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Consortium facilities can help with child care shortage

Editor's note: This article is a follow-up to the mayor's "Call to Action" event this past week.

President Trump's tax cuts and Jobs Act doubled the amount of the child care tax credit Americans can claim per child, but it can be difficult to get that tax credit in Midland, where the shortage of quality child care has resulted in waiting lists that stretch to thousands of names. At any given time, child care providers estimate that there are 1,000 to 1,500 children in Midland who need a space in a child care facility. This is a substantial impediment to economic growth in Midland: mothers are dropping out of the workforce, and employers are finding it difficult to recruit and retain parents as employees.

SARA HARRIS

Midland Development Corp.

The Midland Development Corp. is creating solutions to Midland's child care challenges. We are proposing a franchise-based, employer-sponsored child care consortium facility with this structure:

A nationally-known child care provider brand will contract with a franchisee in Midland.

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The franchisee will draw up agreements with a group of employers in Midland to form a consortium facility.

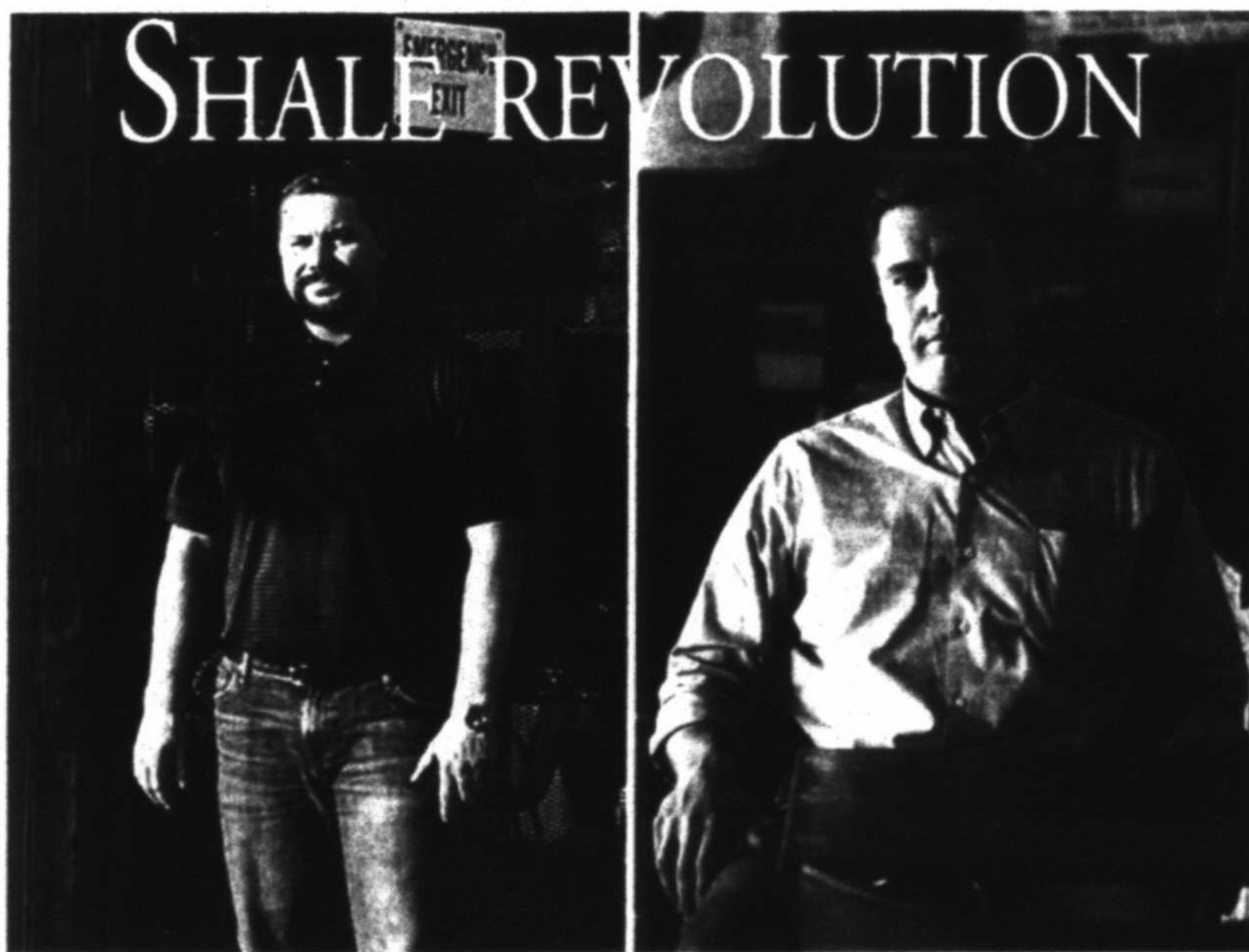
The franchisee will be responsible for the facility construction costs and will be the facility owner and operator. Curriculum, brand identity and marketing will be under the control of the nationally-known child care provider brand, and the

franchisee will be responsible for upholding high standards of education and care.

The participating group of employers would contract with the franchisee for the number of child care spaces needed, and the employers would commit to a 10-year agreement to pay for the contracted number of spaces. These costs could be passed on to employees, or partially subsidized, at the choice of each individual employer.

While the need for child care in Midland is great, so is the incentive for companies to participate in child care. Companies that provide child care solutions to their employees receive a measurable return on their

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LEFT: Cody Campbell, co-chief executive officer and co-founder of Double Eagle Energy III Holdings LLC, stands for a photograph outside "The Bar" Aug. 21 in Midland. RIGHT: John Sellers, co-chief executive officer and co-founder of Double Eagle Energy III Holdings LLC, sits for a photograph. Dozens of young entrepreneurs, mostly in their 30s, are running private-equity-backed companies in the frenzied boom in West Texas and New Mexico that may each be worth billions of dollars.

Thirty-something entrepreneurs make their fortunes in shale

By Kevin Crowley
Bloomberg

John Sellers and Cody Campbell were holding court one hot August evening in the corner of an oil-themed dive bar in Midland. After flying in on their private jet, they're shaking hands, cracking jokes and talking deals with aspiring oilmen, contractors and land traders, almost all in their early 30s. A life-sized, stuffed grizzly bear stands by a wall wearing a baseball cap embossed with: "Make Oil & Gas Great Again."

It's not hard to see why Sellers and Campbell are in such high demand in

this hard-scrabble city that has become the global center of the shale revolution. Over the past decade, they've bought and sold tens of thousands of oil leases in the Permian Basin, making deals blessed with a handshake in diners, on the hoods of trucks and in bars such as this.

The co-CEOs of Double Eagle Energy III Holdings LLC may be the most prolific, and richest, Texas dealmakers you've never heard of. At just 36 years old, they've personally made at least \$500 million combined, according to an analysis by the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, based on typical deals in the

sector. They declined comment on their wealth.

The oil industry has produced many billion-dollar fortunes, from H.L. Hunt, who rose to fame in the 1930s, to Harold Hamm, who led the innovations in shale that began in the 2000s. But while most were made from striking oil, the new game in town is land. Sellers and Campbell began as land men, specialists in buying and quickly selling drilling rights, which, in Texas, are all privately owned.

"You can have the best drilling engineer, the best geologist, the best of everything, but if you don't own an oil and gas lease you can't drill a well," said Campbell, who was wearing a polo shirt, jeans and cowboy boots and sipping whiskey on the rocks. "The land man was always looked down upon be-

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Permian Basin producers hedge their bets

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Oil companies are dramatically increasing their hedges on Permian Basin oil prices into 2020, locking in prices through long-term futures contracts in case a slew of new pipeline projects fail to come online in time, according to a new report from the energy research firm Wood Mackenzie.

Permian oil producers increased their 2020 hedging positions by more than five times in the second quarter, suggesting a fear that major pipeline constraints could extend well beyond next year. The lack of pipeline capacity has made it difficult to move crude oil to the Gulf Coast and other markets and forced producers to discount their prices.

The huge jump in producers pledging to deliver oil at agreed-upon prices two years from now represents unusually high trading for 2020 contracts, said Andrew McConnell, a corporate research analyst at Wood Mackenzie.

"The only reasonable conclusion one can draw from this surge is that Permian producers are concerned that key pipeline projects won't be completed on schedule," McConnell said.

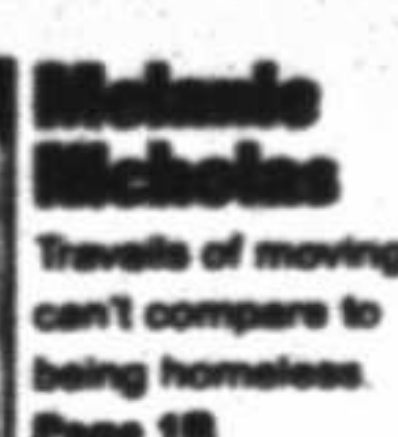
The Permian Basin in West Texas is producing more oil than it can ship out on pipelines, forcing some companies to turn to more expensive truck and train options to move the oil. The result is Permian oil is selling at a nearly \$15 a barrel discount compared to the U.S. benchmark price, which has been trading around \$69 a barrel last week.

Several multibillion-dollar oil and gas pipelines are planned or under construction to move the oil and gas to Gulf Coast refineries and ports, but the first aren't expected to come online until mid-2019. Others aren't scheduled for completion until 2020 or beyond.

The companies placing the biggest hedges

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The big number

A U.S. Border Patrol agent went on a two-week aerial killing spree, according to state troopers who arrested him Saturday. Page 7A

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SpaceX changes plans to send tourists around the moon

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX said it has signed the first private moon traveler, with some changes to its original game plan.

The big reveal on who it is — and when the flight to the moon will be — will be announced Monday at the company's headquarters in Hawthorne, California.

It's not the same mission SpaceX founder Elon Musk outlined last year. The original plan called for two paying passengers to fly around the moon this year, using a Falcon Heavy rocket and a Dragon crew capsule.

At the time, Musk said the pair approached SpaceX about sending them on a weeklong flight and paid a "significant" deposit for the trip.

The new strategy is to still fly around the moon, but using an even bigger SpaceX rocket still in development that has its own dedicated passenger ship. And now, it appears there will be only one person aboard.

Given that this new BFR rocket, as it's dubbed, has yet to be built, the flight presumably is at least a few years off.

SpaceX put out the teaser via Twitter late Thursday, and Musk also tweeted out the news.

Company representatives declined to offer additional details Friday.

Musk's ultimate goal is to colonize Mars. This lunar mission — a flyby, not a landing — represents "an important step toward enabling access for everyday people who dream of traveling to space," SpaceX said in a tweet.



Malcolm Denmark/Florida Today via AP

The launch of Telesat's Telesat 18 Vantage communications satellite on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, launched from Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, is viewed from Minuteman Causeway on Sept. 10 in Cocoa Beach, Fla. Photo is a 145-second time exposure of the launch with life guard station in the foreground.

On its website, SpaceX is touting the "first passenger on lunar BFR mission," implying there will be more.

It would be humanity's first lunar visit

since 1972.

Twenty-four NASA astronauts flew to the moon from 1968 through 1972, and only 12 of them strolled its dusty surface.

Next July will mark the 50th anniversary of the first manned moon landing by Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

Who has leverage at the NAFTA table? It might not just be Trump

By Andrew Mayeda
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — From day one, President Donald Trump has imposed his will on talks to overhaul the North American Free Trade Agreement. But as his administration tries to seal the deal, it's not clear he holds all the cards.

Trump's repeated threats to pull out of the pact have kept Mexico and Canada on their heels. The president may still brandish the threat of withdrawal to push a deal through Congress.

Yet Canada does have some leverage as it decides whether to join a tentative U.S. deal with Mexico. Meanwhile, any deal Trump signs then requires congressional approval, and the Democrats are favored to seize control of the House in November, making approval far from a foregone conclusion.

Here are three ways to think about the power dynamics in the NAFTA renegotiation:

TRUMP HAS ALL THE LEVERAGE

Trump is the reason the negotiations are happening in the first place. He demanded a rewrite, and he set the tone with a series of proposals designed to reduce the U.S. trade deficit, especially the large shortfall with Mexico.

When talks stalled earlier this year, the Trump administration employed a classic divide-and-conquer strategy, focusing on talks with Mexico and leaving Canada on the sidelines. The result was a preliminary deal with Mexico.

The U.S. is trying to persuade Canada to join the party, keeping the three-way structure of NAFTA intact. But Trump has made clear he'll sign a deal only with Mexico if necessary, and he has threatened tariffs on Canadian-made cars if it can't strike a deal.

The clock is ticking: Trump has given notice to Congress that he'll sign a new trade deal with Mexico — and Canada — "if it's willing" by the end of November, and his officials have to present text of the agreement to U.S. lawmakers by the end of this month.

NO, CANADA DOES

Canada may be the David to the U.S. Goliath, but it has proved to be a tenacious negotiator in the past, and it's standing its ground on NAFTA.

The U.S. said it wanted a deal by Aug. 31, so that outgoing Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto could sign the agreement

before his successor, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, takes office Dec. 1, thus insulating the new president from the political risks of a new trade accord. But Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called Trump's bluff, and negotiations with Canada continue.

One key advantage for Trudeau: the math on new auto rules may depend on Canada's inclusion. The U.S.-Mexico proposal requires at least 40 percent of cars in the trade zone be made by workers making \$16 per hour. Adding Canada's relatively well-paid autoworkers would make it much easier to meet that threshold. Trump's plan may be to lure auto plants to the U.S. from Canada. But for now, automakers and unions are pushing for Canada to be brought into the fold.

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill, including members of Trump's own Republican Party, share that view, which puts pressure on Trump to strike a deal with Canada, said Edward Alden, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington.

"The U.S. and Mexico have said they will go it alone, but Congress has made it utterly clear that a U.S.-Mexico-only deal is D.O.A. on the Hill," said Alden.

CONGRESS HAS THE FINAL VOTE

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer has expressed optimism that the deal he's negotiating could win broad support in Congress. Certainly, there are some aspects of the new accord that Democrats can hail as a victory, including the first minimum-wage provision in a U.S. trade deal. Republicans can argue they saved NAFTA from the trash can of history.

But because of the legal hoops the administration has to jump through, it's unlikely NAFTA 2.0 will be put to a vote until next year, when the political climate may be very different. Polls indicate the Democrats will take the House in the midterm elections in November. They will be looking to wound, not support, a president that their base abhors.

"The administration is flying a strange route, because it's claiming to have Democrat support without doing the coalition-building needed to get the votes," said Scott Miller, a senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "It's not the Democrats' agreement. It's not their president. They may just gleefully walk away."

Reagor-Dykes court filings further explain what happened, condemn former CFO

By Sarah Self-Walbrick
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Documents filed last week in response to Ford Motor Credit Co.'s federal lawsuit against Reagor-Dykes Auto Group and its owners shed more light on what happened between the creditor and dealerships.

The defendants had until Friday morning to respond to claims they owe Ford over \$113 million and violated contracts by selling vehicles out of trust and failing to pay charges when due.

In separate filings, Bart Reagor denied the allegations, as did Rick Dykes, who cited he did not have sufficient information to respond otherwise.

The response filed by counsel for Reagor and the three dealerships states, "Ford Credit's claims are barred by the doctrine of unclear hands."

Previous court filings have suggested former Chief Financial Officer Shane Smith should be investigated for what led to the dealerships' financial and legal issues. Smith made a "stunning disclosure" to Ford, Reagor and Dykes that he provided false financial information to the creditor, according to the response filed by Dykes' counsel. RDAG promptly fired Smith.

A-J Media's multiple attempts to contact Smith have gone

unanswered.

The document states the admission was referred to the U.S. Attorney's office, "which has commenced an investigation." The FBI could not confirm or deny the investigation on Friday afternoon. No criminal charges have been filed against Smith.

A regular on-site review conducted by Ford in June 2018, and managed by Smith on behalf of RDAG, went well, reiterated court documents.

In late July, Ford notified Smith an emergency review would be conducted. The review was prompted by irregularities in financial reports.

Reagor and Dykes, who were both out of town at the time of the emergency audit, were not told about the situation until after Ford confirmed there were problems.

They returned to Lubbock, and the original civil lawsuit was filed a few days later.

"Almost overnight," court documents read, "Ford Credit's actions have resulted in the bankruptcy of six West Texas auto dealerships, the loss of hundreds of jobs in several West Texas communities, and the destruction of substantial wealth."

Smith served as CFO for Reagor-Dykes for 11 years, where he coordinated and managed all financing agreements.

The documents filed by Dykes state the co-owners trusted Smith to do his job correctly.

Before working for RDAG, Smith worked as an asset and operations manager for Ford Motor Credit Co. Court documents state Smith maintained a close professional and personal relationship with Gary Byrd Jr., the Dallas regional manager for Ford Credit.

Court documents state the defendants would like to further investigate the relationship between Smith and Byrd, particularly looking at who knew what.

Byrd filed a declaration with Ford's original complaint, stating he regularly worked with the CFO. Byrd also alleged Reagor threatened him while discussing the situation.

The response filings state the defendants have not had adequate time to fully investigate Ford's claims, because of the bankruptcies and ongoing efforts to reorganize. Both filings reserve the right to amend their responses. Dykes also asked for a trial by jury.

Judge Sam R. Cummings has tentatively scheduled a trial date for Feb. 2020.

Ford amended its original complaint against Reagor-Dykes on Aug. 17, instead suing three non-bankrupt entities and co-owners Reagor and Dykes individually.

Six Reagor-Dykes entities filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Aug. 1 after Ford filed its original lawsuit. RDAG has two bankruptcy court hearings set for this week, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Texas ranked No. 2 on list of top states for aerospace manufacturing

By Bob Sechler
Austin American-Statesman

Texas could be in line to land thousands of additional aerospace-related manufacturing and engineering jobs if companies in the fast-growing sector heed a new ranking of the most competitive places for them to operate.

The report by PriceWaterhouseCoopers lists Texas behind only Washington state as a top location in the United States for "aerospace manufacturing attractiveness."

The consulting firm views the aerospace and defense industry overall as "well-positioned to consider expansion opportunities" at a time when the sector is "poised to achieve new record (financial) results."

One huge economic prize that could be up for grabs in 2019 is the site for development of Boeing Co.'s next commercial passenger jet. The Chicago-based company hasn't formally announced plans yet to proceed with the new middle-market airliner — dubbed the 797 by industry observers — but it is widely expected to do so next year, likely setting up a scramble among states and municipalities hoping to win the project.

Scott Thompson, U.S. aerospace and defense leader for Pricewater-

houseCoopers, declined to discuss any potential corporate projects specifically but noted that Texas moved up six spots — after tying for No. 8 in 2017 — in his firm's latest annual ranking of the best places in the country for aerospace manufacturers to do business. The climb is partly the result of the strong Texas economy.

"The whole country is doing well (economically), but Texas seems to be leading the charge here in terms of economic growth," Thompson said. Texas also scored highly in the new report for its low taxes and for being something of an existing aerospace hub.

The aerospace, aviation and defense sector directly employs nearly 150,000 Texans, according to the state's economic development office, with Texas already accounting for about 9 percent of all aerospace manufacturing jobs in the United States.

The bulk of the existing Texas aerospace and defense manufacturing jobs are in the Dallas-Fort Worth area — where Lockheed Martin has a large presence, for instance, and produces the F-35 fighter jet — as well as in other regions of North Texas.

The Austin area is home to a number of component makers, however, such as BAE Systems and Air-Born. The U.S. Army also recently selected Austin for

its new high-tech center, called the Futures Command, which will oversee modernization efforts for weapons, combat vehicles and other top military priorities.

In addition, SpaceX has a rocket testing facility near Waco, and it also has started building a commercial spaceport near Brownsville on the Texas coast.

Thompson said many of the attributes that put Texas near the top of his company's latest rankings — such as tax policies — are available statewide and wouldn't necessarily provide one region an advantage over another in attracting aerospace manufacturing facilities. In addition, he and others noted, there likely would be opportunities to lure suppliers and related

companies as well if a big aerospace manufacturer opted to expand in the state.

"It is often the case that when (a major manufacturer) sets up shop, that their supply base wants to be physically near them," Thompson said.

Christopher Slijk, an assistant economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said it's no surprise that Texas ranked highly in the new report.

"There are already areas of Texas where (aerospace) is a pretty significant industry," Slijk said. "Texas is a very business-friendly state. It really comes down to where do people want to live, and where can companies maximize profits."

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jewelry and more.

■ Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m.,
Alison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley
Ave. \$6. For more information call
682-8595.

■ West Texas Jazz Society, 2-4
p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W.
Highway 80. wtsj.org.

■ Child Painting Event: "Space Out,"
3-4:15 p.m., Kidd's and Canvas Par-
ties, 3300 N. Midland Road. kiddart.
com.

■ Power Vinyasa Flow strength-
ens the body through vinyasa
followed by a breath-based cool
down, 3:15 p.m., Lacy J Pilates and
Fitness Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave.
\$5. lacypilates.com.

■ Bingo Nights hosted by the
American Legion Auxiliary, 4 p.m.,
501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

Tuesday

■ An Evening with Melissa Ether-
idge, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing
Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market
Road 1788. \$39.50-\$69.50. VIP pack-
ages \$174.50-\$624.50. wagnernoel.
com.

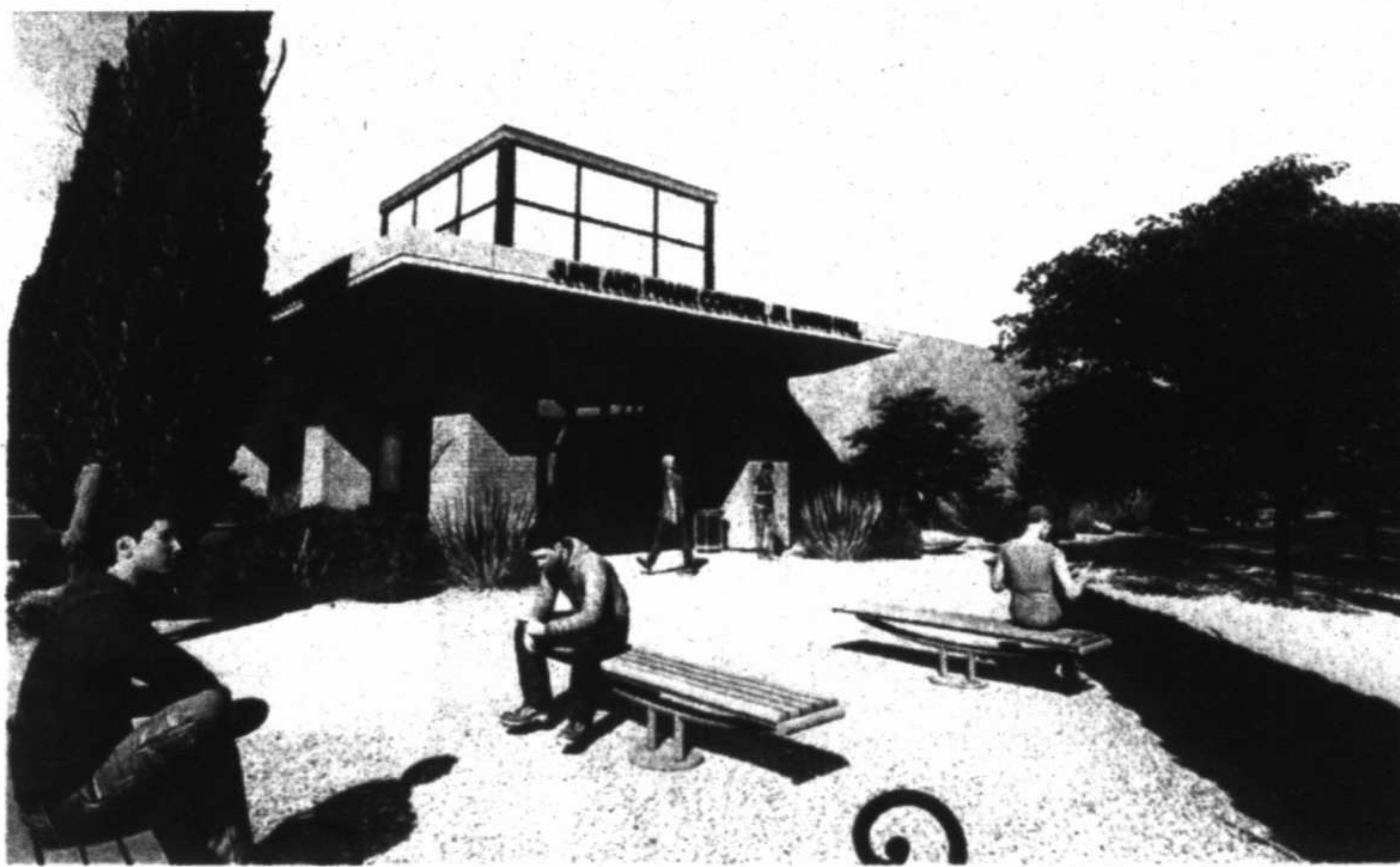
Thursday

■ Big Band Bash benefiting the
George W. Bush Childhood Home,
6-10 p.m., Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514
Arena Trail. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Friday

■ Frankie Valli and the Four Sea-
sons, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel, 1310 N.
Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$71.75-
\$131.75. wagnernoel.com.

TODAY IN MIDLAND



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

An architectural drawing shown Sept. 10 for the new June and Frank Cowden, Jr. Dining Hall at Midland College.

Saturday

■ The second annual SOC Car
Show by Senior Care of Midland,
10 a.m.-2 p.m., 3000 Mockingbird
Lane. The event features cars, food,
live music; proceeds will benefit the
Alzheimer's Association.

■ The third annual Basin Burnout,
2-8 p.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500
Interstate 20 W. reethans.org. The
event includes a barbecue cookout
and live music by Brian Milton, Kyle

Park, the Stateline Band and Part B.
Event benefits Reel Thins.

■ Saturday and Sept. 23
Midland Metaphysical Life Fair at
Grand Texas Hotel and Convention
Center, 4300 W. Wall St. \$8. spiritual-
reproductions.org.

Meetings this week

Planning and Zoning
Commission

3:30 p.m. Monday
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Permian Basin MPO
5 p.m. Monday
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1,
9601 Wright Drive

Midland College
4 p.m. Tuesday
Gibson Board Room

Chamber's annual
meeting

Midland Chamber of Com-
merce's Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Horseshoe, 2514 Arena
Trail. Individual member tickets, \$55;
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the Midland Chamber of Commerce
at 683-3381.

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All or Nothing day: 3-4-7-9
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All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-
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All or Nothing night: 4-7-8-9-
13-14-16-19-20-21-22-23
Cash Five: 2-22-25-35-37

Daily 4 morning: 3-6-6-9
Daily 4 day: 1-2-0-7
Daily 4 evening: 8-2-8-7
Daily 4 night: 2-5-5-4
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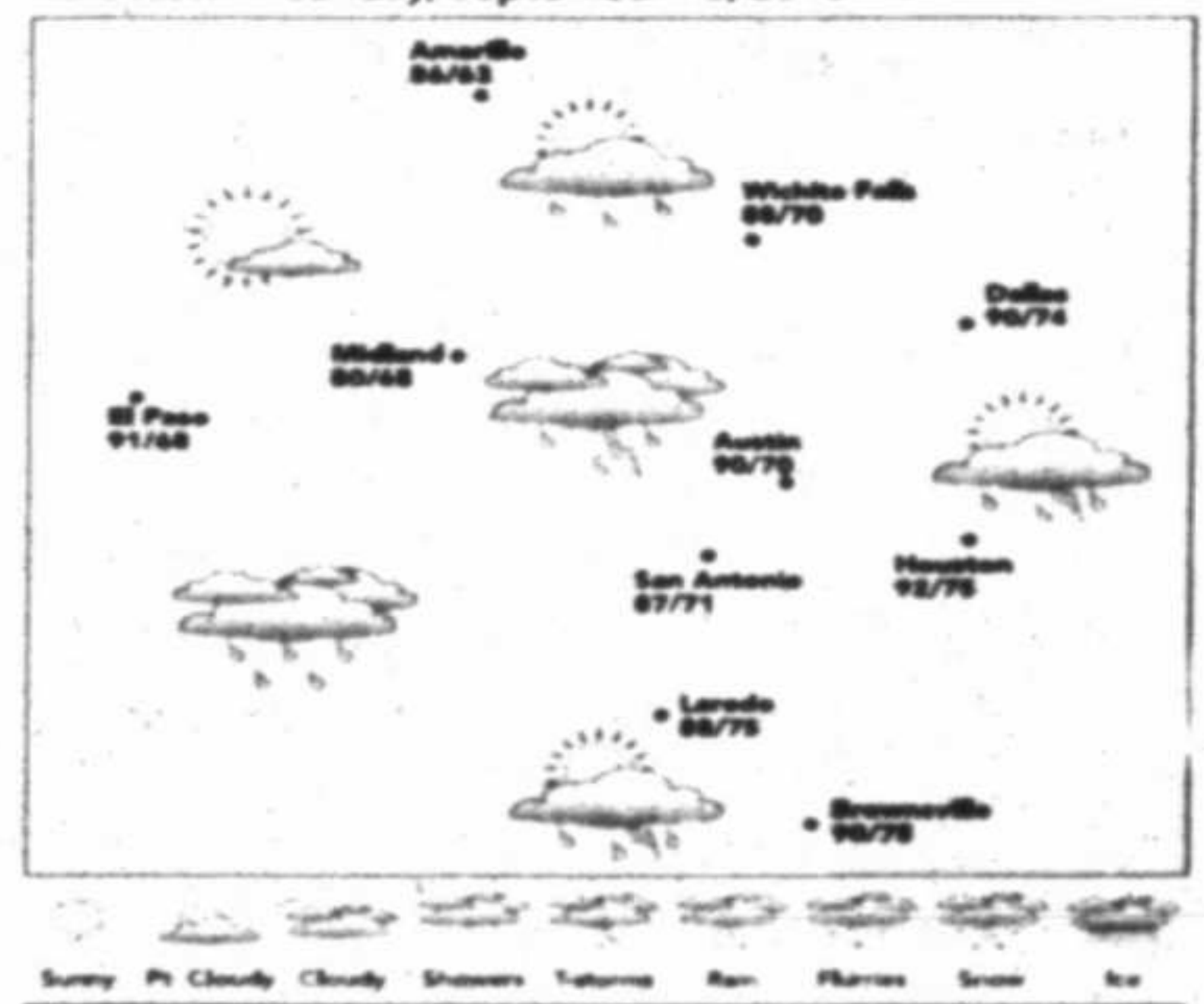
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Forecast for Sunday, September 16, 2018



High: 80
Low: 68
Conditions: Cloudy during
the day/mostly cloudy at
night
Winds: 5-10 mph during
the day and night
Chance of rain: 40 percent
Sunrise: 7:33 a.m.
Sunset: 7:53 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
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a label astrologers put on a
set of degrees for convenience.
For best results, readers should
refer to the dates following
each sign.

A baby born today has a
Sun in Virgo and a Moon in
Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for
Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.

This year you often experi-
ence an innate tension between
who you are and what your
obligations are, especially on
the homefront. You often feel
conflicted in the sense that you
want to be somewhere other
than where you are. If you are
single, you could be a little
more scrappy than usual. Creat-
ing a bond could be difficult,
so give yourself some time. If
you are attached, your sweetie
might enjoy your moodiness
because you become more ad-
venturous as a result. SAGIT-
TARIUS encourages you to get
more exercise to stabilize your
ups and downs.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Hop into the car
for a day trip or just a drive to
explore a new area. You will
be relaxed and up for a get-
together with loved ones when
you return. Your responses are
different after your personal
outing. Do not get uptight about
a misunderstanding. Tonight:
Make a fun plan.
This Week: You are in
charge; expect some hassles.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★★ One-on-one

relating proves most reward-
ing for you. Give much more
to a partner who dotes on you
in his or her own style. Your
communication becomes wild.
Do not stand on ceremony.
End the misunderstanding with
compassion. Tonight: Make a
favorite meal.

This Week: Not until
Wednesday will you feel great.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Given a chance,
you could play the day away.
Holding back might cause a
problem where you least expect
one. Consider being more
flexible than you are right now.
Adjust your plans accordingly,
and make an effort toward a
loved one. Tonight: Let the
party begin.
This Week: Spend time with
a key individual.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want
to visit with a loved one. Return
calls and catch up on others'
news. For various reasons,
you will want to remain close
to home. You have a quirky
sense of humor, which a family
member seems to enjoy. Get
together with this person soon.
Tonight: Time for fun!
This Week: Express your
unusual creativity.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be clear about your
expectations of a loved one.
This person could be sensitive,
so express your thoughts in
an easy, relaxed way. A child
could be acting up. Maintain
a sense of humor. Do not let
confusion build into a misun-
derstanding. Tonight: Let out

your inner child.
This Week: You could spon-
taneously defer to a key person.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Stay centered and
deal with a financial mat-
ter. You might not be able to
make a difference or connect
in a special way with a family
member. Go for what you want,
and don't allow someone else's
mood to affect you. Tonight:
Order some pizza and invite
friends over.
This Week: Allow your
mind to wander.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Investigate what
is going on with a neighbor or
relative. All you need to do is
be more sensitive to those who
play into your interactions.
Examine what is happening
between you and someone who
you care about. Be sensitive to
complaints. Tonight: Return
calls and catch up on news.
This Week: Examine possi-
bilities from a new perspective.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might not be
on top of your game. You are

willing to pull back and allow
others to play a major role. You
might feel relief from playing a
lesser part and probably having
more time for yourself. Under-
stand what is going on with a
money matter. Tonight: Go for
what you want.

This Week: A decision
might be difficult to make.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your ability to
come to terms with a challeng-
ing situation will benefit you.
Someone else might see a situ-
ation differently from you how
you envision it, but that's OK.
Look at the matter from both
perspectives. You will know
what to do. Tonight: Manifest
more of what you want.
This Week: Be aware of
your financial status.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might uninten-
tionally challenge others. A
boss or parent could feel in-
timidated. You know what you
are going to do. Discuss it less,
and just act. You are likely to
get a lot of feedback that you'd
prefer not to hear. Tonight:
Avoid someone who creates
hassles for you.

This Week: You breeze into
a busy few days.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You want to go
out and be around crowds.
You would be happiest at a
favorite hangout. Where your
friends are is where you most
enjoy yourself. Do not worry
about tomorrow. Know what is
happening, as it allows you to
make better choices. Tonight:
Carry on.
This Week: Your ideas and
opinions influence others.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Relax and get past
an obstacle. You might not
feel up to snuff when dealing
with a loved one who seems
to demand a lot. You might
have to make an obligatory
appearance. Zero in on what
you want, despite the fact that
someone is giving you a lot of
flak. Tonight: All smiles.
This Week: Push to have
others share their ideas.

BORN TODAY
Magician David Copperfield
(1956), rapper Flo Rida (1979),
actress Alexis Bledel (1981)

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BUILDING COMMUNITY

COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Sergio Rico holds a panel as Belinda Vejar cuts an opening on a Habitat Home build Saturday in the Cloverdale Development. They and other Pioneer employees are building and sponsoring the build; Lisa Lester and Hector Martinez work to hang insulation; Vejar cuts out a section of panel as Teresa Knight, Sergio Rico and Josh Hoisager support the piece; Martinez and Lester cut insulation; Knight and Vejar test fit a panel.



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PRODUCTION

From 1A

on Permian oil in the second quarter are Concho Resources of Midland and Energen Corp., which is in the process of being acquired by Diamondback Energy, also of Midland, according to Wood Mackenzie. The next biggest users of hedging are Noble Energy of Houston and SM Energy of Denver.

Until recently, oil companies were not committing to futures contracts beyond next year. McCann said companies now fear project delays could keep prices in the Permian depressed for longer, so they are hedging more to lock in oil prices. Producers, of course, run the risk that pipelines will get completed on time and prices will raise above those in their futures contract.

In the meantime, many oil companies are waiting to complete Permian wells until the Permian crude discount shrinks. As a result,

drilling activity and production in the Permian has slowed.

Permian production had surged from about 2.5 million barrels a day last year to roughly 3.4 million barrels per day now, representing almost one-third of the nation's record oil production of about 11 million barrels a day.

The U.S. Energy Department said Tuesday it expects U.S. crude production will average 10.7 million barrels a day for all of 2018 — way up from 9.4 million barrels last year — and that 2019 will average about 11.5 million barrels daily, potentially making the U.S. the world's largest oil producer.

The Houston company Enterprise Products Partners brought its Midland-to-Seely crude oil pipeline online earlier this year, but most other projects won't be completed until at least next year. As companies rush to complete the pipelines and meet the Permian's demand, they run the risk of overbuilding, meaning some pipelines could be forced to operate well below their capacity.

HARRIS

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investment. According to a national study conducted in 2017 by Horizons Workforce Consulting, 79 percent of the 1,903 parents who responded said that employer-facilitated child care was an important reason why they chose the company, and 95 percent of parents said that reliable child care increased their productivity and the number of hours they could work. A third of the study participants had declined an alternate job offer so that they could retain access to employer-provided child care. Here in Midland, I am personally familiar with someone who just refused a new job with a higher salary, because the new company does not offer child care, and their current employer does.

Companies can invest in their employees and stand out in a competitive job

market by providing child care, but initiating a program can be daunting for a business. The consortium child care model offers companies a solution to their employees' child care challenges, while simultaneously reducing the costs associated with start-up, and mitigating operational risks. A company that participates can take advantage of the economies of scale of a larger center, and manage expenses by only committing to the spaces that its employees need.

Midland's unemployment rate is currently 2.2 percent. The city's labor force and worker productivity can be increased by making child care available to parents. If your company is interested in participating in a consortium child care facility, please contact the Midland Development Corp. at 432-686-3579, or email sharrin@midlandcdc.com. Please

don't delay: participation in the initial 300-capacity facility will be limited to the first employers who commit to spaces, and we anticipate that demand will be high.

The challenges facing Midland are urgent, but not unique. North Dakota and Wisconsin have initiated state-wide subsidies and funding assistance for child care. A 2016 study by the Institute of Women's Policy Research showed that insufficient child care was the second-most common reason why women failed to complete job training programs. Inability to work full-time keeps women from improving their family's economic prospects. Consortium child care facilities are one possible solution to a complex problem, and the Midland Development Corp. is committed to exploring a wide range of possibilities.

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B-25, a classic bomber, coming to Lubbock

By Ray Westbrook
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

One of the special heroes of World War II was a twin-engine bomber called the B-25 Mitchell.

It was named for Billy Mitchell, whose insistence on developing military superiority for the nation through airplanes during peacetime, essentially led to his court martial.

But Jimmy Doolittle vindicated the plane four months after Japan sank American battleships at Pearl Harbor in a "peacetime" surprise attack.

Doolittle commanded a squadron of B-25s that had been put aboard the aircraft carrier Hornet, and set a course for Tokyo.

According to Dave Lewis, a retired fighter pilot from a later era and who heads the ROTC program at Texas Tech, the Hornet-launched attack was a phenomenal response to the attack on Pearl Harbor. It raised the morale of the entire nation.

"It really boosted America's will to fight by saying, now we can strike back."

And though the Hornet's early detection by a Japanese fishing boat forced Doolittle to launch at a greater distance than planned, the raid successfully dropped its bombs on Tokyo.

There was one major problem — there was not enough gasoline to return to the carrier, and planes along with some pilots, were lost.

Doolittle expected to be court-martialed. Instead, a grateful nation gave him the Medal of Honor — the war had been carried to the enemy's homeland.

Now, a group of volunteers from a Commemorative Air Force base at Mesa, Arizona, have rescued a B-25 that had seen combat in World War II.

"It was flown off the island Corsica into Italy and Yugoslavia," said Mike Mueller, one of the volunteer restorers.

He said the B-25, now called Maid in the Shade, was in sad shape when they took it in. For a time it sat outside, then was disassembled, placed in a hangar and put back together.

"It took 28 years," he said of the renewal.

A crew plans to fly the B-25 to Lubbock on Sept. 24, and park it for a week on the west edge of Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport where the roar of its engines will be heard at the nearby Silent Wings Museum.

Mueller and his crew are looking for a World War II veteran who is capable within his own strength of entering a plane made for fighting, not comfort. They want to offer him a free ride.

The restorers also require anyone else who goes aboard to be able to enter on their

own ability. And in planned flights for the public, there is this eyebrow-raising comment by Mueller about rides in the plane:

"The people that fly in the jump seats, each get to crawl up into the nose area where the bombardier sat, and each gets five minutes up there."

"Crawl" is the key word that implies this was a no-nonsense machine used originally by intense men fighting a war, and who were not there to enjoy a scenic route.

"The people back in the radio compartment each get to crawl back into the tail-gunner positions for four minutes and experience that as well," he said.

Seven passengers — three in the jump seats and four back in the radio room — are planned for public flights by paying customers. The mid-plane area positions are priced at \$325, and the jump-seat individuals pay \$650 each.

Flights are about 20 minutes in duration. For this visit, the Commemorative Air Force restorers apparently are sending their B-17 and C-47 aircraft on separate tour routes.

The plan is to make the B-25 available for static tours on the ground in the afternoon of Monday, Sept. 24, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. the following Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 25-27. Then, flights for passengers will be booked Sept. 28-30.

"This is one of the few flying B-25s that is actually a World War II combat veteran — there's a couple of them. This plane actually flew 15 combat missions in 1944. The missions were into Italy, and a couple into Yugoslavia, mostly against railroad yards and bridges," Mueller said.

According to the restorers, The B-25s were excellent airplanes, and they also were flown by Allied Forces.

"This is a later version of the same aircraft that Doolittle and his crews flew off of the aircraft carrier Hornet in April of 1942. It's basically the same airplane. This is just a little later version with a few more guns," Mueller said.

