose hemp-CBD as a general wellness product and rely on it for the natural treatment of serious medical conditions."

The agency has rarely cracked down on the products, which are sold at wellness clinics, chiropractors and even smoothie shops. It has detained CBD products between three and five times, Anton said.

Patrick Moran, a McKinney resident and one of the founders of the TCIA, said the state would be going from "zero to 100" if it clears the shelves. "They have no previous standing whatsoever," he said. "This is not a clarification. This is the first shot fired."

And he said the rule would be unenforceable, since it would require state inspectors to confiscate products from hundreds of retailers.

Connor Oakley, legislative director the Medical Cannabis Association of Texas, said the organization supports independent, third-party testing of the products as a safety measure.

More than 4,000 people have signed a petition opposing the proposed policy. The TCIA has collected more than 100 letters from Texans who've used the cannabis oil to help them cope with cancer, chronic pain and other medical conditions, Moran said.

As states across the country legalize medical and adult use of marijuana, Texas has held on to strict marijuana laws. The state has approved one exception: cannabis oil for patients with intractable epilepsy.

In 2015, Gov. Greg Abbott signed the Texas Compassionate Use Act, which allows companies to cultivate cannabis, turn it into CBD oil and sell it to epilepsy patients who get a recommendation from two doctors.

Three companies have gotten state licenses through the Compassionate Use program. They began selling and distributing CBD oil to patients in early 2018.

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Texas millennials are the least depressed in the nation, study says

By Jake Harris
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Millennials, that hard-to-pin-down generation that is now defined by the Pew Research Center as "anyone born between 1981 and 1996," have long been subject to stereotypes in the media while simultaneously being courted by advertisers.

They've supposedly been responsible for killing the home market, the napkin market and the diamond market, just to name a few. And they love avocados.

But, at least for Texan millennials, things aren't so bad. A recent WalletHub study of the most livable places for millennials placed Texas at No. 17 out of 50 states and Washington, D.C.

Commentary: I'm a millennial. I don't need your participation trophy.

The study ranked states based off of their affordability, education and health, quality of life, economic health and level of civic engagement.

The study has all sorts of statistics about how Texas ranks for millennials in housing (11th); average monthly earnings (12th) and home ownership rate (32nd).

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But the statistic that jumps out here is that Texas ranks first in the percentage of millennials who have depression — meaning, by this study's metrics, Texas is home to the least-depressed millennials in America. Texas also ranks last in the amount of millennials who have health insurance.

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So, there's two ways to look at this. Either millennials in Texas are really, truly the happiest in the nation (followed by their cohorts in New York, California, Hawai'i and New Jersey), or there's a lot of Texan millennials walking around with undiagnosed depression. Or maybe Texas is just has the least-depressed millennials in the nation.

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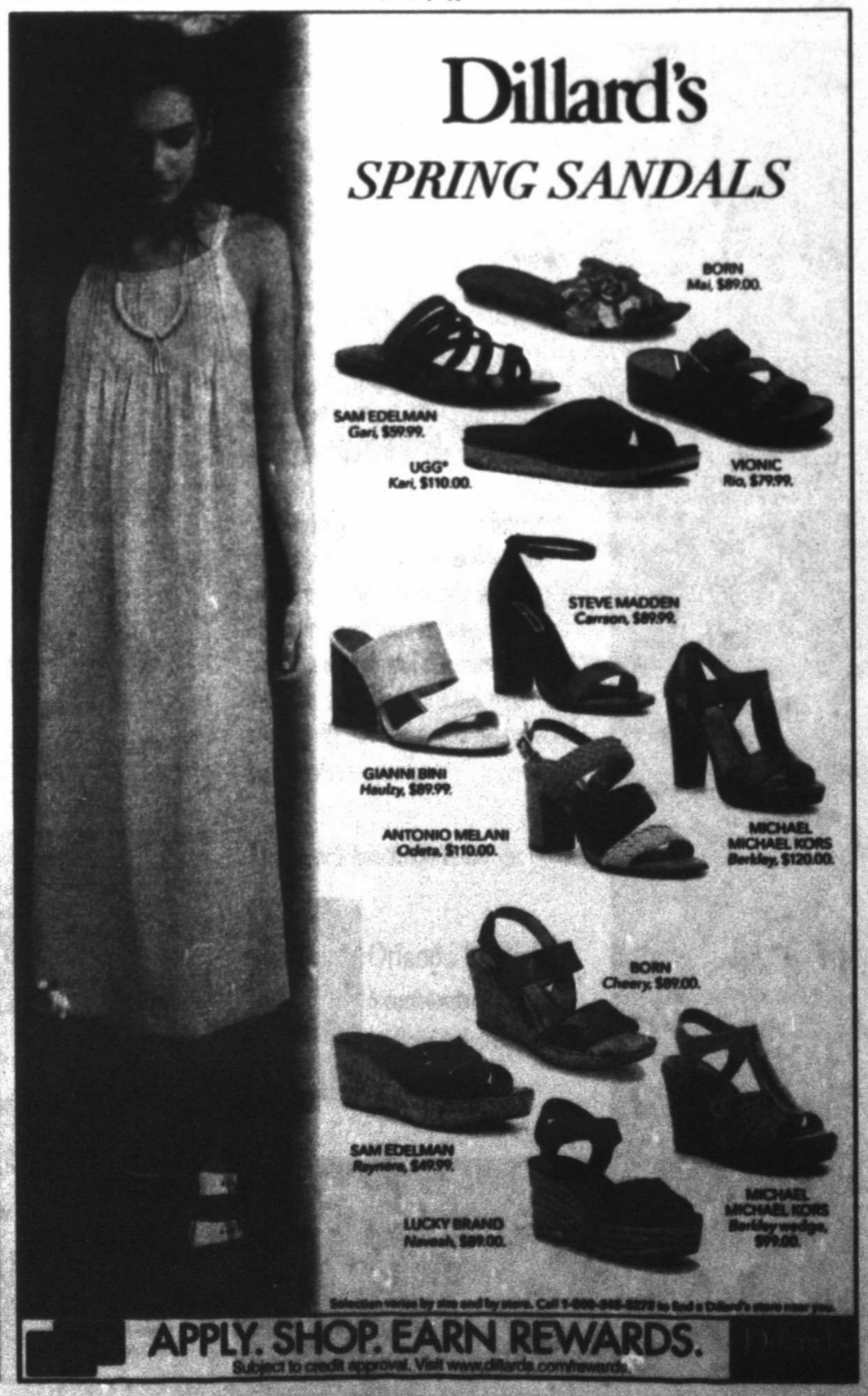
According to a 2014 study from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, 62.5 percent of adults aged 18 and over who claimed to have any mental illness (defined in the study "as having at least one mental disorder, other than a developmental or substance-use disorder, in the past 12 months") did not seek treatment. A 2017 Psychology Today article found that one in five millennials report being depressed, compared to 16 percent of Gen X and Baby Boomers.

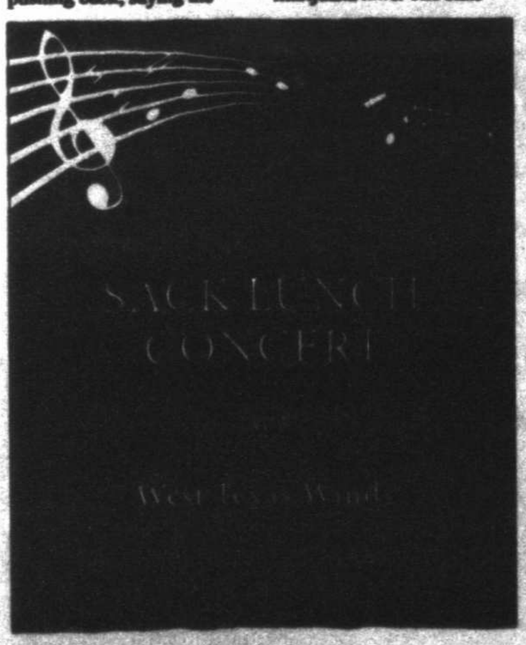
But, according to WalletHub, there is hope — Texas as a state ranks 6th in the sheer amount of millennials within its borders compared to the rest of the nation. So, at least they're not alone. There's people to talk to.

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If you or a loved one are struggling with depression or any other mental health issue, visit the Texas Health and Human Services website to find help.

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Why friends and foes of EPA's Pruitt are so adamant

By Christopher Flavelle, Ari Natter, Jennifer A. Dlouhy
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Supporters and detractors of Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt agree on this much: He matters.

Pruitt, whose continued tenure has been put in doubt by a series of ethics controversies, has attracted an extraordinary outpouring of support among conservative boosters who say he's the most effective member of President Donald Trump's cabinet. Likewise, the organizers of a "Boot Pruitt" movement see him as a serious risk to the environment he's supposed to be protecting.

Yet it is hard to assess Pruitt's tenure by traditional standards. Many of his high-profile initiatives, such as overturning the Obama administration's plan to curb carbon emissions from power plants, face years of legal challenges.

Nor can Pruitt's significance be tied to a roster of regulatory actions — including those designed to jettison old rules. Federal data show that since Trump's inauguration, the agency has submitted nine "economically significant" rules, defined as those with likely economic impact of at least $100 million, to the White House for review. By comparison, the Department of Health and Human Services has produced 31 such rules, the Department of Labor six and the Department of the Interior five.

Narrow that list to the new rules that have actually been issued, and Pruitt's impact is even harder to spot. Of the 24 economically significant regulations that have been approved by the White House under President Donald Trump, just one was issued by the EPA, according to data posted by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. And that rule set the amount of renewable fuels that must be used in 2018 — a regulation the EPA must issue every year, regardless of who's in charge.

Those figures don't include regulations that were in the works when Pruitt arrived in Washington and that he has blocked.

EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox cited the agency's work to repeal Obama-era rules governing carbon dioxide emissions and water pollution as evidence Pruitt is advancing Trump's agenda.

"From advocating to leave the Paris Accord, working to repeal Obama's Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States, declaring a war on lead and cleaning up toxic Superfund sites, Administrator Pruitt is focused on advancing President Trump's agenda of regulatory certainty and environmental stewardship," Wilcox said in an emailed statement.

A fuller assessment of Pruitt's 14 months in office shows that he's laid the groundwork for a wholesale revision of environmental policy, one that delights anti-regulatory groups and frightens environmentalists.

"Without a doubt, Scott Pruitt has been the single most effective appointment of the president of the United States," said Tim Huelskamp, president of the Heartland Institute, an industry-funded nonprofit that advocates for less regulation.

Vera Pardee, senior counsel for the Center for Biological Diversity, shared that view, albeit from the opposite direction. "The deregulatory agenda of Trump finds its most destructive expression in Mr. Pruitt," she said.

That shared view of Pruitt's importance helps explain the effort that advocates have poured into keeping him in his job — or getting him removed. The outpouring is far greater than was expended on behalf of other embattled cabinet members, such as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson or Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin who both ended up losing their jobs.

Pruitt has been dogged by a series of controversies, including expensive first-class tickets and 24-hour security details, hefty raises for aides and renting a Capitol Hill bedroom from a lobbyist for $50 a night. In response, environmentalists have mounted a campaign to seek Pruitt's ouster; advocates of smaller government, meanwhile, have set up a coordinated effort of their own to retain him at the EPA.

Both sides put Pruitt's effort to reduce the influence of academic scientists within the EPA near the top of their list of reasons why he matters. Pruitt has removed many of those scientists from advisory boards, replacing them with people who reflect the concerns of industries the EPA regulates.

Those boards are important. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, for example, helps establish ozone standards that the agency is required to implement.

Steven Milloy, publisher of the website JunkScience.com and a senior fellow at the Energy and Legal Institute, praised Pruitt for installing as chairmen of the Science Advisory Board and the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee "people I consider to be very strongly grounded in science."

Michael Halpern, deputy director of the Center for Science and Democracy at the Union of Concerned Scientists, echoed Milloy's point about the importance of those boards — although he characterized Pruitt's appointments as "stacking" them.

Another point of agreement is Pruitt's changing the rules on so-called "secret science." He has directed the EPA to use only research whose underlying data is publicly available. Environmental advocates say that prevents the EPA from issuing air and water regulations supported by health research, since the identities of patients studied in those papers is kept private.

Huelskamp, of the Heartland Institute, praised that change. Halpern criticized it.

Pruitt also has made major policy pivots outside the formal rulemaking process. That includes the EPA's decision not to ban the commercial use of the pesticide hlorpyrifos and methylene chloride used in paint strippers.

The EPA also has relaxed air pollution requirements via memos and internal opinions — navigating around the federal rulemaking process in a way that has already drawn at least one legal challenge.

Environmental advocates also argue that Pruitt has restrained the EPA's willingness to fine polluters for violating the law.

Trump could flip-flop on TPP after all

By John T. Bennett
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — In what would be another dramatic reversal, President Donald Trump told farm-state lawmakers Thursday he might sign the United States up for the Trans-Pacific Partnership after all.

Just by floating the idea, the GOP president drew the ire of conservatives on social media as he opened the door to joining a trade pact with 11 other Asian countries that he once dubbed "a continuing rape of our country." It showed again how willing he is to change his mind, even when doing so would betray his core beliefs and political base.

That comment came in 2016 when Trump was still a candidate for president. After he took office, Trump wasted little time going after the Obama-era trade deal, saying during his third day in office as he signed an order withdrawing the country from the deal: "Great thing for the American worker, what we just did."

Fifteen months later, he has further stirred the trade hornets' nest. His administration slapped steel and aluminum tariffs on all other countries — with a handful of exceptions — and is on the brink of an all-out trade war with China. Now, suddenly, the president that has railed against trade pacts featuring the U.S. and more than one other partner is considering joining TPP.

Trump told farm-state lawmakers who were at the White House to voice their concerns over his trade tiff with Beijing he has instructed chief economic adviser Lawrence Kudlow and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to take another look at reviving the Asian trade pact, according to Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas.

The president told the group of lawmakers he has concluded it might be easier for the United States to join TPP after its other 11 members have finished their negotiations, with the U.S. then joining as the 12th member.

He and fellow-GOP Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska, who has been a sometimes-Trump critic, applauded the president's willingness to reconsider his order to remove America from the trade alliance.

"That is certainly good news," Roberts told reporters outside the West Wing.

Sasse was also upbeat but counseled that Trump often "likes to blue-sky a lot" in such meetings. He said the president looked at Kudlow and said, "Go get it done."

"Lots of good things from this meeting," Sasse said. "The president heard unified voices that we need more trade, not less."

Roberts and Sasse said they poured cold water on the president's idea that if tariff tensions with China escalate, he will provide federal aid to U.S. farmers.

"The farmers and ranchers, they don't want welfare payments — they want to feed the world," Sasse said. "They want a reduction in both tariff and non-tariff barriers."

The lawmakers also told the president that joining TPP would allow the United States to counter China's trade "cheating" by "leading" Asian countries that would rather be aligned with Washington than Beijing. "The real strategy we need is to lead all of those rule-of-law nations in the Pacific," he said. "A U.S.-alone action ... that's not going to solve the real problems that we have."

Sen. Deb Fischer, D-Neb., a member of the Roberts-led panel, said the farm-state members were excited by the president's TPP talk because of a chance "to see those trade opportunities reaffirmed and grow."

Trump met with them around meetings about his expected response to a chemical weapons attack in Syria, Sasse said. The president seemed to slow the timeline for any U.S. strike after earlier last week signaling an attack was imminent.

Trump and his national security team will have "a number of meetings" on a potential response to a chemical weapons attack in Syria, the president said earlier Thursday.

"We have to make some further decisions," he told reporters. "And they'll be made fairly soon."

The president last week said he would make a decision by Wednesday, but that self-imposed deadline came and went with no U.S. action or final decision by the commander in chief. "We'll see what happens, folks," he said, using one of his preferred phrases while a decision is pending.

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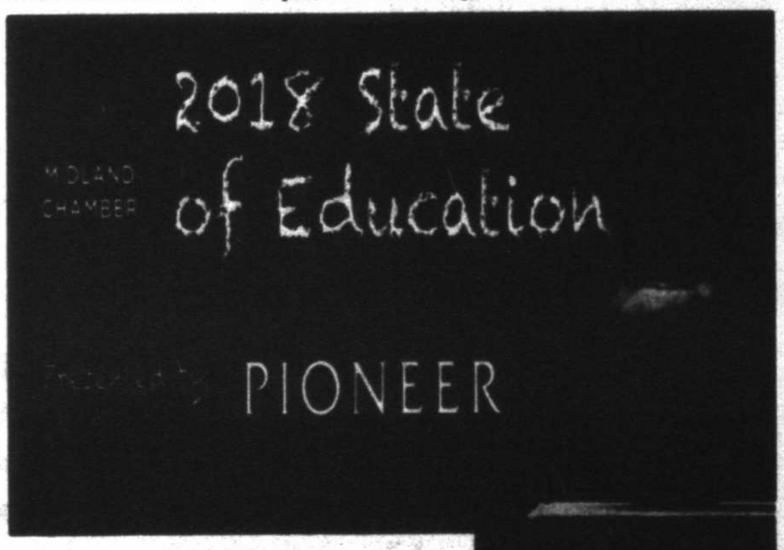


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EYE ON DEVELOPMENT

MDC looks to add in-house engineering staff

By Trevor Hawes
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The Midland Development Corp. is looking to expand its staff to better oversee its current capital improvement projects and to complement the city's engineering department for future projects.

The Type A quarter-cent sales-tax-funded organization already has hired Gary Law to serve as director of its project development efforts.

Law, a retired Texas Department of Transportation civil engineer, presented the MDC board Monday with plans going forward.

"Midland is approaching constraints based on infrastructure," he said.

The MDC has entered into donation agreements with TxDOT on several road projects to leverage funds and get these projects finished faster, including overpasses on East Loop 250. However, as Midland grows, so do the demands for new thoroughfares.

That will require funding, and the MDC wants to be prepared for when federal and state funds are available.

Having projects designed and ready to go increases the chance the city will have access to these funds, Law said.

In-house civil engineering will lessen the need to hire third-party firms and takes the load off of the city, which is focused heavily on executing road bond projects.

Law proposed hiring a design engineer, design technician and an engineer assistant.

Initial costs would be $111,120, and recurring annual costs would be $538,680. Extra office space wouldn't be needed for three additional personnel.

District 4 City Councilman J.Ross Lacy presented several concerns about the plan.

The city already has several vacancies in the engineering department, and he worries the MDC will compete directly with the city on these hard-to-fill positions. Engineering Service Director Jose Ortiz said both entities can share applicants when one might fit better with the other.

Lacy said the MDC's wages must be comparable to the city's.

The councilman also made clear a major stipulation: No more free rides. Neither the city nor the MDC would do any work for the county, TxDOT or other entity without recompense.



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The Vaughn Building, photographed Friday, sits empty despite signage on the windows advertising office and retail space availability for the year 2016.

MDC votes to end Vaughn Building agreement

By Trevor Hawes
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On Monday, the Midland Development Corp. board met for its monthly meeting. Here are some highlights:

■ **Downtown deal killed:** The MDC board voted unanimously to seek a mutual termination agreement with Tuna Investments over redevelopment of the Vaughn Building. In the original deal, the economic development group would reimburse Tuna Investments with $420,000 upon completion of its rehabilitation to the building. The company must have a certificate of occupancy on or before Aug. 31, 2018. Tuna Investments will not meet that deadline, and it was noted that the company owes back taxes. Tuna Investments also must agree to the termination agreement.

■ **Doctor recruitment continues**: The MDC continued its fourth year of partnering with Midland Memorial Hospital in its efforts to bring doctors to the city. The board authorized payment of $205,050.06 to the hospital district for the program. Board members Keith Stretcher and Gary Douglas abstained because of conflicts of interest.

■ **Spending money**: After an amendment to the original item, the board approved obtaining American Express cards for designated employees. Staff cited problems with its current bank that included low credit limits and difficulties being able to use the cards when staff members traveled. Douglas motioned to approve an amendment that there would be a credit limit of no more than $10,000 per card. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

■ **Makerspace participation:** Chairman Brent Hilliard and Stretcher were approved to join the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Incubator and Makerspace Joint Advisory Committee. The MDC has formed a partnership with UTPB that includes turning over a portion of the Center of Energy and Economic Development building to the MDC for the creation of a business incubator and makerspace.

■ **Good to go underground:** The board approved a contract with NC Sturgeon for the construction of sewer stubouts at the David Mims Business Park for a total cost of $16,800, plus $3,200 in contingencies. Weir Oil & Gas is building a multimillion dollar facility at the once-unoccupied business park, and the MDC has agreed to build a road through the area. Water and sewer lines are built beneath the road, and the stubouts will help prevent tearing up the road to extend lines to new businesses.

■ **Financials:** In March, the MDC had $1,107,540.12 in revenue and $269,261.35 in expenses for a net income of $838,278.88. Year-to-date net income is $3,154,171.71. The MDC is funded by the Type A quarter-cent sales tax.

■ **All there:** All board members were in attendance. The MDC board is comprised of Wesley Bowndes, Stephen Lowery, Hilliard, Stretcher and Douglas.

County, city both report sales tax increases

The city of Midland and Midland County raked in the sales tax revenue during the month of April, adding to totals that are on record-setting paces this year.

The city of Midland has collected $28.02 million and is ahead of last year's total through April by more than $7 million.

Not to be outdone, Midland County has collected $28.8 million and is more than $10 million higher than last year's total through April.

Here are the sales tax collection percentage increases (compared to the same month in the previous fiscal year) for both the city and county. Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection.

Month	County	City
October	42	--
November	35	41
December	50	32
January	51	29
February	49	34
March	60	51
April	47	40

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1701 Belmont Street	Manufactured Home	100 Waverly Drive	Residential Alteration	2310 Yoga Brush Road	New Residence
906 N. Weatherford St.	New Residence	3619 Imperial Ave.	Residential Addition	2221 Smith Road	New Residence
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Boston Marathon survivors and responders move on

By William J. Kole
Associated Press

BOSTON — One was an attacker. One was a volunteer first responder. One lost her leg. Another lost his little boy. And a police officer very nearly lost his own life.

Half a decade ago, these five lives probably never would have intersected. Then bombs bloodied the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three spectators, wounding 260 others, and forever linking a villain to his victims and the heroes who rushed to help them.

The attacks of April 15, 2013, touched off a manhunt that mesmerized the world. Boston ordered its people to shelter in place. Red Sox and Bruins games were canceled as police in tactical gear and armored vehicles fanned out across the city. Five days later, one bomber was dead, another was in custody, and locals had united around a social media hashtag that gave voice to their grit and resilience: #BostonStrong.

The Associated Press offers these snapshots for the fifth anniversary of the event:

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev

Then: College classmates knew him as "Jahar" — a goofy young man more interested in getting high than studying. But prosecutors say he and his older brother, Tamerlan, became radicalized after the family moved to the U.S. from Russia in 2002. Chilling video shows the brothers mingling with the crowds near the marathon finish, their backpacks concealing crude pressure-cooker bombs. Prosecutors said they wanted to retaliate against the U.S. for its actions in Muslim countries. Tamerlan was killed days later in a shootout with police; Dzhokhar was captured hiding in a boat.

Now: Tsarnaev, 24, has been on federal death row since his 2015 conviction for deadly use of a weapon of mass destruction and other counts. He is being held at the supermax prison in Florence, Colorado, a lockup nicknamed the "Alcatraz of the Rockies." Jurors approved death by lethal injection, but years — perhaps decades — of appeals await.

In his own words: "Stop killing our innocent people and we will stop," he scribbled inside the boat before his capture .

Rebekah Gregory

Then: Gregory was near the finish line with her 5-year-old son, Noah, and her boyfriend when bomb shrapnel shredded her left leg. She later wed the boyfriend in a fairytale ceremony featured on TLC's "Say Yes to the Dress." But in the emotional aftermath — after enduring dozens of operations in a desperate effort to keep what was left of her leg, she finally had it amputated below the knee to stop her chronic pain — the marriage ended.

Now: Gregory not only survived, but thrived. She married her college sweetheart and moved to Houston, where the Astros put her on a baseball trading card. She had a daughter, Ryleigh, despite being told she probably couldn't have any more children. She established the Rebekah's Angels Foundation to help children with post-traumatic stress disorder. And she wrote a book, "Taking My Life Back."

In her own words: "Normalcy goes out the window. You have to figure out how to piece your life back together. This has made me look at life from a whole different perspective. I wake up just grateful to be alive and to have one more moment with my husband and our beautiful children. You count your blessings or you count your problems."

Carlos Arredondo

Then: Millions know him as the man in the cowboy hat who helped save the life of marathon spectator Jeff Bauman, the double amputee played by Jake Gyllenhaal in the 2017 movie "Stronger." Arredondo had become an anti-war activist and suicide prevention advocate after one son was fatally shot by a sniper in Iraq and another killed himself, and he was at the finish line handing out American flags when the bombs went off. Instantly, Arredondo became a symbol of courage.

Now: Arredondo continues to do whatever he can to help others. He volunteers with the Red Cross, and his Arredondo Family Foundation works to prevent military-related suicides and hand out Thanksgiving turkeys to veterans and their families.

He's now preparing to run his first Boston Marathon.

In his own words: "What many people don't realize is that first responders also go through some of the same trauma as survivors. I've been dealing with some issues, but that doesn't slow me down. It's been an amazing journey."

Bill Richard

Then: Cheering the marathoners at the finish line was part family tradition, part rite of spring, so Richard; his wife, Denise; and their three children were all at the finish that fateful day. Eight-year-old Martin was standing next to one of the bombs; he died on the sidewalk.

The bright-eyed little boy lives on in a widely circulated photo showing him holding a poster he'd created the year before with the message: "No more hurting people — peace."

Now: Richard and his wife astonished many by asking that Tsarnaev be spared the death penalty, if only so their family wouldn't have to relive their ordeal through future appeals proceedings. In Martin's memory, they've since set up a foundation and helped create a new park downtown where kids can play.

In his own words: "Good will always triumph. It's really not even close."

Dic Donohue

Then: When police in suburban Watertown frantically radioed that they were exchanging fire with the suspected marathon bombers, officers from virtually every law enforcement agency imaginable responded. Donohue, a transit police cop, soon found himself in a firefight. A bullet likely fired by a fellow officer severed his femoral artery. Donohue's heart stopped; he had lost so much blood, it had almost nothing left to pump.

Now: After being promoted to sergeant, Donohue retired from the Boston transit police, citing complications from his injuries.

He and his wife since have welcomed a second son and are expecting their third around this year's marathon on April 16, and Donohue has a new career as a public speaker and officer safety trainer.

In his own words: "I try not to dwell on the past. I'm in pain every single day but I don't let it get the best of me. These days I'm making an impact on my community in a completely different way."

Key moments in the Boston Marathon bombing

March 2011: The Russian FSB intelligence security service gives the FBI information that Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with his family, was a follower of radical Islam.

June 2011: The FBI closes the investigation after finding nothing to link Tsarnaev to terrorism.

Sept. 12, 2011: The bodies of three men are found in Waltham, Massachusetts, with their throats slit and marijuana sprinkled on them.

Late 2011: U.S. officials add the Tsarnaevs' mother to a federal terrorism database after Russia contacted the CIA with concerns they were religious militants about to travel to Russia. She later says she has no links to terrorism.

January 2012: Tamerlan Tsarnaev arrives in Russia, where he spends time in two predominantly Muslim provinces, Dagestan and Chechnya.

July 2012: Tsarnaev applies for a new passport in Dagestan but never picks it up, officials say. Russian officials say they have him under surveillance but lose track of him after the death of a Canadian man who had joined an Islamic insurgency in the region.

July 17, 2012: Tsarnaev returns to the U.S.

November 2012: The Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center in Cambridge says Tsarnaev has an outburst that interrupts a sermon about it being acceptable for Muslims to celebrate American holidays.

January 2013: The Islamic Society says Tsarnaev has a second outburst after a sermon that includes praise for civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

April 15, 2013: Bombs go off at the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three people and injuring more than 260 others.

April 16, 2013: Federal agents say they know the bombs were made from pressure cookers packed with explosives, nails and other shrapnel, but they still don't know who detonated them or why.

April 17, 2013: President Barack Obama signs an emergency declaration for Massachusetts and orders federal aid to supplement the local response to the bombings.

April 18, 2013: Investigators release photographs and video of two suspects and ask for the public's help in identifying them. Later that night, a police officer Sean Collier is shot to death in his cruiser, allegedly by Tamerlan and his brother Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Prosecutors say they steal an SUV at gunpoint from a Cambridge gas station. The driver is held for about a half-hour and then released unharmed.

April 19, 2013: The Tsarnaevs have an early-morning gun battle with authorities who have tracked them to suburban Watertown. Tamerlan, who is also run over by his younger brother, dies. Dzhokhar escapes around 6 a.m. All mass transit is shut down. That order is lifted at around 6:30 p.m., just before authorities trace Dzhokhar to a Watertown backyard, where he is found hiding in a boat and taken into custody.

April 22, 2013: Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who was injured in the shootout, is charged in his hospital room with using and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction.

April 30, 2013: Two friends of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev are charged with attempting to destroy evidence by disposing of a backpack and laptop computer taken from his room after they found he was a suspect in the bombing. Another is charged with lying to investigators.

May 9, 2013: Tamerlan Tsarnaev is buried in rural Virginia after a weeklong search for a cemetery willing to take the body.

May 22, 2013: An FBI agent in Orlando, Florida, fatally shoots Ibragim Todashev, a friend of Tamerlan Tsarnaev's, after he lunges at law enforcement officials questioning him about the Waltham killings. Officials say that before he died, he had agreed to give a statement about his involvement.

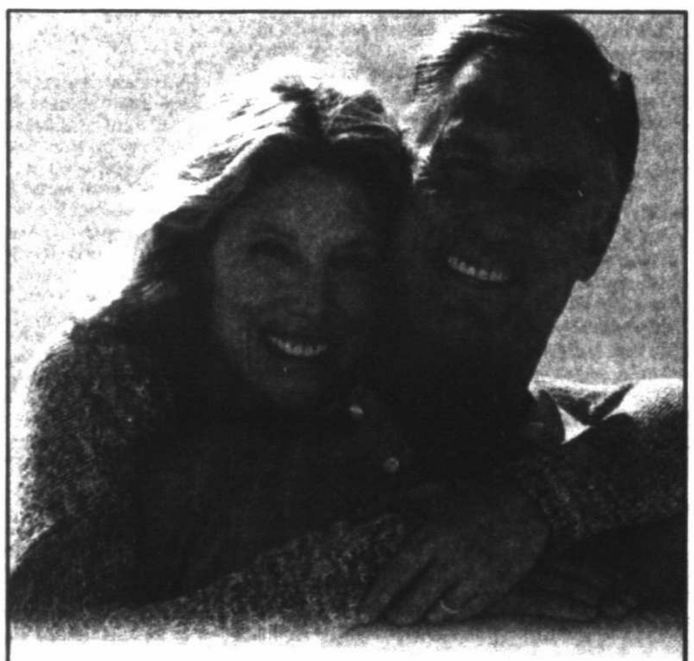
July 10, 2013: Dzhokhar Tsarnaev pleads not guilty to 30 federal charges.

July 23, 2013: Marc Fucarile is the last survivor of the bombings to leave the hospital.

Jan. 30, 2014: Prosecutors announce they will seek the death penalty against Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

April 8, 2015: Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is convicted of all 30 federal counts against him.

May 15, 2015: Tsarnaev is sentenced to death; the case is likely to go through years of appeals. He is being held at the Supermax prison in Florence, Colorado.



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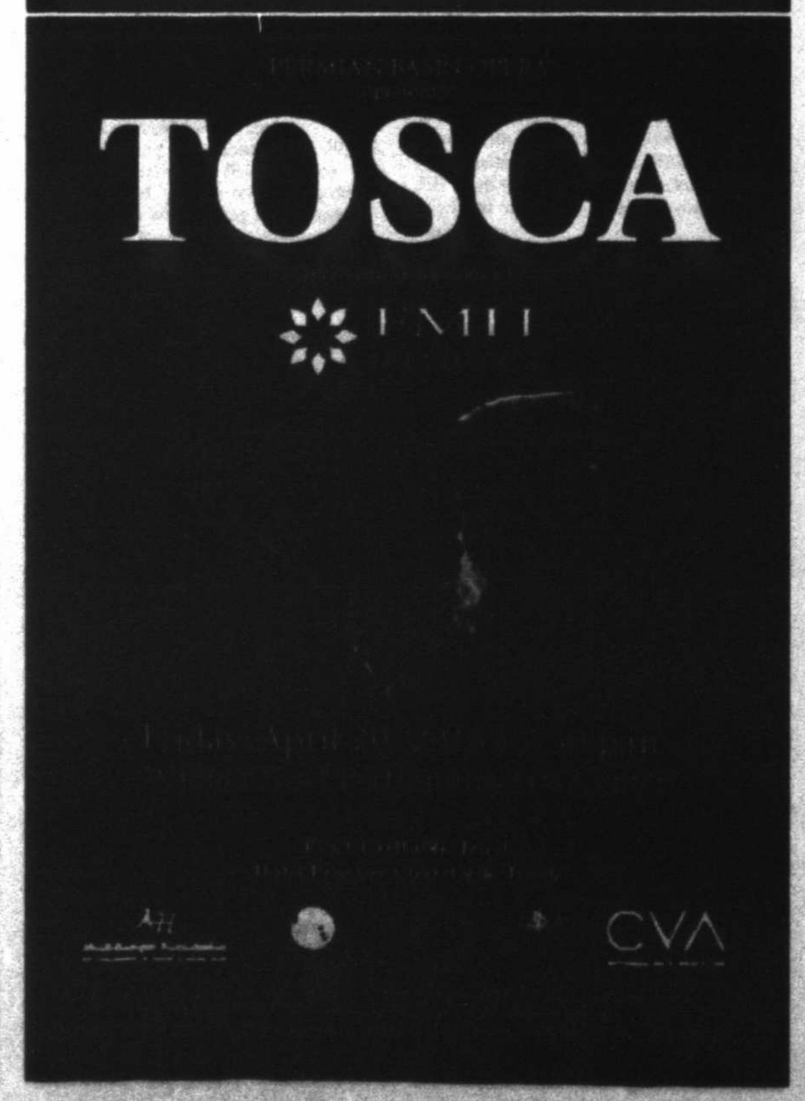
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Trump claims success in Syria, but chemical weapons remain

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday declared "Mission Accomplished" for a U.S.-led allied missile attack on Syria's chemical weapons program, but the Pentagon said the pummeling of three chemical-related facilities left enough others intact to enable the Assad government to use banned weapons against civilians if it chooses.

"A perfectly executed strike," Trump tweeted after U.S., French and British warplanes and ships launched more than 100 missiles nearly unopposed by Syrian air defenses. "Could not have had a better result. Mission Accomplished!"

His choice of words recalled a similar claim associated with President George W. Bush following the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Bush addressed sailors aboard a Navy ship in May 2003 alongside a "Mission Accomplished" banner, just weeks before it became apparent that Iraqis had organized an insurgency that tied down U.S. forces for years.

The nighttime Syria assault was carefully limited to minimize civilian casualties and avoid direct conflict with Syria's key ally, Russia, but confusion arose over the extent to which Washington warned Moscow in advance. The Pentagon said it gave no explicit warning. The U.S. ambassador in Moscow, John Huntsman, said in a video, "Before we took action, the United States communicated with" Russia to "reduce the danger of any Russian or civilian casualties."

Dana W. White, the chief Pentagon spokeswoman, said that, to her knowledge, no one in the Defense Department communicated with Moscow in advance, other than the acknowledged use of a military-to-military hotline that has routinely helped minimize the risk of U.S.-Russian collisions or confrontations in Syrian airspace. Officials said this did not include giving Russian advance notice of where or when allied airstrikes would happen.

Russia has military forces, including air defenses, in several areas of Syria to support President Bashar Assad in his long war against anti-government rebels.

Russia and Iran called the use of force by the United States and its allies a "military crime" and "act of aggression." The U.N. Security Council met to debate the strikes, but rejected a Russian resolution calling for condemnation of the "aggression" by the three Western allies.

Trump's U.N. ambassador, Nikki Haley, told the session that the president has made it clear that if Assad uses poison gas again, "the United States is locked and loaded."

Assad denies he has used chemical weapons, and the Trump administration has yet to present hard evidence of what it says precipitated the allied missiles attack: a chlorine gas attack on civilians in Douma on April 7. The U.S. says it suspects that sarin gas also was used.

"Good souls will not be humiliated," Assad tweeted, while hundreds of Syrians gathered in Damascus, the capital, where they flashed victory signs and waved flags in scenes of defiance after the early morning barrage.

The strikes "successfully hit every target," White told reporters at the Pentagon. The military said there were three targets: the Barzah chemical weapons research and development site in the Damascus area, a chemical weapons storage facility near Homs and a chemical weapons "bunker" a few miles from the second target.

Although officials said the singular target was Assad's chemical weapons capability, his air force, including helicopters he allegedly has used to drop chemical weapons on civilians, were spared. In a U.S. military action a year ago in response to a sarin gas attack, the Pentagon said missiles took out nearly 20 percent of the Syrian air force.

As of Saturday, neither Syria nor its Russian or Iranian allies retaliated, Pentagon officials said.

The U.S.-led operation won broad Western support. The NATO alliance gave its full backing; NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said in Brussels that the attack was about ensuring that chemical weapons cannot be used with impunity.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel called the attack "necessary and appropriate."

In his televised address from the White House on Friday evening, Trump said the U.S. was prepared to sustain economic, diplomatic and military pressure on Assad until the Syrian leader ends what Trump called a criminal pattern of killing his own people with internationally banned chemical weapons. That did not mean military strikes would continue. In fact, Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said no additional attacks were planned.

Asked about Trump's "Mission Accomplished" assertion, White said it pointed to the successful targeting of three Syrian chemical weapons sites. What happens next, she said, is up to Assad and to his Russian and Iranian allies.

Marine Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie, director of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, said the allied airstrikes "took out the heart" of Assad's chemical weapons arsenal. He said the missiles hit the "sweet spot," doing the expected level of damage while minimizing the unintentional release of toxic fumes that could be harmful to nearby civilians.



Hassan Ammar/Associated Press

Firefighters extinguish smoke that rises from the damage of the Syrian Scientific Research Center, which was attacked by U.S., British and French military strikes Saturday to punish President Bashar Assad for suspected chemical attack against civilians, in Barzeh, near Damascus, Syria.

When pressed, he acknowledged that some unspecified portion of Assad's chemical arms infrastructure was not targeted.

"There is still a residual element of the Syrian program that is out there," McKenzie said, adding, "I'm not going to say they're going to be unable to continue to conduct a chemical attack in the future. I suspect, however, they'll think long and hard about it."

Assad's Barzah research and development center in Damascus was destroyed, McKenzie said. "It does not exist anymore."

A former officer in Syria's chemical program, Adulsalam Abdulrazek, said Saturday the joint U.S., British, and French strikes hit "parts of but not the heart" of the program. He said the strikes were unlikely to curb the government's ability to produce or launch new attacks. Speaking from rebel-held northern Syria, Abdulrazek told The Associated Press there were perhaps 50 warehouses in Syria that stored chemical weapons before the program was dismantled in 2013.

Vice President Mike Pence, in Peru for a meeting of regional leaders, said "there will be a price to pay" involving military force if Syrian chemical weapons are used again.

Disputing the Russian military's contention that Syrian air defense units downed 71 allied missiles, McKenzie said no U.S. or allies missiles were stopped. He said Syria's air defenses were ineffective and that many of the more than 40 surface-to-air missiles fired by the Syrians were launched after the allied attack was over. He said the U.S. knew of no civilians killed by allied missiles.

McKenzie said 105 U.S. and allied missiles were fired, of which 66 were Tomahawk cruise missiles launched from aboard three U.S. Navy ships and one Navy submarine. U.S., British and French attack aircraft, including two U.S. Air Force B-1B strategic bombers, launched stealthy, long-range missiles from outside Syrian airspace, officials said.

A global chemical warfare watchdog group, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, said its fact-finding mission would go as planned in Douma.

Russian leader Vladimir Putin reaffirmed the Kremlin's skepticism about the allies' Douma claim, saying Russian military experts had found no trace of the attack. He criticized the U.S. and its allies for launching the strike without waiting for international inspectors to complete their visit to the area.

Harvard poll of youth vote shows Democratic energy for midterms

By John McCormick
Bloomberg

More young voters say they'll definitely vote in November than have in the last two midterm elections and they increasingly would rather have Democrats than Republicans in control of Congress, a poll released Tuesday by Harvard University's Institute of Politics shows.

The survey of adults ages 18 to 29 also reveals younger Americans have greater trust in Amazon and Google than Facebook and Twitter. Those findings come as Facebook Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg is set to testify at the Capitol on Tuesday and Wednesday to answer questions about data privacy, fake news, foreign interference in elections, and hate speech.

More than a third of young Americans eligible to cast ballots in November — 37 percent — say they'll "definitely be voting" in the elections seven months from now that will decide control of the House of Representatives and the Senate. That's higher than the poll recorded at about the same point in 2010 and 2014, the two most recent midterm elections, when 31 percent and 23 percent answered that way.

"This generation of young Americans is as engaged as we have ever seen them in a midterm election cycle," said John Della Volpe, the institute's polling director.

But expectations of a great surge in voting by America's youth have been dashed in the past. Turnout in presidential election years is always higher and even former presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama — two candidates who had a strong appeal to young voters — were only able to draw just more than half of this age group to vote in their first elections. In years when the White House is in play, it's typical for 7 in 10 senior citizens to vote.

Young, self-identified Democrats are driving almost all of the increased enthusiasm, the survey found, with 51 percent saying they'll "definitely" vote. That's a 9 percentage point increase since November 2017 and is significantly larger than the 36 percent of Republicans who say the same.

At this point in the 2014 election, midway through Obama's second term, 28 percent of Democrats and 31 percent of Republicans indicated that they would "definitely" be voting, while 35 percent of Democrats and 41 percent of Republicans held a similar interest in voting in the spring of 2010. In that election, Republicans took control of the House from the Democrats.

Preference for Democratic control of Congress has grown since the institute's young voter poll last November, with 69 percent supporting Democrats and 28 percent Republicans. That 41-point gap is up from 32 points in the last survey.

The November election will determine whether Trump will be able to advance his agenda during the last two years of his first term. Recent special elections that reaped Democrats an Alabama Senate seat and a House seat in Pennsylvania along with turnout in primaries hint at a building anti-GOP wave.

Among the 18-29 age group, 25 percent approve of the job Trump is doing as president, while 72 percent disapprove. By comparison, Trump's overall approval rating among all adults in Gallup's most recent poll was 41 percent.

Almost half — 45 percent — say they trust Amazon all or most of the time, while 44 percent say that of Google. Just 27 percent have that level of trust in Twitter, while 26 percent do for Facebook.

The survey of 2,631 Americans ages 18 to 29 was taken March 8-25. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points on the full sample.

Trump uses phrase that haunted Bush: 'Mission Accomplished!'

By Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As he declares the U.S.-led airstrikes against Syria a success, President Donald Trump is adopting a phrase that a previous president came to regret — "mission accomplished."

On Saturday, Trump tweeted: "A perfectly executed strike last night.

Thank you to France and the United Kingdom for their wisdom and the power of their fine Military.

Could not have had a better result. Mission Accomplished!"

In May 2003, President George W. Bush stood on an aircraft carrier under a giant "Mission Accomplished" banner and declared that "major combat operations in Iraq have ended" — just six weeks after the invasion.

But the war dragged on for many years after that and the banner became a symbol of U.S. misjudgments and mistakes in the long and costly conflict. Bush was heavily criticized for the move.

After shifting explanations, the White House eventually said the "Mission Accomplished" phrase referred to the carrier's crew completing its 10-month mission, not the military completing its mission in Iraq.

Bush, in October 2003, disavowed any connection with the "Mission Accomplished" message.

He said the White House had nothing to do with the banner; a spokesman later said the ship's crew asked for the sign and the White House staff had it made by a private vendor.

Said Dana Perino, former White House press secretary, in 2008: "We have certainly paid a price for not being more specific on that banner."

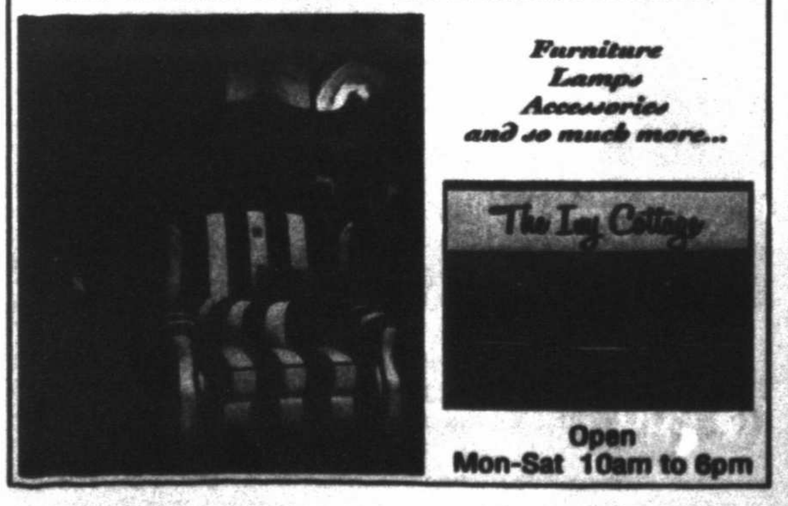
The Pentagon backed Trump's assertion in his tweet Saturday, with chief Pentagon spokeswoman Dana White saying: "We met our objectives. We hit the sites, the heart of the chemical weapons program. So it was mission accomplished."

She added, "What happens next depends on what the Assad regime decides to do."

Ari Fleischer, who was White House press secretary at the time of the aircraft carrier speech, tweeted Saturday: "I would have recommended ending this tweet with not those two words."

Revisiting the situation with Bush, he noted that the crew had asked for the sign and said Bush offered more nuanced remarks.

But, he acknowledged, the "shot of Bush with the banner became a symbol of what went wrong."





Could the Fed's rate hikes trigger a debt bomb?

By Satyajit Das
Bloomberg

The U.S. Federal Reserve minutes released Wednesday show that central bank officials are increasingly committed to raising rates and shrinking the bank's balance sheet. While economic signs remain mixed, continued growth, rising inflationary expectations, tightening labor markets and the need to temper asset prices would all seem to argue in favor of higher rates.

Other central banks are likely to follow. The Bank of England and the European Central Bank have foreshadowed normalization of interest rates. The ECB seems likely to scale back its bond purchases. Markets are now factoring in multiple U.S. interest rate rises in 2018. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note has risen from 2.4 percent to 2.8 percent in 2018 alone.

Rising rates seem like a valedictory return to "normality" — a marker of how successful the central banks' heroic actions to counter the Great Recession were. What the celebration misses, though, is how swelling levels of debt will amplify the effect of any rate rises.

According to the Institute of International Finance, global debt reached a record $237 trillion in 2017 — more than 327 percent of global GDP. Since 2007, when borrowing levels were a key factor in the financial crisis, debt has increased by $68 trillion, or more than 50 percent of global GDP.

In developed markets, the ratio of debt-to-GDP is around 380 percent. In emerging markets, the ratio is above 200 percent. While the rate of growth has slowed, this is only because of higher GDP growth — driven, in part, by increased borrowing. A decade of unprecedently low global rates and abundant liquidity appears to have encouraged a spree of public and private debt accumulation.

If the current calm is an argument for raising interest rates, those higher rates may in turn be more destabilizing than many anticipate. This will be especially true if U.S. rate hikes flow through into other markets, as they did during the 2013 "taper tantrum."

For one thing, higher interest rates will exacerbate the risk of financial distress for highly indebted corporate and sovereign borrowers. This will particularly affect illiquid, riskier corporate and high-yield bonds, which have attracted significant attention as investors have sought out yield in the prevailing low-return environment.

Losses will flow into the banking sector. Since the start of 2018, the LIBOR-overnight index swap spread -- a metric of bank credit risk — has increased from around 0.2 percent to 0.6 percent. The increase reflects, in part, a risk premium for the uncertain effects of U.S. monetary policy, increasing bank credit risk and rising demand for funds to guard against anticipated market stress.

Second, higher rates will generate large mark-to-market losses on existing debt holdings. The loss from a 1 percent increase in U.S. government bond interest rates would exceed $2 trillion globally. Losses on corporate and other securities would add to the damage. Holders may be forced to raise capital or liquidate, compounding the pressure on rates. For banks, such losses could constrain their capacity to supply credit.

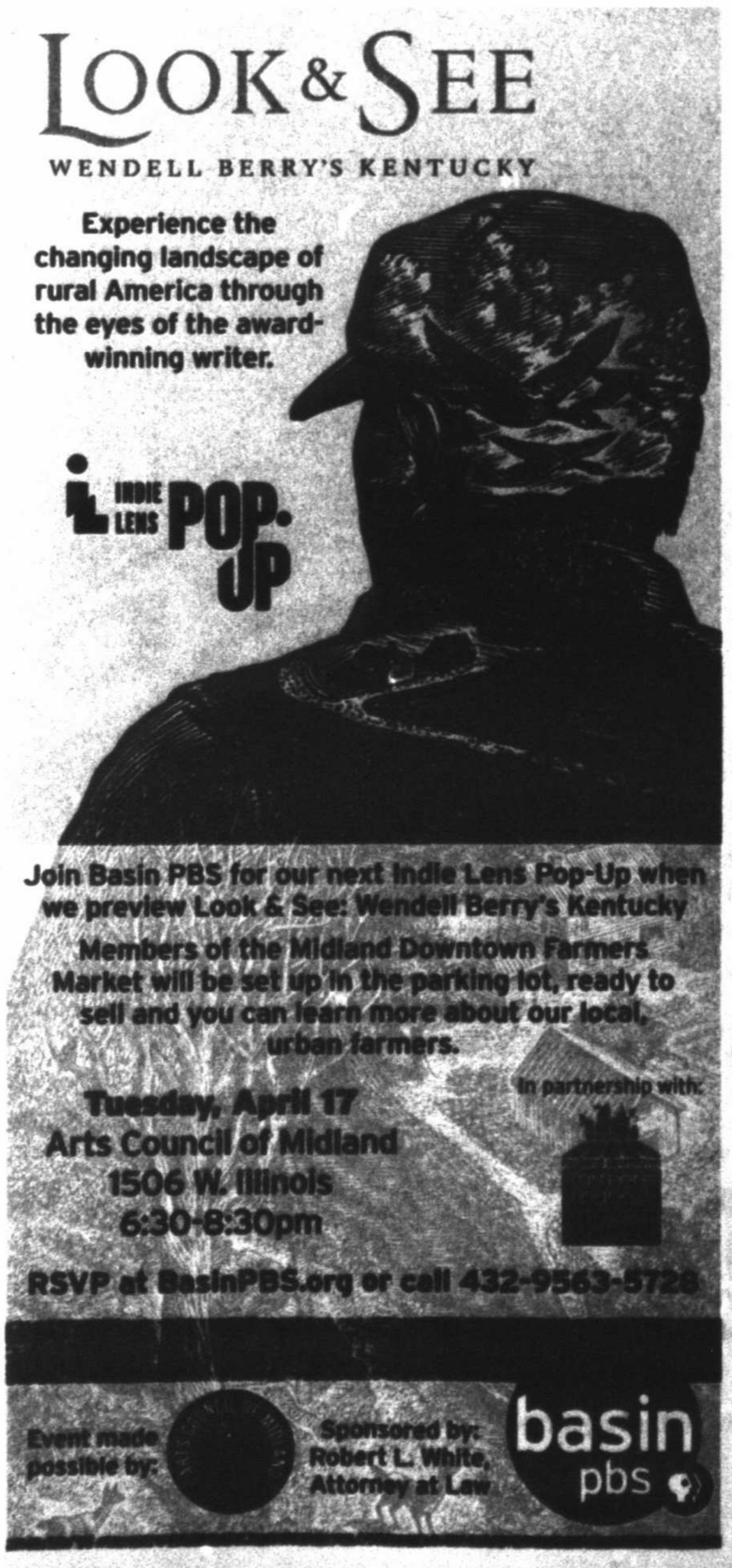
Third, higher interest rates will drive investors to switch from stocks and other risky assets to bonds. Lower stock prices may affect the collateral value securing financings. The debt-funded share buybacks and acquisitions that have propped up equity prices will slow down.

Fourth, higher rates will divert cash to servicing debt. This will dampen economic activity, as companies reduce their investments in the real economy and households, burdened by record levels of borrowing in several countries, cut back on their purchases.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, higher rates will restrict the ability of governments to deploy fiscal stimulus to extend and solidify the recovery. The U.S. is headed for trillion-dollar annual budget deficits from 2020, driven by tax cuts and higher public spending. Higher rates and rising deficits will sharply increase the amount needed for debt service as a percentage of expenditure. According to the Congressional Budget Office, net interest payments would rise to 3.1 percent of GDP in 2028, up from 1.6 percent in 2018. The problem will be compounded if growth slows because of higher rates, as well as other factors such as trade disputes and geopolitical stresses.

The idea that higher interest rates don't matter because they will simply reallocate cash between borrowers and lenders is misleading. It assumes that the easy money of the past decade was spent productively and is generating the earnings required to service the borrowing. In fact, to a substantial degree, borrowings simply financed consumption and leveraged purchases of existing assets rather than new investment. At higher interest rates, many borrowers won't be able to service the debt they've incurred. The Fed and others had better be prepared for a return to "normal" that's anything but.







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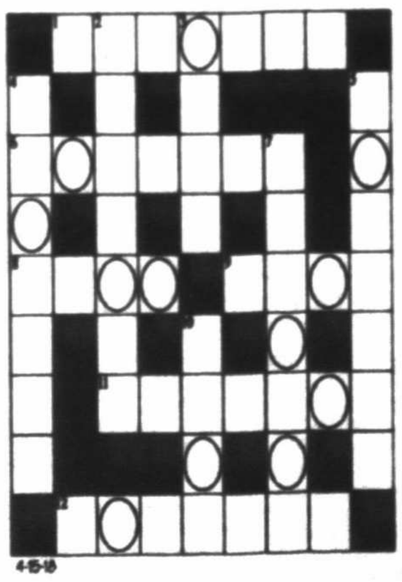
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1. Huge	VISMASE
6. Reach a goal	HACIVEE
8. Muppet character	MLEO
9. Half's transaction	EDLA
11. ___ menu	RESSEDT
12. Order	TANMAED

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
2. Regretful	HASDEAM
3. Spotted	ESNE
4. Splendor	JSETAYM
5. Puncture	FTEALED
7. H or He	MTENEEL
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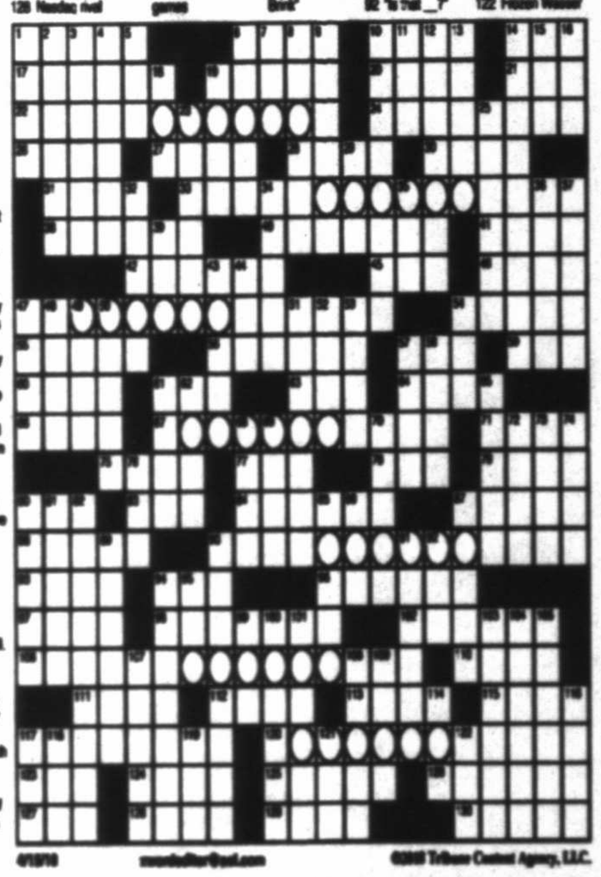
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10 Langston Hughes poem
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19 Hum-dinger of an instrument?
20 It's composed of essences
21 Crew member
22 Coastal casino center
24 Block-stacking building
26 Champagne word
27 Indian nurse
28 First name in architecture
30 Out of concern that
31 Noodle concoction?
33 Current route
38 Charlie Brown correspondent
40 Lights into
41 It floods Florence periodically
42 Straightens up
45 "We need a call"
46 Costa ___
47 Chinese and Vietnamese
54 Paramilitary sort
55 Poppycock
56 Some decision makers
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60 Source of stress, probably
61 Like this arm
63 St. Pete's place
64 Gnash
66 Hamlet's hand
67 Hotel evaluation system
71 Twinkle time?
75 Builder's need
77 "___ the fields we go ..."
78 Common Market letters
79 Advanced, as old age
80 Tell
83 Courses for col. credit
84 Third-least populous state
87 Staples Center player
88 Ladybug's lunch
89 Three-dimensional arrangement of atoms inside a diamond, say
93 Acidity-correcting fertilizer
94 Asian honorific
96 Watching closely
97 Bot. branch
98 Like a well-grounded argument
102 Play the flute
106 Article seen daily
110 Lab vessel
111 Mystery writer Nevada ___
112 Middle of a Latin trio
113 Wind won't a warning
115 Regrets
117 Pretends
120 Website evaluation tool
123 Champagne word
124 Iota
125 Long love follower?
126 One getting smashed at a bash?
127 Tots
128 Nasdaq, next
129 Ladies of Sp.
130 Flippant

DOWN

1 Q-tip
2 Speak without restraint
3 Refer (to)
4 Typewriter roller
5 D.C. VIP
6 Papier- ___
7 Action film weapon
8 Sacred songs
9 Journalist Bill inducted into the TV Hall of Fame in 1995
10 Follies
11 Private eye
12 Washington Monument, for one
13 Additional
14 Ebb or Klein
15 Beetle juice?
16 Boiling state
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50 Creator of many talking animals
51 To the extent that
52 Cabbage
53 Movies of "The Bird"
54 Frying pan spray
57 Scrolling unit
58 Frisbee, e.g.
61 "Immediately!"
62 Forklift load: Abbr.
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'Fox & Friends': Influence comes with the president's ear

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's the epicenter of television journalism, the most influential news show on the air. But "Fox & Friends" doesn't feel that way.

Fox News Channel's day-opener seems much like it has for 20 years, a peppy talk show about news that advances a conservative point of view, and is mocked by some critics for a lack of intellectual rigor.

The difference now is that one of its regular viewers is the most powerful person in the world, who takes his cues from what he sees.

Sympathetic minds

"Fox & Friends" originates from a cavernous, two-story Manhattan studio that overlooks Sixth Avenue, where the push of a button sends banks of lights or even a chandelier descending from the ceiling. During a break in the show one day, Steve Doocy bites into a Chick-fil-A breakfast sandwich. Brian Kilmeade scrolls through a tablet and Ainsley Earhardt pulls on a green coat to ward off an early spring chill.

Roughly 1.5 million people watch "Fox & Friends" each day, more than its counterparts at CNN and MSNBC and less than half the audiences for "Good Morning America" or "Today."

Donald Trump is no stranger to the three hosts — he was a weekly guest to talk about the news before he ran for president — so it doesn't surprise them that he still follows the show.

"As much as he might like us, and I think he does, I think it's mostly he understands our audience," Kilmeade said. "That's why he ran for president. He didn't run for president to be king of New York, or king of Washington. He knows we have a lot of viewers and he relates best to our viewers."

Trump's tweets and actions frequently correspond with segments on "Fox & Friends."

His move to send National Guard troops to the border with Mexico came after the show reported on a caravan of immigrants headed north. When "F&F" hosts denounced the recent spending bill as bloated the morning after it passed, Trump threatened a veto. Puzzling tweets about a U.S. spying law up for renewal so confused lawmakers that Democratic Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia tweeted the bill "is something the President should have known about long before he turned on Fox this morning."

It's no exaggeration to say that "Fox & Friends" anchors and commentators have effectively become White House policy advisers, Mike Allen noted in the influential Axios newsletter.

Earhardt, the show's newcomer, said it would be arrogant to think that the hosts are telling the president what to do.

"I guess in the back of my mind I occasionally think he could be watching," she said. "But it doesn't affect anything that I say, my opinions or how I report the news."

"We give our opinion," Doocy said. "We're not in the policy business."

You talking to me?

The awareness that Trump is watching is occasionally evident on the air. "You know what, Mr. President, that's a good point," Doocy said after reading one of Trump's tweets in February. Analyst Andrew Napolitano offered advice earlier this month when the topic of Trump being interviewed by Special Counsel Robert Mueller was raised. "Stay away from that, Mr. President," Napolitano said.

Trump has spoken directly to the show, like in one tweet: "Thank you to @foxandfriends for the great timeline on all of the failures the Obama Administration had against Russia!" And he appeared to answer when Kilmeade said Trump made a mistake to use a vulgarity to refer to African countries. Trump tweeted that morning that his words were tough but "this was not the language used."

While some Fox personalities are known to dine with or talk regularly with Trump, the hosts say they haven't spoken with him since he's been president.

In Washington, lawmakers frequently try to get airtime on Fox when they are trying to get Trump's ear on policy matters, said congressional aides who sought anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss private thinking.

That's not the only way to deliver a message. "Fox & Friends" earned nearly $9 million in advertising revenue in January, up from $7.3 million in January 2017, according to Kantar Media, a clear sign of the show's increased stature. With demand up, Fox says it has substantially increased its rates and welcomed new advertisers.

Gavin Hadden, "Fox & Friends" executive producer who worked his way up the ranks in a dozen years with the show, said he was unaware of instances when it seemed clear a guest was trying to communicate with the president. He's concerned it could affect the quality of the show if the president's interest became a preoccupation.

