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Stonegate finalizes purchase of Odessa location

By Rich Lopez
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Stonegate Fellowship finalized the purchase of the Graham's Central Station property on Thursday. Now begins the process of renovating the building as Stonegate's Odessa location.

The new church is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

"Our target is to finish and having services by Christmas," said David McReynolds, pastor of church operations.

With the building securely under Stonegate's ownership, the next step is to clean out the former nightclub.

"We get to start the renovation and some demolition. We'll pretty much take it down to just the exterior walls," McReynolds said.

Once the building is cleaned out, probably by next month, construction will begin. In the meantime, church leaders will finalize floor plans with JSA Architects out of Odessa.

Stonegate had not incurred any debt with previous building projects, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The economy's downturn has not derailed Stonegate's plans. McReynolds expects the church could even be in the clear in a short time.

"What we've done with this project is we established a short-term line of credit to get the project started and finished," he said. "The expectations and intentions are not to carry any long-term debt at all. We could have this paid off within a couple of years, if not less."

The first conversation Stonegate had about Graham's was in May, but then another entity made an offer for the property. Graham's owners reached out to Stonegate leaders in August informing them that the deal had fallen through. Talks began again in September, which led to Stonegate's closing on the property Thursday.

Emotions were high among church officials after the deal was finalized.

"We're extremely excited to have a home for current church members in Odessa and the opportunity to provide great children's ministry there," McReynolds said. "That's very important to us and something we've been very successful with in Midland. We want to continue that."

SPELLING OUT VICTORY

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Srikar Chamarthi, representing Fasken Elementary, competes in the Midland Reporter-Telegram's 29th Annual Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday in the Allison Fine Arts Building on the Midland College campus.

Fasken's Chamarthi claims spelling bee crown, elusive trip to Washington

By Stewart Doreen
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Srikar Chamarthi of Fasken Elementary just missed on a trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee last year when he placed second in a regional spelling bee as a fifth-grader in New Jersey.

On Saturday, he didn't have to settle for second place.

One year and 1,800 miles later, Chamarthi punched his ticket to the national spelling bee, defeating 44 of the best spellers from elementary and junior high schools in Midland, Greenwood, Big Spring, Andrews and Monahans to win the 29th annual Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee sponsored by JumBurrito.

Chamarthi survived the 19-round affair held at Midland College, outspelling seventh-grader Pranav Ganta of Abell Junior High in the final round. Chamarthi also recorded two firsts for the Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee — the first win by a Fasken Elementary school contestant (Fasken opened this school year) and the first known win of the Reporter-Telegram Spelling bee by an Odessan. The Chamarthi family lives in the Odessa city limits but that part of Odessa is in Midland County.

In the 18th round, Chamarthi got the opening he needed as Ganta, who led the round, missed "saccharide," which is defined as a "simple sugar, combination of sugars or polymerized sugar." Chamarthi then spelled "obliquitous" — defined as "characterized by indirectness or deliberate obscurity of speech or conduct" — and nidificate — defined as "build a nest" for the title. Chamarthi became the second straight sixth-grader to win the title. Anna Ngo, who won the regional bee while at Carver Center, was beaten by Ganta in their school spelling bee at Abell.

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Midlanders recount seeing pope in Mexico

By Erin Stone
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Some walked for two hours; some walked for 10 hours. Some shivered in the cold winds in Mexico City; others sweated under a blazing sun in Juarez. All made the pilgrimage for one reason: to see Pope Francis.

More than 100 Midlanders made the trip. A group of 12 from San Miguel Arcángel Catholic Church and 110 with St. Stephen's Catholic Church traveled by bus, taxi and eventually foot to see the pope in Mexico City and Ciudad Juarez respectively.

Rosario Gonzalez of the San Miguel parish traveled with her husband and 10 others to see Francis in Mexico City and receive his blessing at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

At 5 a.m. Feb. 12, the taxi drove the Gonzalezes to a bus stop an hour from their hotel, then stopped.

"This is as far as we can go," the taxi driver told them

"So what do we do?" they asked.

"Take the bus, and when you get off, just follow the crowd," he said. "You will not get lost."

It was a true pilgrimage, Gonzalez said.

"To see the multitude of people was an experience within itself," she said. "To see the faith, the willingness, the sacrifice that people made to get there. ... There were stories of people walking 10 hours. The grace of God was there."

Before the pope arrived from the airport, people lined the street to create a pathway — called "la valla" in Spanish — for him to pass through. They stood waiting for him for five hours. When he arrived, the Gonzalezes were mere feet from him.

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Underlying immigration debate is fact that Texas needs workers

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman

Immigration policy has long been a source of heated rhetoric and debate in the political arena, particularly as it relates to the undocumented population. While there are numerous considerations surrounding this issue, it is clear that immigrants, both legal and undocumented, influence business activity in fundamental ways. The value of a readily available workforce cannot be denied, but neither can costs of immigrants such as health care, education and social services.

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In a recent study, my firm (The Perryman Group) took a balanced

factors such as the likely numbers of undocumented workers and concentration by industry, spillover effects as various supply chains and payrolls are affected, and relative differentials in skill levels and compensation associated with undocumented workers. On the cost side, expenses associated with the undocumented population were estimated based on available data regarding outlays by governmental entities. (The study is available for free download on our website at www.perrymangroup.com.)

Analysis of undocumented immigration and the undocumented workforce is complicated by a lack of detailed data. However, several thorough investigations of the issue have been conducted, and available information from well-respected organizations has been compiled. While there is some variation across studies because of such factors as methodological differences, the major

gration Studies estimates that the undocumented immigrant population exceeds 1.7 million. Over the past several years, the number of undocumented immigrants in the state has remained fairly stable, with fluctuations linked to overall economic conditions. These immigrants are an important component of the workforce and, thus, economic activity.

As an initial phase of our analysis, we measured the direct contribution of the undocumented workforce by industry. We used available data related to the employment patterns of the undocumented workforce as a starting point, and allocated to various industries based on the best available information regarding employment patterns. We then quantified the resulting output, income, and spending based on the coefficients of our impact assessment model. We also fully adjusted for the wage and productivity characteristics of the relevant population. The

$326.1 billion in total expenditures and $144.7 billion in output (gross product) each year as well as 1.2 million jobs.

This direct economic activity generates multiplier effects through the economy, which we also measured. We then took out the costs involved with undocumented workers such as health care, education, social services, and law enforcement. The result is an estimate of the net economic benefits associated with the undocumented workforce. We estimate that the total net economic benefits of undocumented workers in Texas are estimated to include $663.4 billion in total expenditures and almost $290.3 billion in output (gross product) each year, as well as more than 3.3 million jobs when indirect and induced effects are considered.

To illustrate the potential costs of a restrictive immigration policy, in our study we also looked at a scenario reflecting a program that

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Stocks edge lower again, but wrap up best week of the year

By Marley Jay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks inched lower Friday as the price of oil slipped and investors worried again about the health of the global economy. Chemicals companies fell the most. Despite the loss, the market still had its best week of the year.