"This particular aircraft also has the Texas connection: After the war, it came back to the States, and was used for training for a number of years. It ended up spraying against fire ants in Texas."

According to Mueller, pilots love to fly the B-25. "It's a really great plane to fly. For a bomber, it's fairly fast. It cruises at about 200 mph. It's very maneuverable. Back during the war, it was almost like a fighter bomber, like the A-10 of its time."

And whether the Maid in the Shade was spraying fire ants in Texas or destroying enemy bridges in Europe, for a week later this month, the classic B-25 Mitchell will bring a touch of the 1940s to Lubbock.

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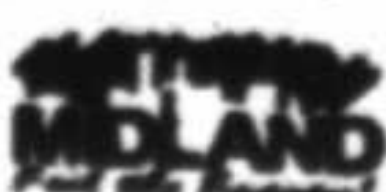
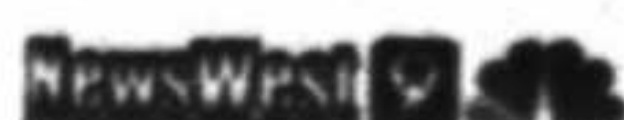
OCTOBER 7, 2018

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Tickets will be available at all numbers to locations in Midland & Odessa September 16th to 20th, and at Wagner Noël until October 2, 2018.



CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Painter: Former deputy sheriff/jailer bonds out

A former Midland County Sheriff's Office deputy sheriff and jailer who was arrested Wednesday after allegedly engaging in sexual contact with an inmate has been released on bonds totaling \$50,000, according to Sheriff Gary Painter.

The case of Midlander Sybil Jean Gentry, 25, will be submitted to the Midland County District Attorney's Office for presentation to a grand jury, according to a press release from MCSO.

Gentry had bonds of \$30,000 bond for a state-jail felony charge of improper sex act with a person in custody and a \$20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of tampering with evidence, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Gentry had sexual contact with an inmate on multiple occasions during a period of more than one month, according to her arrest affidavit.

Gentry's employment with MCSO was terminated, and her arrest ended a criminal investigation that had lasted about one month, according to the previous article.

If convicted, Gentry could face up to two years of imprisonment for the state-jail felony charge and up to 10 years imprisonment for the third-degree felony charge.

MPD releases attempted kidnapping details

Midland Police Department

officials released details Saturday in an attempted kidnapping of a 15-year-old girl.

A 15-year-old girl left her residence in the 2600 block of Brunson Avenue at about 3:30 p.m. Thursday to take trash to the dumpster when she noticed a black, Ford four-door pickup parked in the alley near the dumpster, according to the city's spokeswoman. The girl placed the trash in the dumpster and began walking back to her residence when a man appeared. He allegedly grabbed her by the waist and began pulling her toward the pickup, according to a press release. The girl kicked the man, causing him to release his grip. She then ran back to her residence, where she called police.

The man is described as Hispanic, in his 30s with a mustache. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a gray T-shirt and blue jeans, according to the release.

MPD urges residents to call 911 immediately if they see someone matching this description.

Man charged with aggravated sexual assault

A Midland man was arrested Monday after he allegedly sexually assaulted a child, according to court documents.

Shayne Kendell Lindsey, 28, was being held Friday on a \$100,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

A Midland police detective was contacted at about 7 p.m. Monday in reference to a reported sexual assault.

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

Man arrested on assault charge

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday after allegedly assaulting a female, according to court documents.

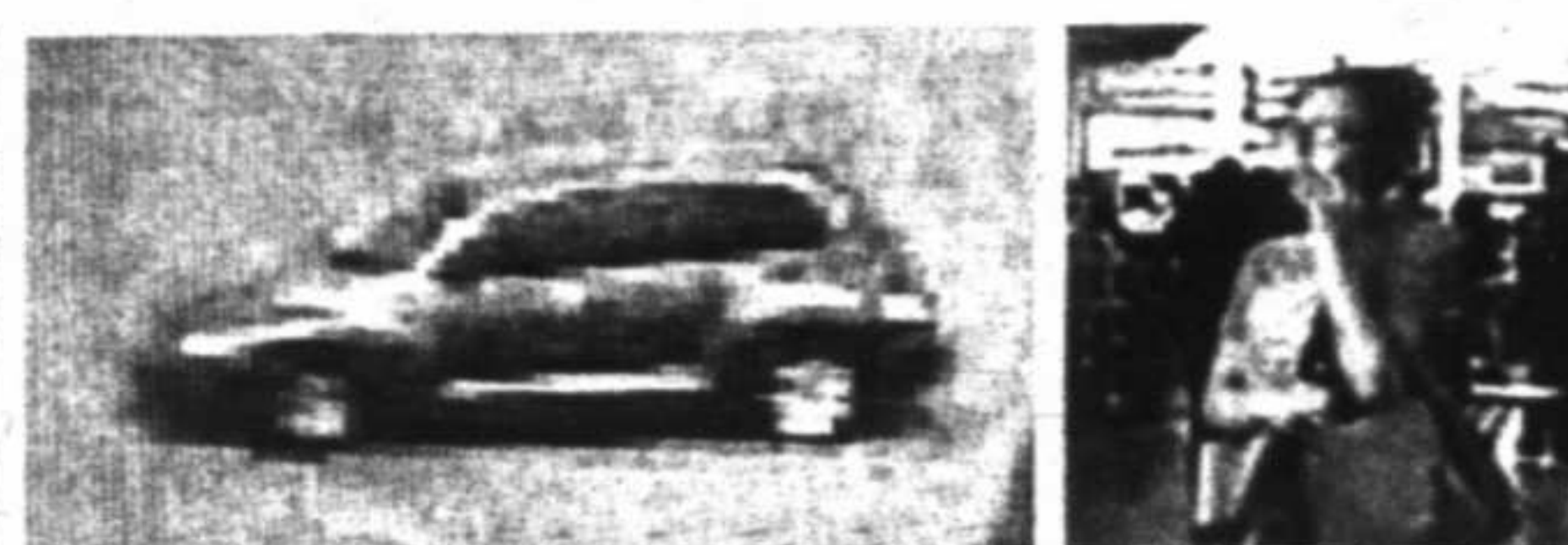
Adrian Wade Roberson, 26, was being held Friday on a \$10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation and two \$1,000 bonds for Class A misdemeanor charges of unlawful restraint and interfering with an emergency call.

A Midland police officer was dispatched at about 2 a.m. Tuesday in reference to a disturbance.

Roberson was at a residence when he threw a female onto a bed and sat on her torso, according to his arrest affidavit. He then allegedly placed his hands on her neck and squeezed, impeding her breathing. Roberson later said he would put a T-shirt over the female's head, according to the affidavit.

When the female called police, Roberson allegedly tried to take away the phone. The female ran outside before Roberson chased her and dragged her back into the residence, according to the affidavit.

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



Crime of the week

We need your help solving a felony theft against a disabled person.

A woman left her purse on her wheelchair at the southside Walmart at about 3 p.m. Sept. 2. The suspect grabbed the purse and exited the store and left in a Chrysler PT Cruiser.

The suspect is a white woman in her 30s, about 5 foot, 4, with a thin build and blonde hair. She wears glasses and was last seen wearing a purple shirt and blue jeans.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a \$1,000 cash reward. Call 694-TIPS or use mobile app P3 TIPS.

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Crime Stoppers fugitive

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Height and weight: 5 feet, 6 inches, 160 pounds

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■ As always you will remain anonymous

■ NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself.

Subject may be armed or dangerous.



O'Neal

SHALE

From 1A

cause he wasn't a scientist. Not anymore."

They're not alone.

Dozens of young entrepreneurs, mostly in their 30s, are running private-equity-backed companies in the frenzied boom in West Texas and New Mexico that may each be worth billions of dollars.

Whether they realize that kind of cash will depend, of course, on the vagaries of the shale industry, where consistent profits remain elusive. Rising costs and pipeline shortages have put the breaks on growth this year. And like any property boom, an early entry can make a career, while being late can break one.

Many of the young men admire the late Aubrey McClendon, the founder of Chesapeake Energy Corp., who became a billionaire leasing land for natural gas drilling in the 2000s. But he's a cautionary tale: He was ousted after he had borrowed heavily and bet on rising gas prices that never materialized.

The young upstarts are unperturbed by all that. With larger rivals continuing to bulk up — \$30 billion in deals have been announced in just the past six months — they see themselves as prime takeover targets, and they're angling for that big payday.

Sellers and Campbell have been friends since their days in junior high school just south of Amarillo. They played football together, first in high school and then at Texas Tech University. Sellers was a defensive lineman and Campbell an offensive lineman who'd go on to have a brief NFL career before a pectoral injury drove him out of the game.

They had gotten into real estate while in college, but business stalled in 2008 because of the financial crisis. So, on the advice of friends, they put whatever they had left into a lease in the Haynesville shale play in East Texas. They were able to quickly sell it to an operator who was looking to drill and made a profit.

For the next four years they perfected the play, expanding to the Eagle Ford in South Texas and the Permian to the west. "It was all in, all in, all in, every time," Sellers said.

Their model at first was to simply flip leases quickly and then to participate as a non-operating partner in drilling. But they soon saw that the fast-growing world of fracturing opened up a massive opportunity, one that fit perfectly with their backgrounds in real estate.

The shale game became less about finding oil and more about patching together the land needed to drill long wells. That's what Sellers and Campbell do — put the jigsaw puzzle

together. And, of course, several contiguous leases that enable two miles of horizontal drilling are worth exponentially more than by themselves.

"In certain areas we're in now, it's thousands of people who could own units you think can be drilled," Campbell said.

In 2013, private equity came knocking. With the shale revolution well underway, Apollo Global Management LLC backed Sellers and Campbell in an Oklahoma deal in which they more than quadrupled the original investment in a year, they said.

Their biggest payout to date came last year, when they sold about 70,000 acres to Parsley Energy Inc. for \$2.8 billion. Since then, they've raised more money from Apollo, assembled an even larger position of 80,000 acres and started a drilling company. Based on recent sales prices, their current holdings could be worth as much as \$6 billion. They declined comment on that estimate.

The two have a reputation for being aggressive buyers, freely paying broker commissions, a practice that often held up deals in the past.

"If someone brings us a deal, they're going to be well-compensated," Sellers said, as he finished a chicken salad, washed down with Tito's, a Texas-made vodka, mixed with soda. "Our philosophy is, we don't care what other people make as long as we're OK with the price."

Sitting by a frack pond in West Texas next to a dirt road one hot August afternoon, Will Hickey, 31, swipes through an app on his phone. It shows the results from a recently drilled well. 2,400 barrels of oil a day. "We're making a lot of oil, baby!" he says, bumping fists with his business partner, James Walter, 30.

Hickey and Walter were working at Pioneer Natural Resources Co. and Denham Capital, respectively, when, in 2015, they decided to go into the oil business together. They moved to Midland and soon spotted an opportunity around the city of Pecos in the Delaware Basin. They raised \$75 million from private equity firms Pearl Energy Investment and NGP to start their company, Colgate Energy LLC.

They bought small leases in this less-developed part of the Permian and bet they could buy others nearby or swap with larger companies, Hickey said.

Three years on, they have won \$450 million of investment from private equity backers, own rights to 30,000 acres of land and moved into drilling,

operating two rigs.

Of their 30 employees, all but one are under 35.

"It's so fast-paced out here, the land deals, the data, the technology — it's become more and more a young man's game," said Walter. "Our office feels more like Google than ExxonMobil."

Mark Hiduke, 31, had always aimed to be an investment banker, but the 2008 financial crisis limited his opportunities as a new graduate of Southern Methodist University. He soon joined Pioneer as part of a seven-member team in charge of buying and selling assets.

He noticed that many deals crossed his desk that were too small for large companies to consider. "Leases were selling for \$5,000 an acre," he said. "I thought, 'This is crazy, the valuation should be five or six times this.'"

With funding obtained from NGP, he started PCORE and bought small, overlooked leases and sold them just 18 months later. The deal made his investors three times their

money despite a 68 percent drop in oil prices, he said.

He began a second company, called PCORE II, in 2016, leasing land in the southern part of the Delaware Basin, which was cheaper at the time than the Midland Basin.

While running land and mineral ownership searches for Devon Energy Corp. after graduating from Tarleton State University, Tyler Glover, 33, kept coming across an odd name: Texas Pacific Land Trust.

Created to pay back creditors of the bankrupt Texas Pacific railway in the 1880s, the trust owns large swaths of land and mineral royalties in West Texas. After more than 100 years of selling off land, the trust was left with areas in Loving, Reeves and Culberson counties that no one wanted to buy.

It just so happened that this was the core of the Delaware Basin, the western part of the Permian and one of the centers of the shale revolution.

Glover joined Texas Pacific as a land man in 2011, the youngest person

at the company by at least 15 years, he said. Texas Pacific had a market value then of just more than \$1 billion.

As the market woke up to the size of the company's land holdings (a 1 million-acre mix of surface and royalty rights), its value has surged to \$6.4 billion to make it the best-performing major U.S. oil stock never to have pumped a barrel of crude. Glover is the chief executive officer, historically an administrative role.

"There is no way anyone could re-create an asset base like this today," he said. "Because of the value of the land and resources we sit on now, more active management of Texas Pacific is a necessity."

The sand man
After observing his family's coal business as a child, Kentucky-born Rhett Bennett, 37, didn't want to get into mining after graduating from the University of Georgia in 2004. So, he jumped into the energy industry and, after a few twists and turns, wound up right back in the mining business.

Not mining for coal, though. Mining for sand, the grit that makes fracturing possible.

Bennett first moved to Texas in 2004. He learned about oil leases from friends and started flipping them. In 2015, he bought a big position in southeast New Mexico and sold it 16 months later to Marathon Oil Corp. for \$700 million, making five times the original investment for himself and his investors, he said.

Bennett then got into supplying sand for frackers after he noticed that most of the sand used for wells was being transported by train hundreds of miles from Wisconsin. He opened Black Mountain Sand in West Texas, joining scores of other entrepreneurs trying to muscle out the Wisconsin crowd. He believes his company would be worth about \$2 billion on public markets.

"If you've been around the last 10 years, you're as experienced as anybody else," he said.

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To court GOP voters, Cruz, allies go full Trump

By Andrea Drusch
McClatchy Washington Bureau

AUSTIN — The issues that made Ted Cruz and the tea party movement the unbridled future of conservative American politics no longer motivate the GOP base, according to some of the senator's closest allies.

So Cruz, 47, is embracing a new route to appeal to his party's voters this fall — leaning on the policies and popularity of his one-time nemesis, President Donald Trump.

Cruz and Trump attacked each other bitterly during the 2016 fight for the GOP Republican presidential nomination. Cruz was one of the last Republican candidates to endorse Trump for the general election.

Now headed into a re-election race where polls show Cruz up just single-digits over Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke, the senator is campaigning hard for many of Trump's top policy priorities — while Cruz's own brand of GOP politics is garnering significantly less enthusiasm among the party faithful.

"The issue set has changed," said David McIntosh, president of the conservative Club for Growth, one of the top financiers of Cruz's past and current campaigns.

Despite years of campaigning successfully by promoting smaller government, less federal spending, and an enforceable debt ceiling under President Barack Obama, McIntosh said the Republican Party shifted its focus in the 2016 cycle, "to immigration (and) trade to some extent among the grassroots base."

Cruz has been a leading messenger for his party's priorities, dropping in to help his colleagues turn out GOP faithful during their campaigns.

This year it's Trump who commands that attention, and Cruz plans

to campaign with him in Texas next month.

"We've never had a president that stood for the little person," said Joni Jack, a small-business owner and Cruz supporter who attended the senator's campaign event in Smithville, Texas, last month. "I got to see (Trump) speak (in D.C.) last June. ... I cried through his entire speech, it was such an honor."

Veterans of Cruz's own political movement are less enthusiastic these days.

Gathered for a policy summit at the Sheraton Hotel in Austin last month, roughly 300 diehard fiscal conservatives were still sorting out their place in Trump's Republican Party.

While Cruz and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott spent valuable campaign time addressing the Resurgent Gathering, hosted by conservative radio host and former Trump critic Erick Erickson, other Texas Republicans steered clear of an event with ties to the #nevertrump movement.

"You have the always-Trumpers and the never-Trumpers," said Texas Republican strategist Drew Ryon, whose grass-roots group Madison Project was among the first to formally endorse Cruz in his 2012 primary.

"You also have some of the never Trumpers who are realizing Donald Trump's doing some great things," added Ryon, who puts himself in the third category, and runs a political technology company that does work for the Republican National Committee.

To survive in Trump's party, Cruz and his old allies have adjusted their strategy for courting Republicans.

"We test messages that say, 'Support the Club for Growth because we're supporting the president on his tax cut bill,'" said McIntosh, whose group spent millions attacking Trump in the presidential primary on behalf of Cruz, before endorsing Trump for the

general election against Democrat Hillary Clinton.

This year the Club's ads have attacked candidates as insufficiently loyal to Trump's agenda, though McIntosh said the Club still holds the same policy values.

"On immigration we're agnostic, we don't engage on that issue," McIntosh added of Trump's top priorities. "The (direct mail fundraiser) tells me 'I wish you would because I could raise you a lot of money on that.'"

Cruz's stump speech has grown increasingly Trump-centric over the course of the tightening race against O'Rourke.

The senator dedicates significant time to contrasting their vastly different views on border security and immigration — as well as framing the contest as a means to protect the president.

"(O'Rourke) has said categorically he would vote yes to impeach Trump today, right now," Cruz warned supporters at a rally in The Colony in August.

It's a stark change from the Cruz of two months ago, who told supporters in Waco his plan for exciting Republican voters was putting "points on the board" for their agenda, including pushing GOP Senate leaders to revisit conservative policy fights such as repealing Obamacare and enacting additional tax cuts before the election.

Last month Cruz skipped Senate votes for a week to spend more time in Texas campaigning.

His event in The Colony opened with a big-screen video of O'Rourke defending football players who kneel during the national anthem.

"My job politically, our job politically as a campaign, is to ensure that common-sense and freedom-loving Texans show up," Cruz told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in an interview after the

event.

Speaking to a sparsely filled conference room of some of his most loyal supporters at the gathering in Austin, Cruz sought to bring along some Republicans who remain skeptical of that strategy, highlighting conservative accomplishments like judicial confirmations, regulatory rollbacks and tax reform under Trump.

There's dissidence between the insanity of (Trump's) political fights, the tweets back and forth, the insults ... and then the substance of what we're getting done," reasoned Cruz, who was savaged by Trump over Twitter during the presidential contest. "I think the substance of what we're getting done is really remarkable."

Cruz also warned Republicans to put aside their differences within their party ahead of tough November elections, or risk losing some of the policies battles they'd fought for in the past six years.

"All it takes for us to lose is Democratic turnout to go up 5 to 10 (percentage) points, and Republican turnout either to stay steady or go down slightly," warned Cruz. "This whole state could flip blue, like that."

The approach still frightens some of Cruz's allies, who distrust Trump and worry his popularity could wane between now and the senator's November re-election.

"I think the message was unanimously: Back the president because this is good enough, unfortunately," said one Texas Republican strategist in attendance who requested anonymity because of the clients he works for. "We'll stick to those lines and hope that in November ... the president has kept himself out of enough of his personal hot water that we're fine."

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George W. Bush isn't scheduled to campaign for Cruz

By Tom Benning
The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — Former President George W. Bush is hosting a series of fundraising events for vulnerable Republican candidates, including a couple of House members facing tough re-election bids in his home state of Texas.

Politico first reported that Bush held a closed-door event Wednesday morning in Fort Worth for Rep. Will Hurd, R-San Antonio, and then will host a similar gathering this week in Dallas for Rep. Pete Sessions, the Republican who serves as Bush's congressman.

The former president will also headline fundraisers in the coming days and weeks for Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who is running for Senate in that state; North Dakota Senate candidate Kevin Kramer; Missouri Senate candidate Josh Hawley; and Indiana Senate candidate Mike Braun.

"While he prefers to consider himself retired from politics, President Bush recognizes how important it is to keep the Senate and decided to help a few key candidates," Bush spokesman Freddy Ford told Politico.

Noticeably absent from the list is Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, a Republican who is facing a surprisingly robust challenge from Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso.

Cruz once worked for the former commander in chief, both on Bush's presidential campaign and then in his administration. The senator also met his wife, Heidi, while working for Bush's campaign, causing him to say that he "will always be grateful" to the former president.

But Bush hasn't

reciprocated many warm feelings for Cruz, who made his name by rebelling against the GOP establishment that Bush represents.

Bush reportedly disses Cruz at a private fundraising event in late 2015 by saying, "I just don't like the guy." Bush and his wife, Laura, also haven't given to Cruz's campaigns, despite supporting other Republicans since leaving the White House, according to campaign finance records.

Ford on Wednesday said currently there aren't any plans to host a fundraising event for Cruz, adding that he's not aware of the senator having requested such assistance.

"We've considered the requests we've received and accepted those that work with our schedule," he told The Dallas Morning News.

Bush's forays into other races in Texas and across the U.S. reflect the serious headwinds facing the GOP in the November elections, where Republican control of the House and Senate could hinge on how voters feel about the early tenure of President Donald Trump.

The former president has generally avoided public involvement in politics since returning to Texas, though he notably didn't vote for Trump and has made thinly veiled criticisms of Trump.

Bush's fundraising on behalf of Sessions, his congressman, is of particular note. The longtime incumbent is facing his first real Democratic challenge in years, thanks to a campaign by Collin Alford, a former NFL player who served in President Barack Obama's administration.

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Prosecutor: Border Patrol agent went on 2-week killing spree

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas state troopers arrested a U.S. Border Patrol supervisor Saturday who they say went on a two-week serial killing spree that left four female sex workers dead and ended only when a fifth woman escaped from him at a gas station and found help.

Juan David Ortiz, 35, an intel supervisor for the Border Patrol, fled from state troopers and was found hiding in a truck in a hotel parking lot in Laredo at around 2 a.m. Saturday, Webb County Sheriff Martin Cuellar said at a news conference in the border city about 145 miles southwest of San Antonio.

Cuellar said investigators have "very strong evidence" that he is responsible for the deaths of the four women working as prostitutes. One of the victims was a transgender woman, said Webb County District Attorney Isidro Alaniz.

"We do consider this to be a serial killer," Alaniz said.

Alaniz told The Texas Tribune that after the suspect picked up the fifth woman she quickly realized that she was in danger.

"When she tried to escape from him at a gas station that's when she ran into a (state) trooper," Alaniz said.

Ortiz will be charged with four counts of murder and one count of aggravated kidnapping, Alaniz said. He said that authorities

believe Ortiz had killed all four women since Sept. 3. The names of the victims were not immediately released.

Alaniz said two of them were U.S. citizens but the nationalities of the other two were not yet known.

"The manner in which they were killed is similar in all the cases from the evidence," said Alaniz.

But both Alaniz and Cuellar declined to discuss the evidence or say how the women were killed.

Alaniz said investigators are still trying to determine a motive for the killings. Cuellar said investigators believe Ortiz acted alone.

"It's interesting that he would be observing and watching as law enforcement was looking for the killer, that he would be reporting to work every day like normal," Alaniz said.

Ortiz was a 10-year veteran of the Border Patrol. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a statement saying that it was fully cooperating with the investigation.

"Our sincerest condolences go out to the victims' family and friends. While it is CBP policy to not comment on the details of an ongoing investigation, criminal action by our employees is not, and will not be tolerated," the agency said.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, whose Texas Rangers are investigating, did not return several messages seeking comment.



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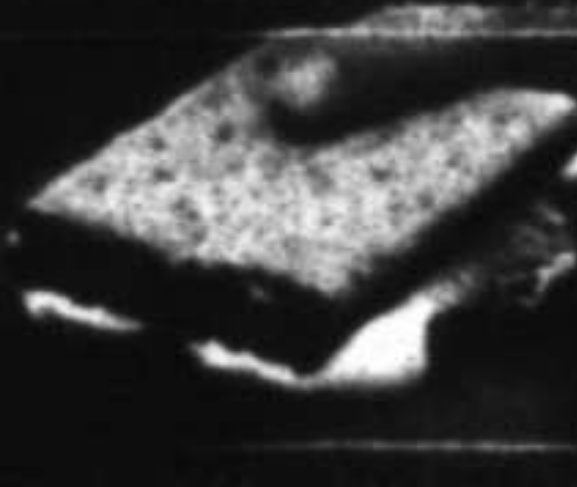
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MOTRAN
leverages
program
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Odessa Development Corporation funding provides dividends to residents

Last month, the Texas Transportation Commission approved revisions to the 10-year, Unified Transportation Plan (UTP). Key additions approved in the UTP for Midland and Odessa included:

MIDLAND

Construction of a new overpass/interchange at Loop 250 and CR 1140 *

Construction of a new overpass at I-20 and Midkiff Road *

Funding for additional improvements along SH 349/FM 1788 from I-20 to SH 191

ODESSA

Improvements (lighting and signals) at the intersection of Loop 338 and 52nd/56th streets *

Signals at Yukon and West Loop 338

Construction of a new interchange/overpass at SH 302 and West 8th Street *

Construction of a new overpass at Yukon and SH 191

Construction of a new interchange/overpass at Faudree Road and BI-20 *

Projects above noted with an asterisk were part of local leveraging efforts by the Midland and Odessa Development corps., as part of a plan developed by MOTRAN to attract additional state resources for transportation infrastructure improvements in the Midland-Odessa area.

"We had discussions with our board about the ability to utilize some local dollars to leverage additional state funding for critical projects in the area," MOTRAN President James Beauchamp wrote. "We began laying out the model and having some initial discussions, but it wasn't until a meeting with the Midland Development Corp. and MDC Chairman Brent Hilliard that the program really took off."

Beauchamp said that "having that initial buy-in and funding source to leverage these projects was critical."

The Midland Development Corp. voted to leverage up to \$15 million over the next decade, and soon afterward, the Odessa Development Corp. leveraged \$15 million. The commitment of those funds gave the Texas Department of Transportation the justification to begin advancing development and planning of projects that otherwise would not have occurred.

Since 2017, roughly half of the initial \$30 million in local leverage funds have been fully committed. Those commitments have helped bring about an additional \$121.2 million in state funding for Midland-Odessa roadway infrastructure. To put that in perspective, the Midland-Odessa area was only programmed to receive around \$173 million in funding for new projects during the 10-year 2017-2026 Unified Transportation Plan.

"That's a 70 percent increase," Beauchamp wrote. "With the sort of growth we have seen in the region and particularly Midland and Odessa, I don't know that we will catch up with our growing needs anytime soon, but without the support of MDC and ODC, and in particular, Brent Hilliard and Odessa Mayor David Turner, I can tell you we would be a lot further behind."

Since 2017, MOTRAN has helped lead the way in bringing a total of over \$181 million to the central Permian Basin. "Leveraging works," Beauchamp wrote. "As we look at over \$15 million in funding for improvements directly from sand mining companies that are coming to the area, I think our leveraging model has been very appealing and has spanned both public and private entities that want to see projects get done and sooner rather than later."

In the Midland-Odessa area, leveraged projects are allowing for upgrades to Loop 338 in Odessa to facilitate truck traffic around the city and the expansion of Yukon across town to provide relief from congestion on 42nd Street. In Midland, leveraged projects have accelerated the completion of Loop 250 by nearly 20 years.

Source: Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance (MOTRAN)

MDC investments in
city of Midland projects

The Midland Development Corp. has dedicated \$29.095 million of its own money in city of Midland utility, road and right-of-way projects since 2010 and another \$9.4 million in city of Midland infrastructure projects, according to information from the MDC.

Project

Airways Drive extension
Highway 349 improvements
Briarwood Avenue widening
Jal Draw study
Garfield Street extension
Market Street utilities
Midkiff Drive water main
Midland Draw study
Southwest Crossing
Midland Drive water bore under I-20
Tradewinds Boulevard utilities
Avalon Drive extension
Briarwood Avenue widening
Spaceport Business Park construction
Fairgrounds Road right-of-way
Carver-Scharbauer Drainage Improvement Project

Highway 349 expansion
TxDOT - Loop 250/CR 1150
TxDOT - Loop 250/CR 1140
TxDOT - Loop 250/SH 191
TxDOT - Midkiff and I-20
Wadley Avenue right-of-way
Tradewinds Boulevard expansion
Avalon Drive extension

Totals

Infrastructure

Wall Street Lofts parking garage
Concho parking garage

Totals

Date Expenditure

2010 \$171,123
2011 \$270,000
2012 \$3.741 million
2012 \$125,000
2012 \$1.798 million
2012 \$28,821
2012 \$800,000
2012 \$125,000
2012 \$1.5 million
2013 \$254,991
2013 \$2.693 million
2014 \$550,000
2014 \$730,000
2016 \$2.463 million
2016 \$600,000

2017 \$2.279 million
2017 \$1.35 million
2017 \$2 million
2017 \$3 million
2017 \$2 million
2017 \$2 million
2017 \$213,517
2018 \$4.125 million
2018 \$400,000
\$29.095 million

2013 \$5.4 million
2015 \$4 million
\$9.4 million

Midland region dominates Railroad
Commission August statistics

From staff reports

The Midland region's domination of drilling permits in August wasn't what it was in July but is still nearly greater than next six regions combined, according to information provided by Railroad Commission of Texas.

The Midland region totaled 478 of the 1,110 permits to drill oil/gas wells holes. In previous months, the RRC reported Midland's total had been more than half. The commission's number of statewide drilling permits in August was 15 fewer than August 2017. The August 2018 total, according to the RRC, included 967 permits to drill new oil or gas wells, 23 to re-enter plugged well bores and 12 for re-completions of existing well bores. The breakdown of well types for those permits is 262, oil; 83, gas; 689, oil or gas; 57, injection; five, service; and 14, other.

In August, the Midland region's 366 oil completions were more than half of the state's 601. Commission staff processed 601, oil; 123, gas; 56, injection, and three other completions. In August 2017, there were 401, oil; 115, gas; 38, injection, and three other completions. Total well completions processed for 2018 year-to-date are 7,297, up from 4,945 recorded in for the same time period in 2017.

The Midland region was three gas completions away from leading all three categories outright, according to the RRC. In August, the region posted 23 gas completions. The San Antonio region led the state with 25.

Texas Drilling Permits &
Completion statistics

for August, according to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Region	Drilling permits	Oil completions	Gas completions
Midland	478	366	23
San Antonio area	154	62	25
Refugio area	190	55	23
Southeast Texas	59	18	6
Deep South Texas	38	2	8
East Central Texas	10	7	0
East Texas	53	8	10
West Central Texas	31	10	2
San Angelo area	67	35	0
Lubbock area	58	5	0
North Texas	55	30	11
Panhandle	27	3	15
Total	1,110	601	123

Building permits Sept. 3-7

400 N. Big Spring	new commercial	5300 Freedom Court	single family	5314 Freedom Court	single family
3900 Nelson Ryan Drive	new commercial	5302 Freedom Court	single family	1218 Justice Court	single family
1412 S. Mustangbird Ave.	pool	5304 Freedom Court	single family	1317 Desert Rose Drive	single family
3706 Stoddard Trail	single family	5306 Freedom Court	single family	4800 Laura Drive	single family
6000 Aurora Way	single family	5308 Freedom Court	single family	2106 Basins Highway RA200	Sign
5101 Ellen Jayne Way	single family	5310 Freedom Court	single family		
6700 Big Bend Country	single family	5312 Freedom Court	single family		

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Decade later: Safer financial system, yet much hasn't changed

Associated Press

On the brink of crumbling a decade ago, America's financial system was saved by an extraordinary rescue that revived Wall Street and the economy yet did little for individuals who felt duped and left to suffer from the reckless bets of giant banking institutions.

The government intervention shored up the banking system, allowed credit to flow freely again and helped set the economy on a path toward a painfully slow but lasting recovery from the Great Recession.

In the process, though, millions endured job losses, foreclosures and a loss of financial security and struggled to recover with little outside help. For many, faith in homeownership, the financial markets and a government-provided security net never quite felt secure again.

Even with the economy roaring this year, 62 percent of Americans say the country is heading in the wrong direction, according to an August survey by The Associated Press and the NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Still, by pretty much any measure, the picture was far bleaker a decade ago. Home prices had sunk, and mortgages were going unpaid. Layoffs had begun to spike. The tremors intensified as Lehman Brothers, a titan of Wall Street, surrendered to bankruptcy on Sept. 15, 2008. Stock markets shuddered and then collapsed in a panic that U.S. government officials struggled to stop.

Desperate, the government took steps never tried before. It flooded the economy with \$1.5 trillion in stimulus over five years. To keep loan rates low, the Federal Reserve slashed its benchmark rate to a record-low near zero and bought trillions in Treasury and mortgage bonds. Stricter rules, intended to prevent a future catastrophe, were passed.

Stocks not only recovered; they soared. Unemployment plunged from 10 percent to the current 3.9 percent, near a 50-year low.

The stock market gains, though, flowed mostly to the already affluent. Homeownership, the primary source of wealth for most American households, declined.

And while risky mortgages are much less common, student debt has exploded. Anxiety persists as racial and political tensions have intensified in a nation that is increasingly diverse and cleft by a widening wealth gap.

— Josh Boak

Banks are a lot bigger, and just as powerful

Ten years ago, American taxpayers had collectively rescued the nation's biggest banks to the tune of \$700 billion. The bailout triggered public anger and calls for the government to break up the nation's biggest banks. It didn't. A decade later, the largest banks are even bigger than they were then. They've long since repaid their bailouts. JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America — all giants before the crisis — are still the nation's largest.

Politically, banks are once again exerting outside influence in Washington, persuading the Republican-led Congress

to begin easing the tighter regulations that were imposed on them after the crisis. And profits have never been higher. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation says the nation's banks earned \$60.2 billion in the second quarter — an industry record.

The government now applies "stress tests" to the largest financial institutions. The idea is to assure the financial world that the banking system remains sound and that any crisis can be contained.

Under the tests, the government has generally found that the nation's 35 largest banks could withstand a plunging stock market, cratering home prices and surging unemployment. Not everyone sees the tests as rigorous enough. At a conference this month, Larry Summers, a Harvard University economist and former Treasury secretary, called them "comically absurd."

— Ken Sweet

Less ownership, wealthier homeowners

When the financial crisis erupted, the Census Bureau reported that nearly 68 percent of Americans were homeowners. That figure sank as millions faced foreclosure, spiking unemployment left many without savings for a down payment and homebuilders scaled back construction.

Just 64 percent of Americans owned homes as of mid-2018.

The downturn sent U.S. home prices tumbling, but the Case-Shiller index of home prices began recovering in early 2012. Home values have been climbing at roughly double the pace of wage growth in recent years. The result is that many would-be buyers can't afford a home they would want and must instead rent.

In most areas — and without adjusting for inflation — home prices nationally are at or above what they were in 2008. The proportion of homeowners who owe more on their mortgage than their home is worth has returned to near-normal levels. And foreclosures are back to a more typical pre-crisis rate.

Those who survived the housing meltdown in good standing have prospered. Average 30-year mortgage rates plunged from roughly 6 percent to as low as 3.3 percent, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac. Some people used the lower rates to refinance their mortgages and save money. As a result, the Census said the median monthly cost for a homeowner was \$1,491 in 2016 — roughly \$170 less than in 2010.

Still, the recovery has been uneven. In such markets as Los Angeles, Dallas and Denver, home prices have eclipsed their pre-crisis highs the past decade. Others — Chicago, Baltimore and Phoenix, among them — remain well below their peak prices.

— Josh Boak and Alex Veiga

Safer mortgage lending

Before the crisis, many lenders offered a bevy of risky loans that frequently cleared borrowers for financing even if they had no proof of income or no money for a down payment. Many such loans were interest-rate time

What's changed in US financial system since '08, at a glance

The financial crisis touched off the worst recession since the 1930s Great Depression, wiping out \$11 trillion in U.S. household wealth and leaving about 8 million Americans jobless. Taxpayers funded multibillion-dollar bailouts of Wall Street mega-banks, smaller banks across the country and other financial firms.

Ten years later, the economy's recovery has been steady but lackluster, especially for less-than-affluent Americans. As a whole, though, the financial system and the economy are far stronger than they were in the perilous autumn of 2008 when the meltdown struck.

Some indicators:

Number of banks in U.S.:

September 2008: 8,384
June 2018 (most recent available data): 5,542
Regulators seized and closed 521 failed banks from 2008 through now, with the bulk of closures from 2008 through 2013. The peak was in 2010. That year, regulators took over 157 banks, the most in any year since the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s and 90s.

From 2008 through now, there have been 2,492 bank mergers.

Prime interest rates:

September 2008: 5 percent
September 2018: 5 percent

Average 30-year mortgage rate:

September 2008: 6 percent
September 2018: 4.5 percent

Number of personal bankruptcies filed:

September 2008: 68,663
August 2018 (most recent available data): 65,335

U.S. Homeownership Rate

Third quarter of 2008: 68 percent
Second quarter of 2018: 64 percent

Median household income:

2008: \$58,000
2017 (most recent available data): \$61,372

Homes in foreclosure:

September 2008: 81,312
July 2018 (latest available): around 60,000

Sources: Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Federal Reserve, Freddie Mac, Administrative Office of U.S. Courts, U.S. Census Bureau, RealtyTrac.

Associated Press

bombs that let buyers pay little in the first few years of homeownership and that then smacked them with a hefty mortgage payment increase.

Banks had little incentive to ensure that borrowers had the means to afford payments. That's because the lenders promptly bundled and resold the home loans to Wall Street via what was then a vibrant, private secondary market for home loans.

Ten years later, it's a different story. The underwriting rules that banks must follow for their loans to be considered "qualified" to be bought by the government have been tightened.

— Alex Veiga

The rich got richer

Income inequality has worsened over the past decade — an issue that has angered and frustrated voters who view the economy as being rigged against them. Much of the increased wealth gap reflected the nature of a recovery that depended on a stock market boom made possible, in part, by the Fed's slashing rates to near-zero to help pull the economy out of its tailspin.

Because wealthier Americans own the bulk of U.S. stocks, they reaped the benefits. They were also less likely to lose a house and more likely to keep a job. Research has found that they also spent more on education for their children. That helps set up another generation of income inequality because investments in schooling tend to lead to higher future incomes.

Last year, the top 5 percent of households earned an average income of \$385,389, according to the Census Bureau. That

is 6.26 times more than the average income of \$61,564 for the middle 40 to 60 percent of households. Back in 2008, the top 5 percent made 5.88 times more than middle-income Americans.

This recovery is radically different from the aftermath of the Great Depression, the event that many economists consider to be comparable to the 2008 financial meltdown. The proportion of wealth controlled by the top 10 percent began to decline after 1932, a trend that stretched for decades until 1986. But after the Great Recession, the proportion of wealth held by the top 10 percent rose.

— Josh Boak

Stocks rebounded

In the months after the crisis erupted, stock prices tumbled like so many dominoes. Government officials, bankers and economists warned of a contagion in which the crisis that originated with bad home loans would seep from Wall Street to publicly listed companies and small town businesses.

The financial shockwave struck Europe, Asia and practically everywhere else. The Fed did what it could to stabilize markets. It slashed its key short-term rate and bought government debt and mortgage-backed securities to force down longer-

term loan rates.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average bottomed in early 2009 after having shed half its value. By early 2013, it had surpassed its previous high. And stocks kept climbing. Investors no longer worry as they once did that the financial system will implode. Yet despite the stock-price gains, there still isn't much widespread trust in the market.

Last year, even when the S&P 500 was riding a powerful upsurge, investors put \$186 billion into stock funds, according to the Investment Company Institute. They showed less eagerness than in 2007, just before the Great Recession, when investors poured in \$201 billion into stocks.

Stock holdings are still concentrated among the wealthiest Americans — even more than on the eve of the recession. Among families in the top 10 percent by income, 95 percent own stocks, according to the Fed.

The typical family in the top 10 percent by income had \$363,400 in stock investment as of 2016. The typical middle-income family — between the 40th and 60th percentile — has only \$15,000 in stock investments, down from \$20,200 in 2007.

— Stan Choe

Surging student debt

Student debt has exploded — shooting up 131 percent in the past decade to \$1.4 trillion, according to the New York Federal Reserve.

The 2008 financial crisis reshuffled the sources of consumer debt. Education loans supplanted the outsize role that credit cards and auto loans had previously played in household budgets. Though mortgage debt remains the dominant source of consumer debt, it's declined in the past decade from \$10 trillion to \$9.4 trillion.

After the recession, more Americans needed to borrow for college and graduate school. Families had less money to pay for their children's education. And many unemployed people went to school with the belief that a college degree would reward them more financial security. The average college-educated family owed \$47,700 on education loans in 2016, up from an inflation-adjusted \$36,300 in 2007, according to the Federal Reserve's survey of consumer finances.

The rush of student loans isn't all negative, of course. American workers emerged from the recession with more education and know-how. And a college degree has historically corresponded with lower unemployment. But heavy student debt tends to delay such critical financial milestones as marriage, home ownership and parenthood.

— Josh Boak

Regulators are reversing their crackdown

As the economy tanked,

it became obvious that regulators had overlooked wildly reckless practices by banks, mortgage lenders and others that had triggered the recession. Critics argued that federal officials had even enabled the bad behavior.

In 2010, President Barack Obama and the Democratic majority in Congress approved a sweeping overhaul of financial rules. Their goal was to stop another meltdown so a failing bank could no longer sabotage an entire economy and stick taxpayers with the bill.

The Dodd-Frank law empowered regulators to, among other things, close major banks without resorting to bailouts. Risky lending was curbed. Shadowy financial markets encountered new supervision. And a new agency, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, was authorized to protect consumers from abusive financial products. The CFPB took the lead in policing mortgages, credit cards, payday lending and, student loans, among other items.