"We put the same show on the air that we have for years," Hadden said. "We're trying to have a conversation with the American people. We're not trying to lecture them. We're trying to relay the stories to them that we think they care about most. And if one of those people happens to be in the White House listening, good for him."

Zigging and zagging

President Roger Ailes? When Fox's late CEO was alive, "Fox & Friends" was widely seen as his primary vehicle for expressing the political message he wanted to emphasize that day. Think of the power he'd have with Trump listening.

Today's "Fox & Friends" has more news, and fewer lifestyle segments, than it used to have but that's primarily a function of the times. It essentially runs on a formula carefully honed over two decades, and Hadden said he listens closely to viewers to deliver what Fox believes they want to hear.

The show's opinions are less heavy-handed than baked in. Guest host Pete Hegseth, for example, introduced a story about a Democratic proposal on gun safety by saying, "If they can't take away your guns, they want your bullets." Frequent topics include immigration, sanctuary cities and disrespect for the flag or military.

What doesn't get talked about is also significant. On a day when much of Washington speculated about the future of EPA chief Scott Pruitt because of reports about his spending, "Fox & Friends" didn't cover the story. That day's show did include segments on an Indiana town where the economy was so strong it couldn't fill jobs, and a North Carolina man who spoke up to local legislators about gun restrictions.

The morning after 22 million people saw a "60 Minutes" interview with Stormy Daniels about her alleged affair with Trump, the story dominated other news programs but was mentioned briefly on "Fox & Friends" news rundowns. Ask the hosts why the story got relatively little play, and they offer different theories. Doocy said the show likes to zig when others zag, Earhardt said Fox recognized it might be an uncomfortable subject for families tuning in, while Kilmeade suggested Daniels made little news.



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"Fox & Friends" co-hosts, from left, Steve Doocy, Ainsley Earhardt and Brian Kilmeade appear on their set Jan. 17 in New York.

Kilmeade said "Fox & Friends" is an alternative to the "hate" for Trump that he believes is clearly evident on rivals CNN and MSNBC.

"It's not like, 'I disagree with him.' ... It's like, 'this guy is unworthy, he's unqualified, he's unhinged, he's mentally unbalanced,'" Kilmeade said. "Really? Because you don't agree with him? Because his approach is different? Can you have respect for the people who put him into office? At the very least, dissect what he's saying and not ridicule him personally or his family."

Critics

Presidents are usually cognizant of how they're being covered; President Lyndon Johnson had three television sets installed in the Oval Office to watch the evening news and famously worried that he lost the support of the American public when CBS anchor Walter Cronkite editorialized against the Vietnam War.

The degree to which "Fox & Friends" directly influences Trump is highly unusual, said Mitchell Stephens, a New York University professor and journalism historian.

"It's definitely a hall of mirrors effect with Fox and President Trump," Stephens said. "They are building their audience with his supporters, so they are positive toward him, with a few honorable exceptions. He wants the praise, so it works for him. One fears that reality itself is getting lost in the hall of mirrors."

The show attracts some vivid vitriol from critics. The Washington Post's Erik Wemple wrote that the "stupendously idiotic" show is essentially "'Hannity' with smiles." Columnist Richard Cohen said that "it is to journalism what pornography is to sex." The New York Times' Charles M. Blow denounced it for a "kindergarten-level intellectual capacity."

Hadden and the show's anchors said they don't believe the show's critics actually watch it.

The criticism annoys one conservative, Tim Graham of the Media Research Center watchdogs. "I have been in many Hampton Inns over the years and people watch it over breakfast," he said. "It's a pleasant, perky show." He wondered where people who didn't want to begin their morning with a steady stream of attacks on Trump would turn to besides "Fox & Friends."

"We're the only channel doing what we're doing," Earhardt said. "There isn't anyone else. There is a need for that. There is a need to represent middle America, and I think we do that. With that, comes the support of the president."

Many TV executives are trying to follow 'Roseanne' down the path of 1990s revivals, but they'll face a lot of pitfalls

Steven Zeitchik
The Washington Post

Roseanne Conner's return to her famed couch may be giving agita to anti-Trump activists and bringing discomfort to some ABC employees.

But it's heartening to another group: the many television insiders with 1990's revivals in the pipeline.

For the past year or so, television has been engaged in a quiet bid to resurrect the decade of flannel, as executives address ratings woes by packaging Clinton-era characters for nostalgia-thirsty audiences.

Murphy Brown and her "FYI" team will be prepping new investigative stories for CBS this fall.

"Will & Grace," who began hearting and hugging in September, will continue doing so on NBC not only for a second but a third season. Netflix is currently shooting a new "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," which, unlike the revivals (same tone and cast), will be a reboot (different tone and cast).

Even musicians are getting in on the act. Next week TBS will bring back a second season of its reboot of classic game show "The Joker's Wild" with that most quintessential of 1990's pop-culture figures, Snoop Dogg.

Yet while many see salvation in the '90s revival craze, others question whether the early success of "Roseanne" can be replicated-and how much the business would benefit even if it could.

"I think any time you get those kinds of numbers it's good for those shows but also good for television as a whole, because it means people are watching," said Greg Berlanti, the film director and television producer, articulating the pro-revival camp's position. Berlanti ("Love, Simon") is behind the new "Sabrina," a more darkly inflected Netflix series titled "The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina."

But others wonder about both the trend's appeal and long-term health.

"I understand that networks want brands to hold on to," said Jane Rosenthal, the longtime producing collaborator of Robert De Niro and co-founder of the Tribeca Film Festival, which later this month will premiere a "Karate Kid" TV revival titled "Cobra Kai." "But does it make for something original?"

"Roseanne's" popularity has been hard to deny. The first two episodes in the revived ABC series garnered a whopping 18.2 million viewers two weeks ago.

That's more than any other show drew in the entirety of 2017 save one.

The follow-up episodes notched solid totals of 15.2 million and 13.5 million viewers, respectively, though whether nostalgia or politics has fueled the series' success remains up for debate. This all after a revived "Will & Grace" debuted to more than 10 million viewers on NBC last fall.

"There's a comfort food (appeal) from a simpler time, like why people still eat Lucky Charms or Honeycomb," said Snoop Dogg, taking a break on a recent afternoon from taping on a Sony soundstage, where in a velvet maroon jacket he had been presiding over Dogg-ish game-show categories like "Fro Back Thursday" and "Go Yeezy On Me." "And people need comfort food right now," he said.

This television mac 'n cheese couldn't come along at a better time for Hollywood. It has been a rough era for the major broadcast networks, which rely on ratings to sell ads and ads to pay the bills.

Last year, every network suffered declines in the key 18-49 demographic. NBC did the best, and even it dropped 8 percent from the prior year. Fox performed worst, down 17 percent.

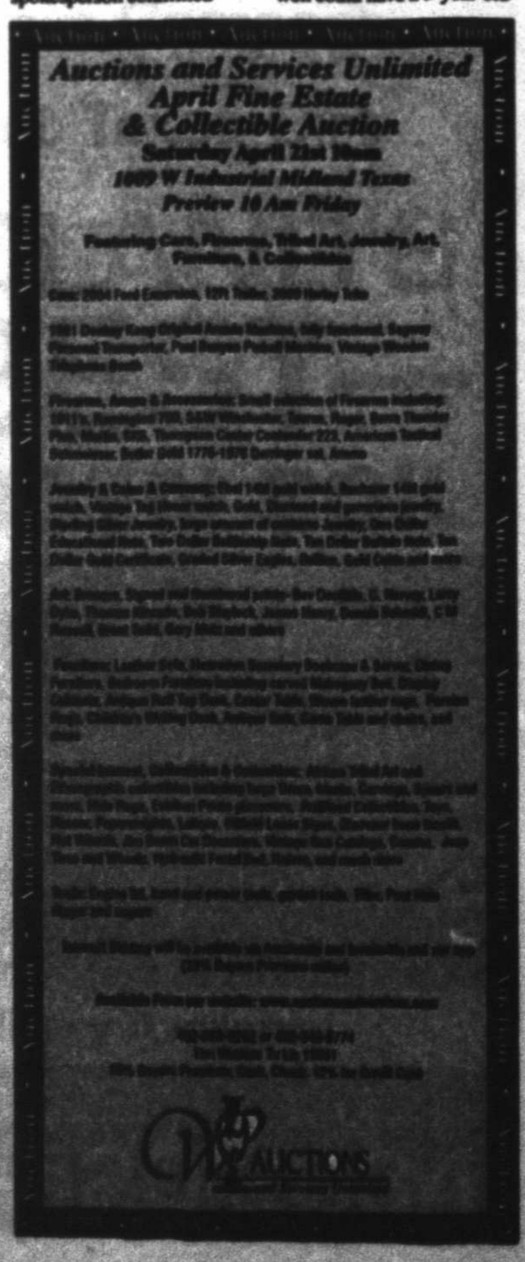
A well-calibrated revival might change that. "Roseanne's" debut earlier this month reignited interest not just in the series but the very concept of big "overnight" ratings — the idea, thought obsolete with the advent of streaming and DVRs, that the right scripted programming can draw a large audience to simultaneously watch a show the first time it airs.

Hoping to drum up similar mojo, the WB has ordered a pilot for a "Charmed" reboot, recasting the witchy sisters who first took to the airwaves in the late 1990s and making them 2018-ready. Danny Jacobson and Paul Reiser, who created NBC's 1990s marital staple "Mad About You," have been in talks with studio Sony to revive the show; reached by The Washington Post, a Sony spokesperson confirmed talks but said no deals have been signed.

The barrage of throwbacks can partly be chalked up to demographics, creators say.

The '90s land in that sweet spot of appealing both to adults who spent their formative years watching these shows and their children who are now old enough to enjoy them — a kind of millennial reproductive effect. If you were 9 in 1990, you well could have a 9-year-old

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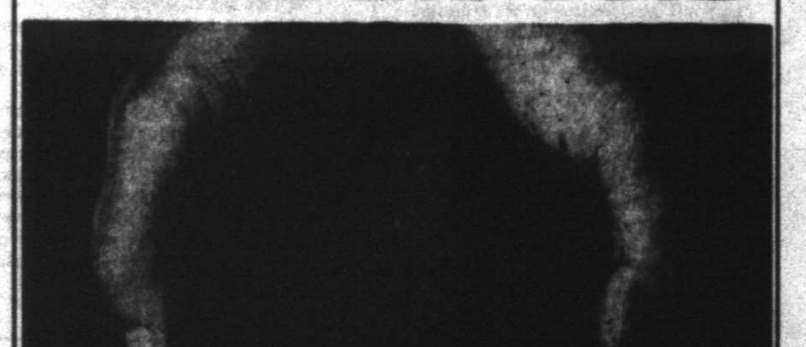
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According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, in 2016, the average consumer unit (household) in the United States spent 33 percent of their income on housing. According to ALN Apartment Data (March, 2018), the average 2-bedroom apartment in Midland rents for $1,330 per month (35 percent higher than one year ago).

Using this data, a single person with one child would need to make approximately $31 per hour to spend the average of 33 percent of their net income on renting a two-bedroom apartment in Midland. Per PEW Charitable Trusts, low-income families spend close to 50 percent of their income on housing, not leaving money for other life necessities.

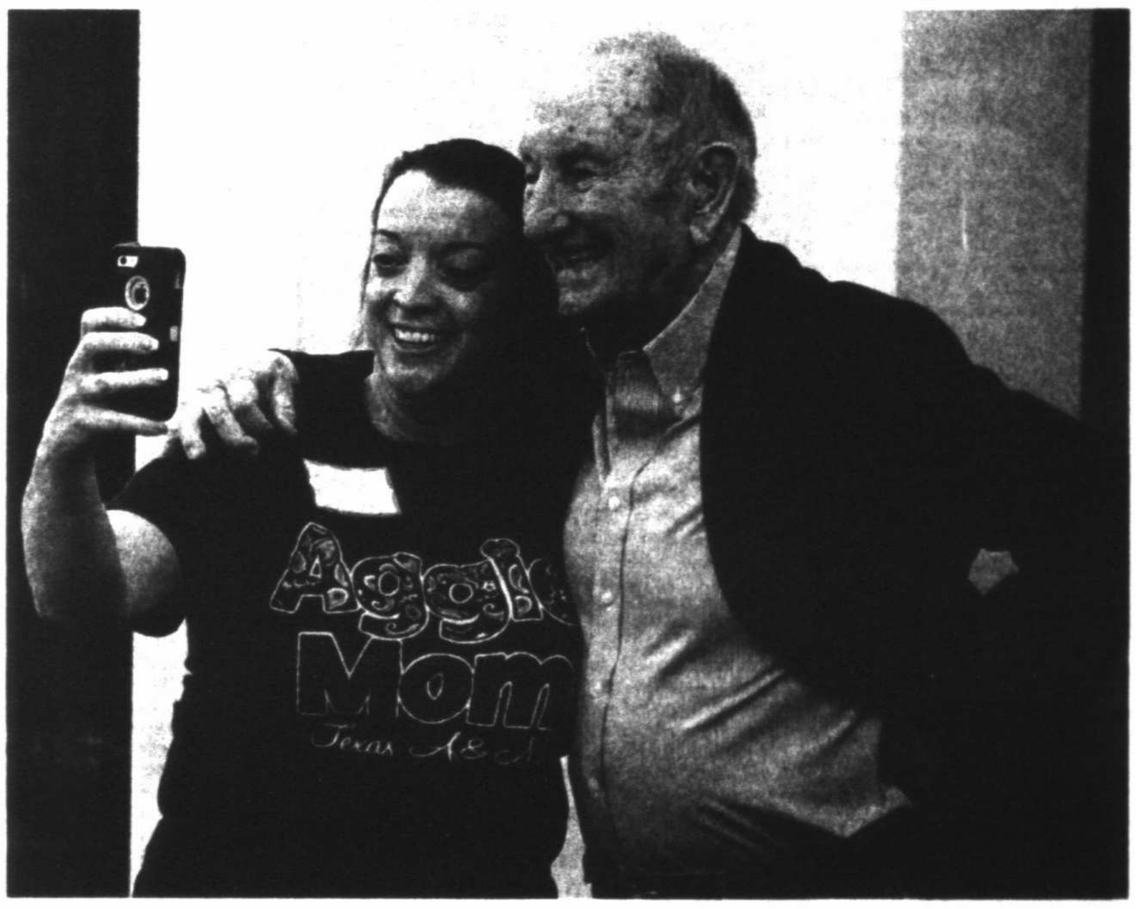
Let's use the figure of 50 percent to see what a person with one child would have to make to afford, on average, a 2-bedroom apartment in Midland. A single parent would have to make approximately $20 per hour.

This would require him or her to spend 50 percent of net income on an average 2-bedroom apartment.

In May, 2017, the U.S. Department of Labor reported the following occupations in Midland earn, on average, the following per hour: home health aides -

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Chatting with Claytie



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Kathryn Sneed takes a picture with Clayton (Claytie) Williams Jr. on Monday evening after an Aggie Moms meeting with a family history of the Williams family ties to Texas A&M.

Williams: Oil industry is dynamic business

Special to the MRT

Clayton Williams Jr. was on hand last week for a meeting of Aggie Moms.

He took time to talk with the Reporter-Telegram about things happening in the oil industry, in the region and in Aggieland, where the alumni center is named for Williams.

MRT: What do you think of what is happening in the oil industry with all these deals being made. Is this just the beginning?

Williams: I think this is normal. Some go through consolidation – people expand, they get bought out, some go broke, banks take them over. Some start again. It is a dynamic business, and we are still going. I'm a good example. I have been at it for 60 years and met payroll again this week.

MRT: How are your efforts going to get water out of Fort Stockton?

Williams: We have really never developed a demand. I've got the water at the farm, but we really need to have somebody willing to pay for it. When people need something to drink, that is when it will happen. In the meantime, we've got a lot of water, but we don't have the demand to make people willing to pay for a pipeline.

MRT: What was your reaction to hearing (Concho's) Tim Leach was named to the board of regents at Texas A&M?

Williams: I think he is a good representative. He has a good record here; he is a good oil man, and as far as I know, he's a good man. He will do a good job there.

MRT: How is it that you never managed to get on the board?

Williams: You know, I ran for governor and lost, and people had all they needed of me at that time (laughing).

Lupe Valdez says she's willing to debate Andrew White, maybe

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman



SAN ANTONIO —

I realized recently that I wasn't quite sure where we are on whether there will be debates between Democratic gubernatorial runoff candidates Lupe Valdez and Andrew White.

White has aggressively pushed for them. But I hadn't heard from Valdez on the topic.

So I headed to VFW Post 76 (the state's oldest) in San Antonio for a Wednesday evening Valdez meet-and-greet with about 25 supporters. She has a similar event at 6 p.m. Friday at North Austin's Black Star Co-op Pub & Brewery.

Valdez came in first with 43 percent of the votes in the March 6 primary. White was second with 27 percent. The winner of the May 22 runoff faces GOP Gov. Greg Abbott in November.

Back on primary night in Houston, White told me he wanted several pre-runoff debates with Valdez.

Doesn't everybody? I know Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Beto O'Rourke said he would like to hear Valdez and White debate. He said so in a recent Lubbock radio interview.

"I want to make an informed decision and right now, I just don't have ... a good enough idea about what they stand for and their differences. Let's hope that there's a debate," O'Rourke said.

White has been pushing for debates: "A few debates between the two of us before the runoff would make the eventual nominee all the stronger," he said. "And who doesn't love a good debate?"

The realpolitik answer to that rhetorical question is that sometimes a potentially overconfident front-runner doesn't love a debate, good or otherwise.

A week after the primary, Valdez campaign spokesman Kiefer Odell expressed qualified support for debates.

"We will be glad to work out a debate schedule when the voters become more focused on the race, but this primary won't be won on 30-second debate responses," he said. "While we understand why someone who received such low support in most of Texas' major urban areas and the Rio Grande Valley needs a debate to create buzz, Sheriff Valdez is focused on developing substantive relationships with voters across the state — just as she has done in Dallas County for the last 13 years."

So far, I know of two upcoming joint appearances by White and Valdez, one in Houston on April 25 and one in Austin on April 29. Both will include candidates in several Democratic runoffs, and organizers say neither event is a debate.

But, after talking with Valdez about it,

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MELANIE NICHOLS



Kids' aren't picky eaters; their taste buds have evolved

"Mommmmmmm? What's for dinner?"

The busier my kids get, the fewer answers I have lately. I started the year out strong with a commitment to cook four or five nights a week, and I planned meals. I am a big fan of meal planning. It keeps my grocery list focused and my evening scramble to a minimum. I always asked for input, too. It used to be easy. My kids wanted Mexican food, Italian food or pork of some kind. And they aren't picky eaters, thank goodness, because I am not much of a cook.

But over the last few months, their palettes have changed. Little Son loves anything pasta-based or Mexican. Bodacious loves anything with carbs and vegetables. Little Son does not care for vegetables. Bodacious does not care for anything with tomato sauce. Neither of them likes beef unless it is cleverly disguised as a Five Guys cheeseburger. Only one will eat hotdogs, only one will eat chicken nuggets. One loves macaroni and cheese, but please hold the cheese. The other loves tacos, as long as it doesn't have onions, tomatoes, lettuce or sour cream. Basically, she would just like a shell and refried beans.

And even as I type this — and it seems entirely untrue — I swear I am not raising persnickety eaters. Their taste buds have evolved, and they don't align with each other's very well. The only thing they agree on consistently is eating breakfast for dinner, popularly known as "brinner" on the internet. My kids will never turn down bacon and eggs.

The kids have commitments most nights of the week so I try to keep cooking and cleaning time to a minimum. I also refuse to be a short-order cook. I fix one dinner, and try my best to offer something for everyone. The Hubs is not picky, but he does not care for crock-potted food. "Everything tastes the same, like boiled meat," he said. Well, that's because it is all boiled meat, my love.

My foodie girlfriend, Posh Spice, sent me some recipes that she was sure The Hubs would love. Most of them required using fresh garlic, olive oil and a cast iron skillet — before you even fired up the crock pot. Thanks, but no thanks. The magic of the crock pot is that you can use a crock pot liner, dump everything in, add a half a Shiner Bock beer and walk away for the day. After dinner is slopped into a bowl, I throw the liner full of leftovers into the fridge or the trash can. I wash the crock pot, and I am ready for homework and baths. Having kids means having crock pot meals at my house.

If you don't like what we are having for dinner, you have two choices: you don't eat, or you get peanut butter and jelly. Now, The Hubs is a good husband, and will pour a little Stubs barbecue sauce on anything and eat it. He never complains. But it isn't entirely unusual for me to see my people making pb&j sandwiches at 8 p.m., either.

Now, a pb&j is the world's simplest thing to make, but as it turns out, I don't make those to suit everyone, either. Apparently, it all starts with the bread. The Hubs claims the bread has to "line up" and will spend an excruciating amount of time matching the humps and lumps of store-bought bread edges. Then, he gets a butter knife — not a serrated steak knife, Melanie — to begin the

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Aimee Bourgue Sanchez

Aimee Bourgue Sanchez was born on December 18, 1927 in Cavailion, Vanchuse, France and entered into her final rest on April 13, 2018.

Aimee met her beloved Lorenzo in 1944 when he was serving in the United States Army in World War II and was part of the liberation of France from German occupation. They married on April 25, 1945 and began their life together in Aix en Provence. In 1948, she and firstborn son immigrated to the US to join Lorenzo and grow their family in Midland, Texas.

Aimee was a talented artist and was a member of the Palette Club for many years. Her paintings have been displayed in banks and doctors' offices around the city. She was a faithful Catholic and member of St. Ann's parish. Even when her health prevented her from active participation at church, she was devout in her daily prayers until her death.

Aimee worked many years for MISD's cafeteria services. She began her career as a cook and by her retirement she was supervising multiple campus cafeterias.

Aimee was preceded in death by her husband, Lorenzo Sanchez, Sr.; her mother, Alice Bourgue Bottasso; her father, Louis Bottasso; and her sister, Ginette Borghino.

She is survived by her sons, Andre Sanchez (Claudia), Louis Sanchez (Pam), and Lorenzo Sanchez, Jr. (Shannon); grandchildren, Michelle Garcia (Willie), Amber Cooke, Jennifer Shannon (Mike), Louis Sanchez, Jr. (Casey), and Lauren Wade (Andrew); great-grandchildren, Alex, Chris, Lindsey, Nicholas, Taylor, Michael, Bailey, Matthew, Madilyn, Layla, Rachel, Anson, Archer, and Chloe; and great-great-grandchildren, Shaddix, Greyson, and Zaya.

She also leaves behind many relatives in France.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday evening, April 15, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at St. Ann's Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m.

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Dan Foreman

Our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and husband, Dan Foreman, was a humble, modest man of great strength and faith who loved the Lord and his family.

He was born September 27, 1937 to Mayme Webb Foreman and S. J. Foreman in Big Spring, Texas and grew up on the family farm in Lenorah, Texas. He graduated from Stanton High School and continued his higher education.

His father not only farmed but also was Postmaster which was in their home. Dan grew up in the U.S. Post office which later became his career for 46 years. He loved helping others and served as a volunteer in several charitable organizations from delivering Meals on Wheels to helping build Habitat homes. He enjoyed studying the Bible and being involved in serving in the church.

Dan loved to be with his family and took pride in all their accomplishments from sports, music, education, or just "chinching around" as a family hiking in Ruidoso or sitting on the front porch playing dominoes at the McRae cabin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Phil Foreman.

He is survived by his brother, Sam Foreman (Frances); sister-in-law, Jonnie Foreman; his wife, Judia Perry Foreman and their three children: Jay Foreman, Danica Moreland (Byron), and Jennifer Monroe (Scott); and by his grandchildren, Amy Van Winkle (David), Shaun Foreman (Brianna), Sam Foreman, Kate Foreman (Josh Cantu), Madison Foreman, Clark Moreland (Carrie), Danielle Wood (Doug), Amy Moreland (Jordan Morren), and Maggie and Conrad Monroe.

He is also survived by 10 great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

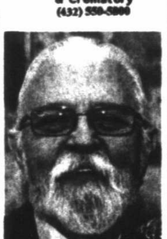
Special thanks to caregiver Kevin Dominguez, and Hospice of Midland staff: Maria, Blanca, Melissa, Paula, and volunteer, George.

Memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Steve Schorr officiating. Private family burial will be held at Resthaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Bynum School or a charity of your choice.

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

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James William Betts IV

James William Betts IV, 76 of Midland, Texas passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at his residence.

James was born January 14, 1942 to the late James III and Julia Betts in Detroit, Michigan where he was also raised and educated. He served in the United States Army from 1961-1963.

James met and later married Marcia Marcero on September 11, 1981. He enjoyed farming, hunting and fishing and was a member of Bikers for Christ.

James was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jeffrey Betts. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Marcero Betts of Midland, TX; three sons, James William Betts V and wife Misty of Las Vegas, NV, Zachary Lee Betts and wife Melissa of Grand Haven, MI and Tyler Jeffrey Betts of Grand Rapids, MI; and one brother, John Betts.

A memorial service will be Sunday, April 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at McGregor Methodist Church in Snover, Michigan.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Hospital.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2308 N. Big Spring · Midland, TX · (432) 682-3500

Jay Darrell Vashler

Jay Darrell Vashler, 58, of Midland, Texas passed away on April 10, 2018 in Midland, Texas.

Jay was born December 20, 1959 in Billings, Montana to John Vashler and Shirley Groscop Vashler. He graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1978 and from Montana Tech University, with a degree in Petroleum Engineering, in 1984. He began his career as a production engineer in Hobbs, New Mexico, and worked for various oil and gas producers in Texas, Colorado, West Virginia and Oklahoma before ending his career in Midland, Texas. Jay married his wife, Leslie, on August 31, 1991 and together they raised their daughter, Briana.

Jay is survived by his wife, Leslie, and daughter, Briana, both of Midland; his father, John Vashler, and mother, Shirley Vashler, both of Billings, Montana; a brother, Loren Vashler, of Kelso, Washington; and a large and loving family of in-laws.

A memorial service will be held in Billings, Montana on Friday, April 20, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cremation & Funeral Gallery, 29 8th Street West, Billings, Montana.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that you consider donating to Big Sky Senior Services, Billings, Montana, *www.bigskyseniorservices.org*. Local arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be left at *www.npwelch.com*.

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Jeremiah "Jay" H. Nelson

Jeremiah "Jay" H. Nelson, 43,passed away on February 17, 2018 at 4:58 a.m. at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN due to complications from the flu.

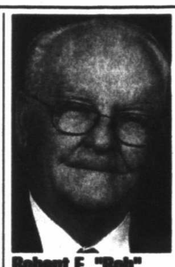
Sales Manager at Summit Truck Group and Army Ranger Veteran, Jay leaves behind Joydaun Coy-Clark, Macy, Sugar, Tucker, family, and friends.

He touched the lives of all he encountered, was a wonderful man, and will be desperately missed.

Please donate to *leadthewayfund.org* to support assistance programs which provide essential support directly to disabled U.S. Army Rangers, their families and the spouses and children of deceased and active duty Rangers.

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



Robert E. "Bob" Wheeler

Robert E. "Bob" Wheeler, 86, of Big Spring, Texas died Wednesday, April 11, 2018 in Midland. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2018 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born August 8, 1931 in Tarzan, Texas and married Dorothy Allen July 1, 1955 in Midland, Texas. She preceded him in death November 15, 2017.

Bob was a lifelong resident of Howard County and was a member of Big Spring High School Class of 1949. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War as an aircraft mechanic at Kadena Air Force Base on the island of Okinawa. Following his service in the Air Force, Bob taught ballroom dancing before opening Big 3 Auto Salvage in 1960. He retired in 2008. Bob served on the board of the Ballroom Dance Society of Midland.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include three children, Carrie Claunch and husband, Chris, of San Antonio, Kyle Wheeler and wife, Terry, of Midland, and Beverly Warren and husband, Jay, of Santa Clarita, California; seven grandchildren, Chad Wheeler of Plymouth, Vermont, Elizabeth Dell'aquila and husband, Dominic, of Raleigh, North Carolina, Garrett Wheeler of Nacogdoches, Catherine Claunch of San Marcos, Caroline Claunch of Dallas, Jay Jay Warren and John John Warren both of Santa Clarita California; one brother, Alton D. Wheeler and wife, Willie, of Pasadena; one sister, Dorothy Downey and husband, Vonnie, of Baytown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Eva Cramer Wheeler; one sister, Ovita Wheeler; two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Joe Max Wheeler and wife, Norma, and Low Allen Wheeler and wife, Juanita; and two grandchildren, Joshua Wheeler and Grace Ann Warren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy Dr., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432)-267-6331



Ted R. Baughn

Ted R. Baughn of Midland, Texas passed away peacefully at his home, shortly after midnight, on April 12, 2018, with his daughters by his side.

Ted, aka "TR," was born on October 4, 1942 in Oklahoma.

He left this world, joining Lois, his beloved wife of 35 years. Loving her from grade school forward, their LOVE and DEVOTION was admired by all who knew them.

"The Best Father in the World"...just ask his two girls!

After graduating high school in Hobbs, New Mexico, he continued his education at New Mexico Junior College and the University of Texas at El Paso, Texas.

As early as 10 years old, he began working, first at the Trolley Cafe that his mother and father owned in Hobbs, then continuing to take on jobs that helped him grow into the man that lay to rest this day - He was a man of honor, integrity, compassion, kind and genuine. One who believed that working hard was expected by all, and accomplishments are shared. He believed that taking GOOD care of your family, was the definition of success.

A shake of a hand was as good as a contract with Ted. To this very day, he continues business with friends that were made throughout his lifetime of hard work.

A man of great compassion, kindness and generosity. He believed in helping others teaching them to help themselves. An unexpected mentor at times, teaching others many things that he had learned throughout his life. Always wanting others to succeed for themselves, and for their families. He learned the hard way, (as in hard WORK and commitment), grooming many drivers, employees, and passers through. People aren't what they used to be, he'd say; however, he still enjoyed sharing his wisdom, and applied skills - for those willing to work hard too!

A man with a sense of humor! Even as he was processing his final day, shifting to become comfortable, the girls said, "We love you daddy," and without missing a beat, he said "I love ME too!"

Owner of Lee-R's Enterprise INC, Lee-Co Coating ENT, and Toda INC., which he started over 40 years ago, and are still up and running with continued success. Always applying knowledge from previous business adventures - his skills were unique and diverse. From his partnership with Harold Farley in ARD's Country Store to hauling truckloads of dynamite, back in the day.

Some of his memorable endeavors include Apex Freight Co., Basin Field Service, and Submersible Oil Services, LP.

His knowledge and memory continued to amaze many people. Afraid that the SmartPhone would make him less smart, he procrastinated to get on board with that technology as long as possible and continued to memorize numbers, names, places, even when he upgraded technology.

He loved to stay mentally stimulated, whether it be the Bible, or the Constitution of the United States of America, you'd better be up on your facts. Those are two documents that meant a lot to Ted, and he could debate each one with articulate skill.

Work hard, save early for your family, but most importantly be honest in what you do, and happiness will always find you.

He is survived by his daughters, Rhonda and Rahlona Baughn and Charlye Parker, all of Midland; sister-in-law, Donna Burt of Hobbs; nephew, Dan Hakata of Las Vegas, Nevada; nephew, Paxton LeMond; nieces, Jill Broughton of Wichita Falls, Dionne LeMond Massis, Tai LeMond Tipton, Cyndi Frasier, and Heather Christer; and five cousins, Robbie Black, Fayrene Black, Wanda Titus, Mary Sherwood, and Minnie Chamblin.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Lois Dolores; father, Ted R. Baughn, Sr.; step-father, Sandy Sanford; mother, Myrtle Sanford; sister, Kay Hudnall and her husband, Willie; brother-in-law, Danny Whitlock; aunts and uncles, Lloyd and Mary Chamblin, and Beulah May and Tommy Black; and cousins, Bob Chamblin, Pee Wee Black, and Jerry McClain.

The family would like to express gratitude to all of those who have cared for him, with a special thank you to his long time Dr. PK Patel, and also to Dr. Shylesh Ganta. Both doctors were pivotal in his extended care.

Recently joining his team of nurturing caretakers is Rebecca Stephan of Nurses Unlimited. He couldn't ask for a better fit. She stepped in and made every day a happier day! Hospice of Midland also came into care in the last days.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland, 3800 N. Big Spring, Midland, Texas.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Entombment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park Mausoleum, Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Door of Hope Mission, 200 W. 1st Street, Odessa, Texas 79761, or Hospice of Midland.

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Violetta H. Smith

Ms. Violetta H. Smith was born July 28th, 1925 in Wichita Falls, TX to the late Charlie Henigan and Dolly Lewis. She was one of three children.

She moved to Midland in 1963. Two years later, she married Van Smith, a World War II veteran. They adopted a son in 1974, Antwine Detray Smith. Ms. Smith was actively involved in the community for many years. She volunteered and worked at various churches, including First Presbyterian church. She was a Boy Scout troop leader, president of the PTA, but most of all she was a stalwart supporter of her son's tennis career. She began her work in Midland at the Petroleum Club. Soon after, she became a domestic worker for two very loving and kind families Mr. R. Ken & Mrs. Lois Carpenter and Mr. Joe & Mrs. Bonnie Feagan. Ms. Smith retired from her work with the Carpenter's in 1997. In her retirement she loved to play bingo where she had a vast community of loved ones.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Van Smith, her brother Charlie Brown and several cousins.

Ms. Smith departed this life at Midland Memorial Hospital on April 12th, 2018.

Ms. Smith leaves to mourn a son, Antwine Smith of Midland; a brother, Ricky Henigan, several cousins, friends and loved ones.

Viewing will be held from 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamesa Road.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home. "In my Father's house are many rooms." John 14:2

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Re-enactors fight the battle of San Jacinto

■ Annual event includes festival at state historic site



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

On April 21, 1836, Sam Houston's army defeated Santa Anna's army at the battle of San Jacinto, giving Texas its independence from Mexico.

"Santa Anna and his men were mostly sleeping," says Boyd Harris, lead interpreter at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site near Houston. "They had spent the entire night before building fortifications to protect their camp and had worked through the next day. Around 3 in the afternoon, Santa Anna ordered his men to stand down, so they were all lying down taking a siesta. Unfortunately for them that's also the time Sam Houston decided he wanted to attack."

More than 600 Mexican soldiers were killed. Many more were wounded. Nine Texans died. The Texans were anxious to avenge the massacres that had occurred at the Alamo and Goliad.

The battleground is 20 miles east of downtown Houston near the town of La Porte. It is on 1,200 acres that is the original site of the Texas encampment during the battle. The park is a National Historic Landmark. Every April 21 it's the site of a re-enactment of the famous battle. As many as 5,000 people attend.

"April 21 is on Saturday this year, so we'll have a festival and a re-enactment that day from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The main battle re-enactment will happen at 3 p.m. and we invite everybody to come out and see it. If you want to come out for the festival I recommend getting there early because parking fills up fast," Harris said.

Along with the re-enactment, historians talk about events that led up to the battle.

"Nine hundred and thirty Texan soldiers were in the Texas Army. The Mexican Army had about 1,200 soldiers. It's one of the shortest battles in history, lasting only about 18 minutes. Our re-enactment has roughly about 100 re-enactors."

There is a lot of history at the site.

"We do programs on history, sure. But there are all kinds of things to do here. We have walking tours, riding tours; we have fishing and birding programs. The Battleship Texas is nearby in its own state park. We work with those folks over there and they give tours of the battleship as well as other programs."

The impressive San Jacinto monument is near the battlefield.

"The San Jacinto museum of history operates inside the monument. Visitors can watch a 35-minute film.

"There's an elevator that takes you to the top of the monument. Construction on it began in 1936 to celebrate the Texas Centennial. It was completed in 1939. The Works Progress Administration provided workers. This was during the Depression years, but money poured in. The monument is over 570 feet — 12 feet taller than the Washington Monument," Harris said. "It is the tallest standing column in the world. It was built to honor the soldiers who defeated Santa Anna."

Ex-state and fed legislator Gallego seeks rare return to Texas Capitol



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

April 11—Improbably, and most probably unknown to the two of them, Guy Morrison Bryan is Pete Gallego's role model.

Some of you remember former Rep. Gallego, D-Alpine, who served 11 terms in in the Texas House and one in the U.S. House until his constituents went thumbs down on him. Twice.

Far fewer of you remember Bryan. And if you do, you're probably considerably over 100 years old (or, as we here at the newspaper think of you, the core demographic for our print product).

Gallego is seeking to join the late (very late, as in dead since 1901) and long-mostly-forgotten Bryan as the only members of a most exclusive Texas political club.

Bryan was born in 1821 in Herculaneum, Mo. (Historical tidbit that might be on the midterm: Herculaneum was laid out by Moses Austin, Stephen F.'s dad.) Bryan served in the Texas House from 1847-53 and the Texas Senate from 1853-57. He then went to the U.S. House for one term, later returning to the Texas House for three nonconsecutive terms starting in 1873, including a stint as speaker.

Best I can tell (and my thanks to Nancy Z. Watson at the always helpful Legislative Reference Library for her research help) Bryan is the only Texan to make the legislative round trip, defined for our purposes as serving in the Texas Legislature and then the U.S. Congress and then again in the Legislature. It's a decidedly nontraditional political career arc.

Looks like we've had five others who served in the Legislature after serving in the U.S. Congress. But none of those served in the Legislature prior to going to Congress. And, as always, I sit here standing to be corrected if anyone has other info. (And I'm aware that Andrew Jackson Hamilton served in the Texas House from 1851-53, in the U.S. House from 1859-61 and was elected to the Texas Senate in 1861 but didn't take office.)

Gallego's attempt to complete the legislative round trip is made possible by federal jurors in San Antonio, specifically the ones who in February convicted state Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, on 11 counts of shady financial stuff that's a shade or three shadier than the shady financial stuff you so cynically expect from Your Shady State Legislators.

Uresti faces sentencing in June and could get many years of rent-free living in a gated federal community. But, as of now, he's still a senator in semi-good standing. The Legislature's not in session, his fellow Democrats have called for his resignation, and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick stripped him of all committee assignments.

It's a decent guess that Uresti will be resigning, but it looks like he can keep his seat, even from prison, until his appeals are exhausted. I'd also guess that at some point his constituents might get exhausted about being represented by a guy in prison. It might be entertaining, though, to have someone simultaneously serving terms in the state Senate and federal prison. The plus side: His constituents would know where he is at all times.

Gallego was elected to the Texas House in 1990 and served there until 2012 when he ousted U.S. Rep. Quico Canseco, R-San Antonio, in a sprawling San Antonio and westward district that is the state's swingingest (politically) congressional district.

In 2014, Gallego was ousted by Republican Will Hurd. In 2016, Hurd again defeated Gallego, who subsequently opted against challenging Hurd again this year. So lots of folks thought perhaps we'd seen the political end of Gallego. Nothing personal there. He's an affable guy.

Then, Uresti got in trouble with the feds, putting his seat perhaps up for grabs before he's due back on the ballot in 2020. Gallego wants the seat. So does state Rep. Roland Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, and perhaps others.

Now we just have to wait to see if and when Uresti is going to quit and force a special election to replace him.

"You've put your faith and trust in me to represent you before. I've been in both the Legislature and Congress," Gallego said in announcing his campaign. "In both places, I put my head down and worked hard. No controversies. No distractions. Just hard work, great constituent services and solid representation. That's what I hope to continue to do -- get back to things that matter most to you and your families."

A victory would allow Gallego to join the Bryan in the legislative round trippers club. And because Bryan did not seek re-election after his one U.S. House term, Gallego could become the first ex-state legislator to return to the Legislature after being ousted from Congress.

Another political note worth noting: I recently got a cordial invitation from the Republican Party of Texas to join its "Grassroots Club." Membership has its privileges, including tele-town halls with "exciting guests" and invitations to "exclusive events" at the Texas GOP state convention in June.

But here's my favorite perk: "Removal from all RPT fundraising calls and mail."

The not-so-subtle message: Send money or we'll keep nagging you. And yes, extortion is such an ugly word.

Another political note worth noting: The White House Tuesday routinely announced a bunch of judicial system appointees. The announcement hit my email inbox with this nonroutine warning in the subject line: "May Contain Offensive Language."

Huh?

I read through the announcement and the closest I came to being offended by anything was a reference to the fact that one of the judicial appointees twice had been honored for his briefs.

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$8.72; waiters and waitresses - $10.05; prep. and serving workers (fast food) - $10.99; nursing assistants — $13.42; fast food cooks — $10.70; child care workers - $12.75; bank tellers — $13.90; medical secretaries — $16.28; school bus drivers — $15.30; and the list of workers making below $20 per hour goes on and on.

The average rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is beyond the means of most of our service industry workers.

Midland is considered a conservative community that prefers not to have government regulate "free-enterprise."

If we subscribe to this philosophy, then the "free-enterprise" system MUST respond!

Albeit maintaining affordable rents for its residents or raising pay scales for families to be able to afford to live in our city.

As our city grows, so does our responsibility to ensure our city's economic system supports lower level occupations.

If we don't, family homelessness will grow, which in turn, will have far-reaching, devastating effects.

Tom Miller wrote this op-ed at the request of the Reporter-Telegram.

Betting on Beto O'Rourke to win vs. Ted Cruz? Make sure you get odds

By Gromer Jeffers Jr.
The Dallas Morning News

Whether it's at the bar, card room, market or café, the most frequent political question is about Texas' favorite underdog.

"Can Beto win?"

It's a fair question, even if the facts aren't all that intriguing.

In his Senate race against incumbent Republican Ted Cruz, U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke is shouldering the hopes of progressives and Democrats across Texas. In a year when the El Paso Democrat has become the top draw in Lone Star politics, packing community centers and auditoriums everywhere, particularly parts of the state that are bright red.

His crusade is backed by stout fundraising. For the first quarter of the year, he raised $6.7 million without the aid of political action committee money. Cruz says that total will be more than what he reports later this month.

O'Rourke is the hottest thing in Texas politics since Wendy Davis, the former state senator who ran for governor in 2014 after a filibuster that stalled an anti-abortion bill made her famous.

Though Republican Greg Abbott overwhelmed Davis by 20 percentage points, Democrats have greater hopes for O'Rourke.

Can he do it?

Perhaps, but it's a brutal uphill battle that requires flawless campaigning and some luck.

Cruz, who takes every opponent seriously, is in a solid political position.

O'Rourke's biggest challenge is overcoming the structural advantage that Republicans have in statewide elections. The Texas Organizing Project, a progressive group that seeks to make Texas a purple state by 2022, estimates that conservatives can rely on 850,000 more voters than Democrats.

That's a staggering total that can't be made up in time for the November general election, unless a great blue wave pumps up the Democratic Party base and sweeps some Republicans away from Cruz.

O'Rourke knows that base voters alone won't deliver him a victory over Cruz, so he's planning on aggressively campaigning in all 254 Texas counties.

The large crowds he's drawing in places like Fort Worth, Garland, Plano and Farmers Branch give O'Rourke and his fans hope that he's heading in the right direction. But with the exception of the few folks (O'Rourke likes to tell stories about their frustration with the GOP at his rallies), most of the people at his events are Democrats. That's great news as it relates to adding to the base, but it also indicates how tough it is to persuade Texas voters who are hardened in their political views.

O'Rourke's supporters are hoping that an anti-Trump sentiment works in his favor in November. That could happen to some degree, but most Texas Republicans are fans of the controversial president.

"If conservatives show up and vote in November, I will win," Cruz told me during a stop in Fort Worth, adding that O'Rourke is too liberal for Texas.

It's still a long time between now and the November elections, and every day, Trump presents Republican candidates with potential hurdles.

The most appealing aspect of O'Rourke is his style and message. He talks to voters, not at them. He stays until the last selfie is taken. And his issues are a combination of local and national themes that impact the kitchen table, not a college course on political theory and ideology.

"Texans ask what we're going to do to make sure every one of us can afford to see a doctor, to ensure our public school classrooms have the resources they need, to get our neighbors back to work in jobs that pay above a living wage, to lead on immigration reform as the defining border state and to ensure our kids are safe in our schools," O'Rourke told me. "These aren't liberal or conservative ideas, they're just the ideas and goals of Texans."

O'Rourke's campaign, win or lose, will be of great use for Democrats, both in building the party and delivering voters for down-ballot candidates for Congress and the Texas Legislature.

He's either the Texas Democrats' John the Baptist, or their savior.

These days in politics, anything can happen, even in a rigid, predictable state like Texas.

If the Senate race were listed in a gambling parlor, Cruz would be the heavy favorite.

So if you're betting O'Rourke, make sure you get the appropriate odds.

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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 in the past week:

Rent	27 families	$27,688.00
TOTAL		$27,688.00

We are certainly feeling the effects of the latest oil boom in Midland at Helping Hands. With more and more people moving into Midland to take advantage of the plentiful jobs housing becomes scarcer and scarcer. It is hard to imagine that happening with the building of so many new apartment complexes over the past few years, but it's true. As demand for apartments increases so does the rent. Many people are seeing their rent increase by $200 or more per month as their leases come up for renewal. Hits like that are hard on anyone, but it is catastrophic to the elderly and disabled on fixed incomes and single parents. Motel rents are also skyrocketing and vacancies are becoming harder and harder to find. How ironic it is that the good times we experience with a thriving economy can also have such a devastating impact on so many.

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All purses $10.00 and includes many fine quality, and name-brand purses such as Coach, Vera Bradley, Fossil, Jessica Simpson, and more. Supply is limited and sold as is.

Americans owe more than what appears on tax forms

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle



Every year, our tax returns remind us how much we pay for the federal government, but the sad part is that our tax bill is only a partial payment as our national debt keeps rising.

Every business owner who keeps a ledger, and every homemaker who drafts a budget, knows this cannot go on forever. But none of our elected officials-from either party-seem willing to do anything.

Instead, President Donald Trump and Congress members from both parties have boosted government spending and slashed tax revenues, adding a record $1 trillion a year to the national debt beginning in 2020, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

The federal debt will rise from $21 trillion to $38 trillion in 2028, even with the exceedingly optimistic forecast of 3.3 percent GDP growth, the CBO reported this month. The CBO, it's worth noting, is consistently despised by whoever is in the ruling party, and loved by the opposition party, because it is not afraid to call out cooked books.

Continuing to add debt at this new, record-setting pace is unsustainable. If unchecked, the federal debt alone will equal 96 percent of gross domestic product in 2028. And that doesn't count state and local debt, which is also growing.

When the government borrows money, it leaves less cash for the private sector to borrow. The result is a higher cost of capital for companies looking to expand, slowing economic growth.

Economic growth is currently strong, but inflation is also gaining steam, which means the Federal Reserve will likely raise interest rates this year. If economists ran the government, this is when the government would pay down debt, but because politicians run things, they are borrowing more than ever.

Sadly, budget deficits are a bipartisan problem, and only a bipartisan effort can solve them.

The last time the federal government collected more than it spent was in 1999 after Clinton had passed a tax increase on the wealthy in 1994, Republicans in Congress cut spending in 1996 and the economy accelerated. The only three budgets since 1970 that paid down the federal debt, by the way, were passed by a Republican-controlled Congress and signed by Clinton.

Today, neither Republicans nor Democrats in Congress want to cut spending. In fact, the budget passed last month dramatically increased federal spending to $1.3 trillion. That's after Trump insisted on signing historic tax cuts in December that slashed government revenues by $1.3 trillion over ten years.

After carefully running the numbers, the CBO concluded that despite Republican promises that this recklessness will stimulate the economy, the U.S. will have to borrow more. Most likely from foreign entities.

That's ironic since many economists believe that our need to borrow money underlies our global trade deficit, which is one of Trump's top priorities.

Researchers call it the Twin Deficit Hypothesis. When the government cuts taxes, borrows money and spends it, the splash of cash stimulates the economy and encourages private spending. Consumers and businesses, feeling good about the economy, spend more. The savings rate goes down, and consumers buy more imported goods.

The personal savings rate calculated by the St. Louis Federal Reserve has been dropping since November 2015 and was only 2.4 percent in December, after averaging well above 6 percent since 1960. U.S. corporate debt had hit $8.8 trillion, the highest level relative to GDP since the financial crisis when the record was set.

Trump can blame foreign manufacturers for the trade deficit, but until Americans stop buying imported goods and start saving money, the trade deficit and national debt will grow. And it all begins with profligate government borrowing.

Among industrialized countries, the U.S. is already one of the most indebted in the world when compared to GDP. Our current trajectory will make us No. 1.

About 43 percent of all this borrowed money comes from overseas. Japan and China each hold about $1 trillion of our debt, presenting a national security threat far more significant than the trade deficit.

The Tax Foundation reports that the average Texan works from Jan. 1 to April 14 merely to pay taxes, which means beginning today, Texans are working for themselves. But according to the National Debt Clock, federal revenue per taxpayer is $27,433 while the debt per taxpayer is $174,189.

That suggests paying off our share of the federal debt would take almost 16 months of our income.

Our elected officials, from both parties, are running up debt rather than forcing us to make tough decisions about either paying more taxes or slashing government spending. Line 63 on your Form 1040 may read "Total Tax," but that's just another lie.

Trade war with China would be bad thing for Texas companies

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The situation between the United States and China is tense, with new tariffs, threats of more tariffs, and growing fears that an all-out trade war may actually happen. There has recently been some sign of softening in the rhetoric between the two nations, but until and unless there is real dialogue and meaningful change, the risk of an escalation remains.

Because it's the world's two largest economies involved, the stakes are especially very high. The World Bank estimates that in 2016, U.S. Gross Domestic Product was more than $18.6 trillion, while China's was almost $11.2 trillion. It falls off quickly from there, with Japan at $4.9 trillion and Germany at $3.5 trillion. Clearly, what goes on in the United States and China will affect economic conditions worldwide.

For a number of years, many analysts and market watchers have agreed that China has been engaging in unfair trade practices ranging from dumping (selling products at prices lower than the variable costs needed to produce them) to failing to protect intellectual property. A number of complaints have been filed through the World Trade Organization by both the United States and China, and the commentary in tweets and speeches has at times ratcheted up the conflict.

The reason for the U.S. action is to force China to actually deal with these unfair trade practices, putting the pressure on with tariffs on imports of products from China. Chinese goods are thus more expensive to U.S. consumers, decreasing demand for them here. In response, China has listed tariffs of its own for U.S. goods entering the Chinese market. Consumers in both nations therefore face higher prices, and companies trying to export deal with lower demand.

According to the Office of the United States Trade Representative, U.S. goods and services trade with China totaled an estimated $648.5 billion in 2016, with $169.8 billion in exports and $478.8 billion in imports. China is our largest goods trading partner, with a two-way total of $578.2 billion (exports of $115.6 billion and imports of $462.6 billion). These are big numbers, representing a significant slice of the economies of both nations.

Looking specifically at what the United States sends to China, our third-largest goods export market in 2016, goods exports were $115.6 billion. That's about 8 percent of overall U.S. exports. The top export categories include miscellaneous grain, seeds, and fruit (such as soybeans); aircraft; electrical machinery; machinery; and vehicles. Other products appeared to be on the verge of expanding, including beef. As China implements tariffs, U.S. producers of products which are listed will almost surely see lower sales to that nation.

Here's another wrinkle. China is a major holder of U.S. treasury securities. Data from the U.S. Treasury Department indicates that China's holdings of such securities total almost $1.2 trillion. If China decided to dump these assets, there would be an immediate effect on financial markets. However, this scenario seems unlikely because it would be costly to the Chinese government and would have a limited long-term effect. More likely, the threat of dumping the securities will be used as a bargaining tool. Nonetheless, it complicates the situation.

For Texas, a trade war with China would also be a bad thing. The Foreign Trade Division of the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that a total of about $16.3 billion in Texas merchandise was exported to China in 2017. The largest category was oil and gas, with $5.7 billion. Chemicals exports totaled $3.4 billion, with another $1.7 billion in computer and electronic products. About $1.3 billion in machinery was exported, followed by about $1.1 billion in agricultural products. There are some businesses in Texas which would benefit from the tariffs, namely those who produce goods that compete with Chinese imports which will now be more expensive due to a tariff, but some major Texas industries and export products are now facing the possibility that their products will now be much more expensive in China, a country that is an important market.

Tariffs are never a good thing, harming both consumers and producers. Unfair trade practices are of course undesirable, but there are better and less disruptive ways of dealing with them than tariffs. It's a risky strategy for both nations to take on the other, because the stakes are very high. Trade wars have a way of spreading, and the costs to the economy would be substantial.

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Digital spring cleaning can help keep your online identify secure

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Despite the recent cold snap across Texas, spring is in full swing, and there is a good chance that your weekend plans may include scrubbing baseboards or preparing for a garage sale. While clearing out clutter is an annual ritual for many households, the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and Better Business Bureau (BBB) have teamed up to remind all consumers to not forget about their digital clutter.

This is becoming increasingly important, especially as data breaches become more common in our hyper-connected world. It's only been six months since the breach at Equifax affected nearly 148 million Americans, exposing highly personal information like Social Security numbers. Even as recently as last week, there were several more high-profile data breaches against businesses like Under Armour and Best Buy.

A good rule of thumb is to consistently keep a keen eye on all sensitive accounts like online banking, your credit cards and credit report. A recent survey by CreditCards.com indicates that half of Americans still have not checked their credit reports since the Equifax breach back in September.

For those wanting to do a digital refresh, it is a relatively simple process. NCSA and BBB have identified our top, trouble-free tips and advice that everyone should follow beginning this spring and throughout the year.

Keep a clean machine: Ensure all software on internet-connected devices – including PCs, smartphones and tablets – is up to date to reduce risk of infection from malware.

Lock down your login: Your usernames and passwords are not enough to protect key accounts like email, banking and social media. Add extra layers of security like biometrics or a PIN. For example, a new scam, called porting, targets your smartphone by hijacking your phone number and using it to gain access to your personal accounts. One way to prevent this would be to call your service provider and set up an authentication number. This way, no changes can be made your phone plan without putting in that authentication number, first.

Own your online presence: Review the privacy and security settings on websites you use to be sure that they remain set to your comfort level for sharing. It's OK to limit how and with whom you share information. This is especially important following the massive data sharing breach of Facebook by Cambridge Analytics, which affected around 87 million users.

For more information on digital spring cleaning, head to BBB.org. To report a scam, go to BBB.org/scamtracker.

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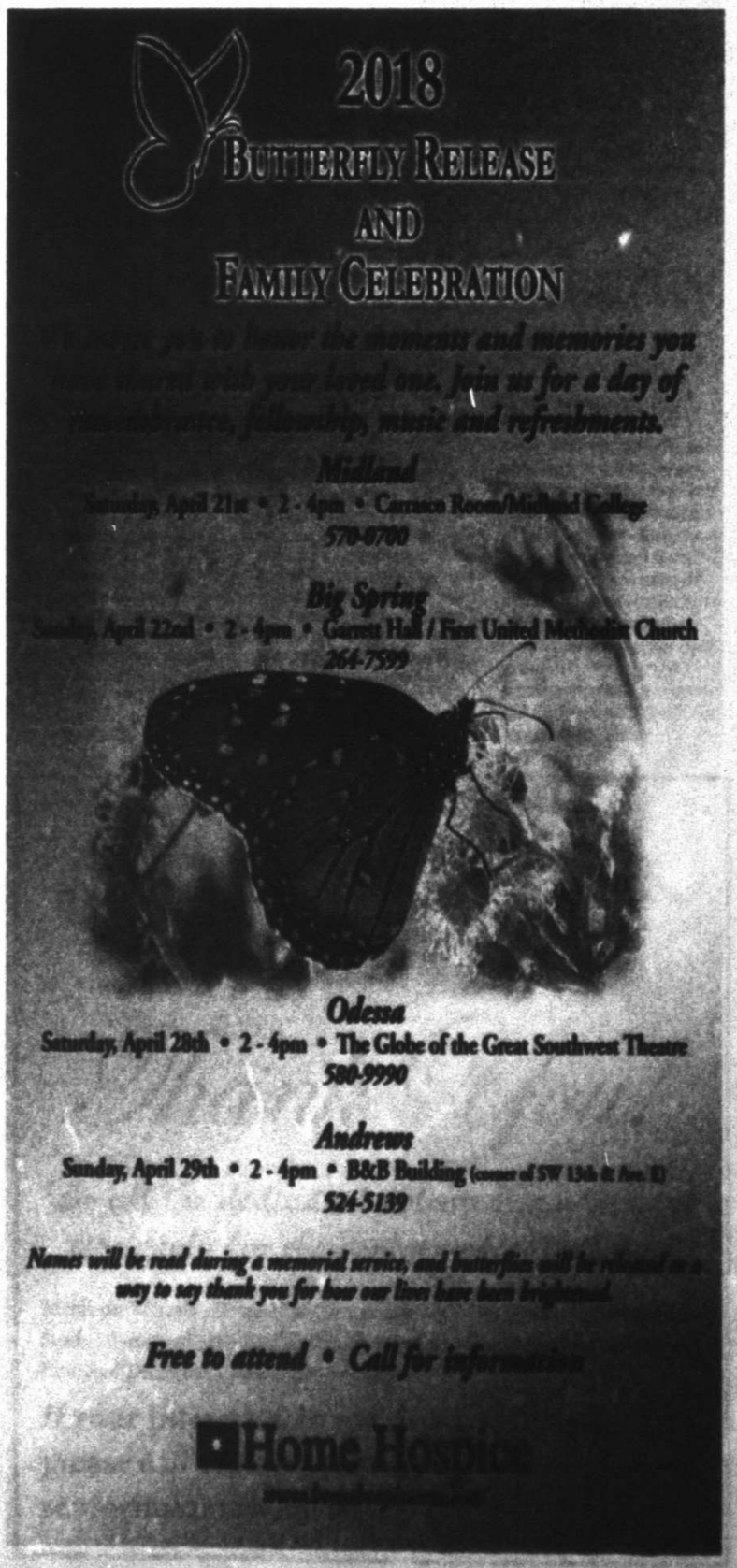
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careful, paper-thin schmear of peanut butter on one piece of bread. The peanut butter must be spread evenly, its thickness uniform. The peanut butter must be spread carefully from edge to edge, then top crust to bottom crust. Then, on the other piece of bread, he repeats the same, painful-to-watch process with the jelly. It takes him 10 minutes to make a sandwich.

Y'all. In 10 minutes I make three sandwiches, fill water bottles, slice fruit and dump chips into baggies each school morning. And you know what? My sandwiches taste just the same as his. At least, I think they do. I don't like pb&j, so I am not actually sure if my non-matching bread, frantically spread with peanut butter that is topped with a blob of low-sugar squeeze jelly, tastes the same. The Hubs says no. I was pretty surprised when expert chefs agreed with him. In February's Bon Appétit magazine, chefs insisted soft bread was best when spread with peanut butter on one side, preserves on the other. One Portland-based sandwich artist suggested spreading peanut butter on both sides of the bread with jelly in the middle for a more "symmetrical" bite. Some chefs liked to add thin sliced fruit onto the jelly, or crushed peanuts onto creamy peanut butter for more texture. But I asked myself, why wouldn't you just use crunchy peanut butter and chunky fruit preserves? Apparently, I extend my no-fuss, get 'er done crock pot methodology to sandwiches, too.

I don't have time or energy for anything else. As we plunge headlong into spring soccer season and dance recital preparations, I probably will not be trying any new recipes or taking cooking lessons. So this week, when I hear, "Mom? What's for dinner?" I will answer, "Brinner!" with gusto. But The Hubs has to make the toast.

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Should our next census ask about citizenship status?

The question allows government to properly disburse needed funds and services



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WASHINGTON — Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, at the request of the Justice Department, has instructed the U.S. Census Bureau to include a question on the 2020 decennial census asking whether the respondent is a U.S. citizen.

Such a request should be relatively uncontroversial, since census takers have been asking that question on one survey or another since the very first census. But these days, even the uncontroversial is controversial.

Most of the pushback is coming from the left, especially politicians and rent-seeking groups that thrive on redistributing taxpayer dollars. But such a question could be very helpful for those who work in public policy — for example, in counting the uninsured.

The Census Bureau included a citizenship question through 1950, stopping in 1960, as it sought ways to increase response rates. But the question was included on what is called the "long form" census in 1970, which went to fewer households.

In 2005, the citizenship question was added to the American Community Survey, an annual survey of a very small percentage of households.

Because the Census Bureau's decennial census has not included a citizenship question for decades, analysts and elected officials do not know how many of the respondents are (1) citizens, (2) aliens in the U.S. legally, or (3) undocumented and in the U.S. illegally.

Thus, when the Census Bureau releases its annual survey of health coverage and the uninsured, it simply ignores how many of the uninsured are here illegally.

During healthcare reform debates in the past, some of us pointed out that perhaps 25 percent of the uninsured were undocumented aliens and so unlikely to be covered by health insurance reform efforts — and sure enough, Obamacare excluded illegals from receiving health insurance subsidies.

Even today, of the roughly 27.6 million (2016) uninsured, perhaps 8 million or so — a guestimate — are illegals ineligible for taxpayer subsidies. Very few of them are going to spend their own money, especially given the high cost of Obamacare coverage. They will simply remain uninsured.

And yet those pushing for some type of big-government solution to the uninsured — including those who backed President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act — use the larger uninsured number to make the problem look bigger than it is, or at least bigger than any likely legislative solution would address.

To be sure, the Census Bureau's annual American Community Survey does ask a citizenship question. But while more frequent, those surveys are limited samples, about 3.5 million out of roughly 126 million households. The sample numbers are then extrapolated for the country as a whole. But even then, the bureau doesn't include an estimate of the uninsured who are in the U.S. illegally.

The result is that estimating the number of uninsured who are illegal has mostly been a guessing game.

But the issue is not limited to the uninsured. The federal government funds a number of programs where taxpayer money supports illegal immigrants, either directly or indirectly. Knowing how many undocumented people are receiving those funds could help inform policy decisions.

Those opposing a citizenship question claim that the U.S. Constitution requires the government to count everyone who resides in the country, legally or not.

Ironically, these are mostly the same people who long ago abandoned the notion of a literal interpretation of the Constitution for what they call a "living Constitution," defined as "one that evolves, changes over time, and adapts to new circumstances, without being formally amended."