Stocks declined as the price of oil slipped 4 percent, giving back some of its gains from the last week, and agricultural equipment giant Deere cut its sales projections. That helped touch off a wider slump that hurt chemicals, materials and mining companies. Consumer stocks like home improvement retailers and travel companies rose after the government said consumer prices are rising, a sign the U.S. economy is in good shape.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 21.44 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,391.99. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped 0.05 points to 1,917.78. The Nasdaq composite index rose 16.89 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,504.43.

Stocks made big gains Tuesday and Wednesday. Then the rally stalled and indexes took small losses over the last two days. Still, the Nasdaq, which is still down 10 percent this year, logged its biggest weekly gain since July and the S&P 500 had its best week in two months.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell $1.13, or 3.7 percent, to $29.64 a barrel in New York. It climbed 17 percent over the previous week. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, slid $1.27, or 3.7 percent, to $33.01.

That sent oil and gas stocks tumbling. Southwestern Energy dropped $1.40, or 16.5 percent, to $7.09 and Murphy Oil fell $1.24, or 7.3 percent, to $15.76.

Agricultural equipment company Deere lowered its sales forecast for the year as sales of farm and construction remain weak. That canceled out first-quarter results that were better than analysts expected. Deere lost $3.33, or 4.1 percent, to $77. Elsewhere, chemicals maker LyondellBassell Industries dipped $2.06, or 2.6 percent, to $78.14 and agricultural chemicals maker Monsanto fell $1.40, or 1.6 percent, to $88.52.

The government reported that consumer goods prices are still rising, and consumer stocks traded higher. Online retailer Amazon gained $9.90, or 1.9 percent, to $534.90, while home improvement retailer Home Depot added $1.72, or 1.4 percent, to $121.69 and online travel company Priceline rose $31.79, or 2.5 percent, to $1,283.74.

The Labor Department said prices for consumer goods have risen 1.4 percent over the last year, a sign that the pace of inflation is picking up and the economy is improving. The combination of a strong dollar and cheaper oil has suppressed inflation across much of the economy, but prices of other goods have been rising.

Michael Scanlon, managing director and portfolio manager for John Hancock Asset Management, said consumers are still spending plenty of money on cars, homes and travel. He thinks that spending is going to grow.

"People feel more stable in their jobs with increasing wages (and) home prices continue to rise," he said.

Gas prices are also very low, and while consumers have mostly put their gas savings in the bank instead of spending it, Scanlon thinks that's going to change. Gas prices have stayed low for more than a year, and he thinks shoppers will start to trust that pump prices are going to stay low.

For the moment, retailers are continuing to struggle. Department store operator Nordstrom disappointed Wall Street with its holiday-season results. The company said its sales were weaker than it expected and its profits were hurt because it had to match discounts offered by competitors.

Nordstrom gave up $3.55, or 6.7 percent, to $49.17 while Macy's fell 90 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $40.23 and JC Penney lost 31 cents, or 4.1 percent, to $7.32. Retail stocks also stumbled Thursday after Wal-Mart reported weak quarterly sales and cut its forecasts for the year. Several other major retailers will report their quarterly results next week.

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Lone Star State Bank names new vice president

Victor Chinikidiadi has joined Lone Star State Bank in Midland as vice president in the energy and commercial lending division.

Chinikidiadi began his banking career in Midland in 2008.

Chartered in 2007 Lone Star State Bank began as a regional West Texas bank in Lubbock. Its fifth full-service bank location opened in Midland in Dinero Plaza, 1004 N. Big Spring St. Mike Davis serves as the bank's Midland Market president and an advisory director to the bank.

The Buckle names Midland store co-manager

Ashley Gutierrez has been named co-manger of The Buckle in Midland Park Mall.

She joined The Buckle in 2010 and was a management trainee at the Midland store before being named co-manager.

Abbott names Midlander to commission

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott has reappointed and named Ronnie Hagerty chairman of the OneStar National Service Commission and appointed eight members to the commission.

Kate Williamson of Midland was appointed for a term to expire March 15, 2016. She manages her own consulting practice and is associated in that capacity with Hooks Solutions LLC.

Hagerty, of Houston, will serve a term set to expire March 15, 2018. She is assistant vice president of community relations and talent management for the United Way of Greater Houston. She is a lecturer at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University and an adjunct professor at the Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University.

Vice Chairman Lisa Lucero is employed by the Texas Oil and Gas Association.

Other commission members include Sonal Bhuchar of Sugar Land, Laura Dixon of San Antonio, Roger O'Dell of El Paso and Kirk Beckert of Richardson, who was reappointed; all will serve terms set to expire on March 15, 2018. Annette Juba of Austin will serve a term set to expire on March 15, 2016, and James Senegal of Conroe for a term set to expire on March 15, 2017.

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enforcement mechanisms, and not provide a sensible approach to obtaining needed labor resources. The adjustment process would be disruptive, resulting in potential fallout ranging from failing farms because of harvested crops to an inability to complete construction projects in a timely manner. Tourism would also likely be affected, as significant numbers of undocumented worker jobs fall within accommodations and food services industries. We estimate that when multiplier effects are considered, the economic cost of restrictive immigration policy would include hundreds of thousands of Texas jobs. Obviously, more extreme measures would bring correspondingly greater disruptions. On the other hand, policies that promoted greater labor market efficiency would bring corresponding benefits.

As immigration policy reform is considered, it is important to fully examine the economic implications. A balanced analysis reveals that the economic effects of the undocumented workforce are clearly positive, including hundreds of millions in business activity and millions of jobs. In addition, the economic activity associated with this important segment of the Texas labor force generates millions in tax receipts to federal, State, and local governments each year (which I will discuss in a future column).

There are certainly valid concerns regarding undocumented immigration (such as security). However, the Texas economy clearly needs this source of labor, and any discussion of policy should recognize this essential fact.

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To illustrate the potential costs of a restrictive immigration policy, in our study we also looked at a scenario reflecting a program that would restrict entry, have more

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Conflicted worker should find another part-time job

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

ASK DAVE

Dave Ramsey, financial expert

DEAR DAVE: I work an extra job part-time for a retail store chain while I'm getting out of debt. I like my job, except for having to pitch the store's credit card to customers. Like you, I believe debt is a bad thing. Still, my bosses are putting more and more pressure on me to sell the cards. It's been bothering me a lot lately, and I was wondering if you have any advice for my ethical dilemma? — Evette

DEAR EVETTE: If you've been in the business for very long, I guess you've discovered that most retail stores make more money on credit than the sale of merchandise. In my mind, you've got two types of integrity that are pulling at you. Your personal integrity wants you to do a good job for yourself and your employer, but it's also telling you that credit cards are bad products. That makes you feel like you've signed up to sell something that you don't believe in.

You wouldn't want someone working for you who wouldn't follow your instructions, and I wouldn't want someone working for me who doesn't believe in what they've been hired to do. For the sake of your own integrity, I would suggest that you find another part-time job. If you feel this strongly about the issue, sooner or later it will start to affect your performance and attitude — both at work and at home.

Hang on long enough to land another job before you quit. Then, be professional when you turn in your notice. Despite what lots of people say these days, there are plenty of part-time jobs out there!