But with the election of Donald Trump, many such rules are being unwound. Trump embraced the view of many Republicans and business groups that Dodd-Frank, with its stricter and costly new rules, had stifled economic growth. Congress has since eased many of the key restraints on banks.

In the meantime, enforcement actions by the CFPB have been curtailed. The leadership team Trump installed, among other things, weakened the CFPB office that focuses on discrimination in lending. And all the agency's operations have come under review for possible overhaul.

— Marcy Gordon

A more frugal consumer

The financial crisis and the recession that followed left such a deep scar on those who lived through it that it forced Americans to take a truly radical step: Spend less.

Consumer spending fell during the Great Recession and has grown only slightly ever since. In the 30 years before the recession, consumer spending increased by an average of 3.4 percent annually. By contrast, in the first eight years after the recession, from 2010 through 2017, it's risen just 2.3 percent a year.

Americans are even saving a bit more. The savings rate averaged 7 percent in the first six months of 2018, up from a low of 2.5 percent in 2005 at the height of the housing boom. Many economists say the higher savings and lower spending growth show that the trauma of the financial crisis still haunts many consumers despite gains in wealth. This trend suggests that they regard housing and stock market wealth as more precarious than in the past.

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Poll: Voters open to candidates who aren't very religious

By David Cray
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Religion's role in politics and public policy is in the spotlight heading toward the midterm elections, yet relatively few Americans consider it crucial that a candidate be devoutly religious or share their religious beliefs, according to a poll released Tuesday by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Just 25 percent of Americans say it's very or extremely important that a candidate has strong religious beliefs, according to the poll. Only 19 percent consider it very or extremely important that a candidate shares their own beliefs, and nearly half say that's not very important or not important at all.

Still, most Americans see a role for religion in shaping public policy. A solid majority of Americans, 57 percent, want the influence of religion on government policy to extend beyond traditional culture war issues and into policies addressing poverty. Americans are more likely to say religion should have at least some influence on poverty than on abortion (45 percent) or LGBT issues (34 percent).

There is little public support for the campaign by some conservative religious leaders, backed by President Donald Trump, to allow clergy and religious organizations to endorse political candidates while retaining their tax-exempt status. Such a change is opposed by 53 percent of Americans and supported by 13 percent. The rest expressed no opinion.

Trump's stance on political endorsements by clergy is one of many reasons he has retained strong support among white evangelical Christians, despite aspects of his behavior and personal life that don't neatly align with Christian values. The AP-NORC poll found that 7 in 10 white evangelical Protestants say they approve of Trump, a Republican.

The importance of a candidate's religious faith varied across religious and political groups.

Among white evangelical Protestants, 51 percent consider it very or extremely important that a candidate has strong religious beliefs. An additional 25 percent think it's moderately important. Far fewer Catholics and white mainline Protestants considered this important.

Roughly two-thirds of Republicans said it's at least moderately important that a candidate has strong religious beliefs, compared with 37 percent of Democrats.

Jack Kane, an accountant from Key West, Florida, was among the Republican-leaning poll participants who said it wasn't important to him whether a candidate was deeply religious. "I'd much rather have a guy run the government and not spend all our money, instead of sounding off on what's going on in the church or on things like abortion," said Kane, 65, who describes himself as nonreligious. "Who is Catholic, Jewish, Southern Baptist — I could care less, as long as they're going to carry the torch of freedom."

Kent Jaquette, a Republican-turned-independent and a former United Methodist pastor who lives near San Antonio, said he does not base his choice of candidates on their religious faith.

"In politics, you need to look at a person where their morals are, where their values are," he said. "It may or may not have anything to do with their religion."

Jaquette also questioned the motives of evangelicals who support Trump.

"To me, it's supporting someone who gives no indication he intends to live a Christian life," said Jaquette, 63. "I believe that Christians should do things that Christ taught — feed the hungry, visit people in jail, help immigrants."

'Anger is a great motivator.' A guide to the GOP's biggest 2018 fears

By Katie Glueck
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President Donald Trump is caught in an unrelenting swirl of scandal, and President Barack Obama's signature health care law is still intact. Democratic energy is unbridled, and Republican enthusiasm is uncertain.

Republicans enter the homestretch of the 2018 campaign season gripped by a long list of anxieties as they attempt to maintain their majorities in both chambers of Congress, a mission that, to some top strategists, looks increasingly daunting.

But their biggest fear, according to conversations with a dozen GOP strategists and pollsters, is that Republicans won't be able to match the motivation of an expanding Democratic base that is enraged and emboldened by Trump's presidency.

"Midterms are about anger management and failed expectations," said veteran North Carolina-based GOP strategist Paul Shumaker. "That's applicable to either side, depending on who is in the White House. This time, it's applicable to Republicans."

Certainly, the vast majority of Republicans approve of Trump, and many are pleased with his Supreme Court nominees and the passage, by the GOP-held Congress, of a major tax reform law. Even in congressional districts where Trump is unpopular, many Republican strategists are hoping that voters will draw distinctions between their individual members of Congress and the president, as they did in 2016, and will reward the incumbent GOP for a strong economy. Republicans still largely feel bullish about the Senate, where the red state-heavy map favors them, and where Democrats are having their own challenges.

Yet with Election Day less than eight weeks away, there is no doubt that Republican operatives are nervous about their November fortunes, especially when it comes to defending the House. Here's a look at the midterms dynamics that worry top GOP strategists most:

The Trump factor

Republicans concede that it has been a rough summer for their party — and the president has often been at the center of the GOP's most challenging moments over the past few months.

There was the Trump administration's short-lived but deeply controversial policy of separating children from their parents at the border; a widely panned appearance with Russian President Vladimir Putin in which Trump refused to hold him accountable for Moscow's interference in the 2016 election; the guilty plea of his longtime lawyer Michael Cohen to, among other things, campaign finance violations; and the guilty verdict for his former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, in a financial fraud trial. And then there are the tweets that constantly knock Republican lawmakers off their carefully planned policy messages.

Taken together, it has created an environment that Republican strategists say makes it even harder for independents to swing their way, adding to the traditional challenges facing the president's party in the first midterm of a new White House.

"All it's doing is adding more straws on the camel's back," said longtime GOP pollster Glen Bolger. "Nothing's broken, but it's not good, it's not helping ... it's not that they've necessarily thought, 'OK, everything

Apathy anew: Democrats' biggest 2018 fear is low turnout among people of color

By Alex Roarty
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Misael Avila has tried everything to convince his Latino community in central California to care more about politics. He has led voter-registration drives around Modesto. He's personally knocked on voters' doors. He has even hosted a congressional debate at his Catholic church.

It hasn't been easy. "Unfortunately, there's a lot of apathy about these things," he said. "For some reason, people are not engaged."

Avila is the pastor of St. Francis of Rome Catholic church in California's 10th Congressional District — an area considered by both parties to be a major battleground in the race to control the U.S. House of Representatives. And although his work is nonpartisan, the "apathy" he describes among Hispanic voters is a major challenge for Democrats with Election Day less than eight weeks away.

The party's liberal base is energized and infuriated, motivated by a deep antipathy to President Trump. But the enthusiasm runs deepest among an electoral bloc that is mostly white, female and affluent. To maximize their gains — they need to flip 23 GOP seats to take the House — Democrats need voters of color to show up.

There is no blue wave in November 2018 without black or brown people, said Symone Sanders, a Democratic strategist.

Democrats struggled to get voters of color to vote in midterm elections during the Obama era, when black and Latino participation (along with that of young voters) dropped sharply relative to higher-turnout presidential elections. The drop-off was at least partly responsible for the deep losses the party suffered in 2010 (when Democrats lost the House) and 2014 (when Democrats lost the Senate).

The problem has been obscured this election cycle in part because Democratic turnout has been exceptionally high during a series of special House elections, enough that many Republicans rate their base's relative lack of enthusiasm a huge problem of their own.

But, critically, one Democratic strategist familiar with those races said that the biggest drivers of Democratic enthusiasm were white, college-educated voters, young people, and politically engaged Democrats. (The exception appears to be the Alabama Senate special election, where Democrat Doug Jones won an upset over an accused child molester.)

"We can't assume high enthusiasm persists particularly among demographic groups we have inconsistently engaged with in the past, including young voters, Latino voters and African American voters," said a Democratic strategist familiar with the data. "Campaigns who haven't adequately invested in GOTV (get-out-the-vote)

could be disappointed on Election Day." Other Democratic strategists describe reaching out to voters of color as a challenge, but one they think they can surmount with a diligent campaign to reach out and communicate with them.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, for instance, has undertaken a \$25 million plan to reach out to the party's core constituencies, including black, Latino, and Asian-American voters, according to an aide with the group. The effort includes on-the-ground voter contact and paid media, such as digital ads.

A DCCC aide said the group started researching how to reach these voters in 2017, during special elections in Georgia's 6th Congressional District and South Carolina's 5th Congressional District, along with gubernatorial races in Virginia and New Jersey. The group has also conducted focus groups with Latino and African-American voters in a half-dozen states.

Trump's presidency has given Democrats ample material to work with as they contact voters of color, whether highlighting his hardline position on immigration or his rhetorical equivocation after last year's white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. But strategists say they need to focus on a forceful, positive message that connects with these voters' lived experience, even if that means avoiding discussion of Trump.

"We're the party that's going to get something done for you," Sanders said. "And that's a message that I think is going to be effective."

Sanders said that unlike previous midterm elections, when the popularity of the Democratic-backed Affordable Care Act was at a low, the party can once again embrace a message of health care. And unlike 2014 — when Democrats were focused on winning over mostly white voters in conservative states such as Iowa or Arkansas — the party is once again focused on winning over voters of color.

"I remember when we couldn't even say President Obama or health care, we couldn't do it," Sanders said. "We could not run next to the president because it wasn't an advantage for us with voters we're trying to get."

Avila, the pastor in the Modesto area, said until Trump's victory, he was never involved with politics.

"That really woke me up," he said. "It shook me." But it hasn't been quite as easy to reach other members of his community. Avila's church is part of a group called Faith in the Valley, a nonpartisan organization that advocates for immigrants and disadvantaged people in the state's Central Valley.

Before the primaries, the group tried to register new people to vote, Avila said, but ended up reaching only about 200 people.

"I was expecting more," Avila said. "People told me it wasn't great, but it wasn't bad."

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is wrong and the president ought to be impeached.' It's more like, 'God, things are just out of control, there's so much dysfunction that it's exhausting.'"

Even as Trump's approval rating remains sky-high among Republican voters, with the general public that number has largely been mired in the low 40s or worse. Strategists fear that it could drop more.

Angry Democrats

In special elections across the country and at virtually every level of government since Trump's election, Democrats have turned out in massive numbers, notching wins in Republican strongholds from a conservative western Pennsylvania House district to a Senate seat in Alabama.

This has troubled Republicans for months, and now

less than two months before Election Day — when it really counts — Democratic enthusiasm shows no signs of abating.

"There's a lot of intensity on the other side," said Ralph Reed, the chairman of the Faith & Freedom Coalition, a socially conservative organization that is mounting conservative mobilization efforts. "Intensity counts for something in politics, and if it's reflected in dramatically higher turnout for base Democratic voters, it could be a major problem come November. If you're asking me what keeps me awake at night, that's probably it."

What's especially concerning to some Republicans is the strength of Democratic enthusiasm in more conservative districts — which Democrats don't necessarily need to take back the House, given the number of swing-

and center-right districts also in play this year.

"Any objective measure of overperformance of Democrats in some special elections leads you to believe they're going to run aggressively in districts Hillary Clinton won," said Kentucky-based GOP strategist Scott Jennings.

Is the economy enough?

Republicans are banking on the strong economy and, in many districts, their tax reform legislation, to insulate against the rough national environment. But staying on that more fiscally focused message — and keeping

voters tuned in — can be a challenge, especially in suburban districts where the president is under water.

"Even if a suburban candidate is on message, there's no oxygen, nobody's paying attention because President Trump is such a dominant player; he's the one getting all the attention, particularly for people who watch cable," said Henry Barbour, the Republican national committeeman from Mississippi, calling Trump a "key driver," adding, "whether you love him or hate him."

"This is a tough environment, and despite the economic success, it's not necessarily what is in the forefront of people's minds," Barbour said. "But as a party we have to help bring voters back to that."

Bolger, the pollster, said his first two biggest fears about the midterms are the prospect of major Democratic turnout and challenges with independent voters.

"If I were to add a third one, this is going to sound strange, but the economy," he said. "The economy is doing so well that voters' attention, in many cases, turns to other issues. The economy is a strong point for the president and for Republicans, but a lot of voters might say, 'OK, that's going well, so I'm going to focus on other things I'm worried about, like health care or the chaos in Washington. And in those cases, we don't look as good.'"

And even though the GOP has delivered on its tax reform pledge, other big-ticket policy priorities, from repealing Obamacare to achieving some sort of immigration reform, are still out of grasp, risking Republican apathy.

"If Trump voters don't see the Republicans trying to pass their issues, they'll take a pass because Trump's not on the ballot," warned John McLaughlin, a GOP pollster who was involved in Trump's campaign.

Shumaker, the North Carolina GOP strategist, noted that it is often the party out of power that is angrier — and more motivated to vote — in midterm cycles, pointing to the rise of the conservative tea party movement in the Obama era.

"Anger is a great motivator to American politics," he said. "The Democrats, the far left, is angry."

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Kangaroo gets the jump on owners, flees

HARRISVILLE — A kangaroo is on the run — or maybe the jump — in central Mississippi.

The Simpson County sheriff's office said deputies have been looking for a 10-month-old kangaroo since he bolted from his new owners only minutes after arriving in Mississippi. The Shute family says they bought the kangaroo, named Ricky, from an online auction and were giving him a treat Friday when he escaped.

Ricky has been sighted several times, including once by a woman who initially reported seeing a deer with short front legs. However, no one has been able to catch the kangaroo because he's just too fast.

CALIFORNIA

Kim K the filly wins \$100,000 Debutante in 2nd career race

LOS ALAMITOS — Kim K made a splash in her second career start, winning the \$100,000 Barretts Debutante at Los Alamitos.

The 2-year-old filly named for Kim Kardashian won by three lengths on Saturday. She paid \$8 and \$3.40.

Ridden by apprentice jockey Heriberto Figueroa, Kim K ran 6 1/2 furlongs in 1:16.28. She battled 4-5 favorite Square Peggy and 19-10 second choice Naughty Tiger through the first half-mile before pulling away. There was no show wagering.

Trained by Peter Miller, Kim K was purchased for \$330,000 by owner Rockingham Ranch. She finished fifth in her career debut on Sept. 2 at Del Mar.

Brian Trump, manager for Rockingham Ranch, has said he named the filly for Kardashian because he admires how the social media maven has used her popularity and platform to do better for various people and causes. Trump says he attended high school with Kardashian's sister, Khloe, and was at one time friendly with her brother Rob.

DENVER

Former Colorado nuke site opens to public as wildlife refuge

Cyclists and hikers explored a newly opened wildlife refuge at the site of a former nuclear weapons plant in Colorado on Saturday, while a protester in a gas mask brought signs warning about the dangers of plutonium.

With no fanfare, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opened the gates of Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge on the perimeter of a government factory that made plutonium triggers for nuclear bombs for nearly four decades.

Spread across a rolling, wind-swept plateau 16 miles northwest of downtown Denver, the refuge is a rare oasis of tallgrass prairie, with bears, elk, falcons, songbirds and hundreds of other species. The refuge offers sweeping panoramas of the Rocky Mountain foothills and Denver's skyscrapers.

"You get these incredible views," said Jerry Jacka, who spent two hours mountain biking at the refuge Saturday.

Jacka said he was not worried about his safety, despite lawsuits and protests by people who argued the government has not tested the refuge thoroughly enough to make sure people are safe using it.

"I don't believe that they're covering up any sort of information about pollutants and radioactive elements and stuff in the soil," Jacka said.

The government built plutonium triggers at Rocky Flats from 1952 to 1989, a history marred by fires, leaks and spills. The plant was shut down after a criminal investigation into environmental violations.

The U.S. Energy Department, which oversaw the plant, said it found 62 pounds of plutonium stuck in exhaust ducts of buildings.

Rockwell International, the contractor then operating the plant, was fined \$18.5 million after pleading guilty in 1992 to charges that included mishandling chemical and radioactive material.

The weapons complex covered 2 square miles at the center of the site. It was cleaned up at a cost of \$7 billion but remains off-limits to the public. The 8-square-mile buffer zone surrounding the manufacturing site was turned over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a refuge.

About 10 miles of trails are now open at the refuge. Visitors are told to stay on the paths and not wander the grasslands.

State and federal health officials say the site is safe, but some people worry that plutonium particles eluded the cleanup and could be sprinkled over the refuge, where hikers and cyclists could stir them up or track them home. At least seven Denver-area school districts have barred school-sanctioned field trips to the refuge.

If inhaled, plutonium can lodge in lung tissue, where it can kill lung cells and cause scarring, which in turn can cause lung disease and cancer, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"You have a situation where you still have plutonium in the soil being disturbed by the wildlife and the weather," said Stephen Parlato, his voice muffled by the gas mask he wore at a refuge trailhead Saturday.

Parlato said the mask had a filter capable of blocking plutonium particles and that he wore it for protection, not for show.

"You even have school districts that have gone on the record to say they do not allow their students to come on trips here. This is an ongoing danger," he said.

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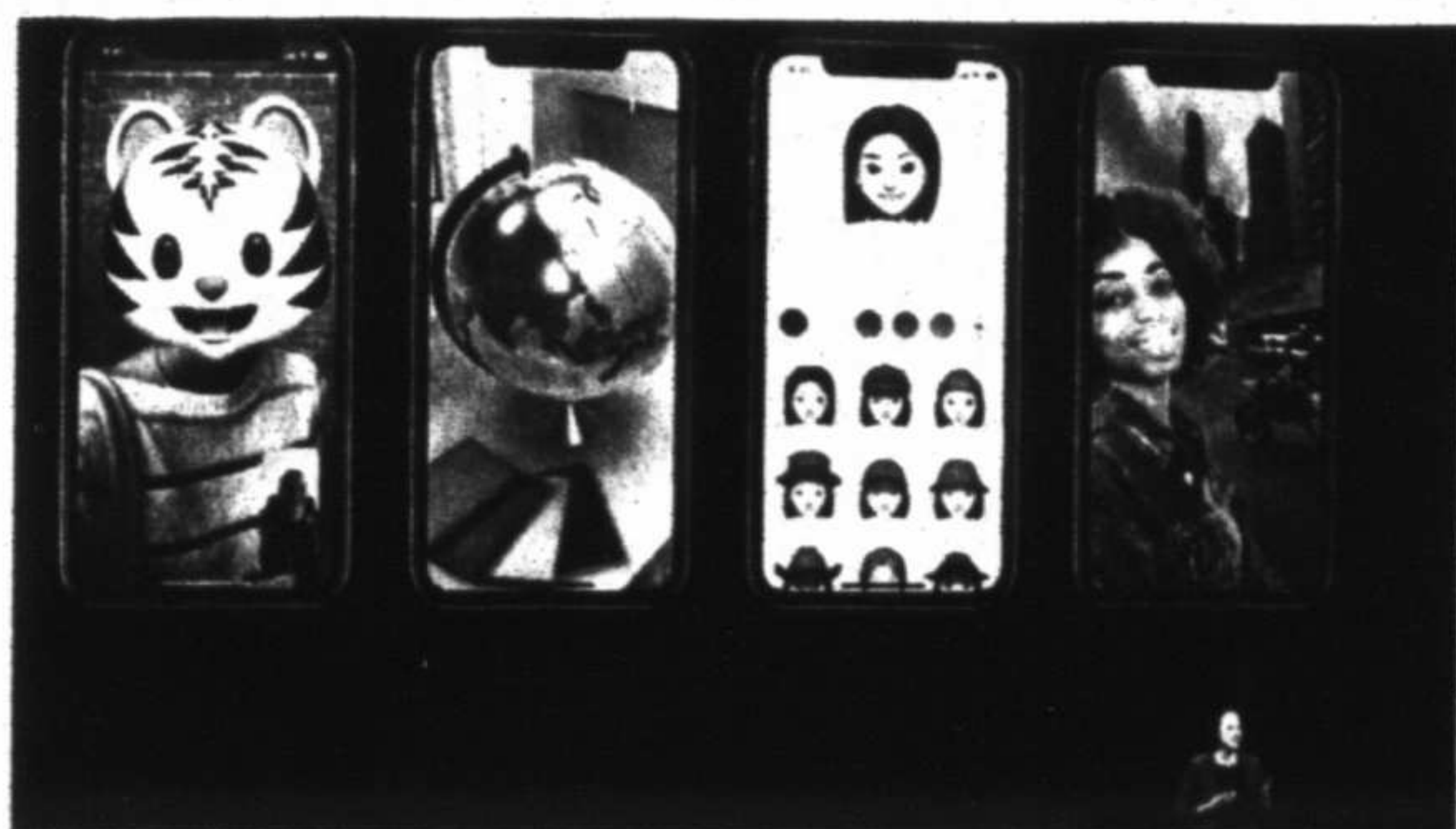
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Kaionn Drance, Apple's senior director, iPhone Worldwide Product Marketing, speaks about the Apple iPhone XS at the Steve Jobs Theater during an event to announce new Apple products Wednesday in Cupertino, Calif.

Here's some help to figure out Apple's new iPhone lineup

By Dwight Silverman
Houston Chronicle

The three iPhones that Apple unveiled Wednesday come with the "S" designation in their names which traditionally indicate the devices are incremental updates to the company's vaunted smartphone.

But in 2018, that's only partly true. Yes, the iPhones XS, XS Max and XR look like last year's groundbreaking iPhone X — no home button, gesture-based navigation, face recognition and a bezel-free display. Nevertheless, the three models represent a shift in the way Apple aligns its phones with the types of people who buy them, and that's creating some confusion.

Last year, when Apple introduced the iPhone X, it kept the more traditional design around. Customers could choose from the old-school look with the iPhone 8 and the 8 Plus, the same over sized casing that had been available since the iPhone 6. Those who were trying to decide faced some clear choices.

This year, not so much. Yes, there is the update you'd expect to last year's iPhone X. The iPhone XS has the same 5.8-inch screen that uses OLED technology for a more realistic display. As is always the case, it's powered by a newer, faster processor called the A12 Bionic. And it has an improved camera that can compensate for shooting into the sun and allows you adjust the background blur in Portrait Mode photos.

Not available last year was a larger-screen version of the iPhone X — in other words, no X Plus. That's been rectified in 2018 with the iPhone XS Max. It has been described as Apple's biggest iPhone ever, which it is, but also isn't.

That's because physically it's the same size as previous Plus phones. Owners of those devices will recognize how it feels and handles. But since the front of the phone is all display — gone are the so-called chin and forehead at the bottom and top — it has a whopping 6.5-inch screen measured diagonally. The Plus phones' displays were 5.5 inches.

So if you are a fan of big phones, it might seem that your choice is pretty clear cut, right? Not really.

That's because there's also the iPhone XR. It's larger than the XS but smaller than the XS Max, with a 6.1-inch screen. It's also significantly less expensive.

The XR is Apple's wild card this year, and in a way

it's a response to complaints in 2017 about the iPhone X's \$999 price tag. It takes aim at people who want most of the technology that made the iPhone X so popular, but at less of a financial body blow. More on that in a minute.

The iPhone XR cuts corners in interesting ways. Both the XS and the XS Max have dual-lens cameras on the back, while the XR has only one. It is as technologically advanced in many ways as the primary lens on the other phones, but lacks the telephoto capabilities of a second lens. However, it is still capable — through software trickery — of delivering the bokeh-style portrait images with blurred backgrounds.

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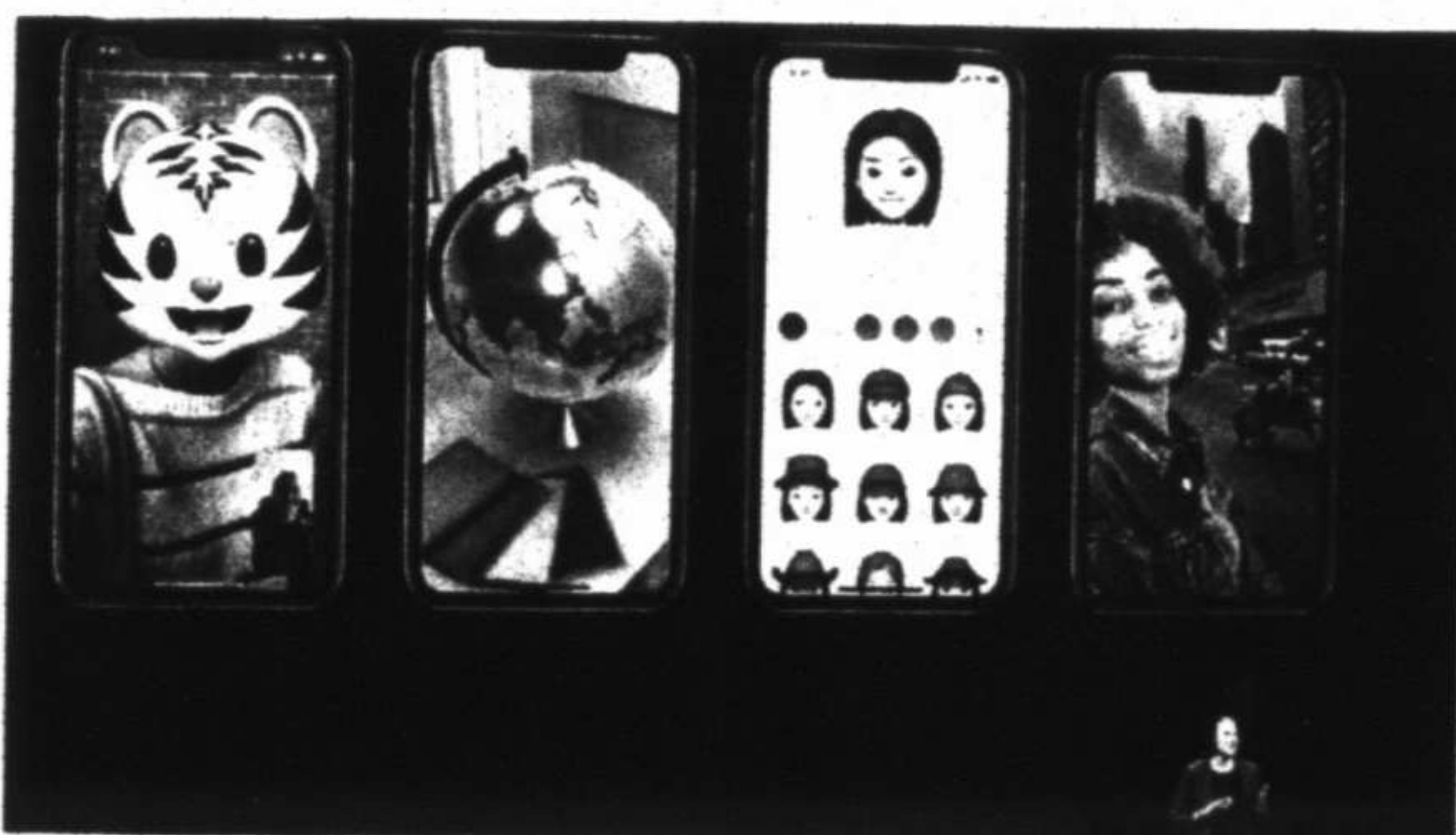
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Here's some help to figure out Apple's new iPhone lineup

By Dwight Silverman
Houston Chronicle

The three iPhones that Apple unveiled Wednesday come with the "S" designation in their names which traditionally indicate the devices are incremental updates to the company's vaunted smartphone.

But in 2018, that's only partly true. Yes, the iPhones XS, XS Max and XR look like last year's groundbreaking iPhone X — no home button, gesture-based navigation, face recognition and a bezel-free display. Nevertheless, the three models represent a shift in the way Apple aligns its phones with the types of people who buy them, and that's creating some confusion.

Last year, when Apple introduced the iPhone X, it kept the more traditional design around. Customers could choose from the old-school look with the iPhone 8 and the 8 Plus, the same over sized casing that had been available since the iPhone 6. Those who were trying to decide faced some clear choices.

This year, not so much.

Yes, there is the update you'd expect to last year's iPhone X. The iPhone XS has the same 5.8-inch screen that uses OLED technology for a more realistic display. As is always the case, it's powered by a newer, faster processor called the A12 Bionic. And it has an improved camera that can compensate for shooting into the sun and allows you adjust the background blur in Portrait Mode photos.

Not available last year was a larger-screen version of the iPhone X — in other words, no X Plus. That's been rectified in 2018 with the iPhone XS Max. It has been described as Apple's biggest iPhone ever, which it is, but also isn't.

That's because physically it's the same size as previous Plus phones. Owners of those devices will recognize how it feels and handles. But since the front of the phone is all display — gone are the so-called chin and forehead at the bottom and top — it has a whopping 6.5-inch screen measured diagonally. The Plus phones' displays were 5.5 inches.

So if you are a fan of big phones, it might seem that your choice is pretty clear cut, right? Not really.

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ACE A 30-MINUTE INTERVIEW



By Kim Thompson

It's no surprise that preparing for an interview combined with your desire to be the best candidate can be somewhat stressful. The pressure builds when your interview is scheduled to last 30 minutes and you need to make a lasting impression.

Recently a friend of mine was invited for an interview, and even though he was excited about the opportunity, he had concerns over the amount of time to discuss his background and skills. The 30-minute time slot seemed to create more angst for him than a half-day of interviews.

We discussed a new strategy he could use to help him focus on the questions being asked rather than the clock ticking behind him. The pressure he was feeling was getting him off-focus; instead of ramping up his answers he was worried about trying to cram his whole career history into 30 minutes.

He is not alone in admitting the same dilemma that other candidates face: "How do you make a good impression in 30 minutes or less?" The biggest mistakes job candidates make during short, structured interviews is failing to prepare and overvaluing the interview with too many details.

Here are some tips we discussed that could help you feel less anxious and more confident the next time you are invited for a 30-minute interview:

- Answer questions in terms of broad strokes, overarching contributions that lend credibility to your skills. Stay away from getting too involved with details. When every accomplishment is explained word by word you run the risk of losing the interviewer's attention and the momentum.
- Break your career into themes, look for the common problems you solved throughout your career. Identify the skills you used and make sure they relate to the job description.
- List your accomplishments on a sheet of paper and use the job position as a guide to address the employer's needs. Since you only have 30 minutes, each answer counts.
- Listen to the questions asked. If you aren't sure you understand, ask for clarification before answering. Mistakes happen when candidates ramble.
- Highlight your contributions. It's better to leave the interviewer with a handful of significant skills than to overwhelm them with everything you can do.
- Prepare and practice with your introduction. Don't memorize it, just be comfortable in talking about your background with the emphasis on matching the needs/requirements the employer is looking for.
- Know why you want the job and what interests you in working for the employer.
- Have at least three or four questions to ask that pertain to the job and employer's needs. Time is valuable and the questions you ask need to send a perception that you have researched the company and are interested in contributing.
- Take some deep breaths before the interview and smile. Non-verbal language always speaks louder than words. Even if your interview is over the phone, people can sense smiling versus being uptight and anxious. Your goal is to make yourself distinguishable from other candidates by having clear answers that convey you are the right candidate for the job. Always inquire about the next steps.

How do you prepare for the ultimate interview? What have you learned from your interview experience?

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Call to action requires following with specific plan

Midland's growth requires that this community find more resources than currently are available.

With the Call to Action event still fresh in my memory, I think back to Mayor Jerry Morales' comments about the need for Midlanders to see an opportunity. There is one. He knows it. I know it. Anyone looking at the multi-million-dollar laundry list of infrastructure needs knows it.

It's time to start talking about increasing Midland's sales tax.

Currently, the sales tax inside city limits is 8 percent. The cap is 8.25 percent. That means a quarter-cent is available. What will a quarter-cent get you? If this past year is any indication, around \$12.75 million. Imagine what

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Midland could do with \$12.75 million. Even better, multiply that by 10 and think what \$127 million over a decade could mean to a city growing at break-neck pace and beyond its 1960s self.

By now we all know what Midland needs because of the additional population — land, water infrastructure, roads. Morales repeated what we have heard before — a properly placed water tower

can mean another 12,000 water connections in expanding northeast Midland. That is a lot of houses and apartments. Should Midland realize such an expansion in housing, the community's costs related to the housing crisis likely would be over. More money would be in Midlanders' pockets, and the quality of life would undoubtedly improve as restaurants and stores would be properly staffed and the cost of living would drop.

Using sales tax to provide the required infrastructure would be the best-case scenario. It also seems like the most logical. Midland hasn't been great in the past of isolating a need and focusing resources toward a problem. The community has short-changed problems by only going so far. That can't be the

case with dealing with the growth.

And here's a plan that would make sense for Midland. First, community leaders announce a plan that calls for a quarter-cent sales tax to be placed on the May 2019 ballot. And they should place a 10-year sunset on that tax. At the same time, county officials propose using a percentage of its sales collection over the next three years toward paying for improvements that will help deal with the growth in northeast Midland. With government doing its part, all that would be left is for the private sector (read: the oil industry) to make an investment, and this wish list that can eat up tens of millions of dollars is more manageable.

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NARRATIVE ROLLERCOASTER



LEFT: Sen. Ted Cruz looks on during the Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearing of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Sept. 4. RIGHT: U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke holds a town hall in Odessa on July 30.

Swoon for O'Rourke doesn't mean Cruz will lose

How in the world did U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz — Republican of Texas, former presidential candidate, Texas solicitor general, U.S. Supreme Court clerk, double Ivy League graduate — get positioned as the underdog in his first race for reelection?

Not that he's really the underdog in this campaign against U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso. It's still a Republican state. O'Rourke has been through more elections as a candidate than Cruz, but none on a statewide level. The financial advantage belongs to the challenger, but only if you don't count the outside political committees and groups that financed Cruz in 2012 and that are jumping to his defense now. And the polls, close as some of them are, consistently have found that the incumbent has the advantage.

For all that, the challenger plays as the juggernaut in the race — to the

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point where the glowing profiles of the Democrat have spawned parodies. Even people in his own party are fretting. Mick Mulvaney, a former member of Congress who's now the federal budget director, was recorded telling a private Republican group that Cruz might be in trouble. "There's a very real possibility we will win a race for Senate in Florida and lose a race in Texas for Senate, OK?" Mulvaney said, according to The New York Times. "I don't think it's likely, but it's a possibility. How likable is a candi-

date? That still counts."

Nothing beats friends in high places. Mulvaney, awkward as he might have been, was only echoing others and Cruz himself. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick — one of the downballot Republican candidates with a close personal interest in a healthy Cruz performance at the top of the ticket — appealed to the White House to send President Trump to Texas to stump for Cruz, according to Politico. Cruz, meanwhile, has been imploring lackadaisical Republicans to match the apparent Democratic enthusiasm by turning out to support him. The other side, he said recently in Houston, "is angry, is unified and is trying to burn down the White House."

Again, the odds are in the incumbent's favor. Still, the spin on this race is that the leader is somehow in a defensive posture. For reporters and

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It'd be simpler if we brought back Prohibition

The good people (and the other ones) of Round Rock have a big ol' ballot-box decision to make on Nov. 6. It involves a little something I pejoratively refer to as "the alkyhol."

In the next installment of a time-honored, yet bizarre, Texas tradition, Round Rockers (Round Rockians? Round Rockites?) will be holding a local option election on whether to allow the citywide sale of mixed beverages.

Looks like that as a result of annexations, such beverages are verboten in about 20 percent of the city, which means some establishments have to go through the private-club charade to sell you a mixed drink. The Round Rock

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Chamber, pitching it as "an economic and business climate fairness issue," led the petition drive to get the issue on the ballot.

The chamber reports that since Prohibition, an era I like to call "The Golden Age," there have been at least 22 local

option elections in Round Rock involving the alkyhol. The Big One seems to have been in 1983 when thirsty locals OK'd all alcohol sales within the then-city limits. In 2002, voters approved alcohol sales in Round Rock restaurants, leading, one would hope, to the sale of drinks on the round rocks.

There's something endlessly fascinating about wet/dry elections, an ultimate form of local control in a state where state lawmakers let the locals pick their poisons but overrule local control on such things as plastic bags, ride sharing, annexation and driving while yakkling

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Columnist



Travails of moving can't compare to being homeless

■ Family Promise needs more host congregations, funds

Well, for those of you keeping up at home, we are officially moved in to our new house. I use the term "moved in" rather loosely, though. We are still surrounded by boxes. I have managed to find the coffee maker, so things are looking up, although I wish I had packed its box more thoughtfully. I should have included cups, spoons, coffee, measuring spoons, bottled water and sugar in the box. It took me 2 1/2 hours to hunt down everything I needed, but when I did ... it was the most satisfying cup of coffee I have ever had.

We also have our washer and dryer hooked up, but I am a little torn about that. I have enjoyed my time at the laundromat. I have met some nice folks, and even joked about helping start a "ladies night" with my new friends. A lot of women there who don't have machines at home were washing school clothes.

We still don't have dining room furniture or a couch yet, but we are sleeping in our own beds. Little Son's is on the floor, though. His new pre-teen furniture hasn't shipped yet, and he is roughing it with boxes and trash bags instead of a dresser.

My own bed has never felt better to me than it has these last two weeks. As you may know, because I complained about it mightily, we slept on air mattresses and ate out of a cooler for a week in August until our new house was finished. The Hubs called it "indoor camping." I called it "never again." We spent some time in a hotel before school started so the kids could have a good night's sleep, then moved into the house with the painters and electricians for the next week and a half.

This was not my favorite way to start a new school year. It has been challenging juggling logistics and kids and dogs and contractors. The Hubs and I worried that it would be hard on the kids; it was hard on the grown-ups. I found it stressful not having a refrigerator when the kids were hungry or ice when I wanted water. We all felt out-of-sorts not having our own things or furniture. But the thing I liked the least was having a house full of strangers and no privacy for the majority of the day.

So when everyone left our house, it was with a huge sigh of relief. I thought, well, we made it, and everything is going to be just fine. But then a mom who I don't really know cornered me at pick-up a few days later and asked me if everything was OK at our house.

I could tell that she was a little uneasy. In retrospect, I'm sure she was trying to decide if something bad had happened to our family and if she could help.

"Your daughter ... told my daughter ... that she sleeps on the floor. And that all she has is a blanket to sleep with."

It took me a second to process, then I

Please see **NICHOLAS/2B**

I reserved my perfect residential lot at Village South!

My sister is a long time resident of Manor Park, and I have been thinking about making the move for a while.

When I heard about their new development for active seniors, Village South, I chose my floorplan and signed up!


**Village South at
Manor Park**



Hazel Wilbanks

RAMSEY

From 1B

pundits and other storytellers, it's a narrative roller coaster. A political newcomer wins his very first race — for U.S. Senate, no less — against a very wealthy Texas lieutenant governor who had won four statewide elections in a row. He's a rambunctious conservative, disruptive in a way that delighted his voters and irked the stuffy U.S. Senate. He runs for president in a packed GOP field, losing to the only candidate in the race more subversive than he.

It's fair to say Ted Cruz made an impression along the way. It's fair to say, too, that Beto O'Rourke's crescendo is based on the same desire for something new that boosted Cruz six years ago, along with Democratic antipathy to the GOP majority in general and to the junior senator in particular.

But O'Rourke has to manage one of three difficult pathways to victory: turn out a lot of Texans who don't ordinarily vote, benefit from a lot of Republican voters being discouraged and staying home, or convince a sizable number of Republican voters to also vote for the Democrat at the top of the ticket.

So far, that's been a better political tale than the expected one — where an incumbent seeks another six years and sails to victory.

The sprint to the elections is another chapter. Cruz and groups that support him have launched a commercial siege on the challenger — an attempt to introduce him in the worst possible light to an electorate that is already familiar with Cruz and just getting to know O'Rourke. The polling so far — always in Cruz's favor but not by enough to lower Republicans' blood pressure — has been of registered voters and not of likely voters. In Texas, fewer than two of every five voters actually turn out.

It'll tighten up. The story line will change, more than once. And even though he's running a defensive race, a Cruz loss in November would still have to be counted as a seismic upset.

DOREEN

From 1B

There isn't a downside to this plan. For those hoping parks are part of a sales-tax campaign, we would expect that money coming in from drilling inside the city can be used for upgrades. For county officials wondering about a potential budget-busting scenario, we remind them the sales tax forecast is traditionally so conservative that there easily could be another \$10 million left over.

The only thing standing in the way of such a plan is leadership. It takes guts to put oneself out there politically when it comes to sales tax elections. It also takes a big-picture point of view that we just haven't seen consistently from the Commissioners' Court. It would be wonderful if there was the political courage among the 2018 county leaders to prove me wrong.

In my view, it would be an amazing example of community planning if a serious plan is launched within six months. Should that be the case, we are still around three years away from real relief to a housing crisis that limits the ability for this community to be all that it can be.

And I go back to Morales and his words during Thursday's Call to Action. Government entities, businesses, residents and anyone else who is part of the puzzle must be united. Because from time to time, there is unity and generally there are positive results — for the taxpayer, for government, for the community.

It's time for it to happen again.

Obituaries



Corey Lamont Lights

Corey Lamont Lights was born August 3, 1977. He departed his life on September 13, 2018. Attended Midland Public Schools and played football. Arrangements are as follows:

Visitation will be at Avalos-Sanchez and Thomas Funeral Home, 1502 North Lamesa Road on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00.

Services will be Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at Antioch Baptist Church, 1400 East Golf Course Road, Midland, TX. At 11:00 o'clock. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.