While a citizenship question might discourage some participation, the Census Bureau has increasingly used various methods, statistical and otherwise, to fill in the gaps.

Some form of a citizenship question has been around for two centuries. Stressing it once again would help take a little of the guesswork out of many of our public policy challenges.

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Such questions don't belong in a free country's census



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TAMPA, Fla. — For the first time since the 1950 decennial census, the 2020 census will include a question on a respondent's citizenship status.

The Trump administration enunciated some worrying plans for the 2020 census when Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross testified before the Senate in 2017 that he wanted census data to be "strategically reused" by other government departments and the private sector.

The inclusion of a citizenship question in the 2020 census and the willingness of Ross and Trump to "re-use" census data for other purposes, including informing the Department of Homeland Security and its Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agents where pockets of non-citizens are located — right down to 9-digit zip code addresses — is worrying.

Federal law prohibits sharing census data with other government agencies. For those who believe census data abuse cannot happen, it should be noted that it has already occurred — and quite recently — in the United States.

In 2004, DHS requested 2000 census data on Americans of Arab descent, right down to the 9-digit zip code level, that is, individual street addresses.

By sifting through such census data, DHS was able to calculate where the Arab-Americans lived, according to individual ancestral homelands of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, Palestine and Morocco as well as "other Arab nation" or generic Arab descent.

Using 1940 census data, the federal government rounded up some 120,000 Japanese-American citizens for internment during World War II.

Given the jingoistic and xenophobic hateful rhetoric emanating from Trump, other high-ranking officials and Republicans in Congress, the interest of Trump's Census Bureau in collecting citizenship information can only have a malevolent intent.

The official reason given by the administration — that Attorney General Jeff Sessions requires citizenship data, so the Justice Department can adequately enforce the Voting Rights Act by determining who is eligible to vote — is laughable on its face.

Nothing in Sessions's shameful record in Alabama of opposing civil rights and voting rights suggests he has had some sort of "sudden awakening" and now wants to assist African-Americans and other minorities to exercise their constitutional franchise.

Nor does Donald Trump's repeated false statements claiming "millions" of non-citizens voted illegally in the 2016 election add any legitimacy to the inclusion of the citizenship question.

States and cities are right in fighting the Trump Administration's unconstitutional citizenship question in federal court. At least seventeen states have filed lawsuits against the citizenship question. Former Census Bureau directors, in both Republican and Democratic Administrations, have cautioned against asking about citizenship.

It is amazing that many conservatives, who constantly argue for a strict interpretation of the U.S. Constitution, are willing to tamper with the framers' original intent regarding the census.

Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution specifically states, an "Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of Ten Years."

Enumeration, in this context, means a head count of the people living in the United States. The framers were not interested in citizenship status but wanted a clean headcount of people.

The name Jacques Fauvet is not known to many Americans. However, in France, Fauvet was known for perpetually warning against the misuse of census data.

Fauvet, who oversaw French data protection from 1984 to 1999, pointed out that when the German Nazis took over France in 1940, one of the first acts of the Gestapo was to seize as many detailed census records as possible.

From these records, the Nazis were able to construct their lists of who would be arrested and deported to the concentration camps in the east. Enough said!

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Hurd on the Hill: Energy Security is National Security

■ West Texans are active in US foreign policy

Folks in the 23rd District know well that West Texas energy fuels our economy. In fact, the Texas portion of the Permian Basin alone provides more than 444,000 jobs, contributes more than $60.2 billion to the Gross State Product of Texas and generates $113.6 billion in economic output for local communities.

What's equally as important is that energy security is national security. Many folks don't realize the hardworking Texans getting in their trucks each morning to work on nearby rigs or at refineries are doing much more than earning a paycheck — they are playing an important role protecting our nation from threats abroad. Here's why:

Due to the discovery of significant reserves across the United States, including the Permian Basin, the nation has ramped up domestic oil production. In doing so, we have reduced our dependence on other oil producing nations while concurrently securing and improving our economy. Countries across the globe are now looking to the United States to supply energy, ultimately diminishing the influence of other countries, such as Russia, on the industry. It is exciting that TX-23 is ground zero for North American energy dominance and so many hardworking Texans have a hand in our foreign policy by simply doing their jobs.

Recently, I spent a week in West Texas with employers, constituents and energy stakeholders to see their contributions firsthand in the Delaware Basin, a portion of the Permian Basin that spans across Culberson, Jeff Davis, Loving, Pecos, Reeves, Ward and Winkler Counties. I started my trip in Orla where I visited a new natural gas processing plant. With more than $250 million invested to ensure the safe and responsible development of this facility, more jobs for the hardworking folks in TX-23 are on the way.

In addition to hosting an energy roundtable in Fort Stockton, a town hall in Monahans and visiting facilities in Balmorhea and Pecos, I toured the site of a new refinery outside of Fort Stockton. This will be the first project of its kind built in the United States in 47 years. The refinery operator chose Fort Stockton because of the available land, access to natural resources and the South Orient-Texas Pacifico railroad that travels to Mexico through the border town of Presidio. My office worked with Texas Department of Transportation to secure grant funding to begin fixing an ailing rail line and the Presidio rail bridge that previously burned in a fire. It is particularly rewarding to see this private-sector investment in our community that will help grow jobs in the area and improve the economy.

The United States is a global powerhouse due to so many Texans who support the energy industry right here in our backyard. West Texas energy fuels our economy, fosters thousands of local jobs and allows us to bolster our national security by relying less on other oil-producing countries for natural resources. I'll continue to work with my colleagues in our nation's capital to create pro-growth policies to ensure South and West Texas continues to thrive.

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From 1B

I'm happy to report there will be a debate or debates. I think.

"You know," she told me, "I've always been willing to do debates. Right now, all of that is being taken care of by my staff. They're looking at logistics and everything else that needs to happen."

But, I asked, you are committing to them?

"I have been willing to do them," she said. "Yes." So there will be debates?

"It's being worked out. I've commit–," she said, stopping prior to completing the word "committed" and opting instead to say, "I've been willing to do debates."

Any reason, any potential logistical reason why it won't happen?

"I don't see any. I can't think of any right now," she said.

What would be a good number of debates? "Again, that's an issue to be taken care of by my team," she said. Later, after she had spent more time chatting with voters, I asked her why she'd be a better governor than White. "First of all," she told me, "I come from the poorest ZIP code in San Antonio and I had to struggle to get to where I am. I had to struggle to go to school. I had to struggle to go to college. I had to struggle in the military. I was always a person struggling to get further along. I know what it is to have to struggle in your everyday life. And the majority of Texans are still struggling today. I know what it is to want to send your child to better schools, to get a decent education."

She spoke about a living wage and how Texas' school finance system is "totally broken." I led her through an abbreviated version of the school finance questions a gubernatorial candidate might get in a debate.

Valdez said the current system unfairly is "on the backs of the property owners" and we need more of a "level playing field."

I asked if all options, including a state income tax, should be considered if we work toward a new school finance system.

She didn't say no. "Again, we don't want this on the back of the everyday Texan. We need to make this fair across the state," she said. "I think — as a matter of fact, I know — if we just make it a level playing field and everybody pays their share, we'll have what we need." I asked her what tax most fairly makes everyone pays their fair share.

"The service fees, the property fees, the businesses, everybody needs to pay their fair share. And we need to get back to having the state put in their fair share and not on the backs of the everyday person," she said by way of sort of answering.

(FYI: After the interview, a Valdez aide told me Valdez opposes a state income tax.)

I wrapped up by circling back to the reason I made the drive to San Antonio: "And there are going to be debates between you and Mr. White?" "More than likely," she said. That's just short of yes, I told her.

"Short of yes. More than likely," she said. "All of that is being taken care of by my team. If you want time, date and all of that, that's going to be taken care of by them."

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Need to 'share' too much has created monster

■ These hearings about Facebook were about what most things in Congress are usually about: power and money



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At the risk of being "unfriended" by members of Congress, there was a lot not to "Like" about the legislative branch's assault (last) week on a certain social media site.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg sat for hours over two days in separate hearings before House and Senate committees. The 33-year-old took questions from dozens of lawmakers — including many senior citizens who didn't seem to understand how the site works.

I wonder if this was what it was like for my parents' generation, when folks wrung their hands and worried themselves sick in the 1950s over this new-fangled abomination called "rock 'n' roll."

I'm going to tell you what the Facebook hearings were really about. But first, we have to be clear on what they were *not* about.

The hearings were not about the privacy of Americans, who voluntarily relinquish that privacy when they choose to open a Facebook account and then choose to post personal data on their page to seek the approval of family, friends and complete strangers. As Zuckerberg told lawmakers, Facebook's users call the shots as to who sees what — if for no other reason than that they can vote with their "delete" button and leave the site. They choose what to reveal — and to whom.

Nor were the hearings about the need for Zuckerberg to apologize for the fact that a Republican presidential candidate successfully used in 2016 much the same data-collection methods that were successfully used by a Democratic presidential candidate in 2008 and 2012. The Republicans essentially beat the Democrats at their own game.

And nor were the Facebook hearings about getting closure on the 2016 election. That won't happen. Neither Hillary Clinton nor President Trump will let the election go. Now congressional Democrats suggest the reason that young people, African-Americans, Latinos, working-class whites and probably some members of the Obama administration didn't vote for Clinton was because a sinister third party hijacked their Facebook data and created anti-Hillary propaganda.

Speaking of apologies, Democrats need to apologize to the American people for the original sin of picking as their presidential nominee such a flawed, unappealing and unelectable candidate. After all, does anyone really believe that we would be here at this exact spot if Clinton had been elected because she remembered that there are voters in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin? And what if Clinton had won the election and done so in part because of successful mining of Facebook data? Democratic lawmakers would be giving Zuckerberg a medal — or at least a "thumbs-up" emoji.

I miss the ol' days when lackluster presidential hopefuls — whether they were Democrats like Michael Dukakis and John Kerry, or Republicans like John McCain and Mitt Romney — owned up to their failures. Nowadays, losers blame everyone from the FBI to the Russians to the media to Facebook.

These hearings were about what most things in Congress are usually about: power and money. Zuckerberg has plenty of both, and the lawmakers want their slice. And they will shame, flatter, threaten and arm-twist to get it.

As for power, Zuckerberg has an audience of more than 2.2 billion monthly users and the ability to call together a couple dozen of Silicon Valley's top technology leaders at a summit to discuss best practices — something that, by the way, more than one lawmaker asked him to do to advance their pet causes.

As for money, Forbes and Bloomberg both put Zuckerberg's net worth at about $70 billion. He lost an estimated $15 billion due to the Cambridge Analytica scandal. But he made back $3 billion after his first day of congressional testimony.

Politicians need money like an opioid addict needs pills. So each time one of them told Zuckerberg during the hearings that he or she looked forward to "following up" with him, that could've been the signal. The bite is coming. This was no shake up. This was a shakedown. At least Tony Soprano did it with more style.

Again, we started this. We made Zuckerberg rich and powerful. All because of our insatiable need to share stuff and show off our "perfect" relationships, vacations, children and cuisine. How much of it is real? They ought to call it "Falsebook."

For some people, it's not about sharing but stirring. They like to know they're having an effect on other people.

That reminds me. After this column runs, I'll probably post it on Facebook. Hope you "Like" it.

GUEST VIEW

Zuckerberg testimony tees up urgent questions about internet giants

The tumult in Washington last week over Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg's two days of testimony before Congress is the best opportunity yet for all of us to re-examine our relationships with the internet giants that exert enormous influence in our society. Facebook as well as Google and the vast number of other companies that trade free services for access to our private information, now occupy a central place in too much of our daily lives.

The result is that we've turned over enormous troves of information that these firms repackage and sell to third parties eager to influence our purchases and what we think about politics, culture and a variety of other issues.

What should be clear now is just how easy it has been for bad actors to exploit Facebook and other platforms. And what should also be clear after the hearings is just how little care social media giants have taken to construct products that are difficult for bad actors to exploit. Or as Zuckerberg admits, Facebook didn't do enough to guard against downstream consequences.

"The big mistake that we've made looking back on this is viewing our responsibility as just building tools, rather than viewing our whole responsibility as making sure that those tools are used for good," Zuckerberg said in an answer to a question from Sen. John Cornyn of Texas.

The hearings raised other concerns beyond privacy. As most Facebook users will attest, the site can be addictive. Is it dangerous for so many Americans to use social media to filter their news and even how they interact with society?

Should Facebook make it easy to identify all users who post political messages? Are there limits that should be placed on the way automated accounts, or bots, interact with real users, given how they push divisive messages to large audiences?

Have Silicon Valley giants been allowed to too easily scoop up would-be competitors — firms that might have created new business models with better privacy protections? Can it be made easier for users to download or even delete the data they give these firms? Should it be easier to rescind privacy permissions?

But even as the hearings teed up such questions, it should also be clear there are a few things the rest of us need to confront about ourselves.

It seems clear that social media has played a large role in coarsening our political discourse. We can blame the companies for building infrastructure that encouraged that behavior. But within all of us is the capacity to change the way we use these services, and to stand up for civility.

Were we to resolve to do that, then the moment of reflection these hearings have engendered will have lasting effects no matter what Congress or the companies do now.

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Mueller should be last special counsel

■ Each side celebrates when it can get an investigation going — and they know it will ramify in unpredictable, harmful ways



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Donald Trump shouldn't fire Robert Mueller, but Mueller should be the last special counsel.

The Mueller probe just took a Ken Starr turn with its lurch, via the Southern District of New York, into the Stormy Daniels affair.

After the Starr investigation in the 1990s, there was a consensus that we weren't doing that again, certainly not through the independent counsel statute, which lapsed.

The law put investigations on a hair trigger and carved out independent counsels, executive branch officials, from control of the chief executive in a constitutionally impermissible way. Endless politically fraught investigations ensued that often exhibited a zeal disproportionate to the alleged crime.

It's too early to render a verdict on Mueller's work, but he certainly appears to have become a kind of free-floating legal ombudsman.

In response to Trump's blustery attacks on Mueller, a bipartisan group of lawmakers is calling for legal protections against Mueller's removal that would be an ill-advised step back toward the independent counsel statute. Instead, we should be thinking of whether this is the best way to hold presidents accountable. As a practical matter, it's hard to imagine any administration ever permitting such an investigation to get unloosed again.

Even if Trump is fully vindicated, the probe has exacted a significant price, and much of the left considers the Mueller probe a resistance march with subpoena power.

In his famous dissent in the Supreme Court case of Morrison v. Olson upholding the independent counsel law in 1988, Antonin Scalia wrote, "Nothing is so politically effective as the ability to charge that one's opponent and his associates are not merely wrongheaded, naive, ineffective, but, in all probability, 'crooks.' And nothing so effectively gives an appearance of validity to such charges as a Justice Department investigation and, even better, prosecution."

This is why each side celebrates when it can get such an investigation going — and they know it will ramify in unpredictable, harmful ways.

Scalia quoted FDR's attorney general, Robert Jackson, who warned against prosecutors picking a person to investigate rather than a crime, lest it become a matter of "searching the law books, or putting investigators to work, to pin some offense on him."

Now, obviously, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, a Trump appointee, didn't intend to create such a dynamic (although his initial mandate to Mueller was much too broad). And Trump brought this all on himself with his ham-fisted firing of FBI Director James Comey.

But the trajectory would be maddening for any president. He's gone from Comey telling him he wasn't suspected of wrongdoing to his personal lawyer being raided. He's gone from his deputy attorney general blessing a counterintelligence investigation into Russian meddling to blessing FBI agents seizing material related to hush payments to a porn star.

Now it very well may be that Mueller's every step on that path was justified legally, the same as Ken Starr's trajectory from Whitewater to Monica Lewinsky. But the gravitational pull of such investigations is toward expansion.

By the end, the Starr investigation was a pure partisan fight for power. The same will be true of the Mueller probe, if it isn't already. This puts the lie to the idea that such investigations can ever be truly above politics.

It's possible to imagine a different scenario over the past year. Congress could have created an independent commission to investigate Russia. Career prosecutors could have handled the Paul Manafort investigation. The Southern District could have, on its own, taken up the Daniels matter. And if Congress didn't act or the Trump Justice Department quashed legitimate investigations, Democrats could have used it to build their case for the midterms — and for wielding the subpoena and impeachment power.

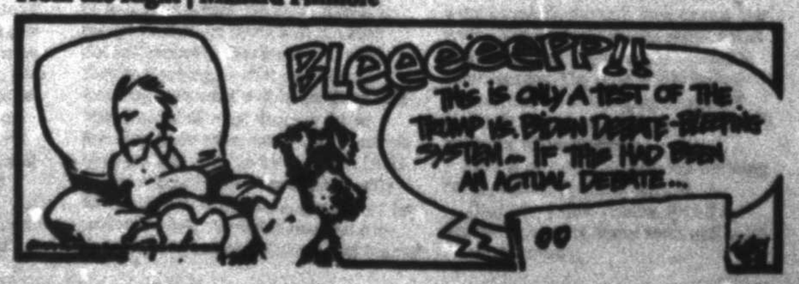
This effort wouldn't have been as centralized and fearsome as Mueller's operation, but it would have been more politically accountable and open.

All this is moot now, of course, but both sides should eventually consider whether they want another Robert Mueller.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Conservative' council is money-hungry

The Midland City Council has passed a fee (tax) for storm water drainage. The mayor passes it off as only a couple of dollars added to the water bill and that our rapid growth is causing the problem. A whole new entity will be established to administer the funds. What I have read is that "a couple of dollars a month" can run into hundreds per month for commercial property. This "conservative" City Council is just money-hungry.

I read where people are standing in line to buy lots, and builders cannot build houses fast enough. Today, the average working-class home will probably cost about $300,000 and owners will pay ad valorem taxes of $6,000 to $8,000 per year. My poor old $38,000 home is almost 50 years old and is assessed at about that amount. Sales taxes are currently being reported at 30 percent to 50 percent above last year.

Where is all this money going? To me it looks like the rapid growth is paying for itself. Taxes are being paid into the coffers at unprecedented rates, but when a slowdown comes, and it will, I assure you these same people will be wringing their hands and wondering why income is down. It happened a few years back. The county judge made a statement that the income was less than the year before and something had to be done. I really wondered at the time when he got his first clue.

Actually, the public should have voted on something like this, but the City Council doesn't want that. It probably would not pass, even though it is only "a couple of dollars a month." This council is just so much smarter than the rest of us.

Earl Ray West

Speeding is out of control

Because our chief of police has his own legal issues with the city of Midland, I guess we won't be getting any response from the police department concerning no one enforcing our posted speed limits. This is an out-of-control situation that gets worse by the day.

People have total disregard for posted speed limits, especially in active school zones. Police don't even abide by them. I would invite the upper management of the PD to get in your personal car and drive in an active school zone, such as Hillander or Trinity, and you might get run over.

In the past, I have written a letter to the editor to have someone from the police department address this situation, so all can see, but nothing to date. I realize our criminal element comes first for our police department, but this must be addressed now. I sure wish other folks would voice their opinion to the PD.

Mike Stewart



ERICA GRIEDER
Houston Chronicle

Hey Sid, rural Texans need more than this 'maverick doctor'

The latest scandal involving Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller includes a number of sordid details.

That's because the self-described maverick doctor at the center of the scandal, Rick Redalen, has more than one character flaw. The same could be said of most humans, of course. But Redalen's are such that his medical license had been revoked or suspended in three states by the time he met Miller, who appointed him to the state's rural health task force in 2016.

And the Austin American-Statesman's Sean Collins Walsh, who broke that news this month, left many Texans with lingering questions.

"In Iowa, Rick Ray Redalen's medical license was first suspended when he was convicted of perjury in acase involving his marriage to his 15-year-old former stepdaughter," wrote Walsh.

Walsh, of course, is not to blame for Miller's decision to appoint such a person to the rural health task force, which works with the Department of Agriculture's Rural Health and Economic Advisory Council.

Similarly, it's not my fault that Redalen is a self-pitying fool who tried to convince the Statesman that he and Miller bonded over their mutual commitment to working tirelessly on behalf of rural Texans.

Miller is "one of the first actual political people that I have met that talks constantly about improving health care in rural Texas and among rural Texans," Redalen said.

"Most people aren't interested in that," he added.

Redalen, who is 75, may think Texans are stupid enough to believe that.

But the fact is there are many "actual political people" on both sides of the aisle who see this as a very important issue.

One such person is state Rep. J.D. Sheffield, a family physician from Gatesville who was elected in 2012 after unseating the incumbent in that year's Republican primary. The incumbent was Miller, whose manifest disinterest in the needs of his district was precisely what made him vulnerable.

Another such person is Julie Oliver, who is in a runoff for the Democratic nomination in Texas' 25th Congressional District, which is widely ignored by everyone, including its representative, Roger Williams. Oliver, however, is an exception. So, just in case anyone else is curious, Texans who live in the 25th Congressional District would like reliable access to affordable health care, apparently.

My impression, in fact, is that some of the rural Texans Oliver has heard from consider that issue even more urgent than figuring out whether the Russians were actually trying to help Donald Trump win the election or if they got more than they bargained for.

Also, the 25th District is heavily gerrymandered, as you could probably guess.

So I asked Oliver, an attorney and accountant who specializes in health care finance, if the city-dwelling voters she'd met along the way are as obsessed with health care as the rural voters she'd been telling me about, who see access to lifesaving medical treatment as potentially a matter of life and death. She said yes.

I can't confirm that Oliver is right about all of this because I, too, typically ignore the 25th Congressional District. But I believed her because in my experience, most voters do consider health care a major issue. I also find that those of us who live in cities are generally capable of grasping the concept that obstacles to access vary, in part because some people live in cities, and others live in places where nurses are vastly outnumbered by tumbleweeds.

For that matter, a couple days ago Beto O'Rourke, the Democratic U.S. Senate candidate, was in Lubbock, and joined Chad Hasty, a conservative radio host, for a discussion that I tuned into because I wanted to hear a substantive and respectful discussion between two Texans, neither of whom is prone to gratuitously embarrassing our state.

Health care was, in fact, among the issues that came up. I wasn't surprised by that, because O'Rourke is another example of an actual political person who spends a lot of time brooding about the various challenges that his constituents have been known to encounter during the course of this journey known as life.

And, hey, for all I know, perhaps Miller does spend a lot of time talking about the concerns of rural Texans in the privacy of his own home.

Maybe that's what he and Redalen talked about last year, when they traveled to Israel together, so that Miller could open up trade relations with with a group of Israeli settlements in the West Bank that are not legally recognized by the United States.

But for some reason, I doubt it.

Are teacher protests a sign of things to come for Texas?

Texas teachers aren't striking for higher pay or marching on Austin to demand more public school funding, but they have a lot in common with those who are. And the protesters' success in other states could become a rallying cry for educators and supporters when the Texas Legislature returns next January.

Texas has imposed some of the deepest cuts in K-12 spending in the past decade, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington.

Only Oklahoma, where teachers continue to walk out, slashed its state formula funding more per student, the report said. Kentucky, Arizona and West Virginia rank near the bottom on this measure, and teachers there have been protesting, too.

By comparison, Texas teachers are paid more than their peers in those southern states. At almost $58,000 per year, Texas ranks 23rd on average annual pay for high school teachers, according to federal figures.

That's still $5,000 below the national average, and pay growth since 2010 has been slower for Texas teachers — slower than the average gain for all occupations and slower than teacher gains nationwide.

In Texas, teachers earn about 73 percent of the pay for college graduates, which is also lower than the U.S. average.

"There may be differences in the degree of desperation in other states, but these issues are boiling just beneath the surface here," said Ed Sills, a spokesman for the Texas AFL-CIO, a part of the giant nationwide labor federation. "Public school teachers in Texas feel squeezed, and the level of support from the state is at the center of that."

Texas ranks low on other school metrics, including college readiness and educational attainment, and that's one reason that businesses have jumped into the fray. In recent months, they've begun trying to galvanize support to improve public education and encourage voters to turn out for primary elections.

One supporter said that education needs to become the bathroom bill of 2019 — the subject that pulls them all together.

"This is a situation where business and labor are on the same page," Sills said.

The Texas American Federation of Teachers, an AFL-CIO affiliate, has over 65,000 members. The Texas State Teachers Association, an affiliate of the National Education Association, includes over 55,000 teachers. Two other statewide teachers groups also operate here.

In general, Texas teachers support the reform efforts in other states, but they're not likely to strike because it's against the law. They could lose their state pension and teaching certificate, officials said.



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Teachers from Denison Public School in Isabel, Okla., hold signs and wave at passing cars outside the state Capitol as protests continue over school funding Thursday in Oklahoma City.



MITCHELL SCHNURMAN
The Dallas Morning News

While teachers have a record of turning out in force at the Capitol in Austin, the Legislature is not currently in session, so there's no one to protest to. When it comes to politics, their focus is on elections — first the March primaries, then the runoffs and the general election in November.

"We're all united on getting out the vote," said Clay Robison, a spokesman for the Texas State Teachers Association, which has adopted an "education first" agenda.

Attorney General Ken Paxton warned school officials about "unlawful electioneering" in the runup to the primaries. Many educators support candidates who are challenging tea party Republicans, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.

"It is not illegal for teachers to vote or encourage others to vote," Robison said. "Teachers may not be allowed to strike, but they can advocate."

In Oklahoma, teacher strikes are also prohibited, but the walkout has been gaining support in the state and nationwide. Hundreds of Oklahoma schools closed on Monday as demonstrators kept pushing for more state money to replace dilapidated books and supplies.

Last month, a nine-day strike in West Virginia led to a 5 percent pay raise for state employees. In Kentucky, teachers have been staging protests at the Capitol and the governor has warned against using sick days to shut down schools. In Arizona, teachers are threatening to strike unless they get more money.

The pushback over school funding is reminiscent of other recent high-profile efforts to create change.

"Teachers are now standing up and saying, 'Enough is enough,' just like the #MeToo movement," presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin said on NBC's Meet the Press. "And they're not just fighting for raises. They're fighting for funding for their school districts."

In Texas, there's also an education effort underway on school finance, led by leaders at Plano ISD. Many residents believe that higher property taxes result in higher education spending, but that hasn't been the case. Instead, the extra revenue allowed Texas lawmakers to cut the business franchise tax and expand the homestead exemption.

"We're hitting a tipping point where people are upset about property taxes and starting to learn how that works," said Chandra Villanueva, program director at the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin.

At a hearing on school finance this month, experts talked about the franchise tax and education. And Villanueva sent out tweets critical of the tax cuts because they allowed lawmakers to shortchange education.

Some business people supported her views on Twitter, she said, "and it's a tax on them."

To her, that's another sign of how the ground is shifting — in Texas as well as other parts of the country.

"It's about priorities," Villanueva said. "We need to prioritize education over tax cuts."

If business sees it that way, maybe it could happen here, too.

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Texans hate standardized tests, but govern by the results

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ **ANALYSIS**

The best way to improve public education in Texas? Cut the number of standardized tests students have to take, according to a February 2017 University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll. That answer came in ahead of increased funding, vouchers, higher pay for teachers, incentives for prospective teachers, grading of schools, expanded pre-k, more charter schools and more online earning.

Texans really, really hate those tests. They are also deeply unhappy with the state's school finance system — particularly the (majority) part of it that's funded by property taxes.

It's easy to go in circles on education, hoping for better information about how the students and schools are doing while at the same time deploring the pressure of the tests that — in an ideal situation — would be providing just that information.

In an "ask me anything" session conducted by the Tribune on Facebook this week, the conversation turned to testing — and quickly revealed some of the anger and frustration about the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness exam. That echoed Kaitlin Barnes, a fifth-grade teacher from Houston who started off a column in TribTalk a week ago by saying the test should've been blocked under the U.S. Constitution's Eighth Amendment; that's the one that bars cruel and unusual punishment.

It's a good week for the flare-up: Kids across the state are taking the tests, with another round (for a different set of students) coming up next month.

Intentionally or not, Texas legislators piled on the political messages for this time of year, scheduling those tests in the same part of the calendar when home and other property owners are getting their annual assessment notices.

As this sample shows, the test is hard. Many detractors, like Barnes, acknowledge the intent even while they're hating on STAAR.

It makes sense to test students, to see how they're coming along. And it makes sense for the state to test students and schools, to see if the money spent on public education is actually resulting in a more educated public. It's hard to tell if a "B" grade in El Paso is the same as a "B" in Tyler — whether the schools in every part of the state are educating kids. That's the reason for giving the same test everywhere — to get comparable grades.

It also turns out to be one of the best ways to start an argument, whether the test in question is STAAR or one of its predecessors. Teachers regularly complain that the content of the tests doesn't properly match up with what they're teaching — that they end up teaching kids what will be on the state's tests instead of what they would be teaching them otherwise. Angry parents have gone to court to try to stop STAAR.

The accountability attached directly and indirectly to the tests, sometimes for perfectly understandable reasons, produces unreasonable pressures that trickle down from the state to school districts, to principals, to teachers and to students. From students to parents, who are sometimes also known as voters, who talk to their school boards and legislators.

Lather, rinse, repeat.

The cycle is reflected in legislative (and gubernatorial) efforts to limit increases in local property taxes and to make changes to the property appraisal system. That's just a herd of elected officials trying to make angry constituents happy, i.e., doing what they're supposed to be doing in a representative democracy.

And it's reflected in legislative efforts to trim the frequency and the pain of statewide tests, efforts that are tempered by a fear that testing is the only way for the state to know whether the schools around the state — imagine the best one, and also the worst one — are educating Texas kids.

Testing is a big business, too, with contract problems, operational snafus, policy reversals — even storm warnings.

The other side of the coin — accountability — was also evident as the kids were sweating through their exams last week. National test results show Texas and the nation stagnating in academic achievement. The state is still falling when it comes to bringing scores for Hispanic and black students in line with those for white students.

Education policymakers are working on it, promising improvement.

They know that Texans, for all the justified groaning about tests, still want to see the results.

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Becker, timely rallies lift Lee to sweep of MHS

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Saturday's anticipated home-and-home doubleheader between the Lee and Midland High baseball teams boiled down to capitalizing on opportunities.

Throughout the twin bill, the Rebels found a way to make the most of their scoring chances, while the Bulldogs largely failed in that regard. As a result Lee swept the District 2-6A doubleheader, winning Game 1, 9-1 at Zachery Field and then edging the Bulldogs, 8-7 in Game 2 at Ernie Johnson Field thanks to a four-run rally in the sixth.

"It's (about) making the most out your opportunities," said Lee head coach Brian Roper. "When you get traffic on the bases, you've got to come up with a big hit. I'm really proud of our kids and it's a big sweep. It was a great team effort. We knew Midland High would play hard and give us their best and that's a class group."

Lee (16-10, 7-4 in District 2-6A) is now tied for second place with Odessa High (21-6, 7-4). With the losses, MHS (16-14, 3-8) remained in a tie with Tascosa (10-17, 3-8) for fifth, one game behind fourth-place Odessa Permian (17-12, 4-7).

At each field, when the contest seemed to hinge on a momentous play, it was the Rebels who delivered far more often than their rivals.

Lee senior third baseman Adam Becker was called upon to make his first start of the season in Game 1 and was brilliant, as he held MHS to one unearned run on eight hits over 6 2/3 frames, while striking out seven.

With the game tied 1-1, the Rebels pulled ahead in the top of the fourth. They loaded the bases on a Chase Pederson walk, an error and an infield single by Omar Ruiz, before pinch hitter Jordan Matthews pulled Lee ahead with a single to left. Colby Standard and Logan Acosta plated two more runs with a bases-loaded walk and a hit-by-pitch for a 4-1 lead.

Ty Coleman then clubbed a two-run double to left center that put the Rebels fully in control. Becker took things from there and stranded a Bulldogs

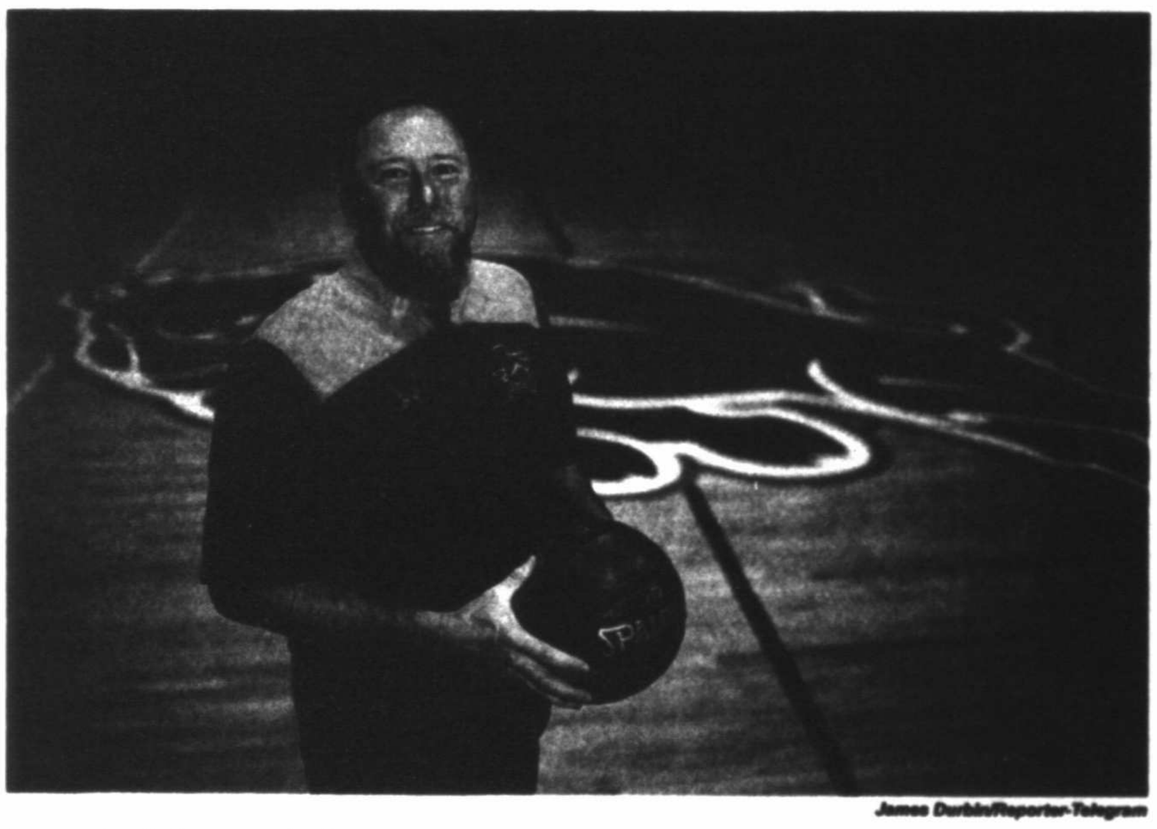
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Midland High's Michael Madrid (13) pitches against on Saturday at Ernie Johnson Field.

Guiding the Buffs



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Forsan head boys basketball coach Cory Richardson is MRT's all-area basketball coach of the year, photographed on Thursday in Forsan.

Cory Richardson's leadership with Forsan earn him Coach of the Year

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Forsan head boys basketball coach Cory Richardson has never been easy on his players.

Over his two years as the Buffaloes' varsity coach, Richardson has instilled a vigorous daily routine. Every element of his team's preparation in practice is timed, checked, double-checked and applied without even a thought of failure. Nearly every possible game situation he can come up with is simulated in some form.

But Richardson also possesses an invaluable coaching quality that endears himself to his players: He is trustworthy, welcoming and knows how to keep the game fun for all involved. He fostered a tightly-knit family atmosphere reflective of the Forsan community itself and this season, directed the Buffaloes to a 29-5 record and an appearance in the Region I-2A semifinal for the first time since 2009.

Even going back to late November, he never had a doubt that his team could be special.

"I think (I realized our potential) early on when we were shooting well," said Richardson, a former assistant at Lamesa and head coach at Rankin from 1996-2002. "We were shooting the ball well, we had some unknowns as far as post players coming out and we started rebounding well. After a few games, which wasn't many, I realized we had all the pieces to be good."

For his role in one of the greatest seasons in Buffaloes' history, Richardson is the Reporter-Telegram's Inaugural Boys Basketball Coach of the Year for the 2017-18 season.

Entering the season, Richardson had the luxury of having three varsity seasoned scoring guards in son Kobe Richardson, Forsan quarterback Bryce Hergert and standout receiver Garrett Evans, along with a capable supporting cast. But he knew needed some extra muscle inside to round out the lineup.

He added senior forward Ehren Hillger to the roster, who at 6-foot-3, instantly became the Buffaloes' tallest player. For additional balance he also brought in junior forward Caden Williamson, one of Forsan's two-way lineman during football season.

Neither Hillger nor Williamson had played basketball since the eighth grade – a time when they were coached by Richardson, the program's former junior high coach. Richardson knew they would be filling key roles for a team with high hopes and there wasn't much time to get acclimated during intense routine and drilling.

Still, a true teacher of the game, he openly welcomed both players and gave each individual instruction outside of practice.

"I'm not very talented in this sport compared to others," Hillger said. "Him

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MCS' Venzant sparked MCS, earns POY honor

By Will Korn
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For Midland Christian guard Joseph Venzant to take the next step in his basketball development, he needed to clear a hurdle many players his age struggle with: Becoming effective without the ball in his hands.

The Mustangs' primary ball handler at the start of the season, Venzant was approached by head coach Chris Ryburn about moving off the ball midway through the TAPPS 1-5A season. It was a transition that would require maturity, patience and trust – in himself, his teammates and his coaches.

Venzant bought in and the move paid off for the athletic, 6-foot-2 freshman.

In one of the best games of his high school career, he turned in a 16-point, 15-rebound performance in the Mustangs' 53-40 district win at Fort Worth All Saints on Jan. 19, a night that seemed to set a tone for the rest of a memorable freshman season.

For the year, Venzant averaged a team-high 16.8 points, 8.3 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game, lifting the Mustangs to their second straight district title. He was named the TAPPS 1-5A Most Valuable Player, was a TAPPS 5A first team all-state selection and for his efforts, is the Reporter-Telegram's inaugural Boys Basketball Player of the Year for the 2017-18 season.

For Ryburn, a guard at MCS from

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Midland Christian's Joseph Venzant is MRT Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

Chaps' late HRs salvage split against Western Texas College

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College sophomore third baseman Tommy Gillman knows the sign of a good team is how it responds to adversity.

The Chaparrals probably had to respond more than it would have liked in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader against Western Texas College on Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

MC almost came back in the first game before WTC scored late for a 4-3 victory. Then in the second game, the Chaps blew a lead but found a way to salvage a split on the day with a couple of late home runs for a 10-8 victory.



Gillman



Wilkinson

"That was big time for us," said Gillman of the victory. "That's the sign of all good teams. They're ready to bounce back after a little adversity and we had some in the first game by dropping a close one. But we were able to bounce back and get the win."

Added MC coach Hector Rodriguez: "Our guys did a great job. You've got to find a way to answer in game two, especially if you didn't get the first one."

MC led 7-1 through three innings in the second game thanks to a five-run second inning that saw three Chaps – Gillman (2-for-2, 2 RBI), Blake Purdue and Ethan Barker – hit triples.

"I have never seen three triples in an inning, but you can never count us out," Gillman said. "That was a fun inning, for sure."

But the WTC bullpen came in and did a good job of keeping the Westerners (14-23, 8-14) in the game as the offense responded with two runs in the sixth and four more in the seventh to tie the game. In the seventh, WTC had a two-run home run by Anthony Handel, while Marcel Lacasse hit his third homer of the day and second in the game with a two-run shot to right to tie it at 7.

The Chaps (26-14, 17-5), though, would have an answer in the bottom of the eighth when Garrett Wilkinson hit a pinch-hit, solo home run to right to give MC the lead. Three batters later, Fraisyer Chavez (2-for-5, 2 RBI) gave MC a little cushion with a two-run homer to right for a 10-7 advantage.

"In game two, our guys were the aggressor," Rodriguez said. "We talked about being more aggressive and our guys jumped on them early. Then we were on cruise control and made some mistakes on the mound and (the Westerners) took advantage of it and crawled right back in it. But it was a good pinch hit by Garrett Wilkinson, that was huge. The coaches guessed right, and then Fraisyer Chavez give us some breathing room with

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Monster Energy Cup Series: Food City 500, 1 p.m. FOX, FXDEP
IndyCar: Grand Prix of Long Beach, 3:30 p.m., NBCSN

National Basketball Association
East 1st Round, Gm 1: Milwaukee at Boston, Noon, TNT
East 1st Round, Gm 1: Indiana at Cleveland, 2:30 p.m., ABC
West 1st Round, Gm 1: Utah at Oklahoma City, 5:30 p.m., TNT
West 1st Round, Gm 1: Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m., TNT

National Hockey League
East 1st Round, Gm 3: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 2 p.m., NBC
West 1st Round, Gm 3: Winnipeg at Minnesota, 6 p.m., USA
East 1st Round, Gm 2: Columbus at Washington, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
West 1st Round, Gm 3: Vegas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis
ATP: Monte Carlo, ATP: Marrakech, 6 a.m., TENNIS
West Virginia at Texas (W), 1:30 p.m., LHN TCU at Oklahoma (W), 2 p.m., FSSW+, FCSA
ATP: Fayez Sarofim & Co. US Men's Clay Court Championship, Singles Final, 2 p.m., TENNIS
Oklahoma at Texas (M), 4 p.m., LHN UCF at USF, 4:30 p.m., TENNIS
ATP: Monte Carlo, 5 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at Houston, 7 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM FM (Big Spring), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Tulsa, 4 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Baseball
Midland College at Western Texas College (DH), noon

JC Softball
Western Texas College at Midland College (DH), noon

HS SOCCER

IRVING WINS REGION I-6A TITLE

Irving defeated McKinney Boyd, 1-0, in Saturday's Region I-6A final at Grande Communications Stadium.

Irving advanced to the state tournament and will face Region III champion Allef Elsik in the state semifinal.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled RHP Alex Cobb from Bowie (EL). Placed 2B Jonathan Schoop on the 10-day DL.
OAKLAND A'S — Recalled RHP Ryan Dull from Nashville (PCL) and activated him from the 10-day DL. Placed RHP Liam Hendriks on 10-day DL.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Activated DH Nelson Cruz from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Casey Lawrence to Tacoma (PCL).
National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Reinstated LHP Brandon Finnegan from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Zack Weiss to Louisville (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Claimed LHP Enny Romero off waivers from Washington.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Claimed LHP Tyler Webb off waivers from Milwaukee and assigned him to El Paso (PCL). Transferred RHP Dinelson Lamet to the 60-day DL.
Midwest League
QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS — Announced LHP Carlos Hinkle was transferred from extended spring training to the team. Placed LHP Adam Bleday on the temporarily inactive list.
HOCKEY
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Recalled F Mike Sgobrenski from Toledo (ECHL).
COLLEGE
MICHIGAN — Junior C Moe Wagner announced he is entering the NBA draft.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Big 12
Texas Tech 20, Kansas State 6
TCU 13, Kansas 3
West Virginia 10, Oklahoma State 7
Memphis 7, Baylor 2

SEC
Texas A&M 3, Alabama 2

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	TPts	GF	GA
New York City FC	5	0	1	16	14	4
Atlanta United FC	4	1	0	12	13	6
New England	3	2	1	10	10	6
Columbus	3	3	1	10	9	7
Orlando City	3	2	1	10	11	10
New York	3	2	0	9	13	6
Montreal	2	4	0	6	6	12
Philadelphia	1	2	2	5	3	6
D.C. United	1	3	2	5	6	10
Chicago	1	3	1	4	7	9
Toronto FC	1	3	0	3	3	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	TPts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	4	1	1	13	12	9
LA Galaxy	3	2	1	10	8	8
Vancouver	3	3	1	10	8	11
Los Angeles FC	3	2	0	9	11	10
FC Dallas	2	0	3	9	7	3
Colorado	2	1	2	8	9	5
Real Salt Lake	2	3	1	7	6	14
Minnesota United	2	3	0	6	6	9
Houston	1	2	1	4	7	8
San Jose	1	2	1	4	7	8
Portland	0	3	2	2	6	12
Seattle	0	3	0	0	9	5

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Games
New York 2, Montreal 1
Colorado 2, Toronto FC 0
LA Galaxy 1, Chicago 0
D.C. United 1, Columbus 0
FC Dallas 1, New England 0
Houston at San Jose late
Minnesota United at Portland, late

Today's Games
Seattle at Sporting Kansas City, 5 p.m.
New York City FC at Atlanta United FC, 5 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Tonight
At Valencia, Spain: Ryota Murata vs. Felix Blandamura, 12, for Murata's WBA World welterweight title; Eneko Hoyo vs. Cristofer Rosales, 12, for Hoyo's WBC Silver Super Lightweight title; Kim Shin vs. Gustavo Lopez, 12, for Shin's WBC Junior Lightweight title.

April 19
At Coliseo de Puerto Rico, San Juan (ESPN2): Leonard Roach, Jr. vs. Orlando Cruz, 10, super featherweights; Jose Lopez vs. Miguel Gonzalez, 10, lightweights.

April 21
At Belfast, Northern Ireland (SKY), Carl Frampton vs. Horacio Garcia, 12, for the World WBO featherweight title; Zolani Tete vs. Oscar Mosqueda, 12, for Tete's WBO bantamweight title; Jono Carroll vs. Alexis Rocha, 12, junior lightweights; Tyrone McKenna vs. Anthony Upton, 10, junior welterweights; Conrad Cummings vs. Luis Eduardo Arce, 10, welterweights.
At Echo Arena, Liverpool, England, Anthony Crolla vs. Phil Lo Greco, 12, welterweights; Sam Eggington vs. Tommy Coyle, 12, for Eggington's British Commonwealth lightweight title.
At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (SHO), Adrien Broner vs. Jessie Vargas.

Permian defeats MHS in six innings

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Vines

The Midland High softball team didn't do itself any favors against heavy-hitting Odessa Permian Saturday.

The Lady Bulldogs committed six errors against a balanced Lady Panthers lineup that swatted six extra-base hits, stole six bases and laid down two sacrifice bunts.

Capitalizing off miscues, Permian cruised to a 12-2 run-rule victory over MHS in a six-inning District 2-6A affair at Martin Field, which was rescheduled due to severe winds Friday.

The Lady Panthers (25-1, 7-1 in District 2-6A) moved a half game ahead of idle Wolfforth Frenship for first place, while the fourth-place Lady Bulldogs (18-11-2, 3-5) have yet to clinch a playoff spot and are still trying to find their way.

Leading 2-0, Permian took control in the third inning by scoring three runs with two out, as Shadee Davis, Rylee Day and Monique Pando cracked three consecutive doubles.

Up 5-0, the Lady Panthers added four runs in the fourth frame by taking advantage of four MHS errors in the inning.

"Permian is a great team," Lady Bulldogs coach Shawnda Vines said. "They're a great hitting team. They play defense. They're well rounded. They're going to hit the ball hard and your defense has to stand up and our defense didn't.

"We just made error after error, whether it was a mental mistake or a mistake that is actually in the book. We made too many mistakes. You can't make mistakes like that against a team that's going to continue swing through the ball and play like they are. We didn't play well and they played great."

Pando led the Permian offense by going 3 for 4 with a triple, a double, two RBI and four runs.

Lady Panthers shortstop Hunter Harkrider went 3 for 4 with two RBI, a run and two stolen bases.

After being held to five runs in its last two District 2-6A games, Permian focused on generating offense in practice this past week according to coach Kristin Williams.

District 2-6A Softball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
x-Permian	7	1	25	1	0
x-Frenship	6	1	20	7	0
x-Odessa High	6	2	21	4	1
Midland High	3	5	18	11	2
Lee	1	6	12	15	2
Tascosa	0	8	6	22	0

x-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's scores
Odessa Permian 12, Midland High 2, 6 innings; Odessa High 25, Amarillo Tascosa 0, 5 innings

Monday's game
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 4:30 p.m.

"Our girls are tough to get out."

The Lady Panthers showed diversity in their offensive attack as they relied on driving the ball and being aggressive on the base paths.

Two of Permian's final three runs scored were set up by sacrifice bunts.

"Our bunting has come a long way since the beginning of the season and we've worked on it a lot," Pando said.

Down 9-0, the Lady Bulldogs showed life in the fourth inning, as Deanna Machuca plated Rani Guerra with an RBI single and Alyssa Flores drove home Savannah Shiller with a run-scoring double.

However, MHS couldn't fully capitalize, as Permian starting pitcher Alexis Morales struck out the side to limit the damage to only two runs.

In five innings, Morales held Midland High to two runs, five hits and two walks, while striking out seven.

For Permian, Hanna Hetherington was 2 for 4 with a double, two RBI, a run and a steal, and Day went 2 for 4 with an RBI double and two runs.

Guerra shined for the Lady Bulldogs by going 3 for 3 with a double and run.

MHS hosts rival Lee at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Lady Bulldogs can clinch a playoff berth with a win.

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ODESSA PERMIAN 12, MHS 2, 6 INNINGS
Permian ..... 023 412 – 12 15 0
Midland ..... 000 200 – 2 6 6
Alexis Morales, Mariah Ray (6) and Hannah Barker; Alli Monarrez and Yahsin Vidana. W – Morales. L – Monarrez. 2B – Permian: Barker, Aubrey Garcia, Shadee Davis, Rylee Day, Monique Pando, Hanna Hetherington; MHS: Alyssa Flores, Rani Guerra. 3B – Permian: Pando.
Records: Midland High 18-11-2, 3-5 in District 2-6A; Permian 25-1, 7-1
Next: Lee at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Permian at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

Lady Chaps sweep doubleheader from WTC

From staff reports

SNYDER – The Midland College softball team swept its Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader against Western Texas College, winning 8-3 and rolling to a 14-4 run-rule victory in five innings at United Field Saturday. In the first game, MC starting pitcher Crystine Kistner fired a three-hitter, while striking out 11 Lady Westerners. Kistner allowed three runs (one earned) and walked one.

In the doubleheader for the Lady Chaps, Shaycelynn Hoohuli went a combined 5-for-7 with an RBI, a walk and five runs scored; Bianca Cerda was 4-for-7 with three RBI, four runs scored and a walk; Yvonne Hernandez went 3-for-7 with a home run, four RBI and three runs; and Alexis Sullivan was 3 –for-6 with two doubles, four RBI, three runs and a walk.

The four-game series resumes today as MC hosts Western Texas College in a doubleheader beginning at noon. Saturday's doubleheader was rescheduled due to severe winds Friday.

Game 1
MC 8, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 3
MC ..... 001 052 0 – 813 4
WTC ..... 000 120 0 – 3 3 0
Crystine Kistner and Mackenzie Hoots, Deandra Allen (7), CheyAnne Simkins and Nikki Medina. W – Kistner. L – Simkins. 2B – MC: Alexis Sullivan; WTC: Simkins 2.

Game 2
MC 14, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 4, 5 INNINGS
MC ..... 510 53 – 1411 1
WTC ..... 022 00 – 4 9 3
Taylor Laing, Crystine Kistner (4) and Mackenzie Hoots, Sabina Villova (4), Shay Watson and Nikki Medina. W – Laing. L – Watson. 2B – MC: Hoots, Alexis Sullivan; WTC: Watson 2. 3B – MC: Rocio Barajas. HR – MC: Yvonne Hernandez.
Records: Midland College 30-16, 13-6 in WJCAC; Western Texas College 16-22, 9-9
Next: Western Texas College at Midland College (DH), noon today

Orange team wins at UTPB spring game

From staff reports

ODESSA – Orange defeated Black, 21-14, in the UT-Permian Basin spring football game played Saturday at Ratliff Stadium.

With eight seconds left, Orange scored the game-winning touchdown when Sam Allen heaved a 23-yard pass to Matt Harper.

Black tied the game at 14 all when Mike Myers scored on a 2-yard run with 3:32 left.

Orange led 14-0 at halftime, as Kameron Mathis completed a 12-yard TD pass to Mark Villarreal in the first quarter, and Damarcus Womack added a 12-yard scoring run in the second quarter.

Kristian Brown had five catches for 65 yards and a 37-yard TD reception, which he scored in the third period to put Black on the scoreboard.

Allen completed 7 of 14 passes for 101 yards, had two TD passes and one interception while playing for both Orange and Black.

Defense stands out in Texas Tech spring game

From staff reports

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech defense capitalized on three turnovers and four sacks to claim a 40-27 victory over the offense Saturday night in the annual Spring Game at Jones AT&T Stadium.

The defense built a 14-0 lead before the offense got on the board via a Da'Leon Ward 2-yard touchdown run midway through the first half.

"I thought we had good effort on both sides of the ball tonight and that's what we wanted to see to wrap up the spring," Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "We improved each week this spring, so we like where we are at but we know we still have plenty to improve on as well."

It didn't take long for the defense to notch its first turnover of the night as Thomas Leggett punched out a fumble on just the second drive of the night. The fumble, which was recovered by Quincy Addison, stopped a promising drive for the offense, which was nearing the red zone at the time.

Octavious Morgan added an interception later in the first half to build on the defense's lead. The defense added its third and final turnover in the second half on a JoJo Robertson fumble near the goal line that bounced into the end zone and out of bounds.

The offense only trailed 25-17 at the half after Clayton Hatfield followed Ward's touchdown run with a 41-yard field goal. Tre King added a 6-yard scamper just before the break to close the deficit just before the halftime break.

De'Quan Bowman closed the scoring for the offense as McLane Carter found him on a 28-yard slant over the middle late in the second half. Carter finished 11 of 19 overall for 139 yards on the night, while Jett Duffey was 11 of 15 for 89 yards. Alan Bowman saw significant time as well as he completed 7 of 12 passes for 76 yards.

King led the Red Raiders on the ground with 53 yards on 15 carries followed by Ward, who had 45 yards on 12 carries. Robinson powered the Tech receiving corps with 79 yards through the air on a team-leading six receptions.

Kolin Hill and Kevin Moore shared the team high with six tackles each, while the trio of Adrian Frye, Jordyn Brooks and Christian Taylor all had five each. Hill posted two of Tech's four sacks as he was joined in the Tech back field by Michael Mays and Broderick Washington Jr. with one sack apiece. The Spring Game marked the 15th and final practice for the Red Raiders this spring as Tech will move back into offseason workouts until preseason practices begin in early August.

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All Saints out-slugs MCS in run-rule win

From staff reports

FORT WORTH – The Fort Worth All Saints baseball team took control early and piled on seven runs in the fourth inning to cruise past Midland Christian, 15-5 in five innings, Saturday in a TAPPS Division II District I game.

The Mustangs (14-10-1, 6-4) scored two runs in the first on singles by Zac Tilton and Quinn Kenney. All Saints then answered with two runs in the home first and second innings, followed by three more in the third.

MCS committed four errors and was out-hit 16-8 in the loss.

Rhett Clark led the Mustangs at the plate by going 3-for-3 with a double and a three-run home run in the fifth inning. Tilton was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run.

FORT WORTH ALL SAINTS 15, MCS 5, 5 INNINGS

MCS	200	00	–5	8	4
All Saints	220	71	–15	16	0

Carter Eckles, Jake Richeson (3), Dakota Snyder (5) and Zac Tilton. Cade Fair, Caleb Silvia (5) and Mason Spealser. W – Fair. L – Richeson. 2B – MCS: Rhett Clark; All Saints: Jacob Spealser, Caleb Silvia, AJ Mandolia. 3B – All Saints: Cedric Bowman. HR – MCS: Rhett Clark; All Saints: Cedric Bowman, Mason Spealser.

Records: MCS 14-10-1, 6-4 in TAPPS Division II District I
Next: Grapevine Faith Christian at MCS, 5 p.m. Tuesday

MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

American League

RED SOX 10
ORIOLES 3

BOSTON — Hanley Ramirez hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-3 on Saturday to get to 12-2 — the best start in their 118-year history.

Andrew Benintendi had a two-run single and an RBI double, and J.D. Martinez hit a solo homer for the Red Sox.

Only once — in 1918 — had Boston started 11-2.

Alex Cobb (0-1) was roughed up in his Orioles debut, giving up eight runs — seven earned — in 3 2/3 innings. He signed a $57-million, 4-year deal as a free agent on March 21 after spending all 11 years of his professional career in Tampa Bay's organization.

Pedro Alvarez had a two-run homer for Baltimore, which has lost four of five.

National League

NATIONALS 6
ROCKIES 2

WASHINGTON — Max Scherzer dominated after an early hiccup, striking out 11 and retiring his final 20 batters as the Washington Nationals ended a three-game skid by beating the Colorado Rockies 6-2 on Saturday.

Scherzer (3-1) issued a one-out walk in the first inning and Charlie Blackmon followed with a home run. That was all the Rockies managed against Scherzer, who has won the last two NL Cy Young Awards.

Scherzer struck out the next five batters and left after seven innings. He has fanned at least 10 in three of his four starts this year.

CARDINALS 6
REDS 1

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds sunk to their worst start since 1931, losing their seventh in a row when Greg Garcia hit two home runs for the first time in his career and led the St. Louis Cardinals to a 6-1 win Saturday.

The Reds fell to a major league-worst 2-12. Not since the Great Depression when the Reds lost 17 of their first 19 had they begun so badly.

It's especially discouraging for a rebuilding team that's seen attendance drop significantly while it put together three straight last-place finishes in the NL Central. The Reds have lost at least 94 games in each of those seasons.

The Cardinals are heading in the opposite direction, winning a season-high three in a row with an offense that's finally rounding into form.

CUBS 14
BRAVES 10

CHICAGO — Javy Baez had a three-run double as the Chicago Cubs scored nine times in the eighth inning on just three hits, rallying past the wild Atlanta Braves 14-10 Saturday in cold, wet and windy conditions at Wrigley Field.

Interleague

PHILLIES 9
RAYS 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jake Arrieta won his first game for the Philadelphia Phillies and rookies J.P. Crawford and Scott Kingery drove in two runs each Saturday night in a 9-4 win over the Tampa Bay Rays. Arrieta (1-0) gave up three runs in 6 2/3 innings after being spotted a 6-0 lead in the second. The 32-year-old right-hander, who signed a three-year, $75 million contract on March 12 after winning 68 games and a Cy Young Award in five seasons with the Chicago Cubs, gave up seven hits and two walks in his second start for Philadelphia.

MC

From 1C

the two-run right behind that."

Justin Lewis got the win in relief, while Cade Bullinger came in from right field in the ninth inning to earn the save with WTC threatening yet again.

The Westerners jumped out to a 2-0 lead early in the first game against MC and starter Logan McCrummen and that seemed to be enough for WTC starter Kody Bullard, who allowed three runs (two earned) on four hits, walked two and struck out nine in the complete-game victory.

"You've got to give their guys credit," Rodriguez said. "Their pitcher did a good job of neutralizing our hitters."

After MC pushed across a run in the third, the Chaps tied the game at 3 in the sixth on a two-run home run by Jordan Billups (2-for-3).

WTC got the winning run in the top of the seventh when James Tutor doubled and later scored on a close play at home plate, following a sacrifice fly by Ryan Kasper to right field.

"They had a good arm going against us," Gillman said. "We had to make some adjustments and we did and we were able to push across a couple of runs. Logan McCrummen threw well for us. It was a good competitive game. We just couldn't come out on top."

The series switches to Western Texas College's home field in Snyder as the teams play another doubleheader beginning at noon today.

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Game 1
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 4, MIDLAND COLLEGE 3

Western Texas	200	000	1	–4	9	3
Midland College	001	002	0	–3	4	3

Kody Bullard and James Tutor. Logan McCrummen, Justin Lewis (7) and Garrett Wilkinson. W- Bullard. L – McCrummen. 2B – WTC: Anthony Handal, Lacoste, Tutor; MC: Blake Perdue. HR – WTC: Marcel Lacoste; MC: Jordan Billups.

Game 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 10, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 0

Western Texas College	100	002	001	–4	9	2
Midland College	002	000	03x	–1013	1	

Bryce Faust, Ricky Arevalo (4), Zach Carrion (6), Brandon King (8) and Marcel Lacoste. Lee Hon, Carson Bailey (7), Lewis (7), Cade Bullinger (8) and Cameron Melcher. W – Lewis. L – Carrion. S – Bullinger. 2B – WTC: Nick Contreras, Izaiah Madrid. 3B – MC: Tommy Gilman, Perdue, Ethan Barker. HR – WTC: Lacoste'2, Anthony Handal; MC: Garrett Wilkinson, Fisinyor Chavez.

Records: Midland College 26-14, 17-6 in WJCAC; Western Texas College 14-23, 8-14
Next: Midland College at Western Texas College (DH), noon today

Baseball

From 1C

bases-loaded rally in the bottom of the fourth. He allowed just two MHS base runners over the fifth and sixth, before being relieved in the seventh by Dylan Drace.

Becker said he was fully prepared to make an impact for his team on the mound Saturday.

"(It came down to) preparation this week," Becker said. "I just prepared like I knew I was going to pitch and had the confidence that I knew I could come out here and throw strikes, get outs."

Added Roper: "Adam's performance earlier (Saturday) was outstanding. He was just an absolute warrior. He gutted it out for 105 pitches."

Facing Lee starter Noah Harrison in Game 2, the Bulldogs picked up right where they left off. They promptly loaded the bases in the top of the first on a walk and a pair of singles, but couldn't score.

In the bottom of the second, Lee grabbed a 1-0 lead on a single to center by Pederson. The Bulldogs eventually went ahead 3-1 in the fourth, before Lee answered with three runs in the home half.

In the fifth, MHS' Wyatt Taylor singled home two runs for a 6-4 lead. But in the sixth, Lee rallied once more with two-run singles by Standard and Becker for an 8-6 advantage.

"We know we can score runs, so we try not to panic," Becker said. "We just let our bats go to work and usually we can come up with the key hits to get us back in the game and go from there."

Saturday's result was disheartening for head coach Barry Russell and the Bulldogs, who committed four errors, made a number of suspect fielding decisions and stranded 17 baserunners despite loading the bases four times on the day.

"(We had) too many silly mistakes," Russell said. "It has just been one of those years. I've never seen anything like this. It's just the same old same old and it's really frustrating to watch. I was proud of our effort in the second game – it was way better than the first game. I have no answers for us, none."