DEAR DAVE: I have two small duplexes in Idaho that I rent for $400 a month, each on one-year leases. The rent is about $50 to $75 below similar units in the area. The tenants in all four places are great, so how do you know when — or if — you should raise the rent? If you raise the rent, how do you keep good relationships with your tenants? — Teresa

DEAR TERESA: My advice with rental properties is to raise the rent a little bit each year. You want to be fair and affordable for your tenants, but you don't want them thinking the rate is locked in forever. As a business owner, if you don't have small, manageable increases on a regular basis, you'll look up in four or five years and realize you're losing money because your rent is way below market value. Then, if you implement a big rate hike out of nowhere your tenants will have a fit. After that, you could be looking at empty properties.

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BBB warns tax season brings return of IRS phone scam

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As tax time approaches, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin is warning taxpayers of an IRS phone scam that circulates during filing season. BBB regularly receives reports from people who allege they have received calls from scammers impersonating IRS agents.

Although this scam isn't new, the IRS recently published a warning about this phone scam, stating the agency has seen a surge in reports of threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents.

IRS impersonators make threats of arrest, deportation and license revocation if they don't receive immediate payment. The scammers then instruct the taxpayer to put money on a prepaid debit card or send payment via wire transfer.

According to the IRS, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) has received reports since October 2013 that more than 5,000 victims have collectively paid over $26.5 million as a result of this scam.

The IRS scam is currently trending on the BBB Scam Tracker, an online service that allows consumers to see types of scams being reported throughout the U.S. and read details of the scam. Consumers can view scams by state, by type of scam and dollar amount lost. Consumers can also use BBB Scam Tracker to report scam calls and offers they receive.

BBB offers this advice to avoid getting scammed:

■ **Look out for "spoofing."**

Part of scammers tactics include spoofing, which happens when the caller masks their own number and causes the number of a well-known service, like the IRS, to appear on caller ID. Also, the caller might give a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number.

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Stocks edge lower again, but wrap up best week of the year

By Marley Jay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks inched lower Friday as the price of oil slipped and investors worried again about the health of the global economy. Chemicals companies fell the most. Despite the loss, the market still had its best week of the year.

Stocks declined as the price of oil slipped 4 percent, giving back some of its gains from the last week, and agricultural equipment giant Deere cut its sales projections. That helped touch off a wider slump that hurt chemicals, materials and mining companies. Consumer stocks like home improvement retailers and travel companies rose after the government said consumer prices are rising, a sign the U.S. economy is in good shape.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 21.44 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,391.99. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped 0.05 points to 1,917.78. The Nasdaq composite index rose 16.89 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,504.43.

Stocks made big gains Tuesday and Wednesday. Then the rally stalled and indexes took small losses over the last two days. Still, the Nasdaq, which is still down 10 percent this year, logged its biggest weekly gain since July and the S&P 500 had its best week in two months.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell $1.13, or 3.7 percent, to $29.64 a barrel in New York. It climbed 17 percent over the previous week. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, slid $1.27, or 3.7 percent, to $33.01.

That sent oil and gas stocks tumbling. Southwestern Energy dropped $1.40, or 16.5 percent, to $7.09 and Murphy Oil fell $1.24, or 7.3 percent, to $15.76.

Agricultural equipment company Deere lowered its sales forecast for the year as sales of farm and construction remain weak. That canceled out first-quarter results that were better than analysts expected. Deere lost $3.33, or 4.1 percent, to $77. Elsewhere, chemicals maker LyondellBassell Industries dipped $2.06, or 2.6 percent, to $78.14 and agricultural chemicals maker Monsanto fell $1.40, or 1.6 percent, to $88.52.

The government reported that consumer goods prices are still rising, and consumer stocks traded higher. Online retailer Amazon gained $9.90, or 1.9 percent, to $534.90, while home improvement retailer Home Depot added $1.72, or 1.4 percent, to $121.69 and online travel company Priceline rose $31.79, or 2.5 percent, to $1,283.74.

The Labor Department said prices for consumer goods have risen 1.4 percent over the last year, a sign that the pace of inflation is picking up and the economy is improving. The combination of a strong dollar and cheaper oil has suppressed inflation across much of the economy, but prices of other goods have been rising.

Michael Scanlon, managing director and portfolio manager for John Hancock Asset Management, said consumers are still spending plenty of money on cars, homes and travel. He thinks that spending is going to grow.

"People feel more stable in their jobs with increasing wages (and) home prices continue to rise," he said.

Gas prices are also very low, and while consumers have mostly put their gas savings in the bank instead of spending it, Scanlon thinks that's going to change. Gas prices have stayed low for more than a year, and he thinks shoppers will start to trust that pump prices are going to stay low.

For the moment, retailers are continuing to struggle. Department store operator Nordstrom disappointed Wall Street with its holiday-season results. The company said its sales were weaker than it expected and its profits were hurt because it had to match discounts offered by competitors.

Nordstrom gave up $3.55, or 6.7 percent, to $49.17 while Macy's fell 90 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $40.23 and JC Penney lost 31 cents, or 4.1 percent, to $7.32. Retail stocks also stumbled Thursday after Wal-Mart reported weak quarterly sales and cut its forecasts for the year. Several other major retailers will report their quarterly results next week.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lone Star State Bank names new vice president

Victor Chinikidiadi has joined Lone Star State Bank in Midland as vice president in the energy and commercial lending division.

Chinikidiadi began his banking career in Midland in 2008.

Chartered in 2007 Lone Star State Bank began as a regional West Texas bank in Lubbock. Its fifth full-service bank location opened in Midland in Dinero Plaza, 1004 N. Big Spring St. Mike Davis serves as the bank's Midland Market president and an advisory director to the bank.

The Buckle names Midland store co-manager

Ashley Gutierrez has been named co-manger of The Buckle in Midland Park Mall.

She joined The Buckle in 2010 and was a management trainee at the Midland store before being named co-manager.

Abbott names Midlander to commission

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott has reappointed and named Ronnie Hagerty chairman of the OneStar National Service Commission and appointed eight members to the commission.

Kate Williamson of Midland was appointed for a term to expire March 15, 2016. She manages her own consulting practice and is associated in that capacity with Hooks Solutions LLC.

Hagerty, of Houston, will serve a term set to expire March 15, 2018. She is assistant vice president of community relations and talent management for the United Way of Greater Houston. She is a lecturer at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University and an adjunct professor at the Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University.

Vice Chairman Lisa Lucero is employed by the Texas Oil and Gas Association.

Other commission members include Sonal Bhuchar of Sugar Land, Laura Dixon of San Antonio, Roger O'Dell of El Paso and Kirk Beckert of Richardson, who was reappointed; all will serve terms set to expire on March 15, 2018. Annette Juba of Austin will serve a term set to expire on March 15, 2016, and James Senegal of Conroe for a term set to expire on March 15, 2017.

BBB recognized as one Texas' best companies

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin was recently named one of the 2016 Best Companies to Work for in Texas. The awards program was created in 2006 and is a project of Texas Monthly, the Texas Association of Business, Texas SHRM and Best Companies Group. This is the second year in a row this BBB has been recognized.

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enforcement mechanisms, and not provide a sensible approach to obtaining needed labor resources. The adjustment process would be disruptive, resulting in potential fallout ranging from failing farms because of harvested crops to an inability to complete construction projects in a timely manner. Tourism would also likely be affected, as significant numbers of undocumented worker jobs fall within accommodations and food services industries. We estimate that when multiplier effects are considered, the economic cost of restrictive immigration policy would include hundreds of thousands of Texas jobs. Obviously, more extreme measures would bring correspondingly greater disruptions. On the other hand, policies that promoted greater labor market efficiency would bring corresponding benefits.