Lizbeth Ann Armour

Lizbeth Ann Armour went home to The Lord September 11, 2018.

Born December 28, 1944 in Houston, Texas and adopted by Raymond and Louise Newton of Pecos, Texas. The family then moved to Fort Stockton, Texas where Ann grew up, enjoyed traveling with her parents to Big Bend, Mexico and Port Aransas and had many friends and memories there.

After graduating high school, Ann attended McMurry University and later San Angelo College where she met the love of her life, M.V. Armour. They married in 1967 and after a short time living in San Angelo, moved to Midland, Texas where they started their family soon after.

In retirement Ann enjoyed reading, cuddling with her dogs and cats, crocheting, going to the movies with her friend Wilma and attending water color and ceramic classes at Midland College. She especially enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren whenever the opportunity

Ann was a long-time member of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) before later progressing to KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly). She made many friends there and looked forward to their weekly meetings and yearly conventions.

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NICHOLAS

From 1B

explained that we had been moving and sleeping on air mattresses and blanket pallets until our house was habitable and beds were set up. She laughed, too, and seemed a little relieved.

We laughed a little, uncomfortably, then went our separate ways. But late at night, when it's quiet and the kids are tucked in, I keep thinking about the exchange and can't help but wonder about all the children who really are sleeping on floors without beds of their own.

Midland ISD announced record-breaking numbers last month and went as far as closing enrollment at several schools. The oil boom has been wonderful for the Permian Basin, but it has also meant that not everyone

was available.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Louise Newton of Fort Stockton, Texas. Her parent's in-law Millard T. and Vada Armour of San Angelo, Texas. Aunt in-law, Ruby Hulsey of San Angelo, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, M.V. Armour of Midland, Texas. Her son, Scott Armour and daughter-in-law Jennifer Armour and step grandchildren Brandon and Christian Holguin of Lubbock, Texas. Her son, Lance Armour and daughter-in-law Marcie Armour and grandson Brett Armour of Midland, Texas. Daughter, Amy Armour and son-in-law Scott Unruh, granddaughter Teagan Boyd and her husband Mc Boyd and grandson Landon King of Midland, Texas. Her sister-in-law, Ruby Warren of Amarillo, Texas. Nephew, Jim Warren of Amarillo, Texas and Niece, Jennifer Warren Gertsonson of Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be held at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3813 Midland Dr., Midland Texas on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. A lunch will precede the services.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Diabetes Association.

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Robert E. (Bob) Blazek

Robert E. (Bob) Blazek, age 91, of Midland, TX, passed away on September 14, 2018 in Midland.

Bob is survived by his wife of 30 years, Alma Blazek, his son Rick and his wife, Joy Sue Blazek of Florida, his daughter, Joy Lynn Johnson of Odessa, and his youngest daughter, Jayne and her husband, Mike Robinson of Midland.

Bob was born March 25, 1927 in Orient, Iowa. Bob grew up on a farm in Southwest Iowa and completed high school there. He moved to Texas at the age of 20 and worked on a drilling rig for the first time, then REA Express. He became their agent in Monahan, where his first wife, Lorene, led him to Christ. Two years later, he began doing supply preaching and was called as the first minister of Christian Church in Jal, NM, where he served for almost two years.

While preaching in Jal, he worked for El Paso Natural Gas Co. Then Bob decided it was time for Bible College, so he moved Lorene and their three children to Dallas and entered Dallas Christian College in 1957. He preached and worked his way through DCC, graduating in 4 years with honors. He received B.A. and B.Th. Degrees from DCC and a Master of Arts in Religion from Pepperdine University.

All of Bob's fulltime ministries were in Texas. He served as minister of North

Dallas Christian Church and Parker Heights Christian Church in Odessa, first minister of Central Christian Church in McAllen, first fulltime minister of Central Christian Church in Richardson, and as minister of New Testament Christian Church in El Paso, helping them complete a project of building and relocation. He retired from Christian Church of Midland after 14 years of service in 1990.

After retirement, Bob and Alma conducted short term preaching ministries from 3 to 18 months in duration in Monahan, Odessa, Adina, and Wellington, TX; White City, OR; Beaver and Laverne, OK; Belen, NM; and Grand Junction, CO. They also ministered for three months in Lismore, New South Wales, Australia in 1999.

During his ministry, Bob preached over 30 revival meetings in Texas,

Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, and Illinois. In 1986, he spent 3 weeks in the Philippines preaching in Mindanao. Alma and Bob spent 3 weeks in Puerto Rico in 1986, where Alma had previously served as a missionary for 12 years. Bob had two booklets published as well as several articles in the Christian Standard and Restoration Herald. He also served as a part time professor at Dallas Christian College for 7 years. Bob was a ventriloquist and ministered with his pal, "Little Joe."

Lorene and Bob had 3 children, Rick, Joy and Jayne, all of whom are graduates of DCC. After Lorene died, Bob married Alma Zuelli. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Murray, Jesse, Erin, Rachel, and Jennifer, as well as 4 great grandchildren, Liam, Penny, Lincoln, and Eli.

Visitation will be from 7:00-8:30 PM, Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at One Hope Church of Christ at 2503 W. Ohio Ave., Midland, TX.

A Celebration of Bob's life will be at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at One Hope Church of Christ in Midland.

Memorial Contributions may be made, in Bob's honor, to "Change for Kids", c/o One Hope Church of Christ, 2503 W. Ohio Ave., Midland, TX, 79701.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home in Odessa, TX. To send family condolences please sign his guestbook at www.sunsetodessa.com.

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Shaun Michael Sanchez

Our beloved son Shaun Michael Sanchez, 33, was called home on Monday, September 10, 2018. Shaun was born August 21, 1985 to Melissa Ramos Rodriguez.

He was raised by his grandparents, the late Mario Sanchez and Mary (Kello) Sanchez who he referred to as his mother.

Shaun graduated from Midland High where he met the love of his life Erica Montez and together they started their journey. They had two beautiful daughters Elizabeth and Sadie who were his life.

Shaun was employed for MudSmith's as the shop foreman. His passion was welding and fabricating anything you asked him to fabricate he would. He knew no stranger and loved to help people in need. Shaun was a kind and humble person. He was the peacemaker who always said, "Everything is going to be okay." He just enjoyed life to the fullest. He also enjoyed spending time with friends and family, barbecuing, play his game consoles and watching his favorite football team, The Dallas Cowboys.

Shaun was preceded in death by his father, Mario Rene Sanchez, his great grandmother Angelita Espinoza; his great grandfather Albert Espinoza and by his special friend, Duke, who he referred to as his son.

He is survived by his mother, Mary (Kello) Sanchez, his mom Melissa Ramos Rodriguez; two daughters, Elizabeth Nevaeh Sanchez and Sadie Mia Sanchez; and by the love of his life, Erica Montez all of Midland.

Shaun is also survived by his two sisters, Alexis Johnson and husband Denny of New Port News, Virginia and Amber Lopez and husband Ricky of Midland; one brother, Albert (Jaime) Rodriguez of Midland and one uncle, Michael (Slacks) Hernandez also of Midland; numerous nephews and nieces.

Viewing will be Saturday, Sept. 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday Sept. 16th from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening all at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral mass is set for Monday, Sept. 17th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Monsignor Larry Droll officiating. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers for the service will be Michael Hernandez, Michael Velasco, Jonathan DeLeon, David DeLeon, Joseph DeLeon, Javier Mercado, Marvin Ramos, Cody Ridenour and John Leyva. Honorary pallbearers are Albert (Jaime) Rodriguez, Ricky Lopez and Simon Johnson.

"Shaun you will be truly missed. We will never understand why this happened and our lives will never be the same but you are not hurting anymore, no pain, no suffering just sunrises, love and happiness."

Funeral Mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit the website at www.lewallengarcia-pipkinfh.com.

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Wanda Rumfield Coomer

Wanda Rumfield Coomer, 92 of Midland, Texas, passed away at home and went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, September 14, 2018.

The family will accept guests from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Wanda was born to Hozie Rumfield and Ruth Abercrombie Rumfield in Anson County, Texas on February 15, 1926. The family moved to Stanton, Texas in 1930 and she graduated from Courtney High School in 1944. She married the love of her life, Elmer Coomer, in Mineral Wells, Texas on June 17, 1944. Three years later in May of 1947, she gave her life to Jesus Christ and remained a faithful servant her entire life.

She worked for General Telephone in the Valley in the 1950's and the family moved to Midland in 1958 when she started with SWBT. She retired on December 31, 1983. The love, kindness and selflessness she displayed in her life will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Wanda is survived by sons, Herman and Don Coomer; daughter, Sheila Coomer, all from Midland; grandson, Rennie Coomer from Dallas, Texas; sister, Geraldine Burns from Midland, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents, Hozie and Ruth, siblings, Cecil Rumfield, Claude Rumfield, Turner Rumfield, Gayle Rumfield, R.D. Rumfield, and Minnie Mae Corly.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association. 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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Death Notices

Santa Salinas Aguilar

Santa Salinas Aguilar, 61, of Midland, passed away September 15, 2018. Services are pending with Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

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can keep up with rapidly escalating prices. When you can't pay your rent, what happens to you? And more people are moving to the area in search of work and new opportunities for their families. There aren't always places for them to go.

Homelessness has become a real problem in Midland. Last night there were children sleeping on floors, in cars, even in tents. In 2016, it was estimated that about 500 Midland ISD students were homeless. Those numbers probably have not changed a lot. These kids need a place to call home.

Retired MISD principal Tom Miller heads up Family Promise, a life-changing program serving homeless Midland families. One of its programs is the Midland Interfaith Hospitality

Network (MIHN). Family Promise partners with 18 church congregations to provide temporary shelter to homeless children and their families. Host churches transform into a week-long "home," providing dinner and a safe place to sleep at night. MIHN can serve four families at a time, up to 14 people, for as long as they need. During the day, the families go to work and school. Parents receive job training, financial counseling and parenting classes. Not surprisingly, Miller is a big proponent of education.

"If we are going to break the cycle of poverty, (these parents) need education: financial literacy, budgeting, going back to school for a GED or attending college, increasing their adult skills." But Miller said the need

in Midland is high and Family Promise could do even more with additional help. Currently, MIHN has two families and seven children.

"We are doing well, but with more congregations we could do even better."

It takes a lot of work for the host congregations to provide care. Volunteers in support congregations assist families by cooking and serving meals, helping kids with homework, setting up and taking down rooms, washing and cleaning. According to the Family Promise website, each host congregation may have as many as 60 volunteers working during host week. During the year, the congregation will log more than 1,000 hours caring for families.

Because the goal of Fam-

ily Promise is to help families regain independence, the next program clients can participate in is the Families Forward Transitional Housing program. Family Promise has three duplexes for graduates of their MIHN program. They live in these duplexes, pay a monthly program fee, continue to attend classes and build up savings until they are stable enough to move into permanent housing. Right now, there are five families in transitional housing, and Miller says more housing is needed.

Family Promise is currently in the middle of its capital campaign to raise \$4 million that would be used to build five additional duplexes, storage units and a

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There are nine lessons to know from the global financial crisis

A lesson learned should lead to meaningful changes by individuals and institutions. That has largely been the case in the decade since the financial crisis since the global economy into a prolonged depression that would have devastated livelihoods for at least a generation. But there are also consequential lessons that haven't been sufficiently internalized; and some that were not foreseen at the time of the crisis but are now urgent and important.

Here's a summary scorecard of post-crisis accomplishments, unfinished business and unintended consequences.

Accomplishments

■ A safer banking system. Thanks to strengthened capital buffers, more responsible approaches to balance sheets and better liquidity management, the banks no longer present a major systemic risk in most advanced countries, and especially the U.S. That doesn't mean every country and every bank is safe; but the system as a whole is no longer the Achilles' heel of market-based economies.

■ A more robust payments and settlement system. The strengthening of the banking system has been part of a highly successful, broader effort to minimize the risk of "sudden stops" in the payments and settlement mechanisms at the core of the global economy—that is, a loss of trust in counterparts that freezes even the most basic financial transactions, paralyzing economic interactions.

■ Smarter international cooperation. The crisis highlighted the importance of better approaches not just to crisis management, but also to prevention. At the top of the "to-do list" are steps such as improved harmonization of strengthened regulation and supervision, more timely and comprehensive information-sharing, and greater focus on the challenges of monitoring internationally active banks. Individual countries have been able to draw on a wider set of insights in bolstering both their macro- and micro-prudential efforts.

Slippages

■ Still-elusive inclusive growth. It took far too long for policy makers in advanced countries to realize that the great recession caused by the financial crisis had important structural and secular components. An excessively cyclical mindset initially impeded the design and implementation of the measures needed to generate high and inclusive growth. By the time mindsets evolved,

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the political window had narrowed. Even today, most advanced countries have yet to adopt measures to durably boost actual growth and stop the downward pressure on potential expansion.

■ Misaligned internal incentives. Judging from headline-grabbing incidents of inappropriate behavior and processes in recent years, the sticks and carrots in place in some financial institutions need work. These institutions still contain pockets of improper risk-taking and other unsuitable conduct, as well as excessive short-termism in compensation payouts and managerial tolerance for actions that are too close to the line that separates permissible from non-permissible activities.

■ A scarcity of "patient" balance sheets. Putting challenged and damaged securities in ring-fenced balance sheets was key to containing the huge financial disturbances. This involved reliance on large public balance sheets, though their use was increasingly met by social and political pushback. Concerns about distributional effects, including favoring corporate profits at the expense of wages, Wall Street at the expense of Main Street, and the rich at the expense of the poor, have added to what is now a reduced availability of these tools for use in future crises.

Unintended consequences

■ The big got bigger and the small got more complex. Although more progress has been made on what to do when a bank fails, especially when it is large, the market structure that emerged from the financial crisis involves significantly larger institutions, particularly U.S.-based ones. The same phenomenon of the big having gotten bigger can be seen in asset management. It has come at the expense of a gradual hollowing out of the middle of the distribution of financial firms. Meanwhile, the other end of the size distribution consisting of small institutions has been increasingly populated by the proliferation of fintech activities that, for the most part, haven't been tested through a cycle downturn.

■ Risk has morphed and migrated to underregulated areas. This change in market structure is connected to another phenomenon: the morphing

and migration of risk to non-banks. This dynamic is particularly notable in the extent to which, benefiting from years of ample global liquidity and unusually low financial volatility, there has been an over-promising of liquidity provision and excessive volatility-selling in its many forms. And part of this has been embedded in the structure of the system through product proliferation, including the growing number of exchange-traded funds that implicitly promise instantaneous liquidity in market segments that are structurally subject to repeated pockets of illiquidity.

■ Reduced policy flexibility. There is limited "dry powder" to rely on in the event of a crisis because interest rates are still floored at zero or below in much of the advanced world outside the U.S., central banks' balance sheets are already large, and debt levels are significantly higher than before the global financial crisis. This suggests that, even if there is sufficient political will, the ability to crisis manage and recover may be diminished compared to 10 years ago.

Those of us who navigated the global financial crisis first-hand, managing assets and liabilities in the private sector during exceptional market turmoil, saw unprecedented unpredictability turn what had previously been unthinkable into reality with unsettling regularity. We readily recognize how much was done to prevent an awful situation from severely damaging current and future generations, and also the important steps taken to reduce the probability and severity of another global crisis.

But that does not mean all is well. Renewed efforts by both the public and private sectors are needed to deal with longstanding challenges that received inadequate attention in the aftermath of the crisis, and to understand and address some of the major unintended consequences of 10 years of crisis management and prevention. Fortunately, we know a lot more about both. The biggest challenge is to get the political process to address their importance when there is no actual or looming crisis in the advanced world to focus minds.

HERMAN

From 1B

on the cell phone.

I love this Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission historical note on two wet-dry elections in Goodlow, a city of about 200 residents in Navarro County (Corsicana is the county seat). In March 1997, Goodlow voters faced this issue at the polls: "Prohibiting the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages."

Says TABC: "The issue failed by a vote of 38 for and 63 against." But in 1999, the issue returned to the ballot and passed 64-63. Looks like the "fors" did a better job of getting their voters out, while the "againsts" got the same 63 folks to return to the polls.

Quick, personal flashback: I'd never been in Texas prior to arriving in Lufkin for the 1975 job interview that led to my first newspaper job. After being shown around the quintessentially East Texas city, Joe Murray, then-editor of the Lufkin Daily News, told me he was about to offer me a job.

But first, he said, he had to tell me something about his small town. It sounded like he was headed for a big reveal about something like Lufkin being an enclave of devil-worshippers. I was wrong.

"Ken," my future boss said, "this is a dry county." I'd never heard the phrase and it raised immediate concerns. I think an occasional and drenching rain is helpful. Murray explained what dry meant in this context. Not being a fan of the alcohol, I was glad to hear the explanation and gladly took the job.

The most recent wet/dry rundown on the TABC website is from November 2017. It's complicated, billed as "a list of completely wet and completely dry counties. All other counties are a combination of wet and dry areas."

The list includes 55 wet counties alphabetically, Aransas through Zavala, in which "all alcoholic beverage sales are legal everywhere in the county." Around here, those counties include Burnet, Comal, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe and San Saba.

And there were six counties in which "no sales of alcoholic beverages are legal anywhere in the county." My con-

gratulations to the right-thinking folks in those right-thinking counties: Hemphill, Kent, Martin, Roberts, Throckmorton and Borden. (There's something so right about alkyhol sales being illegal in Borden County.)

Reviewing here: There are 55 wet counties and six dry counties. That accounts for 61 of our 254 counties, which means it gets real complicated real fast in 193 counties, including the ones in which most American-Statesman readers reside. (Back in 2003 there were 35 completely wet counties and 51 completely dry counties.)

From TABC: "Although the laws regulating the alcoholic beverage industry are consistent statewide, the Alcoholic Beverage Code allows local determination of the types of alcoholic beverages which may be sold and how they can be sold by means of local option elections. Elections can be held by counties, cities or individual justice of the peace precincts."

And keep this TABC caveat in mind: "Please note that an area annexed to a city may assume the same or certain privileges regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages if certain, and very specific, conditions are met."

The most recent TABC map shows Travis, Williamson, Hays, Caldwell and Bastrop counties as "partially wet." And TABC helpfully points out the 10 issues on which a community can vote in determining local alcohol rules, including "the legal sale of beer for off-premise consumption only" and "the legal sale of wine on the premises of a holder of a winery permit."

Ok. So let's see what

applies where. TABC has a handy spreadsheet for that. The May 2018 version has 2,431 lines telling you what you can and can't buy where. Lines 2,174 to 2,195 tell you what's legal in various parts of Travis County. Lines 2,346 to 2,364 do the same for various locations in Williamson County.

And if this level of detail isn't enough, there are notes, some as simple as this one for Cherokee County: "Only Troup is wet."

Some are a little thicker: "Edwards County is 'wet' for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, except mixed beverages, in all parts of the county except within the boundaries of old JP Precinct 2 as it existed on 09/26/1936."

And there's this one: "Anderson County and JP precincts partially wet by virtue of local option in city of Palestine. All JP precincts had slice of city at time of election. City, however, has local ordinance that will only permit licensed establishments in certain portions of town. Hence, while Palestine is shown as 'wet' for all alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption and for mixed beverages in restaurants, much of the city may be effectively dry due to the local ordinance."

Oh, and there's this disclaimer atop the spreadsheet: "This list is not guaranteed accurate. Additional local option elections may have taken place that have affected this list."

It's almost enough to make a prohibitionist reach for a stiff drink. Almost.

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In loving memory of Domingo Nunez, 8/16/1988 - 9/19/2017.

We, the Nunez family, send our utmost gratitude to the community for your thoughts, prayers, and support over the last year after the passing of Domingo. Thank you for thinking of our family during this difficult time. We were given a measure of peace knowing that Domingo was so deeply loved by everyone who knew him. Your continued thoughts and prayers are more than appreciated.

Peace & Blessings,
The Nunez Family



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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	20 families	\$25,811.29
Water	1 family	\$ 130.00
TOTAL		\$25,941.29

We received a call on our helpline from a young man needing assistance. He was clearly uncomfortable to be making the call, and it was obvious to us that he had never done this before. He has a steady, full-time job and we had no record of him having asked for assistance before from any of the agencies in Midland.

When we met with him we found that he was a single parent, raising two young children. His wife had left him when his youngest was an infant and the older one was a toddler. She left without warning - just called him one day at work five years ago and told him she wanted out. She was tired of being a mother and was leaving him. If he didn't want the children left alone he'd better get home now.

He left work as soon as he contacted his supervisor, and when he got home, true to her word, the children were alone. Over the next several months he rearranged his life to accommodate the physical needs of his children while still maintaining his job, paying his bills, and being both mom and dad. Family members helped out with daycare when they could until he made suitable arrangements.

Five years passed and he remained the single parent, working at his job, raising his two babies. His life revolved around them.

Then, several months ago, his wife telephoned him for the first time in those many years. She threatened to come and take the children away. Frantic that he might lose his babies to a woman who had been less than stable in the past, he hired a lawyer to do whatever was necessary to protect his rights and the well-being of his children. The lawyer filed papers that would make the mother unable to get passports for her children without the father's consent. The immediate threat of his children being taken across the border was averted, at least for the time being. The financial cost left him unable to pay his small electric bill and part of his rent. We gladly paid it and wished we could do more, but he would not accept additional help.

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Politics played no role in death estimates from hurricane

Last December, a week before the holiday break, I received a call from the government of Puerto Rico seeking a meeting to discuss Hurricane Maria and its aftermath. In the cab on the way to meet Gov. Ricardo Rosselló, I knew the number of Puerto Rican lives lost was, and would continue to be, a highly charged issue. But I had no idea that after the Milken Institute School of Public Health, of which I am the dean, released our independent study, that the issue would be the subject of several presidential tweets.

The tweets suggested a political motive for our study's finding of 2,975 excess deaths in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.

To set the record straight, our study was carried out with no interference whatsoever from any political party or institution. It was based on a careful examination of all of the deaths officially reported to the government of Puerto Rico between September 2017 and February 2018. Our scientists, in collaboration with scientists at the University of Puerto Rico Graduate School of Public Health, used state-of-the-art mathematical modeling to compare the total number of deaths during that time to the expected number of deaths, based on historical patterns as well as age, sex, socioeconomic status and migration from the island.

Make no mistake: The death toll did continue to rise in the months after Maria. In September 2017, when Puerto Rico recorded a total of 2,906 deaths, we found there was an excess of 574 deaths above what would have been expected in a year without the storm. The death toll continued to mount every day, with an excess of 697 deaths in October, 347 in November, 479 in December, 558 in January, and 320

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In February, for a total of 2,975.

Throughout that time, researchers produced other estimates. The government of Puerto Rico came up with a figure of 68 excess deaths through October 2017; the New York Times, 1,052 through October 2017; a team at Harvard University, 4,645 through December 2017; and researchers at Penn State University, 1,139 through December. Of these, only the estimate by the government of Puerto Rico involved the examination of individual deaths to determine if the hurricane had caused them. The Harvard study, based on a household survey, was later found (by Milken Institute SPH researchers) to have overestimated the number of deaths because they did not adjust the household death reports for household size. When analyzed correctly, their study produces similar numbers. The other two studies, like ours, used death certificates.

Ours was the only study that took into account the enormous net out-migration of citizens that occurred after the storm. According to our estimates, in mid-September 2017 there were 3,327,917 inhabitants in Puerto Rico; by the end of February 2018 there were only 3,048,173, a net loss of about 8 percent of the population. This is the main reason our analysis produced somewhat larger estimates than the other studies.



We do not know the exact circumstances around each of the 2,975 excess deaths that occurred. Many factors — disruption in transportation, access to food, water, medications, power and other essentials — may have contributed. In interviews, we heard many heartbreaking stories of families struggling to obtain emergency health care, power for medical devices, prescription drugs, or even food and drinking water. This is why we were not surprised to find that the highest rates of excess deaths occurred among those living in the poorest municipalities, as well as those over the age of 65, especially men.

The federal government and charities have provided tremendous resources to Puerto Rico, and we are proud of the hard work of the local citizens and leaders, fed-



eral responders and volunteers who risked their own lives to pitch in and help. What was lacking was adequate planning and preparedness for such a horrific storm. No one administration or political party is responsible for why we still don't prioritize preparedness even though we are increasingly threatened by large hurricanes. By identifying the preventable causes of these deaths, we can save lives the next time a fierce storm hits. And this is especially important as Hurricane Florence grinds up the Carolina coast, leaving a deadly trail in its wake.

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New York Times backtracks on a tale about some expensive curtains

Context is everything. The New York Times realized this after the fact.

Late Thursday, the Times published a bit of accountability journalism, detailing extravagant expenditures at taxpayer expense on a Manhattan apartment leased by the government and now occupied by Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Specifically, the article noted, federal interior decorators spent \$52,701 on new drapes, including a motorized system to open and close them.

The original headline read: "Nikki Haley's View of New York Is Priceless. Her Curtains? \$52,701."

Well, yes. But not exactly. It's true, as the story said, that the ambassador's 6,000-square-foot apartment on First Avenue — often used for entertaining diplomats — has a priceless view of Manhattan. It's also true, as the story's lead paragraph states, that the curtains on the picture windows in the apartment were installed "just as the department was undergoing deep budget cuts and had frozen hiring." But all of that distorts the actual timing and context of Drape-gate, which the Times — or at least its headline — seemed initially to pin on Haley and the Trump administration.

In fact, readers who merely scanned the headline and photo thinking it was another Trump administration expense-account scandal might have missed several important pieces of information in the body of the story, starting with the sixth paragraph: The drape expenditures were authorized and approved by the Obama administration in 2016. "Ms. Haley had no say in the purchase," a spokesman for Haley said in the article.

The misleading context provided ammunition to those who perceive the news media in general, and the Times in particular, as hostile to Trump and his administration. Cries of "fake news" began popping up on Twitter not long after the story was published.

Critics contended that the headline, along with a photo of Haley, made it seem that Haley, or Trump's State Department, was responsible for the expenditure.

The conservative Daily Caller collected tweets blasting the Times for its alleged anti-Trump worldview, topping them off with a headline saying the Times got "fact-checked by its own accompanying article." Breitbart.com was even blunter: "New York Times Spreads Fake News About Nikki Haley's \$52,701 Curtains."

By midafternoon on Friday, the Times reconsidered. It removed the photo of Haley and changed the headline to the less colorful, but more accurate, "State Department Spent \$52,701 on Curtains for Residence of U.N. Envoy."

It also appended an editor's note, which read, "An earlier version of this article and headline created an unfair impression about who was responsible for the purchase in question. While Nikki R. Haley is the current ambassador to the United Nations, the decision on leasing the ambassador's residence and purchasing the curtains was made during the Obama administration, according to current and former officials. The article should not have focused on Ms. Haley, nor should a picture of her been used. The article and headline have now been edited to reflect those concerns, and the picture has been removed."

Reached by phone on Friday, the reporter of the Times story, Gardiner Harris, hung up without comment. He did not respond to follow-up messages.

Times editor Dean Baquet said in a brief interview that he preferred to let the editor's note correcting the story do the talking. He added, "The main lesson here is, if we get it wrong, we correct it. We own up to it."

Haley herself retweeted the Times' tweet about its editor's note.

The unanswered question in all the hubbub: Why did the State Department, under any administration, deem it necessary to drop more than \$50,000 on curtains?

Serena finds out what politicians have known for a while

When an athlete disputes a referee's call, it's usually a minor matter, mostly of interest to devoted fans. But when Serena Williams yelled at chair umpire Carlos Ramos at the U.S. Open on Sept. 8, and later broke her racket in frustration, it became a matter of intense national interest as soon as she lost the final to Naomi Osaka.

Williams' outburst drew wide criticism, but so did the ref. Her defenders didn't try to argue that Williams hadn't broken the rules, because she obviously had. Instead, they pointed out how arbitrarily those rules are often applied.

Lots of players receive coaching from the stands, Williams' defenders said. Few of them get called on it, as she was, triggering the outraged reaction that ultimately cost her a one-game penalty she couldn't afford, in a match she was already losing. Tennis matches are supposed to be won by skill, not the misfortune of who caught the eye of a sticklerish ref.

Williams' defenders are right, of course. We say things like "those are the rules" and "that's the law," but formal rules are a bit like an iceberg: The written directives are only a small percentage of what actually goes into making "the rules" and "the law." The rest is found in interpretation and discretion.

For example, speeding is illegal. But if a traffic cop pulls over a driver, and the driver points to a woman in labor in the passenger seat, we all expect the officer to provide a siren-and-flashing-lights escort to the hospital, not a speeding ticket.

But let's say nobody's pregnant in a car that's going only 1 mph over the limit. In theory, the police are entitled

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to issue a ticket. But in practice, people know that they won't. And if a cop does write you up for such a paltry violation, you'll feel, justifiably, that something unfair has happened.

As Marc Howard, a professor of government and law at Georgetown University, pointed out on Sept. 11, such legal disparities are among the issues animating Black Lives Matter: that minorities are subject to unequal enforcement of nominally impartial rules. And given Williams' race, it's natural to wonder whether that sort of bias didn't play a role at the U.S. Open.

Coincidentally, as the internet was debating 'affaire Williams, another dispute broke out on social media: Ian Millhiser of ThinkProgress wrote an article headlined "Brett Kavanaugh said he would kill Roe v. Wade last week and almost no one noticed." The conservative Weekly Standard, which serves as one of Facebook's fact-checkers, flagged this as false. Facebook labeled the article accordingly. And left-wing journalists erupted.

"Facebook should not let conservative editors police liberal outlets' analysis under the guise of fact-checking," thundered Slate's Mark Joseph Stern. It was a measured response compared with many of the sputtering complaints collected by William Saletan, also at Slate. The gist was that Facebook had

allowed a malevolent fox to guard its ostensibly neutral henhouse.

But as Saletan notes, Kavanaugh actually hadn't said that he would overturn Roe v. Wade. Millhiser was just arguing that this was the logical implication of some of Kavanaugh's other remarks. As a journalistic matter, the Weekly Standard's call was completely justified, and ThinkProgress should have changed the headline, which would have lifted Facebook's sanction. Instead, the site doubled down by attacking the ref.

But in defense of Team ThinkProgress, people do use "said" more broadly in conversation. So it feels overly meticulous to insist that anything but the narrow definition constitutes an outright falsehood. In other words, it feels correct — but unfair. That naturally prompts people to scrutinize the refs for bad motives. Or at least for the natural human tendency to apply higher standards to your opponents than you do to your friends.

Funnily enough, that's exactly why conservatives complain about the steady leftward drift of academia and media, who referee most of today's disputes.

People to the left of conservatives have mostly rolled their eyes at these complaints as coming from a bunch of crybabies who need excuses for their inability to play in the big leagues.

Which is why the past week was so instructive all around. It turns out that when you like the player, it's pretty clear why a hostile ref is a problem. And that the folks who have been trumpeting the majestic impartiality of rules are just as tempted to throw a tantrum when they're subjected to a ref who seems to be playing for the other side.

Can Democrats take the Senate in midterm?

If Democrats are going to have any hope of winning control of the Senate, they have to overcome a very tough math problem.

Right now, while it looks as if Democratic incumbents in places such as Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are likely to survive, the polling averages show four of them — Bill Nelson in Florida, Heidi Heitkamp in North Dakota, Claire McCaskill in Missouri and Joe Donnelly in Indiana — locked in extremely tough races.

Here's the rub: Democrats must keep all those seats and also net two GOP seats on top of that — most likely in Nevada and Arizona, which are also very close — to get from 49 to 51 seats and win the Senate. If one of those four Democratic incumbents loses, Democrats must flip three GOP seats, which is very hard. If two of those incumbents lose, Democrats must flip four GOP seats, which is really unlikely.

In other words, it's hard enough for Democrats to flip just Arizona and Nevada — but with each incumbent seat they lose, Democrats must expand their net pickup from Republicans by one more seat to offset it. That's daunting.

I spoke to J.B. Poersch, the president of Senate Majority PAC, the biggest super PAC spending to elect Democrats to the Senate. He conceded that the situation is "challenging."

"We've got a long way to go," Poersch conceded to me. "But I don't think the Republicans expected to be playing goal line defense the way they are."

This basic math problem is partly the result of the fact that Nelson — the only one of the four incumbents in a state that Barack Obama won twice — is in a much tighter race in Florida than many had hoped against GOP Gov.

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Rick Scott.

When I pressed Poersch, noting that many Democrats believe Nelson is running a lackluster campaign, he declined to admit that Nelson is struggling. Instead, he said Democrats should have always expected the race to be close.

In fairness, as tough as the situation is for Democrats, it is looking worse for Republicans than most people expected. After all, the map favors Republicans, because a lot of Democratic incumbents are on defense in states President Trump carried. Yet, there are plausible, if very narrow, paths to a Democratic majority.

Poersch argued, for instance, that Tennessee — where Democrat Phil Bredesen is mounting a surprisingly strong challenge — is more in play than many believe.

"Republicans are doing 16 weeks of consecutive television and radio there," Poersch said. "There is no way they anticipated having to go this far and this deep in Tennessee. ... We believe we've held a lead here for some time."

The thing is, though, that Tennessee looks like a must win for Democrats if they are to gain the majority. It goes back to that math problem again: If a Democratic incumbent loses in one of those four states, Democrats have to flip Tennessee in addition to Arizona and Nevada to win the Senate. The only alternative is running the table in all

those six states other than Tennessee.

So Tennessee is probably crucial. When I asked Poersch about this, he said: "There's a way to get to the majority without Tennessee. But it's a high priority."

What about Texas?

Which brings us to Texas, where Beto O'Rourke is mounting a surprisingly strong challenge to Ted Cruz. When I asked Poersch if his group would invest in the race, he demurred, saying only: "We're looking at it closely," and "we're reserving the right to help," though he did describe O'Rourke as "the best Democratic statewide candidate in Texas in 25 years."

This raises a dilemma. Given how easily a Democratic majority can get derailed by a single loss somewhere — and given that in this political environment, anything can happen, as we saw in Alabama — you would think national Democrats might invest in Texas, if only to try to pull off a miracle. Along these lines, Democrats might also consider investing in Mississippi, where Democrat Mike Emy could conceivably pull off a shocker. Because it's a multi-candidate "jungle primary" on Election Day, if no one reaches 50 percent and Emy finishes in the top two, it would force a late-November runoff in which Emy could conceivably prevail.

And if Democrats do not invest in Texas (or Mississippi) — and O'Rourke (or Emy) falls just short, and Democrats fall once again short of the majority — the recriminations will be extreme. Asked about this, Poersch conceded the difficulty of the situation. "In a cycle with a map as wide as this, you have to give yourself many possibilities," he allowed. As for whether that results in national spending in Texas, well, we'll just have to wait and see.

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Clinton takes her turn 'trolling' Kavanaugh

■ Clinton may have been looking for social media sympathy by saying something awful to get the other side to attack you

Why did Clinton do it? I realize that a question like that needs to be a lot more specific, so let's try again.

Why did Hillary Clinton tweet this on Wednesday?

"I want to be sure we're all clear about something that Brett Kavanaugh said in his confirmation hearings last week. He referred to birth-control pills as 'abortion-inducing drugs.' That set off a lot of alarm bells for me, and it should for you, too."

She prattled on a bit more about how Kavanaugh deliberately distorted "basic science" to offer a "dog whistle" to the extreme right.

There was a hitch, though.

This claim — that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh considers birth control pills to be "abortion-inducing drugs" — had been widely debunked when California Sen. Kamala Harris tried to peddle it with a deceptively edited video.

Kavanaugh had been describing the views of specific plaintiffs in a specific case, *Priests for Life v. HHS*. "It's pretty clear from the context," The Washington Post's fact-checker, Glenn Kessler, wrote

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"that he was quoting the views of the plaintiffs rather than offering a personal view." He gave Harris four Pinocchios — the worst rating.

Even PolitiFact, which often bends its findings to fit a liberal narrative, ruled that the characterization was dishonest.

So why did Clinton jump on the bandwagon so late?

There are many plausible theories. A common one is that she deliberately lied to pander to her base and further unfairly demonize Kavanaugh. Or perhaps she hasn't been paying attention and her staff is so incompetent that no one bothered to do their due diligence. (Indeed, she may not have tweeted it herself. Some 22-year-old intern may be responsible.)

Any of these are possible. But something else may be at work. One of the dominant features of our time is that more and more people define themselves by what they hate. For many partisans, what motivates them the most isn't support for their side's

policies but their hatred of the other party. Most Republicans didn't vote for Donald Trump; they voted against Hillary Clinton. Most Democrats didn't vote for Clinton; they voted against Trump.

This dynamic doesn't just apply to presidential candidates. It saturates both parties and both sides of the culture war, and it even distorts how we process basic facts. The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences just came out with a report on how people will misinterpret objective data — in this case on climate change — if there's any hint that the data came from a Republican or Democratic source. The moment Democrats saw a Republican logo, the ability to interpret a chart went out the window for many of them, and vice versa.

In a media climate where every news outlet is essentially a niche product, appealing to a relatively small slice of the market, one of the best ways to get attention and support is to be attacked by the other side.

This is the broader context for the often-lucrative vocation commonly known as "trolling." Say or do something awful to get the other side to attack you, and your own side will rush to your support on the grounds that if you're making the right people angry, you're a hero.

"We need more Americans to understand exactly this phenomenon," Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse told me on my podcast.

The Remnant. Cable news producers and magazine editors have told Sasse that there's "no chance in hell that you're getting a 70 percent audience from anything anymore. What you want is a deep and sticky 1 percent audience. And one of the most effective ways to do that ... is by getting attacked, because you draw visibility to yourself."

Sasse pointed to The New Yorker's almost conspiratorial "expose" of Chik-fil-A's "creepy infiltration" — in the magazine's words — of New York City. The magazine has done "some really important work, not just in its history, but this year," Sasse said, yet "they put out 'these nonsensical, scurrilous pieces.'"

"I think that the motive is to get attacked from the other side, so you can now wear the victim badge of honor, and then other people who are in your base then rally to you as a second-order effect."

This dynamic is everywhere today, particularly in the president's Twitter feed — and in the Twitter feeds of various Democrats who'd like to replace him.

Again, I don't know if this explains Clinton's tweets about Kavanaugh — conventional laziness, incompetence and dishonesty are reasonable guesses, too — but Sasse is surely correct that more Americans need to appreciate this phenomenon.

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OUR VIEW

Beto might get some headlines; smart money still on Cruz

There sure are a lot of people complaining about Beto. If you didn't know any better, you'd think the Democratic congressman from El Paso already had won the Senate race over Ted Cruz. News flash: he hasn't, and until someone shows us otherwise, we do not believe the time has come for a Democrat to win statewide in Texas. It doesn't matter if that person is Beto O'Rourke, a Castro brother or the next in the line of not-ready-for-prime-time political players the Texas Democratic Party keeps throwing out there for electoral ruin (i.e. Wendy Davis, Tony Sanchez, Bill White).

And for the record, here's our view on O'Rourke. He represents the type of political thinking that would be bad for energy production, bad for conservatism and bad for West Texas. He's not a blue dog Democrat or one who West Texans once found tolerable on fiscal or social issues. He's an opportunistic half politico/half phenomenon who benefits from people's short attention spans and the few occasions when a candidate becomes a celebrity. He is the Barack Obama of Texas politics. He makes people feel good, although when push comes to shove they are not really sure why.

But here's the deal. A person can be opportunistic only when an opportunity presents itself, and for that, Ted Cruz deserves some of the blame. His failed presidential run allowed Texans to sour on "candidate Cruz" and opened the door for a feel-good story to come along. Cruz knew this was a possibility. Shoot, he knocked off the establishment candidate and was elected senator by using the same playbook O'Rourke is using. He wooed Republicans at the grass-roots level. He received the endorsement of high-profile party leaders from around the nation. He took a relatively modest political resume and used it to his advantage.

Will this make Cruz supporters feel better when they see Beto's social media posts? Nope. They will complain, even make comments about the money O'Rourke has raised, which we thought was a very anti-Republican thing to do. They also will bark at the involvement of Willie Nelson, who is set to headline an O'Rourke rally at the end of the month. Seriously, who gets all bent out of shape about Willie? That's an anti-Texas thing to do.

The smart money is still on Cruz. Any wily veteran of Texas politics isn't ready yet to bet big on the latest and greatest of Democratic up and comers. They know what we know. The electoral map doesn't support Texans electing the first Democrat statewide in 20 years — not yet. On election night, the returns will show winners include Abbott, Patrick and Cruz.

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Democrats resort to 11th hour slander

After several days of showboating and judicial hazing, Democrats pulled out their biggest weapon against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh — a letter from an anonymous woman claiming sexual misconduct in high school.

There are no words — except perhaps desperate, scurrilous and embarrassing to anyone with a conscience and a grown-up brain.

The letter apparently has been in the custody of Judiciary Committee member Sen. Dianne Feinstein since July, but it only recently surfaced. Feinstein says she didn't mention it sooner out of concern for the accuser's privacy and because the events were too far in the past to merit discussion, according to a source close to the California senator who spoke to the New Yorker. Under pressure from colleagues, however, she turned it over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Democrats surely were hoping the letter would prompt a federal inquiry and stall Kavanaugh's confirmation until after the midterm elections, when they hope to take over the Senate. But the bureau didn't take the bait. It added the letter to Kavanaugh's file but has not opened a criminal investigation. The allegations, which Kavanaugh vehemently denies, refer to when he was a student at Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, Maryland, in the 1980s. During a party, he allegedly held down and tried to force himself on a student from another school.