Roper said it was nice for his team to pick up a pair of wins against its rival on two different fields across town on the same day.

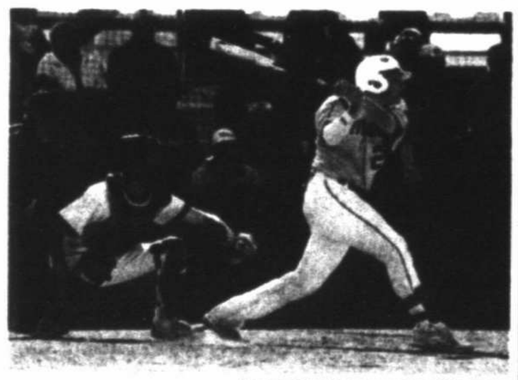
"(After Game 1) we just went down Andrews Highway (to Zachery Field)," Roper said. "It was a fun day. What a beautiful day, a nice day to play."

Matchus finished the day 4-for-7 with an RBI for MHS, while teammate Ivan Dominguez 4-for-7 with a run. For Lee, Logan Acosta was 3-for-7 with an RBI, a run and two walks.

District 2-6A Baseball Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Wolfforth Frenship	9	2	26	4
Lee	7	4	19	10
Odessa High	7	4	21	8
Odessa Permian	4	7	17	12
Amarillo Tascosa	3	8	15	17
Midland High	3	8	16	14

Saturday's Games
Lee 9, Midland High 1; Lee 8, Midland High 7; Odessa High 2, Amarillo Tascosa 1; Odessa High 4, Amarillo Tascosa 2; Wolfforth Frenship 13, Odessa Permian 0
Tuesday's games
Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa; Wolfforth Frenship at Lee; Odessa Permian at Odessa High. All games at 4:30 p.m.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Sam Matchus (22) bats against Lee on Saturday, at Ernie Johnson Field.

Michael Madrid got the start for MHS in Game 2, allowing eight runs (six earned) on eight hits over 5 2/3 innings. He struck out eight and walked three.

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Game 1
LEE 9, MIDLAND HIGH 1

Lee	400	020	0	–9	8	2
MHS	100	000	0	–1	5	2

Adam Becker, Dylan Drace (7) and Colby Standard. Randall Stanzell, Hunter Ingram (4), Matt Villere (6) and Sam Matchus. W – Becker. L – Stanzell. 2B – Lee: Ty Coleman; MHS: Mario Rodriguez.

Game 2
LEE 8, MIDLAND HIGH 7

MHS	001	220	1	–7	8	2
Lee	010	204	x	–8	9	3

Michael Madrid, Isaiah Dixon (5) and Sam Matchus. Noah Harrison, Bo Shasta (5), Tyler Madrid (6) and Colby Standard. W – Tyler Madrid. L – Michael Madrid.

Records: MHS 10-16, 3-6 in District 2-6A; Lee 16-10, 7-4 in District 2-6A
Next: MHS at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Wolfforth Frenship at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

CARDINALS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 0
ROCKHOUNDS 4, CARDINALS 3
At Hammons Field, Springfield, Missouri

TOP HITTERS: Midland's Tyler Ramirez combined to go 3-for-6 with a home run, two RBI, two runs and a walk in the doubleheader. ... Springfield's Victor Roache was a combined 3-for-6 with two RBI and a run in the twin-bill.

TOP PITCHERS: Springfield starter Conner Greene hurled six scoreless innings of one-hit ball to pick up the win in the first game. Greene struck out eight and walked one. ... Midland starter Norge Ruiz spun five shutout innings of one-hit ball to notch the victory in the second game. Ruiz had three strikeouts to go along with one walk.

HIGHLIGHTS: Springfield's Tommy Edman delivered the big blow in the first game with a two-run homer to right-center field, capping a five-run second inning. ... In Game 2, Ramirez gave the RockHounds a 3-0 lead with a two-run homer to right in the fifth inning. Midland's J.P. Sportman added a solo home run in the sixth.

NOTES: The Cardinals won the series, 2-1. Midland holds a 4-2 advantage in the season series. ... The two teams played a rescheduled doubleheader Saturday after Friday's contest was postponed due to inclement weather. ... Midland begins a three-game series in Tulsa at 4:05 p.m. today. ... Right-handed pitcher Jake Sanchez was assigned to the RockHounds from Triple-A Nashville. Sanchez played for Midland between 2015-17. Sanchez did not allow a run in 2 1/3 innings with Nashville this season.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland – TBA; Tulsa – RHP Yadier Alvarez (0-1, 2.08 ERA).

Game 1
CARDINALS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 0

Midland	ab	r	hbi	Springfld	ab	r	hbi
Bell rf	3	0	0	0	Edman ss	3	1	1	2
E. White ss	3	0	1	0	Sosa 3b	3	0	0	0
Ramirez cf	2	0	1	0	Thomas cf	3	0	1	0
Murphy c	2	0	0	0	Knizner c	3	0	0	0
Brown 1b	3	0	0	0	Nogowski 1b	3	0	0	0
M. White 3b	2	0	0	0	Sellerina 2b	3	1	1	0
Siddall dh	3	0	0	0	Roache rf	3	1	2	1
Sportman 2b	2	0	0	0	Gaetzman dh	3	1	2	1
Vertigan ll	2	0	0	0	Spitz ll	2	1	1	1
Totals	22	0	2	0	Totals	25	5	8	5

Midland	000	000	0	–0
Springfield	050	000	x	–5

E – Murphy (1). DP – Springfield 1. LOB – Midland 4, Springfield 3. 2B – Spitz (1). HR – Edman (1). SB – E. White (2), Sellerina (1).

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bracewell L, 1-1	5.0	7	5	5	0	1
Stull	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Springfield						
Greene W, 1-1	6.0	1	0	0	1	8
Beck	1.0	1	0	0	1	3

WP – Bracewell. HBP – by Greene (Murphy).
T – 1:53. A – n/a.

Game 2
ROCKHOUNDS 4, CARDINALS 3

Midland	ab	r	hbi	Springfld	ab	r	hbi
Vertigan cf	4	0	0	0	Edman ss	3	1	0	0
E. White ss	3	1	1	0	Sosa 3b	3	0	0	0
Ramirez lf	4	2	2	2	Thomas cf	3	1	1	2
Marincov rf	1	0	0	0	Nogowski 1b	2	1	0	0
Brown 1b	3	0	0	0	Chiras c	2	0	1	0
M. White 3b	3	0	1	1	Roache dh	3	0	1	1
Siddall dh	3	0	1	0	Dykstra 2b	2	0	0	0
Chavez c	3	0	1	0	Sellerina ph-2b	1	0	0	0
Sportman 2b	3	1	1	1	Gaetzman rf	3	0	0	0
					Spitz ll	2	0	0	0
Totals	27	4	7	4	Totals	26	3	3	3

Midland	000	121	0	–4
Springfld	000	003	0	–3

LOB – Midland 7, Springfield 4. 2B – E. White (1), Chiras (1). HR – Ramirez (2), Sportman (2), Thomas (3). SB – E. White (3), Marincov (1). S – Marincov.

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ruiz W, 1-1	5.0	1	0	0	1	3
Martin	0.2	1	3	3	2	0
Wendelken S, 2	1.1	1	0	0	1	3
Springfield						
Tanner L, 0-2	4.2	6	3	3	2	2
Bowen	2.0	1	1	1	1	2
Ellis	0.1	0	0	0	1	0

WP – Tanner.
T – 2:10. A – 3,280.

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	6	3	.667	—
Arkansas (Mariners)	5	3	.625	½
Springfield (Cardinals)	3	6	.333	3
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	2	6	.250	3½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland (Athletics)	6	3	.667	—
San Antonio (Padres)	5	3	.625	½
Corpus Christi (Astros)	4	4	.500	1½
Frisco (Rangers)	3	6	.333	3

Saturday's Scores
Midland 4, Springfield 3
Springfield 5, Midland 0
Northwest Arkansas 11, Corpus Christi 6
Tulsa 5, Frisco 4
Arkansas at San Antonio, late
Today's Games
Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 2:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at San Antonio, 2:05 p.m.
Midland at Tulsa, 4:05 p.m.
Frisco at Springfield, 4:10 p.m.

Guzman caps rally in Rangers' win over Houston

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ronald Guzman said he is having the best week of his life, and after Saturday, it's hard to argue.

Guzman's first career homer tied the game in the eighth inning, and he put the Rangers ahead with an infield single in the 10th as Texas rallied from five runs down to beat the Houston Astros 6-5.

The Rangers, who snapped a five-game losing streak, loaded the bases with one out off Will Harris (0-1) before Guzman sent a hard grounder up the middle that Harris tried to grab. It ricocheted off Harris' glove, allowing Jurickson Profar to score.

"I was just ready to hit," Guzman said. "They challenged me, so I was going to do my best to put the ball in play. I wasn't thinking about homers, I was going to hit the ball hard somewhere and make it happen."

Harris struck out Ryan Rua and induced a groundout by Juan Centeno to end the inning.

"He's at 60 feet. He doesn't have much time," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said of Guzman's hit off of Harris. "He's just got to react and got a little unlucky that it kicked off of him. If he catches it, it's probably a double play. If he gets out of the way somehow, it's probably a double play."

Guzman was recalled from Triple-A Round Rock on Thursday to take the place of injured shortstop Elvis Andrus. He got his first career hit in Friday's game.

"We talked about it the first day with some of these guys, with some of our guys down," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "It's a great opportunity for some of these young guys to show up."

Keone Kela (1-0) pitched the ninth for the win. Chris Martin allowed consecutive singles to start the 10th but induced lineouts from Carlos Correa and Yuli Gurriel. Alex Claudio came on and retired Josh Reddick on a grounder to earn his first save.

"Obviously, at that point of our order, we feel really good," Hinch said. "Get a couple of guys on with no outs, put some pressure on them and they made pitches and got out of it."

Houston has lost three of four after starting the season 9-2.

Joey Gallo cut the lead to 5-4 with a two-run homer off the right-field foul pole in the eighth, and Guzman followed two batters later with a solo shot to right to tie it.

"To come back like that and have a guy like Guzman step up in huge situations, I think it speaks a lot about this team," Gallo said. "We are going to fight every day. Whatever the result may be, that's our attitude."

Brad Peacock gave up the three runs in the eighth.

"The one to Gallo was pretty good. I thought he just put the bat on it," Peacock said. "It just wasn't my day today."

MLB GLANCE

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Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	2	.857	—
Toronto	9	5	.643	3
New York	7	7	.500	5
Baltimore	5	10	.333	7½
Tampa Bay	3	11	.214	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	4	.636	—
Cleveland	6	4	.571	½
Chicago	4	6	.400	2½
Detroit	4	9	.308	4½
Kansas City	3	10	.231	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	3	.813	—
Houston	10	5	.667	2½
Seattle	7	4	.636	3½
Oakland	5	9	.357	7
Texas	5	11	.313	8

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	11	1	.917	—
Philadelphia	8	5	.615	3½
Atlanta	8	6	.571	4
Washington	7	6	.538	4½
Miami	4	10	.286	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	10	4	.714	—
St. Louis	8	7	.533	2½
Chicago	7	7	.500	3
Milwaukee	7	7	.500	3
Cincinnati	2	12	.143	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	10	3	.769	—
Colorado	8	6	.571	2½
San Francisco	6	7	.462	4
Los Angeles	4	8	.333	5½
San Diego	5	10	.333	6

American League
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, ppd.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, ppd.
Toronto at Cleveland, ppd.
Boston 10, Baltimore 3
Texas 6, Houston 5, 10 innings
Philadelphia 9, Tampa Bay 4
L.A. Angels 5, Kansas City 3
Oakland at Seattle, LATE
Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (TBD) at Minnesota (TBD), ppd.
Baltimore (Bundy 0-1) at Boston (Sale 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 2-1) at Detroit (Mize 1-1), 12:10 p.m., 1st game
Philadelphia (Leiby 0-1) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 12:10 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 1-0) at Cleveland (Tribe 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 2-0) at Kansas City (Hammel 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 1-0) at Seattle (Hernandez 2-0), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 0-0) at Detroit (Boyd 0-1), 6:10 p.m., 2nd game
Texas (Cahill 0-0) at Houston (Keuchel 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
National League

Saturday's Games
Washington 5, Colorado 2
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 14, Atlanta 10
Philadelphia 9, Tampa Bay 4
Pittsburgh 1, Miami 0
Milwaukee 6, N.Y. Mets 1
San Francisco at San Diego, late
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late
Today's Games
Milwaukee (Chacin 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 2-0), 12:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Leiby 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Snell 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nova 1-1) at Miami (Alcantara 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Martinez 1-1) at Cincinnati (Disley 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hellickson 0-0) at Washington (Strasburg 2-1), 12:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Gohara 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 0-0), 1:20 p.m.
Arizona (Godley 2-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 0-0) at San Diego (Lauther 1-0), 3:10 p.m.

Texas Rangers

RANGERS 6, ASTROS 5, 10 INNINGS

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	5	0	0	0	Springer rf	5	1	2	0
Profar ss	5	0	2	0	Reddick lf	5	0	2	0
Gallo dh	5	1	2	2	Altuve 2b	5	1	1	0
Odor 2b	4	1	2	1	Correa ss	5	1	1	1
Gomes lf	5	1	2	1	Gurriel 1b	5	1	2	2
Rua rf	5	0	0	0	Reddick rf	4	0	0	0
Centeno c	5	0	0	0	McCann c	4	0	0	0
Kiner-Falefa ph	4	1	1	1	Gattis dh	4	0	0	0
Robinson cf	4	0	0	0	Marisnick cf	3	0	0	0
Trout cf	0	0	0	0					
Totals	42	5	11	5	Totals	40	5	8	3

Texas	000	011	003	1	–6
Houston	000	002	003	0	–5

E – Profar (2), DP – Texas 1, Houston 1. LOB – Texas 7, Houston 7. 2B – Profar (2), Gallo (3), Correa (5), Y.Gurriel (1). HR – Gallo (3), Gattis (1), Gomes (1), Kiner-Falefa (1), Y.Gurriel (1).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minor	5	5	5	5	1	2
Gallia	2	0	0	0	0	1
Bush	1	1	0	0	0	1
Kela W,1-0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Martin H,4	0.2	2	0	0	0	0
Claudio S,1-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Houston						
Martes	6	6	3	3	1	12
Rondon H,1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Peacock BS,1	2.0	3	3	3	0	0
Smith	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Giles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harris L,0-1	1	2	1	1	0	1

HBP – by Minor (Altuve), Martes (Odor). Umpires – Home, Dan Bellino; First, Adam Hamari; Second, Ron Kulpa Third, Phil Cuzzi. T – 3:33. A – 43,979 (41,168).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RANGERS 6, ASTROS 5, 10 INNINGS

Texas	000	011	003	1	–6	11	1
Houston	000	002	003	0	–5	8	0

Minor, Gallia (5), Bush (6), Kela (9), Martin (10), Claudio (10) and Gomes; Morton, Rondon (7), Peacock (8), J.Smith (9), Giles (9), Harris (10) and Stassi. W – Kela 1-0. L – Harris 0-1. Sv – Claudio (1). HRs – Texas, Gomes (1), Kiner-Falefa (1), Gallo (1). Gattis (3), Houston, Correa (1).

RED SOX 10, ORIOLES 3

Baltimore	200	000	001	–	3	9	3
Boston	201	401	10x	–	10	15	0

Cobb, Castro (4), Hunt (6), Givens (8) and Wieters; Velazquez, Kelly (6), Walden (7) and Leon. W – Velazquez 2-0. L – Cobb 0-1. Sv – Walden (1). HRs – Baltimore, Alvarez (2). Boston, Ramirez (2), Martinez (3).

ANGELS 5, ROYALS 3

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles	5.0	3	3	3	2	6
Bedrosian H,2	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Cisnero H,1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Jansen S,3-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Kansas City						
Duffy L,0-1	5.0	3	3	3	2	4
Hill H,3	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Flynn H,1	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Herrera H,1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Kelley BS,1-1	0.1	2	2	2	0	0

HBP – by Duffy (Simmons). WP – Duffy. Umpires – Home, Tom Hallion; First, Alan Porter; Second, Dan Bellino; Third, Jeff Nelson. T – 2:55. A – 40,819 (37,903).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ANGELS 5, ROYALS 3

Los Angeles	201	121	000	–	5	9	0
Kansas City	000	010	110	–	3	6	1

G.Richards, Alvarez (5), Arnason (7), Parker (7), Ward (8), Middleton (8) and Rivera; Junis, Flynn (6), Smith (8) and Gallo. W – G.Richards 3-0. L – Junis 0-1. Sv – Middleton (6). HRs – Los Angeles, Upton (4), Trout (6). Valencia (3). Kansas City, Gallo (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CARDINALS 6, REDS 1

St. Louis	110	211	000	–	6	9	0
Cincinnati	000	010	000	–	1	7	0

Wacha, Holland (6), Hicks (8) and Molina; Finnegan, Stiles (8), Reyes (7), Iglesias (8) and Barnhart. W – Wacha 3-0. L – Finnegan 0-1. HRs – St. Louis, Garcia 2 (2). Cincinnati, Barnhart (2).

ROCKIES 6, NATIONALS 2

Colorado	200	000	000	–	2	5	1
Washington	200	104	00x	–	6	9	0

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado						
Senzatela L, 1-1	5.0	6	4	4	2	4
Oberg	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Estevez	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Shaw	1.0	1	1	1	0	1
Washington						
Scherzer W, 3-1	7.0	5	2	2	1	11
Doolittle	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Madson	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

Gray, Senzatela (5), Rusin (7) and Wolters; Scherzer, Madson (8), Doolittle (9) and Wieters. W – Scherzer 3-1. L – Gray 1-0. HRs – Colorado, Blackmon (2). Washington, Wieters (1).

CUBS 14, BRAVES 10

Atlanta	130	100	020	–	10	15	2
Chicago	101	001	20x	–	14	10	2

Newcomb, Winkler (6), Jackson (8), J.Flowers (8), S.Freeman (8), Wisler (8) and Suzuki; Quintana, Butler (8), Cishek (7), Wilson (8), Maness (9) and Contreras. W – Winkler 1-0. L – J.Flowers 0-1. HRs – Atlanta, Albies (5). Chicago, Almora (1).

PIRATES 1, MARLINS 0

Pittsburgh	000	000	010	–	1	6	0
Miami	000	000	000	–	0	3	0

Taillon, Felix (7), Kontos (8), Vazquez (9) and Cervelli; D'Arnaud, Bastardo (8), Ziegler (8) and Realmuto. W – Kontos 1-1. L – Ziegler 0-6. Sv – Vazquez (5).

BREWERS 6, MUTS 1

Milwaukee	000	100	005	–	6	9	0
New York	000	001	000	–	1	3	0

C.Anderson, Jeffress (7), Hader (8) and Bandy; Harvey, Swarzak (6), Reed (8) and Lofties, Nido. W – C.Anderson 1-1. L – Harvey 0-1. Sv – Hader (1). HRs – Milwaukee, Arcia (1). Wilson (1), Bandy (1).

PHILLIES 9, RAYS 4

Philadelphia	000	120	006	–	9	11	0
Tampa Bay	100	201	01x	–	4	8	1

Arrieta, Adams (7), Hellickson (8) and Alfaro; Archer, Pruitt (8) and Planey. W – Arrieta 1-0. L – Archer 1-1. HRs – Philadelphia, Crawford (2).



Frank Gunn/The Canadian Press via AP

Toronto Raptors forward Serge Ibaka reacts during the second half of Game 1 against the Washington Wizards in Toronto on Saturday.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

Associated Press

RAPTORS 114
WIZARDS 106

TORONTO — Serge Ibaka had 23 points and 12 rebounds, Delon Wright scored 11 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, and the Toronto Raptors snapped a 10-game losing streak in playoff series openers by beating the Washington Wizards 114-106 on Saturday.

DeMar DeRozan added 17 points, C.J. Miles and OG Anunoby each had 12, and Kyle Lowry had 11 points and nine assists for the Raptors, whose only previous victory in the opening game of a playoff series came in the second round against Philadelphia in 2001.

Toronto entered having lost an NBA-worst 10 consecutive Game 1s since, including six at home.

The top-seeded team in the Eastern Conference, Toronto made 16 of 30 3-point attempts, with Miles making four, and Ibaka and Wright each hitting three.

The Raptors host Game 2 on Tuesday.

John Wall had 23 points and 15 assists for the Wizards, while Markieff Morris had 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Bradley Beal scored 19 points for Washington, while Mike Scott had 14 and Marcin Gortat 12.

Washington led 91-88 when Scott was called for a flagrant foul after using his elbow to knock Lowry down early in the fourth. Lowry made both free throws and, on the ensuing possession, Wright gave Toronto the lead with a layup. After a missed shot by Morris, Miles hit a 3 to cap a 7-0 run that gave the Raptors a 95-91 lead with 9:26 left.

Kelly Oubre Jr. hit a 3 and Gortat made a dunk to put Washington back in front, but Wright and Miles each hit 3-pointers as Toronto used an 8-0 run to take a 103-96 lead with 6:27 left, and never trailed again.

Anunoby made his first two 3-pointers and led Toronto with eight points in the first as the Raptors led 28-23 after one. Wall scored nine points in the opening quarter.

Gortat and replacement Ian Mahinmi each had two fouls before the first quarter was half over. Gortat picked up his first when he fouled Jonas Valanciunas on the opening tip.

Beal scored seven points in the second, five of them in a 10-2 Wizards run that gave Washington a 42-41 lead with 6:20 left in the half. Scott had eight points in the quarter as the Wizards led 59-55 at halftime.

Toronto reclaimed the lead with an 11-2 spurt to start the third. DeRozan scored 12 points in the quarter as the Raptors took a slim 86-85 lead into the fourth.

The game was about five minutes late tipping off because of an apparent issue with moisture on the court along the baseline adjacent to Washington's bench. Arena staffers continued to dry the area periodically throughout the game.

76ERS 130
HEAT 103

PHILADELPHIA — Ben Simmons had 17 points, 14 assists and nine rebounds in his playoff debut, and the Philadelphia 76ers romped again without Joel Embiid, beating the Miami Heat 130-103 on Saturday night for their 17th straight win.

Embiid was a spectator in Game 1 of the first-round series because of a broken orbital bone around his left eye. The All-Star center has been hopeful he can return early in the series. The Sixers could end this one early with Embiid back in the lineup.

Simmons dished and dazzled in the paint and the Heat had no answer for Sixers reserves Marco Belinelli and Ersan Ilyasova. Belinelli and Ilyasova combined to hit four 3-pointers in the third quarter that helped shift the tone from physical and foul-filled to a long-distance game that allowed the Sixers to put away this one. They used a 15-0 run in the third in their first postseason game in five seasons under coach Brett Brown to get the rout rolling.

Brown won 47 games his first three seasons as the Sixers underwent the Process — and 52, plus Game 1 this season.

JJ Redick scored 28 points to lead the Sixers, who host Game 2 on Monday. Belinelli had 25 and Ilyasova 17.

Embiid ditched the black mask he's been wearing in light shooting drills for a white "Phantom of the Opera" mask to ring the ceremonial Liberty Bell before tipoff.

The Sixers crowd roared as Embiid, the self-proclaimed "Phantom of the Process," waved his arms toward the crowd and exhorted them to get louder. Sixers fans started tailgating in the sports complex about seven hours before tipoff and one group posted a sign on their tent that read "Saturdays Are For The Process." The Sixers had a blue-out and gave away free T-shirts in preparation of their first playoff game since 2012.

"There is a gratitude that I have, we have. Finally, here we are and our fans genuinely have something to be proud of with us," Brown said.

The Game 1 victory sure didn't surprise Embiid.

He had already mapped out the 76ers' road to an NBA championship on his Instagram feed.

"It's about that time!!! #Playoffs #PhantomofTheProcess

Embiid posted a photo burst of teams in order of a potential road toward a Process title. He started with the Heat, followed by Boston, then a picture of him hugging Cleveland's LeBron James, and ending with Embiid looking at Golden State's Draymond Green.

The Heat would swipe left on the collage.

For a half, the Heat got what they needed against one of the NBA's toughest teams and James Johnson and Kelly Olynyk helped them take a 60-56 lead at the break. Olynyk led the Heat with 26 points.

The Sixers, who set an NBA record with 16 straight wins to end the season, got the rout in full swing with a raucous crowd behind them. The Heat shot 26 percent in the third and were outscored 34-18.

Simmons assisted on Ilyasova's 3 and then hit a jumper for a 66-63 lead. Dario Saric, who the Sixers waited for two years to come over while he played overseas, also buried a 3 off an assist from Simmons. Simmons made a statue out of Olynyk, crossing him up and busting through for a two-handed slam that brought down the house.

All that was left was the "Trust the Process!" chants and they rang out inside the Wells Fargo Center once Saric buried a 3 in the fourth for a 109-87 lead.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE





Ben Margot/Associated Press

Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant (35) celebrates a score with Draymond Green, left, as San Antonio Spurs' Rudy Gay (22) watches during the second half in Game 1 on Saturday in Oakland, Calif.

Durant, defending champ Warriors get defensive, beat Spurs

By Janie Mccauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Golden State Warriors had something to prove all right: Oh yes, they plan to stay on top in these playoffs despite a disappointing finish to the regular season.

Kevin Durant helped the defending champions get defensive in a hurry, finishing with 24 points, eight rebounds and seven assists and the Warriors returned to their old dominant selves at playoff time to beat the cold-shooting San Antonio Spurs 113-92 on Saturday.

"Absolutely," Klay Thompson said about playing a memorable, statement-making Game 1. "We did not end the season on a high note, we kind of hobbled into the playoffs. We know how talented we are. We know how good we are. We have been here before in the postseason and know what it takes to win."

And they still know how to win in impressive fashion on the NBA's big stage.

Durant, Thompson and Draymond Green took charge in Game 1 of the first-round series to elevate the Warriors' intensity at last playing without fellow All-Star and injured two-time MVP Stephen Curry, sidelined since March 23 with a sprained left knee.

Thompson found his shooting touch and scored 27 points, making 11 of 13 shots, while 7-footer JaVale McGee started in Steve Kerr's center-by-committee approach and contributed 15 points, four rebounds and two blocked shots in 16 minutes. Green contributed 12 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds.

Rudy Gay led the Spurs with 15 points off the bench as leading scorer LaMarcus Aldridge was limited to 14 points on 5-for-12 shooting.

"The first quarter we looked like deer in the headlights," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Monday night at Oracle Arena.

The Warriors looked unbeatable again. And that was without the do-everything Curry.

Golden State said all week it's a new season, then went out and showed it. The Warriors have plans for nothing short of a repeat title.

"We're a championship ballclub. We know what it takes this time a year to win," Green said. "... We're primed for this. A lot of people tend to forget what we're capable of. We know."

Golden State came with the kind of swarming defense it is so used to playing but hadn't exhibited much lately as rotations were mixed and matched because of injuries and illness.

San Antonio couldn't keep up from the opening tip.

"We were just very overly excited, overzealous," San Antonio's Danny Green said. "Overreacting to a lot of things because we are so excited that we're in the playoffs and playing, obviously, the best team in the world."

Beat up and missing its four All-Stars at times, Golden State endured a stretch losing seven of 10 last month.

Golden State swept San Antonio in the Western Conference Finals a year ago on the way to a second championship in three seasons and an astonishing, record-setting 16-1 postseason run.

Kerr always said his team would be ready when these playoffs came around.

The Warriors were determined to pick up their defense, and they did just that.

Green, Durant and the others quickly closed on shooters and got hands up to alter shots.

2015 Finals MVP Andre Iguodala moved into the starting lineup for the 2018 edition of that "Strength In Numbers" mantra — and all those bright yellow T-shirts through the arena are there to back it.

Iguodala, who started just seven games all season before Saturday, had missed four of the final five regular-season games with a sore left knee.

Kerr went with his best defensive unit.

"I thought it was important to re-establish our defense, one way or another, win or lose," Kerr said. "That's the reason this is a championship team. It's the defense that has been the key for this team for years."

Tip-ins

Spurs: The Spurs, still without injured star Kawhi Leonard, never led and shot 40 percent. ... San Antonio visited Golden State for the third time in as many months. They lost at Oracle on Feb. 10 and March 8.

Warriors: The Warriors had 32 assists on 44 field goals, 23 of those assists on 33 made baskets through the third. ... Golden State is 6-2 vs. the Spurs in the postseason at home. ... The Warriors have won six straight playoff openers.

Brahmas take 2-0 series lead against Jacks

From staff reports

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS – The Odessa Jackalopes are on the brink of elimination after the Lone Star Brahmas won 1-0 in their best-of-five NAHL South Divisional playoff series on Saturday night at the NYTEX Sports Center.

With the win, the Brahmas take a 2-0 series lead when the series resumes at 7:11 p.m. Friday at the Ector County Coliseum.

Lone Star out-shot the Brahmas 26-10 but only got a second period goal by Michael Montambault.

Brett Epp was in goal for the Jacks and saved 25 of 26 shots.

NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

BRUINS 7
MAPLE LEAFS 3

BOSTON — David Pastrnak had a hat trick and three assists to help Boston blow out the Toronto Maple Leafs for the second straight game, leading the Bruins to a 7-3 victory Saturday night and a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference playoff series.

Pastrnak shattered his previous career high of four points, scoring his third goal with 1:36 left to bring two trash cans full of caps and winter hats fluttering down to the ice. Brad Marchand and Patrice Bergeron each had four assists, and Torey Krug had three.

Tuukka Rask stopped 30 shots for Boston, and David Krejci, Rick Nash, Jake DeBrusk and Kevan Miller also scored.

Two nights after Frederik Andersen allowed five goals in the series opener, he gave up three more on five shots in the first 12:13 before he was replaced by backup Curtis McElhinney. The Bruins added another power-play goal — their second of the night and fifth of the series — to make it 4-0 after one.

Mitch Marner, Tyler Bozak and James Van Riemsdyk scored for the Maple Leafs, who never got closer than three goals down after that. McElhinney stopped 19 of the 23 shots he faced.

The series moves to Toronto for Games 3 and 4 on Monday and Thursday. Game 5 would be back in Boston on Saturday, if necessary.

PREDATORS 5
AVALANCHE 4

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ryan Hartman's empty-net goal with 1:09 left wound up the winner as the Nashville Predators held off the Colorado Avalanche 5-4 on Saturday for a 2-0 lead in their first-round Western Conference series.

After Hartman gave the Predators a 5-3 lead, Alexander Kerfoot pulled Colorado to 5-4 with 35.8 seconds left. But the Avalanche couldn't get another puck past goalie Pekka Rinne.

The Presidents' Trophy winners started slowly, giving up a goal on Colorado's first shot for a second straight game. Yet the Predators rallied again to take their first 2-0 lead when starting a best-of-seven series in their own building.

Kevin Fiala had a goal and an assist, and Viktor Arvidsson, Ryan Johansen and Austin Watson scored a goal apiece. PK. Subban and Mattias Ekholm each had two assists for Nashville, which has won 12 straight over the Avalanche. Rinne made 26 saves. Nathan MacKinnon had a goal and an assist, and Gabriel Bourque and Gabriel Landeskog each added a goal for Colorado.

Game 3 is Monday night in Denver.

LIGHTNING 6
DEVILS 3

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Killorn scored twice during a four-goal second period, helping Tampa Bay beat New Jersey for a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference series.

The Lightning scored three times in a 2:47 span in the second period, and the reeling Devils pulled goalie Keith Kinkaid after Killorn's third goal in two games made it 5-1 with 6:48 remaining in the period. Kinkaid, whose stellar play since January helped New Jersey finish strong and claim its first playoff berth since 2012, yielded five goals on 15 shots.

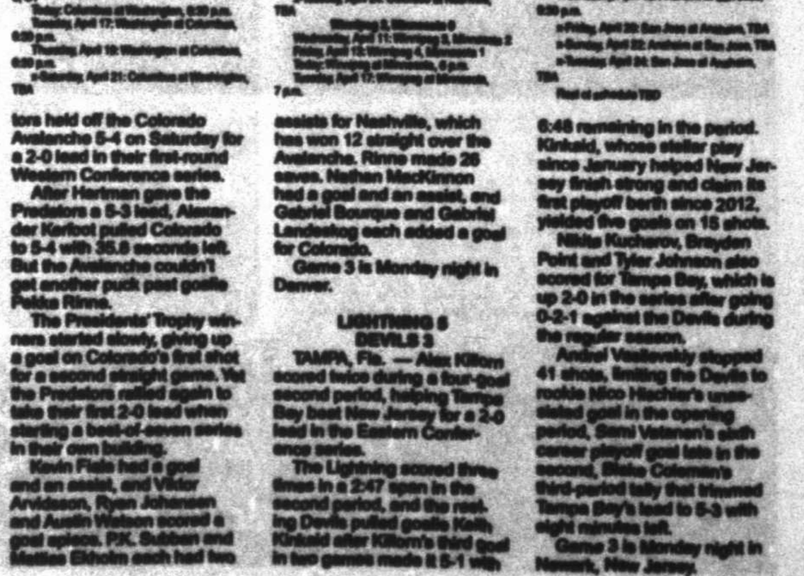
Nikita Kucherov, Brayden Point and Tyler Johnson also scored for Tampa Bay, which is up 2-0 in the series after going 0-2-1 against the Devils during the regular season.

Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 41 shots, limiting the Devils to rookie Nico Hischier's unassisted goal in the opening period. Sami Vatanen's sixth career playoff goal late in the second, Blake Coleman's third-period tally that trimmed Tampa Bay's lead to 5-3 with eight minutes left.

Game 3 is Monday night in Newark, New Jersey.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

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2017-18 MRT POSTSEASON BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

This is the Reporter-Telegram's first-ever edition of its all-area boys basketball team. Honorees were voted on by Oscar LeRoy, Will Korn and Christopher Hadorn.

FIRST TEAM

G Brett Leach, Andrews, So.

The do-it-all Leach had a breakout sophomore season as one of the focal points of an Andrews offense that averaged nearly 65 points per game. Leach was named District 4-4A's Co-Offensive Player of the Year after pouring in 22 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists and 2.4 steals per game, while shooting 50 percent from the floor. Leach helped the Mustangs to the area round of the Class 4A playoffs.



Leach

G Kobe Richardson, Forsan, Jr.

Arguably the most complete player in the Reporter-Telegram's coverage area, Richardson carried the Buffaloes to the Class 2A regional semifinal, the program's first regional tournament appearance since 2009. Richardson, the son of Forsan head coach Cory Richardson, averaged 21.3 points, 5.9 rebounds, 5.3 steals and 4.8 assists per game, while sinking 117 3-pointers and 51 percent of his total shot attempts. He was named the District 7-2A MVP.



Richardson

G Carlos Montes, Crane, Sr.

The 6-foot-3 Montes, Crane's high-scoring guard, was the centerpiece of the program's first run to the regional tournament since 1984. He lit up opposing defenses along the way for 21.1 points, 8.2 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game, while also registering a team-best 3.1 steals per night. Montes netted a game-high 25 points in Crane's 64-39 loss to then No. 10-ranked Brock in the Class 3A regional semifinal at Chaparral Center on March 2.



Montes

G/F Brother Miller, Odessa Permian, Sr.

The backbone of a tenacious pressure defense that carried District 2-6A champion Permian to the Class 6A regional semifinal, Miller used his superior athleticism and quickness to harass opponents on the ball. He posted averages of 16 points, 4.4 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.6 steals and was named District 2-6A's Most Valuable Player. Miller, a star receiver on Permian's football team for three years, is signed to play football at Abilene Christian University.

F Cole Miller, Midland Classical, Jr.

A stretch forward and the son of longtime MCA head coach Ron Miller, Cole was one of the area's most versatile players this season. He displayed a sound ability to score and defend in the paint, but also increased his range and nailed 27 3-pointers this season. Miller, who also plays baseball at MCA, led the Knights in scoring at 16.7 ppg, 6.9 rpg and 2 apg.



Miller

SECOND TEAM

G Isaac Hernandez, Odessa High, Sr.

A four-year varsity letterman and the heart and soul of one of the most talented OHS teams in years, Hernandez powered the Bronchos to a 24-9 record and to the area round of the playoffs last season. He averaged 16 ppg, 5 rpg, 4 apg and 2 spg, en route to garnering his second consecutive District 2-6A Offensive Player of the Year award. Hernandez was also named to the TABC All-Region team.

G Payton Lopez, Andrews, Sr.

Leach's sidekick in Andrews' capable backcourt, Lopez packed a punch of his own with averages of 17.2 points, 4 rpg, 2 apg and 50.6 percent shooting on the season. Lopez was an All-District 4-4A first team selection.



Lopez

G Ryan Snodgrass, Greenwood, So.

Gritty and well-rounded, Snodgrass applied his can-do mentality as the Rangers' No. 1 running back to the hardwood this season. After rushing for 1,222 yards and 11 touchdowns in the fall, Snodgrass averaged 11 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists for Greenwood, which went 17-17 and fell in the bi-district round. Snodgrass also earned first team All-District 4-4A honors.



Snodgrass

G Ciro Baeza, Trinity, So.

A talented ball-handler, playmaker and passer, Baeza propelled Trinity's up-tempo offense under first-year head coach Shaun Huffman. His season averages of 16.8 ppg and 5.4 apg earned him a selection to the TAPPS 1-4A All-District first team. Baeza is also a standout on the Chargers' defending state champion golf team.



Baeza

F Marshall Cox, Grady, Jr.

Cox provided a sturdy paint presence to the oft guard-centric Wildcats in 2017-18. The junior posted season averages of 15.4 points, 6.1 rpg and also showed his defensive prowess with 1.7 spg, as he helped lead Grady to a 22-8 overall record and to the Class 1A regional quarterfinal.



Cox

HONORABLE MENTION

F Logan Jarvis, Greenwood, Jr.

He was a force in the paint for the Rangers, as he averaged 12 points, 8 rebounds and 2 blocks per contest. Jarvis was a first team All-District 4-4A selection.

G Zhuric Phelps, Lee, Fr.

Standing 6 feet, Phelps brought a smooth playing style to the Rebels' backcourt this season. The freshman averaged 12 points and 3 assists per game, while notching a second team All-District 2-6A bid.

G/F Jordan Riley, Midland High, Jr.

After transferring to Midland High from Midland Christian early in the season, Riley brought increased length and athleticism to the Bulldogs lineup. He averaged 11.3 points and 1 rebound per game and recently announced on Twitter that he will be transferring to Greenwood next season.

G Mitch McCann, Midland Christian, So.

A reliable scorer, McCann provided a potent outside touch to the MCS backcourt. He set the program record for number of 3-pointers made in a game with 10. He scored 9.5 points per contest and sunk 91 treys for the year.

F Gunnar Griffin, Midland Christian, Sr.

One of the Mustangs' senior leaders, Griffin's grit and physicality in the post set a positive example for his younger teammates. He averaged 7.6 points and 6.4 rebounds per night.

G Conrey Echols, Midland Classical, Jr.

A three-year varsity letterman, Echols brought a scrappy playmaking presence to a team full of emerging underclassmen. He averaged 13.3 points, 2.9 rebounds and 2.3 assists per contest.

G Bryce Hergert, Forsan, Sr.

Forsan's quarterback brought leadership to the Buffaloes basketball team. He was second on the team in points at 15.3 per game, while also averaging 5 rpg and 3.1 apg, good for a first team All-District 7-2A nod.

F Ivan Esparza, Crane, Sr.

The Golden Cranes' longtime man in the middle and a key piece in the team's run to the Class 3A regional tournament, Esparza posted 13 ppg, a team-high 9.7 rpg and 1.3 bpg.

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Others considered: Chris Ryburn, Midland Christian; Nate Bridges, Greenwood; David Williams, Seminole; Matt Walker, Andrews

COACH

From 1C

being so welcoming and so willing to teach us the things we didn't know and the simple the things we needed to know, it made it very easy to want to learn, to want to play."

Added Williamson: "What I'll remember about him is not only did he make the practice atmosphere fun and enjoyable, but he had a sense of urgency about him."

The Buffaloes opened the season by winning 14 of their first 15 games and by then, everyone was comfortable in an established role. The daily necessary work was demanding. But the players seemed to yearn for it, driven by a pride of representing Forsan.

"We live in our routine and the routine is what made us," said Richardson, who can occasionally be seen riding his black and white Fat Boy Harley motorcycle around Big Spring. "You shoot five or six days a week, you practice five or six days a week and even on those days off, they're in the gym shooting. We're going to do what we need to do to make sure we're at the top of our game.

"We lost in the first round last year and for a whole year, that stuck in their minds and the kids did not want that to happen (again). They were in the gym shooting after I let them go and I'd have to run them out. They were prepared for the playoffs."

In the postseason, Forsan toppled Haskell and Anthony, before riding a 32-point fourth quarter to a 61-42 win against Morton in the regional quarterfinal. The Buffaloes fell to then No. 20-ranked Stratford, 59-44 in the semifinal, bringing a joyous season to an end.

Richardson said the rally against Morton encapsulated his team's entire season. Success was always about love and trust between player and coach.

"It's (about) 'Do your kids know you love them and know you have their best interest at heart?' If they know that, they'll run through a brick wall for you," Richardson said. "That's where all that came from. We were down by 20 (against Morton), I looked them in the eye and saw no fear in their eyes. I told them 'We've got this.'

"For them to buy in and trust me and do what we wanted to have done, this was a big year. It was very rewarding for me."

VENZANT

From 1C

2002-04, Venzant's success as an off-the-ball creator stems from his unfettered desire to win and to learn. If he believes an idea or suggestion will help make his team better, he'll be listening attentively.

"I think what makes Joseph special – obviously he's very talented and he has a lot of ability -- is he is just a fierce competitor," Ryburn said. "He really wants to win and he wants to do the things that are necessary to win. That was the thing that really shined for him (last season) at such a young age, having such a competitive nature.

"He was great about accepting his role and doing the best he can with it. He really thrived in that role. He went from being a player who had some great games to a player who really played great every game and was really consistent."

Venzant said he could feel an immediate difference in his game following the transition. He was able to play with more of a calmness, free of the burden of trying to set up every teammate with a nifty pass.

"I had to (learn to) to get better ball movement because I was on the ball so much," Venzant said. "I think it helped the team more. I got rebounds and more opportunities from not having the ball in my hands and putting a little bit more faith in my teammates. That was a confidence booster for them as well. It was more relaxing and it took a lot of stress off of me. I just started (trying to) get open and make the best of it."

As he expanded his offensive repertoire, Venzant continued to torment opposing ball handlers with his steady defensive foundation and long arms. But the process of learning wasn't difficult for Venzant. Rather, it was a feeling of pure joy, knowing he was growing within the game he loves.

"He's pretty happy-go-lucky," Ryburn said. "I know you don't see that on the court because he is such a competitor. But he's fun to be around, he keeps everybody laughing. He's not just a fun player to watch and fun player to coach, but he's a fun guy to have around the team. I think everyone really enjoyed him. He really has the potential to be special and I think that's what's going to happen."

Added Venzant: "I feel like if you're not having fun, the game isn't really for you. You're going to play your best when you're having fun also. It's great to be a part of it."

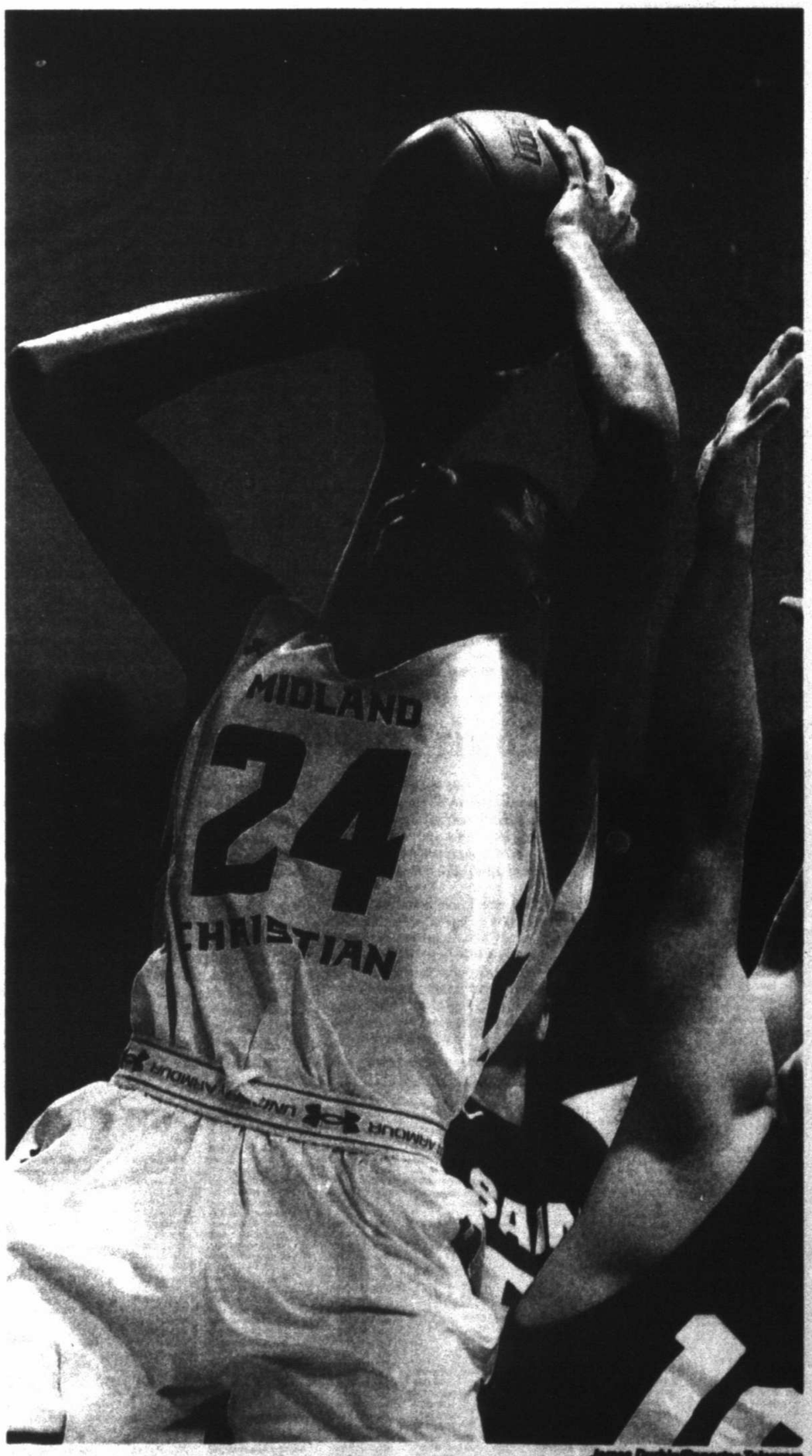
Venzant's progress culminated in the TAPPS 5A regional playoff game on Feb. 24. Against Cedar Hill Trinity Christian, the top-ranked TAPPS 5A team in Texas with several college commits, Venzant poured in a game-high 23 points in the Mustangs' 52-38 loss.

Venzant isn't resting on the laurels of a stellar freshman season and already working through MCS' offseason football program, while refining his game in the gym every spare moment he has. His older brother Daniel, a former MCS star who just completed his freshman season at Cal State Fullerton, will be returning to town this summer to work out with Joseph and their father, Eddie, in preparation for his sophomore campaign.

"Mainly I'm focused on next year and doing the same things and getting better on the things I do well," Venzant said. "(I've) got to start over next year.

Other players considered: G Kobe Richardson, Forsan; G Brett Leach, Andrews; G Carlos Montes, Crane

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Midland Christian's Joseph Venzant (24) shoots against Fort Worth All Saints' Mason Sutti (10) on Feb. 6 at McGraw Event Center.

Erik Jones in search of breakthrough win at Bristol

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Second-year Cup Series driver Erik Jones may be on the verge of a getting a breakthrough win at Bristol Motor Speedway on Sunday.

Jones is coming off a fourth-place finish last week at Texas and has finished in the top 11 five times in seven Cup races this season. He also has a history of running well at Bristol, earning the pole last August and leading a race-high 260 laps before finishing second to current teammate Kyle Busch.

Add in that the 21-year-old had the top 10-lap average in the first practice Saturday and there are the makings of a first career Cup win.

"Winning my first Cup race is something that I really want to get done," Jones said. "I feel like if we can get one knocked out of the way that more is kind of going to come with that, so we're going to continue to push this weekend."

Jones won at Bristol in 2016 and 2017 in the Xfinity Series, so he certainly knows his way around the half-mile track.

"It's good to come back to a place where your team is fast, where you're comfortable and the car unloads good," Jones said. "We've had a good weekend so far, we just need to keep it heading that way."

Things to watch at Bristol Motor Speedway:

WEATHER CONCERNS: NASCAR has moved the start of the race to 1 p.m. EDT due to the threat of heavy rains and thunderstorms in the area. But it may not matter as rain is predicted beginning in the morning and is expected to last all day and well into the night.

If the race is postponed, it will be run on Monday.

BUSCH CRASHES LATE: Kurt Busch was scheduled to start on the outside of the front row, but now is headed to the back of the field after a crash late in the final practice on Saturday.

Busch was in the midst of a late run when his No. 41 got into the inside wall and suffered significant damage. The team has gone to a backup car, which means Busch will need to start at the rear of the 39-car field.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: Brad Keselowski was in his trailer Friday afternoon when he heard the roar of cars running around the track. He wondered to himself, "What's that?" It turns out nobody had informed Keselowski that the practice session had been moved up 30 minutes.

Keselowski hustled to his car and got in to drive a few laps.

"That was different," he said with a laugh. "I guess they changed the scheduling and we didn't know. I found out the fun way. Better that than the race."

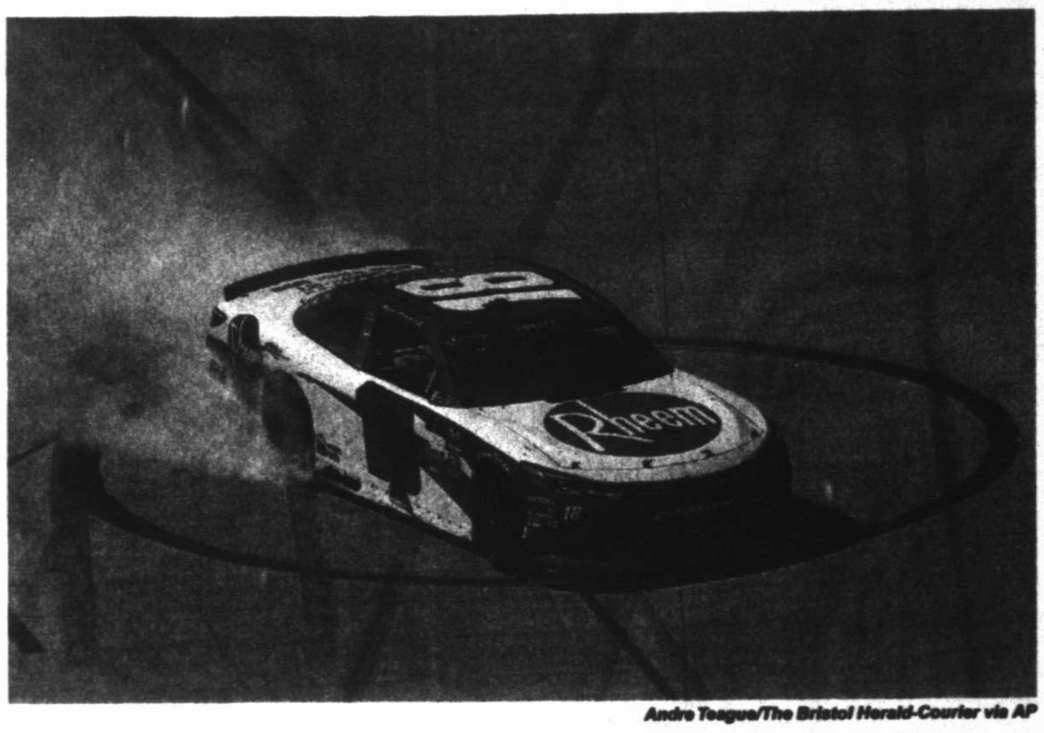
It didn't seem to hurt Keselowski, who wound up qualifying third.

HARVICK STARTS IN BACK: Kevin Harvick has won three Cup Series races already this year, but it won't be easy to win a fourth at Bristol starting at the back of the field. Harvick's suspension broke in practice on Friday and his car hit the outside wall hard. He was not hurt, but was forced to turn to a backup car for the remainder of the weekend.

SHORT TRACK SUCCESS: The Cup Series completes its early spring short track trio of races with Bristol this weekend and Richmond Raceway next weekend. In the past five years Carl Edwards has won three races at short tracks, while Jimmie Johnson, Joey Logano, and Kurt Busch all have two wins apiece.

NASCAR-Monster Energy-Food City 500 Lineup
By The Associated Press
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Bristol Motor Speedway
Bristol, Tenn.
Lap length: .533 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 128.822 mph.
2. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 128.804.
3. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 128.282.
4. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 128.253.
5. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 128.165.
6. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 128.049.
7. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 127.899.
8. (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 127.835.
9. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 127.673.
10. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 127.571.
11. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 127.470.
12. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 126.689.
13. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 127.317.
14. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 127.191.
15. (95) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 127.115.
16. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 127.091.
17. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 126.972.
18. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 126.771.
19. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 126.704.
20. (43) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 126.420.
21. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 126.395.
22. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 126.270.
23. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 126.204.
24. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 125.535.
25. (11) Darrey Hardin, Toyota, 125.773.
26. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 125.765.
27. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 125.248.
28. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 124.998.
29. (00) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 124.922.
30. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 124.735.
31. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 124.517.
32. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 123.979.
33. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 123.802.
34. (72) Cody Ljaata, Chevrolet, 121.790.
35. (66) DJ Kennington, Toyota, 121.399.
36. (55) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 121.386.
37. (51) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 119.058.
38. (68) Chad Finchum, Toyota, 114.658.
39. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 0.000.



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Ryan Preece celebrates after winning a NASCAR Xfinity Series auto race on Saturday in Bristol, Tenn.

Preece earns big Xfinity race pay day at Bristol to pay debt

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Ryan Preece was willing to risk just about anything in hopes of bolstering his racing career. That meant going into major debt last year for a chance to run a few races on the Xfinity Series.

But Preece's investment in himself paid off big time Saturday as the full-time NASCAR Modified Tour driver captured the Xfinity Series race at Bristol Motor Speedway and took home the Dash 4 Cash $100,000 bonus prize.

"Would I advise somebody to do what I did? Probably not," Preece said of incurring debt. "But I wanted a chance. And it worked out. I guess if you want it bad enough it will all work out."

Preece, driving the Joe Gibbs Racing No. 18 Toyota, added "it's gratifying that when I leave here and I will be debt free."

He became the seventh different winner this year in the Xfinity Series in as many races, beating Justin Allgaier and Daniel Hemric to the finish line. Elliott Sadler finished fourth and Spencer Gallagher was fifth.

Cup Series regulars were not eligible to compete because of restrictions placed on the Dash 4 Cash races.

The 27-year-old Preece was racing in only his third Xfinity Series event of the year. It didn't bother the other Xfinity Series regulars that a non-regular like Preece won the money. In fact, they applauded his win.

"If you qualify for the show, you meet the criteria and you beat out 39 other dudes whose job it is to do this full time at a place like Bristol, well, congratulations you deserve it," Gallagher said. "And that's it."

Added Hemric: "He drove his tail off and put himself in position and stepped up when he had to."

Preece was strong all day, but it all came down to the final 10 laps.

Brandon Jones bemoaned the final caution that came out late. He gambled by taking on only two tires. Preece, who took four tires, was able to take him on the restart and he pulled away for an easy victory.

Preece was competing with three other qualifying drivers — pole sitter Cole Custer, Christopher Bell and Hemric —for the $100,000 prize.

"I take every race as a chance to build a future for myself," Preece said. "Where I will be after this season I don't have a clue. But I won't be the one that prevents me from getting somewhere. I will do everything I can to make sure that I am not the weak link."

BELL'S CRASH: Bell was one of the pre-race favorites and the stage one winner, but crashed just near the midway point of the race when he couldn't avoid a collision between Vinnie Miller and Cody Ware. He car t-boned Miller, ending Bell's day on the track.

MORE CASH UP FOR GRABS: Next week Allgaier, Gallagher, Jones and Sadler will contend for the $100,000 Dash 4 Cash prize at Richmond. Hemric would have been on that list but his car failed post-race inspection and he was replaced by Jones.

"It's a huge deal to be able to go for that," Allgaier said. "It was disheartening not to be able to (qualify) for it this weekend."

HOT FEET: Custer's gas man Andrew Migliozzi had the boot on his left foot catch on fire during a pit stop early in the race after the gas on the ground outside of the car caught fire. The fire was quickly extinguished and Migliozzi was not harmed.

TRADING PAINT: After a caution, Sadler and John Nemechek purposely banged in to each other.

SHEPHERD SITS: One week after running in his 1,000th start in a NASCAR national series race, Morgan Shepherd failed to qualify for the Xfinity Series race.

NASCAR XFINITY-Fitzgerald Glider Kits 300 Results
By The Associated Press
Saturday
At Bristol Motor Speedway
Bristol, Tenn.
Lap length: 0.533 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (7) Ryan Preece, Toyota, 300 laps, 57 points.
2. (2) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 300, 44.
3. (4) David Hemric, Chevrolet, 300, 52.
4. (13) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 300, 33.
5. (9) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, 300, 34.
6. (5) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 300, 31.
7. (20) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 300, 30.
8. (1) Cole Custer, Ford, 300, 37.
9. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 300, 32.
10. (21) Ryan Truex, Chevrolet, 300, 32.
11. (16) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 300, 26.
12. (10) Justin Credle, Ford, 300, 27.
13. (8) John Hunter Nemechek, Chevrolet, 299, 24.
14. (6) Shane Lee, Chevrolet, 299, 24.
15. (23) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 299, 22.
16. (28) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 299, 21.
17. (22) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 299, 20.
18. (12) Ryan Reed, Ford, 299, 22.
19. (33) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 299, 0.
20. (29) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 299, 17.
21. (18) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 297, 16.
22. (30) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 297, 15.
23. (32) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 295, 14.
24. (40) David Starr, Chevrolet, 295, 13.
25. (27) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, 295, 12.
26. (27) Timmy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 289, 11.
27. (31) Timmy Hill, Dodge, broken, 257, 10.
28. (26) Stephen Leicht, Toyota, broken, 212, 9.
29. (3) Christopher Bell, Toyota, accident, 140, 10.
30. (24) Cody Ware, Dodge, accident, 140, 8.
31. (25) Tony Stateovich, Ford, accident, 139, 6.
32. (39) Josh Bilicki, Toyota, overheating, 121, 5.
33. (24) Vinnie Miller, Chevrolet, accident, 105, 4.
34. (14) Ty Majeski, Ford, accident, 99, 3.
35. (11) Matt Tifft, Chevrolet, accident, 99, 2.
36. (29) Chad Finchum, Chevrolet, engine, 48, 1.
37. (28) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, broken, 47, 1.
38. (17) Kaz Grala, Ford, accident, 20, 1.
39. (24) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, broken, 20, 1.
40. (19) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, accident, 4, 1.

Rossi puts Honda on pole at Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach

Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — The way Alexander Rossi sees it, he should be undefeated this season. Instead, he's still looking for his first win of the year.

He wants it to come Sunday on the downtown streets of Long Beach.

Rossi will start the race at the storied venue from the pole after a calculated late qualifying run proved his Honda from Andretti Autosport is the fastest car in the field headed into the race. Rossi waited on pit lane until the final minute in qualifying, and began his fast lap just as Josef Newgarden slapped the wall ahead of him.

Newgarden's wounded car could have clogged Rossi's path, but Rossi has been so fast all weekend nothing was stopping him. His lap of 1 minute, 6.5528 seconds claimed the top starting spot in Saturday's qualifying session.

"We've been so strong, and we were strong here last year," said Rossi, an Indianapolis 500 winner and one of the recent stars of reality TV show "The Amazing Race."

Rossi has not received the proper attention for the start to his season, which very well could have started with two victories. He was behind rookie Robert Wickens on a late restart in the season opener at St. Petersburg when he made contact with Wickens that cost them both the victory. Last Saturday night at Phoenix, a track where drivers said passing was nearly impossible, Rossi drove through the field to finish third. He's second in the IndyCar standings, five points behind Newgarden, the defending series champion and fellow American.

"I've given up two potential wins, so let's try not to do that tomorrow," Rossi said.

The pole for an Andretti team, or any team other than Penske at Long Beach, was a bit of an upset. Team Penske drivers had won seven of the last nine poles before Saturday.

Penske driver Will Power will start second followed by teammate Simon Pagenaud, Scott Dixon, Graham Rahal and Newgarden. The Fast Six qualifying session was an equal split of three drivers each from Honda and Chevrolet, but the only Chevy drivers all came from Penske.

IndyCar Grand Prix of Long Beach Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
On the Streets of Long Beach
Long Beach, Calif.
Lap length: 1.968 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (27) Alexander Rossi, Honda, 1 minute, 6.5528 seconds (106.454 mph).
2. (12) Will Power, Chevrolet, 1:06.5994 (106.383).
3. (22) Simon Pagenaud, Chevrolet, 1:06.6107 (106.364).
4. (9) Scott Dixon, Honda, 1:07.0469 (105.697).
5. (15) Graham Rahal, Honda, 1:07.1275 (105.570).
6. (1) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 1:07.1502 (105.541).
7. (28) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 1:07.1415 (105.555).
8. (5) James Hinchcliffe, Honda, 1:07.1839 (105.488).
9. (19) Sebastien Bourdais, Honda, 1:07.1949 (105.470).
10. (6) Robert Wickens, Honda, 1:07.2559 (105.374).
11. (14) Tony Kanaan, Chevrolet, 1:07.2478 (105.387).
12. (26) Zachary Claman De Melo, Honda, 1:07.3437 (105.236).
13. (10) Ed Jones, Honda, 1:07.3844 (105.172).
14. (4) Matheus Leist, Chevrolet, 1:07.1522 (105.538).
15. (20) Ed Carpenter, Chevrolet, 1:07.7107 (105.100).
16. (60) Zach Veach, Honda, 1:07.1703 (105.510).
17. (98) Jack Harvey, Honda, 1:07.8307 (104.945).
18. (21) Spencer Pigot, Chevrolet, 1:08.2739 (104.276).
19. (88) Gabby Chaves, Chevrolet, 1:08.0239 (104.654).
20. (66) Marco Andretti, Honda, 1:08.5264 (103.889).