As immigration policy reform is considered, it is important to fully examine the economic implications. A balanced analysis reveals that the economic effects of the undocumented workforce are clearly positive, including hundreds of millions in business activity and millions of jobs. In addition, the economic activity associated with this important segment of the Texas labor force generates millions in tax receipts to federal, State, and local governments each year (which I will discuss in a future column).

There are certainly valid concerns regarding undocumented immigration (such as security). However, the Texas economy clearly needs this source of labor, and any discussion of policy should recognize this essential fact.

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■ **Don't be bullied**
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■ **Hang up and report it.**
If you're unsure if the call is real, contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 or go to irs.gov. You can also file a complaint with your local BBB, or the TIGTA online or at 800-366-4484.

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When it comes time to renew the leases, try explaining to them that you've looked around in the market and other very comparable units are going for $450 or more, but that you appreciate them and what good tenants they are. Then, propose signing the new lease at $410 or $420. Don't raise it to full market value. In most cases, this kind of approach will keep both parties happy.

As a landlord, you'll be able to retain quality tenants and make more money. As a renter, you'll have the comfort of knowing you rent isn't going to suddenly jump sky-high. It's a win-win!

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Underlying immigration debate is fact that Texas needs workers

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman

Immigration policy has long been a source of heated rhetoric and debate in the political arena, particularly as it relates to the undocumented population. While there are numerous considerations surrounding this issue, it is clear that immigrants, both legal and undocumented, influence business activity in fundamental ways. The value of a readily available workforce cannot be denied, but neither can costs of immigrants such as health care, education and social services.

The issues surrounding immigration are complicated (particularly in the case of the undocumented segment), ranging from security to tax policy to the provision of social services. Moreover, given the emotional nature of the immigration debate at times, the statistics emphasized and the conclusions drawn vary widely. Radical proposals, such as immediate deportation of all undocumented individuals, are often suggested, as well as sensible reforms to make the labor force and the process more effective and efficient.

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To illustrate the potential costs of a restrictive immigration policy, in our study we also looked at a scenario reflecting a program that would restrict entry, have more

Please see PERRYMAN/3A

Conflicted worker should find another part-time job

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

ASK DAVE

Dave Ramsey, financial expert

DEAR DAVE: I work an extra job part-time for a retail store chain while I'm getting out of debt. I like my job, except for having to pitch the store's credit card to customers. Like you, I believe debt is a bad thing. Still, my bosses are putting more and more pressure on me to sell the cards. It's been bothering me a lot lately, and I was wondering if you have any advice for my ethical dilemma? — Evette

DEAR EVETTE: If you've been in the business for very long, I guess you've discovered that most retail stores make more money on credit than the sale of merchandise. In my mind, you've got two types of integrity that are pulling at you. Your personal integrity wants you to do a good job for yourself and your employer, but it's also telling you that credit cards are bad products. That makes you feel like you've signed up to sell something that you don't believe in.

You wouldn't want someone working for you who wouldn't follow your instructions, and I wouldn't want someone working for me who doesn't believe in what they've been hired to do. For the sake of your own integrity, I would suggest that you find another part-time job. If you feel this strongly about the issue, sooner or later it will start to affect your performance and attitude — both at work and at home.

Hang on long enough to land another job before you quit. Then, be professional when you turn in your notice. Despite what lots of people say these days, there are plenty of part-time jobs out there!

DEAR DAVE: I have two small duplexes in Idaho that I rent for $400 a month, each on one-year leases. The rent is about $50 to $75 below similar units in the area. The tenants in all four places are great, so how do you know when — or if — you should raise the rent? If you raise the rent, how do you keep good relationships with your tenants? — Teresa

DEAR TERESA: My advice with rental properties is to raise the rent a little bit each year. You want to be fair and affordable for your tenants, but you don't want them thinking the rate is locked in forever. As a business owner, if you don't have small, manageable increases on a regular basis, you'll look up in four or five years and realize you're losing money because your rent is way below market value. Then, if you implement a big rate hike out of nowhere your tenants will have a fit. After that, you could be looking at empty properties.

Please see DAVE/3A

BBB warns tax season brings return of IRS phone scam

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

As tax time approaches, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin is warning taxpayers of an IRS phone scam that circulates during filing season. BBB regularly receives reports from people who allege they have received calls from scammers impersonating IRS agents.

Although this scam isn't new, the IRS recently published a warning about this phone scam, stating the agency has seen a surge in reports of threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents.

IRS impersonators make threats of arrest, deportation and license revocation if they don't receive immediate payment. The scammers then instruct the taxpayer to put money on a prepaid debit card or send payment via wire transfer.

According to the IRS, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) has received reports since October 2013 that more than 5,000 victims have collectively paid over $26.5 million as a result of this scam.

The IRS scam is currently trending on the BBB Scam Tracker, an online service that allows consumers to see types of scams being reported throughout the U.S. and read details of the scam. Consumers can view scams by state, by type of scam and dollar amount lost. Consumers can also use BBB Scam Tracker to report scam calls and offers they receive.

BBB offers this advice to avoid getting scammed:

■ **Look out for "spoofing."**

Part of scammers tactics include spoofing, which happens when the caller masks their own number and causes the number of a well-known service, like the IRS, to appear on caller ID. Also, the caller might give a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number.

■ **Write down details.**

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Stocks edge lower again, but wrap up best week of the year

By Marley Jay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks inched lower Friday as the price of oil slipped and investors worried again about the health of the global economy. Chemicals companies fell the most. Despite the loss, the market still had its best week of the year.

Stocks declined as the price of oil slipped 4 percent, giving back some of its gains from the last week, and agricultural equipment giant Deere cut its sales projections. That helped touch off a wider slump that hurt chemicals, materials and mining companies. Consumer stocks like home improvement retailers and travel companies rose after the government said consumer prices are rising, a sign the U.S. economy is in good shape.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 21.44 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,391.99. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped 0.05 points to 1,917.78. The Nasdaq composite index rose 16.89 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,504.43.

Stocks made big gains Tuesday and Wednesday. Then the rally stalled and indexes took small losses over the last two days. Still, the Nasdaq, which is still down 10 percent this year, logged its biggest weekly gain since July and the S&P 500 had its best week in two months.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell $1.13, or 3.7 percent, to $29.64 a barrel in New York. It climbed 17 percent over the previous week. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, slid $1.27, or 3.7 percent, to $33.01.

That sent oil and gas stocks tumbling. Southwestern Energy dropped $1.40, or 16.5 percent, to $7.09 and Murphy Oil fell $1.24, or 7.3 percent, to $15.76.

Agricultural equipment company Deere lowered its sales forecast for the year as sales of farm and construction remain weak. That canceled out first-quarter results that were better than analysts expected. Deere lost $3.33, or 4.1 percent, to $77. Elsewhere, chemicals maker LyondellBassell Industries dipped $2.06, or 2.6 percent, to $78.14 and agricultural chemicals maker Monsanto fell $1.40, or 1.6 percent, to $88.52.