As awful as the allegation about Kavanaugh is (and one is justified in questioning its veracity under the circumstances), the use of an anonymous document to undermine him at a time when he's poised to become a Supreme Court justice is dreadful. Equally terrible was the recent unnamed op-ed from a White House insider underscoring President Trump's incompetence. No regular reader of this column would mistake me for a Trump supporter. But fairness and journalistic integrity took a hit with The New York Times' publication of the op-ed. In the newspaper world I inhabit, Anonymous doesn't get a byline.

Nor should Kavanaugh's accuser get a public hearing, especially under such clearly political circumstances. In today's #MeToo environment, a mere suggestion can be treated as an indictment — and little imagination is required to make the leap to guilty. A letter of this sort by itself is of no value to the public other than to confirm that the U.S. Senate now traffics in gossip. And at a time when journalists are concerned with "alternative facts" and Trump's war on truth, how much faith can we put in the facts and truth of an anonymous letter or op-ed?

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In the meantime, 65 women who have known Kavanaugh since his high school years signed a letter addressed to both Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Feinstein affirming Kavanaugh's good character.

"In particular, he has always treated women with decency and respect," the letter said. "That was true when he was in high school, and it has remained true to this day."

So here we are debating an adolescent boy's qualifications to become a Supreme Court justice. What's next, his potty training?

Even Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is displeased with the way Kavanaugh has been treated by the Senate. Speaking last Wednesday at the George Washington University Law School, a day before Feinstein disclosed the letter, Ginsburg called the Kavanaugh hearings "a highly partisan show." She recalled both her own and Justice Antonin Scalia's "truly bipartisan" hearings in better days.

After she was nominated to the Supreme Court in 1993 by President Bill Clinton, Ginsburg was confirmed in two months by a vote of 96-to-3. Scalia, whom she described as "certainly a known character," was confirmed unanimously. "Every Democrat and every Republican voted for him," she said.

"That's the way it should be. ... The Republicans move in lockstep, and so do the Democrats. I wish I could wave a magic wand and have it go back to the way it was," said the 85-year-old jurist.

Brava, Madam Justice, brava. Clearly, both political parties are responsible for the highly partisan show now taking place, but Democrats currently lead what appears to be a race to outdo the other in bad form. A lower point is hard to imagine.

Bipartisanship (and fairness) may be forever beyond our reach, but we should at least be aware of our participation in this dismal prospect. There is a way back to the better times of which Ginsburg spoke, though it will require great courage and character — to confirm the highly qualified Kavanaugh with a bipartisan vote.

Alas, there's no such thing as a magic wand.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Mr. Paxton, it's time to investigate Catholic Church

It is a difficult time to be a Roman Catholic. Barely a month after the release of the Pennsylvania grand jury report, accusations of sexual misconduct, abuse and coverups have quickly enveloped multiple dioceses in several states and implicated high-ranking prelates in the U.S. and in Rome.

While a handful of bishops have been unequivocal about the extent of the church's moral decay and what is required to cleanse its ranks, others continue to deny and obfuscate, expressing indifference for the victims and arguing that the church has more important things to do (address climate change and immigration policy) than care for its flock and root out the enablers of such unadulterated evil.

For a church whose faith is predicated on truth and love, this isn't simply demoralizing — it's criminal.

At least seven states now see it that way. In the weeks since the Pennsylvania

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report, New York, New Jersey, New Mexico, Missouri, Illinois and Nebraska have opened investigations into sex abuse by Catholic priests in their states and have asked local dioceses for records.

Take note, Attorney General Paxton. Texas should waste no time in following suit.

There are some Catholics who, for good reason, fear the interloping of secular authorities whose objective is not to cleanse and renew an institution they likely don't understand. If the Pennsylvania report is any indication, investigations in any of the 50 states are

likely to uncover terrible things that will overshadow much of the good the church does, and may weaken her ability to proclaim the Gospel in the near term.

That's disheartening — almost unfathomable — but necessary.

We must remember that the church's image is not what matters. For those who love her, the beauty of the church lies in her teachings, not her brand. Her foundation will never falter and time and again we've seen that half-measures in dealing with a crisis only invite a future reckoning that causes even more souls to be lost.

Of course, it would be a far better thing for the church to police herself; to conduct a comprehensive self-assessment that is unapologetically transparent about her failings.

But the comments of leading American bishops, from Cardinal Blase Cupich's warning to not "go down a rabbit hole," to Cardinal Donald Wuerl's preemptive PR campaign to protect his own reputa-

tion, confirm that church leaders are unwilling and unable to orchestrate the kind of institutional cleansing and that justice and decency demand.

Even the Pope's commitment to reform seems tentative.

Last week in a homily, Pope Francis seemed to imply that the bishops who are exposing their fellow clergy of crimes and cover-ups are the primary source of scandal within the church. The "Great Accuser" "tries to uncover the sins, so they are visible in order to scandalize the people," he preached.

Was Francis suggesting the church should not have to answer for its sins? We can only hope not.

Conservative and liberal Catholics agree: the church must face an accounting. The truth must come out.

If that means the Church must submit itself to investigations by secular authorities, so be it.

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Texas did just fine without coal plants

The Texas electricity market proved once again why it's a leading innovator, and power customers around the world should pay attention.

Six months ago, critics predicted that Texans would suffer soaring electricity prices and rolling blackouts in what they predicted would be a cruel summer. Generators had shut down expensive coal-fired power plants, raising questions about whether supply could meet demand.

The grid operated by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas relied too much on wind energy, the pundits said. Making matters worse, ERCOT only paid generators for the electricity it bought, providing few incentives to keep spare capacity.

Texans simply pay too little for electricity, these critics said, due to federal tax incentives that encourage wind farms. The Texas grid was a house of cards that would come tumbling down if the Summer of 2018 was hotter than average, they warned.

The Summer of 2018 was indeed one of the hottest on record. ERCOT, which meets 90 percent of the state's electricity needs, set a new record for demand at 73.2 gigawatts. But the lights stayed on, and prices remained reasonable.

Texas's lightly-regulated market, heavily reliant on renewable energy, worked as planned. The sky did not fall.

ERCOT is unique and widely admired by the global electric power industry. In 1998, Texas lawmakers did away with the traditional model of the government setting electricity rates and guaranteeing generators a profit margin. Lawmakers decided to make generators compete to see who could offer the lowest-priced electricity.

ERCOT is responsible for operating the market and overseeing distribution. When demand goes up and spare capacity shrinks, ERCOT pays higher prices to encourage more generation. Wholesale electricity in Texas averaged \$28.25 a megawatt hour in 2017 — among the lowest in the nation — but can legally go as high as \$9,000.

Generators make their money when demand peaks in the summer and winter. Other markets encourage competition, but most pay generators to have spare capacity. Texas also has the most installed wind generation, which generates federal tax credits and suppresses prices.

"Both high temperatures and low wind in unison are needed to produce exciting price prints," analysts at the financial advisory firm Morning Star concluded. "If those two factors don't combine, then ERCOT has enough generation, especially wind, to supply even record demand."

Lower power prices, though, are tough on older coal-fired power plants built when politicians guaranteed profits.

Vistra Energy Corp. cited low prices when it shut down three coal plants last winter. The company took 4.1 gigawatts of generation off the ERCOT grid, enough capacity to power 2.8 million homes.

Vistra's decision meant ERCOT generators would need to operate at 89 percent of capacity to meet Texas' forecasted electricity needs. ERCOT prefers 14 percent reserves in case of an emergency. The slim reserve margin made traders nervous back in May, sending futures prices skyrocketing to \$252 a megawatt hour.

In July, a string of hotter than average days set 14 of the top 15 hourly demand records in ERCOT's history. Prices exceeded \$300 a megawatt-hour during some 15-minute intervals, but average prices settled well below what traders had anticipated. Electricity bills were typical for a Texas summer.

"Ten-times average prices is indicative that they were reaching constraints ... but they weathered this very nicely," said Ed Hirs, an electricity markets expert at the University of Houston. "The cool thing is that the engineers at ERCOT are able to manage the fluctuating input of renewables and dial up and dial down the very flexible gas generation and keep everything working."

ERCOT proved grids can shut down uneconomical coal plants, rely on renewable energy and still provide reliability and reasonable prices.

Secretary of Energy Rick Perry should pay particular attention to the system that he helped deploy when he was governor. Perry claims that America's electric grids cannot rely on natural gas and renewable sources. He wants to force consumers to pay \$3 billion in subsidies to keep open uneconomical coal and nuclear power plants.

ERCOT's experience proves that Perry's proposal is nothing more than a handout to President Donald Trump's supporters who own failing power plants.

ERCOT is leading the world in competitive markets and renewable energy. More coal plants are expected to close this winter, and ERCOT is adding more solar power than ever before.

Consumers will also likely set a new record for demand next summer. I expect ERCOT will again prove that the future of electricity is more innovation, not less.

Army Futures Command will provide new resources

The newest Army Command is coming to Austin. Army Futures Command is part of a historic reorganization of the Army and is the first new four-star command in 45 years. It's a notable departure for the Army, being located in an urban area, rather than a military base, and having an express mission of interacting with the surrounding businesses and academia. The new facility will employ about 500 people, including 400 civilians, once it is fully operational.

The Army considered 150 cities. Austin was ultimately selected from a "short list" of five based on the density of industry and academic talent and proximity to private sector innovation. The new facility will be instrumental in modernizing the Army, including improving understanding of the future environment and emerging threats. Simply stated, Army Futures Command is charged with preparing the Army for the conflicts of the future.

By tapping into private-sector and academic know-how, the Army can better develop solutions to future problems. With Austin's large number of professionals in science and

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technology industries and thousands of graduates each year in science, technology, engineering and mathematics career fields, the area is well-equipped to work with the Army to modernize. The Army placed the command in an urban setting to be "closer to technology innovators and researchers in one of the nation's top growing technology cities."

Advances in robotics and artificial intelligence will be used in battle by someone (ally or enemy) whether we like it or not, and the Army Futures Command is tasked with ensuring that U.S. soldiers have the best technologies available. By integrating into a hub city for innovation and startups, the idea is to tap into and work with those companies and researchers at the forefront. It will be a synergistic relationship, because the Army will

also provide a significant infusion of funds to leading-edge researchers.

Austin won the location not only because of the technology orientation and innovative mindset the area is known for, but also because of its relatively reasonable cost of living and high quality of life. The state also stepped up with incentives, recognizing the significance of having this command in Texas. Clearly, Texas' business climate played a role in winning the location.

From an economic perspective, the addition of 500 well-paying jobs will bring notable benefits. Beyond the direct employment, the presence of a major command center will provide new resources to the area to support synergistic research and innovation across a multitude of settings, generating further gains in business activity. Perhaps most important of all, it is a statement that in one of the most important arenas imaginable, Texas has shown itself to be an innovation juggernaut of global significance.

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America is in danger of losing war of ideas

GUEST VIEW

Dallas Morning News

It came out of a clear, blue sky 17 years ago. An airliner appeared overhead and then disappeared into the side of the World Trade Center in New York City. A short while later, with half of the world watching, a second airliner arced across the sky and disappeared into the second World Trade Center tower. In an instant, it vaporized the idea that this was anything other than a deliberate and vicious attack on the United States of America.

In the years since 9/11, this country has been actively engaged in two kinds of wars. The first — and the one that often gets the most attention — involves military forces, gunfire and nerve-rattling explosions capable of horrific carnage. The second is related to the first, but in many ways is more important. It involves a war of ideas, and it's both a much larger conflict and the one that every generation is at risk of losing. And we dare say that our nation is at risk of losing that war now.

Our concern here isn't a specific foreign policy change, a setback in the Middle East, or even a flawed argument made about the future viability of democracy in one place or another. American foreign policy ebbs and flows, the Middle East certainly ebbs and flows, and democracy has always had its doubters.

Instead, our concern grows from the knowledge that even bad ideas, when unchecked, can take hold of a society that is losing sight of the principles that guide its success.

So this past week, 17 years after first invading Afghanistan and 15 years after invading Iraq, the United States gives off the appearance of a

country that doesn't understand the larger struggle of ideas it is engaged in. Routinely, we hear arguments that both of those wars were failures because military conflicts persist within their borders and in the neighboring regions. Or, specifically, because ISIS rose to replace al-Qaida.

It matters not, apparently, that the Navy SEALs brought justice to Osama bin Laden's little hideaway in Pakistan. And it matters not, it would seem, that for the past 17 years the United States has experienced something that was unthinkable on that clear day in September that started it all: There has been no major terrorist attack on American soil since 9/11.

If you asked a New Yorker on Sept. 12, 2001, whether the Brooklyn Bridge or the Empire State Building would still be standing in six months or six years, the answer then would have almost certainly been less confident than the determined declaration, then common, that the World Trade Center would rise from the ashes.

And it matters not, it seems, that the United States understood something about other cultures in the world that critics of the recent wars persistently dismiss: That regardless of a nation's dominant religion, long history or internal conflicts, each person on this planet prefers personal liberty to mass tyranny. That's why years after the U.S. withdrew most of its troops, Iraq remains a democracy with patriots bravely fighting for its survival. And it's why even in the remote mountains of Afghanistan,

the fight goes on as local forces take the place of international military personnel.

The United States began the war in Afghanistan understanding the big idea: that liberty is a universal human value, and that real democracy is the only long-term cure to a disease that has plagued humanity since the dawn of time. There are always people who wish to seize power and threaten civilized nations by meting out violence and sowing fear. The question is, are there always people willing to spread hope by stepping into the breach?

Millions of Americans volunteered for military service in the years after 9/11 and more continue to do so, proving that the 9/11 generation and the new generation coming up understand what is at stake and have been willing to risk all to ensure our national success.

Our question is whether our national leaders today understand why it is important to seek out and destroy terrorist organizations and to use all the tools available, including diplomacy, to defend the desire for democracy in Islamic and other lands as well as press against regimes that would crush democracy. Do our national leaders today have stiff enough spines to risk public opinion to defend the big idea of individual liberty that forms the foundation of our country?

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We recommend Christi Craddick for TRC

GUEST VIEW

Dallas Morning News

There's little question that the oil and gas industry is a major engine that helps drive Texas' economic growth, providing thousands of jobs and valuable resources.

This state needs Texas Railroad Commission members with a keen knowledge of the industry who will work diligently to regulate it in a way that protects public health.

Christi Craddick's background in the industry and her smarts about the complex rules and regulations that govern it make her our choice over Denton historic preservation officer Roman McAllen. Cradd-

ick, a 48-year-old Republican, is seeking a second term on the three-member commission.

Craddick vows to continue to educate Texans about the importance of energy production to our state and the role of her commission. She's well-versed. But the Midland lawyer would be wise to remain mindful that the commission's main job is to ensure safe and orderly energy production.

And we're still troubled by the cozy relationship this agency has with the in-

dustry it regulates. Oil and gas companies finance the campaigns of commissioners, including Craddick. She owns stock in energy firms and has a financial stake in oil and gas interests around the state.

But it was comforting to hear her tell The Dallas Morning News in a candidate interview that she believes injection wells have played a role in local earthquakes, as scientists have concluded. The commission has been criticized for being slow to acknowl-

edge that link.

Craddick says the studies have prompted the commission to put in stronger rules and guidelines and have led to the hiring of seismologists for further study.

McAllen, 52, is earnest and well-intentioned. But the Democrat has no background in energy or the environment. He said, for example, that if elected, he'd spend six months or more learning about the agency and its regulations. Texans can't afford that much time getting him up to speed.

Craddick gets our nod. Libertarian Mike Wright is also on the ballot.

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Lee bounces back, MHS stumbles in week 3

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The Lee defense bounced back in emphatic fashion Friday against El Paso Montwood.

On Sept. 7, the Rebels' defense surrendered a late 62-yard touchdown reception, which was the difference in a 31-24 loss to Abilene High.

The Lee defense responded to the setback with a dominant performance against Montwood, holding the Rams to only six first downs, 29 rushing yards and 105 yards passing in a 42-6 rout at Socorro Student Activities Center.

The Rebels (2-1) had eight sacks, 21 tackles for loss and forced three turnovers, which included two interceptions by free

safety Karl Taylor.

Outside linebacker Trent Low led Lee with three sacks and equaled fellow linebacker Charlie Gonzales with a team-high four tackles for loss.

"I think it was a team effort to get all that done," Lee head coach Clint Hartman said. "The quarterback didn't have much time, so they forced some balls and we ended up having a chance to get picks. They couldn't run the football on us, so that turns them into a one dimensional football team and once you know what's coming, it makes you a play a little better."

The Rebels' defense surrendered its only

score when Montwood's Ivan Fernandez threw a 13-yard TD pass to Ivan Vilchis with 22 seconds left in the first half.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Taylor returned it 97 yards to give Lee a 28-6 advantage at halftime.

"When Karl Taylor returned the kick, I think it took the air out of them," Hartman said. "I really do."

The Rebels' offense shined as well with 196 rushing yards and 225 passing yards.

Lee had five different skill position players — running backs Josh Traylor and Shemar Davis and wide receivers Loic Fouonji, Sheldon Bass Jr. and Logan Acosta — score

touchdowns.

Furthermore, both Rebels quarterbacks — senior Felix Hinojosa and sophomore Mikey Serrano — completed at least 70 percent of their passes thrown.

"We took what they gave us," Hartman said of the Rams' defense. "They wanted to put (bodies) right in the box. We tried to throw it outside. We spread the ball around."

"We had five guys score touchdowns in all different spots. I think it puts pressure on the defense, so we were really excited about that."

With the score at 42-6 heading into the fourth quarter, Hartman said it turned out to be beneficial for Lee because it allowed the coaching staff to play younger players and reserves, so they could get invaluable experi-

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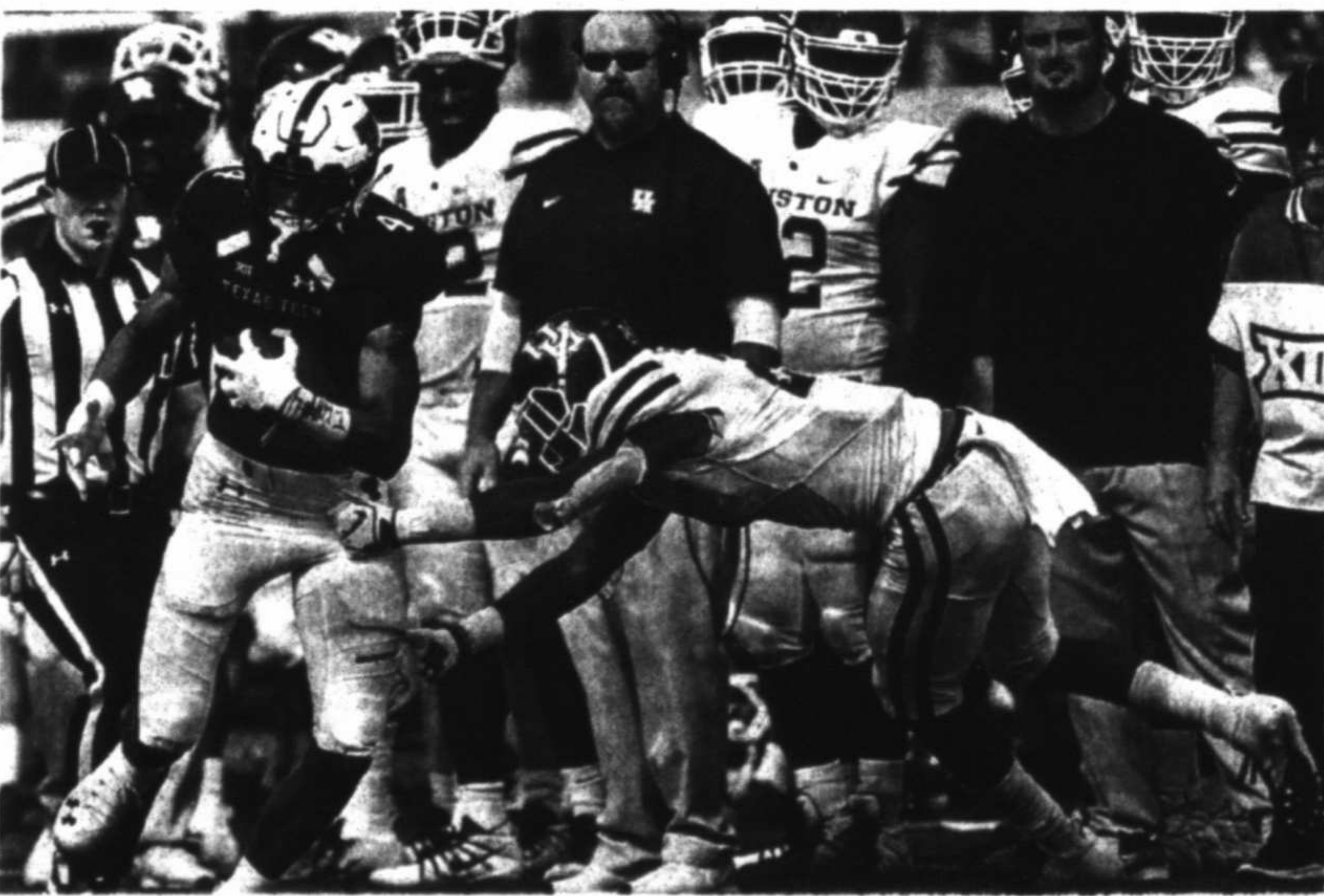


Hartman



Hinojosa

THIS ONE'S FOR THE ANNALS



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Texas Tech receiver Antoine Wesley (4) pulls away from a Houston defender on his way to a long gain on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Bowman, Texas Tech rewrite record book in win over Houston

LUBBOCK —

Probably not too many people thought that Alan Bowman could start at quarterback for the Texas Tech football team this season as a true freshman and have success.

On Saturday afternoon at Jones AT&T Stadium, Bowman proved that the previous week's performance against Lamar was no fluke.

Bowman set a new Texas Tech and Big 12 freshman single-game record when he threw for 605 yards on 43-of-59 passing with five touchdowns and no interceptions in a 63-49 win over Houston. He was also only sacked once by the Cougars (2-1) with stud defensive lineman Ed Oliver in the trenches.

The person he surpassed for the record? That was none other than Patrick Mahomes, who is now the starting quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs. Mahomes had 598 yards passing against Baylor in 2014.

Bowman was starting his second game for the Red Raiders (2-1) after the ankle injury to McLane Carter in the season-opening loss to Ole Miss.

Bowman is also starting over sopho-

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more Jett Duffey, the presumed starter when spring practices began.

Bowman has not only showed the poise to handle pressure in the pocket, but more importantly, he doesn't turn the ball over, which is something that head coach Kliff Kingsbury has emphasized out of his quarterbacks.

"Bowman missed a couple of throws early that he usually doesn't miss, but he settled in, protected the ball well, made a bunch of good decisions, and got us rolling," Kingsbury said. "He's coming along about what I expected. The receivers are playing really well and the o-line is getting great pass protection. Pat did (the record) against the No. 5 team in the country and we weren't very good either. He's got a long ways to go to be mentioned in that

category, but I like how he's progressed, and we've just got to keep working hard at it."

Bowman got plenty of help from his receivers, led by junior Antoine Wesley, who also broke a single-game school record with 261 yards coming on 13 catches, to go with three touchdowns. The 261 yards broke Joel Filani's record of 255.

Wesley said he was humbled to know he broke the record, considering the wide receiver tradition the program has had.

"I'm kind of shocked but it's awesome, knowing that they were here before me," Wesley said. "It's an honor to continue to do what they did for the program."

Senior Ja'Deion High added seven catches for 120 yards, while T.J. Vasher — the other towering receiver along with Wesley — added six catches for 94 yards and two TDs.

High said he was pretty happy for his teammate's Wesley's big day.

"It's an honor to be on that wall with all of them legends," he said. "That doesn't happen very often."

"No, I wasn't expecting that from him

Please see **TEXAS TECH/5C**

Elliott, Barkley square off as Cowboys face Giants

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Ezekiel Elliott and Saquon Barkley are friends from their days as foes at Ohio State and Penn State.

Now that they're set to share the field for the first time as pros, the running back of the Dallas Cowboys remembers his only college encounter with Barkley, the promising rookie of the New York Giants.

To wit, the matching hurdle plays that Elliott recalls when Barkley was a freshman for the Nittany Lions and outgained the reigning offensive MVP from the first championship game in the four-team playoff era a season earlier. Elliott's Buckeyes got the bigger prize, a 38-10 win.

"I went out and hurdled a guy and literally the next drive he comes back and hurdles one of our guys," Elliott said. "That was pretty cool to me just to see him come back and do the same thing."

Just as in that scenario three years ago, Elliott is the established star after leading the NFL in rushing as a rookie in 2016, and Barkley is the first-year upstart. As for the bigger prize Sunday night, the NFC East rivals need the win with both coming off season-opening losses.

"We don't worry about that," first-year Giants coach Pat Shurmur said. "That's fun for everybody to talk about outside the building. We didn't do enough in the first game to win the game, and we're working to do what we can to win this next one. Period. End of story."

It could be just the start of the Elliott-Barkley story. Friends since that night in Columbus, Ohio, after Barkley rushed for 194 yards while Elliott had 153 yards and a touchdown, they are now among the most important pieces for storied franchises trying to get back to the Super Bowl.

And each was the first running back taken in his draft: Elliott fourth overall in 2016 and Barkley at No. 2 this year.

"They're powerfully built guys," Shurmur said. "When I say 'collision balance,' in the hole, guys bouncing off, and they can keep their balance. (Elliott's) production in his first two years had nothing to do with us selecting Saquon, but they're similar in a lot of ways."

Things to consider as these rivals meet within the first two weeks of the season for the sixth time in seven years:

Please see **COWBOYS/6C**

No. 4 Ohio State holds off No. 15 TCU 40-28 after quick TDs

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Big defensive tackle Dre'Mont Jones returned an interception thrown right at him 28 yards for one of No. 4 Ohio State's three touchdowns in a four-minute span of the third quarter in a 40-28 victory over No. 15 TCU on Saturday night.

The Buckeyes (3-0), in their last game without suspended coach Urban Meyer on the sideline, finally went ahead to stay with that spurt that started Dwayne Haskins Jr. threw a short pass that Parris Campbell turned into a 63-yard touchdown.

Ohio State still trailed 21-19 after a 2-point try failed, but TCU quarterback Shawn Robinson was under

pressure on the ensuing third down when he tried to shovel a pass to his running back — but instead it went to Jones, the 286-pound tackle who rumbled to the end zone. The next drive for the Horned Frogs (2-1) ended with a blocked punt, and two plays later Haskins threw a 24-yard TD to K.J. Hill.

The Buckeyes jumped out to a 10-0 lead after All-America defensive end Nick Bosa's strip-sack in the end zone, a fumble that was recovered by Davon Hamilton for a touchdown.

But Bosa left the game with an apparent left groin injury when rushing after Robinson early in the third quarter. Bosa could be seen pointing at his groin area when sitting on the turf after the play, and went to the locker room with Ohio State down.

By time Bosa got back on the sideline in street clothes late in the third quarter, the Buckeyes were leading for good.

Darius Anderson had two rushing TDs for TCU, including a school record 93-yard sprint that was the longest play from scrimmage ever against the Buckeyes. Anderson added a 16-yard score when he dove to the left pylon to make it 21-13 before Ohio State's quick scoring spurt.

The game was played at the NFL home of the Dallas Cowboys, about 20 miles from the TCU campus — and where they Buckeyes won the national championship four seasons ago. That was after Ohio State jumped past Big 12 co-champions Baylor and TCU into the fourth and final playoff spot for the inaugural College Football Playoff.



Michael Ainsworth/AP

TCU cornerback Jeff Gladney (12) defends a pass intended for Ohio State wide receiver Austin Mack during the first half of a game Saturday in Arlington.

Jay triples in 8th, D-backs top Astros

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — In a stretch where the Arizona Diamondbacks feel like they haven't been going their way, a lucky break on Friday night helped them to a much-needed win.

Pinch-hitter Jon Jay's tiebreaking triple in the eighth inning sent them past the Houston Astros 4-2, tightening a pair of playoff races.

The AL West-leading Astros had their edge cut by Oakland to 2 1/2 games. Arizona moved within three games of St. Louis and Los Angeles for the second NL wild-card spot.

It was 2-1 when Nick Ahmed doubled off Hector Rondon (2-4) with one out in the Arizona eighth. Jay hit a two-out, tiebreaking drive into the right field corner and later scored when a flyball by A.J. Pollock dropped in shallow center field for a single.

The triple by Jay came on a ball he said hit twice off his bat and that he thought was probably going to be foul.

"It kind of hooked back and that's when I realized what had happened and I just ran," Jay said. "It fell through and... that was a big break for us right there. We needed it."

Manager Torey Lovullo was impressed with the way his team persevered.

"I know that we've been dealing with some frustrating circumstances," he said. "For us to come out against the world champs and play the way we did, I was really proud of these guys."

Arizona starter Robbie Ray yielded two hits and two runs with six strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings. Brad Ziegler (2-6) pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings and Yoshihiro Hirono allowed one hit in a scoreless ninth for his second save.

David Peralta had three hits and drove in two runs and Paul Goldschmidt doubled twice for Arizona. Astros starter Dallas Keuchel allowed five hits and two runs in six innings.

Ray retired 13 of the last 14 batters he faced with Houston's only baserunner in that span coming when he walked Carlos Correa with one out in the fourth.



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Houston Astros' Alex Bregman (2) jumps as Arizona Diamondbacks second baseman Ketel Marte (4) tries to tag him during the third inning of a game Saturday in Houston. Bregman was called out on the play.

The Diamondbacks scored twice in the first when Eduardo Escobar walked. Goldschmidt hit a ground-rule double and Peralta followed with a single.

Houston came back with two in the bottom half. George Springer led off with a single. Jose Altuve and

Alex Bregman walked to load the bases and Yuli Gurriel hit an RBI single. A double-play grounder by Correa tied it.

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Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Boston	102	47	.685	—
2 New York	91	57	.615	10 1/2
3 Tampa Bay	81	66	.551	20
4 Toronto	66	82	.446	35 1/2
5 Baltimore	62	100	.384	50 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Cleveland	83	65	.561	—
2 Minnesota	67	81	.450	16
3 Detroit	60	88	.405	23
4 Chicago	59	89	.399	24
5 Kansas City	52	96	.351	31

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Houston	89	55	.618	—
2 Oakland	80	59	.574	9 1/2
3 Seattle	61	78	.439	28 1/2
4 Los Angeles	73	75	.493	20
5 Texas	63	84	.429	28 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Atlanta	83	65	.561	—
2 Philadelphia	76	71	.517	6 1/2
3 Washington	70	74	.486	12 1/2
4 New York	68	79	.463	14 1/2
5 Miami	57	91	.385	26 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Chicago	87	61	.588	—
2 Milwaukee	85	64	.570	2 1/2
3 St. Louis	81	68	.544	6 1/2
4 Pittsburgh	73	74	.497	14 1/2
5 Cincinnati	63	86	.423	24 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
1 Colorado	81	66	.551	—
2 Los Angeles	82	67	.550	—
3 Arizona	76	71	.517	4 1/2
4 San Francisco	69	79	.468	12 1/2
5 San Diego	59	89	.399	22 1/2

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Time	Game
12:05 p.m.	1. Tampa Bay (7) at New York (1)
1:05 p.m.	2. Toronto (4) at Boston (3)
1:05 p.m.	3. Detroit (2) at Cleveland (2)
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Saturday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Game	Score
1. Tampa Bay (7) at New York (1)	7-1
2. Toronto (4) at Boston (3)	4-3
3. Detroit (2) at Cleveland (2)	2-2
4. Chicago (2) at Minnesota (2)	2-2
5. Kansas City (2) at Houston (2)	2-2
6. Seattle (2) at Los Angeles (2)	2-2
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50. Los Angeles (2) at Seattle (2)	2-2
51. Texas (2) at Houston (2)	2-2
52. Baltimore (2) at St. Louis (2)	2-2

"Smart guy, leader, very hard worker, played in the league for a long time, knows the game," O'Brien

Some things to know
about Texans and Titans:

The three-time Pro Bowler came into this season with the most catches by a tight end in the NFL.

The Texans placed right tackle Seantrel Henderson on injured reserve, and rookie Martinus Rankin is expected to start at either left or right tackle. The Titans are waiting to see if Lewan clears the concussion protocol, with Kevin Pamphile his likely replacement, and Dennis Kelly at right tackle until Jack Conklin returns from the left ACL torn in January.

At left, Dallas Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott stands on the field during warmups before a game against the Seattle Seahawks on Dec. 24, 2017, in Arlington. At right, New York Giants running back Saquon Barkley looks on from the bench during the first half of a preseason game against the New England Patriots on Aug. 30, 2018, in East Rutherford.

The Cowboys are still adjusting to Joe Looney at center with four-time Pro Bowler Travis Frederick out indefinitely with a nerve disorder.

In his first game since an ankle injury 11 months ago and since signing \$95, five-year extension, Odell Beckham Jr. had 11 catches for 111 yards against the Jaguars. The star receiver has had his moments against the Cowboys, most notably the leaping one-handed catch for a touchdown as a rookie four years ago. That was one of his two games against Dallas with two TDs. He has five scores in six games against the Cowboys.

Giants punt returner Kaelin Clay, signed after the final cuts, had 4 yards on three returns. He fumbled the last one at the Giants 19-yard line, but he is getting a second chance. The Cowboys cut Dan Bailey, the second-most accurate kicker in NFL history, in favor of Brett Maher. The CFL veteran missed his first NFL kick, from 47 yards, when the Cowboys were trying to get within seven points late in the third quarter.

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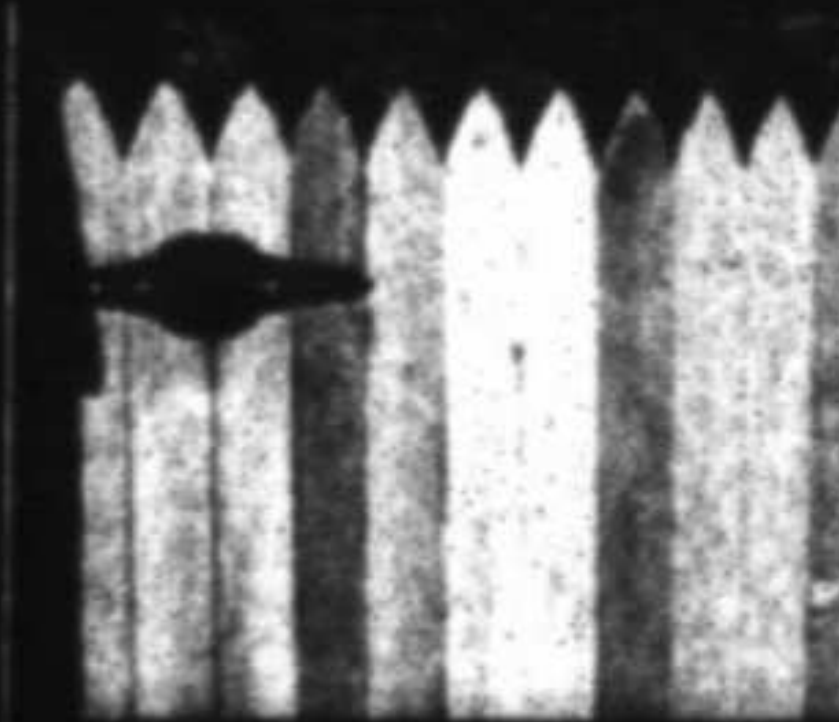
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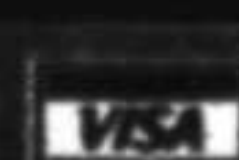
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- Spends significant time with MMSEs visiting customers in the field with the purpose of deepening account relationships, uncovering revenue opportunities and driving revenue
- Works in tandem with the Management team to identify revenue opportunities and in market support
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- Develops a strong sales plan with team and assists in the achievement of KPIs and digital revenue goals
- Assists the sales team in achieving their goals in both digital, print and specialty publications
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- Digital Sales Experience preferred, or equivalent work experience in media-related business
- Must have prior experience with digital marketing platforms
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Or apply in person at
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MWD Field Specialist I needed

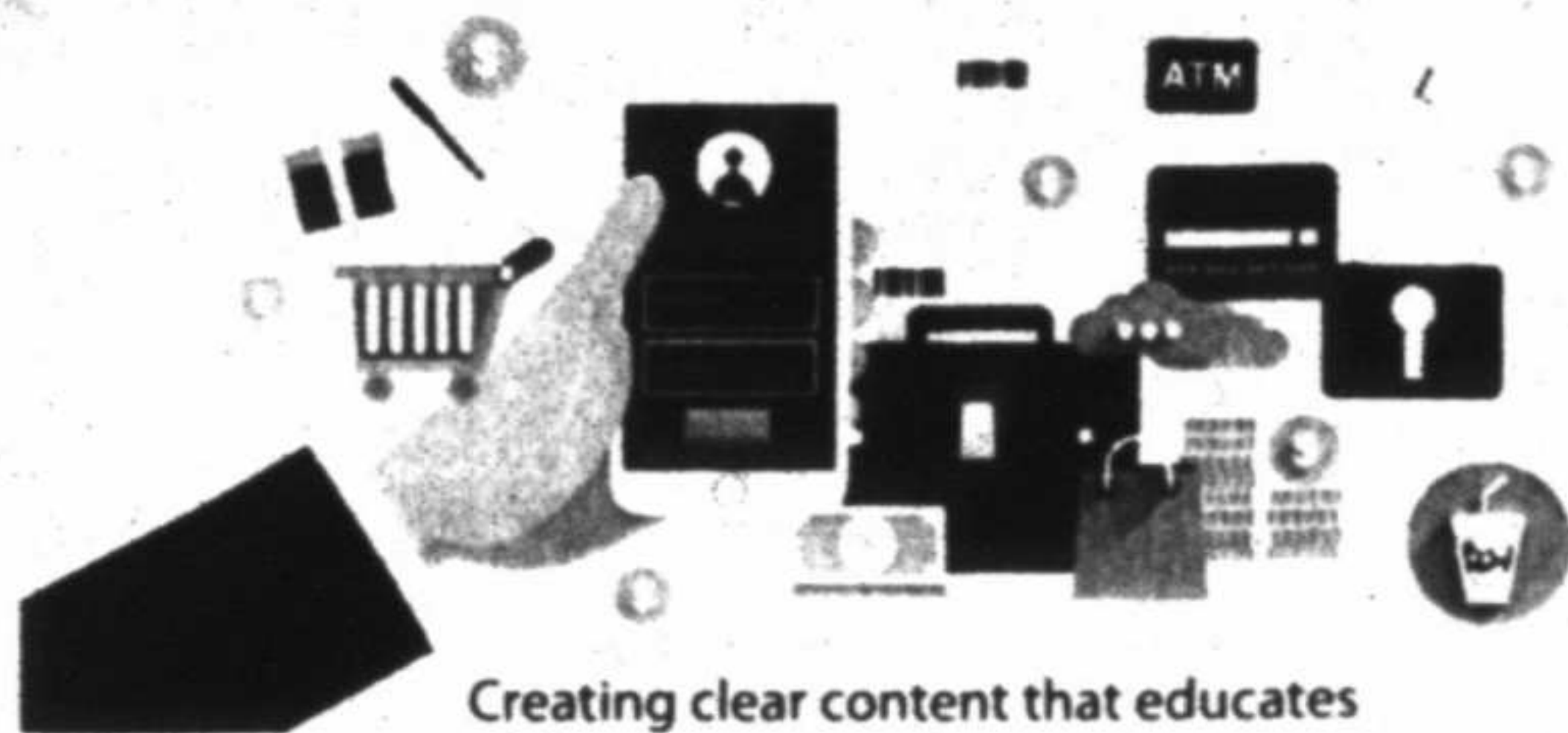
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 14, 2018
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 19, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRCC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0312857
Status/Permit No. 842065

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, (RRC Operator No. 642652) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 13, Bk. 36 T1S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-201, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 0.9 miles NE direction from STANTON, 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 Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and present 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.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

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Lease/Unit Well No: 4215H
Lease/Unit Acres: 664.44
Nearest Lease Line (R): 1.0

Lease Lines: 475.0 F North L, 490.0 F East L
Survey Lines: 475.0 F North L, 490.0 F East L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral TH1

Penetration Point Location:
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Terminus Location:
BH County MARTIN
Section 24 Block 36 T1S Abstract 443

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Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to surface commingle oil and gas production into the Sebastian 19H Central Battery, located in RRC District 7C, in Upton County.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26, 27, and 55, any aspect of the application must be submitted in writing to the Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6782), within 21 days of publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Monna Coleman (737) 704-2300.

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Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Pioneer Natural Resources, 5205 N O'Connor Blvd Irving, Texas 75039 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Mabess Foundation O Lease, Well Number #1D. The proposed disposal well is located 5.1 miles NE of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4470 to 5220 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) 512-463-6792.

Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of J.W. Graham, Deceased, were issued on September 6, 2018, in Cause No. P19537, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Pamela Rose Graham.

All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them to either or both of the below named individuals within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o Pamela Rose Graham
410 Cottonwood Ave
Midland, Texas 79705

DATED the 7th day of September, 2018

William E. Ward
Attorney for Pamela Rose Graham
State Bar No. 20856800
P.O. Box 50588
Midland, Texas 79710-0588
Telephone: (432) 683-3700
Facsimile: (432) 683-3704

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frances H. Baldwin, Deceased, were issued on September 11th, 2018, in Cause No. P19542, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Judy Galbraith, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 5428 Basswood Circle, Midland, Texas 79707.