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Saturday
At Harbour Town Golf Links
Hilton Head, S.C.
Purse: $6.7 million
Yardage: 7,099; Par 71
Third Round
(a-amateur)

Ian Poulter 69-64-67—200
Luke List 68-66-67—201
Si Woo Kim 70-65-67—202
C.T. Pan 70-67-67—204
Billy Horschel 69-69-67—205
Kevin Kisner 69-69-67—205
Chesson Hadley 68-69-68—205
Rory Sabbatini 66-70-69—205
Ryan Moore 69-68-68—205
Matt Kuchar 69-67-69—205
Sunny Lee 74-65-66—205
Byeong Hun An 71-67-68—206
Lucas Glover 70-68-68—206
Webb Simpson 68-68-70—206
Andrew Landry 69-68-69—206
Satoshi Kodaira 68-68-70—206
Martin Laird 68-68-70—206
Bill Haas 68-68-70—206
Brandt Snedeker 68-68-70—206
Charley Hoffman 68-67-71—206
Jason Day 70-66-70—206
Kevin Stadler 70-66-70—206
Kyle Stanley 70-66-70—206
Patrick Cantlay 69-66-71—206
Brian Harman 68-66-72—206
Sal Perez, Jr. 68-66-72—206
Matthew Gillis 67-66-73—206
Brian Kim 71-67-69—207
Scott Piercy 70-67-70—207
Jamie Donaldson 69-67-71—207
Bryson DeChambeau 68-67-72—207
Tyrone Van Aswegen 68-67-72—207
Jim Furyk 68-67-72—207
Mike Weir 68-67-72—207
Charley Hoffman II 67-67-73—207
Rod Pampling 66-67-74—207
John Huh 69-66-73—208
Matthew Fitzpatrick 69-71-68—208
Beau Hossler 70-69-69—208
Matt Every 72-68-68—208
Ollie Schniederjans 71-68-69—208
Jonathan Byrd 70-68-70—208
Russell Knox 70-68-70—208
J.J. Henry 69-68-71—208
Chris Kirk 68-68-72—208
Nick Watney 68-68-72—208
Stewart Cink 70-70-69—209
Fabián Gómez 69-71-69—209
Michael Thompson 74-68-67—209
Bud Cauley 71-68-70—209
Dustin Johnson 69-68-72—209
Cameron Smith 68-68-73—209
Ryan Armour 71-71-68—210
Francesco Molinari 70-70-70—210
a-Doc Redman 69-70-71—210
Webby Bryan 73-68-69—210
Zach Johnson 71-71-68—210
Austin Cook 71-71-68—210
K.J. Choi 69-72-69—210
Peter Malnati 69-70-71—210
Kevin Tway 68-70-72—210
Austin Eckroley 71-71-69—211
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Ryan Palmer 70-69-72—211
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Scott Stallings 74-68-70—212
Brice Garnett 70-70-72—212
Jim Furyk 70-70-72—212
Jhonattan Vegas 72-68-72—212
Brendon Todd 69-70-73—212
Kevin Kisner 69-69-74—212
Kevin Chappell 68-69-75—212
Kevin Na 71-71-70—212
Joseph Bramlett 71-71-70—212
Jason Kokrak 71-71-70—212
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Jason Gore 68-69-75—212
Kyle Reifers 68-69-75—212
Jason Millard 68-69-75—212

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Steve Flesch, $270,000 69-71-65—205
Bernhard Langer, $144,000 67-69-69—205
Scott Piercy, $144,000 68-73-64—205
Jay Haas, $100,000 69-71-71—207
Vijay Singh, $72,000 69-69-70—208
Vijay Singh, $72,000 72-68-68—208
Clark Dennis, $54,000 73-68-68—209
Joe Durant, $40,000 72-73-65—210
Jerry Kelly, $40,000 71-69-70—210
Jeff Sluman, $40,000 70-69-71—210
Kevin Sutherland, $40,000 68-70-72—210
Esteban Toledo, $27,000 71-72-68—211
Colin Montgomerie, $27,000 71-69-71—211
Duffy Waldorf, $27,000 67-67-77—211
Jay Don Blake, $27,000 71-69-70—210
Russ Cochran, $27,000 71-69-70—210
Scott Dunlap, $27,000 71-69-70—210
Greg Norman, $27,000 71-69-70—210
Scott McCarron, $27,000 71-69-70—210
Tim Petrovic, $27,000 71-69-70—210
Steve Stevens, $27,000 71-69-70—210
Jerry Smith, $27,000 71-69-70—210
Kirk Triplett, $27,000 71-69-70—210
Tommy Armour III, $18,000 71-69-71—211
David Mannon, $18,000 71-69-71—211
José Maria Olazábal, $18,000 71-69-71—211
Stephen Ames, $13,500 71-69-71—211
Olin Browne, $13,500 71-69-71—211
Carlos Franco, $10,200 71-69-71—211
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Ken Tanigawa, $10,200 71-69-71—211
Steve Jones, $10,200 71-69-71—211
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Ryan Dillon, $10,200 71-69-71—211
Kevin Sutherland, $7,200 71-69-71—211
Ryuji Imada, $7,200 71-69-71—211
Tim Petrovic, $7,200 71-69-71—211
Tom Pernice Jr., $7,200 71-69-71—211
Michael Allen, $5,040 72-70-70—212
Lee Janzen, $5,040 70-72-70—212
Kent Jones, $5,040 70-70-72—212
Mark Calcavecchia, $4,800 70-71-72—213
Steve Stricker, $4,800 72-70-72—214
Paul Goydos, $4,800 70-70-73—213
Colin Montgomerie, $4,800 74-69-70—213
Rod Spittle, $4,800 70-69-74—213
David Toms, $4,800 70-70-74—214
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Steve Dartsch, $3,600 70-70-73—213
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Rocco Mediate, $1,680 71-69-74—214
Roger Chapman, $1,680 70-70-74—214
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Kenny Perry, $1,680 70-70-74—214
Bob Tway, $1,110 71-70-74—215
Blaine McCallister, $1,044 71-72-71—214
Charlie Rymer, $972 71-69-77—217

Sports de Nature Leading Scores
Saturday
At Cercle Nautique du Golf
Madrid
Purse: $1.65 million
Yardage: 7,010; Par 72
Third Round

Raul Quiros, Island 66-69-70—205
Pablo Diaz, Spain 67-68-70—205
Jon Rahm, Spain 67-68-70—205
Mark Bunting, Zambia 67-68-70—205
Rob Rashell, Australia 67-68-70—205
Andy Sullivan, England 68-68-69—205
Ben Warren, England 68-68-69—205
Adam Hill, England 67-71-67—205
Mikael Nilsson, Sweden 68-68-69—205

Andrew Johnston, England 69-68-68—205
Rod Sterling, England 71-68-66—205
Jacques Kruyswijk, South Africa 69-70-66—205
Robert Rock, England 70-68-67—205
Callum Shinkwin, England 67-67-72—206
Pedro Oriol, Spain 69-71-67—206

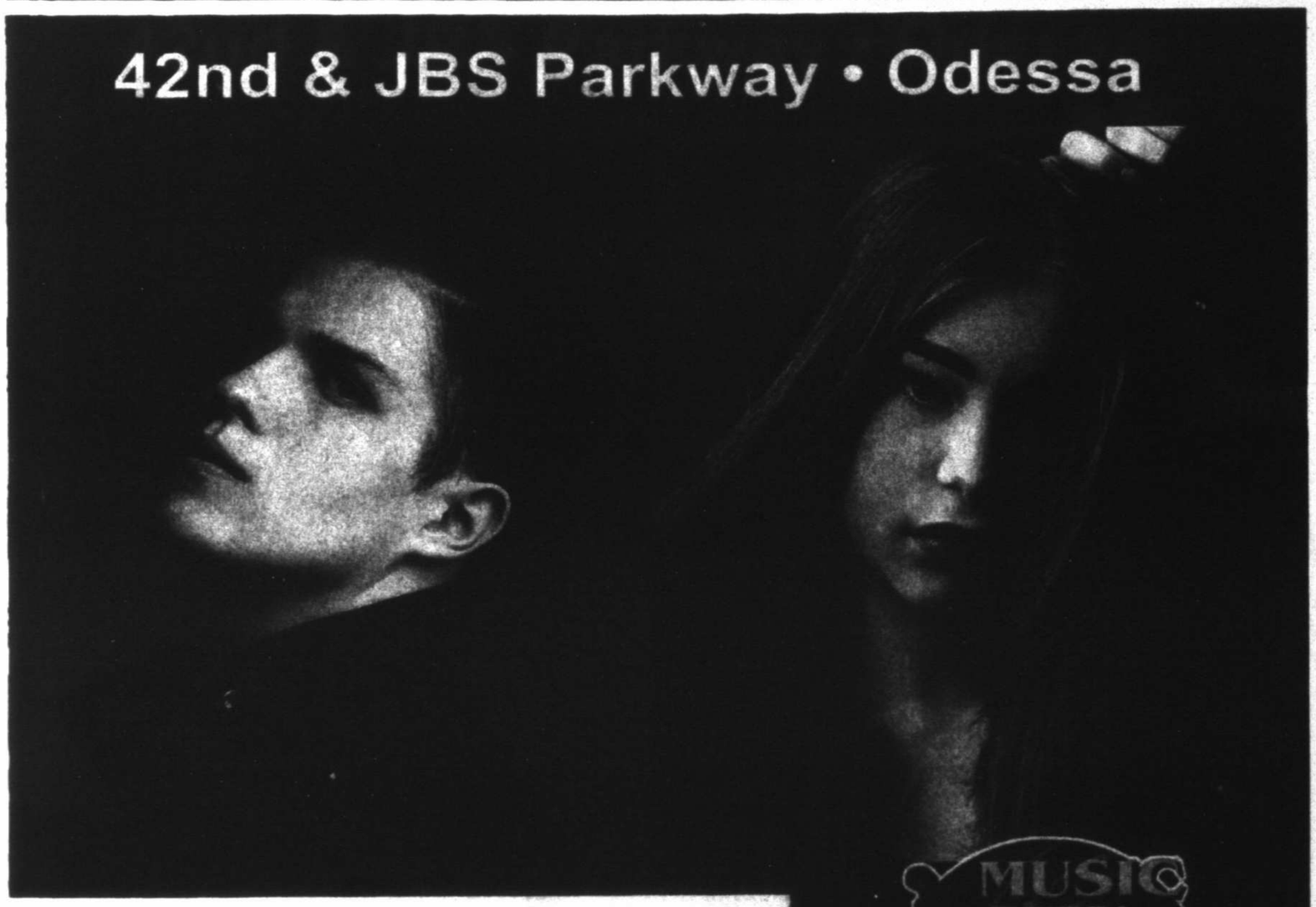
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Seungsu Han, United States 70-68-68—206
Steven Kim, United States 68-68-70—206
David Lipsky, United States 69-71-70—210

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LPGA Tour Lotte Championship Scores
Friday
At Ko Olina Golf Club
Kapolei, Hawaii
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,493; Par 72
Third Round

Dottie M. Henderson 69-68-70—207
Ai Miyazato 68-67-72—207
Ryoo Hinako 70-68-69—207
Inbee Park 69-69-71—209
Lizette Salas 69-71-70—210
Shanshan Feng 67-69-74—210
Danielle Kang 70-68-74—211
Pornanong Phatlum 70-68-74—211
Pajaree Chin 74-71-67—212
Jodie Ewart Shadoff 69-68-75—212
Angel Yin 70-69-73—212
Ji Hyun Kim 71-70-71—212
Mariajo Uribe 70-68-74—212
Lindy Duncan 71-68-73—212
Jeongeun Lee6 70-70-72—212
Austin Ernst 70-69-73—212
Cydney Clanton 71-68-73—212
Mikaela Parmlid 70-68-74—212
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Lydia Ko 70-71-72—213
Tiffany Joh 72-70-72—214
So Young Lee 72-71-71—214
Hyo Joo Kim 71-71-72—214
Angel Yin 71-70-73—214
Sei Young Kim 71-69-74—214
Ariti Ashok 70-70-74—214
Christina Kim 74-69-71—214
PK Kongkraphan 72-71-71—214
Yuliya Yuneminaya 73-71-71—215
Nelly Korda 72-72-71—215
Caddie Yan 71-72-72—215
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About the job: This is an entry-level position that offers paid vacation, a 401(k) and other benefits. Experience in design is necessary, experience with sports is a plus. Recent college graduates are encouraged to apply. This would be a good job for someone looking to perfect their copy editing/design skills.

If you're interested: Submit your cover letter, résumé and clips in PDF format to Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com.

CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

MIDLAND Family

NOW HIRING

Administrative Assistant - SSB

Performs all routine and specialized secretarial work for the Midland Police Department.

Job Duties:
•Answers phone, take messages, greets visitors and assists citizens with questions or concerns.
•Maintain calendar for assigned personnel.
•Develops, types and files correspondence.
•Enters data into the computer regarding police actions or projects.
•Processes and routes mail as needed.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and citizens when acting as a receptionist, answering inquiries, processing information or making referrals to the proper staff person.

Ability to read and understand manuals and reports in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as computers, copiers and printers. Skill in typing and word processing. Skill and experience in the operation of computerized systems in order to design or complete spreadsheets, forms or word processing assignments, brochures, certificates and programs. Experience in software with personal computers related to spreadsheets, databases and word processing.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must be able to pass typing test with minimum score of 45 wpm.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
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Instructor-Transportation Trainer

Midland College is seeking a Instructor- Transportation Trainer
Job Summary: The Transportation Trainer will provide instruction and train students in the classroom as well as in driving. The students will be provided with training and experience to obtain a Commercial Driver License.

Required Qualifications:
• High school diploma or equivalent
• Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy
• Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local
• Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
• Computer literacy
• Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
• Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TXDPS
• Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and execute
• Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book recap
• Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail
• Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs
• Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines
• Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making
• Adaptable in a constantly changing environment
• Ability to move or lift/move up to 75 pounds, capable of climbing stairs, bending, stooping, and repetitive loading
• Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test

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ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Line Walker & Meter Technician

Line Walker opening @ Natural Gas Processing Plant NE of Big Spring, TX. Must be physically able to walk long distances following natural gas lines.

Must pass pre-employment drug test, criminal history check and motor vehicle records check and have a valid Texas Driver's License. Excellent Salary, Paid Vacation, Medical Insurance, and 401k. Must be 21 to apply.

Meter Technician opening @ Natural Gas Processing Plant NE of Big Spring, TX. Looking for a dependable individual with knowledge of computer basics. Experience in oil and gas industry a must. Must pass pre-employment drug test, criminal history check and motor vehicle records check and have a valid Texas Driver's License. Excellent Salary, Paid Vacation, Medical Insurance, and 401k. Must be 21 to apply.

Please Send Resume To:
Plant Supervisor
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Coahoma, TX 79511
Or Fax (432)399-4290
Or Email carcher@wtggas.com

Pump Systems Testing Supervisor

Pump Systems Testing Supervisor (Pioneer Natural Resources Pumping Services LLC; Midland, TX) Communicate repeated common failure in oilfield service equipment to sustaining engineers. Produce Business Intelligence reporting as it relates to quality of oilfield service equipment coming through test stand. Ensure test equipment delivered to field has all appropriate regulatory safeguards in place. Supervise daily operations of testing dpt to ensure oilfield service equipment is in full regulatory compliance. Min Reqs: High School diploma (college prep or vocational) or US equiv, plus 5 yrs exp supervising operation of oilfield service equipment (incl electronic instrumentation, automation equipment & hydraulic fracturing equipment for well servicing operations). Must also have: 5 yrs exp coordinating with other technicians to set operational specifications that comply with regulatory reqs; 2 yrs exp preparing Business Intelligence reports on oilfield service equipment; 2 yrs exp designing test stands to confirm oilfield service equipment is operating properly prior to entering field. Send resume to: Lennie Whitehead, Pioneer Natural Resources Pumping Services LLC, 5205 N O'Connor Blvd, Ste 200, Irving, TX 75039. Specify ad code LWRO. EOE. MFDV

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NOW HIRING

Associate Traffic Engineer

Job Duties:
• Support or substitute for the City Traffic Engineer as needed
• Oversee and/or participate in the development, configuration, and operation of the City's computerized control systems
• Manage and perform warrant studies for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed units and others
• Review commercial and residential development requests
• Review all phases of the platting process for commercial and retail development
• Prepare analysis and recommendations in support of geometric, roadway, intersection, and other infrastructure improvements
• Prepare analysis and recommendations for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices within the city

Qualifications:
• Bachelors degree in civil engineering or related field with a minimum of three years' experience in traffic engineering or related field.
• Master's degree in civil engineering or related field may be substituted for three years' experience.
• Valid Texas driver's license required.
• Certification as an Engineer in Training (EIT) preferred.

Benefits:
• Healthcare Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
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Full Time Maintenance

Currently looking for Full-Time Maintenance. Experience needed. Apply in person at: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 5300 W Loop 250 N, Midland, TX. 79707.

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NOW HIRING

GIS Manager

Reporting to the Engineering Services Director, this position oversees the development and management of the City of Midland Geographic Information System (GIS). This includes staff supervision, budgeting, training, etc.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Manages the GIS Division budget and recommends budget request for new hardware and software as appropriate.

Job Duties:
•Supervises all phases and implementation of the City Enterprise GIS.
•Supervises GIS Division staff.
•Provides planning and direction for GIS growth to serve the City and Public.
•Provides general customer service; responds to concerns and inquiries related to GIS Division services.
•Negotiates and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g. - LIDAR, ortho-mosaic imagery, Citywide, etc.
•Develops policies and standards for the GIS Division.
•Manages the setting of priorities for projects, software, database, and application development.
•Oversees development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and utilize industry standards and practices.
•Oversees the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use.
•Provides recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding annual GIS Division budget, priorities for projects, and resources required to complete them.
•Provides user-training services, as requested.
• Independently prepares and delivers reports and presentations to City Councilmembers, City Management, and outside agency officials. Serves as representative of GIS (or the City) to other departments and outside agencies.
•Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Council members, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures. Ability to supervise and manage other staff with a variety of skills and abilities.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software (ArcGISOnline, ArcGISPro). Solid understanding of database design/management and programming is desirable.

Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is desirable.

Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geography, Computer Science, Engineering, or a related technical or business field required. Minimum of five years' experience using Esri GIS software required. Master's degree in a related field preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
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MANAGEMENT/EXECUTIVE

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NOW HIRING

Planning Division Manager

Manages Planning Division office including professional planners, technicians, and secretarial staff. Reviews items for consideration by appointed boards and commissions and elected officials.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Prepares and administers the annual division budget. Monitors expenditures during the year and makes recommendations for budget modifications.

Job Duties:
•Reviews staff work including reports, maps and special studies for presentation to Planning Commission and City Council.
•Coordinates, supervises and manages staff time.
•Prepares, administers and monitors annual budget.
•Presents information at public meetings. Participates with other staff members concerning interrelated projects.
•Answers various questions from general public and developers concerning city ordinances, development trends, and population.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Right-Of-Way Manager

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and licensing of City rights-of-way and other real property; oversees the execution of transactions of real property; and administers the issuance of easements and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

Budgetary Responsibilities:

Assist management staff with recommendations and budget data for potential rights-of-way and easement acquisitions for public improvements.

Job Duties:
•Develops policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property.
•Manages the distribution of surface damages for City rights-of-way and other real property owned by the City; including 47,000+/-acres of City-owned parcels.
•Develops and negotiates Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Seismic Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinates with appropriate City Departments or Management.
•Prepares and presents reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies.
•Obtains Appraisals, Title Work, and coordinates Closings on tracts of interest.
•Coordinates and processes public easements for City projects.
•Coordinates departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.
•Coordinates preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents.
•Coordinates with others and utilizes engineering plans and plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, title histories, etc.
•Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures.

Knowledge of land surveying, oil drilling and pipeline operations, and typical petroleum industry practices related to land use and acquisition is desirable. Knowledge of municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is helpful.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Council members, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software is desirable.

Bachelor's degree required. Minimum of five years' experience in real estate, land acquisition, or a similar field. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
• Tuition Reimbursement

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Administrative Assistant

Law Firm engaged in collection of delinquent property taxes seeks individual to work in the office of the law firm in the Midland Central Appraisal District. Duties include checking status of delinquent accounts, updating and maintaining Firm's recordation files, speaking with delinquent property owners, arranging payout agreements, and assisting Firm's legal assistant and attorney with research. Good verbal communication skills are necessary - bilingual preferred but not required. $15/hr plus employer paid medical insurance and other benefits. Email resume to mvbalancecollection@gmail.com

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Requirements: 3 years mechanic experience.
Must have own tools. Valid Texas Drivers license. Pay will depend on work experience, 50 plus work week.
Benefits: Medical, dental/vision, life insurance. Paid vacation after 1 year of service, and 401K

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OTHER JOBS

Endeavor Energy Resources LP

DOT Driver II

JOB DESCRIPTION: Job responsibilities include local (within Midland City and County) transportation by truck for Endeavor Energy completions or production crews. Cargo transport varies depending on driver's licensing.

Essential Functions:
- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek.
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:
No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

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Endeavor Energy Resources LP

Now hiring for a Field Technician.

he Field Technician will provide advanced refueling services to support the Frac operations on location. Endeavor Energy will provide all necessary training for new employees. This is a non-driving position.

Job Duties:
- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, despatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, bend, and occasionally lift /carry/push/pull/move/drag up to 50 lbs.

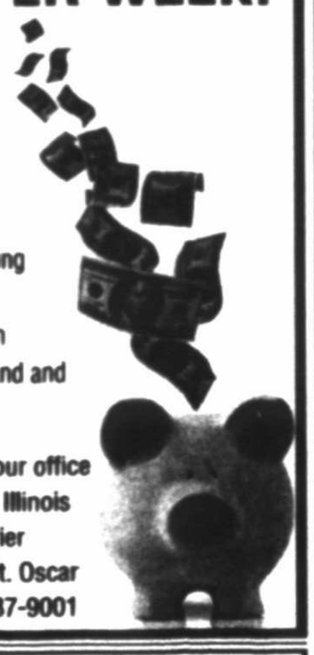
Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position

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Grounds Crew Maintenance

Ranchland Hills Golf Club now hiring full-time Grounds Crew. Duties: • Operate equipment used for care and maintenance of golf course. • Work is outdoors in all types of weather. • Perform other duties as assigned. • Full training provided. Education: High school diploma or GED, 6 months experience preferred. Lunch and uniform provided. $13.50 per hour. Call 432-683-2041, 1600 E. Wadley, Midland, TX.

Service Technician

Service Technician wanted. Servicing Safety Related equipment. Mechanical aptitude required with attention to detail. Requires licensing through TX State Fire Marshall for Portable Fire Extinguisher within 60 days of hire date. Paid Holidays, Accrued Paid Time Off, Medical Insurance, and 401K. Resume may be submitted by email darrin.o@blazeoneley.com. Apply at 1000 S Goode St Midland.

WAREHOUSE CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE

Rip Griffin Oil Company, 3010 S. FM 1788, Midland, Texas 79706. Warehouse Customer Service Associate. Duties include: Answer phones, Take customer orders, Coordinate deliveries, Maintain inventory, Encourage safe work habits, Keep all files current, Needs computer skills/ telephone etiquette. Good pay, Good benefits, Let's discuss. Resumes to pgilbert@ripgriffin.com for an interview

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OTHER JOBS

MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Planner

Performs field and office work related to planning and development programs for utilization of land and physical facilities of the city

Job Duties:
•Prepares special studies and reports related to code amendments and annexation studies. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary.
•Prepares statistical reports such as annual population estimates.
•Reviews requests and prepares written reports for zone change and proposed subdivision plat applications and special studies.
•Presents information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
•Reviews miscellaneous applications including temporary land uses, special events, public rights of way, etc.
•Responds to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas.
•Researches, compiles and analyzes land use and related data.
•Works with the public and developers in answering questions and providing information.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with developers and citizens in order to provide information and guidance on planning and zoning issues. Ability to work in conjunction with employees from different departments.

Knowledge of current planning processes and procedures. Ability to read and understand technical materials, reports and journals. Skill in developing related reports and ability to analyze and present data on land use applications and planning. Ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, to citizens and other government officials.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economics plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
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NOW HIRING

Recycle Supervisor

Supervises and monitors Citizens Collection Station and recycle drivers in day to day operations and projects. Works as a service attendant at the Citizens Collection Station as needed. Acts as a Solid Waste Supervisor as needed.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provides input as to needed equipment and employment positions. Monitors supplies and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

Job Duties:
•Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
•Instructs employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
•Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
•Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed.
•Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
•Acts as the customer service representative at the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on recycle issues.
•Keeps records and reports readily available.
•Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations
•Serve as service attendant when necessary.
•Serves as a Solid Waste Supervisor when necessary.
•Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to enforce work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with tools and software to track handling policies. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communications skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste and/or supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class "A" Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

Benefits:
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OTHER JOBS

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NOW HIRING

Public Safety Dispatcher

Directs calls for service for emergency purposes and directs non-emergency inquiries.

Job Duties:
•Answers the phone and assists citizens with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical service.
•Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
•Dispatchers law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
•Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas/National Computer System (TCIC, NCIC).
•Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
•Sends and receive teletype information to and from related agencies.
•Maintains records of work performed.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for service and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 30 WPM.
Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.
1.Keyboarding
2.Data Entry MT
3.Data Entry MT (Audio)
4.Call Summarization
5.Memory Recall-Numeric (Audio)
6.Map Reading
7.Spelling
8.Sentence Clarity
9.Reading Comprehension

Employees work rotating shifts and gather, organize, translate and process information from various emergency callers.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shifts; Rotating Days Off - Valid Texas Driver License.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
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RETAIL JOBS

Full Time Cashier

Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly full-time cashiers. Pleasant work environment, friendly customers, caring management, generous employee discount and paid vacations. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland,TX

Full Time Receiving

Health food store is taking applications for a receiving person. Five day work week. 30-40 hrs per week. Positive work environment, caring management and pleasant customers. Apply in person Monday through Friday only, 9a.m. to 5p.m. at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland,Texas 79707

Retail Professional

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Julian Gold

Digital Media Account Executive

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William Randolph Hearst, 1887

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking a Digital Media Account Executive just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

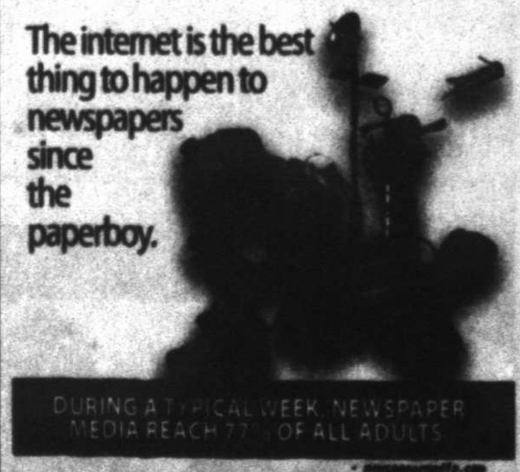
Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:
• Drive digital product sales.
• Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.
• Ability to conduct sales calls with SMB owners.
• Be in the field and on sales calls, leading by example, to sell our various digital products using the current and evolving sales process.
• Consult and educate clients in Digital Advertising and Marketing.
• Assist sales and marketing in promoting the entire line of digital products.
• Develop coaching plans and track results through sales management team.
• Identify trends, quantify impact, and communicate improvement opportunities to the product team
• Primary source of sales pitch and strategy development and implementation for digital products.

Requirements:
• Highly knowledgeable with digital media. SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
• Confidence in pitching and closing business.
• Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments
• Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment
• Bachelor's Degree preferred
• Valid US driver's license and reliable transportation.

The perks:
• A great work environment it's never boring here!
• Paid in-depth sales and product training.
• Competitive base salary, uncapped commissions for unlimited earning potential, and significant opportunity for advancement within the company
• Collaboration ideas and input are always welcome
• Health, dental, 401k, paid time off we have you covered

Send resume to David Robbins at david.robbins@hearstnp.com
No Phone Calls Please.



OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - ***MUST BE DEPENDABLE***
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.

$13.00 PER HOUR

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.



Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk
• Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - ***MUST BE DEPENDABLE***
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

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SKILLED LABOR

MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING
Code Enforcement Officer

Performs inspections of private and public properties to ensure compliance with municipal ordinances, zoning and land use regulations which govern the maintenance of property, grounds and structures.

Job Duties:
•Visually inspects properties for code violations as initiated by a complaint or routine inspection.
•Enters data into the computer to generate notice of violations to property owners or to record inspections.
•Responds to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
•Researches planned districts, nonconforming uses, plats and illegal uses of property for the department.
•Manages city contracts for the clearing of lots, to include bidding projects, preparing contracts, awarding contracts and preparing payments to contractors.
•Conducts inspections to ensure proper environmental compliance in response to complaints.
•Provides information to the public and contractors regarding the requirements of zoning and related code and city requirements.
•Conducts field inspections of junked and abandoned vehicles, abandoned structures and other properties for compliance with city codes.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.

Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional literature,plans, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skills in math. Skills to communicate both orally and in writing. Knowledge of office equipment including personal computer.

High school diploma or equivalent and a valid Texas driver's license required. Certification through Texas Department Health as a Certified Code Enforcement Officer, or ability to obtain after one year of training. Certification as Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, or ability to obtain within one year.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
• Tuition Reimbursement

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SALES JOBS

Employment Account Executive

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking an Employment Account Executive just like you to join our team! We are looking for an experienced Human Resources executive that wants to help hiring managers in Midland and West Texas utilize our advanced hiring platform - TexasBackToWork.com. This platform allows hiring managers to access the largest pool of potential job candidates and track them through the recruitment process.

Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve hiring needs. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

The ideal candidate will have experience in the Human Resources area and will maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships with hiring managers. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local and regional businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the hiring process for our customers. You will be selling a digital hiring solution to your customers with a regional, statewide and national footprint.

Responsibilities include:

· Consistently meets/exceeds revenue goals.

· Develops relationships with HR departments throughout West Texas to sell and promote Texas Back to Work.

· Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos

· Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

The Ideal Candidate:

· Experience within Human Resources or Employment Agency is preferred.

· You have an outgoing, resilient personality

· You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business

· You're confident and not willing to accept average

Required Skills & Experience:

· Passion to succeed and close deals

· Exceptional communication and presentation skills

· Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus

· Bachelor's degree preferred

What's in it for you?

· Paid training

· Competitive Base Salary & Commissions

· Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage

· Flex spending accounts

· Short & Long-Term Disability Insurance

· 401K with company match

* Paid time off & more!

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MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING
Systems Administrator

Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance; performance and security analysis; and monitoring, tuning, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

Job Duties:
• Designs and coordinates segments of the IT architecture
• Manages server applications, including but not limited to social media, Active Directory, operating systems, and email.
• Produces and maintains IT design, architectural, and specifications documentation, as identified.
• Monitors information storage systems, schedules, and tests, including backup and recovery tasks, as identified.
• Provides research, development, and planning of the IT infrastructure.
• Is responsible for the validating, building, and testing IT solutions; analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues; and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned.
• Performs related duties as assigned.
• Subject to recall 24/7

Qualifications:
• Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field is required.
• Four years experience may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement.
• Valid Texas Driver's License

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
• Tuition Reimbursement

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NOW HIRING
Fleet Technician

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

Job Duties:
• Diagnoses equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as ignition, steering, emission control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimates costs and rebuilds to specifications.
• Determines the appropriateness of off-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tires and mufflers.
• Inspects vehicles for state stickers.
• Determines readiness and fitness of new vehicles. Installs special equipment.
• Employee must provide own hand tools. City supplies major equipment including power tools, computerized analyzer, and other diagnostic equipment.
• Reads blue prints, electrical diagrams, manuals and other specifications in order to make repairs.
• Performs emergency repairs for various departments.
• Maintains records of work performed such as work orders, logs, historical information, and special written requests.

Qualifications:
• High School graduate or GED
• Knowledge of proper tools used in welding and fabrication
• Three years training as a mechanic or in a related field
• Valid Texas Class A CDL Driver's License within one year of employment
• Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate required within one year of employment.

Benefits:
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MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING
Customer Service (Field Work)

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Job Duties:
•Turns water on for new customers, disconnects water for customers leaving or reconnects service that had been disconnected. Obtains new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
•Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
•Pulls meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
•Collects past due utilities bills so that water can be connected.
•Changes our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
•Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.

Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Skill in math in determining amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
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NOW HIRING

Effluent Distribution Technician

Maintains pivots in good working order and prevents holding ponds from overflowing.

Job Duties:
•Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center pivots in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
•Operates gates and lagoon system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines where and when to store water.
•Monitors operations in order to apply the proper amount of water.
•Repairs water line leaks and breaks.
•Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gullies caused by operations.
•Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central pivot units.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair meters or parts. Skill in writing to record results.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. C Operator's certification from the TNRCC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Electronics Tech - Airport

Performs routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electrician/Electronics Specialist.

Job Duties:

•Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.

•Assists the Electrician/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.

•Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring meters and devices.

High school diploma or equivalent plus two to three years of experience as an electrician required. Journeyman's License as an electrician required. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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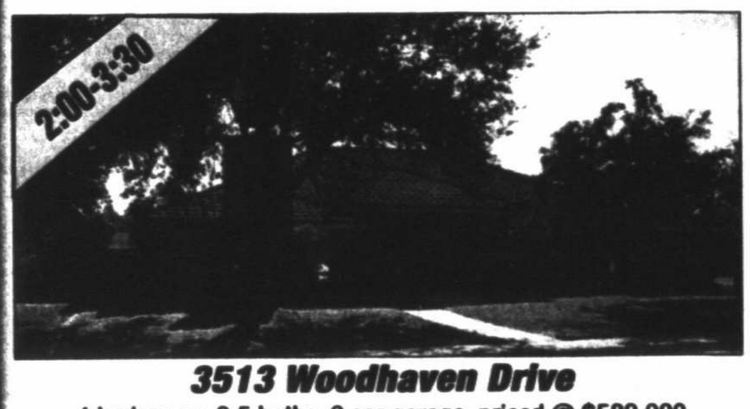
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~ Helen Keller

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

915 W. Cuthbert Ave.	3 Bdrm/1 Ba	SOLD
2106 Kentucky Ave.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
3400 Dunrovet Dr.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5004 Anolia Dr.	4 Bdrm/2 Ba	$237,500
420 W. Pine Ave.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
4309 Tumbleweed Trail	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$339,000
3005 N. Pecos St.	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
911 W. Sorrell Ln.	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3513 Woodhaven Dr.	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$589,000
6109 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$939,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

4400 San Carlos	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
1203 Desert Rose Dr.	BlackBrush Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5203 Torrey Vista Dr.	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1201 Rhett Dr.	Midland Gallery Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$335,000
1209 Stonefield	Logan Construction/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1205 Cusack Ct.	Ram Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$339,000
5301 Torrey Vista Dr.	Valencia Homes/4 Bdr/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1311 Cusack Ct.	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
1307 Desert Rose Dr.	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$382,200
5404 Stonebridge	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4401 Casa Verde Ct.	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5305 George Yard Ct.	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$545,000
5305 Dunraven Ct.	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5409 Stonebridge Dr.	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
7213 E. Co. Rd. 113	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

7009 E. Co. Rd. 90	Reyling Acres/0.591 Acres	$39,000
2009 S. Co. Rd. 1060	5.679 Acres	$120,000
7009 S. Co. Rd. 1105	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$349,000
12044 E. Goldenrod	Garbendale/14.1 Acres	$399,000
3700 S. Co. Rd. 1104	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/1 Carport	U/C
13212 E. Co. Rd. 115	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$565,000
14574 N. Western Avenue	Garbendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C

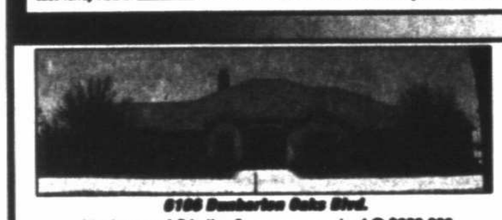
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

43 East Industrial Loop	4000 Sq. Ft./1.75 Acres	U/C
110 E. 29th Street	Odessa/3 Unit Strip	$995,000
3010 W. Co. Rd. 113	Approx 49.16 Acres	$995,000
302 S. Garfield	11,000 Sq. Ft.	$799,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

1000 E. Co. Rd. 0 3001	Stanton/10 Acres	$134,000
1401 HWY 176	Big Spring/20 Acres	$249,000
0 E. Co. Rd. 0 3001	Stanton/41.70 Acres	$350,000
County Rd. C2409	320 Acres	$2,000,000

FEATURED PROPERTIES



6109 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $939,000



5004 Anolia Drive
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, priced @ $237,500



13212 E. Co. Rd. 115
Greenwood, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $565,000



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6001 S Midland Dr.-Amazing location! Home & barn sit on 14.67 AC (3 tracts)! Can be subdivided- to be sold as 1 pkg. 4 bed/3.5 ba/2 liv/2 din/2 gar home (built 1980)! Updated top-to-bottom! New Roof coming 2/2018!	$2,700,000
4000 Island Dr.-Majestic estate on dble lt (1.492 ac) on 9th tee box in GTM! 6 or 7 bed/4 full+2 1/2 baths (in home)/ 3 or 4 living/huge 4 car gar! Dazzling pool w/ pool house w/bath, brick & iron fencing & landscaped grounds w/30+ trees!	$1,700,000
401 Sir Barton Pkwy.-Stunning custom (by Woodruff)- to be completed 5/18! 6-7 bed/4-5 living/2 dining/5.5 bath+ guesthouse w/ kitchen & bath! Top appliances, all hardwood floors, upstairs game room & plumbed for pool/water well!	$1,600,000
2021 Texarose Ct.-Spectacular estate w/3 or 4 bed/3 or 4 living/4.5 bath/5 car gar on grand cul-de-sac!4 fireplaces & wet bar! Dazzling pool, hot tub, workshop (2), 2 lg patios & >+to high brick & iron fencing! 2 side yards!	$1,100,000
100 Bayberry Pkwy.-One-of-a kind find on 2.48 landscaped acres in exclusive area! Main house has 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living/4 car garage/Adjoining guest house w/2 bed/2 bath/full kitchenette! Plus 2000 sqft shop! Dazzling pool with pergola & walking path!	$999,000
2500 Briarcrest Dr-Absolutely spectacular & better than new 4 bed/3.5 bath/grand room+media room+study (off master)/2 dining areas/4 car garage! Gourmet kitchen, soaring ceilings, plantation shutters & up to the minute finishes! Lg lot & play equip stays!	$749,000
3011 Timber Wolf Trl.-Fantastic 4 bed/3 bath/3 car oversize garage, indoor and outdoor fireplace & many builder upgrades home on 10 acres in Timber Wolf Estates! (water & septic included) Completion date: March 2018!	$575,000
2501 Rosewood-Spectacular 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living (great room+game room)/2 dining/4 car gar- lovely landscaped corner lot w/huge backyard &water well! Custom features-wood beams, brass butcher block island & skylight!	$499,000
6011 Elkins Rd.-Spectacular Anderson Construction 4 bed/4 bath/3 car oversized garage home w/ builder upgrades on 5 acre lot! Granite, crown molding, walls of windows & outdoor kitchen! Still time to pick landscaping!	$495,000
10010 SCR 1210-Fantastic unique property! 1.2 acres w/ runway, hanger, office & living accommodations! 50x70 hanger w/ retractable door! 2-story w/ 5 bedrooms/6 full baths/3 living/3 dining/2 car garage w/ workshop!	$399,000
6001 Desert Wind-Spectacular 4 bed/3 bath/2 living (great room+formal)/2 dining/3 garage home on 4.7 acres! Gourmet kitchen, exposed beams, stone fireplace & tile flooring thru-out (carpet in beds)! Lg backyard w/pond & 2 sheds!	$399,000
5710 Ridgemont Pl.-Spectacular 4 bed/3.5 bath/2 living (formal & great room- both w/fireplaces)/2 dining/3 car gar home on quiet cul-de-sac! Amazing & lushly landscaped grounds! Fresh paint thru-out, new carpet (1 bed)... A must see!	$425,000
204 Virginia Dr.-Fabulous charm & character abound in this quaint old Midland home! 4 bed/1.5 bath/2 living/2 dining & fantastic covered porch perfect for entertaining! Delightful neighborhood close to downtown & dark pond!	$349,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2570 Hwy 2310 (Ba Loop)-Fantastic 3 bed/3.5 bath/2 living/3 din/4 car gar w/6 carport home on secluded 30 acres! Guest house or barn + 600sqft shop! 3 tanks for fishing, pockets of brush for hunting & plenty of room to graze livestock!	$999,000
2414 Debolskie Dr (Odessa)-Absolutely darling 2 bed/2 bath/large open great room w/2 dining(formal+breakfast) executive style home! Soaring ceilings, recessed lighting & built-ins thru-out! Open patio w/landscaped backyard+storage shed!	$249,000
801 49 W Schuchanow Dr.-Very nice 2-story 3 large bed/2.5 bath townhome w/carport! Many updates! Low maint home w/covered patio & lawn! Public laundry facility & beautiful community pool!	$129,000
500 Dallas St (Coleman)-Quaint 2 bed/2 bath/1 garage home in a fabulous location in Coleman, TX! Cul-de-sac lot home w/lg living & dining area w/ wonderful kitchen! Large chainlink fenced backyard- perfect for play!	$99,000

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

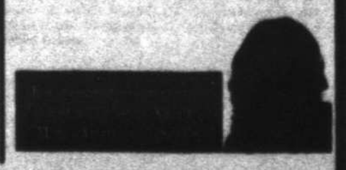
6000 CR 250, Coleman, TX 76834-45 acres of beautiful country! Native grass, 2 stock ponds & oil production! 14x60 Shegon bldg 1 bed/1 bath/ central HVAC, septic & satellite tv. Storage bldg, workor dg, tools, also fencing & shower!	$240,000
1414 Tejas-7.9 Acres in 349 ranch estates (just north on big spring across from midland country club).	$200,000
715 N Shelton St, Coleman Tx 76834-Fantastic investment property for sub building the liquor store business or purchase the building for another business! Great location on the north side of coleman! 1271 Sq ft brick building featuring a large counter, two storage rooms, an office and bathroom!	$150,000
5910 Delta Pl.-Fantastic double sized (.212 acre) on Delta Place in Green Tree North!	$120,000
Timber Wolf Estates, South - Brand new subdivision, approx. 2-3 Acre lots, plat available. Water well/septic/fence can all be added @ buyers exp. Shoreland elec. Can attend school or custom bld, with home 2,200 sq ft	$70,000 - $120,000
450 S Lamesa Rd.-2 more lots for sale next to this lot! Each lot is $60,000- 3 additional lots for sale that are not listed but will sell if all 6 lots are purchased! 6 lots together makes a MR! Total acreage 6.2500	$60,000
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Timber Wolf Estates-Hot gently rolling subdivision broken well within city of midland, north on. Appr 5 acre lots @ $30/acre, plat available. Water well/septic system can be added w/price bid @ buyers expense. Shoreland electric. Can attend school or custom bld, with home 2,200 sq ft	$70,000
Cedar Estates-Fabulous subdivision conveniently located in quaint/idyllic cedar estates-10 lots (appr .75 Acre) plat available. Rustic well/septic system can be added w/price bid @ buyers exp, with home 2000 sq ft, buyer has choice of builder, plans approved by developer	$50,000

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Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP

Troubleshoots and maintains electrical, SCADA and control equipment for the well field, Purification Plant, Water Pollution Control Plant, water storage towers, booster station.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assists in the development of the budget and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items to the appropriate division during the annual budget process.

Job Duties:
•Troubleshoots and repairs electrical service to any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Troubleshoots and repairs control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Troubleshoots and repairs SCADA equipment at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Programs SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Instructs users of SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
•Calculates electrical loads for equipment and installs wiring.
•Determines equipment and supplies required for jobs by reading code books and blue prints.
•Keeps abreast of changes in the Electrical Code and Regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
•Maintains inventory of supplies used and replaces as needed.
•Perform Operations & Maintenance duties as assigned.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Ability to read operator's manuals, blue prints and schematics in order to maintain electrical, SCADA and control equipment throughout the Utilities Department in good working order. Skill in the operation of electrical and mechanical hand and power tools. Employee must perform mathematical calculations in order to determine electrical needs. Skill in writing to record results and track work. Will be on-call.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. A valid Apprentice Electricians license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 12 college hours of electronics coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class 'C' or above water works license.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector

Perform responsible work in support of city engineering staff. Work relates to engineering construction activities such as construction inspection of municipal projects involving construction of asphalt or concrete pavement, sidewalks, ramps, water lines and sewer lines.

Job Duties:
•Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Tests materials and workmanship as required.
•Maintain daily diary and records on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
•Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provides information to update record drawings.
•Inspect traffic control devices for compliance with plans and the Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Make safety inspections to note deficiencies for correction.
•Analyze field construction problems and assists engineers with recommending corrections.
•Performs survey work as requested by Engineering staff.
•Coordinate with traffic, utility companies, landowners, etc. before and during construction.
•Acts as project field coordinator for contractors, utility companies and city departments.
•Researches utility locations and right of way, assemble plat and deed information and produces plan views.
•As appropriate, trains and evaluates the progress of other employees.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Must be able use and communicate by hand-held radio. Basic skill in the use of a variety of machines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.

Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, surveyors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or scheduling work. Must posses skill to observe, read, and interpret written technical materials and construction drawings. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment.

Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certifications preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

Extensive skill in observing, reading and interpreting written technical materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and other state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate in drafting with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plats for boundary surveys.

Benefits:
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Equipment Operator - Landfill

Disposes for refuse through the use of heavy equipment at the Landfill.

Job Duties:
•Disposes of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
•Maintains access roads to the Landfill.
•Covers refuse at the end of each day.
•Maintains all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
•Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
•Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to disposal. Knowledge of the processes used in collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, claws and hydraulic systems as well as simple shovels, brooms and rakes. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent, plus one to three years of equipment operation preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
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Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling water/caliche to drill rigs, fracturing crews, etc. Hauls water/caliche from well locations to proper disposal facilities.

Qualifications:
• High school education or equivalent.
• Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
• Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
• Clean driving record.
• Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Comprehensive Benefits package!
• Medical, Dental, & Vision
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NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater

Performs manual and unskilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of acquired skills and operates several types of light vehicles and equipment. Does related work and training as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to water and sewer system maintenance. Knowledge of the processes used in utility maintenance. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools. Skill in the use of heavy equipment utilized in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and jet truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas CDL Class A driver's license required or must be obtained within 6 months of employment. Must possess or be able to obtain Wastewater Certification Class I and Water Distribution D Certificate with in a reasonable length of time.

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Lab Technician

The employee is responsible for performing, monitoring, and intrepreting the results of tests necessary for the operation and regulatory compliance of the water and wastewater operations of the City of Midland. They are also responsible for the interpretation and implementation of regulations promulgated by State and Federal authorities.

Assists in the development of the budget for laboratory operations and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items during the annual budget process.

Monitors expenditures during the year.

Job Duties:
•Responsible for the daily operation of laboratories in support of the Utilities Department. Conduct bacteriological, chemical, physical and instrumental analysis of water and wastewater samples submitted to the laboratory.
•Maintains equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as for the City's facilities. This includes accurately maintaining extensive records tracking all chemicals, supplies, and equipment used for daily operations.
•Collects, analyzes, and interprets results of environmental, water and wastewater samples.
•Prepares reagents for use at the laboratory and performs standardization of reagents to ensure quality.
•Must maintain work area, supplies, and equipment in an orderly, safe, and clean manner.
•Maintains accurate and extensive analytical data records of data for future use.
•Investigates and reports on complaints and all other problems delegated by the Director of Utilities.
•Make monthly reports or as required to the Water Regulator Agencies and Utilities.
•Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
•Keeps apprised of State/Federal regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
•Performs related duties as required. Available for on-call obligations and work on weekends as needed.

Qualifications:
Employee has contact with general public, other employees, and other organizations.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Must have skill in writing to record results of analysis. Employee generates memos and reports of work performed. Ability to perform chemical analysis. Must have thorough knowledge of chemistry and good knowledge of water and wastewater treatment. Must possess knowledge of computer software and applications. Working in experience lab preferred.

Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Biology or related field is preferred. Must be able to obtain Class D water operator license in the State of Texas within a year after hired and be able to maintain the license while employed.

Benefits:
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Lead Water Purification Plant Operator

This position requires a demonstrated ability to perform advanced functions related to the operator and maintenance of equipment at all water treatment facilities. This position functions as a Lead Operator and also as Chief Plant operator when required, performing complex analysis of the Water Treatment Plant operations and having direct charge of the operation of a water treatment facility or Water Production Facilities. Positions at this level provide instruction and assistance to lower level Water Treatment Plant Operators. This position is normally filled by advancement from the Water Treatment Operator II. Position requires three to five years of experience in a Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator and must possess a minimum of a Class 'C' Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the time of accepting position.

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Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services

Maintains the animal shelter and grounds, provides quality care for the animals in our custody and assists the public and other animal control personnel.

Job Duties:

•Processes animals that are brought to the animal shelter by providing health evaluations, parasitic controls, scanning for microchips and placing in the proper holding are.
•Maintains the sanitation and environment of kennel areas, cat facilities, quarantine areas, wildlife facilities and sick/injured animal room.
•Assists in euthanasia and the disposal of animals as required.
•Maintains and operates the animal cremation system for mass disposal and private cremations.
•Picks up large quantities of dead animals from veterinarians for disposal by cremation.
•Micro-chips animals that leave animal controls custody.
•Unloads dead and live animals from the public, veterinarians and animal control offices.
•Performs preventative maintenance on equipment, building and grounds.
•Provides assistance to visitors.
•Operates a vehicle to pick up dead livestock and supplies and other machinery.
•Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or animals that may be in the kennel. Employee may have direct contact with other animal control personnel such as the SPCA, various humane societies and animal rescue organizations.

Ability to deal with the public and provide humane care for the animals. Some knowledge in the recognition of animal diseases is needed. Ability to follow both written and oral instructions is also necessary.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must be able to obtain Department of State Health Services Basic Certification within one year of employment. Must be able to obtain euthanasia certification within six months of employment.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex

Performs all routine maintenance work for the parks division at the sports complex, including special events.

Job Duties:
•Performs routine buildings and grounds maintenance.
•Removes trash from containers.
•Inspects grounds and athletic areas and facilities for repairs.
•Operates and maintains equipment used in daily operations. Fills out reports and submits to supervision.
•Helps set up of special events and sports tournaments.
•Works weekends and evenings as required.
•Performs other related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in troubleshooting air conditioning and plumbing. Ability to operate hand tools and equipment such as mowers, gas powered trimmers, saws and other gardening and maintenance tools.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas Driver's License, CDL preferred.

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NOW HIRING
Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

Maintains all electrical equipment used to monitor and control oil well services equipment. Home nightly.

Qualifications:
• High school education or equivalent.
• 6 months experience maintaining and repairing electronic instrumentation and automation equipment.
• Valid operator's license with clean driving record.

Comprehensive Benefits package!
• Medical, Dental, & Vision
• Prescription Drug
• 401 K
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• Company Paid Life
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• Onsite Fitness Center

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NOW HIRING
Local Drivers

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts 5am - 5pm (14/7 rotational) never on call, optional overtime.

Qualifications:
• High school education or equivalent.
• Valid operator's license.
• Clean driving record.
• DOT compliant

Comprehensive Benefits package!
• Medical, Dental, & Vision
• Prescription Drug
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NOW HIRING

Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

Performs skilled & Semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upkeep. Perform manufactures recommended preventative maintenance to equipment at the Water Purification Plant.

Job Duties:
•Repairs equipment including pumps, chemical feeders, valves and specialized equipment.
•Performs preventative maintenance on plant equipment according to manufacturer's recommendations.
•Performs annual maintenance at plants including but not limited to cleaning and painting of water treatment basins and painting of equipment.
•Performs electrical repairs including wiring of electric motors, switches, and panels.
•Troubleshoots electrical problems including checking and repairing control circuits.
•Serves as a shift relief as needed, assuming full authority, duties and responsibilities of position that is being filled.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of plant operations and maintenance. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Skill in the use of hand tools, test equipment, and welding tools. May work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. One to three years experience in a related field preferred. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Water license within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must posses a valid Texas Class 'B' CDL or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Service Center Technician

Performs the installation and repair and general maintenance on vehicles and machinery.

Job Duties:
•Repair flat tires. Removes and installs wheels and tires from vehicles and equipment.
•Responds to requests for towing and service calls.
•Performs electrical jump starts on vehicles and equipment.
•Performs diagnostic checks on batteries and alternators. Changes out as necessary.
•Balance tires.
•Performs engine oil and filter changes. Changes transmission oils and filters.
•Cleans and maintains shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
•Orders and issues parts.
•Opens work orders, charges out parts and closes work orders as required.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and vendors in order to diagnose repairs and order materials for repair.

Knowledge of proper tools used in general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as wrenches, tire hammers and breakdown bars, tire and wheel balancers, tire machines, jacks, air impact wrenches, fork lifts and assorted hand tools. Skill in the reading and practical application of manuals, schematics and other similar specifications used by city departments. Ability to

read, measure and calculate types and sizes of materials needed and ability to measure amount of time that will be used in the actual repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

High school diploma or equivalent plus one year of general service station experience is required. Experience in fueling vehicles, changing oil and oil filters, and changing or repairing auto and large equipment tires is also required. Employee must have dependable transportation and a telephone at their residence. A valid Texas license required, CDL preferred. Must have a State of Texas Inspection License or ability to obtain within 90 days.

DAYS & HOURS:
Monday - Friday: 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Benefits:
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Senior Lease Pumper

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Utility Plant Operator - Water Purification Plant

The primary function of a Water Plant employee is to perform semi- skilled and skilled operations and maintenance duties in our water facility, including monitoring, operating, maintaining and adjusting equipment. Additionally, an employee performs data collection and reporting functions to ensure compliance with Federal and State water quality requirements & Standards.

Job Duties:
- Gathers and computes chemical analysis of water samples. Interprets and logs results.
- Controls water treatment processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and monitors various water plant equipment and machinery.
- Maintains daily and hourly records of plant operations
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage within the City.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Reports maintenance issues that affect plant Operations.
- Assists maintenance personnel as assigned and when needed.
- Performs routine cleaning of work areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Must work rotating shifts

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Surface Water license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must posses a valid class "C" Texas driver's license.

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
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NOW HIRING

Well Field Technician - Paul Davis

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:
- Assists other Utility Department Divisions as required.
- Performs Operations & maintenance duties as required at WPP.
- Controls water disinfection processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
- Maintains required records of operations, generates monthly report and maintenance records.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Performs routine cleaning of assigned area. Maintains grounds at well field compounds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

RELOCATION MANDATORY

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and tower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Groundwater license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must posses a valid Texas Class "B" CDL required or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time

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NOW HIRING

Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification Plant and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:
- Assists other Utility Department divisions as required.
- Performs operations and maintenance duties as required at WPP.
- Controls water disinfection processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
- Maintains required records of operations.
- Generates monthly reports and maintenance records.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Performs routine cleaning of assigned area.
- Maintains house and grounds at well field compounds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and tower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% of evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Groundwater license from the state of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Valid Texas class "B" CDL required or must be obtained within 1 year of employment.

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NOW HIRING

Utility Plant Operator - WPCP

Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

Job Duties:
- Collects water samples for testing and analysis in primary treatment area.
- Operates and maintains primary treatment equipment and observes the operation of related plant equipment.
- Reads gauges, records information and reports problems to the Operator, or other supervisors.
- Performs janitorial and grounds keeping duties in assigned areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and supervisors on plant condition and in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders to collect samples for analysis. Skill in writing to record results. Shift work required.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus ability to obtain C operator's certification from the TNRCC within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shift; Rotating Days Off

Benefits:
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The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

Perform manual and unskilled labor on traffic signs and markings, which often involves the use of acquired skills. Operate several types of light and heavy vehicles, equipment, and tools. Do related work and training as required.

Job Duties:
- Assist in loading and unloading transported equipment.
- Operate equipment used in the daily activities of the Traffic Operations division such as paint machines, sign installation equipment, welders and other heavy equipment.
- Perform maintenance, service minor repairs on vehicles and equipment.
- Install and maintain roadway signs, markings and all other traffic devices.
- Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment.
- Maintain records of work performed, schedules, status reports and work orders.
- Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee must be able to communicate effectively with employees, management and citizens in order to effectively receive and complete assigned work.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to traffic control devices and operations. Knowledge of the processes used in traffic control maintenance. Employee must be able to follow instructions for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and striping truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders is also required.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class 'A or B' CDL required, or must obtained within 6 months of employment.

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
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NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Transportation

Under Supervision, performs unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled duties in the maintenance and repair of the City's street infrastructure. Performs a variety of tasks including general labor and the operation of light and heavy equipment used in the repair of streets, alleys, and drainage ways.

Job Duties:
- Performs routine maintenance and repair of City streets and alleys through the operation of light and heavy equipment including walk-behind saws and compactors, dump trucks and water trucks, and other equipment related to the maintenance of streets and alleys.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of equipment.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as making street and curb cuts.
- Maintains tools and equipment.
- Assists with the proper set up of work zone traffic control.
- Assists in loading and unloading of transported material and equipment.
- Fulfill on-call duties as required and outlined on Transportation's on-call roster.
- Assists with the maintenance of Transportation's buildings and grounds.
- Assists other City divisions and departments, as needed.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee must effectively communicate with all co-workers, managers, and citizens. Must effectively communicate with managers regarding work orders.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to read materials including equipment manuals and daily work logs. Ability to read fluid levels and fuel gauges. Ability to receive and understand training materials and communications regarding the proper operation of light and heavy equipment for which employee has no prior knowledge or experience.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class A or B Commercial Drivers License required.

Monday - Friday; 7:30 am until 4:00 pm; Overtime work may be required.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Transportation

Operates some motorized equipment, hand tools and assists Equipment Operators in the maintenance and/or construction of streets, alleys and drainage channels. Installs devices that provide for the orderly and predictable movement of all motorized, non-motorized and pedestrian traffic.

Job Duties:
- Performs routine maintenance and/or construction on streets, alleys, right of ways, drainage channels, etc.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of motorized equipment or hand tools.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as weed cutting, pothole repair, shoveling, etc.
- Maintains tools and equipment in good and safe operating condition.
- Performs any related duties needed to complete projects.
- Installs and maintains signage throughout the city.
- Paints lane lines on the streets and thoroughfares. Paints designated curbs.
- Installs lane marking devices.
- Trims trees in order to clear sign obstructions.
- Fabricates signs.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work schedules, status reports and records of work orders.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to train on some motorized equipment or tools. Ability to read materials such as equipment manuals and work orders. Ability to write and record information such as feedback on work request/work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
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The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Sanitation Driver

Drives a single or tandem axle side loading refuse packer truck and collects and disposes of solid waste. Serves as standby driver until a regular route becomes available. Works at recycling center when required sorting recyclables. May be assigned to a roll-off truck or boom truck instead of side loaders.

Job Duties:
- Drives a sanitation vehicle and collects and disposes of solid waste from containers. Collects and disposes of yard waste and large, bulky items when assigned to hand pick up.
- Travels to and from the landfill in order to dispose of waste materials.
- Assists in litter pickup and similar programs when required.
- Maintains and inspects vehicles and performs safety checks daily.
- Maintains records of work performed for supervisor such as vehicle check list, trip logs and repair reports.
- Any solid waste management activity required of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
- Assists in recycling activities.
- Assists in solid waste disposal related activities when not driving a regular route.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will inquire regarding disposal procedures. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints on services provided.

Knowledge of processes used in the collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to read and write and follow oral and written instructions from supervisor. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, claws and various hydraulic systems as well as shovels, brooms and rakes.