The government reported that consumer goods prices are still rising, and consumer stocks traded higher. Online retailer Amazon gained $9.90, or 1.9 percent, to $534.90, while home improvement retailer Home Depot added $1.72, or 1.4 percent, to $121.69 and online travel company Priceline rose $31.79, or 2.5 percent, to $1,283.74.

The Labor Department said prices for consumer goods have risen 1.4 percent over the last year, a sign that the pace of inflation is picking up and the economy is improving. The combination of a strong dollar and cheaper oil has suppressed inflation across much of the economy, but prices of other goods have been rising.

Michael Scanlon, managing director and portfolio manager for John Hancock Asset Management, said consumers are still spending plenty of money on cars, homes and travel. He thinks that spending is going to grow.

"People feel more stable in their jobs with increasing wages (and) home prices continue to rise," he said.

Gas prices are also very low, and while consumers have mostly put their gas savings in the bank instead of spending it, Scanlon thinks that's going to change. Gas prices have stayed low for more than a year, and he thinks shoppers will start to trust that pump prices are going to stay low.

For the moment, retailers are continuing to struggle. Department store operator Nordstrom disappointed Wall Street with its holiday-season results. The company said its sales were weaker than it expected and its profits were hurt because it had to match discounts offered by competitors.

Nordstrom gave up $3.55, or 6.7 percent, to $49.17 while Macy's fell 90 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $40.23 and JC Penney lost 31 cents, or 4.1 percent, to $7.32. Retail stocks also stumbled Thursday after Wal-Mart reported weak quarterly sales and cut its forecasts for the year. Several other major retailers will report their quarterly results next week.

BUSINESSINTHENEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lone Star State Bank names new vice president

Victor Chinikidiadi has joined Lone Star State Bank in Midland as vice president in the energy and commercial lending division.

Chinikidiadi began his banking career in Midland in 2008.

Chartered in 2007 Lone Star State Bank began as a regional West Texas bank in Lubbock. Its fifth full-service bank location opened in Midland in Dinero Plaza, 1004 N. Big Spring St. Mike Davis serves as the bank's Midland Market president and an advisory director to the bank.

The Buckle names Midland store co-manager

Ashley Gutierrez has been named co-manger of The Buckle in Midland Park Mall.

She joined The Buckle in 2010 and was a management trainee at the Midland store before being named co-manager.

Abbott names Midlander to commission

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott has reappointed and named Ronnie Hagerty chairman of the OneStar National Service Commission and appointed eight members to the commission.

Kate Williamson of Midland was appointed for a term to expire March 15, 2016. She manages her own consulting practice and is associated in that capacity with Hooks Solutions LLC.

Hagerty, of Houston, will serve a term set to expire March 15, 2018. She is assistant vice president of community relations and talent management for the United Way of Greater Houston. She is a lecturer at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University and an adjunct professor at the Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University.

Vice Chairman Lisa Lucero is employed by the Texas Oil and Gas Association.

Other commission members include Sonal Bhuchar of Sugar Land, Laura Dixon of San Antonio, Roger O'Dell of El Paso and Kirk Beckert of Richardson, who was reappointed; all will serve terms set to expire on March 15, 2018. Annette Juba of Austin will serve a term set to expire on March 15, 2016, and James Senegal of Conroe for a term set to expire on March 15, 2017.

BBB recognized as one Texas' best companies

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin was recently named one of the 2016 Best Companies to Work for in Texas. The awards program was created in 2006 and is a project of Texas Monthly, the Texas Association of Business, Texas SHRM and Best Companies Group. This is the second year in a row this BBB has been recognized.

This statewide survey and awards program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Texas, benefiting the state's economy, workforce and businesses. The 2016 Best Companies to Work for in Texas list is made up of 100 companies.

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enforcement mechanisms, and not provide a sensible approach to obtaining needed labor resources. The adjustment process would be disruptive, resulting in potential fallout ranging from failing farms because of harvested crops to an inability to complete construction projects in a timely manner. Tourism would also likely be affected, as significant numbers of undocumented worker jobs fall within accommodations and food services industries. We estimate that when multiplier effects are considered, the economic cost of restrictive immigration policy would include hundreds of thousands of Texas jobs. Obviously, more extreme measures would bring correspondingly greater disruptions. On the other hand, policies that promoted greater labor market efficiency would bring corresponding benefits.

As immigration policy reform is considered, it is important to fully examine the economic implications. A balanced analysis reveals that the economic effects of the undocumented workforce are clearly positive, including hundreds of millions in business activity and millions of jobs. In addition, the economic activity associated with this important segment of the Texas labor force generates millions in tax receipts to federal, State, and local governments each year (which I will discuss in a future column).

There are certainly valid concerns regarding undocumented immigration (such as security). However, the Texas economy clearly needs this source of labor, and any discussion of policy should recognize this essential fact.

M. Ray Perryman is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup.com). He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.

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If you do get a call and are unsure, write down the phone number and name of the caller.

■ **Protect your personal information.**
Don't provide any account number or other financial information over the phone.

■ **Know your rights.**
The IRS doesn't request prepaid debit cards or wire transfer payments, and will not ask for a credit card number over the phone. The IRS contacts taxpayers by mail.

■ **Don't be bullied**
Never trust callers who use threats and hostility to push you into doing what they want. Be skeptical of what a caller claims he or she can do if you refuse to meet their demand.

■ **Hang up and report it.**
If you're unsure if the call is real, contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 or go to irs.gov. You can also file a complaint with your local BBB, or the TIGTA online or at 800-366-4484.

Heather Massey is the Regional Director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin. She is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: (432) 741-2592 or email: hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org.

For more consumer information, BBB Business Reviews or to file a complaint, visit your local Better Business Bureau online at bbb.org/central-texas.

DAVE

From 2A

When it comes time to renew the leases, try explaining to them that you've looked around in the market and other very comparable units are going for $450 or more, but that you appreciate them and what good tenants they are. Then, propose signing the new lease at $410 or $420. Don't raise it to full market value. In most cases, this kind of approach will keep both parties happy.

As a landlord, you'll be able to retain quality tenants and make more money. As a renter, you'll have the comfort of knowing you rent isn't going to suddenly jump sky-high. It's a win-win!

Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 11 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations and digital outlets.

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This date in Midland

On Feb. 21, 2014, Clarence Scharbauer Jr., rancher, philanthropist, horse racing enthusiast, died at the age of 88.

Things to do

Today

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

■ MOSC: From Winter Winds to Shades of Summer, 3 p.m., Rea-Greathouse Hall at Wagner Noel, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

■ Trout Fishing in America, 3:30 p.m., The Yucca Theatre, 208 North Colorado St. troutmusic.com.

■ Clifford the Big Red Dog: A Big Family Musical, 4 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $19-$50. wagnernoel.com. $19-$50.

Monday

■ Alley II, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $24-$44. wagnernoel.com.

Thursday

■ Diana Ross, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $78-$112. wagnernoel.com.

Saturday

■ The 60th annual Pancake Jamboree is 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Midland Downtown Lions Club center at 200 Plaza. Tickets for pancakes, sausage and drink are $7 each, or 11 tickets for $70.

Meetings this week

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

■ **City Council**
10 a.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers City H all
300 N. Loraine Ave.

■ **Hospital District**
11:45 a.m. Thursday
Administation boardroom
Note: Some meetings times, dates and locations are subject to change.