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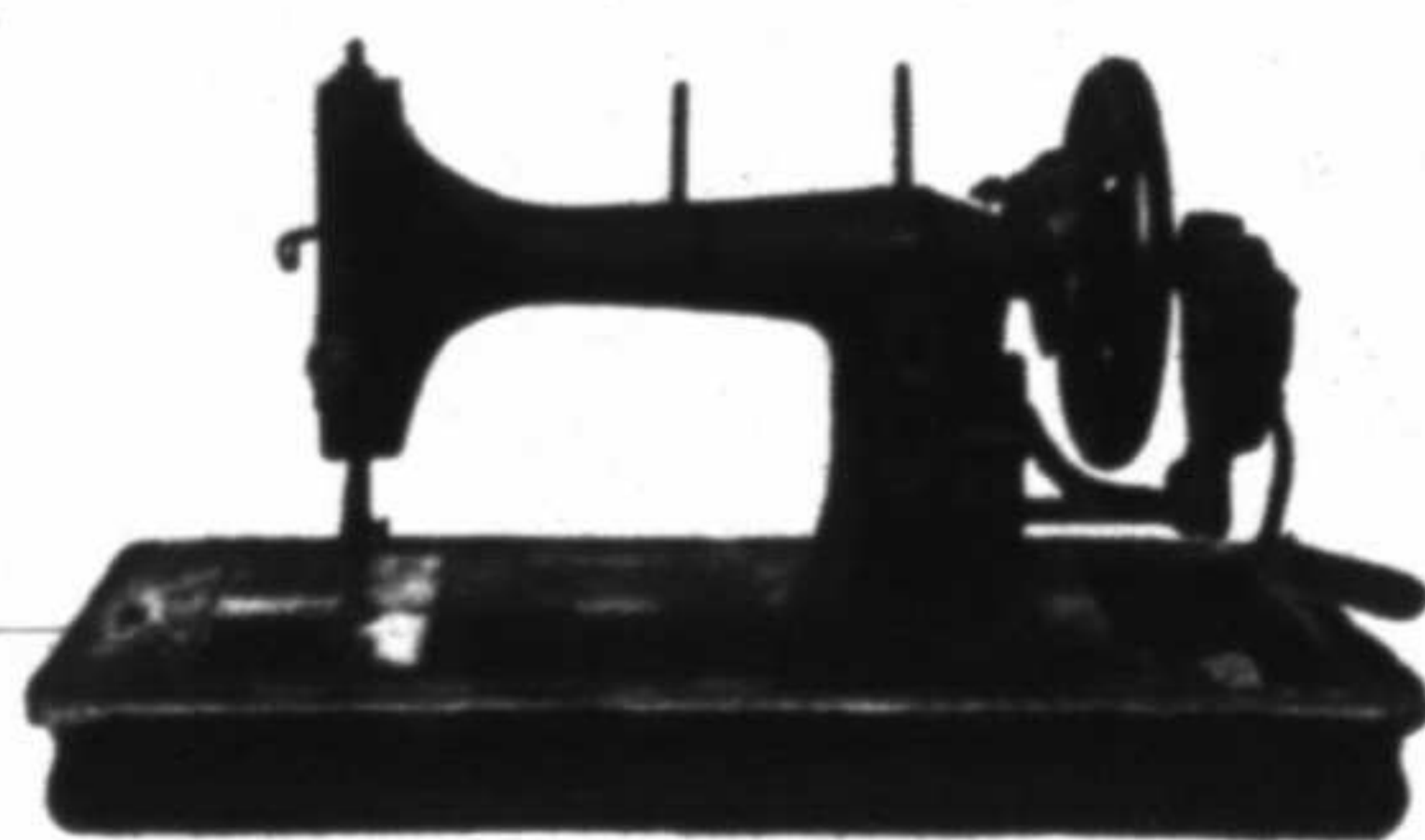
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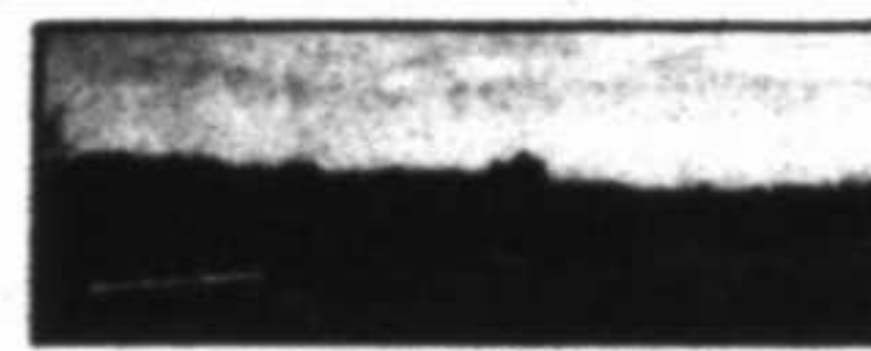
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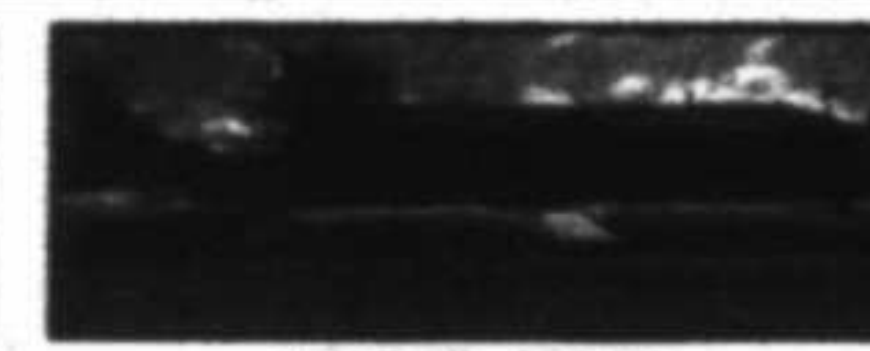
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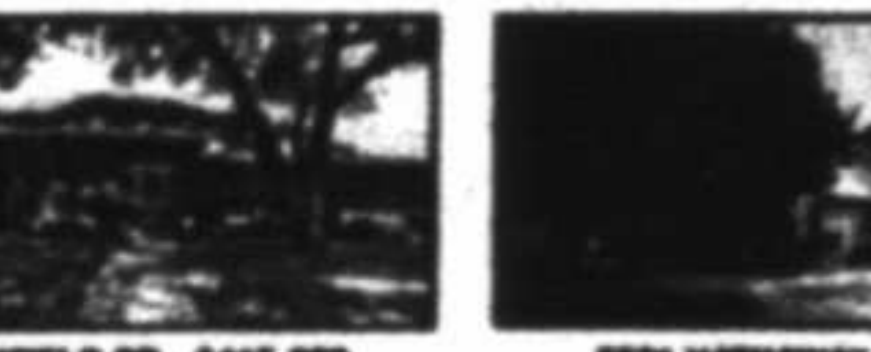
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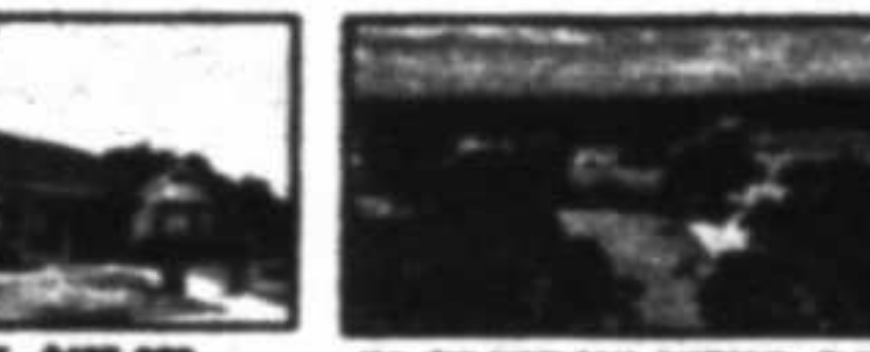
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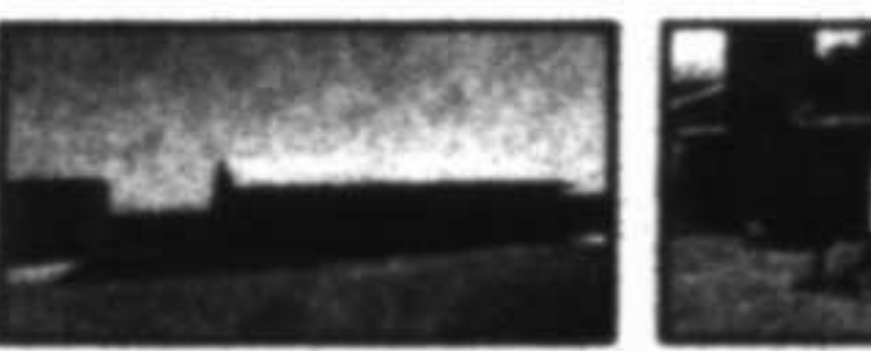
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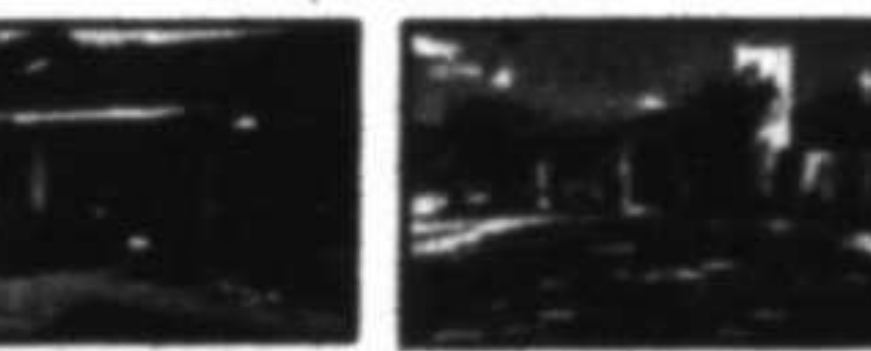
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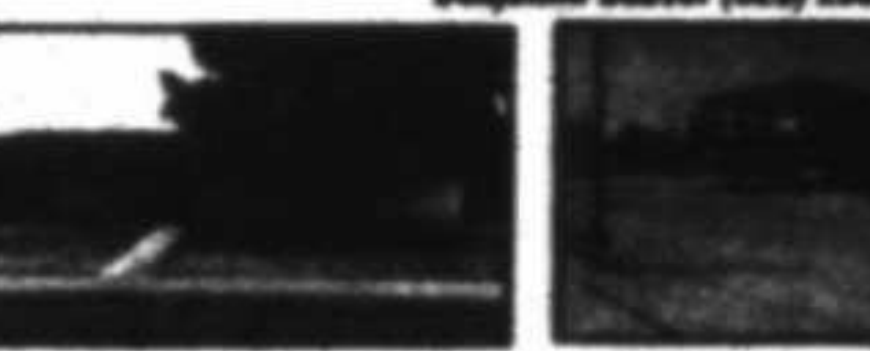
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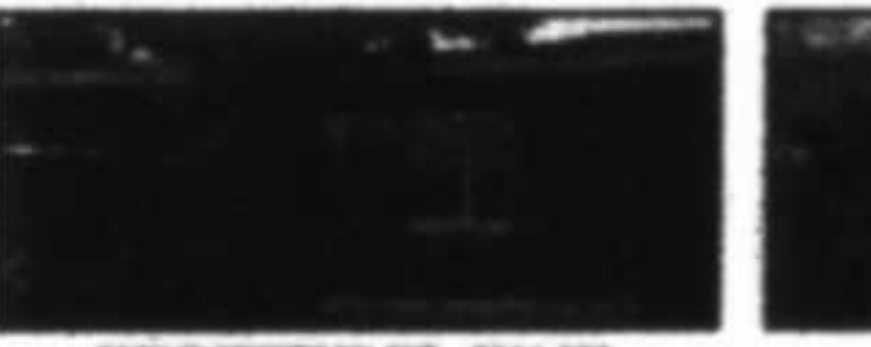
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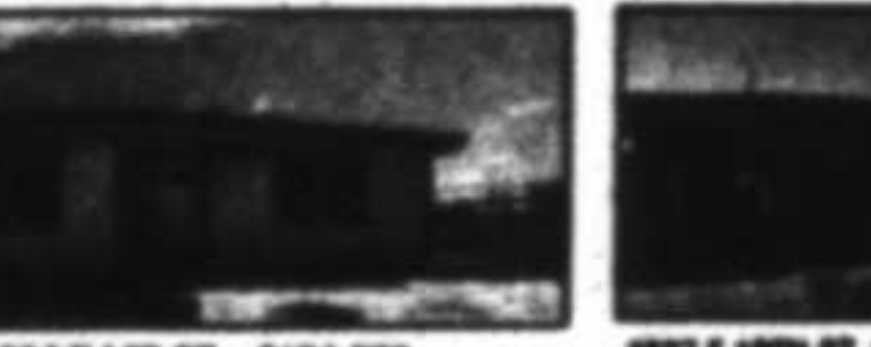
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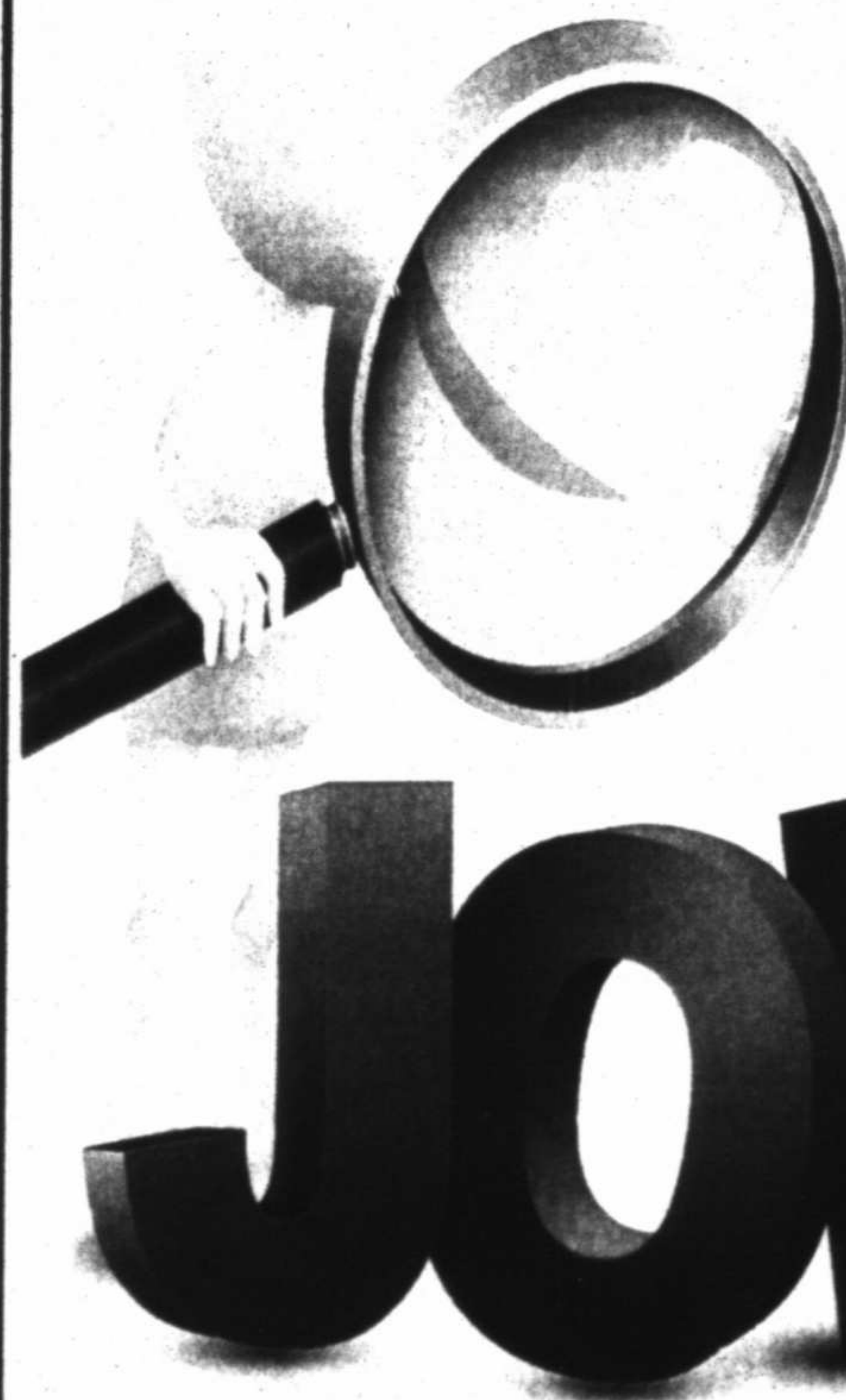
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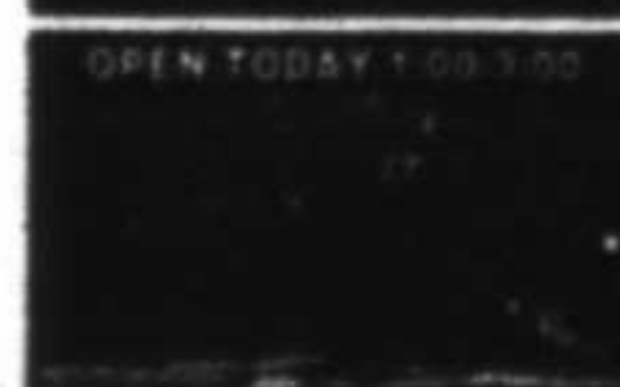
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404 SOLOMON LANE ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50009355 \$2,900,000	5014 OAK CREEK ... Susan Palmer 878-7816	MLS #50016406 \$679,000	3282 RED ... Jose Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #50015006 \$354,000
2906 SINGLARI AVE. ... Lash Watkins 589-2187	MLS #50017581 \$1,778,000	4000 ECK 106 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50017451 \$619,000	5081 STEINBERG CT. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50017625A \$245,000
2602 CARDINAL LANE ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50015059 SALE PENDING	4415 CHERRYWOOD DR. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016185 SALE PENDING	5486 WILLCREST CT. ... Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #50014511 \$308,000
2016 GLADEWOOD DR. ... Chandler Roberts 634-8579	MLS #50016628 \$1,250,000	5516 CASH GRANGE TRAIL ... Lash Watkins	MLS #50016934 \$479,000	6781 VALOR ... Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50016883 SALE PENDING
5701 DEVLIN PLACE ... Jerry Linker 425-1098	MLS #50016172 \$1,150,000	4003 RUSTIC TRAIL ... Susan Palmer 878-7816	MLS #50016930 \$479,000	6718 BOOT ... Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50016823 SALE PENDING
3981 FAIRWOOD DRIVE ... Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50016330 \$1,150,000	4000 TROPICANA ... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50015831 \$400,000	4298 DOWNING ... Danny Hornwood 413-2764	SALE PENDING
509 AFFORDABLE LN. ... Denise Brasher 889-5027	MLS #50014380 \$1,825,000	2 STUTE COURT ... Donna Omer 349-1455	MLS #50016403 \$439,000	3004 CRESTGATE ... Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50016021 \$335,000
212 BAYVIEW PARKWAY ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50017137 \$995,000	2189 WINDHURST ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016403 \$439,000	3004 DOUGLAS AVE. ... Lisa Russell 741-5864	MLS #50014953 \$329,000
2510 COLONIAL BAIS CT. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50012754 \$845,000	4122 FOX HOLLOW ... Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #50017494 SALE PENDING	4000 MELVILLE DR. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016432 \$329,000
900 COUNTRY CLUB DR. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016478A \$799,000	4300 CORONADO COURT ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	SALE PENDING	1004 RATTLESN LANE ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50016388 SALE PENDING
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3711 WINDHURST DRIVE ... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50016213 SALE PENDING	2018 COLEMAN CT. ... Cheryl Parsh 352-3053	MLS #50015729 SALE PENDING	2905 Rebel Drive ... Kay Rivers 432-534-5995	MLS #50017489 \$299,000
3917 FAIRWOOD COURT ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50014785 \$779,000	1611 W. ILLINOIS AVE. ... Wendy Whitted 638-9955	MLS #50015930 \$388,000	4002 SANDHURST CIRCLE ... Tina Adams 432-661-0062	MLS #50015039 \$287,000
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4017 BAYWOOD DR. ... Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS #50016174 \$679,000	5700 CROWLEY BLVD. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50017191 SALE PENDING	3021 IMPERIAL AVE. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50017058 SALE PENDING
128 WINDHURST CIRCLE ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016174 \$679,000	5004 BOTTINGHAM ... Jennifer Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50017202 \$279,000	3006 WHITELY WAY ... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50017087 SALE PENDING
3913 TURNBULL DR. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016491 \$625,000	2190 WINDHURST DR. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50017111 \$269,000	712 HURST ... Jose Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #50015851 \$124,000
1109 BRICKHOUSE DR. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016174 \$625,000	4313 VALLEY DR. ... Mark Phillips 272-5071	MLS #50013657 SALE PENDING		

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6290 HOMESTEAD ... Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #50015623 \$299,000	4400 LAMAR ST. ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50017063 SALE PENDING	2016 WOODS AVE. ... Jennifer Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50017121 \$299,000
2111 WINDHURST CIRCLE ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50017542A \$279,000	1287 SHIMLEY LN. ... Savannah Glover 553-5352	SALE PENDING	1000 NORTH C ST. ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50017273 \$249,000
2200 BOYS ... Susan Palmer 878-7816	MLS #50017276 \$249,000	01 CAMBRIDGE ... Jose Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #50015990 \$229,000	3274 FM 2113 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50017456 \$249,000
5310 OAK VALLEY DR. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50017623A \$249,000	987 PINE CT. ... Susan Palmer 878-7816	MLS #50015319 \$229,000	6013 FALCON PL. ... Martha Manville 557-8744	MLS #50016982 \$249,000
3402 PELDSPAN LANE ... Lisa Russell 741-5864	MLS #50016810 \$249,000	2712 SCR 1054 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50014557 \$219,000	2908 DOUGLAS ... Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #50017080 SALE PENDING
910 W. CUTHBERT AVE. ... Stephanie Rogers 878-7857	MLS #50016174 \$249,000	4212 LEONOR DR. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016775 \$219,000	3004 SPARTAN DR. ... Cheryl Parsh 352-3053	MLS #50016271 SALE PENDING
9700 FM 387 ... Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50015627 \$249,000	2110 SEABOARD AVE. ... Denise Brasher 889-5027	MLS #50017168 \$217,000	4001 BELTOW DR. ... Lash Watkins 589-2187	MLS #50016952 \$239,000
3204 NIA AVE. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50017522A \$249,000	1800 COUNTRY CLUB ... Jennifer Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50016879 \$209,000	1325 SPRUCE AVE. ... Denise Brasher 889-5027	MLS #50017070 SALE PENDING
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1202 REDWOOD ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016446A SALE PENDING	2487 HAZEL ... Jose Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #50015905 \$239,000	4302 PRINCETON ... Kim Merrill 684-4707	MLS #50016791 \$279,000
2900 ANN DRIVE ... Cheryl Parsh 352-3053	SALE PENDING	5402 RIO GRANDE ... Betty Hicks 553-8194	MLS #50017507 \$239,000	2010 N A ST. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50017450A SALE PENDING
5217 GREEN TREE BLVD. ... Stephanie Rogers 878-7857	MLS #50015633 \$219,000	1100 LIZARD COURT ... Tina Adams 432-661-0062	SALE PENDING	3002 VANDERBILT ... Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #50016200 \$229,000
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2000 HODGES ST. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50017544A \$209,000	4020 GLENDALES DR. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #5001771A \$209,000	1111 E. SPINCE AVE. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016944 SALE PENDING
4705 W. SPRING MEADOWS ... Donna Omer 349-1455	MLS #50017536 \$209,000	3210 W. LOUISIANA AVE. ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016987 SALE PENDING		

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HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

7700 E. CO. RD. 113 ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50015064A \$848,000	5701 E. CO. RD. 1205 ... Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50017079 \$409,000	2712 E. CO. RD. 1054 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50014557 \$219,000
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13016 E. CO. RD. 115, CHAMPIONS RIM ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50016208 \$399,000	10402 E. CO. RD. 105 ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50016024A \$419,000	6001 E. CO. RD. 98 ... Stephanie Mendenhall 556-1584	MLS #50017007 SALE PENDING
12000 E. CO. RD. 98, GREENWOOD ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50016831 \$409,000	3003 SCR 1105 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50017085 \$409,000		

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

16 LA PAZ CIRCLE, ODESSA ... Savannah Glover 553-5352	MLS #50015558 \$4,700,000	3009 CO. RD. 210, HUBBARD CREEK LAKE-AMHERST ... Jose Alvarez 296-1395	\$279,000	400 E. 8TH STREET, ODESSA ... Amanda Gayler 413-7330	\$199,000
16 LA CAMPANA DR. ... Yvonne Gabbian 210-6666	MLS #50016987 \$945,000	9999 KING RANCH RD. ... Pam Dodd 413-0780	\$209,000	14041 LUTELA, GARRETTVILLE ... Lash Watkins 589-2187	MLS #50022358 \$199,000
5011 CO. RD. 1214 ... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50011954 \$479,000	9700-0 FM 387 ... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50015814 2.23 Acres \$249,000	10075 E. GARDEN ST. ... Lash Watkins 589-2187	MLS #50004438 \$133,000
5700 FM 387, GREENWOOD ... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50015627 \$409,000	2200 CO. RD. 7021, STANTON ... Wendy Whitted 638-9955	MLS #50014915 \$219,000	2122 CENTER AVE. ... ODESSA ... Tina Adams 432-661-0062	MLS #5007310 \$177,000
2017 S. COUNTY RD 1223.9	MLS #50017520A \$399,000	1710 HODGEWOOD AVE. ... ODESSA ... Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #50011982 \$199,000	2832 LCR 282, COLORADO CITY ... Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50015304 \$99,000
4013 MINNA, ODESSA ... Jose Alvarez 296-1395	\$399,000	411 E. 8TH ST. ... ODESSA ... Tina Adams 432-661-0062	MLS #50017089 \$199,000	6250 LANE CO. RD. 296 ... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #5000838 \$99,000
6975 STONEHURST RD. ... ODESSA ... Wendy Whitted 638-9955	MLS #5000838 19 Acres \$399,000				

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7400 W. CO. RD. 116 ... Tina Adams 432-661-0062	MLS #5001278	12.35 Acres \$1,900,000	5701 E. CO. RD. 1205 ... Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50017079	\$409,000
4000 E. CO. RD. 1131, GREENWOOD ... Michelle Linker 230-3632	MLS #50009725	43 Acres \$1,375,000	5700 FM 387 ... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50015627	\$409,000
5700 FM 387 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50016902	31 Acres & 2 Homes \$699,000	300 E. COLLAGE, STANTON ... Michelle Linker 230-3632	MLS #50007763	\$399,000
5700 FM 387 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50016100	17+ Acres \$699,000			

LAND AND LOTS

E. CO. RD. 87 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50013484 .88 Acres \$999,000	4710 S.E. CO. RD. 2700 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50013538 2.5 Acres \$44,000	3012 DENNA LAKE, GRADY RD. ... Michelle Linker 230-3632	MLS #50008328 \$89,000
3004 CARDINAL LANE ... Delaura Gamme 288-3880	MLS #50015313 \$999,000	4730 S.E. CO. RD. 2700 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50013538 2.5 Acres \$44,000	3012 DENNA LAKE, GRADY RD. ... Michelle Linker 230-3632	MLS #50008328 \$89,000
5700 FM 387, GREENWOOD ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50016902 17+ Acres \$999,000	4750 S.E. CO. RD. 2700 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50013540 2.5 Acres \$44,000	2904 FENELINE ST. ... GRADY RD. ... Michelle Linker 230-3632	\$29,000
5700 FM 387 ... Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50005743 \$409,000	4770 S.E. CO. RD. 2700 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50013542 2.5 Acres \$44,000	3017 DENNA LAKE, GRADY RD. ... Michelle Linker 230-3632	MLS #50008328 \$89,000
CO. RD. 88 W. 400 1280 ... Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #50007448 .9 Acres \$150,000	4800 S.E. CO. RD. 2700 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50013543 2.5 Acres \$44,000	3019 DENNA LAKE, GRADY RD. ... Michelle Linker 230-3632	MLS #50008328 \$89,000
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4070 S.E. CO. RD. 2700 ... Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50013536 2.5 Acres \$94,000			1001 E. HICKORY ... Karen Foster 559-4086	\$499,000
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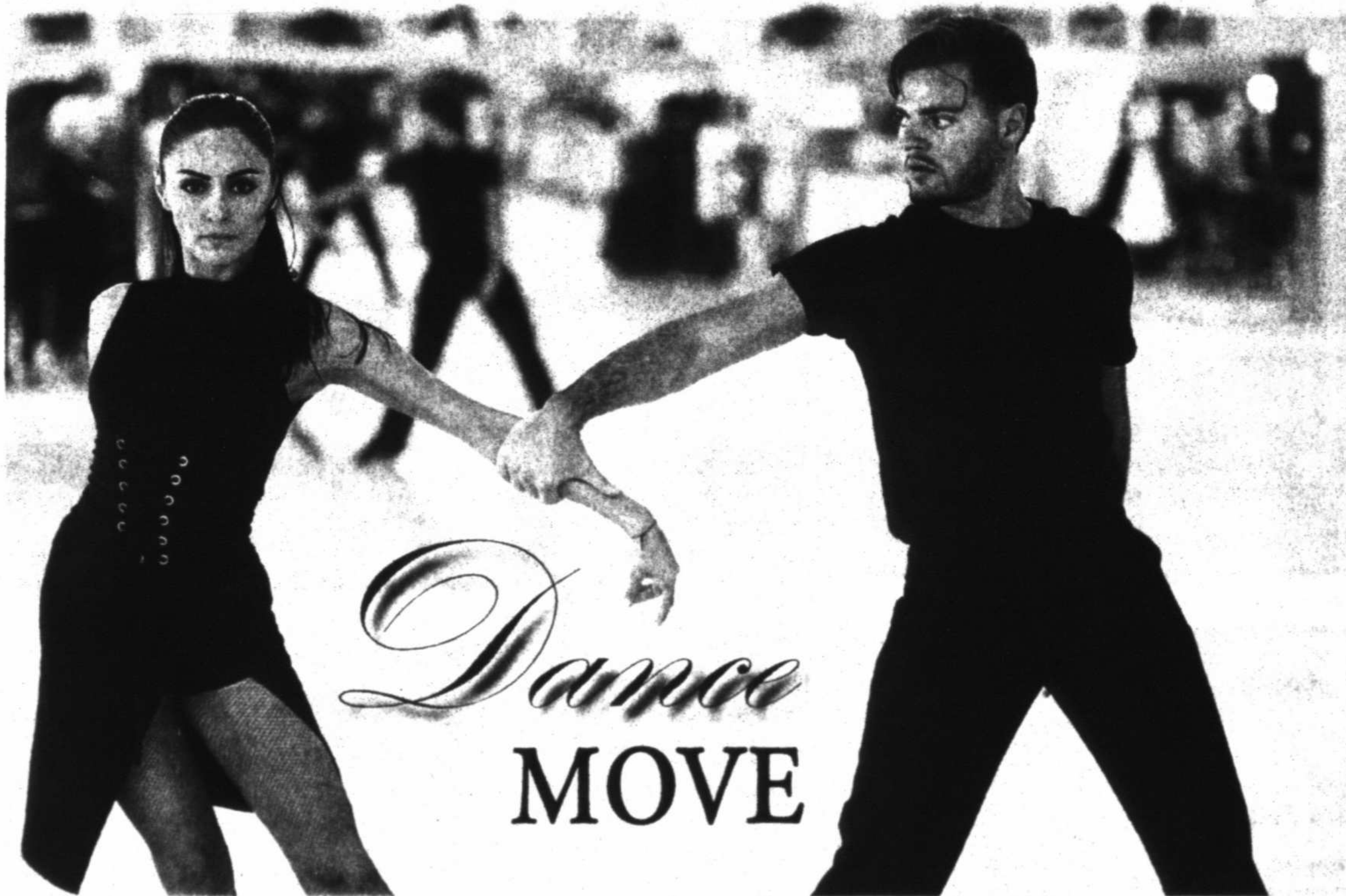
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Giorgi Khmardashvili, right, and Nelly Mustafayeva, dance Aug. 28 at the Ballroom Dance Studio.

Professional ballroom dancers from Eastern Europe now call Midland home

By Rich Lopez
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The dusty oilfields of Midland are a long way off from the Eastern European countries of Georgia and Azerbaijan. Midland is also the least likely stop on the route to world titles for ballroom dancers. And yet, at The Ballroom Dance Studio on North Big Spring Street, Giorgi Khmardashvili and Nelly Mustafayeva practice daily in search of a championship because of a local fan of the art.

"We got this opportunity, so we moved to Midland," Mustafayeva said. "Thank you to Victoria. She made it possible for us."

Over the past few years, prominent Realtor Victoria Printz has become involved with ballroom dancing. She competed in the Dancing with the West Texas Stars fundraiser, she's opened a ballroom and now, her coach, who is from Dallas by way of Georgia, is here.

That interest has turned into a prime opportunity for the dancing team.

"It's great. We can use the studio 24 hours if we need. We

can teach at the same time for extra money. This is great for us," Khmardashvili said. "Before, it was so hard. Here it is easy because we are in the same city and can practice. We are always together."

Before, he lived in Dallas and she lived in New York City. A mutual friend connected them last summer when they both were looking for dance partners. Khmardashvili said in 10 minutes they knew the other was the partner they needed.

But if the two were going to start tackling major competitions, they had to tackle an obvious problem.

"We liked each other immediately, but then we had the issue of traveling to each other," Mustafayeva said. "To try to make it work, would be too hard and expensive."

Printz and Khmardashvili had met in Dallas in November when she was looking for a teacher. She was also aware of his situation, and in Printz fashion and her words, she made them an offer they couldn't refuse. Now her teacher is here for her own instruction, and she gave the

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Victoria Printz, from left, stands with Giorgi Khmardashvili and Nelly Mustafayeva on Aug. 28 at the Ballroom Dance Studio.

Melissa Etheridge on tour to celebrate iconic 'Yes I Am' album

By Rich Lopez
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Twenty-five years ago, Melissa Etheridge redefined music with her landmark "Yes I Am" album. But that album meant different things to different people. For some, it was a solid rock album with radio hits by a woman who had few contemporaries in 1993. For others, it was an unapologetic collection of songs from a lesbian perspective in mainstream music. But most certainly, Etheridge's fourth album was what put her on the map as a music force to be reckoned with.

Her current tour celebrates the 25th anniversary of "Yes I Am" and it stops in Midland on Tuesday. She spoke about her music then and its evolution as well as looking into the future.

MRT: Obviously, the anniversary is the "why" for this tour, but how do you like revisiting the album now?

Etheridge: A big chunk of the show is the album and it's for my fans. It has a special place in their heart.

MRT: What was different then in the music scene, do you think, that made this a significant album?

Etheridge: In the mid-'90s, you had so many great female artists out there, but it was still a novelty. Radio stations would tell us they are already playing a woman, and I had to just pretend it was normal. Thankfully, for me, this album busted through all that.

And for some women in the lesbian community, that music resonates, and they made it a part of their life.

MRT: Do the songs feel different today?

Etheridge: Over the years, I've taken these songs and melded them into what I am today. They aren't the same, but I've let the songs grow. And live, they might become bluesier or have some more grind to them, and so they become a new experience in that moment.

MRT: On the flip side, have you found that something you wrote then has more significance now?

Etheridge: Oh, yeah. I'll find something that I didn't quite mean back then and that really gets me sometimes. That's something and I like it. It's weird how it will sneak around to now.

MRT: You once said that you feel like you've caught up to your life. Could you elaborate on that?

Etheridge: Being caught up to my life means now being in the place I wanted to be and enjoying it. But let me put it this way. I spent so much time in my 20s and 30s being asked where I want to be. What will my career look like in 20 years? Now, in my 50s, no one asks that (laughs).

MRT: Well then, what do you want to be in 20 years?

Etheridge: I want to perform still and sing and make new music. There will come a time when I slow down but you'll never hear me say I'm retiring.



Courtesy photo

IF YOU GO

An Evening with Melissa Etheridge, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$39.50-\$69.50. VIP packages \$174.50-\$224.50. wagnernoel.com.

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OUT&ABOUT

by Julie Donnelly



Aaron McKinnon, standing from left, Michael Murray, Andy Chandler, Marty Inge and Joe Mojica; and Joshua Batten, front.

LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS CLIMB WILCO BUILDING STAIRS TO HONOR NY FIREFIGHTERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON 9/11

"Taps" sounded throughout downtown Midland on Sept. 15 as firefighters, police officers and tactical support teams filed into the Wilco Building for the second annual Tall City 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. The first responders started at the Bank of America building and marched to the Wilco Building behind a bagpiper playing "Taps."

Once inside, the first responders started climbing the 22 flights of stairs in honor of their comrades who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. Once they reached the top floor, the first responders took the elevators down and started climbing again. They climbed the 22-story building five times to represent the 110 floors of the World Trade Center.

Family, friends and well-wishers were present to cheer on the men and women as they departed the elevators to climb back to the top. First responders came from as far away as Oklahoma and New Mexico to participate in the Midland stair climb. Cities all over the country host the climbs to support the families and honor the New York City firefighters who lost their lives 17 years ago.

The Professional Firefighters Association of Midland hosted the Midland event, which included an outdoor concert featuring Stateline Band and the Electric Gypsies.



Ralph White, back row from left, Raymond Caza and Kenneth Fletcher; Dare Sanford, far left; and front row from left, Brittany Goli-har, David M. Hickman and Kace Garza



Ryan Collier, left, and Matt Hoppman



Eric Harrell, left, and Sal Rizo



Bryce Pruitt, from left, Matthew Kiser and Kyle Earhart



Chief Brian McGary, back row from left, Landry Adkins, Victor Macias and Samantha Medley; and Elijah Quesada, front row from left, Gabriel Dominguez and Cameron Tarango



Halle Barrera, left, and Yancey Barrera



Nate Joy, back row from left, Candace Joy and Anna Aguirre; and Aharon Joy



Daxton Lehw, left, and Luke Williams

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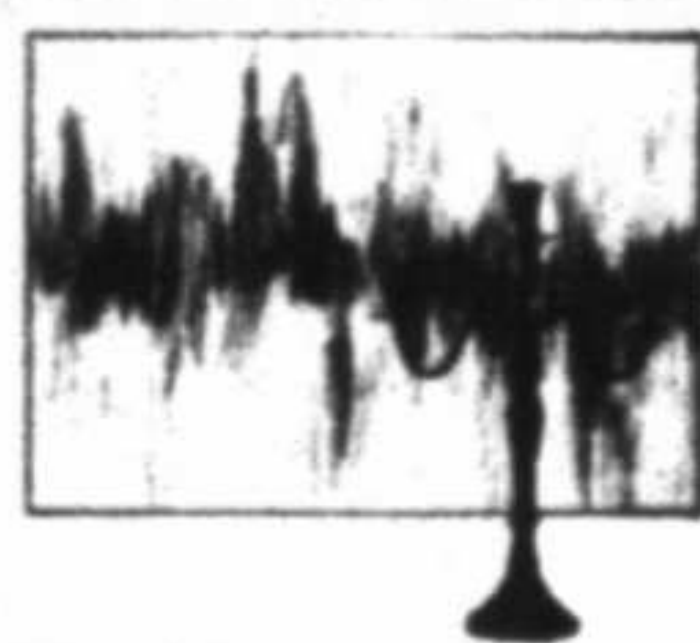
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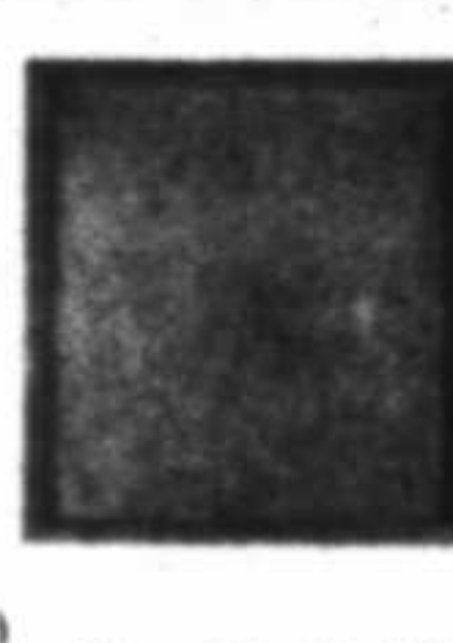
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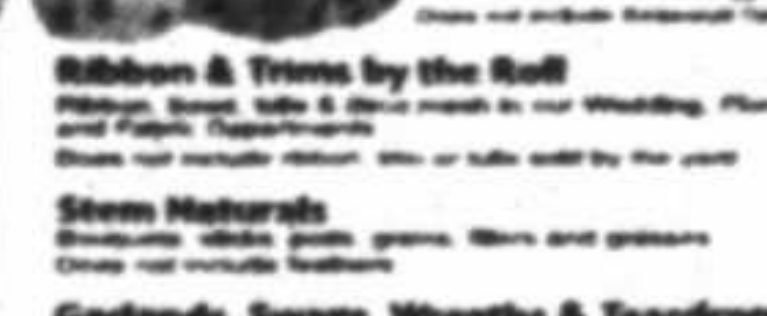
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Daughter's choices make it harder to help

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has decided to leave her husband. They have been married for 20 years. She says she hasn't been happy for several years and that it's time to take care of herself. She won't be able to support herself and the children, but she doesn't seem able to grasp that reality. When I voice my concerns, she gets angry with me. She's determined to go forward with this separation and says her kids will be "fine." I say that's bull! She has also embraced an exercise and eating plan that seems radical to me and has a life coach who is also a psychic. I think she's having a midlife crisis.