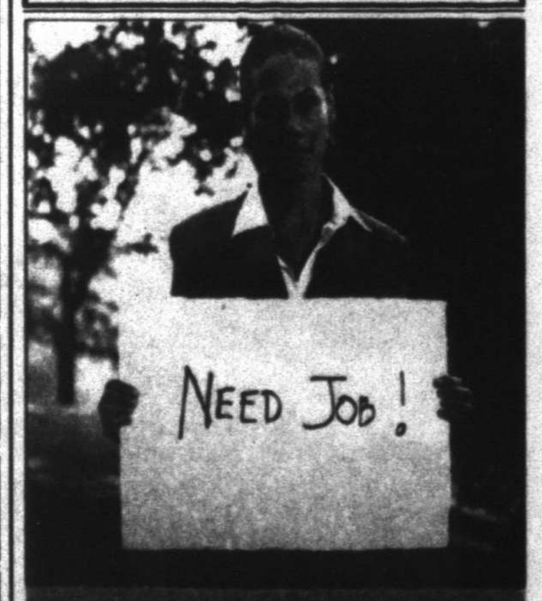
High school diploma or equivalent preferred with six months to one year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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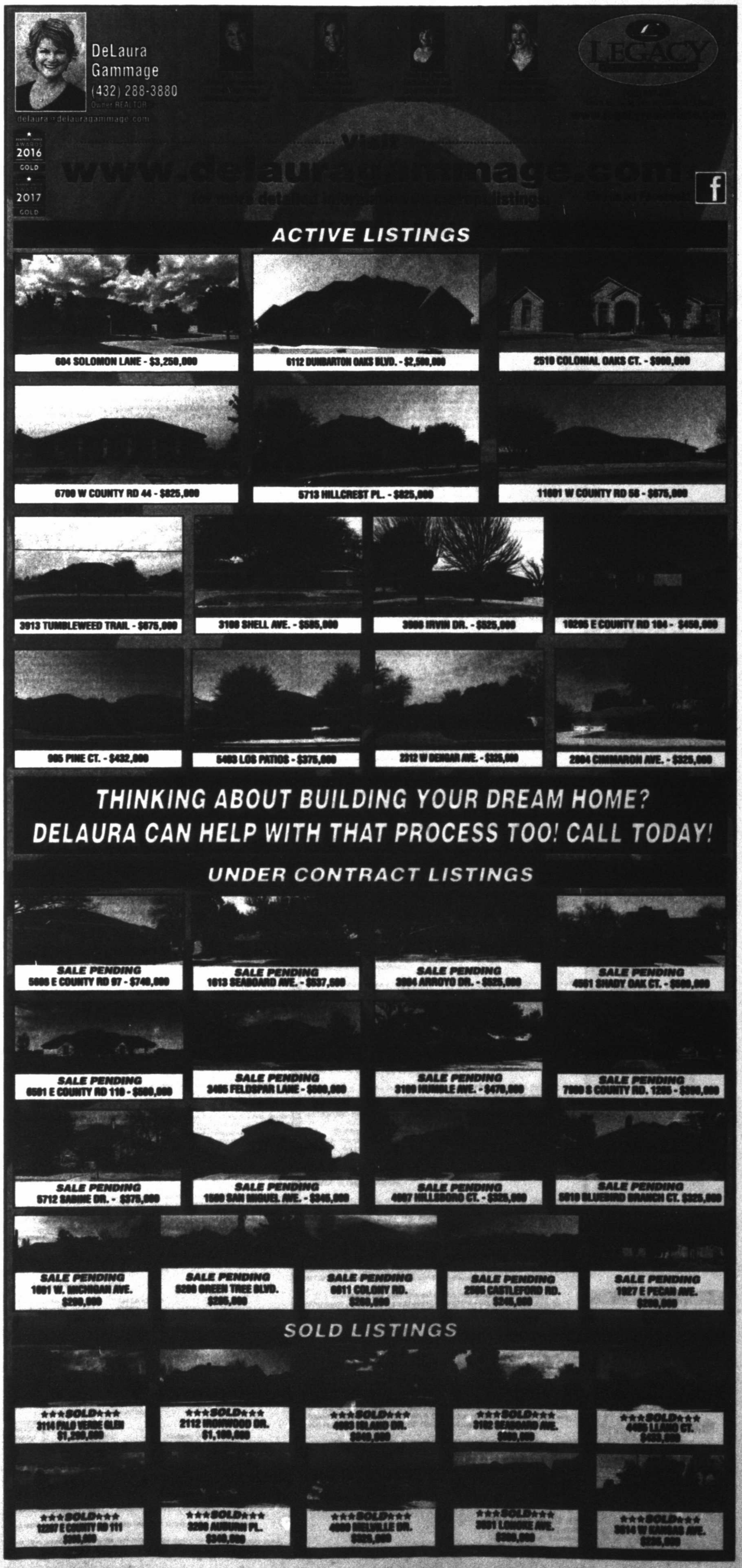
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COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS

REGION 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting Vendor Discount RFP submissions. The Region 18 ESC 2018-2019 Purchasing Cooperative Discount RFP, R18-2018-04-000008, is for the 2018-2019 Region 18 ESC Purchasing Cooperative. RFP forms and specifications may be obtained beginning April 9, 2018 from the Region 18 Education Service Center eBid website (esc18.ionwave.net). All questions are to be submitted via the Region 18 Education Service Center eBid website (esc18.ionwave.net). Proposals will be received at the ESC18 eBid website (esc18.ionwave.net) until 3:00 p.m., May 30, 2018. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

General Announcement

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: The Unknown Owner or Unknown Owners, and any and all persons, including Adverse Claimants, owning, having or claiming any interest in or lien upon the property hereinafter described; the Heirs, Legal Representatives and Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Walton Haye Bostwick; and the Corporate Officers, Trustees, Receivers and Stockholders of any of the above named and mentioned parties which may be corporations, foreign or domestic, defunct or otherwise, trusts, or receiverships, together with the Successors, Heirs and Assigns of such, who own or have or claim an interest in the property, to wit: a 4.33% non-participating royalty interest regarding Hogan Park, Pioneer Natural Res, T1S BLK 39 SEC 13 N/2 A35, RRC-08-29812 located in Midland County, Texas (the "Royalty Interest"). You are notified that this suit has been brought by Marilyn H. Page, as Plaintiff, on February 12, 2018 as Cause No. CV54236, styled: In Re: 4.33% non-participating royalty interest regarding Hogan Park, Pioneer Natural Res, T1S BLK 39 SEC 13 N/2 A35, RRC-08-29812, to quiet title to the Royalty Interest. All parties to this suit shall take notice that claims to the Royalty Interest at the time of this suit was filed be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in this cause by all other parties hereto, and by all parties who may intervene herein and set up their respective claims against said property. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND SUCH SUIT AT OR BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON APRIL 30, 2018, SUCH DAY BEING THE FIRST MONDAY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO (42) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE HEREOF (WHICH IS THE RETURN DAY OF SUCH CITATION), BEFORE THE HONORABLE DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, to be held at the Courthouse thereof, then and there to defend such suit and show cause why judgment should not be rendered for Plaintiff. You are being sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday following expiration of 42 days after issuance of this Citation (being April 30, 2018), a default judgment may be rendered for the relief demanded in the Petition. HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ make answer as the law requires. ISSUED but not prepared by District Clerk's Office AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID DISTRICT COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS on this the 15th day of March, 2018.

Bewick, Schumann, Johnson,
McGarr, Kamnald & Shirley, LLP
Attn: Mitchell D. Bewick
4330 Gaines Ranch Loop, Suite 150
Austin, TX 78735
Tel (512) 347-1804
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

Alex Archuleta
Midland County District Clerk
500 North Loraine Street, Suite No. 300
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By: Angela L. Gardea, Deputy

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0310274
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 2, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 837854
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 7, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COG OPERATING LLC, [RRC Operator No. 168150] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37) . Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 63, Bk. C, CCSD&RGNG RR CO Survey, A-42, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 14.9 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY May 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	CARLA EAST A
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	6202SH
Lease/Unit Acres	:	1051.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	1.0
Lease Lines	:	265.0 F NORTH L, 394.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines	:	265.0 F NORTH L, 394.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 265.0 F NORTH L
394.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 61 Block: C Abstract: 41
Survey: CCSD&RGNG RR CO
Lease Lines: 10.0 F NORTH L
330.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 10.0 F NORTH L
330.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tammy Aylesworth, at (432) 689-7403.

Legal and Public Notices

Public Notice
Proposal #2018-012

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for planter boxes to be remodeled and enlarged. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2018 in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

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Legal and Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Midland, Texas, will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Midland, Texas until 2 p.m., Thursday, May 17, 2018 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence, and labor for constructing certain improvements at Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas. These improvements are contained in the plans and specifications entitled, "Midland International Air & Space Port, Airport Security Access Control Software, Hardware, Cable, and CCTV System Upgrade," dated April 2018.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Principal items of work are set forth in specific detail in the proposal section of these specifications; however, work items may be generally described as: Upgrade Matrix System Access Control Software and Servers, replace CCTV cameras, install new CCTV video software and servers, replace sections of copper cable with fiber optic cable and install miscellaneous hardware, conduit, cabling and supports required to upgrade Access Control and CCTV systems.

Work will also include other miscellaneous materials, equipment, machinery, superintendence, and labor for constructing these improvements for the Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas.

A bid proposal guaranty is to accompany the bid, thereby guaranteeing the good faith of the bidder and that bidder will enter into the written contract. The guaranty is to amount to 5 percent of the total bid and must be in the form of cash or certified check, issued by a bank satisfactory to the City of Midland, or a bid bond.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

This project is an AIP Project. The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and to the equal opportunity clause contained in these specifications. The Bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal form.

Successful bidder will be required to submit a Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities prior to award of the contract and notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement of such a Certification where the subcontract exceeds $10,000.00. Samples of the Certification and the Notice to Subcontractors appear in the specifications.

In all areas of employment, women will be afforded equal opportunity for employment. Employment of women shall not diminish standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Minimum wages and labor rates for construction of proposed work have been established by the Secretary of Labor. A schedule of labor classifications and wage rates to be paid are included in the specifications and will be made a part of the contract. Bid form shall contain a statement that prices bid are based on such wage rates.

This project is subject to Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Minority Business Enterprise Contract Provisions, Foreign Trade Restrictions, Davis-Bacon, Federal Debarment and Suspension, Drug-free Workplace, and other requirements stated in the Instructions to Bidders and other sections of the project specifications and contract documents.

Policy. It is the policy of the Department of Transportation (DOT), that disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

Buy American Provision. Proposed contract is subject to the Buy American Provision under Section 9129 of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990. Details of such requirement are contained in the Specifications.

MAF treats bidder/offers' compliance with good faith efforts' requirements as a matter of responsiveness.

Requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of MAF to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in award or performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be conditioned upon satisfying requirements of this bid specification. These requirements apply to all bidders/offerors, including those who qualify as a DBE. A DBE contract goal of 6 percent has been established for this contract. Bidder/Offeror shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A, 49 CFR Part 26, to meet the contract goal for DBE participation in performance of this contract.

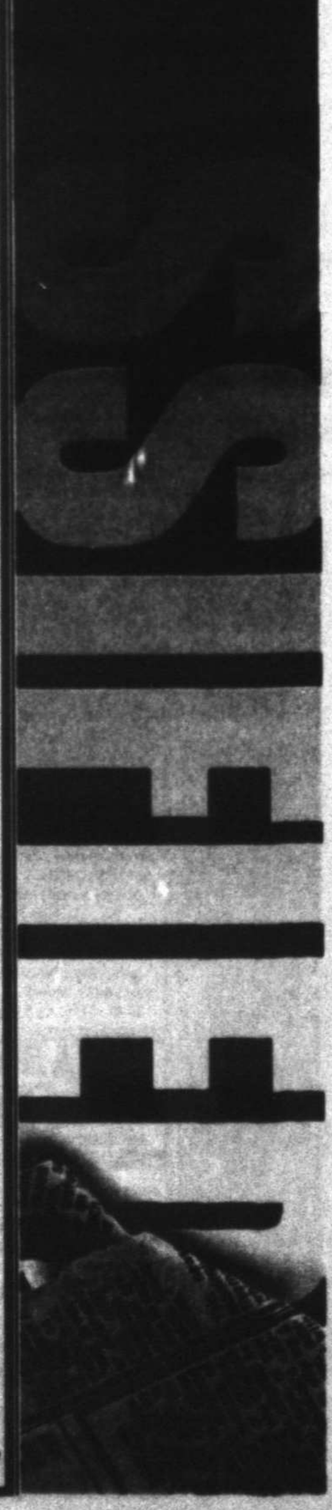
Successful bidder/offeror will be required to submit the following information: (1) names and addresses of DBE firms who will participate in the contract; (2) description of work that each DBE firm will perform; (3) dollar amount of participation of each DBE firm participating; (4) written documentation of bidder/offeror's commitment to use a DBE subcontractor whose participation it submits to meet contract goal; (5) written confirmation from the DBE that it is participating in the contract as provided in commitment made under (4); and (6) if contract goal is not met, evidence of good faith efforts. Successful Bidder or Offeror must provide written confirmation of participation from each DBE firm the Bidder or Offeror lists in their commitment. The successful Bidder or Offeror must submit DBE written confirmation of participation within five days of Bid Opening.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file in the offices of Director of Airports, Midland International Air & Space Port, Midland, Texas and Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., (PSC) Consulting Engineers, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1447.

Paper copies of the plans and specifications may be secured at the PSC office, 1700 West Wall Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1447, at $30.00 for a set of specifications and full size plans. The cost for the plans and specifications is NON-REFUNDABLE. Download documents (PDF file extension format) can be obtained from the PSC Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with the office issuing paper copies. No cost or deposit required for this option.

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Lots and Land

Acreage

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DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0310271
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 2, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 837846
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 7, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COG OPERATING LLC, [RRC Operator No. 166150] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3 .37) . Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 63, Bk. C, CCSD&RGNG RR CO Survey, A-42, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 14.9 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY May 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	CARLA EAST B
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	6223LH
Lease/Unit Acres	:	1051.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	71.0

Lease Lines	:	220.0 F NORTH L,	394.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines	:	220.0 F NORTH L,	394.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Latest: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 220.0 F NORTH L, 394.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 61 Block: C Abstract: 41
Survey: CCSD&RGNG RR CO
Lease Lines: 10.0 F NORTH L, 60.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 10.0 F NORTH L, 60.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 33(R), 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tammy Ashcraft, at (432) 683-7443.

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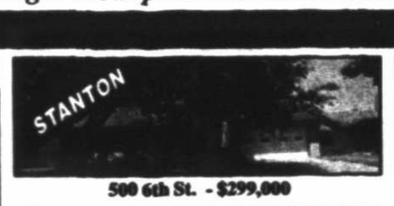
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$339,500
3 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths
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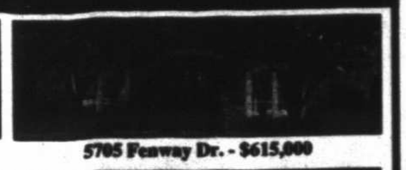
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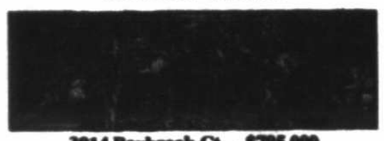
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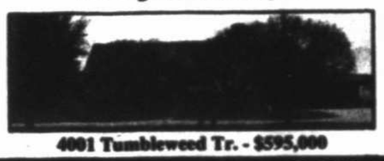
708 Augusta Dr. - $649,000



5705 Fenway Dr. - $615,000



3914 Baybrook Ct. - $795,000



4001 Tumbleweed Tr. - $595,000



3 Lakes Dr. - $845,000

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New and Reduced Listings

8023 Island Circle-Amazing property on the golf course in Green Tree North. Smart house w/Crestron system. All AV equipment including TVs remain. Pool w/spa. Outdoor kitchen. Outdoor living w/heaters and screens. Golf simulator addition. Much of the furniture and furnishings available!! $2,300,000

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3109 Baybridge Ct.-Check out this garden home w/1809.2 SFA.3DS w/room for that extra L-O-V-E vehicle or 2. The way master is HUGE!! Spacious w/sitting area. Open kitchen plan to living, eating bar, high ceilings. Fireplace on patio. Must see!! $339,500

4299 Foxmill Ave.-Well-maintained patio home! 2 car garage w/remotes, separate back patio w/additional yard. Updated floors, paints, fence, kitchen & roof. Pets allowed w/$500 non-refundable deposit per pet, must be approved by homeowner. Non-smoking property. For Lease. ..... $2,000 monthly

One Bedrooms

801 Debutheuer Dr -Nice large 1BR/1BA townhome. Updated kitchen. New HVAC unit. Complete w/Refrigerator & stove. Ground Large closets, small fenced area just steps from assigned carport ..... $69.9 - $80,000

Two Bedrooms

12 Oaklawn Park - Lovely Oaklawn Park condo/patio home. Beautifully maintained and updated home w/spacious rooms, lots of windows, storage, and 4 car garage. Lovely, open patio ..... UC--$205,000

1507 Sheth D Street,- Chic and Monochromatic 2/2 townhome w/office or bonus room. Immaculate and architectural interesting. $224,000

601 Savage St -Spacious well maintained 2BR/2.5BA Townhome w/downstairs 1/2 bath. Low maintenance, small patio and amazing pool, plus gourmet assigned parking ..... $69.9 - $80,000

4700 SW Boulder Dr #1605- Remodeled 2 story unit w/fenced yard. Kitchen cabinets, counter tops, tile flooring all updated!!! 2/1.5 ..... $94,000

Three Bedrooms

3 Lakes-Charming Charleston Masterpiece designed by Frank Welch w/3943.5 SFA, study plus office. Great terraces, and beautiful views of Lake on the banks of Saddle Club Lakes. $949,000

3317 Quicksand Cove- Another fabulous Glenn Miller home on quiet cul-de-sac ! As of 12/11/17 house is expected to complete late April to early May. Now is the time to pick granite, paint tile and carpet. $399,000

27 Oaklawn Park-Beautiful neighborhood in park-like setting! Open floor plan w/high ceilings and so many updates! Shady and lush private patio! ..... $$9.9 - $405,000

2301 S County Rd 1084-Country living at its finest! 0.11 sought after GREENWOOD acres, custom farmhouse w/open floorplan, wrap around porch & TONS of storage ..... $$9.9 - $414,000

3600 Seville Dr - Top quality workmanship! Custom finishes! Beautiful granite selection, chef's kitchen w/great work space & pantry. Extra storage! Plus so much more!..Silvera $399,000

3401 Stonecliff Dr-Expect to be impressed with this wonderful home in coveted Midland...close to everything. Open plan, lots of windows, large bedrooms, spacious living area, formal dining, tons of storage and a bonus room. Wonderful courtyard. ..... UC--$349,000

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4210 Slade Dr- Move just like new! Wood look tiled flooring, granite in kitchen/48 baths, new windows, 14 seer Ac, entire interior on three recent paint, crown molding, fixtures and much more! $305,000

3300 Sheffield Ave-Charming 3BR/2BA Old Midland home in Hardy-Ann Place with beaming hardwood floors and 5 units of French doors. ..... $$9.9 - $329,000

3501 Polsinelli Ln-Bldg. 5 Unit B and Bldg. 9 Unit B) - Quality constructed, brand new Townhouses on the East side of Odessa, LOW MAINTENANCE, with sky high ceilings, granite, hardwood floors, downstairs master with dual sinks and a HUGE 2 car garage. Too many amenities to list - come and take a look! ..... Each Unit $359,000

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1312 Yorktown- Delightful 3/2 in Hallsdale Heights, w/recent updates, open floor plan, fireplace, and high ceilings. Light and bright. Move -in ready!! $214,000

Three Bedrooms

3501 Polsinelli Ln- (Bldg. 5, Unit A and C and Bldg. 9 Unit A)--Under Construction completion date est.8/2018. Superior quality, high-end amenities, BEAUTIFUL Townhomes on the far East side of Odessa off of Billy Hext. ..... Each Unit $310,000

3501 Polsinelli Ln -Brand new Townhomes on the East side of Odessa just off of Billy Hext...LOW MAINTENANCE, quality constructed homes!...Bldg 4- Unit A and Unit D for ..... Each Unit $359,000

2100 W Wadley Ave-Spacious condo w/3 large bedrooms. Small gated back patio and open front patio/yard within walking distance of the pool. So many updates throughout ..... UC--$169,900

Four Bedrooms

8023 Island Circle-Amazing property on the golf course in Green Tree North. Smart house w/Crestron system. All AV equipment including TVs remain. Pool w/spa. Outdoor kitchen. Outdoor living w/heaters and screens. Golf simulator addition. Much of the furniture and furnishings available!! $2,300,000

4004 Island Circle - Beautiful w/many waterfront views. Fabulous Great Room, Sun room with telescoping glass walls that open to patio, Beautiful infinity pool! hardwoods, granite! You'll love it!! ..... UC--$699,000

2 Longwood-Lovely 4 bedroom/3.5 Bath on quiet Cul-de-Sac! Must see! ..... UC--$599,000

700 Augusta Dr- Fabulous 4 BR/4.5BA home on double lot w/pool! Beautifully updated w/today's style in mind! Hardwoods, granite, quartz, stair tile, high ceilings, each bedroom has its own bath, 3 car garage, open floor plan, home office, large utility, great patio, too!! You'll love this one!! Move in condition! $649,000

4201 Ridgefield Ct- Beautiful, updated, 4 bdr plus bonus room home in GTCC North. Recent updates are hardwood floors, granite counters, bathrooms, carpet, kitchen appliances, pool (2014), fence, paint, HVAC system. Don't miss it!! $622,500

1102 Castle Rock Ct.-Fabulous 4BR/3BA Mark Payne model. Wrownderful open floor plan! 2 dining areas, game room, large utility room, 3 car garage. Just a few steps away from the walking trail area in Shadland Park. Simply terrific!! UC--$402,000

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4001 Tumbleweed Tr.- Spacious 4BR/4BA home w/3LA on 2.289 acres w/city water and water well for yards. 40x60 workshop, newer 20x40 2 car garage and man-cave is located close to the above ground pool. A Must See!! $595,000

16000 County Rd 100-Perfect Grasswood property, close to school nestled in quiet cul-de-sac. Large back yard has tall cedar block fence & exterior fencing for a+ studs. Huge 40x60 DREAM SHOP with 2-16' overhead doors, awning & CAR LIFT. Extra long concrete drive & Parking Pad. Call today!! ..... UC--$449,900

4217 Redwood Dr.-Spacious and charming 4 Bedroom in desirable Polo Park. Large yard, great plan, open kitchen, quiet street, family friendly, close to club house ..... UC--$425,000

4401 Rosewood Dr - Spacious 4BR/3BA, in-law plan w/open living, dining, Tons of storage plus lovely family yard & storage building, Hot Tub and bridge stay. So much for so little! ..... $$9.9 - $$99,000

3600 Rae Dr - Beautiful, spacious 4 bedroom/2 bath home in Alamo Lea. Hardwood floors, great kitchen with quartz counters tops and lovely yard with mature trees! ..... $$9.9 - $$99,000

600 4th St - Beautifully maintained 4BR/2BA home in Stanton on one of the prettiest tree shaded streets!! Large living open to kitchen/dining area. Covered back patio w/big yard. ..... $$99,000

Five or More Bedrooms

3305 Sheikh Ave- Beautiful 5 Bedroom/3.5 Bath home in Wrenfair, with Guesthouse and Gorgeous POOL! $1,075,000

4010 Island Circle -Charmed home in town! Lovely throughout and perfect for family living. Gorgeous pool w/waterfall, great yard w/entertaining area. Pretty home (front and back). Good view of lake. ..... $$9.9 - $$79,000

3500 Polsinelli Ct - Gorgeous updating in this 5/4.5 family home. Located on a beautiful cul-de-sac. Wonderful kitchen w/great amenities. Plus guest house! ..... $$9.9 - $$89,000

3400 Roswell Ct.-Immaculate w/warmth throughout. Private wing could be guesthouse or retreat. Gourmet kitchen w/island, stainless appliances, granite surfaces. Great hardwalk, spacious rooms, sparkling pool, manicured yard. ..... $$9.9 - $$89,000

13 Lakes Dr- Custom built home in lovely Saddle Club Estates w/wonderful views of the lake and trees, tall ceilings, spacious rooms, great storage,the list goes on. Wow! ..... UC--$799,000

3914 Baybrook Ct. - Beautiful 5BR/3.5BA, Flagstone around breathtaking Pool plus Outdoor Kitchen! $795,000

4000 Deal Trail- Gorgeous 5BR/4.5BA home! Private oasis in the back yard w/sparkling pool, spa, outdoor fireplace, fountain and Outdoor cooking area! Home has hardwood floors! Open kitchen, den, breakfast area, multiplepne room,3 car garage. Beautiful! $750,000

For Lease

1201 Florida, Midland- 3,600 sq. ft.; 1,800 sq. ft. each unit, recently updated carpet, paint. Bolonus. Ready for lease. ..... per unit monthly $2,000

4300 Foxmill Ave.-Well-maintained patio home! 2 car garage w/remotes, separate back patio w/additional yard. Updated floors, paints, fence, kitchen & roof. Pets allowed w/$500 non-refundable deposit per pet, must be approved by homeowner. Non-smoking property. For Lease. ..... $2,000 monthly

1201 Garden City Hwy- Two spaces available, both are 1000 sq ft., perfect for retail or office use. Recently remodeled w/fresh paint and carpet. Each where (1) HR friendly high traffic location on Garden City Hwy in SE Midland. Convenient to downtown, Jbadin Hwy and Interstate 20 and many restaurant and retail businesses ..... $2,500 each monthly. Call CBD Staff or Brandon Hall 682-1111

1400 Connell St.-4,000 sq. ft. industrial/shop w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage. ..... Call CBD Staff or Brandon Hall 682-1111

Lots, Land and Acreage

0 Loop 250 N - 5 acre tract off Loop 250 near CR 1150 ..... Call CBD Staff or Brandon Hall 682-1111

I-20, West Douglas & Loop 338 In West Odessa-116.26 acres, levelly frontage. Call RE1 Staff or Brandon Hall 682-1111 ..... $2,000,000

0101 W Hwy 158- Once in a lifetime opportunity for building a dream home or 2 on this 1.59 ac tract of land @ Midland County Club. $200,000

0701 E. Co. Rd. 90-2750 sq. ft. w/lo-low plan. $199,000

4400 E Taylor Ave, Midland - 2.440 acres of vacant land zoned commercial. $199,000

0000 Bentwater-Really nice residential lot in good neighborhood in Saddle Club South. Perfect for many buyers... $$9.9 - $$9,900

2301 S. County Rd. 1910-Prime location 1,320 acres, to build a home that could have either South County Road 1110 or East County Road 90. ..... $$9,900

Commercial Investment Property

1207 S Garfield St - One story office w/2 story 2 bay shop/warehouse, 5,712 sq ft.....Call CBD Staff or Brandon Hall 682-1111

1212 Connell Way, Odessa-Tri-Tex metal buildings approx 10,340 sq ft on 1.836 acres.Call CBD Staff or Brandon Hall 682-1111

800 Hwy 158 S - Industrial warehouse of 4,500 sq ft on 4.16 acres (for lease)..... Call CBD Staff or Brandon Hall 682-1111

0000 S. Co. Rd. 1200, Midland, Tx.-Includes 5 buildings on 5.852 acres.

Total of 58,656 sq. ft. ..... Call CBD Staff or Brandon Hall 682-1111

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3000 SF Lockbox Ave- Location, Location, Location this 45 room facility originally built in 1954 whose utilities store. ..... UC--$2,000,000

2211 S. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 20 acres $795,000

14000 W CR 72, Midland- 5,000 acres; 4,200 sq. ft. office built in 2015; 2 modular buildings to house overnight drivers. Perfect truck yard. $700,000

112000 W Hwy 158, Gardner Ellis- 20 acres of Ranch/Pasture land with 2,200 sq. ft. home: 4 bed, 3 bath, whole house generator. $400,000

5000 Bristol Dr- Great office warehouse. Office 1200 sq ft, Warehouse 4800 sq ft. Great location just south of downtown close to county jail. Zoned CI $300,000

0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park. $100,000

Out of Town Properties

3600 Seville Dr - Top quality workmanship! Custom finishes! Beautiful granite selection, chef's kitchen w/great work space & pantry. Extra storage! Plus so much more!..Silvera $399,000

600 4th St - Beautifully maintained 4BR/2BA home in Stanton on one of the prettiest tree shaded streets!! Large living open to kitchen/dining area. Covered back patio w/big yard. $299,000

3501 Polsinelli Ln- (Bldg. 5 Unit B and Bldg. 9 Unit B) - Quality constructed, brand new Townhouses on the East side of Odessa. LOW MAINTENANCE, with sky high ceilings, granite, hardwood floors, downstairs master with dual sinks and a HUGE 2 car garage. Too many amenities to list - come and take a look! ..... Each Unit $359,000

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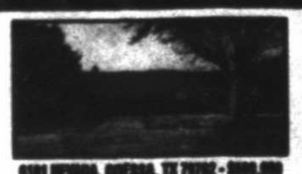


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3701 E COUNTY RD 160 - $4,500,000
Here is a chance to own a high income producing property with two homes, 14 water wells, 65 RV Spaces and 8 septic systems all on 75 acres of land. Main house is approximately 2000 sq. ft and the guest house is approximately 1400 sq. ft with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths.
Call your agent for a private showing.
Jerry Thomas (432)201-1979



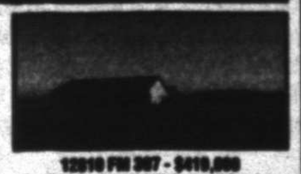
0101 HIVERA, ODESSA, TX 79762 - $000,000
County living with convenient access to 191, Loop 338, and I-20. This home has 4 large bedrooms and both with the ability to be used as offices. The beautiful kitchen is a chef's dream featuring granite countertops, warm oak (DW) & a spacious island. Separate 4 room home - huge cathedral pool, game room, and fully equipped media room are sure to keep everyone entertained. Outside features an oversized barrel tub with a fire, cabin, & a 4 car garage. Real Estate 2017
Shanda Hughes (432) 559-0571



3000 W COUNTY RD 145 - $450,000
Amazing country living 4 bedroom 2.5 bath close to the city. 2 Living areas. Formal dining area. Oversized master with walk in closets; jetted tub and seated step in shower. Large utility room with extra storage and private half bath. WATER well. 500 gal lp propane tank
Shanda Shelhorse (432)202-4248



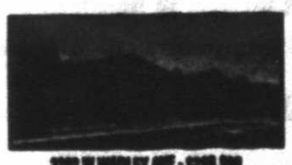
110 E COUNTY RD 310 - $420,000
Great place to escape the City Life. 10805 sq ft 2 Bed 2 Bath house on 51 acres of land. Also has a 1200 sq ft Workshop and a 1600 sq ft 3 car garage. Endless possibilities on what you could do here. Great place to escape the rat race or could serve as a Field Office for a Company. Call Your Agent Today For Your Private Showing.
Jerry Thomas (432)201-1979



12910 FM 307 - $410,000
Beautiful Country Home located in Greenwood offers plenty of room for animals, entertaining, and huge family gatherings or you can even add a pool!! This home offers lots of space & storage!!!! It has a nice open Concept with a Pellet Burning Stove!!! A must-see-to-be-able to do for, offers the same features as the main house with a second proof recording studio or Family Room!!! A MUST SEE!!!!!!
Emily English (806)928-3047



1012 SAN FRANCISCO - $349,000
Like brand new home 2016 built.Open floor plan stands closed to exterior patio,granite throughout.Huge downstairs owners/guest and bath with separate sinks and separate shower-which,only gas fireplace here on by choice-which,game room upstairs,media room,Sprinkler system in the back with out.Little hill price alter and good appraisal !! Lenore patio and telephone! stay with home.Community pool!!
Tonja walters (432)530-1003



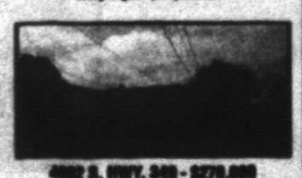
3302 W WADLEY AVE - $230,000
This home is huge! Lots of style and attire of tile. As shown with a bar and hot tub make this house ideal for entertaining. Featuring three king sized bedrooms, jetted tub and oversized shower. Two separate gather, two living rooms, and a dream kitchen boasting stainless and granite everywhere, a large island with seating, and coffee bar. Limitless throughout!
Paul Rivera (432)201-4859



2301 STRADLING AVE - $310,000
Beautiful home with many updates in a wonderful neighborhood! Really nice tile flooring,some existing,stylish,tiled stacked stone walls,and shower bowls,formal living and formal dining,open concept,kitchen living area,great natural light,partially finished bath in dark room of storage,large bedroom, Water well just if you needed.Come go see!
Tonja Walters (432)530-1003



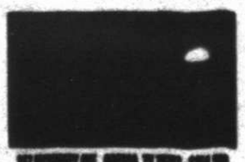
2301 SPARTAN DR - $290,000
Beautiful 4 bedroom home with a pool in Lamesa school district. The house has been well maintained, updated and is move in ready. Inside you will find a large living room with a fire place and high ceilings. The presidential master bedroom has a large bath, tri closet, Outside you'll find a furnished in ground pool, cabana, and an outdoor kitchen complete with a refrigerator and grill.
Shanda Hughes (432)202-4247



4002 S. HWY. 349 - $270,000
Have 5 bedroom combo. Main home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, large master bedroom with walk in closet & jetted tub. Guest sized bedrooms. Huge metal workshop/garage/storage (30x50, 3 metal roofing) and 1 bath per unit, rents for $600 per month per unit). Metal metal storage, brick & stone bedroom with over 200,000 in equipment & more plus shrubs call for a list of equipment.
Shanna Rodriguez (432) 631-0279



5910 CONNIE COURT - $244,000
Beautiful well established 2 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage home in great location on corner lot! Easy access to loop 250, close to restaurants and shopping!! Open concept, vaulted ceilings, skylights, gas fireplace, washer and dryer, and access to garage. Low maintenance yard nicely landscaped! Must see won't last long!!
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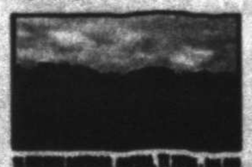
317 HENRY ST., ODESSA, TX 79763 - $91,500
Great investment property two houses, one bedroom, one bath each. All new plumbing, new flooring, new a/c in each house. Utility room updated! Front house 500 sq ft. Rear house 350 sq ft.
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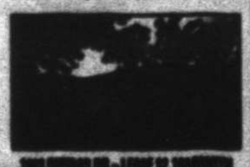
49 JOSEPH ST, ODESSA, TX 79763 - $70,000
Great investment property with several options. Beautiful three bed granite chairs for the front patio with a view of the downtown hotel. The back of the residence boasts with its own water well upgrades. Each unit is a 1 bedroom, 1 full bath, 1 living room, kitchen, with an open concept to your dining area. Shared fenced yard with the ability to separate with the add of side fencing.
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1713 N. GRANFIELD - $142,500
Duplex with income potential! Each unit is 2 bedrooms with one bath attaching both bedrooms. Both have wood like shower and are in good shape! Large living, kitchen and dining area! Each unit has private patio & washer/dryer connections.
Nice investment opportunity!
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10 SEVEN OAKS, ODESSA, TX 79762 - $0,000
Great Investment Chance lot in Western Oaks Estates ready for your dream home.
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7000 SUTHERLAND - LEASE TO TAKEOVER
Newly leased Lessee's in great neighborhood! Close with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Updated master bedroom, Master bath has separate tub and separate shower! Some granite tops are in 2nd living area as well as bedroom or great office! Large backyard with gazebo, 2 Car garage. No pets allowed. Home is currently occupied but will be available may 31st.
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SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES



2510 Colonial Oaks Ct. - $900,000

MLS# R50012754A. Remarkable Mike Jackson build, 4 bed 4.5 Bath in cul-de-sac! Each bedroom amazing private bath with tons of cabinet space! Beautiful granite countertops! Stunning wood flooring & stone tile thruout! High ceilings! Cooks dream kitchen with 2 islands, upgraded appliances & walk in pantry! Wall to wall cabinets! Master suite is to die for, double vanities, double restrooms & outstanding walk in closet! Come see!



3108 Shell Ave. - $585,000

MLS# R50014036A. Modern elegance with contemporary flair! Beautifully updated! Living room with fireplace is open to the kitchen with huge island/bar & tons of built-ins! Enclosed patio is perfect for formal dining/study or sunroom! Two master suites each with double closets & gorgeous baths! Media room with chairs & equipment! Wood flooring! Spacious rooms! Great storage! Circle drive! Open patio! Block fence! Close to park! 2 Car garage!



3908 Irwin Dr. - $525,000

MLS# R50013679A. Boots to bikinis-this one has something for everyone! Wonderfully updated & open floorplan with 2 large living areas! Formal dining! Spectacular entertaining spaces! Covered patio with fireplace overlooks gorgeous pool with waterfall! Barn & acreage for the horses! 3 Roomy bedrooms! Spacious master suite with private bath! Darling kitchen with breakfast nook! High ceilings! Wood floors! 2 Car garage! Recent a/c! Rv hookups!



905 Pine Ct. - $432,000

MLS# R50014320A. Completely updated 3 bed 2.5 Bath with modern elegance! Recent interior paint, soft close cabinet drawers added! Fabulous quartz counter tops, amazing wood like tile & one of a kind half bath! The walls of windows allow abundance of natural light through & gives an amazing view of new courtyard! Stunning master suite: marble like tile in walk in shower, huge soaking tub & fabulous walk in closet!



2804 Cimmaron Ave. - $325,000

MLS# R50014199A. Updated 3 bedroom, 2.5 Bath home in fannin area! Spacious formal living/formal dining with big windows! Large den with bookcases & fireplace! Recent wood plank tile! Kitchen updated with travertine backsplash, cabinet doors & countertops! Nice size bedrooms! Large hall bath! Tons of storage! Nice utility room with half bath! Big backyard! Storage building! Covered patios in front & back! Pretty curb appeal! 2 Car garage! Location!



4107 Godfrey St. - $300,000

MLS# R50014033A. Need an in-law plan for the teenager or mother in law? Here it is! Large formal dining room with wall of windows! Wonderful family room with fireplace, built-in bookshelves, vaulted ceiling with beams & french doors to backyard! Great kitchen with granite, double ovens, gas range & casual dining overlooking backyard! Sequestered master suite with 3 closets, separate tub & shower + dual sinks! Recent paint inside & out! Come see!

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5711 Cranston Place - $499,500
4BR/3BA/3CB
Listed by Ashley St. John
Shown by Tim Hicks

OPEN 1:00-2:00
3009 Thrifty Meadows - $490,000
4BR/3BA
Listed by Donna Bear

OPEN 1:00-2:00
3004 Dorsett - $339,000
Listed by Stacy Gonzalez

OPEN 2:00-3:30
3300 Stamford - $435,000
4BR/3BA
Listed by Dawn Fisher
Shown by Amanda Dunlap

OPEN 2:30-3:30
3502 Caldera Blvd. - $359,000
Listed by Stacy Gonzalez

OPEN 2:30-3:30
1404 W. Pine Ave. - $335,000
3BR/2BA/2CB
Listed by Ashley St. John
Shown by Tim Hicks

OPEN 2:30-3:30
7009 Vista Del Sol, Odessa - $349,900
4BR/2BA/2CB
Listed by Ashley St. John
Shown by Donna Rivera

OPEN 2:00-4:00
5313 Shelly Wood Court - $349,000
4BR/2.5BA
Listed & Shown by Sandy J. Rivera

OPEN 2:30-4:00
1107 W. Co. Rd. 149
4BR/3BA w/Shop
Listed by Josh Rivera

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5313 SHADY BEND COURT

Wonderful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 3 living area home in Green Tree North! Light, bright, and open, with so many updates: hardwood flooring, wood shutters, gorgeous granites, pretty tiles, and a terrific floor plan. Amazing master with plenty of space, great bathroom, and a fabulous closet. Gourmet kitchen includes double ovens, island, pretty granite and great cabinetry. Large backyard with in-ground hot tub. Come see this spacious beauty! $549,500 MLS#50014303

FEATURED LISTINGS

9708 FM 307	Residential or Commercial Land, Will subdivide into 1 Acre Tracts	MLS #50005743		$860,000
5313 Shady Bend Court	4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 living	MLS #50014303	NEW LISTING	$549,500
7110 E. Co. Rd. 114	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage. New Const., Chaney Ranch	MLS #50010571	UNDER CONTRACT	$499,999
803 W. I-20	Great Frontage with Awesome Visibility! 1.95 acres	MLS #50012318	UNDER CONTRACT	$499,000
4403 Woodhollow Drive	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, Briarwood	MLS #50014047	UNDER CONTRACT	$475,000
5611 Co. Rd. 1214	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, New Const.	MLS #50011954	UNDER CONTRACT	$475,000
3121 Fairfield Lane	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, Well & Generator	MLS #50014130	UNDER CONTRACT	$459,900
10507 E. Co. Rd. 109	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, HUGE shop in Greenwood	MLS #50012632	UNDER CONTRACT	$384,900
1216 Canvair Drive	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Const.	MLS #50012909	NEW LISTING	$369,000
1217 Canvair Drive	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, New Const.	MLS #50012908	UNDER CONTRACT	$327,000
2513 Cimmaron	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage + shop	MLS #50012755	UNDER CONTRACT	$309,000
3905 Bedford Ave.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living, 2 car garage	MLS #50012693	SOLD	$285,000
2717 W. Co. Rd. 130	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, 1/2 acre	MLS #50012795	SOLD	$294,000
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #108638	OWNER CARRY	$89,400

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If rates keep rising to break the 5% barrier, most homebuyers will go right ahead with their purchase anyway. Just 6 in 100 prospective homebuyers surveyed by Redfin said they would halt their planned home purchase if rates were above 5%, although a further 27% would slow their search.

A quarter of respondents said that a 5% rate would make no difference to their plans, 20% would speed up their search and a similar share would look to cheaper neighborhoods or a smaller property. Three quarters of respondents nationwide thought home prices would continue rising in 2018.

"Tight credit, lack of inventory and high demand are the major factors that tell us there's no housing bubble, despite rapid price increases," said Redfin chief economist Nela Richardson. "There are still many more buyers than the current housing supply can support, with no major relief in sight. Strict lending regulations make it much harder to buy a house you can't afford than during the housing boom a decade ago. Finally, still-low interest rates somewhat offset high prices for some buyers."...❑

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7 Things You Should Never Do to Your Home

New homeowners can be overwhelmed with the list of things they should do to their homes on a regular basis – clean the gutters and replace the furnace filters, for example. But, say the Wall St. Journal's home advisors, there are at least seven things a homeowner should never do—and here's why:

Don't do your own plumbing chores—No matter how handy you think you are, leave the plumbing to the pros, experts say. The risks are high if you mess up, and homeowners may not have a good grasp on building codes and safety requirements.

Don't do electrical work—The same caveats apply here—and the greatest risk of all is electrocution!

Don't be too quick to remove a wall—It may seem like a great idea to give yourself a little extra space. But don't do anything until you check with a contractor or an engineer to be sure the wall you want to remove is not a load-bearing wall.

Re-think a bump-out—In the same vein, think twice about moving a wall only slightly to gain a little space. Contractors say these little bump-outs are too costly. You'll get more bang for your buck by opening the new space on a bigger scale.

Don't remodel too much—By the same token, give plenty of thought before you start remodeling. If you want the best return on your investment, keep remodeling costs in line with what other homes in your neighborhood are worth.

Don't neglect your yard—Bad front yards anger the neighbors and bring down property values. Don't be the one who doesn't get around to cleaning up and caring for the yard.

Don't forget not everyone loves your pets—even if the pet smells, hair and stains don't bother you, they likely bother your guests—and they will certainly bother potential buyers, so keep the carpets clean and open the windows when you can.

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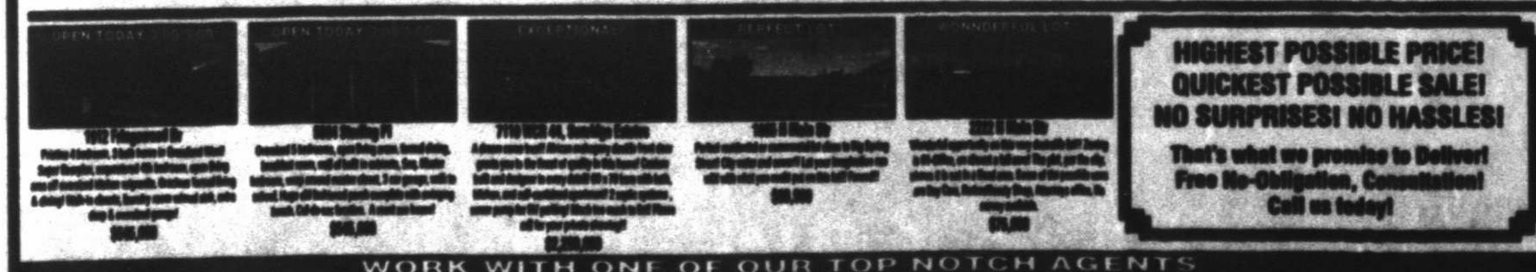
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5911 S. CO. RD. 1214...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*.....MLS #50011954.....SALE PENDING

1216 CORVAIR DR....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*.....MLS #50012909.....$309,000

1217 CORVAIR DR....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*.....MLS #50012908.....SALE PENDING

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CO. RD. 240A, COMANCHE TX....*Melody Carroll*.....MLS #50011044.....195.301 Acres/$780,000
7000 VISTA DEL SOL, ODESSA....*Ashley St. John*.....MLS #50014343.....$649,000
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14 SUSSEX DR., ODESSA....*Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276*.....MLS #105360.....$349,000
3016 SAN PEDRO, ODESSA....*Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276*.....MLS #50005362.....$315,000
COLORADO CITY....*Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276*.....MLS #50008043, 10 Acres/$300,000
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2742 FAIR OAKS CIRCLE....*Darla Davis 260-8077*.....MLS #105032.....$275,000
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1700 BUFFALO AVE., ODESSA....*Cheryl Parrish*.....MLS #50014014.....$215,000
0000 1ST, ODESSA....*Pam Dodd 413-6780*.....SALE PENDING
0725 CORNELL AVE., ODESSA....*Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276*.....MLS #102570.....$204,000
1100 E. 46TH, ODESSA....*Leah Watkins 599-2187*.....MLS #50007312.....$200,000
1710 ROSEWOOD AVE., ODESSA....*Darla Davis*.....MLS #50011152.....$199,900
2201 S. 3RD, LAMESA....*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*.....MLS #50005073.....$199,000
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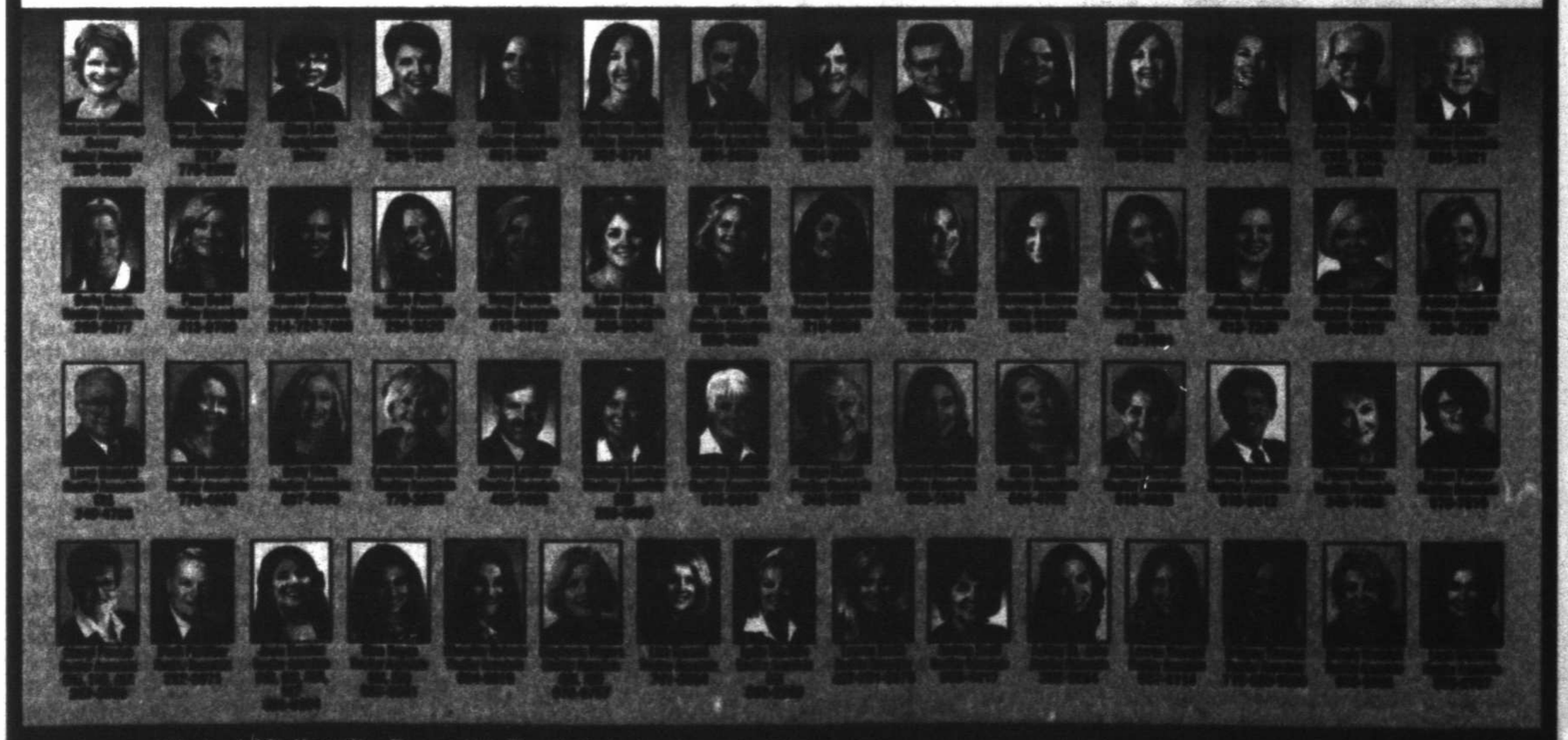
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1404 W. PINE AVE....*Ashley St. John*.....MLS #50014340.....$330,000
3010 WOOD.....*Karen Moore*.....MLS #50001751.....$239,900
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3102 TEALWOOD....*Danny Norwood 413-2764*.....MLS #50007439.....$191,000
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Ryan Loyd, producer

THE GREATEST SHOW



PERMIAN BASIN OPERA SETS THE STAGE FOR 'TOSCA'

■ Production will be a test for organization's place in the community

By Rich Lopez
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As Andrew Nienaber works with soprano Angela Turner Wilson and tenor Mackenzie Gotcher on the bare Yucca stage, conductor Rolando Salazar and accompanist Keith Chambers look on. Producer and general manager Ryan Loyd watches from the house. The afternoon rehearsal has become the norm for each, but it's also crunch time. Ever since coming to Midland a week ago today, the cast and crew — both visiting and local — have been preparing for Permian Basin Opera's production of the Puccini opera "Tosca."

Midland is used to its theatrical productions, ballets and touring musicals, but "Tosca" will be the first fully mounted production of an opera in the area. It's also Permian Basin Opera's declaration that "We are here."

The planning and rehearsals all come to life Friday at the Wagner Noel for one night only, but getting there has been a 40-year journey.

THE PRESIDENT

For PBO President Gayle Banschbach, this is most certainly an exciting time — but also an intimidating one. Before PBO thought of putting on a show, the organization was refreshing its approach. For Banschbach, the defining moment came in August 2015.

"The last big production by Midland Opera Theatre was 'Standing Ovation: The Homecoming Gala,' she said. "That was the event where we announced the name change to Permian Basin Opera."

The board wanted to build on that momentum and have a stronger, more visible presence. With the successful gala that featured hometown hero Susan Graham, the board began to see an expanded vision of PBO.

"We wanted to be more involved, and then one of our former board members suggested to do an opera, and that just made sense," she said.

In its 40 years of existence, the organization had only been presenting operas, not producing them. This was the where the intimidation set in.

"We knew it was going to be a lot of work, and

Please see TOSCA/6E

FROM TOP: Tenor Mackenzie Gotcher and soprano Angela Turner-Wilson rehearse their lead roles at the Yucca Theatre for Permian Basin Opera's production of "Tosca," which opens for one night at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center on Friday. Conductor Rolando Salazar confers with Turner-Wilson during rehearsal as Gotcher and director Andrew Nienaber look on.

THE CREATIVE TYPES



FROM LEFT: Creative directors Rolando Salazar and Andrew Nienaber and producer Ryan Loyd pose for a photo at the Yucca Theatre during rehearsal. They will bring Giacomo Puccini's "Tosca" to life as the Permian Basin Opera's first fully mounted production.

THE DETAILS

"Tosca" presented by the Permian Basin Opera. 7:30 p.m. Friday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

The opera will be sung in Italian with English surtitles. Run time is two hours and 50 minutes with two 15-minute intermissions. "Tosca" is appropriate for audiences 13 and older.

Tickets are $27-$42 and available through mypbo.org or at the box office.

OUT&ABOUT

by Julie Donnelly





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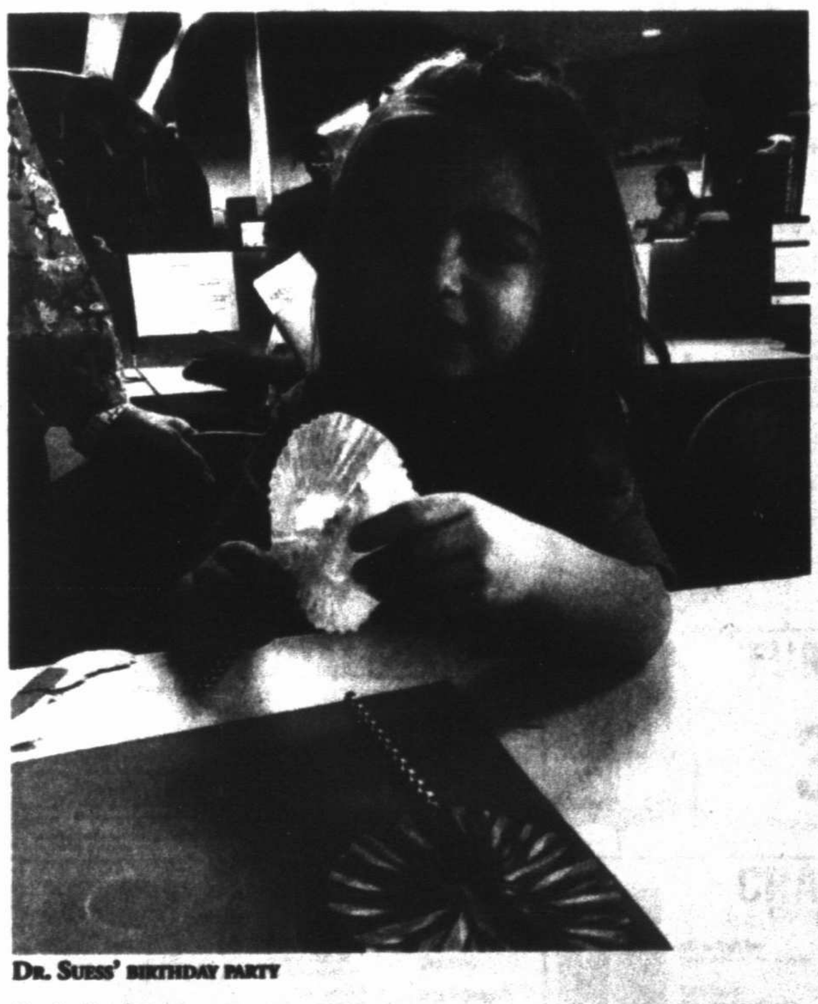
DR. SUESS

Hannah Wade, left, and Angela Jones

LIBRARY CELEBRATES DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY

Cupcakes, popcorn, fruit snacks and crafts were all part of the celebration at Dr. Seuss' 114th birthday party at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch last month. Many children were dressed in costumes to enjoy the festivities that included a free showing of "Horton Hears a Who." Movie-goers enjoyed popcorn from an antique popcorn machine.

The crowd sang "Happy Birthday" before chocolate and vanilla cupcakes were served. Library Director John Trischitti III and County Commissioner Scott Ramsey read Dr. Seuss books throughout the event. Children also were seen enjoying face painting, Dr. Seuss-themed arts and crafts and posing for pictures in the "Scussagram."



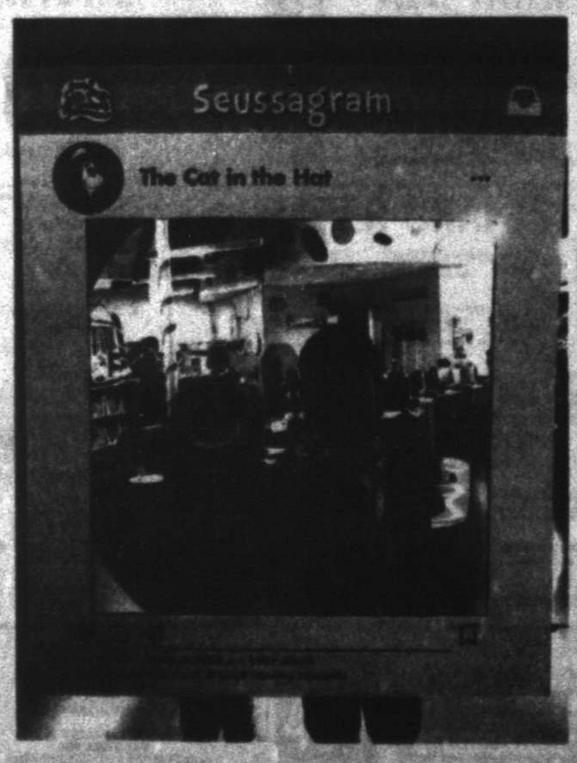
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Carolee Sanchez



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Kaylee Carrillo, left, and Nicole Roman



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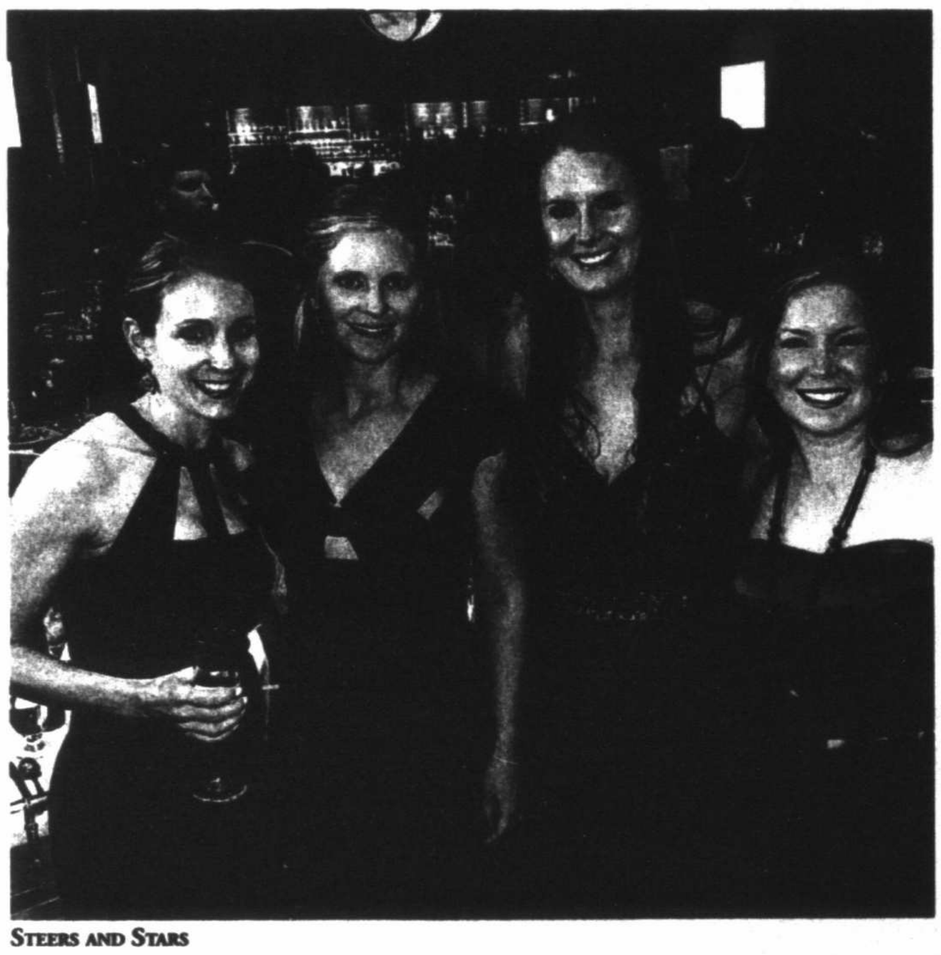
Alianna Ybarra, left, and Luan Ybarra



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Marichel Hernandez, from left, Saul Hernandez and Jorge Hernandez

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STEERS AND STARS

Britney Tipton, from left Renee Westcott, Sarah Beaufait and Charity Rohlfs



STEERS AND STARS

Matt and Lauren Berkebile, from left, and Katie and Cameron Ford

STEERS AND STARS BALL BENEFITS MARC

The Biennial Steers and Stars Ball for the benefit of the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center was a stunning black-tie event at the Petroleum Club.

Upon arrival, guests gathered downstairs as a sunset red-colored background filled the room. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served as guests moved upstairs to start bidding on silent auction items.

A wedge salad with bleu cheese and balsamic dressing was already plated as guests took their seats. Board President Cameron Kelly then welcomed everyone, and John Mabee said the prayer.

The dinner of filet mignon with cabernet demi-glace, jalapeno cream shrimp, croquette potatoes, and asparagus was served as the live auction bidding started. Auction items included a Churchill Downs package for 10, a Patagonia fishing trip to the Andes Mountains and a Uniworld European Boutique River Cruise. A round of golf with President George W. Bush was the evening's live auction highlight.

The evening concluded with dancing to the music of Audio House Band.



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Brett and Leah Watkins

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

From staff reports


Alsup

Midlander **James M. Alsup** has been selected as one of four 2018 recipients of the Texas Bar Foundation's Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award.

The award recognizes attorneys whose practice has spanned 50 years or more and who adhere to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and service to the public, according to a press release from the foundation.

Alsup, who moved to Midland in 1964 to take a position as assistant city attorney, has been with the Lynch, Chappell & Alsup firm since 1967.

His community involvement includes Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland/Odessa Area AIDS Support and the Scharbauer Foundation.

Alsup and his wife Sandy — who died in February from cancer — have two sons, Devin and Jeff, and five grandchildren.

The foundation will recognize Alsup and the other recipients at its annual dinner, planned for June 22 at the Marriott Marquis in Houston.

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Donnelly

Midlander Garrett Donnelly is one of six people Gov. Greg Abbott recently appointed to the Texas Historical Commission.

Donnelly is vice president of Eastland Oil Co. and is a member of the Permian Basin Landman's Association, American Association of Petroleum Landmen and the Permian Basin Producers Association.

The Texas Tech University graduate also is chairman of the Texas Tech University Health Science Permian Basin Advisory Board. He received a bachelor of business administration in management information studies.

Donnelly's term is to expire Feb. 1, 2023.

Also appointed to the commission are Jim Bruseth and Laurie Limbacher, both of Austin; Renee Dutia and David Gravelle, both of Dallas, and Lilia Garcia of Raymondville.

The commission provides leadership and coordinates services to support projects commissioned by county historical commissions, historical societies, agencies and institutions interested in the preservation of archeological and historical heritage, according to a press release from the governor's office. The commission also acts as a clearinghouse and historical information center.