■ **Midland Development Corp.**
8:30 a.m. Friday
City Hall basement,
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Early Voting this week

Early voting for the March 1 primaries continues through Friday. Residents may vote early at any one of the vote centers.

Midland County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.
■ 1-6 p.m. today
■ 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday

Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
■ 1-4 p.m. today
■ 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive
■ 1-4 p.m. today
■ 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.
■ 1-4 p.m. today
■ 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Manor Park, 5192 Sinclair Ave.
■ 1-4 p.m. today
■ 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association, 2:30 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

Community calendar

The next in a series of Coffee with a Cop is planned for 7-9 a.m. Thursday at Kwik Eats Café located inside Kent Kwik at the intersection of North Midland Drive and Wadley Avenue.

The program allows residents to meet police officers and discuss community issues. For more information, call 685-7582.

MISD community meetings

Midland ISD is hosting two community meetings concerning improvement plans for seven elementary schools: Bonham, Burnet, Crockett, DeZavala, Long, Milam and South.

The meetings are set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert Ave., and 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane.

Comments also may be sent to turnaround@midlandisd.net.

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POPE

From 1A

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Rosario Gonzalez, of the San Miguel parish

"His blessing was just so graceful, so full of love and mercy," Gonzalez said. "You could literally see him light up, almost as if the Holy Spirit was with him. I encountered a lot of people that shared their experiences, their faith. That really helped all of us grow in our faith. I could say we all received a spiritual awakening, a call to love, a call to mercy."

Gonzalez took many things from her experience there, but the pope's message of love, mercy and perseverance rang loudest.

When she returned to Midland and went to Mass the following morning, she said she still felt the glow from her time in Mexico City.

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And it was a feeling shared by people from across the globe.

"My experience was just overwhelming joy within myself," Gonzalez said. "As soon as he extended his hand to give us that blessing, you could literally feel God's presence. I felt the blessing around my face, and it was just warmth and this sense of love and peace and tranquility. There are no words to describe the feeling that was there. And it was not only me; it was all those that were there."

In Juarez on Wednesday, members of St. Stephen's received the same blessing.

Shouts of "Viva papa! Viva papa!" reverberated through the old Juarez fairgrounds, called El Punto. They had been waiting for hours — and some had traveled for days to get there — to see Pope Francis. And despite the heat, their hunger and exhaustion, the crowd was revitalized when he arrived, said the Rev. Bala Anthony of St. Stephen's.

"When he got there, I felt like I was shaking from the emotion when he passed by me," Roxana Galindo, a member of St. Stephen's parish, told the Reporter-Telegram in Spanish. "The one thing I really liked that he said was to love ourselves, but to also love one another no matter who it is."

There were thousands of people there, but the atmosphere was peaceful, said Galindo's aunt, Loly Galindo, who came from Dumas to take the trip with her niece.

"It was such a beautiful experience," Loly Galindo said in Spanish. "Seeing the pope up close, it was an experience that I never thought I would get to experience. (He spoke of ... peace because it was in Juarez, a city known for the violence. And it was really beautiful that it was about peace and love between the families."

Sitting in a room just outside the sanctuary at San Miguel's, Gonzalez read a quote the pope tweeted during her time in Mexico.

"Remember that crisis that you lived, in which you thought you were about to falter," she said, her voice strong, tears welling up in her eyes. "That swamp that you crossed, that homework without an end that squeezed the life out you, they seemed eternal to you. Everything happened, everything you are living now will also pass. Never doubt God is your substance, the friend that never fails, the bridge that never breaks, he is preparing you for the best. Cheer up, never stop fighting."

From left, Midland Reporter-Telegram's 29th Annual Regional Spelling Bee finalists Isaiah Cereceres, Nikkie Galindo, Kayla Byrom, Kirana Arisanti, Pranav Ganta, and winner Srikar Chamarthi, photographed Saturday in the Allison Fine Arts Building on the Midland College campus

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SPELLING

From 1A

"I wanted to win for my family. I just felt like I wanted to do something special," Chamarthi said afterward.

The regional bee ended up featuring one of the stronger fields in recent memory. Heading into the sixth round, eight spellers remained, but that's when it became clear spellers had to bring their "A" game. Only two words were missed in the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth rounds combined.

"It makes it harder," Ganta said of the middle rounds when at one point spellers answered 26 of 28 right. "It shows you have to get every word right."

After another two spellers were eliminated in round 10, that left Chamarthi, Ganta, Trinity's Nikkie Galindo — a veteran of the regional spelling bee — and sixth-grader Kayla Byrom of Midland Academy Charter School.

Byrom was eliminated in round 11, and Chamarthi, Ganta and Galindo breezed through rounds 12 and 13. In round 14, judges went to words not provided to spellers ahead of the regional bee. This forced spellers to break down words based on sounds and language of origin.

"I was confident with the words on the list; some of the words off the list threw me off," Ganta said. "On both the words I missed, I was only off one letter."

Chamarthi said he had never heard of the words he spelled to win the contest, but that he just broke them down and "guessed" based on sounds.

The field was talented and young. Of the top eight, seven are seventh grade or younger, meaning there is a chance many could return next year, including Chamarthi, Ganta, Byrom, sixth-grader Kirana Arisanti of Emerson Elementary, seventh-grader Isaiah Cereceres of Walker Junior High in Monahans and fifth-grader Reagan Lynch of Midland Classical Academy.

Results

Following are the results from the Midland Reporter-Telegram's 29th annual Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by JumBurrito. All schools are in Midland unless otherwise indicated:

■ **Champion**
Srikar Chamarthi, Fasken Elementary
■ **Runner-up**
Pranav Ganta, Abell Junior High
■ **Third place**
Nikkie Galindo, Trinity
■ **Fourth place**
Kayla Byrom, Midland Academy Charter School
■ **Fifth place**
Kirana Arisanti, Emerson Elementary; Isaiah Cereceres, Walker Junior High (Monahans)
■ **Seventh place**
Reagan Lynch, Midland Classical Academy
■ **Eighth place**
Myron McGee, Washington Math and Science
■ **Ninth place**
Jalen Parker, Alamo Junior High; Julia Ward, Bunche Elementary; Prayer Lonsdubini, Underwood Junior High (Andrews)
■ **12th place**
Kimberly Lopez, Goddard Junior High; Alexia Lara, Henderson Elementary; Alexis Lyles, Jones Elementary; Phoenix Murrill, Long Elementary; Jaiden Catalasan, Midland Christian; Leighton Petty, San Jacinto Junior High
■ **18th place**
Kirsten Cabalonga, Bonham Elementary; Jerron Camp, Bowie Elementary; Isabel Munoz, Brooks Middle School (Greenwood); Trevor Van Husen, Hillander School
■ **22nd place**
Nevaeh Galvan, Andrews Middle School; Bjorn Marshall, Bush Elementary; Amanda Ngo, Carver Center; Fernanda Montez, DeZavala Elementary; Lucas Preusener, Fannin Elementary; Makayla Guajardo, Greathouse Elementary; Juan Carlos Garcia, Houston Elementary; Darianna Martinez, Pease Elementary; Alyssa Castro, Milam Elementary; Taylor Moralez, St. Ann's School; Reagan Green, Yarbrough Elementary
■ **32nd place**
Isaiah Conde, Burnet Elementary; Joe Alaniz III, Crockett Elementary; Ayla Bisonnette, Goliad Elementary (Big Spring); Haley Tolbert, Greenwood Elementary; Autumn Mason, Lamar Elementary; Alyssa Orozco, Parker Elementary; Desiree Babcock, Santa Rita Elementary; Grace Burton, Scharbauer Elementary; Sierra Keets, South Elementary; Madisyn Yanez, Sudderth Elementary (Monahans); Yaritza Flores, Travis Elementary

Also: Casen Muniz, the contestant from Washington Elementary (Big Spring), failed to show up.

Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee champions since 1993:

1993 Jeremy Gangler, Goddard; 1994 Tarfia Faizullah, Trinity; 1995 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1996 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1997 Kelle Noah, Goddard; 1998 Kelle Noah, Goddard; 1999 Stacey Moore, Alamo; 2000 Michael Moore, Crockett; 2001 Chinsag Akar, Abell; 2002 Michael Moore, Alamo; 2003 Nicholas Van Nguyen, Anson Jones; 2004 Jamie Lain, San Jacinto; 2005 Taylor Young, Alamo; 2006 Danielle Rubio, Bonham; 2007 Calley Jones, Abell; 2008 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2009 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2010 Jace Brandt, Scharbauer; 2011 Thomas Rubio, Alamo; 2012 Thomas Rubio, Alamo; 2013 Gabrielle Rubio, Alamo; 2014 Gabrielle Rubio, Alamo; 2015 Anna Ngo, Carver Center; 2016 Srikar Chamarthi, Fasken Elementary

By school since 1993:

Alamo 7, Abell 4, Goddard 3, MACHE 2, San Jacinto 1, Trinity 1, Crockett 1, Anson Jones 1, Bonham 1, Scharbauer 1, Carver Center 1, Fasken Elementary 1

Harper Lee leaves behind questions about her life and work

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

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The grave of Harper Lee, on the day of the author's burial in her hometown of Monroeville, Ala., on Saturday. Lee's died Friday at 89, but the conversation about her life and work has only begun.

NEW YORK — Harper Lee has died, but the conversation about her life and work has only begun.

"I think the retrospective will be more useful than what was said during her lifetime, because there are a lot of things we can get down to that were impossible before," Lee's friend Wayne Flynt, an Alabama-based historian, told The Associated Press.

Lee's death Friday at age 89 comes almost exactly a year after her publisher, HarperCollins, stunned the world by announcing that a second novel by the author of "To Kill a Mockingbird" would be released, ending what many believed was a permanent and much-desired literary silence.

With Lee confined to a nursing home in her native Monroeville, Alabama, and communicating only through press releases that many wondered if she even knew about, the debate about her state of mind and about the second book, "Go Set a Watchman," took off without her. It will likely grow as those close to her finally speak up and more is learned about what, if any, other writings she left behind.

"Everybody from the newspaper boy to the checkout girl to the local minister will be remembering Harper Lee with fondness or with an ax to grind, depending on how they were treated," said Lee biographer Charles Shields, whose "Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee" was published in 2006 and will be reissued this year.

Flynt is among those thinking about a memoir.

Lee's retreat from public life over the past half-century created one kind of mystery; last summer's publication of "Go Set a Watchman" started another. Millions who thought they "knew" Atticus Finch, who named their children for him and became lawyers because of him were faced with a seemingly different man in the new book, which took place 20 years later but actually had been written before Lee turned to what became "To Kill a Mockingbird."

The bold attorney who in the 1930s defended a black man accused of rape in "Mockingbird" had aged into a spiteful reactionary condemning the Supreme Court's 1954 decision to outlaw segregation in public schools. Was the Atticus of "Mockingbird" a romanticized figure and the Atticus of "Watchman" closer to the truth? Did Atticus, based closely on Lee's father, really change or was he simply a patrician more comfortable with the old rules, when all the powers belong to whites?

Ralph Eubanks, a former editor of the Virginia Quarterly Review and currently a visiting professor of Southern studies at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, said that the brilliance of "Mockingbird" was in how it could make anyone from the North or South identify with the issues and with the characters.

"For 'Go Set a Watchman,' there was no one you were cheering for," he said. "That, for me, changed the dynamic."

In an email to The Associated Press, award-winning historian Isabel Wilkerson said Lee created two equally worthy legacies.

"Harper Lee has left us a great gift: a beloved vision of our better selves in 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and a thornier reflection of what lies beneath in her earlier manuscript, 'Go Set a Watchman,'" wrote Wilkerson, best known "The Warmth of Other Suns," which traced black migration from the South in the 20th century.

"In both, she has bravely given us versions of our country for us to ponder for generations."

James McBride, winner of the National Book Award in 2013 for the novel "Good Lord Bird" and author of the upcoming nonfiction "Kill 'em and Leave" about James Brown, said reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" as a child made him want to become a writer and that it "crystallized" for him an awareness of racism that had been "floating around him." Nobel laureate Toni Morrison and others have labeled the book a "white savior" novel, but McBride believes that "Mockingbird" is the best story that Lee could have told.

"Yes, I would have liked to see the black characters displayed with a lot more dimension," he said. "But Harper Lee gave it all she had. She left nothing behind, and that's all you can ask for."

McBride has re-read "Mockingbird" a few times, catching new and important details with each reading, and has given the book to his kids, too.

He has not read "Go Set a Watchman."

"I prefer to remember 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and Atticus Finch and all those characters as Harper Lee wanted us to remember them. I believe she wasn't strong enough at the end of her life to make any informed decisions about her work," he said.

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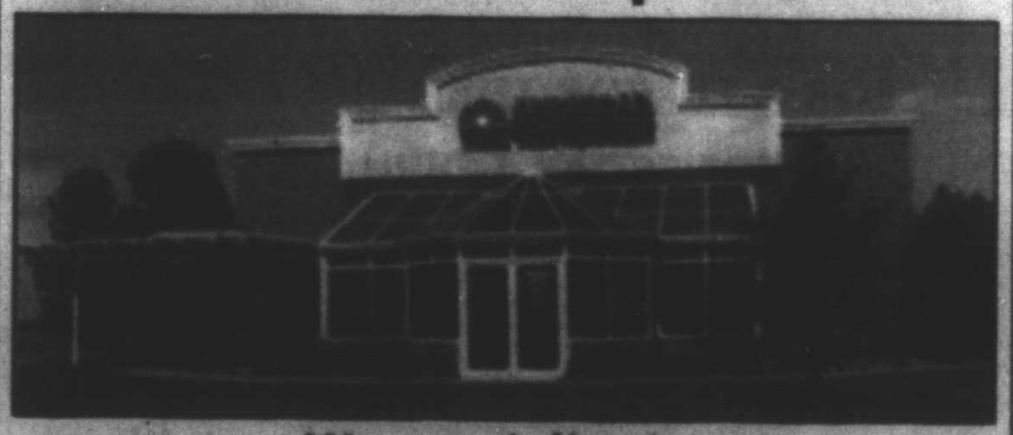

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El Nino weakens a tad, but we won't feel that for months

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Meteorologists see signs that the super El Nino is weakening ever so slightly, but they caution months will pass before people in the Americas will feel it.