If it weren't for what this is going to do to my grandchildren, I'd keep my mouth shut, but I'm sick with worry. Her siblings think she has lost her mind, so she has pretty much cut herself off from the family. When she became frustrated because

DEAR ABBY

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she wasn't able to qualify for a house she wanted to rent, she lashed out at me. I'm waiting for an apology, but I'm realistic that I'll probably never get one. I feel like I'm in mourning over the loss of this child. What do I do? — SHAKEN UP IN TEXAS

DEAR SHAKEN UP: Your daughter is an adult. By now you must have realized

you can no longer control her behavior. For the sake of your own mental health, accept that she's going to make her own mistakes. Do not accept financial responsibility for your daughter. Be as supportive of your grandchildren as you can be, because at some point you may have to take them in.

As for her "psychic life coach," you should know that unlike physicians, psychologists and social workers, life coaches do not belong to any organization that requires them to adhere to ethical standards. Your daughter should be made aware that there may be some risk involved in placing her future in that person's hands.

DEAR ABBY: A dear friend and I decided to visit our old friend, "Carol," who has been in an assisted living facility for a year. Carol has some dementia, but we

took her — arm in arm — to a pizza restaurant at our mall. After we were seated and browsing the menu, a very handsome gentleman approached our table. He said we reminded him of his mother and insisted on treating us to dinner. We thanked him, he laid down a \$100 bill and disappeared. We enjoyed a great dinner and left the change (\$35) for the server. We would like to thank that nice gentleman again. He made our day. — GRATEFUL IN GEORGIA

DEAR GRATEFUL: Your letter made my day. Occasionally, I print letters about acts of kindness, and yours definitely qualifies. You and your friend were performing a good deed by taking your friend out for lunch, and it was paid forward in record time. It's nice knowing there are good people out there. Thank you for sharing.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

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Rice cereal can be substituted for nuts in many recipes

Dear Heloise: If you have a recipe that calls for nuts and you have someone in your family or a friend who cannot eat nuts, or you just don't have any nuts on hand, substitute a rice cereal, using the same amount as in the recipe.

Also, you can always substitute walnuts for pecans in a recipe. The taste will vary a little, but both nuts make great pies. — Dawn P., Bryant, Ark.

WRAPPING UP CELERY

Dear Heloise: Celery gets rotten so fast that I used to throw a lot of it away. Now when I buy a new stalk, I wrap the whole thing in paper towels and put it back in the long, plastic bag it came in. It stays fresh to the end. — Marion D., Harvey Cedars, N.J.

CINNAMON COFFEE

Dear Heloise: Would you reprint your Cinnamon Coffee recipe? My mother loved it, and she's coming for a visit. — Giselle T., Fremont, Ohio

Giselle, here it is: Sprinkle a little ground cinnamon in your coffee cup, add some sweetener of your choice and then pour in the coffee. Add creamer or skim milk and stir well. You also can add some nutmeg or allspice. This is a very simple but tasty drink that so many people have enjoyed. If you like this and would care to try some of the other recipes in my Heloise's Flavored Coffee and Teas pamphlet, just order it online at Heloise.com. These recipes are great to add a little zip to everyday drinks. — Heloise

READ LABELS

Dear Heloise: People don't read labels on the products they buy, and they really should. So many products will say "low fat," but what's their idea of low fat? Is it 5 grams, 10 grams or 22 grams of fat? How much sugar, corn syrup and other non-nutritional things are added? Anything that has hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated oil contains fat. If you're on a low-sodium diet or if you're diabetic, you definitely need to read labels. — Roger D., Bloomington, Ill.

SWEET POTATOES

Dear Heloise: My family loves French fries, but they also love curly sweet potato fries cooked in olive oil. It's a nice change of pace and is very tasty with fish or chicken. The sweet potato fries are cooked just like regular French fries. So easy, and they can be enjoyed all year. — Kathy M., Durango, Colo.

TAILGATE PARTIES

Dear Heloise: With cooler weather and football games arriving very soon, just a word to the wise: Make sure all meat products are in ice chests with plenty of ice to keep the meat cold, even if it's cooked hot dogs or a cooked ham. This was a lesson I learned last year when I thought cooked hot dogs did not need to be refrigerated. We had several people who had "intestinal distress" that we are certain came from unrefrigerated hot dogs. — Gail H., Kenosha, Wis.

JUST A REMINDER

Dear Readers: If you have a gas leak (you'll smell it), open windows, then go to a neighbor's and call the gas company immediately. Do not go home until the repair person from the gas company says that it is OK. — Heloise

CALENDAR

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SEPT. 16-22

TODAY

AirSho 2018 by the High Sky Wing Commemorative Air Force. 8:30 a.m. at 9600 Wright Drive. General admission \$5-\$20. Flight Line Chalet tickets \$15-\$200. airsho.org.

"Clue the Musical." 2:30 p.m. Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Runs through Sept. 30 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mctmidland.org.

Power Vinyasa Flow strengthens the body through vinyasa followed by a breath-based cool down. The class is part of National Yoga Month with specially priced classes. 3:15 p.m. at Lacy Pilates and Fitness Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. \$5. lacypilates.com.

AUDITIONS: "Elf the Musical" and "Beauty and the Beast." Auditions will be held for both shows. 6 p.m. through Tuesday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

MONDAY

Writing for Fun. 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. 3303 W. Illinois Ave.

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.

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.

Sangler Wine Dinner. 7-10 p.m. at The Garlic Press, 2200 W. Wadley Ave. Reservations are \$100 and can be made by calling 432-570-4020.

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. An Evening with Melissa Etheridge.

7 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$39.50-69.50. VIP packages \$174.50-\$624.50. Wagnernoel.com.

Italian Wine Dinner. 7 p.m. at Opal's Table, 223 W. Wall St. \$85. \$45 sans wine. opalstable.com.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music. 7:30 p.m. at Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. \$6. For more information, call 432-638-3707.

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetups. 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. mctup.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, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children. 11 a.m. weekly at Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Cassatt String Quartet. 3:30 p.m. at Polo Park Senior Living, 21 Castelford Road. cassattinthebasin.net.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music. 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 432-218-8322.

THURSDAY

Museum After Hours. This social will feature a special presentation about the museum's permanent collection, access to the galleries and wine and beer from Bean and Grape. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Big Band Bash benefiting the George W. Bush Childhood Home. 6-10 p.m. at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. bushchildhoodhome.org.

ArtPocalypse: Cassatt String Quartet. As an ArtPocalypse event, guests can get their Cultural Passport stamped. 6:30 p.m. at Dee's Bistro and Grill, 622 N. Lee Ave., Odessa. Free.

AUDITIONS: "Elf the Musical" and "Beauty and the Beast." Auditions will be held for both shows Thursday and Sept. 23-24 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

FRIDAY

Play Date: "Under the Sea" with the Cassatt String Quartet for ages 3-5. 11 a.m. at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

The fourth annual Recycle Fashion Show. Hosted by Keep Odessa Beautiful, the show features fashions made from reused or recyclable items. 6-8 p.m. at the Rose Building, 415 N. Grant Ave., Odessa.

Stoney Larue. 7 p.m. at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave. \$20. dosamigos.com.

Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. 8 p.m. at the Wagner Noel, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$71.75-\$131.75. wagnernoel.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Metaphysical Life Fair. Through Sept. 23 at Grand Texan Hotel and Convention Center, 4300 W. Wall St. \$8. spirituallifeproductions.org.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Great American Read "Read-in" encourages people to bring books in for reading time at the museum. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

The second annual SCC Car Show by Senior Care of Midland. The event features cars, food, live music with proceeds benefiting the Alzheimer's Association. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 3000 Mockingbird Lane.

ArtPocalypse: Art à la Carte. This event features hands-on art stations and demonstrations by UTTPB's Pots 'N' Prints, the Odessa College Fab Lab, Basin PBS and Odessa Arts' Big Read. Noon-2 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. odessaarts.org.

Cassatt String Quartet. 1 p.m. at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. cassattinthebasin.net.

The third annual Basin Burnout. The event includes a barbecue cook-out and live music by Brian Milson, Kyle Park, the Scatline Band and Part B. Event benefits Reed Thaux. 2-8 p.m. at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 W. reedthaux.org.

BRIDGE

PERMIAN BRIDGE CLUB

SEPT. 3

Dorothy Brenneman-Marlene Blumentritt-Linda Buzan-Betty Moore, Linda Scarpelli-Kay Sewell, David Hudson-Les Neal, Em Carnett-Nancy Ward, Paula Bayley-Sandy Hill

SEPT. 4

James Hawkins-Gloria Jackson, Tommie Strack-Ann Servatius, Paula Baggett-Buzan, Audie Brooks-Bill Brooks

SEPT. 5

Jean Pistole-Scott Vaughan, Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Brenneman-Baggett, Lonnie Yee-Scarpelli, B. Brooks-Buzan

SEPT. 6

Charlie Grimes-B. Brooks, Greg Keys-Sewell, Marty Massie-Sarana Savage, Brenneman-Baggett, Pamela Erskine-Neal
Mike Robinson-Blumentritt, Yee-Scarpelli, Georgia Temple-Marilyn Higgins, Moore-Buzan, Jackson-Ward
Overall: B. Brooks-Grimes, Keys-Sewell, Robinson-Blumentritt, Yee-Scarpelli, Temple-Higgins, Massie-Savage, Brenneman-Baggett, Moore-Buzan, Jackson-Ward, Erskine-Neal

SEPT. 7

Curry-Blumentritt, Debbie Conly-K.C. Evans, Servatius-Grimes, A. Brooks-B. Brooks, Buzan-Moore, Strack-Patti Heard-Shirley Davenport-Barbara Miles

SEPT. 9

Buzan-B. Brooks, Conly-Curry, Kay Arrell-Blumentritt, Ward-Bayley, Bonnie Hubbard-Ricki Perry

North-South vulnerable, East deals

NORTH		EAST	
♠ J52		♠ 73	
♥ J108		♥ 65432	
♦ A74		♦ Q632	
♣ KQ72		♣ 65	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ K109864		♠ AQ	
♥ K		♥ AQ97	
♦ KJ1095		♦ 8	
♣ A		♣ J109843	

The bidding:
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
20° 36 36 46
Pass 56 All pass
*Weak, five hearts and a four-card or longer minor

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

We doubt that you could find an American expert who would open two hearts on the East hand, but this deal was played recently in Australia, where men are men and their opponents are aware of it. They also drink more beer and wine than we do and that will sometimes affect their bidding decisions in evening games.

West might have shifted to the king of hearts at trick two, but he had played with East before and shifted to the king of diamonds instead. He knew East held at least four diamonds and he was catering to a possible singleton queen in the South hand. After winning with dummy's ace of diamonds, most players would have drawn

the last trump and taken the heart finesse through East, confident of success. They would then have asked East to never darken their doorstep again. South, however, was Australian expert Warren Lazer, who had played against East before.

Lazer ruffed a diamond at trick three, crossed back to dummy with the king of clubs, drawing the missing trump, and ruffed dummy's last diamond. Lazer went back to dummy with the queen of clubs and finally took the heart finesse. West won with his singleton king, but he had to lead a spade into South's ace-queen or yield a ruff-shuff. 11 tricks for Lazer after a well-played hand!

COREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Real men

Fall means more monarch butterflies passing through

MICHAEL PRICE
Wild About Texas



For a naturalist, living in West Texas has its share of fringe benefits. The diversity of the flora and fauna that can be observed here is amazing. And we are privy to the round-trip travels of one small insect. Of course, one does not have to be a naturalist to be impressed by the epic journey that the monarch butterfly makes every year, as well as the beauty that this species possesses.

The monarch's (*Danaus plexippus*) natural range is rather mushroom-shaped in appearance. It frequents the small Mexican states of Michoacan and Mexico during the winter months, while it occupies a large east-west ranging portion of the northern United States and southern Canada during the summer months. During its travels to these haunts, the monarch passes through the corridor of West Texas. The monarch typically will first appear here in mid-April to early May as it heads north to its summer home. The butterfly appears here again in late September to early November (October is the prime time) as it travels back to the warmer climate of its winter home.

The monarch is one of the most distinctive and colorful butterflies found in West Texas. The upper wings are dark orange in coloration and are bordered in black. There are numerous small white spots randomly situated inside this black border, as well as along the rear edges of the orange-colored wings. There are also several orange spots close to the tips of the forewings. The veins and margins are deep black. The head and thorax are black, and the head is littered with small white spots, while the thorax is solid black. The abdomen has several pairs of white lines that traverse either side of this body part. As this butterfly lands, the wings are clasped together to reveal the under wings, which are yellow-orange in coloration, rather than being dark orange like the upper wings. The under wings also have larger white spots than the ones that appear on the upper wings.

This species is sexually dimorphic, which means that the males and females are different in coloration. Males have a



Courtesy photo

black patch of scales along the hind wings that are responsible for the release of female-attracting pheromones, and the black lines on the veins are much narrower than those that appear on the female. Males are also the larger sex, with adults achieving a total wingspan of approximately 4 inches, while mature females attain a wingspan of only about 3 1/2 inches.

This type of butterfly is an almost plant-specific feeder — the flowers of most milkweed species. It uses an appendage known as a proboscis to feed. The proboscis is long and almost threadlike, and when not being used, it is curled up under the butterfly's head.

The monarch, like other butterfly species, undergoes a four-stage life cycle that can be described as nothing short of miraculous. In the beginning stage, their

life begins as an egg, which hatches after a few short days into the next stage. Upon hatching, the larvae are known as caterpillars, and at this stage, the growth rate is highly accelerated. Caterpillars can eat twice their body weight in a single day, and as such, grow quickly. As they grow, they literally grow out of their skins, and they shed their outer layer of skin up to five times (known as molting) before they enter the next stage. Caterpillars of the monarch are quite colorful; they are banded with white, black and yellow rings and attain a length of about 2 inches. After the caterpillar finds a spot in which it feels secure, it will pupate as it forms a protective shell about it known as a chrysalis. The chrysalis version is pale blue-green with small golden spots. Inside this shell, the larvae changes into the butterfly. After

about a week, the adult will emerge from this shell with its wings intact, although they are crumpled into small balls on the sides of the body. The butterfly will then pump a clear fluid into the veins of its wings, causing them to expand much the same way a stick can reinforce a kite.

Upon reaching maturity, the monarch will immediately begin searching for food, water and a mate. After mating, the males will continue their search for other receptive females, while the females will begin to look for a site suitable to lay eggs so a brand-new life cycle can begin.

Like its close relative the queen butterfly, the monarch is a poisonous species that's said to be quite bitter and distasteful. As such, the viceroy, another species of butterfly, has adapted to look like, or mimic, the monarch.



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NANCY DONOVAN

Permian Basin Master Gardeners

Feed worms to create garden compost

Red wigglers are a treat for the garden. These worms are very beneficial to your plants because they help recycle kitchen garbage that would have been thrown out. Through compost called vermicote, it's often considered liquid gold for plants even though it's just worm poop.

A Styrofoam ice chest, an old refrigerator or freezer makes a wonderful house for the worms. They can live outside all winter and summer, but they prefer temperature about the same as we do. The sunlight can make their bodies dry out fast, so a dark damp area with some ventilation is key.

Fruits, vegetables, bread, shredded newspaper, junk mail, coffee grounds and tea can make up their diet. If they have a preference, fruits such as watermelon, cantaloupes and apples are best. Things that don't work from the kitchen include meats, oils and butter. As for paper, glossier types are no good.

The smaller the food, the faster they can eat it, which is great since they don't have teeth. Something in your refrigerator that is all moldy, is best because it is nice and soft. You need to feed the worms only about every two to three weeks because — shocker — they are very slow eaters. Water is very important because their bodies are 80 to 90 percent water.

To harvest the compost, feed on one end of the container and wait a week or two and most of them will go to that end and then just take the compost out that you need. You can put a little on your plants or put some in a bucket of water and water your plants with this compost tea.

The benefits of using compost are that it suppresses fungal diseases, reduces chemical cost and improves poor soil structure; your plants are much healthier and there's no ground contamination.

Come join the Master Gardeners for our Worms and Compost class 6 p.m. Oct. 23 or 9 a.m. Oct. 24 at the West Texas Food Bank, 411 Pagewood Road, Odessa. Classes are \$10. Make your reservations at westtexasgardening.org

Fall's a great time to plant trees and shrubs

LEE REICH

Associated Press

Fall is a good time to plant trees and shrubs — the best time, in fact, for most of them.

Whether purchased through the mail or locally, these plants are available in three ways:

BARE-ROOT

"Bare-root" trees and shrubs are grown in the field, then dug up while they are leafless, which might be done in either fall or spring. Those dug in fall are sold immediately or are stored through winter with their roots packed in moist material. Root loss during digging is an obvious drawback to bare-root plants.

Although bare-root might seem like a brutal way to treat a tree or shrub, the plants handle the move well as long as their roots are kept moist prior to planting.

Bare-root trees and shrubs should not be dug until they have lost all, or nearly all, of their leaves in the fall. And their roots must be coaxed into the ground before shoots start growing, which is not a problem in the fall. This highlights one advantage of fall planting: There's no danger of shoots growing prematurely, because shoot buds stay dormant until they have experienced a winter's worth of cold.

The biggest advantage of bare-root plants is that they are easily and relatively cheaply shipped all over the country, giving you the widest possible selection in varieties. What's more, because you can see the roots, you can easily assess their condition.

BALLED-AND-BURLAPPED

"Balled-and-burlapped" trees and shrubs are also grown in the field, but they are dug up with a ball of soil that is then smuggled into a wrapping of burlap.

Because clay soils hold together better than lighter soils, balled-and-burlapped plants are usually grown in clay soils. But clay soils are also heaviest, so such plants are heavy. Weight and the need for extra care to avoid breaking up the root ball make mail order shipping of balled-and-burlapped plants unfeasible. Root loss can be extensive when balled-and-burlapped trees and shrubs are dug, and plant selection is limited.

CONTAINER-GROWN

Increasingly, both local and mail-order nurseries are selling trees and shrubs as "container grown." These nursery plants spent their lives in



Lee Reich via AP

This undated photo shows a cedar tree in New Paltz, N.Y. A good nursery tree, such as the one shown that has been removed from its pot, is only two to three times the height of its container with roots filling, but not overcrowded, in the potting soil.

pots. The potting mix is lighter than field soil, so such plants can be economically shipped through the mail. Container grown plants can be planted any time of year as long as you can dig a hole and water them as needed.

Ideally, a container-grown plant spends long enough in the container so that its roots just fill it.

Watch out, though: Some garden centers and nurseries buy bare-root trees and shrubs, and then pot them up for quick sale as container plants. And equally bad, plants that are truly container-grown are often left too long in their containers. Once the roots start growing round and round in the pot, they can actually choke the plant, a condition that continues to develop even after the plant is set in the ground.

If possible, check the quality of a container-grown plant by sliding

it out of its container to make sure it's not rootbound, with roots that are very thick and tangled. The top growth of a well-proportioned potted tree or shrub should be no higher than two to three times the depth of the container to ensure a good ratio of roots to stems.

Whether you're buying bare-root, balled-and-burlapped or containerized trees and shrubs, restrain yourself from buying the largest possible plant. In the case of the first two kinds of nursery plants, small plants suffer less root loss in transplanting.

With smaller plants of any of the three kinds of nursery plants, less water is needed after planting, and new roots more quickly explore surrounding soil to make the plant self-sufficient. Not too long after transplanting, growth of an initially smaller plant frequently overtakes that of an initially larger one.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.



PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW



WHEN THEY REACHED THE MOUNTAIN PEAK, THEY REJOICED AT THE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

JUMBLE

Answer:

GRITTY SUBDUE FOLLOW
ROTATE TOUPEE HOBNOB

When they reached the mountain peak, they rejoiced at the ---

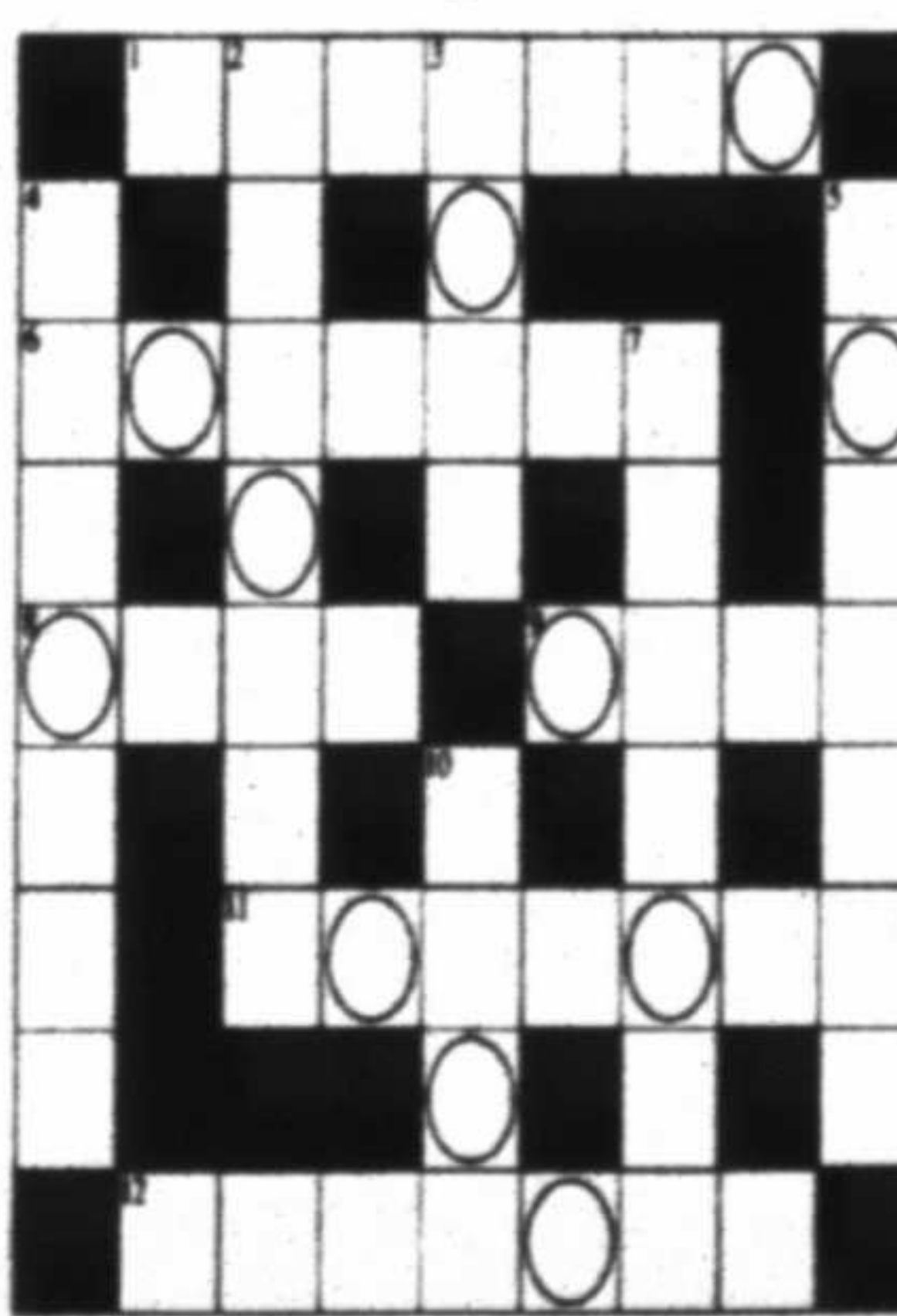
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SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

Sunday Puzzle



ACROSS

CLUE ANSWER
1. Style of speech TCDINIO
6. Guided DHSUEER
8. Challenge, provoke RDAE
9. Corn KSUH
11. Certain hits RTPSEIL
12. Before LYADARE

DOWN

CLUE ANSWER
2. "the Wind" RITHINE
3. Bitter ATTR
4. Piles of sticks NEUBSLD
5. Least lit KRADTES
7. Multiplied by two BODDELU
10. dream EPPI

How to play

Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: _____ is the oldest person to have walked on the moon.



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DANCE

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professionals a space to practice for competitions. "It's like a marriage — a dance marriage," Mustafayeva said. "Well, maybe marriage is easier. You can have some distance, but you need your dance partner by your side all the time. We're very happy with our decision to move here."

Both dancers started on this path when they were 6 — Mustafayeva in Azerbaijan and Khmiadashvili in Georgia.

She said there were days when her childhood friends couldn't play because they had to attend dance class.

The first time she went to class with them, "I fell in love," she said. "That's how it started. And I had breaks, but every time I stopped, I missed it so much. I can say this is something I really love."

Mustafayeva lived in Europe, and for a while, worked outside of dancing but she longed to get back. She had friends in New York and began to consider her move back to the dance floor.

"I asked them how it was there, and they told me all the top teachers were there," she said.

She moved to New York City six years ago.

Khmiadashvili also moved to the U.S. for dancing. For him, it was difficult to maintain a lifestyle of dancing while working in Georgia. He needed a dancing environment that would move him forward.

"America was best place to do that — work full time with dancing. So I moved straight to Dallas from Georgia in 2015," he said.

When the chance came to work together with a new partner, they leapt at the chance.

"The more you know each other and dance, it's better. You put it in your system, you train together, know all the routines more better," she said.

In short time, they are feeling in sync. They are also enjoying their new home. He moved here in April and she in June.

"I like the heat. I do not like the cold, so I am very happy to be here," she said.

And he understands the "dry heat" of the area. "Yes, it's not so humid for me. We like Midland. Everyone is super nice here and that means a lot. It's comfortable. It's quiet and we can practice all we want," he said.

They spend all their time perfecting the routines, and Khmiadashvili said they don't have much free time.

They will make a special appearance at Big Band Bash, a fundraiser for the George H. Bush Childhood Home set for Thursday at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

"They contact me to see if Giorgi and I would perform but I thought maybe he and Nelly, and they graciously agreed to dance there," Printz said.

The two compete professionally at the International Latin level, which is deemed the most difficult, but on Thursday, guests will see them perform two dance numbers.

With the two, dancing isn't their hobby; it's their art, their sport and even their lives. Their focus is like a laser.

"They teach here but their goal is not to have all the students. It's to be in the top eight (dancers) within the next two years," Printz said.

At the time of this interview, they were focused on the U.S. Dance Championships in Orlando, Florida.

Khmiadashvili and Mustafayeva competed in five dances: cha cha, rumba, samba, pasa doble and jive. While they didn't place in the top positions at this competition, they gained points that will help to build their ranking.

Printz has been dancing for three years. She was prompted by an invitation from the Crisis Center of West Texas to perform in their fundraiser, Dancing with the West Texas Stars.

"I was happy to help when they invited me but when they asked about my progress, I was frantic, and that's when I started. I had to take dance lessons two to four hours a day for five days a week to learn one 2 1/2-minute routine," she said. "I competed before I knew how to dance, and it does not come natural to me."

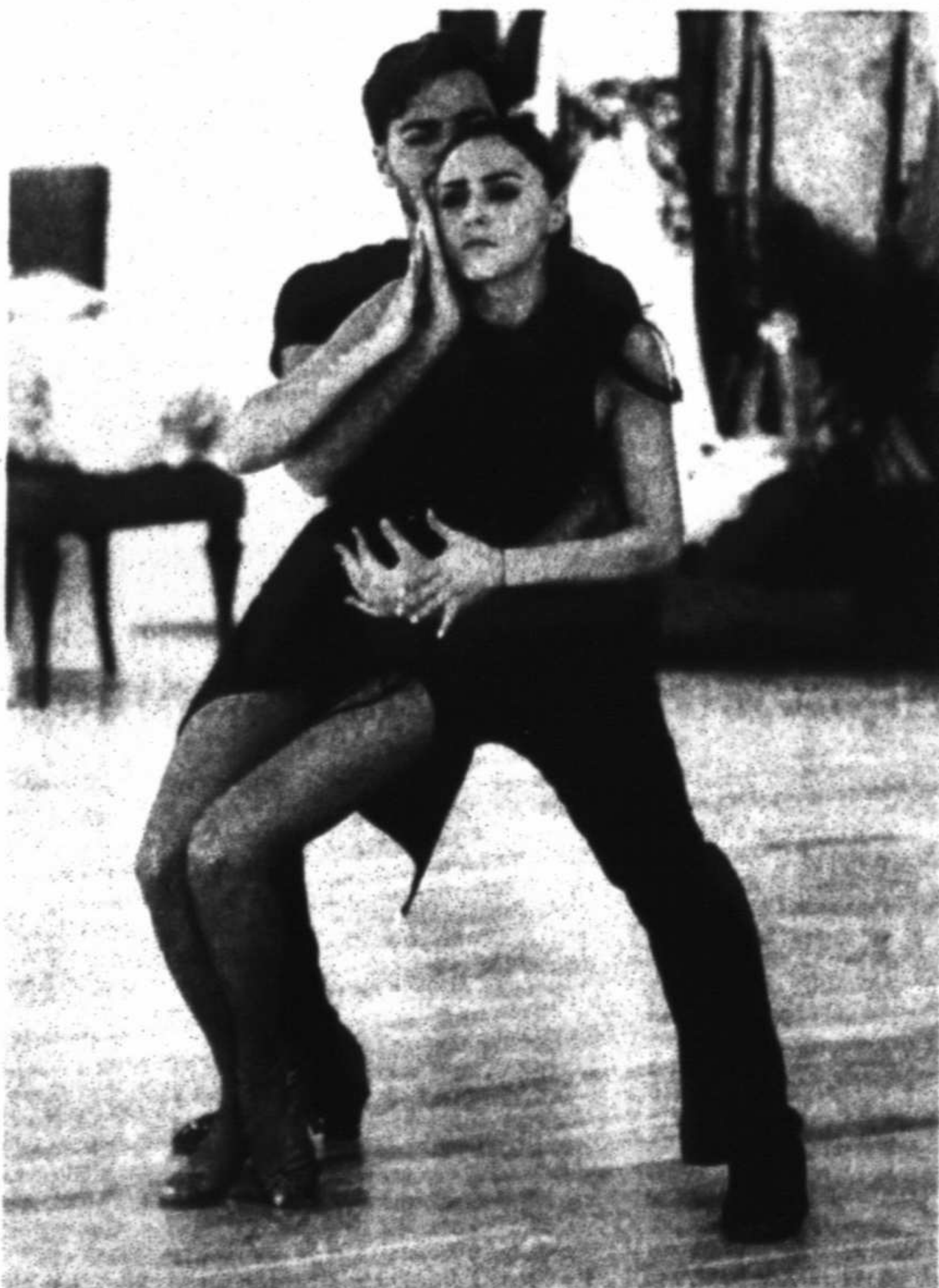
But it sparked something in her and in her husband, Bob Bintliff. She competes with Khmiadashvili in pro-am competitions, and they recently placed first in competitions in Las Vegas and Orlando. While she gets to enjoy the benefits of having her coach close by, the fangirl in her is thrilled as well.

"Can you believe we have this kind of talent here. I don't know how long we can keep them," Printz said. "I'm happy to support as long as I get front seats at the World Championships."



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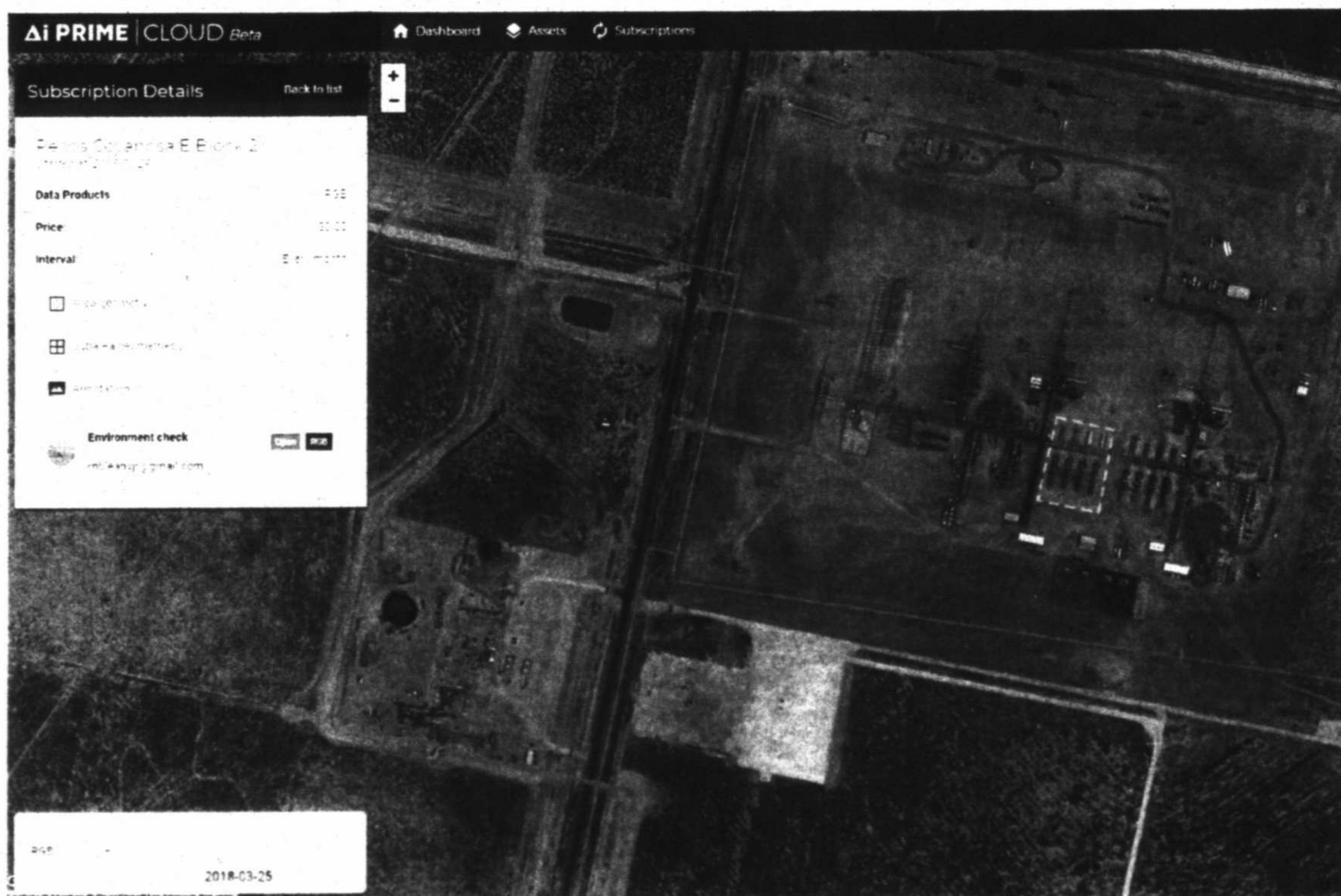
Giorgi Khmiadashvili and Nelly Mustafayeva are photographed Aug. 28 at the Ballroom Dance Studio.



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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



Ai PRIME

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Online platform promises high-resolution views of oil, gas assets

By Mella McEwen
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As Texas oil and gas producers plan for pad sites and midstream companies plan for pipelines, a bird's-eye view of the land is an integral part of the process.

But using online views such as Google Earth can provide less-than-satisfying results, according to a Houston company looking to provide the best possible technology.

Tim Dombrowski, chief revenue officer at Ai PRIME, which launched at the recent North American Prospect Expo, said in a phone interview that many Texas oil and gas companies are using Google Earth but are "anxious to do something different."

He identified two main issues with Google Earth: resolution, which he said is pretty low — "and in West Texas it's even worse" — and frequency of updates, "which is even worse than that."

Ai Prime collects thousands of square miles of data and can offer 10-centimeter ground resolution across the Permian Basin, he said. Not only could it find a phone lost in a million acres by zooming in but "we could read that phone."

The high resolution can eliminate the need to send surveyors out into the field, which Dombrowski said can improve efficiency by eliminating the time spent traveling to the site.

The free online platform integrates information from multiple sources and enables mass collaboration and intelligence.

"There's now a way to collaborate what either the team sees or subcontractors see," he said.

Users can also pay for additional services, such as the ability to overlay their own data — whether it's their pipelines, wellheads or the blocks and tracts across the county. A worker out in the field can

upload a photo from their cellphone to update the information, he said.

The platform also provides terrain mapping, which he said is important when planning a pipeline.

"The midstream market is hot for us right now" because the platform can help them better estimate the centerline of a proposed pipeline, Dombrowski said.

A pipeline from Midland to Houston "won't go in a straight line," he said. That pipeline "will cross 40 counties, thousands of blocks and tracts. You can have 10 landmen collaborating on our platform on every mile of that pipeline. Where to go, where to negotiate rights-of-way, where to bypass. For planning and engineering a pipeline, this is extraordinary."

He said that from Midland to Odessa, the land drops 3,000 feet, so those engineers need to know where to place pumps and where to make turns in the line. The platform can give them those details for two miles either side of the centerline, so they can plan for where the line needs to turn.

The platform can also shorten the time producers need to develop new pads or let them monitor existing well pads.

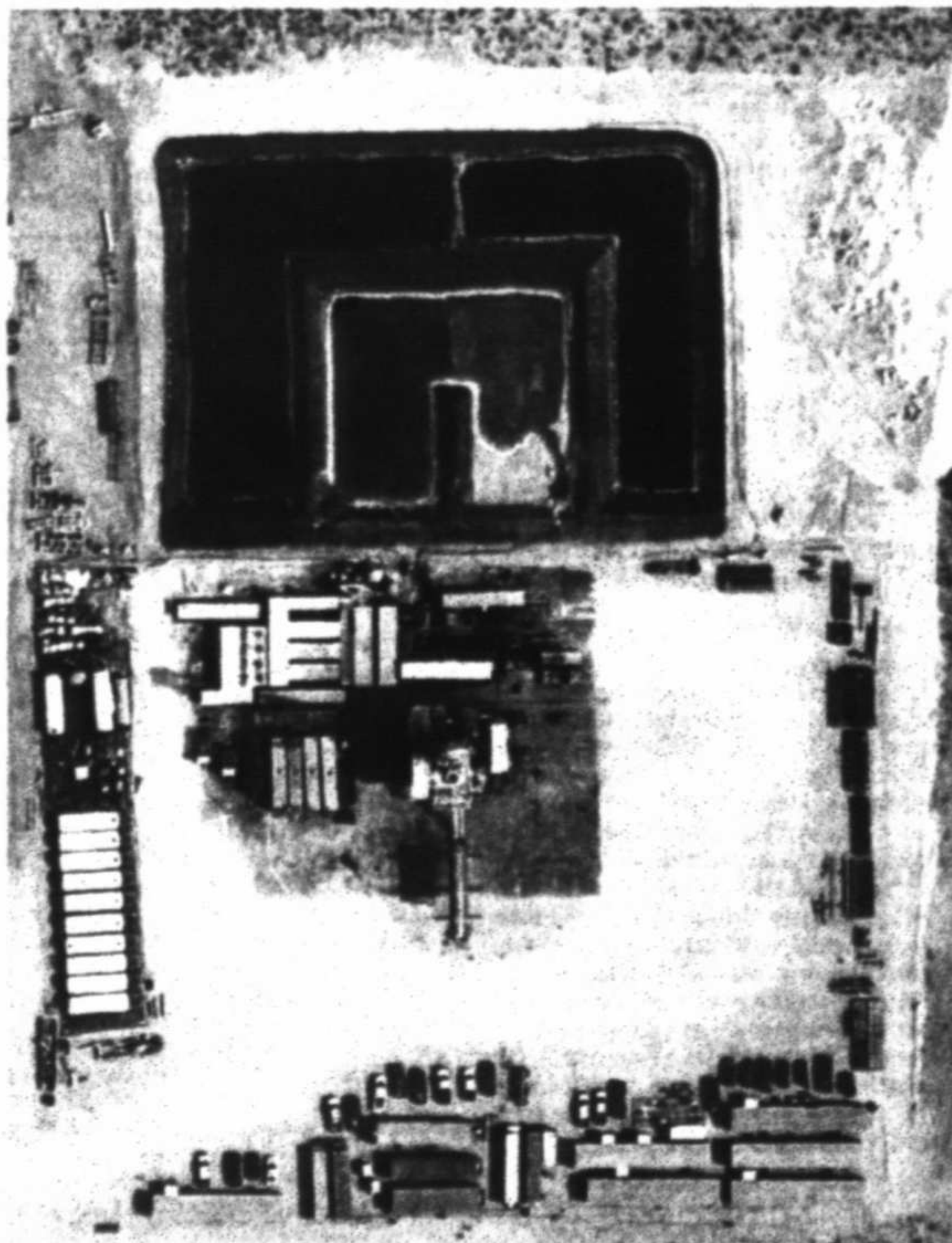
"With this, they can zoom in on a pad and inventory the pipe on site," Dombrowski said.

He said the platform gives users a history of the site so they can see the site go from vacant land to a drilling pad to the wellhead.

The platform is also useful in monitoring for environmental damage, he said.

Even asset managers on Wall Street can get in on the act, using the platform to monitor their investments or to help better negotiate a buying or selling price, he said. And insurance companies can also use the platform to track what they've insured.

"I think we have the right product at the right time," Dombrowski said.



Southwest oil and gas boom provides fuel for national economy

By Tim Henderson
Satline.org

An oil and gas bonanza in Southwestern states may be helping to drive the continuing national economic boom.

The nation's 4.2 percent growth in gross domestic product, estimated last month by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, is the highest quarterly growth since 2014. State estimates aren't due until mid-November.

"The states that contribute most might be the ones

with strong increases in energy production," including Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, said Mark Perry, an economist at the University of Michigan and an economic analyst for the conservative-leaning American Enterprise Institute.

Oil and gas industry has benefited from rising prices over the past two years, prompting more production and jobs. Production increased by nearly half in New Mexico over the past year, 29 percent in Texas and Colorado, and 19 percent in North Dakota and

Oklahoma, according to federal figures as of June. Natural gas production also surged in Louisiana.