STEERS AND STARS

Bill and Nancy Kirk, from left, Winston and Cameron Kelly and Adrianne and Tom Clifton



STEERS AND STARS

David and Holly Stroman, from left, and Amber and Jacob Davidson

Internships stymie mom helping son job search

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



DEAR ABBY: My son, a junior in college, is trying to get a summer job. His degree is challenging, and he has a good work ethic, plus job experience.

Because he hasn't had much luck applying online, I have been calling local businesses to see what's available while he's working hard at school.

A problem I'm encountering is something I never had to deal with in my own job search. It's companies asking if he wants an internship. They say they can't pay him to train him. Can you explain the basis of this response? — WANTS TO KNOW IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WANTS TO KNOW: The basis may be economic. The companies don't want to spend the money on an intern, particularly one who exhibits such little initiative that his mother has to call to inquire about a job for him. Keep in mind that some internships have been known to lead to permanent positions. Your son may have better luck if he places the calls himself.

DEAR ABBY: What is proper when hosting guests from out of state? In a few months, two different relatives will be visiting me separately, each for two weeks. For years, it has been my custom to go to church early on Sunday and then to brunch with friends.

I don't mind giving up the brunch, but I don't want to miss church for an entire month. (I'm a widow now, and I enjoy the fellowship.)

One relative is a non-churchgoer, and the other is a Jehovah's Witness. Neither will attend with me even though I invite them. (I tried that.) How do I handle this? — CHURCH OR NO CHURCH

DEAR C. OR N.C.: Having houseguests does not mean you are shackled together the entire time they stay with you. Because you have "tried that" and your offer was rejected, they already know you like to attend church.

Handle the situation by telling them you will be going to early services on Sunday and then to brunch with some of the church members afterward.

If you're worried about feeding your houseguests, tell them there will be lox, bagels and cream cheese waiting in the fridge when they get up — something from almost every food group.

DEAR ABBY: I have a slightly different version of a "Pennies From Heaven" letter for you.

My darling grandmother would often tell my brother and me she had a "Yankee dime" for us — which meant a kiss.

Not long after her death, I started finding shiny dimes in the strangest places — under birthday gifts, by the Christmas tree and in my kitchen (which is my happy place). My heart fills as the dimes continue to pile up. I save them all.

If I had a penny for every Yankee dime I got while growing up, I'd be very rich. — SUZANNE IN OCALA, FLA.

DEAR SUZANNE: You are rich! You were blessed to have had a grandmother who loved you and your brother and demonstrated it every chance she got. What a wonderful legacy to leave behind.

[redacted] BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

UDCA

Both vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠Q73
♡A85
◊AJ2
♣K865

WEST
♠K854
♡9743
◊96
♣1094

EAST
♠A10962
♡J2
◊1083
♣QJ2

SOUTH
♠J
♡KQ106
◊KQ754
♣A73

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1◊	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♡	Pass
3◊	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6◊	All pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♣

"Upside-Down Count and Attitude," or UDCA, is a common signaling agreement among modern tournament players. It simply reverses the normal meaning of a defensive signal — a high card is discouraging and a low card encouraging. Any agreement can bite you on a bad day, and today's deal is an example.

South's ambitious bidding put him in a contract that appeared doomed. There was a certain spade loser and a club loser, not to mention the missing jack of hearts. One side effect of being a poor bidder is that you get a lot of practice declaring bad contracts. That experience can help you develop some clever techniques.

South played low from dummy on the opening club lead and East, who was playing UDCA with his partner, followed with the encouraging two. South threw a cloud of mystery over the hand when he smoothly ducked and allowed West's 10 to win the trick. Who can blame poor West for continuing the suit? His 10 had held the trick and his partner had encouraged. He quickly led another club, which South captured with the ace. Three rounds of diamonds drew the trumps. The 3-3 club split provided a discard for South's losing spade and the jack of hearts was kind enough to drop. Making six!

East could have saved the day for the defense by overtaking the 10 of clubs with the jack at trick one. Should South duck, East could cash his ace of spades. Would you have done this?

BRIDGE

PERMIAN BRIDGE CLUB

APRIL 2

Audie Brooks-Marlene Blumentritt, Belle Harris-Ann Parish, Linda Buzan-Kay Sewell, Greg Keys-Linda Scarpelli

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APRIL 5

Ann Servatius-Scarpelli, Baggett-Brenneman, Georgia Temple-Phyllis Maxwell, Dianne Anderson-Blumentritt, Dorothy Blair-Patricia Lawrence, Brown-Buzan

David Hudson-Keys, Deborah Brookins-Nancy Brankett, Gloria Jackson-Stewart Doreen, Sonya Hopkins-Parish, Mary Tiff-Ann Brooks

Overall: Hudson-Keys, Brookins-Brankett, Jackson-Doreen-Servatius-Scarpelli, Baggett-Brenneman, Maxwell-Temple, Hopkins-Parish, Tiff-Ann Brooks, Blumentritt-Anderson, Blair-Lawrence, Brown-Buzan

APRIL 6

Debbie Conly-K.C. Evans, Buzan-Moore, Blumentritt-Curry, Kay Arrell-Bonnie Hubbard, B. Brooks-Audie Brooks, Poss-Stoltz

APRIL 8

Blumentritt-Servatius, Curry-Scott Vaughan, B. Brooks-Buzan

Pasta soup is satisfying meal on windy day

HINTS FROM HELOISE
King Features Syndicate



Dear Heloise: On a blustery day, there's nothing as satisfying as a hot bowl of soup. You had a recipe for an Italian soup that was out of this world. Would you repeat that recipe? — Olivia G., Edina, Minn.

Yes, of course, and here it is:

Italian Pasta Soup

- 3 16-ounce cans stewed tomatoes
- 2 16-ounce cans cannellini beans (small white beans)
- 4 cups water
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 carrots, sliced
- Pinch each of sweet basil, oregano, parsley, garlic powder, salt, pepper
- 3 to 6 hot dogs, sliced
- 1 cup (raw) elbow macaroni (prepared according to package directions)

In a large pot, heat stewed tomatoes and cannellini beans. Add the 32 ounces of water. Stir in celery, onion and carrots. Sprinkle with basil, oregano, parsley, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, then lower heat and simmer until vegetables are cooked, about 1 hour. Add sliced hot dogs and simmer an additional 15 minutes. In another pot, cook elbow macaroni until firm, but don't overcook. Rinse and drain. Add to soup, stir and serve. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

If you love a good, hearty soup packed with vitamins and taste, you'll enjoy my pamphlet Heloise's Spectacular Soups. To order one, send $5, along with a stamped, self-addressed, long envelope, to: Heloise/ Soups, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Or you can order online at www.Heloise.com.

Homemade soup in a thermos at school or the office is always a nice treat for you or your family. — Heloise

FLOATING MOTHERS

Dear Heloise: I found some type of algae floating in a bottle of vinegar in my pantry. This is a rice vinegar I bought for an Asian dish I was preparing, but now I'm afraid to use it. — Anna R., Bradenton, Fla.

Anna, those feathery bits that float in vinegar are called "mothers," and they are relatively harmless. They usually appear in unpasteurized vinegar because of the nonfermented sugar or alcohol. Use a strainer to strain out the mothers, and the vinegar should be safe to use. — Heloise

AVOID MESSY CLEANUP

Dear Heloise: Recently, I discovered the benefit of adding 1/2 teaspoon of organic refined coconut oil to a stovetop pan of oatmeal, rice or other grains that occasionally boil over. The coconut oil prevents the messy boiling over, making it easier to keep your stovetop clean. — Arlene B., Bay City, Texas

BAD WINE?

Dear Heloise: Can wine go bad? If so, how would I know? — Patty C., Aberdeen, Wash.

Patty, once in a while wine will go bad. Look for mold growth under the foil capsule. Red wine may have a tendency to look cloudy. Do not use it if that happens. If you taste vinegar in the wine, or the cork has been leaking, it may be spoiled or has been improperly stored. Wine usually is stored on its side to keep the cork wet, which is vital to keeping wine safe. — Heloise

Blue jay's coloring is anything but subtle

MICHAEL PRICE
Wild About Texas



While some birds are subtly colored and many others are very plain, one species that resides in this great state of ours definitely does not fall into either of those categories: the commonly observed blue jay.

The blue jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) is one of six species of jays that call Texas home, and it is one of only two species in its genus. It ranges from the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains eastward throughout the Atlantic seaboard. In the state of Texas, it is a permanent fixture that resides primarily in the eastern and Panhandle portions; it is usually absent from the far west and deep south regions.

Blue jays are medium- to large-sized birds; adults attain a body length of a little less than 12 inches. The wingspan is just a little larger, reaching nearly 16 inches. While not entirely blue as the common name would imply, this bird is colored various hues of gray, white, purple and blue. The head is colored with a gray face and chin area and a light purple crest. There is a black collar of varying thickness that separates the head from the body. This collar is thickest along the back angle of the head. The back is colored similarly to the crest, while the wings and tail are colored bright blue and are strikingly adorned with white spots and black bars. The skinny legs are long and are colored mostly black, as is the thick bill.

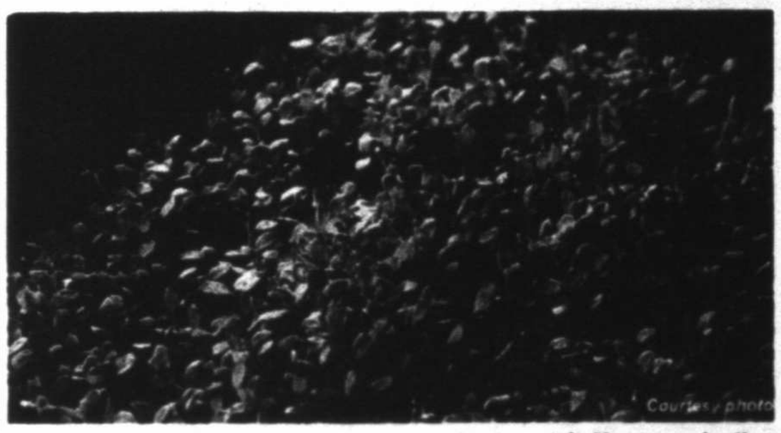
Blue jays can be observed on the ground almost as frequently as they can be seen in short trees and bushes. The time spent on the ground is primarily a foraging activity for this omnivorous species. Studies have shown that nearly 70 percent of this species' diet is comprised of plant matter such as acorns, seeds and berries. Specimens will occasionally feast upon small invertebrates, as well as other backboned animals such as fish, amphibians, reptiles and even small mammals.

As with all other species of jays that occur in Texas, this variety is monogamous. Breeding occurs once or twice annually. They are solitary nesters, and the nests — constructed by both males and females — are made of leaves, twigs and paper litter. The height of the nest varies; some "couples" will build their nest up to five stories above the ground, although most prefer much shorter areas.

While both sexes incubate the eggs, the female usually dominates this role. The greenish-blue eggs number between three and seven and are nearly as wide as they are long. The helpless young are brooded by the female and fed by the male for approximately three weeks. Typically by that time, the young have obtained their ability to fly and developed their ability to gather food on their own.

Blue jays, once restricted to heavily forested habitats, now are common residents around residential areas, gardens and recreational parks. They have been known to store acorns and other seeds in the ground for feeding during the winter months, and many forgotten seeds then germinate. Peanuts and various seeds — such as sunflower — can be used to attract this brilliantly colored bird to your backyard bird feeders.

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



Courtesy photo

Microgreens are small plants with big results

BEN BRETZ
Permian Basin Master Gardener

Microgreens are the young sprouts of any edible plant that hasn't reached a point where it bears flowers or fruit. Microgreens grow to about 2 to 3 inches tall and are tender and tasty.

Microgreens can be grown from any seed you like that will sprout. They grow quickly. If you plant seeds, you will have microgreens within two or three weeks. As long as you have a window, you can grow them.

You will need some good potting soil, small containers to accommodate the potting soil and seeds. You can use grocery store containers for berries, rotisserie chicken, lettuce or grapes. You need good soil, drainage and some seeds.

Place your potting soil in the container. Make sure the soil is wet, but not so soggy it drips out of the container. Put the containers in a tray to help contain some of the moisture. You want your freshly planted seeds moist, but not wet.

I like to start with either radish, lettuce or sunflower seeds. You can use lentils, lettuce and greens such as kale, spinach or collards — or anything that will sprout and taste good. Remember not to eat the leaves or stems of tomato or pepper plants.

Scatter the seeds across the top of the damp soil and press them down a little. The general rule is to bury them as deep as they are big. You don't need to leave a ton of space between the seeds. A quarter inch for bigger seeds, and an eighth of an inch for smaller ones. When the sprouts reach 2 to 3 inches in height, you can cut them and add them in salads or other dishes or eat them as they are. Most microgreens will not regrow after you have harvested. Since the harvest is before the plant has had time to grow a set of productive leaves, you will need to plant again after you harvest.

We like to plant seeds about a week or two apart. This way we have an almost continuous supply of greens.

Calliope geraniums offer long season of dazzling color

NORMAN WINTER
Tribune News Service

Calliope has quenched my thirst for long-lasting geraniums. No longer am I jealous of the West Coast as I now have geraniums that I plant in April and they continue to look great at Christmas.

Perhaps there should be a caveat or two to that. I grow geraniums in mixed containers and baskets, which is exactly what I was doing in Rincon Ga., which is about 20 miles northwest of Savannah, Ga.

Perhaps winter was late, the morning sun and afternoon shade perfect or maybe the live oaks gave me the ideal micro-climate. The point is the South has never had geraniums that bloomed non-stop through the torrid heat of July and August, lantanas do that but not geraniums, at least until now.

Syngenta Flowers is the mastermind behind the Calliope geranium series. I say series, now, after a decade of first writing about them, they have grown into a series representing five distinct habits. There are Calliope Compact, Medium, Large, Landscape, and Cascade.

You'll find 34 varieties in a habit and color to allow your creative genius to bloom. Since they are easy to grow, you'll also show your green thumb. The Dallas Arboretum has some of the most well-known trials in the country. They put them through the rigors. Calliope was outstanding, blooming until September.

They are such standout performers you can forget the thriller spiller filler recipes and let them perform 'Mono Magic.' Of course, they will work as component plants too which is what I was doing.

Mine were in concrete planters with Campfire coleus, Lemon Ball sedum, and Blue Wave petunias; and the Calliope geraniums lasted longer than the petunias.

Does this mean they will not work in the landscape? The answer is, of course, they will. In the South, the ideal location would be full sun until just past noon then a little protection in afternoon shade. They prefer fertile organic-rich soil with good drainage.

To prepare your soil, loosen it 8 to 12-inches deep, and add 3 to 4-inches of organic matter, like compost or humus. I recently bought 2-foot bags of soil conditioner at a local garden center that was both economical and outstanding. As you prepare your soil, take the opportunity to incorporate about one pound of 12-6-6-fertilizer or something slow released and balanced per 100 square feet and rake the soil smooth.

Geraniums are heavy feeders, and many gardeners do not apply enough fertilizer to meet the plants' nutrient needs. Feed every two weeks with a dilute, water-soluble fertilizer like a 20-20-20, or apply a granular, controlled-release fertilizer every four to six weeks per formula recommendation. When it is time to deadhead old flowers, don't just clip the cluster. Pinch or break off the flower stalk at the base.

This spring is an exciting time to see all of the new flowers showing up at the garden center. If you love geraniums like most gardeners, then keep your eyes open for all of the Calliope colors and habits available. You'll know you are getting a plant that will bring lots of color from now into fall.

Norman Winter, horticulturist, garden speaker and author of, "Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South" and "Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden." Follow him on Facebook @NormanWinterTheGardenGuy.

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Growing strawberries can be quick and easy

Given how quickly strawberries begin to bear fruit and how easily they are grown, it's a wonder that strawberry beds aren't as common in backyards as lawns are in front yards.

Variety selection and premature harvest make grocers' berries large and firm, but usually not much else. In your backyard, though, you can grow the most flavorful varieties.



AP file photo

Strawberries are picked from the patch at Popp's pick-your-own farm June 23, 2009, in Dresden, Maine.

LEE REICH
Associated Press

KINDS OF STRAWBERRIES

Depending on how soon you want to start eating strawberries, choose between "everbearers" and "junebearers."

Everbearers offer the quickest crops, less than three months after planting, and bear all season long. Tristar is among the best of these types. Some of the older types bear in spring and fall only.

Junebearers come in greater variety and yield more, but wait to bear their first crop until the year after planting. Once started, they bear once per season, in spring or early summer. Planting two or more different junebearing varieties can extend the harvest.

GROWING STRAWBERRIES

Spring is a good time to plant strawberries, although they can also be planted in late summer or fall.

Your new plants may look forlorn, but don't worry. They soon grow new roots and leaves. In fact, you can shear their roots back to 3 or 4 inches long with a scissors so you can more easily fan them out in the planting hole. Adjust the planting depth carefully, leaving only the top half-inch of the crown exposed so that it neither dries out from exposure nor suffocates from burial.

ADOPT A PLANTING SYSTEM

Spacing for strawberry plants depends on your method of growing them.

With the "hill system," you plant them close together — 9 inches apart in a double row, with 9 inches between rows — and avoid future crowding by pinching off all runners. More plants are needed to get started, but initial yields are highest. This system is especially suited to those junebearing varieties that naturally develop fewer runners, and to everbearers.

With the "matted row system," you set plants at wide spacing — 24 inches apart in single rows, with 4 feet between rows — and allow plants to make runners like crazy. Fewer plants are needed to get started, but the first crop is smaller than with the hill system.

Never allow the mat of mother and daughter plants to spread wider than 18 inches, and periodically thin out crowded plants.

No matter which system you adopt, pinch off all flowers that appear during the month after planting in order to coax plants to put their energy into growing strong roots. One advantage of everbearers is that they continue to flower after that month of pinching, which means you get to pick fruits later this season from this spring's planting!

Tosca

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there has been a high learning curve," Banschbach said. "But coming to this decision has been a great push for us."

Opera can be a hard sell with the complex epics and foreign language vocals, but Banschbach is determined that she and the board can overcome those obstacles.

"This is very important for us. I continually meet people who have no idea about us, so this is one way to get back into people's eyes," she said.

PBO still will concentrate on its usual programming, which includes recitals, scholarships for college students, opera education for students and its Opera 101 class at Midland College.

To add to its education initiative, and to hold true to its name, PBO has invited schools from Presidio, Ballenger, Stanton and Balmorhea to the production.

"We've offered complimentary tickets to students and chaperones and they will be at the show," she said. "These are kids who might not have gotten to walk into the Wagner Noel otherwise."

After Friday, PBO will have an idea of what the future holds.

"This is all part of our new identity. Our focus has expanded to the entire region. We also have a fairly young board, along with some seasoned members and volunteers who are phenomenal."

The creatives

"I believe this is my 10th 'Tosca'," Nienaber said.

With all that experience, the Cleveland-based director is the ideal candidate for the gig. He's directed the show four times (including the Midland production) and worked as assistant director on another six. Ironically, he wasn't the first director for the show.

"There was a different director attached but she had to back out," he said. "She's a dear friend of mine and recommended me to Ryan. She told me the situation, and I know it's a huge leap from presenting to producing."

Fortunately, for PBO, this sounded like an exciting challenge for Nienaber.

"I find something new every single time and it's always a different experience with new cast," he said. "Some directors may hit a wall after working on a show so much but I have not found the bottom of 'Tosca.'"

He already is planning to direct another production of the opera.

But first, he has a show to direct with a bit of added pressure. Under his direction, he takes on a big responsibility of helping Permian Basin Opera make a grand first impression.

"The thing I feel the most is the responsibility to create a show that is going to make the area and the organization feel like they made the right choice in staging an opera."

He had another advantage in creating this production.

"Every director dreams of being able to find their own people to see out the production, and I got to do that."

Nienaber has credits throughout the country, including The Dallas Opera, Fort Worth Opera and Michigan Opera Theater. He's also worked in smaller cities that have an opera presence, so it wasn't a surprise that there was interest in a desert town in West Texas.

"I work in Boise, Idaho, a lot which has an agricultural identity. In Cincinnati, Ohio, it's manufacturing. There is a perception that it's only in big cities and that it tends to follow money. But if the desire is there, people act on it."

With the show just days away, Nienaber is more in his element. Once the curtain goes up, his job is done, so for him, rehearsals are the best part.

"That's where I get to do my job, and what I love to do," he said. "I'm really lucky to have this amazing cast and sit down and work with me. And I have a theater background so we talk and layer in all these details."

A big part of the show's identity is that it mixes visiting professional opera singers with local talent. Nienaber knew there was an interest here but was thrilled to learn about the talent here as well.

"So many people sing opera here, and the quality they are is wonderful."

Other professional talent includes Ronaldo Salazar, the opera's conductor. He hails from the Atlanta Opera where he serves as the assistant conductor and chorus master. Although Salazar is part of the visiting cast and crew he does have ties to the region. He is a graduate of West Texas A&M.

"I had a very short list of conductors and he was at the top," Loyd said. "Conductor schedules are booked a full year in advance and he was reticent, but he had a production break the exact time we would need him and he's here now. You really hear the heart in the singing under his leadership."



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

FROM TOP: Tenor Mackenzie Goecker and soprano Angela Turner-Wilson rehearse their lead roles at the Yucca Theatre for Permian Basin Opera's production of "Tosca" which opens for one night at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center on Friday. Stage director Andrew Nienaber works with principals Turner-Wilson and Goecker during rehearsal.



The producer

Ryan Loyd is familiar name among local arts and fundraising. He served as president of the local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and was the managing director of Midland Community Theatre. He founded the firm Consultant's Craft, which is based in Amarillo. Through his firm, he has continued relationships with Midland organizations and nonprofits, including Permian Basin Opera.

His relationship with PBO began in February 2017.

"Initially, I was hired to help the board test the waters of moving from a volunteer-run organization to a staffed one and worked as an interim executive director," he said.

In August, he stepped into the role of producing and managing "Tosca," bringing with him an extensive knowledge of theater production. PBO had about a year lead time, whereas 18 months is the average required to put on a full-scale opera.

"In that time, venues and performers are contracted, the orchestra is set up. But when I stepped in, none of that was done," he said. "But some vital partnerships have ensured that this project will be a success."

Those partnerships are actually what help define this experience for Loyd. Where people may only see "Tosca" the opera, Loyd sees this is as a true community project.

Midland Community Theatre has helped with the rehearsal venue and additional costumes and props. Frank Eychaner, director of choral studies at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, provided his chorus on short notice. And Midland High School's Tiffany Moore brought in the children's chorus for the show.

"Without them and others, I'm not sure where we would be right now," Loyd said. "This really is a project for the community by the community."

He also credits the FMH Foundation and Ras Charitable Trust for their somewhat blind investment.

"They took a chance on a project that was unclear if it could be produced," he said. "And the arts community here is a family. They want you to succeed.

"Tim Jebsen from MCT and Jeanette Kolokoff from the symphony have been so helpful, and they are local arts leaders. Randy Ham of Odessa Arts has been a big help," he said. "You just don't see arts productions of ballets, concerts, theater, art shows in other communities like this."

For him, "Tosca" is the test.

"Once we finish, we'll use that to inform a strategic planning series and see about future productions and PBO's place in the community," Loyd said.

But beyond that, returning to Midland has been a revelation for Loyd. He's returned not only to the birthplace of his two daughters, but also to a community he is familiar with, both professionally and personally.

But before getting too sentimental, Loyd has a show to produce and he's determined to help Permian Basin Opera make a strong statement on Friday.

"The magnitude is not lost on me. It's important to provide that PBO could produce a show. This has been the biggest project in my life," he said. "I truly believe when that curtain goes up, the community will be better for it and maybe have a bit more pride to see what the community can do."

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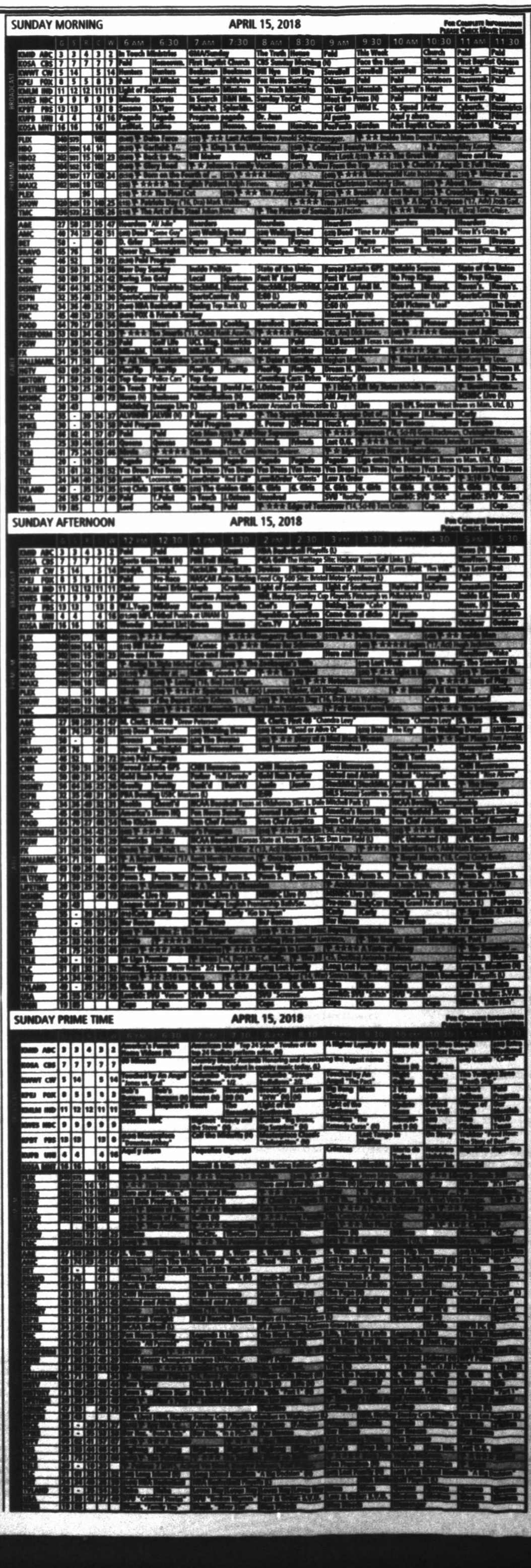
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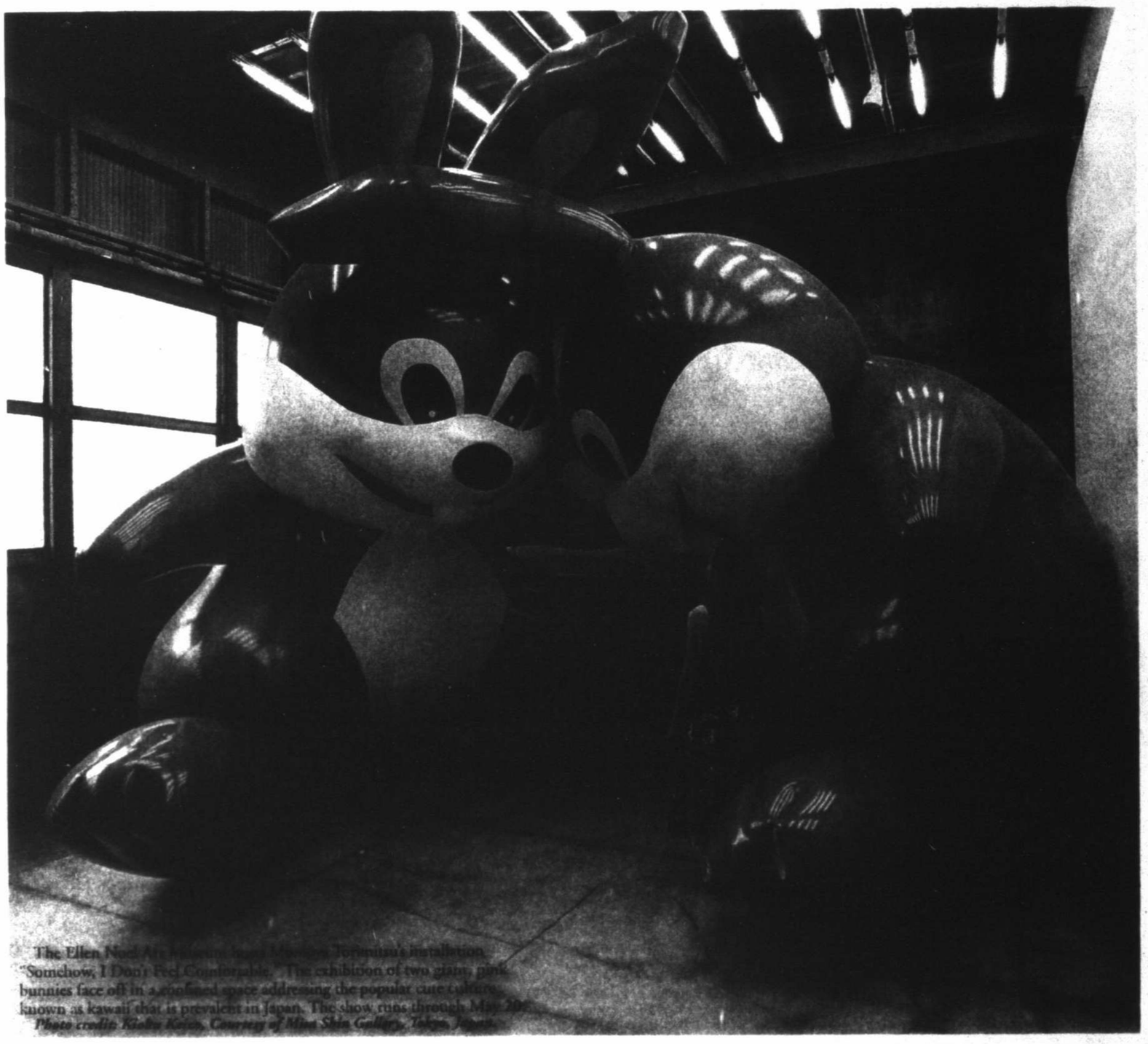
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The Ellen Noel Art Museum hosts Momoyo Torimitsu's installation "Somehow, I Don't Feel Comfortable." The exhibition of two giant, pink bunnies face off in a confined space addressing the popular cute culture known as kawaii that is prevalent in Japan. The show runs through May 20.
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CALENDAR

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TODAY

Dressage show, 9:30 a.m. at Skyline Farm, 3012 Todd Drive.

Gary Gorence, 1 p.m. at Polo Park Estates, 2100 Castleford Road.

"Man of La Mancha" by Sul Ross Theatre. Through April 29. 2 p.m. Sundays, 8:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in Marshall Auditorium at Sul Ross University, E. Highway 90, Alpine. $12. Sulross.edu.

Two on Tap, 2:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. liveonstage-pb.com.

"A Comedy of Tenors," produced in cooperation with Midland College. 2:30 p.m. today, 7:30 p.m. Friday Saturday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. Mctmidland.org.

MOSC: "We Sing!" with Voices of the Permian Basin. 3 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Survival Sunday: "The Walking Dead/Fear the Walking Dead." See the commercial-free season finale of "TWD" and the season premiere of "FTWD" as one character steps from one show into the other. 7:30 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. $10.81. fathomevents.com.

The Doobie Brothers, Pat Simmons Jr. 7:30 p.m. at Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Arena Trail. $39-$129. Midlandhorseshoe.com.

MONDAY

"Travel Adventure" invites children and families to create using LEGO bricks. The exhibition also features creations by LEGO Master Builders along with a photo booth and a life-size adventure vehicle. Through April 22 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

"Phoenix Wilder and the Great Elephant Adventure" follows an orphan boy and his friendship with an African elephant in the face of a band of poachers. 6 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. $13.50, $10.81 children. fathomevents.com.

Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

Hawley Wine Dinner pairs five courses with a selection of Hawley labels. 7 p.m. at the Garlic Press, 2200 W. Wadley Ave. $90. Reservations made by calling 570-4020.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m.to noon, at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Brown Bag Lunch and Film Series: "Rock Stars: Women in the Petroleum Industry." Tea and cookies provided. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20. Free. pbpetro.org.

Indie Lens Pop-Up: "Look and See: Wendell Berry's Kentucky." 6:30 p.m. at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. Free. basinpbs.com.

"The Dating Project: Date Differently" follows five single people in search of meaningful relationships. 7 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

"Drum Heart" by Japanese percussion group Drum Tao. 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Road 1788. $18-$40. wagnernoel.com.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. $6. For more information, call 432-638-3707 or 432-250-8215.

Crossing the Lines West Texas Line Dancing weekly meeting. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

THURSDAY

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event will feature the book "Mr. Cornell's Dream Boxes" with copies given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m. at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free. bushchildhoodhome.org.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

FRIDAY

Bret Michaels and Jack Russell's Great White. 6 p.m. at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191.

Christy Lewis. 6:30 p.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, 403 Andrews Highway.

"Tosca" presented by the Permian Basin Opera. 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $27-$42. mypbo.org.

SATURDAY

Country Dance with the Dusty Creek Band. The event is hosted by the Midland -Odessa Dance Club. Open to all. 7-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. $10.

Earth Day Festival! Hosted by Keep Midland Beautiful and West Texas Food Bank, the event will feature informational booths by area organizations, yoga session, gardening lessons and more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at West Texas Food Bank. 1601 Westcliff Drive. Free.

Astronomy Day: Celebrating Women in Science. Col. Eileen Collins will speak about her experiences as the first female American spacecraft pilot and first female shuttle flight commander. The day will also feature the SpaceXplore Awards and family activities beginning at 11 a.m. Collins will speak at 4 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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New: Visions 2018: "An Eastern Interpretation of Western Art." The series by the Arts Council of Midland hosts works by Lubbock artist Bo Tan through June 10 at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave.

"The Fragile Bee" is an exhibition of artwork by Nancy Macko comprised of photographs, prints and mixed media installation. Through July 8. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Somehow, I Don't Feel Comfortable" is an installation by Momoyo Torimitsu of two giant, smiling, pink bunnies facing off and pitching forward within a confined space. Through May 20. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Spring art exhibit features works by the Midland Arts Association, Palette Club of Midland and Sibley Camera Club at The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St.

"Modern Frescos: Ali Cavanaugh." The exhibition runs through May 13. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

"Captured by Detail: Camille Engel." The exhibition runs through May 20. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Blakemore Planetarium at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave. 432-685-1112.

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Free admission. highskywing.org.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St. 682-5447.

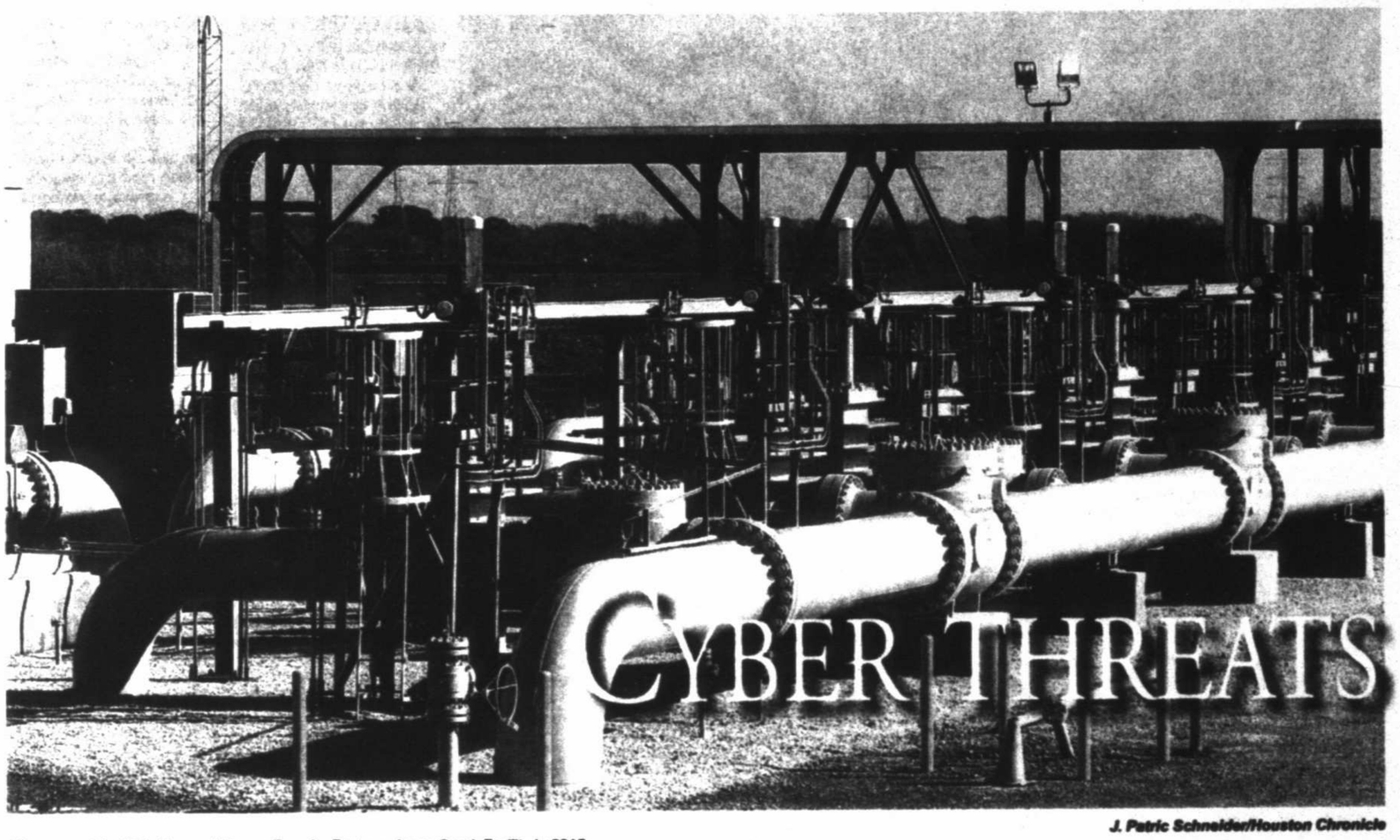
Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. 683-4403. pbpetro.org.

Scarborough-Lineberry House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. -685-7368. midland-texas.gov.

Oil Report

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Oil pumps at the Enbridge and Energy Transfer Partners Jones Creek Facility in 2015.

Cyberattacks on the oil and gas industry are on the rise

■ Companies face threats from nation states, cyber criminals and even employees, consultant says

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As the oil and gas industry increasingly implements digital technologies into its infrastructure and enterprise operations, threats of cyberattack also increase.

The threat is very real.

On April 2, midstream company Energy Transfer Partners said it was the victim of a cyberattack on its electronic data exchange (EDI) system, which shut down customer service transactions. The company said a day later the system was back up and running.

In 2016, SHAPESHIFT wiper malware targeted as many as half a dozen Saudi Arabian organizations, including a petrochemical company. The Saudis also have had to contend with the SHAMOON virus, which attempted to wipe computers at Saudi Aramco and RasGas in 2012, 2016 and in 2017. There also has been WannaCry ransomware that affected Microsoft Windows operating systems in May. Among the victims was PetroChina, whose gas station payment systems effectively were forced offline.

Critical infrastructure expert Dan Scali of Mandiant Consulting Services said the oil and gas industry should take the threat of cyberattacks seriously.

"Cyberattacks should definitely be on the radar of the oil and gas companies in terms of their enterprise risk," he told the Reporter-Telegram recently.

Mandiant is a division of FireEye, a large cybersecurity company that specializes in protecting and investigating attacks on industrial control systems.

One primary threat source comes from nation states.

"The whole cyber-threat landscape mirrors what's happening in the world," Scali said. "What we see is cyberattacks typically are geopolitically driven. I can't think of an industry that would actually have more geopolitical factors and drivers behind it than oil and gas. Given the complexity of geopolitics around natural resources and prices, as well as the significance of petrochemicals and petrochemical products to the normal operation of a society and national infrastructure, it very much puts oil and gas at a risk of the geopolitical winds changing and, thus, organizations in that industry being targeted."

Other threat actors are cyber criminals who use tools such as ransomware to encrypt people's computers and demand a ransom in order to give back control.

"There are variations of ransomware where the attackers blend more tailored skills around compromising an organization's IT environment and deploy the ransomware more strategically to extort the organization by asking for some sort of financial compensation in order to decrypt their files or get back up and running," Scali said.

Threats also can come from inside the company, particularly former employees. Scali gave the example of companies that didn't change the permissions of former employees in a timely manner. The ex-employees logged back into the systems to cause disruption. In one case, smart meters at a water utility were affected. In another, servers that ran critical operations at a manufacturing facility were compromised.

Scali says it's important to remember that cyberattacks are committed by a person behind a computer, but even though there is a human aspect, finding the culprits is very difficult.

"One of the things that acts in the attackers' favor is the anonymity that the cyber realm provides. It's difficult, but not impossible, to effectively attribute cyberattacks," he said.

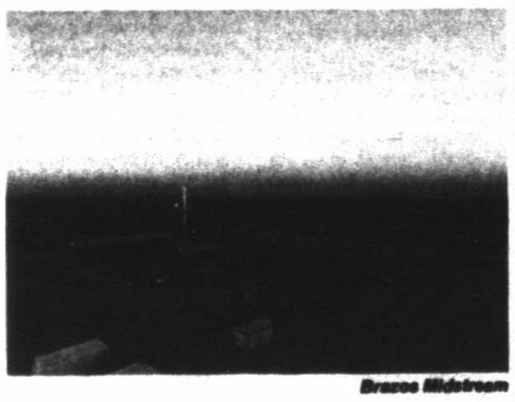
Companies also can face difficulties in responding to a cyberattack.

"You have options," Scali said. "There are firms like FireEye that specialize in breach response. There are also government and law enforcement agencies that

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Brazos Midstream takes on Morgan Stanley as new partner

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Brazos Midstream

Brazos Midstream, which is now partnering with Morgan Stanley, is expanding its Southern Delaware Basin footprint with additional pipeline and gathering lines, compression and oil storage.

Brazos Midstream, with assets in the Southern Delaware Basin, is getting a new partner.

The Fort Worth-based company and its financial sponsor, Old Ironsides Energy, have agreed to sell its subsidiary companies to North Haven Infrastructure Partners II, a fund managed by Morgan Stanley Infrastructure, for $1.75 billion in cash. Closing is set for the second quarter pending customary approvals and closing conditions.

"We are recapitalizing the company which will allow Brazos to aggressively grow in one of the best oil and gas regions in the U.S.," said Stephen Luskey, Brazos' chief commercial officer, in a phone interview.

He said Old Ironsides is being bought out with North Haven stepping in as the new partner.

Brazos management "has been working with Old Ironsides the last three years as we've grown from four guys and a truck to building a business that was attractive in the eyes of Morgan Stanley," Luskey said.

Old Ironsides has been a great partner, he said.

"With their help, we were able to grow the business to have a substantial franchise position," Luskey said.

Management had decided that, in order to take Brazos to the next level, it was time to either sell the company or find a new partner, he said. Jefferies LLC helped management determine Morgan Stanley was the right partner.

"It was time to de-risk and allow another partner to step in and help us grow," Luskey said.

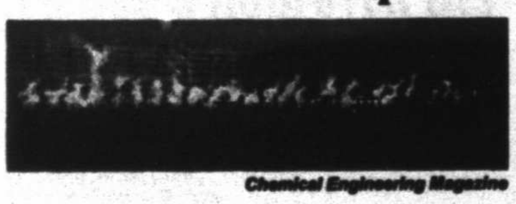
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Permian Basin oil patch offers increasing opportunities for combustion companies

■ Flaring technology can help safely flare unwanted gases while reducing emissions

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Chemical Engineering Magazine

Flaring gases is usually done after a company determines it's the most efficient way to handle the gases.

Flares dot the horizon around the nation's energy-producing regions, including the Permian Basin.

Those flares may raise concerns about the impact on the health of people around the flares, the impact on the environment or why companies are burning off what could be a valuable resource.

Many times, the companies behind the flares have done the economics and determined that flaring is the most effective way of handling the gasses,

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Craddick initiative reduces W-10 survey requirements for well owners

By Trevor Hawes
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Craddick

Christi Craddick's Oil Field Relief Initiative Phase One is done, and the next task is implementing Phase Two.

The Railroad Commission chairman recently announced her push to update and improve the state's oil and gas regulator, with the biggest change coming to the W-10 oil well status report survey.

Currently, well owners must perform annual inspections to inform the RRC of the well's production capability. The W-10 report uses the survey as the basis for

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are capable and willing to assist in breach activity, as well. I would say that who you call has a less clear answer in cyberspace than in the real world. That is a key policy question."

Working with law enforcement can be challenging because caseloads are high, he said.

Areas where oil and gas companies can help protect themselves is addressing the interconnectivity between mission-critical process control systems and general purpose internet technology network.

"That connectivity can be exploited by factors either intentionally or as collateral damage from something like a ransomware threat," Scali said.

Dan Wire, senior communications director at FireEye, said the oil and gas industry is seeing more threats.

"As you see people move their systems of record online and connect some of these operations technology systems with the internet, and you have more bad actors on the internet with sophisticated tools, people have to be really conscious about how that opens them up to malicious activity."

Wire also laid out two major trends.

"The way things are done as companies try to jump ahead in technology may not involve security as closely as it should, which leaves you exposed and not realizing that you are," he said. "The second trend is you have more nation states entering the arena. Every sophisticated, modern nation state is working to develop some sort of cyber capacity. We see the unspoken intentions of nation states get played out in cyber security. There's going to be more activity."

Taking on nation states isn't necessarily a fair fight.

"You have a nation state with all of its resources picking on an enterprise that's trying to do business and work within legal frameworks," Scali said. "We feel good about helping organizations either by trying to be proactive about these problems or, in the worst case, if they are compromised and there is an incident, to minimize the impact if they are compromised and get them back to normal operations."

BRAZOS

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underwritten and was arranged by Jefferies Finance LLC and the Royal Bank of Canada. The transaction includes $950 million in committed debt financing — $900 million in term loan and $50 million in a revolving credit facility.

Brazos will retain its name, operating as a portfolio company of Morgan Stanley Infrastructure, and "management will stay on board," Luskey said.

The company's customers include a number of pure-Permian players, he said.

The financial backing from Morgan Stanley will allow Brazos to grow its footprint, through acquisition of assets and new construction, he said.

With a high rig count and climbing oil and natural gas production in the Permian Basin, "we are staying busy. Our goal is to stay ahead of the drill bit for our customers," Luskey said.

In the midstream business, "pipelines are always evolving. Exploration and production companies are drilling all around our system," he said. "We have 19 rigs at work right now on (the 300,000 acres) dedicated to our system."

Located in the Southern Delaware counties of Reeves, Ward and Pecos, Brazos has approximately 350 miles of natural gas and crude oil gathering pipelines, a natural gas processing complex with more than 200 million cubic feet per day of capacity and an additional 200 million cubic feet per day of capacity under construction. Brazos also has approximately 50,000 barrels of crude storage.

Luskey said expansion includes additional processing plants, pipelines, compression and oil storage.

FLARE

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according to one expert.

"We are a combustion company with a dozen combustion products in the air pollution control industry," said An Vij, chief operating officer of Ship & Shore Environmental. "Flaring is one of our products" that allows for the reduction of emissions in a safe and controlled manner while minimizing harmful environmental impacts.

Providing and installing flare equipment and startup in oil and gas fields was one of a number of opportunities "we were running into that we'd take as they come," Vij said in a phone interview from his Long Beach, California office.

He said the company has several of clients in West Texas, "not just for flares, but for our complete line of solutions."

Vij described flares as an emergency device: "When something goes wrong and you don't know what to do, you flare it."

Vapor recovery units can recover and compress the gases, depending on the concentration, to send to market. They can also recover the crude vapors discharged by tank farms. But if the concentrations are too low, Vij said it's more efficient to burn off the gases.

"If you're on the production side and your goal is to produce oil but you have to go through natural gas to get to the oil, and if the cost to compress that natural gas is too great, it's better to burn the gas and get to the crude," he said.

It's important to take into consideration the region where the gases will be flared, he said.

Some regions allow open flames while others, such as California, allow flaring but require that the flares be enclosed, Vij said.

"A lot of regions (such as Texas), have destruction efficiency requirements," he said.

The flares must also meet the region's standards on carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions.

Another concern is the radiation of the flames, according to Vij.

"One of the reasons they make the stacks so tall is the radiation of the flames. In the design aspect, we look at the radiation around the ground level (and) also the noise," he said. "That's why you see more flare stacks 100, 150, 200 feet tall."

That's where companies such as Ship & Shore and their combustion technologies have a role.

"Depending on the emissions requirements of the region, we can help the client select the best application, whether open flare or enclosed flare. We can also install thermal oxidizers to recover some of the heat for reuse for other purposes" such as steam or building heat, he said.

He said the company can either do the installation and startup itself or partner with other companies.

Combustion technology "must get better each day," Vij said. "The important thing is the emissions reductions we achieve have to get tighter and tighter in terms of carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide and that means recapturing that heat. If you capture that heat and reuse it, that technology has to improve."

Even though companies think they don't have an economic choice but to flare gases, "a lot of our clients still want to be good neighbors. They think about the people that live there, the neighborhoods where they work," Vij said.



Damian Dovarganes/AP file photo

Workers use a guzzler vacuum to suck oil soaked sediment from a creek in 2008 in Santa Maria, Calif., after oil spilled into the creek from a Greka Oil & Gas Inc. facility. The California oil company with a long history of safety violations and regulatory lapses was hit with a record $12.5 million fine by state regulators on Wednesday for nearly 1,500 violations in the past year at an oil field in Orange County.

Oil company with checkered history hit with $12.5M fine

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A California oil company with a long history of safety violations and regulatory lapses was hit with a record $12.5 million fine by state regulators Wednesday for nearly 1,500 violations in the past year at an oil field in Orange County.

Greka Oil & Gas falsified results in more than 350 reports, failed to conduct regular pressure testing at dozens of wells and didn't maintain operating pressure gauges, according to the state's Department of Conservation.

"The magnitude of this penalty reflects the company's violations and poor practices, and the potential harm it could cause to surrounding communities, the environment, and groundwater," said Ken Harris, supervisor of the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources.

No one at Greka immediately responded to phone calls seeking comment.

State oil and gas regulators have long been criticized for taking a lax approach toward holding petroleum producers accountable. In recent years, the division's leaders have acknowledged failings and vowed to get tougher.

Lawmakers equipped the division with increased enforcement powers and stiffer financial penalties, which led to the largest fine ever issued by the division, spokesman Don Drysdale said. The fine surpassed the previous record of $257,000 against Bennett Petroleum in 2015 by nearly 50 times.

"The fine against Greka is a step in the right direction, but their business model seems to be just make money no matter the damage," said Keith Nakatani of the environmental group Clean Water Action. "The punchline is they shouldn't be in business."

The state also ordered the company to stop injecting water into its Richfield oil operation northeast of Anaheim until it complies with state orders. It is also required to get a $39 million bond that would be used to cover cleanup costs if the company goes bankrupt.

Bonding is of particular concern for the state because a former Greka subsidiary, Rincon Island Limited Partnership, filed for bankruptcy in 2016 and California is now on the hook for a cleanup that is expected to exceed $50 million.

Tiny Rincon Island, built to drill for oil off the Ventura County coast, had been cited by the state for dozens of violations and being in a "severe state of disrepair" when the subsidiary folded.

The state will have to plug wells and decommission the operation. Expected costs don't include removing the man-made island.

Greka, based in Santa Maria, has a long history of violations from the state and Santa Barbara County, which also regulates oil operations.

In letters sent in November to state Assembly members who had asked the division to permit Greka to resume operations at one of its wells in Santa Barbara County, Harris spelled out a litany of run-ins the company had with regulators.

Since 2007, more than two dozen spills have occurred at Greka facilities in Santa Barbara County, Harris wrote in a letter released through a California Public Records Act request to Clean Water Action.

Equipment failed, pipelines ruptured, storage tanks leaked and pump jacks and well heads were found to be faulty, Harris wrote.

"Greka frequently addresses the immediate spill in order to maintain the minimum compliance level required by state law and avoid civil penalties, but does little to improve the overall safety of its facilities," Harris wrote, noting the company had two spills in the six months since he received the letter from lawmakers.

Between 2015 and 2017, Santa Barbara County's petroleum regulators issued 161 violations in the county and 145 of those were sent to Greka. The company received 35 of the 36 fines issued in the county. During the same period, the county fire department inspected 125 facilities and issued 676 violations — with more than half going to Greka.

Errin Briggs, an energy specialist with Santa Barbara County, said most of the violations were not serious.

"They don't pay bills on time. They don't cooperate with enforcement staff. They're very careful about tripping the requirements that would get them in trouble," Briggs said. "Most of the incidents they have are minor in nature. They just happen to have a lot of them."

China's largest gas importer sees improved ties

Bloomberg News

The head of China's largest natural gas importer believes the country's energy ties with the U.S. are set to deepen, despite trade conflict between the world's two largest economies that has roiled financial markets.

"There is more room for cooperation than confrontation between China and the U.S.," China National Petroleum Corp. Chairman Wang Yilin said Monday in an interview with Bloomberg TV on the tropical island of Hainan, where he was attending the Boao Forum for Asia. "I hope our cooperation with U.S. partners won't be negatively affected by the trade disputes, I'm confident our cooperation will only get better and closer."

China last week proposed slapping tariffs on liquefied propane and petrochemicals from America, signaling it can strike the country's energy industry if the dispute intensifies. Both the U.S. and China proposed tariffs on $50 billion of goods and President Donald Trump instructed his administration to consider levies on an additional $100 billion of Chinese products.

CNPC signed the first long-term deal to import liquefied natural gas from the U.S. in February in a deal that commits Cheniere Energy Inc. to sending 1.2 million metrics tons a year of the fuel to China through 2043. The contract helps underpin an expansion of the gas export terminals in the Texas port city of Corpus Christi, the first phase of which may start later this year or 2019.

"We currently have great cooperation with many U.S.-based companies such as Exxon Mobil Corp., Chevron Corp. and ConocoPhillips," said Wang. "Economic globalization is an irreversible historical trend."

China, the world's biggest energy user, is growing more reliant on overseas crude as its domestic reserves dwindle and economic growth spurs higher demand. CNPC and the country's sovereign wealth fund, China Investment Corp., were said to be in talks to invest in the initial public offering of Saudi Arabian Oil Co., Bloomberg News reported in March last year.

CNPC is closely following preparation for a listing by the Middle East nation's state oil producer and "evaluating how to deepen our cooperation through the process," Wang said.

Other details from the interview:

A pipeline that will bring Russian natural gas into China is on schedule to start in 2019 as planned and both sides are accelerating construction, Wang said. Russian gas prices should be competitive with other suppliers that send gas to China, said Wang, who didn't provide details on the pipeline pricing formula. Settling oil trades in China's currency is gradually receiving recognition by CNPC's trading partners and has the company's full support, Wang said.

CRADDICK

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calculating the oil-gas ratio of the well. The requirement has been deemed unnecessary and is estimated to save the industry $52 million each year.

"Today, we ask for certain information, and what we found after Phase One is we were asking for operators to do testing yearly on certain wells," Craddick told the Reporter-Telegram. "What we now appreciate is we don't need all that information. If that well tests appropriately for one year, we found that doesn't seem to change from year to year. It will cost them less money because they won't have to test, unless there are certain things they're doing to the well, like recompleting the well."

The Midland native added that the agency saves money because it eliminates unnecessary paperwork and information. However, this won't mean a reduced headcount at the agency, which already is short by about 100 employees. Craddick said the RRC currently has 735 employees. The ideal staff count is about 800, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports.

Craddick said being short of employees in the past year led to finding efficiencies. The agency is continuing to hire and is cross-training. "We don't need to grow the agency any bigger with the volume of wells and pipelines that we have in the state. We do need to continue to make sure we have good staff sitting here."

Exceptions to the W-10 rule include:

- Recompletion of the well into a different regulatory field.
- Recompletion of the well from gas to oil.
- Resuming production from a well classified as inactive as defined in subsection 3.15.
- Reinstating an allowable.
- As required by RRC order, special field rule or other rule.

Other changes in the initiative include improvements to the Geographic Information System mapping tool, expanding the use of online forms, modifying acreage designation sheets (P-16, attachments 1A and 2A) and improvement of the agency's online system to allow the industry to file blanket producer's transportation authority and certificate of compliance (P-4) forms.

COMPLETIONS

Courtesy DrillingInfo

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

ConocoPhillips Company
Embar –B- #0601H
Embar (Permian)-Horizontal; 120 fnl, 759 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 44, T-2-N, Abst. 64, T&P RR, 18.6 sw Andrews; TD 6701 TVD, 12272 MD: Comp 3/8/2018; producing from 6659-12189, fracture stimulated; pump 441 BO, 454 MCF, 1293 BW, 36.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47324

Mammoth Exploration LLC
Wapiti 12-24 #1H
Three Bar (Wichita)-Horizontal; 990 fnl, 375 fwl, Sec 24, Blk 12, Abst. 382U, ULS, 18 sw Andrews; TD 796 TVD, 13760 MD: Comp 3/8/2018; producing from 8980-13101, fracture stimulated; pump 142 BO, 131 MCF, 943 BW, 35.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47421

Texas RRCD 8A

Dawson County

Halvey Energy LLC
Anderson #2
Key West (Spraberry); 330 fsl, 2313 fel, Sec 9, Blk 34, T-5-N, Abst. 68, T&P RR, 8 e Lamesa; TD 8002; Comp 3/24/2018; producing from 7759-7872, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 3 BO, 1 MCF, 105 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-115-33735

Gaines County

Parallel Petroleum LLC
Good Bull #1H
Carm-Ann (San Andres)-Horizontal; 781 fsl, 1549 fwl, Sec 12, Blk A-22, Abst. 725, PSL, 11 s Seminole; TD 4723 TVD, 10400 MD; Comp 3/9/2018; producing from 5257-10208, fracture stimulated; pump 380 BO, 224 MCF, 1711 BW, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-38605

New Mexico

Eddy County

Oxy USA Inc.
Turkey Track 8 7 State #23
Turkey Track; Sec 9 T19S R29E; 1254/S & 195/W. BHL: Sec 7 1999/S & 186/W; EL 3381 GL, TD 17945 MD, 7624 TVD, PBTD 17883 MD, 7626 TVD; Spud 9-1-17, Comp 11-27-17; production is through perfs: 8215-17711. IP: 1-11-18 Flow 24 hrs 1474 BO, 1630 BW, 829 MCF, 64/64 Ch, TP 1061, CP 1061. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 411 w/530 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3021 w/1015 sx, 5 ½ @ 17930 w/2733 sx; API #30-015-44143

Oxy USA Inc.
Turkey Track 8 7 State #24
Turkey Track; Sec 9 T19S R29E; 1224/S & 195/W. BHL: Sec 7 524/S & 187/W; EL 3379 GL, TD 17770 MD, 7672 TVD, PBTD 17708 MD, 7674 TD; Spud 9-2-17, Comp 11-27-17; production is through perfs: 8040-17539. IP: Flow 24 hrs 1210 BO, 1260 BW, 1131 MCF, 64/64 Ch, TP 262, CP 826. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 411 w/630 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3000 w/1070 sx, 5 ½ @ 17755 w/2864; API #30-015-44145

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Derringer 18 B3LI Federal #2
Russell; Sec 18 T20S R29E; 1960/S & 150/W. BHL: 2099/S & 336/E; EL 3255 GL, TD 13410 MD, 9000 TVD, PBTD 13370 MD, 9000 TVD; Spud 9-17-17, Comp 1-6-18; production is through treated perfs: 9080-13370. Treat: 8,417,467 gals slickwater carrying 5,966,219# 100 mesh sd & 2,822,624# 30/50 white sd. IP: 1-8-18 Flow 24 hrs 872 BO, 2900 BW, 1664 MCF, TP 620, CP 10, GOR 1908, Gty 44.8. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1105 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2985 w/825 sx, 7 @ 9265 w/850 sx, 4 ½ @ 8413-13363 w/300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8389; API #30-015-44431

Oxy USA Inc.
Cypress 33 Federal Com #10
Cedar Canyon; Sec 4 T24S R29E; 212/N & 1337/E. BHL: Sec 33 T23S R29E 192/N & 389/W; EL 3108 KB, TD 15043 MD, 9930 TVD, PBTD 14978 MD, 9930 TVD; Spud 4-16-17, Comp 5-27-17; production is through treated perfs: 10367-14871. Treat: 7187838 gals slick water + 1480500 gals 7.5% acid w/8609180# sd. IP: 6-21-17 Flow 24 hrs 1321 BO, 3857 BW, 2804 MCF, 37/64" Ch, CP 1340, GOR 2123. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 345 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3028 w/930 sx, 5 ½ @ 15033 w/2543 sx; API #30-015-44096

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 23-24 Federal #31
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 22 T24S R29E; 491/N & 177/E. BHL: Sec 24 345/N & 2471/W; EL 2943 GL, TD 17742 MD, 10160 TVD, PBTD 17675 MD, 10158 TVD; Spud 6-18-17, Comp 9-18-17; production is through treated perfs: 10330-17558. Treat: 10190208 gals slickwater+ 75054 gals acid w/11429273# sd. IP: 9-24-17 Flow 24 hrs 3564 BO, 11980 BW, 9530 MCF, 50/128 Ch, CP 1257, GOR 2674. Cag: 10 ¾ @ 422 w/385 sx, 7 5/8 @ 9346 w/1365 sx, 4 ½ @ 9181-17727 w/815 sx; API #30-015-44179

Oxy USA Inc.
Patton MDP1 19 Federal #2
Cotton Draw; Sec 18 T24S R31E; 170/N & 1898/W. BHL: 205/S & 1466/W; EL 3534 GL, TD 14817 MD, 10084 TVD, PBTD 14762 MD, 10084 TVD; Spud 9-6-17, Comp 12-7-17; production is through treated perfs: 10159-14663. Treat: 6904002 gals slickwater + 22939 gals 7.5% HCl acid w/884361000# sd. IP: 12-18-17 Flow 24 hrs 1955 BO, 2989 BW, 4016 MCF, 52/128 Ch, CP 801, GOR 2054. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 644 w/830 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4343 w/1215 sx, 5 ½ @ 14802 w/2130 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9935; API #30-015-44337

Lea County

Legacy Reserves Operating LLC
Lea Unit #40
Lea; Sec 25 T20S R34E; 2270/S & 610/E. Sec 13 332/N & 863/E; EL 3674 GL, TD 18146 MD, 10430 TVD, PBTD 18146 MD, 10430 TVD; Spud 11-28-16, Comp 7-1-17; production is through treated perfs: 10970-18080. Treat: 3,321 bbls acid, 10,486,173# sd & 268,985 bbls wtr. IP: 9-27-17 Pump 24 hrs 701 BO, 1176 BW, 425 MCF, GOR 606, Gty 42.6. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1800 w/1500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5570 w/1400 sx, 5 ½ @ 18146 w/3500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9610; API #30-025-43093

COG Operating LLC
Tenderloin Federal Com #4
Grama Ridge; Sec 12 T22S R33E; 655/S & 660/W. BHL: Sec 1 213/N & 666/W; EL 3524 GL, TD 20785 MD, 10877 TVD, PBTD 20678 MD, 10877 TVD; Spud 10-1-27, Comp 2-8-18; production is through treated perfs: 11041-20585, 20640-20650, 20703-20713. Treat: 188,412 gals 7 1/5% acid, 19,298,995# sd, 17,479,400 gals fluid. IP: 2-14-18 Flow 24 hrs 280 BO, 3060 BW, 336 MCF, TP 1850, CP 2050. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1610 w/1240 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5250 w/2155 sx, 5 ½ @ 20785 w/3530 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10193; API #30-025-43891

EOG Resources Inc.
Beowulf 33 State Com #301
Wildcat; Sec 33 T23S R35E; 412/S & 380/W. BHL: Sec 28 2552/S & 325/W; EL 3418 GR, TD 17,442 MD, 9962 TVD, PBTD 17,191 MD, 9957 TVD; Spud 9-9-17, Comp 1-17-18; production is through treated perfs: 9295-9361, 10301-17,191. Treat: Frac w/19,790,900# proppant, 375,456 bbls load fluid. IP: 2-5-18 Flow 24 hrs 1312 BO, 4070 BW, 2234 MCF, 128 Ch, TP 350, GOR 1702, Gty 41. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1486 w/1285 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5310 w/1695 sx, 5 ½ @ 17422 w/2500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9334; API #30-025-43936

COG Operating LLC
Stove Pipe Federal Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 6 T25S R35E; 420/N & 515/E BHL: Sec 7 535/S & 327/E; EL 3295 GL, TD 22017 MD, 12415 TVD, PBTD 21940 MD, 12417 TVD; Spud 7-11-17, Comp 1-27-18; production is through treated perfs: 12845-21841, 21905-21915. Treat: 180,180 gals 15% acid, 23,257,336# sd, 23,635,543 gals fluid. IP: 1-30-18 Flow 24 hrs 1413 BO, 2643 BW, 1844 MCF, 22/64" Ch, TP 3500. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 902 w/725 sx, 9 5/8 @ 11882 w/2300 sx, 5 ½ @ 22007 w/4325 sx, 2 7/8 @ 12040; API #30-025-43838

EOG Resources Inc.
Ophelia 22 Federal Com #706
Wildcat; Sec 22 T26S R33E; 200/N & 1966/W. BHL: Sec 27 2417/N & 1675/W; EL 3302 GL, TD 19750 MD, 12398 TVD, PBTD 19834 MD< 12394 TVD; Spud 9-29-17, Comp 12-18-17; production is through treated perfs: 12804-19834. Treat: Frac w/18,994,570# proppant, 310,489 bbls load fluid. IP: 12-21-17 Flow 24 hrs 3580 BO, 7826 BW, 7284 MCF, 52 Ch, CP 2799, GOR 2040, Gty 43. Cag: 10 ¾ @ 1002 w/850 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11675 w/2570 sx, 5 ½ @ 19730 w/780 sx; API #30-025-44009

Petroleum Professional Development Center

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Petroleum Geology for Non Geologists
Instructor: Paul Pause
Start Date: April 16-19, 2018 – Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1535; Out of State $1600

An Overview of Multistage Completion Systems for Hydraulic Fracturing
Instructor: Aaron Burton
Start Date: April 19, 2018 – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $575; Out of State $600

Advanced SQL
Instructor: Mark Edger
Start Date: April 20, 2018 – Monday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $450; Out of State

PetroSkills: Gas Lift - GLI
Instructor: John Martinez
Start Date: April 23-27, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4315 - Register directly with PetroSkills

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MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$60.75	Shell Trading	$63.40
Energy Transfer Partners*	$63.25	Nymex futures	$64.27*
Flint Hills Resources*	$63.25	*Net price without transportation charge	
Phillips 66	$63.44		
Plains*	$63.25	Note: Posted prices as of April 11	

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Courtesy DrillingInfo

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

Approach Operating LLC
Baker B #237HB
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 6502 fsl, 4220 fwl, Abst. 2832, Runnels CSL, 13 nw Ozona; TD 7800; API #42-105-42117 Permit issued 4/2

Approach Operating LLC
Baker B #241HC
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 6502 fsl, 4250 fwl, Abst. 2832, Runnels CSL, 13 nw Ozona; TD 7800; API #42-105-42118 Permit issued 4/2

Irion County

Banner Operating LLC
Stephens #1021
Funk (San Andres); 318 fsl, 1948 fnl, Sec 10, Blk 5, Abst. 1169, H&TC RR, 17 ne Mertzon; TD 2000; API #42-235-36265 Permit issued 4/6

SEM Operating Company LLC
Linthicum C #13WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 1373 fwl, Sec 1145, Abst. 57, C&M RR, 4.96 se Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-36259 Permit issued 4/2

SEM Operating Company LLC
Linthicum C #15WB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 1403 fwl, Sec 1145, Abst. 57, C&M RR, 4.96 se Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-36260 Permit issued 4/4

SEM Operating Company LLC
Mayer #4502WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 5819 fnl, 5221 fel, Sec 45, Abst. 698, WC RR, 1.79 ne Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-36261 Permit issued 4/4

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 38-40 #0104WB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 660 fsl, 1800 fwl, Sec 1147, Abst. 7, A.D. Anderson, 4.74 se Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-36263 Permit issued 4/5

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 38-40 #0105WB
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 660 fsl, 1830 fwl, Sec 1147, Abst. 7, A.D. Anderson, 4.75 se Barnhart; TD 10000; API #42-235-36264 Permit issued 4/5

Reagan County

Apache Corporation
University 2404 East #10HU
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 300 fel, Sec 1227, Abst. 138, EL&RR, 12.04 nw Big Lake; TD 11000; API #42-383-40212 Permit issued 4/3

Apache Corporation
University 2404 East #19HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 1227, Abst. 138, EL&RR, 12.02 nw Big Lake; TD 11000; API #42-383-40213 Permit issued 4/4

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Hunt –H- #9
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1869 fsl, 730 fwl, Sec 15, Blk L, Abst. 112, D&P RR, 15.2 nw Big Lake; TD 12000; API #42-383-40214 Permit issued 4/5

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Sugg B131-133 (Alloc A) #1SM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1749 fnl, 674 fwl, Sec 131, Blk 2, Abst. 638, T&P RR, 28.9 n Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40195 Permit issued 4/2

Tom Green County

Banner Operating LLC
Funk #3910
Funk (San Andres); 330 fsl, 2314 fsl, Sec 38, Blk 5, Abst. 7190, H&TC RR, 23 nw San Angelo; TD 2000; API #42-451-32874 Permit issued 4/3

Banner Operating LLC
Sullenger #2210
Funk (San Andres); 362 fwl, 3507 fsl, Sec 22, Blk 5, Abst. 8568, H&TC RR, 20 nw San Angelo; TD 2000; API #42-451-32875 Permit issued 4/6

Upton County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Greathouse 13-12 D #241
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2087 fnl, 1328 fel, Sec 13, Blk D, Abst. 132, EL&RR, 18.4 ne Rankin; TD 11000; API #42-461-40804 Permit issued 4/2

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Greathouse 13-14 C #231
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2087 fnl, 1301 fel, Sec 13, Blk D, Abst. 132, EL&RR, 18.4 ne Rankin; TD 11000; API #42-461-40817 Permit issued 4/3

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Bird 13-14 G #271
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2128 fsl, 927 fwl, Sec 13, Blk D, Abst. 132, EL&RR, 18.4 ne Rankin; TD 11000; API #42-461-40825 Permit issued 4/6

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Atkins 23-14-A #2801H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 430 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 434, T&P RR, 23.5 n Rankin; TD 9171; API #42-461-40812 Permit issued 4/3

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Atkins 23-14-B #2803H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 39, T-5-S, Abst. 434, T&P RR, 23.5 n Rankin; TD 9171; API #42-461-40813 Permit issued 4/3

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Andrews County

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "CF" #1503LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 405 fel, 8317 fsl, Sec 15, Blk 40, T-2-N, Abst. 34, T&P RR, 15.6 se Andrews; TD 9600; API #42-003-47787 Permit issued 4/2

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "CF" #1504WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 8342 fsl, 405 fel, Sec 15, Blk 40, T-2-N, Abst. 34, T&P RR, 15.6 se Andrews; TD 10250; API #42-003-47788 Permit issued 4/2

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "CF" #1505WC
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 8367 fsl, 405 fel, Sec 15, Blk 40, T-2-N, Abst. 34, T&P RR, 15.6 se Andrews; TD 10600; API #42-003-47789 Permit issued 4/3

Ring Energy Inc.
Chaos #1H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 1850 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-34, Abst. 558, PSL, 14 nw Andrews; TD 5100; API #42-003-47781 Permit issued 4/3

Crane County

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Landlubber #18
Sand Hills (Clearfork); 740 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 28, Blk B-17, Abst. 1107, M.C. O'Neal, 11.4 se Monahans; TD 7500; API #42-103-36598 Permit issued 4/6

Culberson County

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Scramble 21802 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 220 fnl, 1700 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 58, T-2, Abst. 6490, T&P RR, 9 w Orla; TD 12000; API #42-109-33308 Permit issued 4/3

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Lee Caldwell State Unit #1H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 460 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 52, Abst. 6444, PSL, 19.4 sw Orla; TD 10200; API #42-109-33307 Permit issued 4/2

Ector County

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BJ" #105
Lowe West (Strawn); 3301 fwl, 3872 fsl, Sec 1, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 3, G&MMB&A, 5.8 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-135-43581 Permit issued 4/6

FDL Operating LLC
Gardendale #0501LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 830 fnl, 5182 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 518, T&P RR, 13.1 n Odessa; TD 10000; API #42-135-43578 Permit issued 4/2

Maverick Operating LLC
Aghorn #1
Arbol de Nada (Devonian); 617 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 45, T-1-N, Abst. 343, T&P RR, 6.4 n Notrees; TD 8698; API #42-135-43583 Permit issued 4/6

Glasscock County

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Jersey 38-47-A #4201H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 325 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 38, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 1089, T&P RR, 8.9 sw Garden City; TD 8573; API #42-173-37853 Permit issued 4/2

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Jersey 38-47-A #2801H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 355 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 38, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 1089, T&P RR, 8.9 sw Garden City; TD 8147; API #42-173-37854 Permit issued 4/2

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Jersey 38-47-A #4401H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 295 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 38, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 1089, T&P RR, 8.9 sw Garden City; TD 8773; API #42-173-37852 Permit issued 4/2

Howard County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Joy 39 #8
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 1850 fsl, 2350 fnl, Sec 39, Blk 34, Abst. 422, T&P RR, 5.8 sw Elbow; TD 12000; API #42-227-39588 Permit issued 4/5

Diamondback E&P LLC
Bullfrog 47 North A Unit #7LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2334 fel, 2429 fsl, Sec 47, Blk 34, T-3-N, Abst. 511,

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T&P RR, 17.9 nw Big Spring; TD 9035; API #42-227-39566 Permit issued 4/3

Unitex Oil & Gas LLC
Otis Chalk #46
Howard Glasscock (Consolidated); 1980 fel, 2310 fsl, Sec 125, Blk 29, Abst. 471, W&NW RR, 4.88 e Forsan; TD 5500; API #42-227-39570 Permit issued 4/5

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Longhorn 55-1-30 Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2251 fsl, 600 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1163, T&P RR, 19.73 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33926 Permit issued 4/6

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Pecos State 39-46A #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 750 fnl, 201 fwl, Sec 39, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 159, T&P RR, 20.6 nw Mentone; TD 16000; API #42-301-33952 Permit issued 4/3

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Pecos State 39-46B #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 700 fnl, 514 fwl, Sec 39, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 159, T&P RR, 20.6 nw Mentone; TD 16000; API #42-301-33958 Permit issued 4/6

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Pecos State 39-46C #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 725 fnl, 514 fwl, Sec 39, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 159, T&P RR, 20.6 nw Mentone; TD 16000; API #42-301-33959 Permit issued 4/6

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Pecos State 39-46D #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 750 fnl, 514 fwl, Sec 39, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 159, T&P RR, 20.6 nw Mentone; TD 16000; API #42-301-33960 Permit issued 4/6

Martin County

QEP Energy Company
John D #07MA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 550 fnl, 850 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 8223; API #42-317-41341 Permit issued 4/5

QEP Energy Company
John D #08SC
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 550 fnl, 825 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 9200; API #42-317-41342 Permit issued 4/5

QEP Energy Company
John D #08BL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 550 fnl, 800 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 9900; API #42-317-41343 Permit issued 4/5

RSP Permian LLC
Johnson Ranch #9222H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 7511.1 fnl, 1880 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 39, T-1-N, Abst. 302, T&P RR, 22 se Stanton; TD 12000; API #42-317-41169 Permit issued 4/6

Midland County

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A3 #2502LH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 435 fnl, 715 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42420 Permit issued 4/6

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A13 #2501MH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 435 fnl, 670 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42421 Permit issued 4/6

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A1 #2501LH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 480 fnl, 689 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42422 Permit issued 4/6

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A2 #2501BH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 480 fnl, 714 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42423 Permit issued 4/6

COG Operating LLC
Marion V. Benge Estate A4 #2502BH
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 480 fnl, 759 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-3-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42424 Permit issued 4/6

CrownQuest Operating LLC
FR Catalyst E 94 #12HB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 703 fnl, 245 fel, Sec 16, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 903, T&P RR, 3.6 sw Spraberry; TD 10000; API #42-329-42284 Permit issued 4/5

CrownQuest Operating LLC
FR Catalyst F 94 #13HB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1994 fnl, 245 fel, Sec 4, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 907, T&P RR, 3.4 sw Spraberry; TD 9800; API #42-329-42285 Permit issued 4/5

CrownQuest Operating LLC
FR Catalyst G 94 #7BB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2315 fel, 245 fnl, Sec 16, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 903, T&P RR, 3.2 sw Spraberry; TD 9800; API #42-329-42308 Permit issued 4/3

CrownQuest Operating LLC
FR Catalyst H 94 #8BB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1084 fel, 245 fnl, Sec 16, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 903, T&P RR, 3 sw Spraberry; TD 9800; API #42-329-42309 Permit issued 4/3

CrownQuest Operating LLC
FR Catalyst B 94 #10HB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 195 fnl, 6 fel, Sec 4, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 907, T&P RR, 2.6 w Spraberry; TD 9800; API #42-329-42310 Permit issued 4/3

CrownQuest Operating LLC
FR Catalyst AA 94 #9HB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 195 fnl, 27 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 907, T&P RR, 2.9 w Spraberry; TD 10000; API #42-329-42314 Permit issued 4/5

CrownQuest Operating LLC
FR Mercury 19 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC; 493 fsl, 475 fel, Sec 19, Blk 36, Abst. 501, T&P RR, 3.7 se Spraberry; TD 12000; API #42-329-39915 Permit issued 4/2

Lario Oil & Gas Company
Clark 3 #102
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 280 fsl, 663 fel, Sec 23, Blk 38, T-4-S, Abst. 109, T&P RR, 21.7 se Midland; TD 10600; API #42-329-42297 Permit issued 4/2

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranchland A Unit #4313H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 127 fsl, 476 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 1, T&P RR, 1.7 e Midland; TD 10000; API #42-329-42306 Permit issued 4/5

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranchland A Unit #4315H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 126 fsl, 506 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 1, T&P RR, 1.7 e Midland; TD 10000; API #42-329-42312 Permit issued 4/5

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranchland A Unit #2813H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 277 fsl, 476 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 1, T&P RR, 1.7 e Midland; TD 9400; API #42-329-42317 Permit issued 4/5

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranchland A Unit #2815H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 276 fsl, 506 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 1, T&P RR, 1.7 e Midland; TD 9400; API #42-329-42318 Permit issued 4/5

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co. LLC
Rebel #H115UX
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 720 fnwl, 880 fswl, Sec 12, Blk 39, T-2-S, Abst. 662, J.E. Gardner, 2.4 sw Midland; TD 10600; API #42-329-42412 Permit issued 4/4

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford Tank Farm NW7P #16H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1282 fsl, 582 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10450; API #42-329-42346 Permit issued 4/5

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford Tank Farm NW7Q #17H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 582 fsl, 1242 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10450; API #42-329-42347 Permit issued 4/5

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Crawford Tank Farm NW7R #18H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 582 fsl, 1222 fel, Sec 7, Blk 38, T-2-S, Abst. 157, T&P RR, 3 se Midland; TD 10450; API #42-329-42348 Permit issued 4/5

Mitchell County

SWJN Oil Company
Coleman Ranch --S- #7
Coleman Ranch North (Clearfork); 990 fnl, 1350 fwl, Sec 79, Blk 97, Abst. 146, H&TC RR, 12 nw Colorado City; TD 3500; API #42-335-35877 Permit issued 4/4

SWJN Oil Company
Coleman Ranch --S- #8
Coleman Ranch North (Clearfork); 609 fsl, 1197 fel, Sec 79, Blk 97, Abst. 146, H&TC RR, 12 nw Colorado City; TD 3500; API #42-335-35878 Permit issued 4/4

Pecos County

Halcon Operating Co. Inc.
Bobby East #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 600 fsl, 1320 fel, Sec 6, Blk 48, T-9-S, Abst. 6337, T&P RR, 20.4 nw Fort Stockton; TD 16000; API #42-371-39713 Permit issued 4/5

Reeves County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Zeman 3-10 Unit #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 300 fnwl, 1400 fswl, Sec 10, Blk 3, Abst. 5191, H&GN RR, 11.9 nw Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-36952 Permit issued 4/2

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Helios 56-2-30 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 399 fnl, 370 fel, Sec 31, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 591, T&P RR, 1.44 se Orla; TD 12000; API #42-389-36971 Permit issued 4/4

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Becker 6-30 Unit B #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 552 fswl, 487 fnwl, Sec 30, Blk 6, Abst. 5286, H&GN RR, 4.4 se Pecos; TD 11300; API #42-389-36979 Permit issued 4/5

Apache Corporation
Lumbee #401AH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 370 fnl, 600 fel, Sec bl12, Blk 55, Abst.4695, T&P RR, 8.1 n Balmorhea; TD 16000; API #42-389-36980 Permit issued 4/5

Apache Corporation
Kickapoo #201AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 445 fsl, 250 fel, Sec 26, Blk 56, T-7-S, Abst. 5533, T&P RR, 8.9 s Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36974 Permit issued 4/5

Apache Corporation
Iroquois State Unit #101AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 250 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 56, Abst. 5582, T&P RR, 9.7 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36975 Permit issued 4/4

Apache Corporation
Iroquois State Unit #102CH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 430 fnl, 250 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 56, Abst. 5582, T&P RR, 9.7 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36977 Permit issued 4/5

Apache Corporation
Iroquois State Unit #201AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 460 fnl, 250 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 56, Abst. 5582, T&P RR, 9.7 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36978 Permit issued 4/5

Bluestone Natural Resources II LLC
Reeves AW Fee #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 225 fwl, Sec 47, Blk 50, Abst. 2773, T&P RR, 19.96 se Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-36953 Permit issued 4/3

Centennial Resource Producing LLC
Tin Star C #U 38H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2206 fsl, 405 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 4, Abst. 1393, H&GN RR, 8 nw Pecos; TD 10500; API #42-389-36954 Permit issued 4/4

Centennial Resource Producing LLC
Tin Star D #U 46H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2205 fsl, 375 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 4, Abst. 1393, H&GN RR, 8 nw Pecos; TD 10500; API #42-389-36955 Permit issued 4/4

Colgate Operating LLC
Midway 45-46 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 45, Blk 5, Abst. 443, H&GN RR, 4.8 sw Lindsay; TD 11000; API #42-389-36981 Permit issued 4/5

Energen Resources Corporation
Liberty State Unit 9-69 #606H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 650 fel, Sec 9, Blk 54, T-4-S, Abst. 775, T&P RR, 14.7 nw Pecos; TD 12500; API #42-389-36973 Permit issued 4/5

Oxy USA WTP LP
Liger 22-34-6N #24H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2145 fel, Sec 34, Blk 50, T-8-S, Abst. 2300, T&P RR, 25.1 se Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36959 Permit issued 4/3

Oxy USA WTP LP
Bengal 27-34-4N #23H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2185 fel, Sec 34, Blk 50, T-8-S, Abst. 2300, T&P RR, 25.1 se Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36958 Permit issued 4/3

PDC Permian Inc.
Rabbit Ears State 0508 #A 1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 310 fnl, 562 fel, Sec 05, Blk 45, Abst. 4629, T&P RR, 65.58 ne Van Horn; TD 12000; API #42-389-36961 Permit issued 4/3

Ward County

Blackbeard Operating LLC
Queen Annes Revenge #9
Maralon Ranch (Clearfork); 335 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 28, Blk B-18, Abst. 1218, PSL, 9.4 se Monahans; TD 7000; API #42-475-37512 Permit issued 4/3

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Rock Garden #11LA
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 174 fsel, 744 fnel, Sec 107, Blk 34, Abst. 231, H&TC RR, 4.94 sw Pyote; TD 12100; API #42-475-37517 Permit issued 4/5

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Rock Garden A #8LA
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 180 fsel, 666 fnel, Sec 107, Blk 34, Abst. 231, H&TC RR, 5.12 sw Pyote; TD 12100; API #42-475-37513 Permit issued 4/5

Eland Energy Inc.
Sealy Smith #853
Wickett (Pennsylvanian); 1866 fnl, 648 fel, Sec 85, Blk A, Abst. 965, G&MMB&A, 5 nw Monahans; TD 11000; API #42-475-37510 Permit issued 4/3

Eland Energy Inc.
Sealy Smith #852
Wickett (Pennsylvanian); 4612 fnl, 1978 fel, Sec 85, Blk A, Abst. 965, G&MMB&A, 4.6 nw Monahans; TD 11000; API #42-475-37511 Permit issued 4/2

Winkler County

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell Estate #2
Keystone (Consolidated); 473 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 18, Blk B-3, Abst. 1356, PSL, 2.01 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-34100 Permit issued 4/4

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #102
Keystone (Consolidated); 230 fnl, 2721 fwl, Sec 23, Blk B-3, Abst. 1359, PSL, 2.02 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-34099 Permit issued 4/6

MECO IV LLC
UL 21 War-Wink 47 #2H
Winkler (Conglomerate)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 380 fwl, Sec 38, Blk 21, Abst. 78U, ULS, 4.8 sw Wink; TD 12000; API #42-495-34084 Permit issued 4/2

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Borden County

Harmonia Petroleum Operations LLC
Griffin 46 #1H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 400 fwl, 630 fsl, Sec 46, Blk 25, Abst. 821, H&TC RR, 18.02 se Gail; TD 6500; API #42-033-32460 Permit issued 4/5

Crosby County

Juno Operating Company III LLC
Sue Hancock #944
Hoople (Clearfork); 407 fsl, 377 fel, Sec 9, Blk D-19, Abst. 380, D&SE RR, 7.2 ne Slaton; TD 5000; API #42-107-32151 Permit issued 4/3

Gaines County

Pitts Energy Co.
Devon A #1H
Tedbit (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2270 fwl, 400 fsl, Sec 64, Blk H, Abst. 2177, D&W RR, 7.36 se Loop; TD 5300; API #42-165-38677 Permit issued 4/4

Pitts Energy Co.
Devon A #3H
Tedbit (San Andres)-Horizontal; 490 fwl, 400 fsl, Sec 64, Blk H, Abst. 2177, D&W RR, 7.25 se Loop; TD 5300; API #42-165-38678 Permit issued 4/3

Zarvona Energy LLC
SHUSA 15 #11
Harris (San Andres)-Directional; 108 fwl, 2027 fnl, Sec 15, Blk A-22, Abst. 463, PSL, 12 s Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38688 Permit issued 4/6

Scurry County

CML Exploration LLC
Bullard #9
Revilo (Clearfork); 597 fsl, 1016 fwl, Sec 258, Blk 97, Abst. 1701, H&TC RR, 10 nw Snyder; TD 3900; API #42-415-35394 Permit issued 4/4

Yoakum County

Walsh Petroleum Inc.
Caldwell 578 603 #1H
Plains (San Andres)-Horizontal; 1415 fnl, 2380 fel, Sec 578, Blk D, Abst. 524, J.H. Gibson, 7.55 sw Plains; TD 5500; API #42-501-36979 Permit issued 4/2

New Mexico

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp.
Prince George Fed #1
Round Tank; Sec 29 T15S R29E; 200/S & 2285/E; 19 mi E Lake Arthur; Roy 6066 San Andres; API #30-005-64310

Eddy County

Oxy USA WTP LP
Oxy Boerne Federal #1
Scoggin Draw; Sec 3 T18S R27E; 1360/N & 1730/W; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 9950 Morrow; API #30-015-44745

Percussion Petroleum Operating LLC
Goodman 22 #5
North Seven Rivers; Sec 22 T19S R28E; 021/S & 2136/W; 6 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 8469 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44746

Percussion Petroleum Operating LLC
Goodman 22 #7
North Seven Rivers; Sec 22 T19S R28E; 601/S & 2136/W; 6 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7975 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44747

Percussion Petroleum Operating LLC
Morris Boyd St #4
North Seven Rivers; Sec 23 T19S R28E; 550/S & 1980/W; 5 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 8325 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44741

Percussion Petroleum Operating LLC
Morris Boyd St #5
North Seven Rivers; Sec 23 T19S R28E; 0830 & 1650/W; 5 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 8324 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44749

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De Oro Federal #111
Getty; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 914/N & 330/W; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 11214 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44759

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De Oro Fed #112
Getty; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 278/N & 1889/W; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 11496 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44760

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De Oro Fed #113
Getty; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 131/N & 1859/E; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 11502 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44761

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De Oro Fed #121
Getty; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 914/N & 300/W; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12077 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44762

Matador Production Co.
Cueva De Oro Fed #122
Getty; Sec 21 T20S R29E; 278/N & 1859/W; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12346 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44763

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Mariner Fee 23 28 19 WA #10
Purple Sage; Sec 18 T23S R28E; 665/S & 1653/E; 2 1/2 mi NW Loving; Rot 14711 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44736

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Ogden 20509 29 32 Fed #1
Purple Sage; Sec 29 T23S R28E; 270/N & 1505/E; 1/2 mi SW Loving; Rot 17100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44749

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Ogden 20509 29 32 Fed #2
Purple Sage; Sec 29 T23S R28E; 300/N & 1505/E; 1/2 mi SW Loving; Rot 17100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44750

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Spud Muffin 31 30 #733
Purple Sage; Sec 31 T23S R29E; 475/S & 2375/W; 3 mi NE Malaga; Rot 18390 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44752

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Spud Muffin 31 30 #734
Purple Sage; Sec 31 T23S R29E; 475/S & 2435/W; 3 mi NE Malaga; Rot 18505 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44753

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Spud Muffin 31 30 #735
Purple Sage; Sec 31 T23S R29E; 475/S & 2075/E; 3 mi NE Malaga; Rot 18384 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44754

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Spud Muffin 31 30 #736
Purple Sage; Sec 31 T23S R29E; 475/S & 2015/E; 3 mi NE Malaga; Rot 18512 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44755

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Spud Muffin 31 30 #737
Purple Sage; Sec 31 T23S R29E; 335/S & 2465/E; 3 mi NE Malaga; Rot 18090 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44756

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Spud Muffin 31 30 #738
Purple Sage; Sec 31 T23S R29E; 335/S & 185/E; 3 mi NE Malaga; Rot 18203 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44757

Matador Production Co.
Jimmy Kone 05 24S 28E RB #215
Purple Sage; Sec 5 T24S R28E; 1887/N & 225/E; 2 mi S Loving; Rot 14700 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44744

Matador Production Co.
Brantley St 13 24 27 RB #208
Purple Sage; Sec 18 T24S R28E; 992/N & 187/W; 3 mi SW Malaga; Rot 14630 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44742

Matador Production Co.
Brantley St 13 24 27 RB #211
Purple Sage; Sec 18 T24S R28E; 992/N & 187/W; 3 mi SW Malaga; Rot 14900 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44743

Matador Production Co.
Garrett Com #121
Willow Lake; Sec 32 T24S R29E; 310/N & 570/W; 5 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14280 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44751

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Snapping 12 1 Fed #521
West Jennings; Sec 12 T26S R31E; 2325/N & 610/W; 23 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15794 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44737

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Snapping 12 1 Fed #522
West Jennings; Sec 12 T26S R31E; 2325/N & 1760/W; 23 mi SE Malaga; Rot 16170 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44738

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Snapping 21 1 Fed #523
West Jennings; Sec 12 T26S R31E; 2325/N & 1880/W; 23 mi SE Malaga; Rot 16188 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44739

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Snapping 21 1 Fed #532
West Jennings; Sec 12 T26SD R31E; 2325/N & 940/W; 23 mi SW Malaga; Rot 16084 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44739

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Snapping 21 1 Fed #623
Purple Sage; Sec 12 T26S R31E; 2325/N & 1820/W; 23 mi SW Malaga; Rot 16808 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44740

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Shovel Head Fed Com #18
West Maljamar; Sec 5 T17S R32E; 330/S & 200/E; 2 mi NW Maljamar; Rot 13658 Yeso; API #30-025-4518

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Federal #5
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 2634/N & 1907/W; 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 12261 Yeso; API #30-025-44529

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Federal #7
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 1068/N & 2540/W; 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 12888 Yeso; API #30-025-44530

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Federal #11
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 755/S & 2460/E; 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 13652 Yeso; API #30-025-44531

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Federal #15
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 2310/N & 330/W; 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 12874 Yeso; API #30-025-44532

ConocoPhillips Co.
Peridot 8 Federal #17
West Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S R32E; 915/N & 2540/W; 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 13348 Yeso; API #30-025-44533

Matador Production Co.
Coach Joe Fed Com #122
Featherstone; Sec 9 T20S R35E; 283/N & 1897/W; 12 mi SW Monument; Rot 15074 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44542

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Rebel 16/9 B2OJ St #1
South Berry-Re-Entry of Cimarex Energy Co Berry 16 St #1 P&A, Old TD 15309; Sec 16 T21S R34E; 316/S & 2095/E; 12 1/2 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 17950 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40342

Matador Production Co.
Nina Cordell Fed Com #121
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 3 T22S R32E; 150/S & 585/W; 10 mi SW Hallway; Rot 12888 Yeso; API #30-025-44530

Matador Production Co.
Nina Cordell Fed Com #123
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 3 T22S R32E; 150/S & 2058/E; 10 mi SW Hallway; Rot 15801 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44549

Matador Production Co.
Nina Cordell Fed Com #124
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 3 T22S R32E; 150/S & 1416/E; 10 mi SW Hallway; Rot 15709 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44550

Kaiser Francis Oil Co.
Bell Lake Unit South #220
North Bell Lake; Sec 1 T24S R33E; 2233/S & 583/W; 4 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 16872 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44526

Tap Rock Operating LLC
Zeus 24S22E0909 St #108
West Triple X; Sec 9 T24S R33E; 878/S & 241/E; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44523

Tap Rock Operating LLC
Zeus 24S33E0909 St #188
West Triple X; Sec 9 T24S R33E; 877/S & 218/E; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15400 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44524

EOG Resources Inc.
Streetcar 15 Fed #601
Draper Mill; Sec 15 T26S R33E; 249/S & 358/E; 8 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17047 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44536

Matador Production Co.
Leslie Fed Com #21
Dogie Draw; Sec 17 T25S R36E; 295/S & 1172/W; 10 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13652 Delaware; API #30-025-44543

Matador Production Co.
Leslie Fed Com #201
Dogie Draw; Sec 17 T25S R36E; 295/S & 1203/W; 10 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17242 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44544

Matador Production Co.
Leslie Fed Com #203
Dogie Draw; Sec 17 T25S R36E; 360/S & 584/E; 10 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17238 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44545

Matador Production Co.
Leslie Fed Com #215
Dogie Draw; Sec 17 T25S R36E; 295/S & 1232/W; 10 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17309 Delaware; API #30-025-44546

Matador Production Co.
Leslie Fed Com #217
Dogie Draw; Sec 17 T25S R36E; 300/S & 2085/E; 10 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17282 Delaware; API #30-025-44547

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Salado Draw 9 16 W1BO Federal com #3
Sanders Tank; Sec 9 T26S R33E; 310/N & 2260/E; 12 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22020 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44540

EOG Resources Inc.
Whirling Wind Federal Com #709
Bobcat Draw; Sec 11 T26S R33E; 1914/S & 2223/E; 8 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 20092 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44517

EOG Resources Inc.
Barlow 34 Fed #710
Sand Tank; Sec 34 T25S R33E; 300/S & 1980/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 16997 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44539

Matador Production Co.
Uncle Chris Fed #134
Featherstone; Sec 21 T26S R33E; 360/S & 2094/E; 11 mi SW Jal; Rot 15322 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44530

North Dakota oil patch hub experiencing housing shortage

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Williston real estate agents sold more homes in the first quarter of 2018 than any other before, according to recently published data.

Williston's Development Services Director Mark Schneider told The Bismarck Tribune that 110 homes changed hands over the three-month period.

The oil patch hub is in the midst of a single-family housing shortage that's expected to worsen as oil and gas activity picks up for the season. North Dakota Job Service's Williston office has 2,000 job openings advertised. Officials are still unsure how incoming workers might be housed through the summer. Schneider said apartments and hotels are at least 90 percent occupied already. Williston Area Builders Association President Mike Dolbec said he expects those units to be full within a couple months.

There are 25 single-family homes currently listed for sale in the $250,000 to $330,000 range and 24 in the $330,000 to $400,000 range, according to the Multiple Listing Service.

WILDCATS

Courtesy DrillingInfo

Texas RRCD 7C

Reagan County

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Cope 107-108 #47HD
Wildcat; 785 fwl, 188 fnl, Sec 107, Blk 2, Abst. 626, T&P RR, 23.1 ne Big Lake; TD 9000; API #42-383-40217
Permit issued 4/6

Texas RRCD 8A

Dickens County

Schalk Oil Company Inc.
Kendrick #1
Wildcat; 330 fwl, 330 fnl, Sec 283, Blk 1, Abst. 148, H&GN RR, 3.2 nw Spur; TD 5200; API #42-125-31370
Permit issued 4/3

New Mexico

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Tigercat Federal Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 8 T26S R33E; 360/N & 1650/W; 12 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 12866 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44534

COG Operating LLC
Tigercat Federal Com #4
Wildcat; Sec 8 T26S R33E; 360/N & 1620/W; 12 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14768 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44535

Tap Rock Operating LLC
Zeus 24S33E0909 St #228
Wildcat; Sec 9 T24S R33E; 877/S & 191/E; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 18500 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44525

EOG Resources Inc.
Streetcar 15 Fed #701
Wildcat; Sec 15 T25S R33E; 249/S & 323/E; 8 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17210 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44537

Ameredev Operating LLC
Camellia 26 36 16 St #101
Wildcat; Sec 16 T26S R36E; 210/S & 380/W; 5 mi SW Jal; Rot 16928 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44527

Impetro Oil & Gas LLC
Prizehog BWZ St #3
Wildcat; Sec 19 T26S R36E; 250/N & 2310/E; 7 mi SW Jal; Rot 17400 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44521

Impetro Oil & Gas LLC
Wildhog BWX St #3
Wildcat; Sec 20 T26S T36E; 350/N & 2310/E; 6 mi SW Jal; Rot 17400 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44522

Petroleum Professional Development Center

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Waterflooding: Performance Predictions and Surveillance
Instructor: Dr. Michael Wiggins
Start Date: April 23-27, 2018 – Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday: 8 a.m. to Noon
Cost: $3,975; Out of State: $4,000

Energy Land Management
Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: April 26-27, 2018 – Thursday - Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $675; Out of State $700

Professional Technical Sales
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: April 27, 2018 – Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State: $275

New Course: LMKR: Geomodeling with GVERSE Registered directly with LMKR: cvilleri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Andrew Vessel
Start Date: April 30, 2018 – Monday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $750

Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils
Instructor: Kerry Sublette
Start Date: April 30, 2018 – Monday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $395; Out of State: $420

Critical Title Issues
Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: April 30, 2018 – Monday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Land Titles, Title Examination and Title Opinions
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 2, 2018; End Date: May 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., May 1, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 2 of 6: Chaining, Interpreting and Curing Title
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Start Date: May 2, 2018; End Date: May 30, 2018; Registration Deadline: 11:59 p.m., May 1, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method
Instructor: David M. Orchard
Start Date: May 3 - 4, 2018 – Thursday - Friday -8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State: $425

Optimizing Oilfield Systems Using Spreadsheet Models
Instructor: Peter L. Galusky, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
Start Date: May 7, 2018 – Monday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $350, Out of State $375

PetroSkills: Unconventional Resources Completion and Stimulation –URCS
Instructor: Larry Britt
Start Date: May 7-11, 2018 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $4190

Petroleum Land Management
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: May 8, 2018; End Date: May 9, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $649; Out of State: $674

Sucker Rod Pumps: From Basics to Troubleshooting Sand and Gas Interference
Instructor: Rodney Sands
Start Date: May 8, 2018 8 a.m. to Noon and May 9, 2018 8 a.m. to Noon – Tuesday and Wednesday – ½ days
Cost: $150; Out of State $175

New Course: LMKR: GGX – Project and Data Management Essentials
Registered directly with LMKR: cvilleri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Andrew Vessel
Start Date: May 8-9, 2018 – Wednesday - Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1000

New Course: LMKR: PRIZM – Petrophysics Essentials
Registered directly with LMKR: cvilleri@lmkr.com
Instructor: John French
Start Date: May 10 -11, 2018 – Monday – Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1500

"OLD" (Pre-1958) Electric Logs: A Quick Review
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: May 11, 2018 – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $425; Out of State: $450

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: May 14-16, 2018 – Monday – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1095; Out of State: $1020

Gas Lift Design and Operations
Instructor: Michael K. Johnson
Start Date: May 14 – 17, 2018 – Monday – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1800; Out of State $1825.00

Division Orders 101
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: May 15, 2018 – Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State: $425

Introduction to Well Completion
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: May 17 -18, 2018 – Thursday - Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $720; Out of State: $745

Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods
Instructor: John Stermole
Start Date: May 21-24, 2018 – Monday – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $2595; Out of State $2620

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: May 22-23, 2018 – Tuesday - Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

2018 Permian Basin Environmental Regulatory Seminar
Location: Midland College Carrasco Room – Main Campus
Start Date: May 24, 2018 – Thursday – 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: Now through April 22nd – Early Bird Pricing: $155 In state; $180 Out of State
Cost: April 23rd through May 13th – Full Price - $200 In State; $225 Out of State
Cost: May 14th -24th - Late: $250 Instate; $275 Out of State
(Price includes breakfast and lunch)

Right of Way Acquisition Training
Instructor: Don Valden
Start Date: May 30, 2018 - Wednesday– 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; $525 Out of State

Advanced Right of Way Acquisition Training
Instructor: Don Valden
Start Date: May 31, 2018 – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; $525 Out of State

New Course: LMKR: Data Clean Up
Start Date: May 31, 2018 – Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $900
Registered directly with LMKR: cvilleri@lmkr.com
Instructor: Scott Oelke

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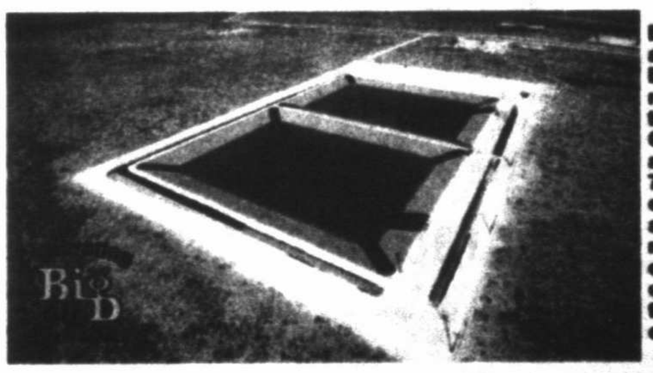
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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

SIPES hosts BEG director

Members of the Midland chapter, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) will meet 11:15 a.m. Wednesday in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club.

Scott W. Tinker, director of the Bureau of Economic Geology, state geologist and holder of the Allday Endowed Chair at the University of Texas, will speak on "The Complete Paradox of Shale."

There is no charge for members; there is a $20 charge for guests.

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WhiteWater Midstream begins operations at Agua Blanca Pipeline

WhiteWater Midstream's Agua Blanca pipeline began commercial operations on April 1, putting in service 72 miles of 36-inch diameter pipe with a capacity of 1.4 billion cubic feet per day.

The pipeline runs from Orla to the Waha Hub, servicing portions of Culberson, Loving, Pecos, Reeves and Ward counties with multiple direct downstream connections including to the Trans-Pecos Header.

The project is supported by substantial long-term, firm volume commitments. WhiteWater is in the process of expanding Agua Blanca's connectivity and is considering a number of options to expand overall pipeline capacity.

US natural gas production sets record in 2017

U.S. natural gas production reached record levels last year, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, an increase that substantially boosted exports even as Texas, the largest gas-producing state, lost some of its momentum.

Gross withdrawals reached 90.9 billion cubic feet per day in 2017, the agency's highest volume on record. Marketed natural gas production, which does not include gas vented, flared, used for re-pressuring or removed during processing, also reached record levels.

Louisiana's gross withdrawals increased from 4.8 billion cubic feet per day to 5.8 billion cubic feet per day, marking the largest annual gain of any state. And the Appalachian region, which includes the Marcellus and Utica shale fields in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, also saw substantial volume growth.

Texas, however, saw production volume decline from 22.2 billion cubic feet per day in 2016 to 21.7 billion cubic feet per day last year. But the state remained the nation's top producer, outpacing Pennsylvania's production by about 7 billion cubic feet per day.

Nationally, gross withdrawals increased for five consecutive months starting in July and reached a record monthly high of 96.7 billion cubic feet per day in December, the Energy Department reported. Marketed natural gas production set an annual record at 78.9 billion cubic feet per day.

Natural gas exports increased 36 percent amid the surge in production, making the nation a net natural gas exporter for the first time in nearly 60 years.

BP, Shell make new North Sea commitments

European oil majors BP and Royal Dutch Shell said Tuesday they're committed to developing new fields in the North Sea as the offshore sector slowly rebounds through thriftier projects.

BP and its partners said they will spend about $520 million to develop the new areas. Each field will connect to an existing oil platform, which follows the trend projects that don't require adding new multibillion-dollar deepwater platforms.

The new Alligin field north of Scotland is a 50-50 partnership between BP and Shell that will tie into BP's Glen Lyon floating, production, storage and offloading vessel.

Likewise, BP will develop the Vorlich field east of Scotland with a subsidiary of Israel's Delek Group called Ithaca Energy that's based out of Scotland. BP owns a two-thirds stake. The development will connect with Ithaca's FPF-1 floating production facility.

Both fields are expected to come online in 2020 and produce about 30,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day each. Alligin has an estimated 20 million barrels of recoverable oil while Vorlich has about 30 million.



Christopher Pike/Bloomberg

The Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Inc. skyscraper, center, stands on the Abu Dhabi Breakwater peninsular in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on Tuesday. Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. will issue its first competitive tender for partners to explore for and develop oil and natural gas as the government-owned producer seeks new ways to increase production in the United Arab Emirates.

Abu Dhabi, for first time, seeks partners to develop oil, gas fields

By Anthony DiPaola and Mahmoud Habboush
Bloomberg

Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. will issue its first competitive tender for partners to explore for and develop oil and natural gas as the government-owned producer seeks new ways to increase production in the United Arab Emirates.

Bidding for four onshore and two offshore blocks will probably be completed by October, and Adnoc should select the winners by the end of the year, Chief Executive Officer Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber said Tuesday at a news conference in Abu Dhabi. The partners would have to pay for exploration, and once production starts, Adnoc would take a 60 percent stake, he said.

Abu Dhabi, the largest emirate in the U.A.E., holds about 6 percent of global crude reserves and produces most of the country's oil. While the U.A.E., a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, is curbing output in a global effort to clear a crude glut, Abu Dhabi plans to raise capacity to 3.5 million barrels a day by the end of the year. It recently awarded concessions to companies including Total SA and Eni SpA to help it develop fields already under production.

Very rarely" does a major OPEC nation offer international oil companies the chance to explore within its borders, said Robin Mills, chief executive officer of Dubai-based consultant Qamar Energy. "It should be fairly low risk since there is a lot of oil," and Abu Dhabi's fields have generally got a low cost of production, he said.

The tender will cover a combined area of almost 11,580 square miles that is estimated to contain "multiple billion barrels of oil and multiple trillion cubic feet of natural gas," Abdul Munim Saif Al-Kindy, Adnoc's director of upstream, said. He didn't estimate how much of the oil and gas would be commercially viable for companies to produce.

The company says it can pump about 3 million barrels daily, with just under half coming from offshore deposits, and is also looking to expand production of gas as fuel for power plants. The U.A.E. is the fourth-largest member of OPEC and pumped 2.86 million barrels a day of oil in March, data compiled by Bloomberg show.

Infrastructure needed to support growth in gas supplies

■ Industry needs to spend $170 billion, exporter CEO says

By Naureen S. Malik
Bloomberg

Bottlenecks on the U.S. natural gas super highway are starting to stack up, raising concerns about whether infrastructure can be built fast enough to meet surging supplies.

Gas output will expand by 24 billion cubic feet, or 32 percent, through 2025 from last year, according to U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates. To support that growth, the country's gas industry needs to spend $170 billion over the next seven years on pipelines, compressor stations, export terminals and other related infrastructure, said Meg Gentle, chief executive officer of gas exporter Tellurian Inc. "One threat to the U.S. being able to export LNG and expand its export capability is the overall commitment to invest in infrastructure to move natural gas," Gentle said in an interview at the Bloomberg New Energy Finance Future of Energy Summit in New York onTuesday.

It's a warning that for parts of the country the pipeline woes aren't over yet. Appalachian producers have been grappling for the better part of the shale boom of the past decade with limited pipeline access. Spot prices there slumped to record lows last year and have started to rebound as new capacity starts up.

Permian problem

Now the Permian Basin, known for its oil-rich layers of rock, is facing the threat of having to slow down the output of crude because drillers lack capacity to handle all of the gas that's flowing as a mere byproduct. For companies building multibillion-dollar plants to chill gas into liquid and ship it abroad, the abundance of cheap gas from the Permian in West Texas is an advantage. Developments there "will happen" because it's an environment supportive to energy infrastructure, she said. That may not happen fast enough for Appalachia.

Producers are getting increasingly concerned about worsening pipeline constraints, Drillinginfo co-founder Allen Gilmer said during a panel at the BNEF summit. It's harder for the industry to get its hands around this because these limits aren't being driven by operating or engineering issues but more by "social change and cultural conditions," he said.

Wyoming's economy isn't robust, but energy services are hiring

Associated Press

CASPER, Wyo. — Aaron Stump walked into the Ramkota Hotel in Casper Tuesday morning looking for a job. A slim manila folder held copies of his resume. A single page showed the 46-year-old's life in boiler plate: a college degree, posts in various industries, most recently bentonite.

Thanks to a bachelor's degree, Stump landed work in the lab of a local mine until March 9, when he was laid off. He had recently bought a new house.

He's feeling desperate, hoping for a good paying job. An oilfield services firm, Stallion, had seemed promising.

"I'm thinking energy," he said.

He walked passed the empty bar and the quiet indoor swimming pool to an open room in the back of the Ramkota, where dozens of men and women like Stump came with the same goal in mind: find work.

Tuesday was the largest job fair that the Casper Workforce Center, an arm of the state's Department of Workforce Services, has ever hosted, the Casper Star-Tribune reported. More than 70 employers from the U.S. Marine Corp. to Chesapeake Energy held booths, and by 11 a.m. nearly every booth had someone picking up a flier and or dropping a resume.

About 15 energy-related businesses were hiring, mostly service firms from the oil and gas sector — trucking, water haulers and drilling services.

Scott Dumas is the shop manager in Casper for Stallion Oilfield Services, a national firm present in a number of oil and gas regions across the country. A big part of Dumas' work is in repairs, fixing the portable homes that serve as so called "man camps" for the oil fields. During the downturn, his staff of more than a dozen fell to two.

Now they're hiring for his shop, and looking to swell their ranks to a little over 20, he said.

They aren't the only ones. Demand for energy jobs is large enough now that a few months ago the Department of Workforce Services broke tradition on their annual job fair and held an extra fair just for energy folks. On Tuesday, energy came again.

"A couple years ago when the economy wasn't doing too well, we had the flip flop," said Mary Orr, an employment specialist with the state. "There were so many job seekers, not as many openings. Now we've got a good atmosphere, a lot of good work out there."

Things are picking up for the service firms that have shops in central Wyoming thanks to an oil price hovering around $60 a barrel. Firms are drilling again or setting up to drill, and that means demand for mechanics, drivers and machinists.

This isn't a boom. The price of oil hasn't shot skyward. And everyone notes, with a shrug of resignation, that all good things depend on the price of oil remaining steady.

A lot of companies are having trouble finding eligible workers, said Laura Berry, HR manager for the Fluid Management Division of A&W Water Services, which is hiring.

Wyoming's economy is still fairly weak. A triple bust in gas, oil and coal knocked out a significant portion of the workforce over the last three years. In a fossil fuel state, when the jobs go, so do the workers. The state's unemployment rate was 4 percent in February. It's low for a reason — many people looking for jobs left.

"You do end up losing people, because you can't find enough work to keep them going," said Marcie Klein, manager of safety services for Bar-S Services Inc. "When the downturn hit around this area, everybody fled."

The family-owned company serves a number of needs in the oilfields from roustabout crews to rig movers. It's headquartered in Cheyenne.

A backlog of applications to drill has some anticipating significant activity in the years to come if the price of oil is stable. But Klein said her company isn't staffing for the future. They are staffing for now.

Service companies like A&W Water Services say the same. They started to see a turnaround in demand for oil field services last year, with a surge around January.

The firm can offer positions where making $80,000 a year is do-able, but they have to find the people.

The humid scent of chlorine from the Ramkota pool lay over the room as dozens of people milled from table to table or sat off to the side filling out applications.

The notice for the job fair printed in the Star-Tribune said to come dressed and prepared for an interview. For many that meant a nice shirt above jeans. Others wore their dusty work boots. Some donned sports coats and ties.

Stump came in clean shaven, a zip-up hoodie over his broad shoulders. He hopes his bachelor's degree will give him an edge, as it did in the bentonite industry. He's coming up on a month out of work and money is thin. This isn't his first job fair.

His family can help with the house payments. They can't be expected to support him from one day to the next, he said.

"To tell you the truth, I'm just looking for anything," Stump said. "You hate to go to fast food. But, if I have to, I have to."

He's not alone. The room was full of Wyomingites that don't have a job, or have one but can't make ends meet. They were there looking for something else, something better, or just something.

A man who had wanted to be a police officer looked for a plan B after failing to qualify for the force. An older man dressed in camouflage had once been a truck driver in the military. Life is simply better behind the wheel, he told the director of Sage Truck Driving Schools. A young man fresh out of high school looked for his first shot at joining the workforce. Stump looked for his way back in.

On Tuesday, the workforce had open arms.

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UTPB Shepperd Institute schedules Distinguished Lecture

Shale and Texas Energy: Revolutionizing the Future of Energy?

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The unlocking of the vast oil and gas reserves in Texas shale is poised to radically alter the energy future of our region, our state, and our nation. How and what should we be thinking about to be as ready as we can be to adapt to the change that is certainly coming? Hear what three distinguished experts have to say about the benefits and challenges this new energy bonanza will bring, and consider for yourself our region's role in the global energy economy at the next John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute Distinguished Lecture, Thursday, April 26th, at 7:00 PM, in the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Admission is free, courtesy of Dr. Diana J. Hinton, holder of the J. Conrad Dunagan Chair of Regional and Business History at UT Permian Basin.

The lecture **Shale and Texas Energy: Past and Future** will be moderated by Jacki Pick, current host of the energy-focused Dallas-based radio program *The Jacki Daily Show*. Jacki is a distinguished scholar and veteran of law, politics and the energy industry in both Washington DC and Texas, who has deep family roots in the energy business. On stage with her will be three featured panelists–Amy Myers Jaffe, Christi Craddick, and Gary Sernovitz.

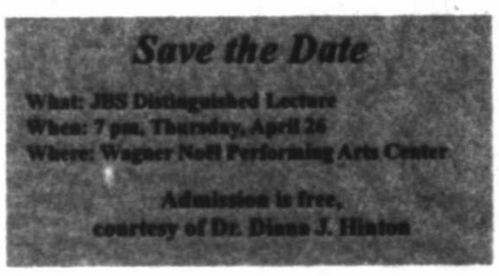
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Christi Craddick, is Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, the state government body with oversight of the oil and natural gas industries. She has served on the Commission since 2012, and became chairman in 2014. Prior to her public service she was an attorney, specializing in oil and gas, water, tax issues, electric deregulation and environmental policy. Craddick is a native of Midland, with undergraduate and law degrees from UT Austin. She resides in Austin and is very active in her community through numerous organizations, among them the State Bar of Texas, University of Texas Liberal Arts Alumni Advisory Council, and the Dell Children's Medical Center Foundation.

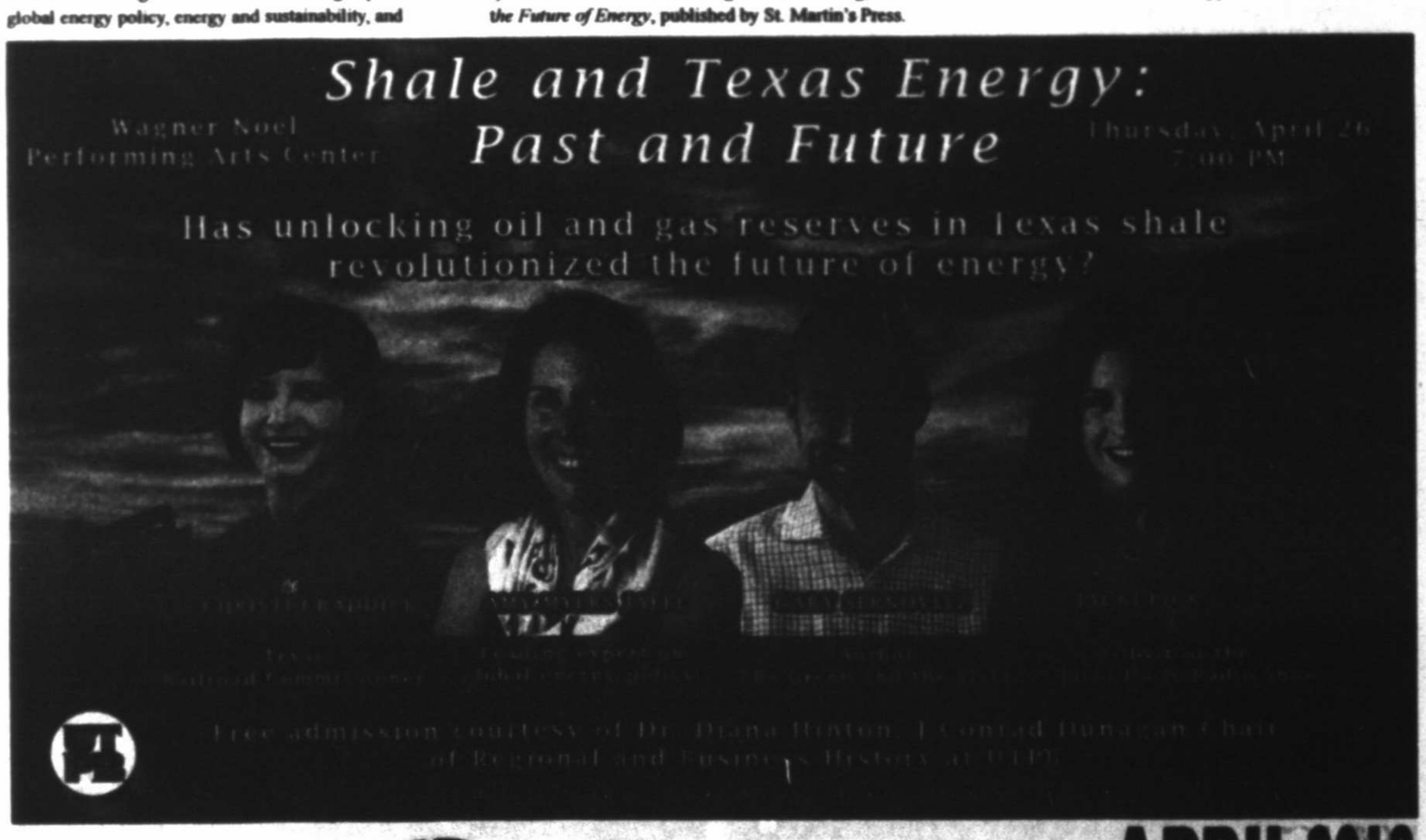
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The Shepperd Institute strongly encourages audience members to engage the panelists. The audience will be able to submit questions during the lecture via text message to a moderator at (432) 201-7415. Questions may also be submitted in advance of the event.

For more information about this lecture event, please contact Cyndi Ward at (432) 552-2850 or at ward_c@utpb.edu.



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Roughneck Eluid Cervantes lubricates a section of drilling pipe in 2017 at the Abraxus Petroleum Shut Eye Unit oil drilling rig in the Eagle Ford Shale in Atascosa County.

US oil debt eases, meaning drillers target next shale play

By Kevin Crowley
San Antonio Express-News

U.S. oil and gas producers expect their borrowing ability to increase over the next few months, leaving them open to invest in new shale assets, particularly the Eagle Ford in Texas.

That's the conclusion of Haynes & Boone LLP, which found that more than 80 percent of respondents predict their borrowing bases, or credit availability backed by collateral, will likely increase as banks conduct their biannual reviews. That may benefit the Eagle Ford and Austin Chalk as the "next big play," the study said.

The Eagle Ford is already an established shale play, generating about 12 percent of U.S. oil, but it's been receiving more attention of late. While the formation produces only about a third as much crude as the Permian Basin, the country's most prolific field, the Eagle Ford is closer to the Gulf Coast's network of refineries and pipelines, and drilling rights are cheaper.

In March, Steve Chazen, former Occidental Petroleum Corp. chief executive officer, bought drilling rights in the Eagle Ford and Austin Chalk from EnerVest Ltd. in a deal worth $2.66 billion. KKR & Co. and Venado Oil & Gas LLC also expanded their position in the play with a $765 million purchase of Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. assets that month.

EOG Resources Inc. is the biggest producer of crude from the Eagle Ford currently. Production from the play, though, remains below its 2015 peak, according to the Energy Information Administration, potentially creating an opportunity for new entrants.

With West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. crude benchmark, up 28 percent in the past six months, pressures have been easing on debt-loaded oil producers. They've used that to lock in prices. About 50 to 60 percent of their 2018 production has been hedged, the survey indicated.

Producers will use cash flow from operations, bank debt and private equity as their main sources of capital this year, the survey said. Bankruptcies "are showing a dropoff," it said.



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New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern makes a point during a joint press conference with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull on March 8in Sydney. Signaling its commitment to a clean energy future, New Zealand's government won't issue any more permits for offshore oil and gas exploration. Existing permits won't be affected, meaning the industry is likely to continue in the South Pacific nation for decades. But it's a change in direction for the country after a liberal government was elected last year, replacing conservatives who favored expanding the industry

New Zealand puts brakes on search for oil in bid to go green

Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Signaling its commitment to a clean energy future, New Zealand's government announced Thursday it won't issue any more permits for offshore oil and gas exploration.

The move won't affect existing permits for exploration or extraction, meaning the industry is likely to continue in the South Pacific nation for several more decades.

Still, the move is a change in direction after voters last year elected the liberal government led by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. That followed nine years of conservative leadership under a government that favored expanding the industry.

Ardern has pledged to go green by reducing the country's net greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050. Her government also plans to plant 100 million trees each year and ensure the electricity grid runs entirely from renewable energy.

The oil and gas industry is relatively small in New Zealand, employing about 11,000 people and accounting for about 1 percent of the overall economy. It is dwarfed in importance by farming and tourism.

But the industry is important to the Taranaki region, where most of the activity is centered.

New Plymouth Mayor Neil Holdom told Radio New Zealand the move was a "kick in the guts for the future of the Taranaki economy."

But Ardern said nobody would be losing their jobs as a result of the move.

"We're striking the right balance for New Zealand," Ardern said. "We're protecting existing industry, and protecting future generations from climate change."

Opposition lawmaker Jonathan Young described the move as "economic vandalism."

"This decision is devoid of any rationale. It certainly has nothing to do with climate change," Young said. "These changes will simply shift production elsewhere in the world, not reduce emissions."

The idea of an expansion in offshore drilling has proved contentious in New Zealand, particularly after problems elsewhere like the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Environmental group Greenpeace hailed Ardern's move. Russel Norman, the group's executive director in New Zealand, said the country "has stood up to one of the most powerful industries in the world."

The announcement does not apply to onshore exploration permits. The government said those would continue for the next three years and be reviewed after that.