New Mexico expects almost \$1.2 billion in extra tax revenue because of oil and gas next year, after struggling to make ends meet under the current budget and is planning to set up a rainyday fund to help ease future downturns, said Jeffrey Mitchell, director of the University of New Mexico's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. While oil and gas drilling has been concentrated near the Texas

border, jobs in the state's largest city, Albuquerque, also have increased in the upturn, he said.

"The situation was bleak," Republican Gov. Susana Martinez said recalled in her state of the state speech this year. "We find ourselves in a much different position today."

Texas' state budget is also expecting a surplus of about \$2 billion to be split between a rainy day fund and a highway fund, said Chris Bryan, spokesman for the state Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The Texas economy has

become more diversified with tech and health care, and is more likely to survive cyclical slowdowns, Bryan said.

Texas and New Mexico had the largest recent increases in oil production because of rich supplies in the Permian Basin, an underground formation spanning the two states. But state and local policy also has played a role, said Kathleen Sgammma, president of the Western Energy Alliance, a Denver-based oil and gas trade group.

"The states that have seen significant gains have

reasonable policies that enable development to move forward," Sgammma said. "Contrast that with California, which has put up multiple obstacles and as a result has slipped in the rankings."

California ranked third last year in oil production but was surpassed this year by New Mexico and Oklahoma and now ranks fifth at about 462,000 barrels a day as of June, according to federal figures.

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BAKER HUGHES' SMARTER WAYS EXPO



Photos Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Baker Hughes on Tuesday hosted more than 200 of its oil and gas operator customers to learn about advanced oil and gas technologies that are working successfully in the Permian. The focus was on enabling operators to "drill faster, produce longer and flow sooner," according to James Byers, communications for Baker Hughes. Smarter Ways Expo included technical presentations, displays of E&P technology and a keynote address by Mark LaCour, host of the "Oil & Gas This Week" podcast. LaCour discussed the Permian Basin's increasingly important role in global energy production.



Houston Chronicle file photo

Pilot Flying J — a company better known for its more than 750 roadside travel centers — has entered into deals to expand its crude hauling capacity and to haul wastewater and sand.

Pilot Flying J hopes to become 'one-stop shop'

■ Trucking company has plans to haul wastewater and sand in Permian

By Alex Nussbaum
Bloomberg

America's biggest truck-stop company wants to be the solution to some of the shortages bedeviling the Permian shale basin.

Pilot Flying J, better known for its more than 750 roadside travel centers, announced two deals earlier this year to almost double its crude-hauling capacity to 220,000 barrels a day. The company backed by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. has plans for even more growth, with expansions into wastewater trucking and sand delivery that would add two more services crucial to hydraulic fracturing in the U.S.

Truckers are in short supply in the Permian, joining pipelines, electricity and other essentials struggling to keep up with booming production. Already a major fuel distributor for its truck stops, Pilot Flying J is looking to capitalize on its expertise — and bring scale to what's largely been a world of smaller players.

"It's a market that's set for a roll-up," Shameek Konar, chief strategy officer for the Knoxville, Tennessee-based company, said in a telephone

interview. "We deliver a load of fuel somewhere in the country every 20 seconds, so trucking and logistics is a core competency for us."

In June, the closely held company and two other firms announced a joint venture to provide disposal services for saltwater — a major waste product in fracturing — to producers across Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Pilot owns a majority of the new business, PWT LLC.

The following month, PWT bought Bridger Environmental LLC, a saltwater transport and disposal company. At the same time, Pilot Flying J acquired a separate crude business, adding 10 disposal wells and two oil pipeline injection terminals in Wyoming. Terms weren't disclosed.

Last year, Berkshire Hathaway bought a stake in Pilot Travel Centers LLC, owner of Pilot Flying J, and detailed plans to become its biggest shareholder in six years.

The company has doubled its nationwide fleet of oil trucks to 400 in the past year and employs more than 2,000 drivers, a 30 percent increase. It's now the biggest third-party transporter of crude in the Permian, Brad Jenkins, a Pilot vice president, said in the interview. It also has a 10-truck sand-

hauling business with plans to expand, he said.

The work is a natural outgrowth of its longstanding business buying crude from some of the industry's biggest producers, including ConocoPhillips and BP Plc, said Konar.

'One-stop shop'

Pilot's size and stability appealed to clients, he said. With \$20 billion in annual sales, it was the 15th biggest closely held company in the U.S. last year, according to Forbes' annual rankings. Clients are looking for a "one-stop shop" for materials supply and takeaway services in the Permian, according to Konar.

The company's hoping its national scale gives it an advantage in hiring and retaining talent, one of the basin's biggest challenges. Pilot Flying J can offer better benefits than mom-and-pop truck operators, and it's got the size to ride out the booms and busts of the oil market, Konar said — although any downturn looks far off right now.

"All of our customers want us to find more trucks and more drivers and to get the logistics of the basin in better shape," Konar said. "We just have more work than we can handle."

Iran resorts to storing oil in fleet of supertankers

By Anthony DiPaola, Julian Lee
and Alex Longley
Bloomberg

Iran is starting to store oil on its fleet of supertankers again as impending U.S. sanctions force the Persian Gulf country to revive a strategy it deployed under previous curbs.

The build-up of crude in floating storage offshore Iran signals the effectiveness of the new sanctions imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump on the Persian Gulf country's oil. The measures are due to start in early November, but buyers including France, South Korea and others have already started to cut back sharply.

"We can expect floating storage to increase under the growing impact of U.S. sanctions in the coming months," Harry Tchilinguirian, head of commodity-markets strategy at BNP Paribas SA, said from London.

So far, most of the ships in question — all of which are Iranian-owned — have been holding crude at sea for a few weeks, rather than for months at a time as they did during 2012-2016 sanctions, tanker tracking compiled by Bloomberg show. Almost all Iran's main customers purchased fewer Iranian barrels in August than they did in April, the month before Trump said sanctions were being reimposed.

At least five full crude tankers have

anchored off the Iranian coast over the past 2 1/2 weeks. Two holding condensate, a light oil produced at Iran's natural gas fields, have been idling for weeks off Dubai.

Trump is trying to cut off Iran's oil exports to deprive the third-biggest member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries of income. In May, he pulled out of a 2015 pact that eased sanctions in return for Iran slowing its nuclear program, describing the deal as "rotten to its core" and failing to address the country's ballistic missile testing or funding of terror groups. Buyers who defy the U.S. sanctions risk having their banks frozen out of the American financial system.

The Middle East country is not storing as much crude at sea as it did during previous sanctions, when tens of millions of barrels were held for months at a time. Nor have exports yet fallen by as much. Still, the buildup of floating storage underscores the challenges the country is facing to find buyers: customers like South Korea have completely halted imports from the country, while Europe's refiners are scaling back.

Iran has pumped about 3.7 million barrels a day on average since sanctions eased at the start of 2016, more than 1 million barrels a day above what it was producing when sanctions were at their toughest.

US panel weighs change on royalties for gas from public land

Associated Press

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — A Trump administration committee is meeting in Colorado to consider a change in the way energy companies calculate how much money they owe for extracting and selling publicly owned natural gas.

The U.S. Interior De-

partment's Royalty Policy Committee met in suburban Denver Thursday.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke formed the panel to recommend ways to remove barriers to getting coal, oil and gas from public land while ensuring taxpayers get fair prices.

Supporters say changing royalty payments calcu-

tions would standardize and simplify the process.

Opponents say a loophole in the proposal could let energy companies decide how much to pay, and the public could get short-changed.

The committee will also consider a proposal to speed up the process drill permits on public land.

Correction

Steward Energy II wells produce 12,000 barrels of oil a day. An article in the Sept. 9 Oil Report had the wrong bpd figure. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Editor's Note

Because of staff vacation, the Drillinginfo.com data will not be included in the Oil Report for today. The information will be included in a future edition.



AP file photo

A worker adjusts pipes during a hydraulic fracturing operation at a well pad near Mead, Colorado in 2014. The Trump administration is moving to roll back Obama-era rules intended to reduce leaks of climate-changing methane from oil and gas facilities. The Environmental Protection Agency formally released a proposed substitute rule Tuesday. The EPA acknowledges the rollback would lead to more methane leaking into the atmosphere. The agency says relaxing oversight will save \$75 million in regulatory costs annually.

Trump rollback would ease rules on climate-changing methane

By Ellen Knickmeyer and Matthew Brown
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration moved closer Tuesday to rolling back Obama-era rules reducing oil and gas industry leaks of methane gas, one of the most potent agents of climate change.

The Environmental Protection Agency formally released its proposed substitute for a 2016 Obama administration rule that aimed to step up detection and elimination of methane leaks at well sites and other oil and gas facilities. The agency's move is part of a broad Trump administration effort to undo President Barack Obama's legacy programs to fight climate change by cutting emissions from oil, gas and coal.

The EPA's proposal Tuesday conceded that relaxing the Obama-era rule for methane leaks at oil and gas sites would put an additional 380,000 tons (350,000 metric tons) of methane into the atmosphere from 2019 to 2025. The amount is roughly equivalent to more than 30 million tons (27 million metric tons) of carbon dioxide, another fossil-fuel emission that receives far more attention in efforts to slow climate change.

The EPA noted that overall increased pollution as a result of its proposal "may also degrade air quality and adversely affect health and welfare." Relaxing federal oversight will save \$75 million in regulatory costs annually, the agency said.

Kathleen Sgamma, president of the Western Energy Alliance, a Colorado-based group that represents more than 300 companies, said the proposed changes make the EPA rule more efficient and workable. The previous rule was overly burdensome and "full of red tape. This rule cleans that up, makes it more practical" for industry to comply, Sgamma said in an interview.

Oil and gas drillers have "a four-decade long trend to reduce emissions," and the new EPA rules recognize that reality, Sgamma said, adding that she hopes an interior rule to be finalized in coming days will

show a similar practical streak. The pending rule by the Bureau of Land Management applies to fracturing sites on public lands.

Environmentalists contend energy companies already have demonstrated they can comply with tougher monitoring and that only poorly operated companies were having trouble with the new requirements.

"Once again, the Trump administration is putting the interests of the worst-operated oil and gas companies ahead of the health and welfare of everyday Americans," said Matt Watson, an associate vice president at the Environmental Defense Fund.

Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown of California on Tuesday told a meeting in San Francisco ahead of a climate conference there that President Donald Trump's proposal to ease monitoring of methane releases is "insane" and "borders on criminality."

"It perhaps is the most obvious and dangerous and irresponsible action by Mr. Trump — and that's saying quite a lot," Brown said.

The EPA under Obama completed the existing rule in May 2016, and it took effect that August. Industry groups pushed the EPA to reconsider, and the Trump administration put parts of it on hold in May 2017.

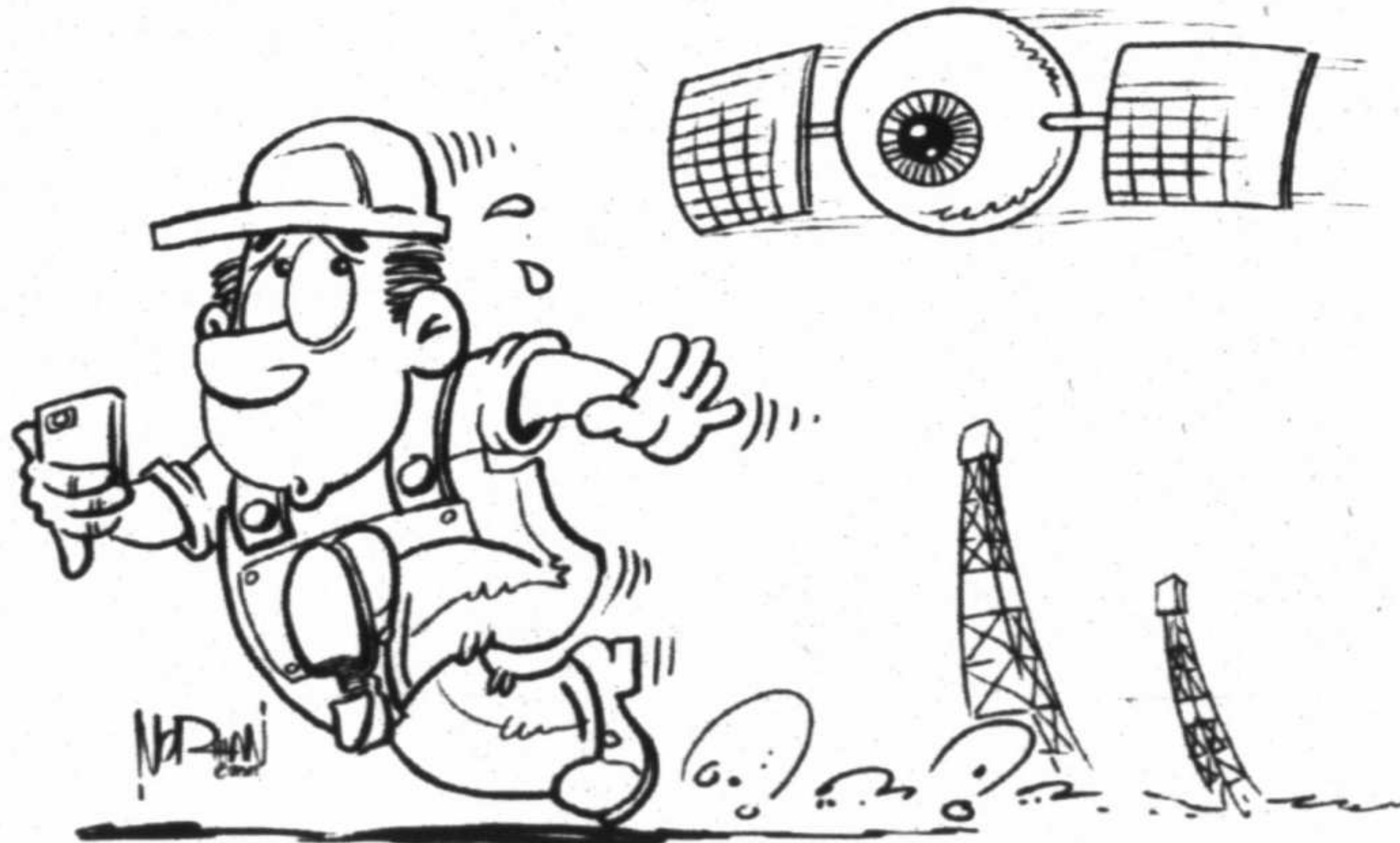
The rule was reinstated by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., last year after environmental groups sued, and it remains in effect, according to the EPA.

Tuesday's action opens a 60-day period for public comment ahead of any final decision by the Trump administration.

In North Dakota, the nation's biggest oil-producing state after Texas, drillers scaled back production for a time this summer to keep so-called flaring — burning off of methane and other gases pumped up as waste byproducts with the oil — within state limits.

North Dakota Air Quality Director Terry O'Clair said the state typically adopts "nothing more stringent than the federal rules." State officials would reconsider their recently toughened rules on oilfield gas leaks if federal officials loosen theirs, he said.

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Janet Yellen, former chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve, listens during a Brookings Institution discussion in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday. She maintains that a tax on carbon dioxide emissions would do more to combat climate change than environmental regulations being undone by the Trump administration.

Yellen touts carbon tax as 'textbook solution' to climate change

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Bloomberg

Former Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen says a tax on carbon dioxide emissions would do more to combat climate change than a slew of federal environmental regulations being undone by the Trump administration.

Yellen joins former Walmart Chairman Rob Walton, former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers and former Secretary of State George Shultz in delivering a pitch for the carbon tax-and-dividend plan, released Monday along with an analysis of its potential emissions reductions.

"From the standpoint of an economist, the most efficient way to tackle climate change is to tax emissions — to create a disincentive to emit carbon dioxide," Yellen said in an interview before the report's release. "It's the right solution to a problem, and it's collected in a way that is practical and feasible."

The proposal has the backing of a broad coalition of prominent conservatives, economists and corporations that have united as the Climate Leadership Council and developed a multiyear strategy for advancing the initiative on Capitol Hill. Corporate supporters, which have a roughly \$2.4 trillion market cap, include ExxonMobil and three other oil giants as well as the largest U.S. automaker, General Motors; utility, Exelon, and telecommunications firm, AT&T.

The campaign is the broadest, most serious effort in years to put a price on the carbon dioxide emissions that drive climate change. The proposed tax aims to increase the cost of energy derived from oil, natural gas and coal, thereby discouraging

the use of those fossil fuels and encouraging the free market to develop low-carbon power alternatives.

The tax would result in slashing more heat-trapping carbon dioxide emissions than could be pared under Obama-era environmental regulations, and the resulting cuts would exceed reductions the U.S. promised as part of the Paris climate accord according to an assessment by the non-partisan think tank Resources for the Future.

Still, Yellen and other proponents face significant political opposition. President Donald Trump said he opposed taxing greenhouse gas emissions while campaigning for the White House. And the House voted in July to condemn the very idea of a carbon tax as "detrimental" to the U.S. economy, with only six Republicans breaking ranks to vote against the measure.

But that House vote on a carbon tax concept is not a reliable indicator of support for the more nuanced tax-and-dividend plan, said Ted Halstead, founder of the Climate Leadership Council. The group also released a poll it commissioned that shows 56 percent of respondents supported the idea, compared to just 26 percent who opposed it.

Under the Climate Leadership Council's blueprint, every ton of carbon dioxide would be hit with a tax, potentially starting at \$40 per ton and rising over time, with revenue redistributed to households in the form of quarterly dividend checks. In exchange, regulations aimed at cutting carbon dioxide emissions — and much of the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to regulate them — would be eliminated.

In the essay released Monday, Shultz, Summers, Yellen and other supporters call the effort a grand

bargain that's "not only the most environmentally ambitious plan but also the most politically viable."

U.S. energy-related emissions would be cut about 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2025 under the proposed tax-and-dividend plan, according to an analysis, released Monday, by the Climate Leadership Council.

That's far beyond the commitment the U.S. made in signing the Paris climate deal Trump has said he will abandon: to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 26 percent of 2005 levels by 2025. And it dwarfs the 18 percent reduction the council says could be accomplished through Obama-era climate regulations, many of which are already being whittled down or repealed by the Trump administration.

The tax would achieve those emission cuts without costly "command-and-control regulations" some businesses loathe, Yellen said. "The tax is set in a way to achieve a very ambitious goal," and is "probably least costly from businesses' point of view."

The effort is aimed at amassing broad support for throttling carbon dioxide emissions among Republicans wary of big government, businesses eager for a cheaper and predictable, environmental activists concerned about climate change and American consumers who would relish the promised dividend checks.

"It's been so difficult to make any progress on this issue," said Yellen, now a distinguished fellow at the Brookings Institution. "I don't know that this will succeed, but it seems to me that this is a plan that can command a lot of support, and I'm encouraged by the degree of support it has."

Critics say a U.S. tax would do little to arrest climate change or curb global greenhouse gas emissions. And they question the

long-term durability of any "grand bargain," since a future congress still could impose new environmental regulations on top of a carbon tax — or decide to spend some of the revenue, instead of rebating it to consumers.

"The whole notion that there's going to be some grand bargain with respect to regulations is a pipe dream," said Tom Pyle, president of the American Energy Alliance, a free-market advocacy group. "The EPA is not going to remain in the hands of Donald Trump forever. You can't bind future congresses to some kind of no-regulation deal."

"You can dress it up and put fancy clothes on it, but it's still a massive tax on American motorists and families, which will hit the poorest among us the hardest no matter what they claim they can do to make them whole," Pyle said.

Advocates say a carbon tax would ensure the negative costs of climate change are embedded in the price of goods — externalities that generally aren't factored in to the cost of coal-fired electricity and gasoline today. Alternative approaches to clamping down on carbon dioxide, such as federal climate regulations or cap-and-trade regimes, have been criticized for failing to cover the full landscape of emissions or being potential administrative nightmares.

"It is compensating in a completely appropriate and targeted way for the externality that is associated with any emissions of carbon dioxide," Yellen said. "And that's why almost all economists love it. You'd be hard pressed to find an economist who would not be supportive of a carbon tax because it is exactly the textbook solution to the problem of climate change."

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Second, there's communication. Yep, that data only helps if it gets to you. Will you use radio, cell or satellite communications—or you may need all three. And protocols—will it be Modbus, Profibus, ROC, BASAP, DF1 or DNP3? Maybe your IT person will know all this, and maybe not—there's a lot to know.

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Investment firm partners with Diamondback Energy

A Washington investment firm is partnering with Midland-based Diamondback Energy in a \$620 million deal to finance the company's development of the Southern Delaware Basin.

The Carlyle Group will fund up to 85 percent of Diamondback Energy's development of oil and gas assets in the San Pedro area of Pecos County over the next five years. The money will come from Carlyle Energy Mezzanine Opportunities Fund II L.P.

The deal comes just a month after Diamondback Energy bought rival Energen for \$8.4 billion, an acquisition that came just a week after Diamondback bought Ajax Resources for \$1.2 billion.

"This joint venture will allow Diamondback to bring forward present value on the southeastern portion of our Pecos County acreage, with added benefit to our minerals and midstream businesses," said Diamondback Energy CEO Travis Stice.

The Carlyle Group has two funds, the Carlyle Energy Mezzanine Opportunities Fund, L.P. and Carlyle Energy Mezzanine Opportunities Fund II, L.P., with combined assets of approximately \$4 billion as of June 30. The funds are used to provide financing to projects and companies in the energy sector.

The Carlyle Group has \$210 billion of assets according to the company's website.

Targa Resources: Sale of terminals to fund Texas pipelines

Houston pipeline firm Targa Resources said it plans to sell its petroleum terminals in Baltimore and Tacoma, Washington, to help fund the construction of major pipeline projects in Texas.

Targa said the crude oil and refined products terminals, which also include crude storage, will sell for \$160 million to a private equity-backed affiliate of Boston-based ArcLight Capital Partners.

In August, Targa said it is teaming up with a bevy of partners to build a 600-mile natural gas pipeline system from the Permian Basin to the Corpus Christi and Houston regions.

While there's a race to build pipelines to serve the record levels of production from the booming Permian, there's also a lot of associated gas produced from the oil wells. Targa is now looking to compete with Kinder Morgan and a few other companies building massive gas pipelines from the Permian.

Targa aims to build the Whistler Pipeline project in partnership with Florida's NextEra Energy, Ohio's MPLX and some private equity investors. MPLX is the pipeline arm of Marathon Petroleum.

Targa also is currently building the Grand Prix natural gas liquids pipeline from the Permian to the Houston area.

Targa also owns a 25 percent stake in Kinder Morgan's Gulf Coast Express pipeline that's under construction to ship natural gas from the Permian to the Corpus Christi region.

Targa also is considering building a natural gas liquids pipeline from Oklahoma to the Houston region.

Houston company to expand export terminal

Enterprise Products Partners of Houston said it is starting construction on an expansion of a Houston Ship Channel export terminal, so it can ship out more propane and butane.

Enterprise bought 65 acres earlier this year, and the expansion is expected to cost less than \$50 million. Enterprise said it will be able to load six Very Large Gas Carrier vessels simultaneously once the expansion is completed in the second half of 2019.

The project will allow



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A woman walks with children past an active oil and gas exploration site after leaving the neighborhood pool in the D.R. Horton Legacy home development in Midland. The subdivision is located very close to several oil and gas operations.

the Enterprise Hydrocarbon Terminal to load another 175,000 barrels of liquefied petroleum gas — primarily propane and butane — per day, or about 5 million barrels a month. The expansion will increase the terminal's LPG export capacity to 720,000 barrels daily, or 21 million barrels a month. That growth will allow Enterprise to load Very Large Gas Carriers in less than 24 hours.

Enterprise already serves as the world's largest propane exporter. Enterprise Chief Executive Jim Teague said that U.S. propane and butane production easily exceeds U.S. demand, prompting the need for greater export volumes.

Natural gas liquids such as ethane, propane and butane often are produced out of oil and gas wells, and increasingly more so as the U.S. churns out record volumes of oil and natural gas.

"Without access to international markets, excess LPG (propane and butane) supplies would lead to a curtailment in U.S. crude oil and natural gas production growth," Teague said. "Marine terminal expansions like ours will be essential to balancing the market and meeting growing global demand for U.S. hydrocarbons."

Tulsa company to expand natural gas pipeline

An Oklahoma company will invest nearly \$300 million to expand its natural gas liquids pipeline system in the Permian Basin.

ONEOK of Tulsa, Oklahoma, announced Monday that it would invest \$295 million to expand its West Texas LPG Limited Partnership pipeline system. The expansion would support six natural gas processing plants in the Permian Basin that are expected to have a daily production of 60,000 barrels a day of natural gas liquids, which usually include ethane, propane and butane.

ONEOK plans to build four new pump stations, upgrade two existing pumps and add pipelines that would increase the system's mainline capacity 80,000 barrels a day. The expansion is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2020.

In July ONEOK took full control of the West Texas LPG Pipeline when it paid \$195 million to Martin Midstream Partners LP of Kilgore. The system consists of approximately 2,600 miles of natural gas liquids pipelines throughout Texas and New Mexico and provides transportation from nearly 40 natural gas processing plants to the Mont Belvieu market in East Texas.

The Permian Basin is the second largest natural gas producing shale field in the U.S. Natural gas production has risen 31.3 percent in the last year to more than 11.5 billion cubic feet a day.

Refiners turn to technology to save costs

Refiners have for years lagged other energy producers in digitizing their operations, but the industry is poised for faster transformation thanks to

recent technologies that could reduce operating costs by billions of dollars, according to a recent paper by research firm Wood Mackenzie.

The firm noted that after years of slow but steady adoption of new technologies, some refiners have begun to make broader efforts to boost profitability by coordinating operations throughout their plant systems. Those early adopters are better positioned to improve operations by taking advantage of artificial intelligence, sensor technology and software systems that Wood Mackenzie anticipates could collectively save the industry as much as \$15 billion a year.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that California oil major Chevron recently launched an effort to predict maintenance problems in its oil fields and refineries by installing sensors to help determine when equipment will need to be serviced.

Wood Mackenzie's principal refinery analyst, Mark Broadbent, pointed to the company's decision as evidence of the refining industry's growing interest in using data and computing power to improve operations.

Wood Mackenzie said that early adopters within the industry have begun to use artificial intelligence to determine the most profitable crude slates, a process that takes days when done using manual testing. The firm anticipates that other advancements will ultimately help refiners to better plan their turnaround schedules, potentially saving the industry \$3.5 billion annually.

Wood Mackenzie said early adopters stand to benefit the most from such technologies before they become the industry norm.

"The developments are exciting to consider and will improve efficiency, cut costs, and boost margins — until the rest of the market catches up," the paper read.

Alaska LNG project in deal to buy gas from ExxonMobil

The state-sponsored Alaska liquefied natural gas export project has come to terms with ExxonMobil to buy gas produced by the nation's biggest energy company.

The compromise gas deal agreement announced last week helps move forward the roughly \$50 billion Alaska LNG project, which would ship LNG for both domestic use and for exports, including to China. The long-delayed project is run by the state-backed Alaska Gasline Development Corp. and no longer has publicly traded stakeholders like ExxonMobil, BP and ConocoPhillips.

But ExxonMobil will sell large volumes of its Alaska-produced natural gas to the project if Alaska LNG is eventually built starting as soon as 2020.

The new deal allows Alaska LNG to buy ExxonMobil's share of 30 trillion cubic feet of gas produced from the Prudhoe Bay and Point Thomson developments in Alaska. ExxonMobil operates the Point Thomson field with a 62.75 percent ownership stake. BP owns the rest. Exxon also has a 36.4 percent share of the

nearby Prudhoe Bay field — the largest oil and gas field in North America. The rest is held by BP and ConocoPhillips. And, in May, BP also reached a deal to sell gas to the project.

The deal would guarantee ExxonMobil long-term gas sales while giving Alaska momentum to move the project forward. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is scheduled to approve or reject the project by the end of 2019.

Company buys NM ranches for water rights

NGL Energy Partners has spent \$93 million to acquire 122,000 acres of ranch land in New Mexico, giving it access to nearly 12 million barrels of annual fresh water rights.

The Tulsa, Oklahoma, company bought the Beckham and McCloy ranches in New Mexico, which gives the company access to more than 20 saltwater disposal well locations and 11.6 million barrels of annual fresh water rights.

NGL Energy Partners said the land will give producers in Eddy and Lea counties additional options for water sourcing and disposal.

The company currently operates 27 active saltwater disposal facilities with 1 million barrels a day of disposal capacity in the Delaware Basin.

A recent study by Duke University said water use per well in the Permian Basin had increased 767 percent between 2011 and 2016, a finding that Texas energy group Texas Alliance of Energy Producers took issue with.

Advocacy group touts benefits of Eagle Ford

A grassroots energy advocacy group in Texas is touting the benefits of South Texas' Eagle Ford, saying its created tens of thousands of jobs and generated tens of billions in economic output.

The group Texans for Natural Gas, formerly known as North Texans for Natural Gas, says the oil and gas field, which at 1.4 million barrels a day of oil production is the second largest producing oil field in the U.S. and is the fifth largest natural gas producer, has produced nearly \$50 billion in economic output and, in 2016, supported more than 108,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Until the early 2010s, the Eagle Ford Shale was primarily a gas field, but the combination of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing quickly brought the field's oil production from 103,000 barrels a day in October 2010 — the first month the field broke the 100,000-barrel-a-day mark — to 357,000 barrels a day the following October.

The Eagle Ford Shale hit its peak oil production in March 2015, when it produced more than 1.7 million barrels of oil a day. Production fell as oil prices collapsed in 2015 and oil and gas drillers pulled drilling rigs from the field, favoring the more prolific Permian Basin.

House subcommittee advances bill on renting SPR space

By Jeremy Dillon
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — A bill that would allow the federal government to rent out space in the caves holding the nation's emergency oil stockpile moved out of a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee earlier this month with bipartisan support.

The legislation was advanced Sept. 6 by the Energy Subcommittee in a voice vote and without any amendments. The bill would authorize the Energy Department to enter into lease agreements with private companies or foreign governments to store petroleum products in the excess space of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve that will result from congressionally mandated drawdowns set to occur over the next decade.

Lawmakers argue the additional revenue from the rental space could help offset some of the costs to modernize the reserve's infrastructure, largely made up of storage facilities in salt caverns near the Gulf of Mexico.

"Using excess storage capacity through a leasing program is an innovative idea and it should be a win-win for the federal government," said Subcommittee Chairman Fred Upton of Michigan. "At a minimum, DOE may be able to offset some of its maintenance costs and invest in new infrastructure that will ensure the long-term operations of the SPR."

Over the next decade, about 300 million barrels will be sold to offset the cost of various legislative priorities. That would likely result in the SPR's storage amount dropping by nearly half from the 660 million barrels of crude oil the reserve currently holds.

Combined with a U.S. energy landscape marked by high oil and natural gas production, policymakers, including Energy Secretary Rick Perry, have questioned how, or if, the SPR should continue operations in the future. The SPR was originally created in the 1970s to protect the country from future shortages or disruptions after the Arab oil embargo.

"As the U.S. has transformed from a heavy importer of foreign oil, to a global leader in oil exports, the SPR is now used more as a piggy bank to fund a vast variety of unrelated Congressional initiatives, rather than its initial purpose as an emergency energy backstop," said Illinois Rep. Bobby L. Rush, the top Democrat on the subcommittee.

The Government Accountability Office initially suggested the legislation in a June report, arguing that "by not examining a full range of options, DOE risks missing beneficial ways to modernize the SPR while saving taxpayer resources."

As to how much revenue the bill could generate, no official estimate was given. Under the bill's language, the Energy Department would be authorized to launch a pilot program for up to 200 million barrels qualifying for the excess space. Republican Rep. Joe L. Barton, a bill sponsor, said that space already has the attention of oil companies in his home state of Texas. The bill has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

"In my visits with some of the oil industry leadership in Texas during the August break, they're very intrigued by the idea," Barton said.

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Instructor: Alyce Hoge
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Cost: \$612.50; Out of State, \$637.50

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Oil & Gas Law
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 5, 2019; End Date: February 28, 2019; Registration Deadline: 11:59 pm, February 4, 2019
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 6 of 6: Federal Laws that Impact the Oil & Gas Industry
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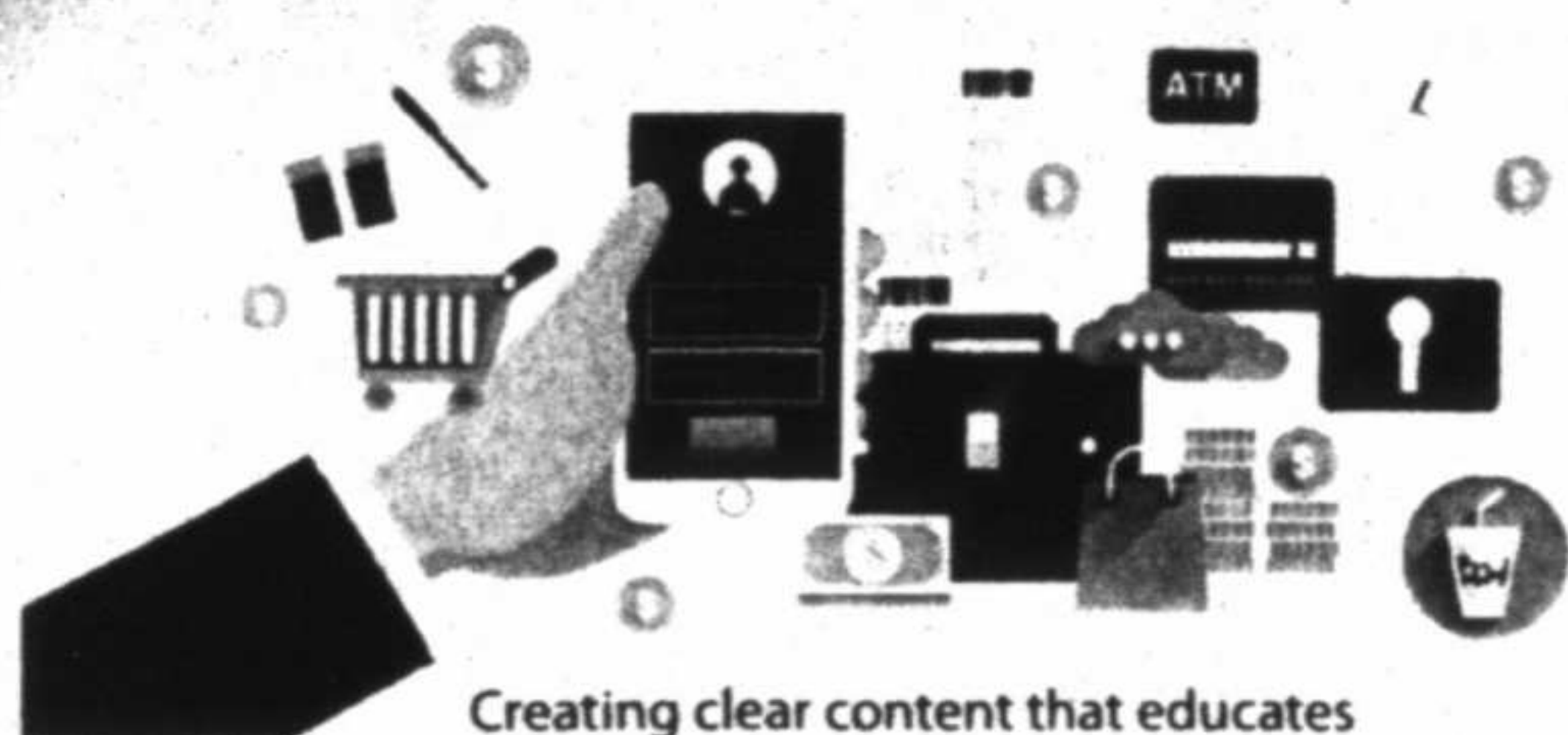
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Mexico's president-elect promises to build new refinery

■ Andrés Manuel López Obrador also says he'll clean up the environment

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MEXICO CITY — Gloria González considers herself left-leaning and socially minded. She has marched in protests, supported environmental causes and voted three times for President-elect Andrés Manuel López Obrador — the left-leaning populist and nationalist who overwhelmingly won the July 1 election.

González, 50, doesn't own a car. But she hopes López Obrador keeps key campaign promises: to freeze the price the gasoline and build an \$8 billion refinery.

"When the price of gasoline goes up, the price of food goes up, too. Bus fares go up. The price of everything goes up," she said. "He wants to build refineries. He wants them to benefit the people (with) a lower price of gasoline."

López Obrador — who goes by his initials, AMLO — campaigned on curtailing crime, corruption and poverty. He also promised to clean up the environment, releasing a campaign document called "Naturamo," which pledges to protect water resources, plant 1 million hectares of trees, consult with indigenous communities on development and stop the slayings of environmental defenders.

But any environmental agenda intersects with Mexico's complicated relationship with petroleum. In 1938, the state seized nearly all the assets of foreign-owned oil companies, effectively nationalizing the industry. Patriotic Mexicans donated everything from the family jewels to chickens to help the government get rid of the foreign companies.

That history has left many Mexicans with a sense they should benefit from petro-

leum by paying less at the pump. It has also prompted López Obrador to promise he will "rescue" the energy sector.

López Obrador, a native of oil-rich Tabasco state, has obsessed for years over the price of gasoline and opposed a 2014 constitutional change that allowed foreign companies to invest in the oil and gas industry.

He compared the change to treason and wrote a letter warning then-ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson that any investment in Mexican oil would be tantamount to "piracy" — although he toned down his rhetoric in the pre-election period.

López Obrador has proposed freezing the prices of gasoline, diesel and electricity for three years, then lowering prices as new infrastructure comes online.

He also proposes building a new refinery in Tabasco and increasing production from Mexico's six underperforming refineries. He sells it as a solution to Mexico having to import approximately 60 percent of its gasoline — nearly 600,000 barrels per day — from the United States. (The U.S. Gulf Coast refineries are well-equipped to handle heavy, low-quality crude, including some produced in Mexico.)

In a meeting with business leaders in Monterrey on Tuesday, López Obrador said the refinery, to be located in Dos Bocas in Tabasco, would cost \$8 billion and would produce 600,000 barrels of gasoline per day.

The refinery is part of his ambitious, \$9.2 billion investment plan for Mexico's state-run oil and electricity companies. The investment aims to boost petroleum production — which has fallen 43 percent since peaking in 2004 — refurbish neglected refineries operating below capacity and bolster electricity generation.

López Obrador's transition team did not respond to requests for an interview. The president-elect has said he will ban fracturing, and in the presidential debates

he proposed combating climate change by planting 1 million hectares of trees and increasing hydroelectricity production.

His transition team has also pledged to respect Mexico's international climate commitments and promote the use of renewable energy, according to clean-energy consultants.

Analysts say increasing refining capacity makes sense after decades of underinvestment by the state petroleum company, Pemex. Environmentalists express mixed opinions on the incoming administration. Most are taking a wait-and-see approach.

"We have some mixed signs," said Andrés Flores, director of climate change and energy at the World Resources Institute in Mexico. "They've announced new refining capacity, investments in oil and gas, and on the other hand they're also saying they would comply with the commitments that Mexico made in the Paris (climate change) agreement."

Outgoing President Enrique Peña Nieto passed energy reform early in his administration to boost oil production, attract investment and take advantage of oil giants' expertise in exploiting deep-water petroleum.

He sold it to skeptical Mexicans with the promise that they would pay less — only to have worldwide prices for gasoline spike. A "gasolinazo," or mega-hike, hit consumers in January 2017 as the government loosened its control on prices at the pump, prompting street protests.

Peña Nieto pleaded for calm in a nationwide address, explaining the taxes on gasoline paid for education and social programs. "What would you have done?" he asked an outraged population, who responded with snarky responses such as "resign" as graft scandals engulfed governors in Peña Nieto's party.

"We're paying tax on gasoline that we shouldn't

be paying," said Rocio Morales, a pawnshop owner who voted for López Obrador. "It's a lie that this money goes to social programs. If you go to a hospital, there are no medicines there. There are no computers in the schools."

Mexico's obsession with gasoline prices started in the 1980s, when hyperinflation was rife, said David Shields, publisher of *Energia a Debate*, which focuses on Mexican energy issues.

"Every time the gasoline price went up, people associated this with inflation and the shortage of products in supermarkets," Shields said.

The government started setting the price in 1992 as an inflation-control mechanism. Under the scheme, gasoline often cost less in the United States than Mexico. But when world oil prices soared, Mexico had to subsidize gasoline — to

the tune of more than \$20 billion in 2008, more than it spent on its flagship anti-poverty program.

Vehicle ownership has also increased — driving the demand for gasoline higher — climbing from 39 percent of households having a vehicle in 2000 to 46.5 percent of households in 2010 in Mexico City, according to census data. It's the product of a larger middle class, lower prices from automakers and an expansion of credit, analysts say.

Combating climate change can be a tough issue to promote in a country where owning a car represents social mobility and public transport is perceived as uncomfortable and the conveyance of the poor.

"A car is a status symbol and a sign you advanced," said Emiliano Ruiz Parra, a journalist who has closely covered López Obrador for

years. "In a city without decent or dignified public transport ... everyone wants a car and dreams of having a car."

Equally challenging for climate advocates is getting the incoming administration to see the shortcomings of building a new fossil fuel refinery instead of investing more in renewable energy.

"We are in middle of a fast-track change where the world is moving away from fossil fuels — faster than we'd expected," said Adrián Fernández Bremauntz, director of Iniciativa Climática de México. "The moment in which they reach self-sufficiency in petroleum products, I don't think they will have total use of this infrastructure, which will take them more than a decade to build."

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