The World Meteorological Organization said Thursday that El Nino has passed its peak based on specific temperature, wind, and atmospheric pressure conditions.

That's technically true, but Michelle L'Heureux, lead El Nino forecaster for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center, said there's a few months lag time before the changes affect the Americas.

El Nino is the occasional but natural warming of the central tropical Pacific, which, along with changes in the atmosphere, alters weather patterns worldwide. It often brings more rain to California and parts of the U.S. West and South, warms temperatures globally a bit, and causes droughts elsewhere in the world.

In December and January, El Nino measurements showed it tied 1997-1998 for the strongest since records started being kept in 1950.

"It's still strong, but it has reached a peak value, and it's starting its decline," said University of Oklahoma meteorology professor Jason Furtado. "It's still there; it's not like we don't have El Nino anymore. We can still expect (El Nino) like conditions in March and April and even into May, as well."

Mike Halpert, deputy director of the climate prediction center, said this El Nino hasn't brought drought-struck California as much moisture as previous strong El Ninos, but there are still two months to go to get significant rainfall.

Air pollution linked to 5.5 million premature deaths

By Alan Yuhas
The Guardian

Air pollution caused more than 5.5 million people to die prematurely in 2013, according to research presented on Friday, with more than half of those deaths in India and China and illnesses in those countries almost certain to rise.

According to scientists from the U.S., Canada, China and India, who presented their findings at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Washington DC, conditions caused by air pollution killed 1.6 million people in China and 1.4 million people in India in 2013.

"Air pollution is the fourth-highest risk factor for death globally and by far the leading environmental risk factor for disease," said Michael Brauer, a researcher from the University of British Columbia.

Brauer said air pollution contributed to heart disease, stroke, lung cancer, bronchitis, emphysema and acute infections.

He and his colleagues compared the problem in Asia to the conditions under centuries of industrial revolution in the U.S. and Europe: massive economic growth smothered by clouds of toxic matter in the air.

Coal pollution alone killed 366,000 people in China in 2013, according to researcher Qiao Ma. She said coal burned for electricity was the largest polluter in the country and that China's new targets to reduce emissions, agreed at the Paris climate talks last year, do not go far enough.

"Even in the most clean scenario in 2030," Ma said, China's growing and ageing population will still suffer 990,000 to 1.3 million deaths a year. Beijing, the city of her base at Tsinghua University, had its first " red alerts " for smog last year. By a separate study's count, air pollution kills thousands every day.

"We think that more aggressive policies are urgently needed," Ma said.

Researcher Chanda Venkataraman attributed the India's high air pollution to coal, wood and dung fires, which send enormous amounts of ash and toxic particles into the homes of poor families.

About 920,000 deaths there were attributed to outdoor pollution, such as the particulate matter spread by power plants and vehicle emissions. About 590,000 deaths were attributed to household pollution: the emissions from burning for heating and cooking.

Venkataraman, a professor at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, said India needed to confront all three sources: industrial coal, agricultural fires and household pollution.

The researchers hailed lawmakers in the U.S., Canada, western Europe and Japan – or at least their predecessors, whom were credited with major accomplishments in curbing pollution over the past 50 years.

"We actually know the way to solve this problem," Bauer said.

Dan Greenbaum, the former head of Massachusetts' department of environmental protection, said in a statement: "Having been in charge of designing and implementing strategies to improve air in the United States, I know how difficult it is.

"This research helps guide the way by identifying the actions which can best improve public health."

The U.S. supreme court halted the most recent attempt to curb carbon emissions in the U.S., this week ordering the EPA not to enact Barack Obama's sweeping new rules for coal-fired power plants, at least until its justices decide the rules' legality.

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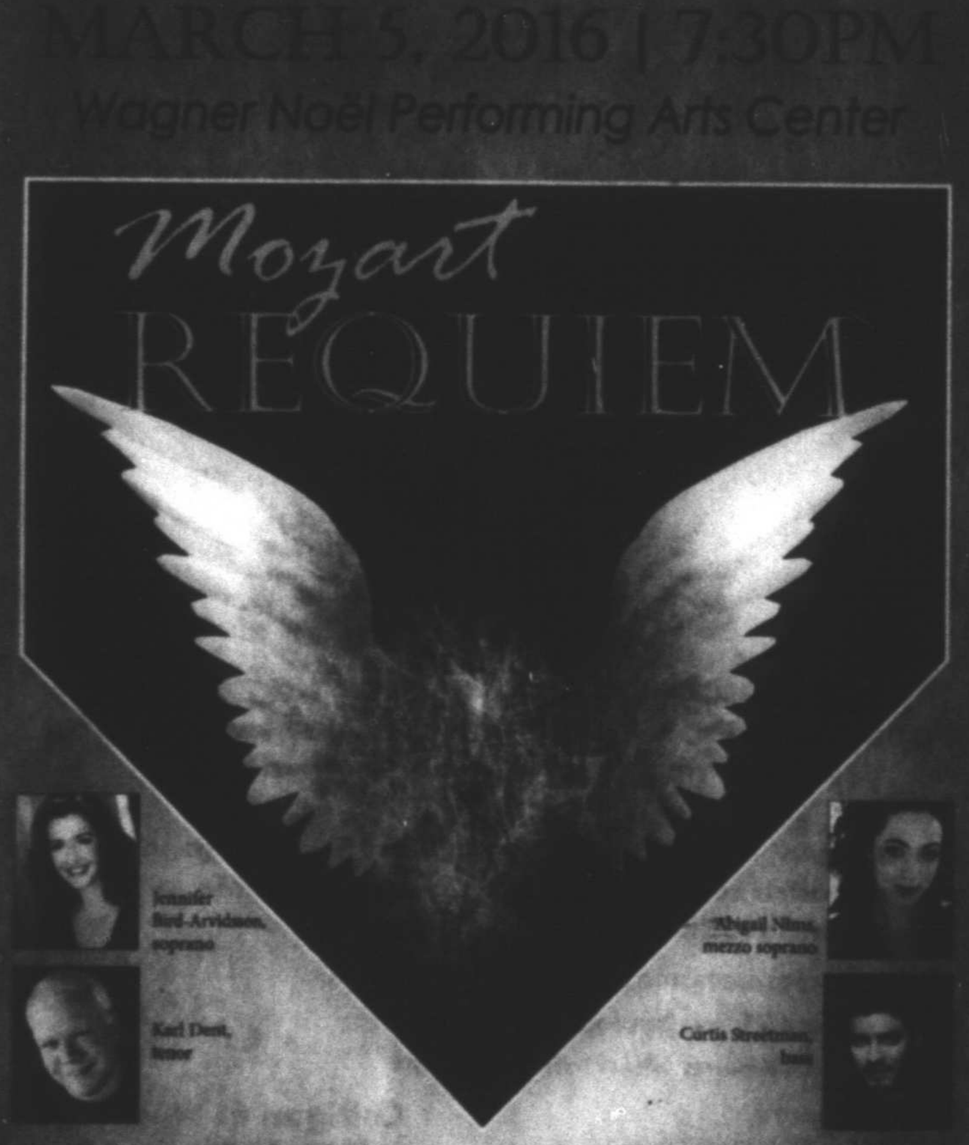

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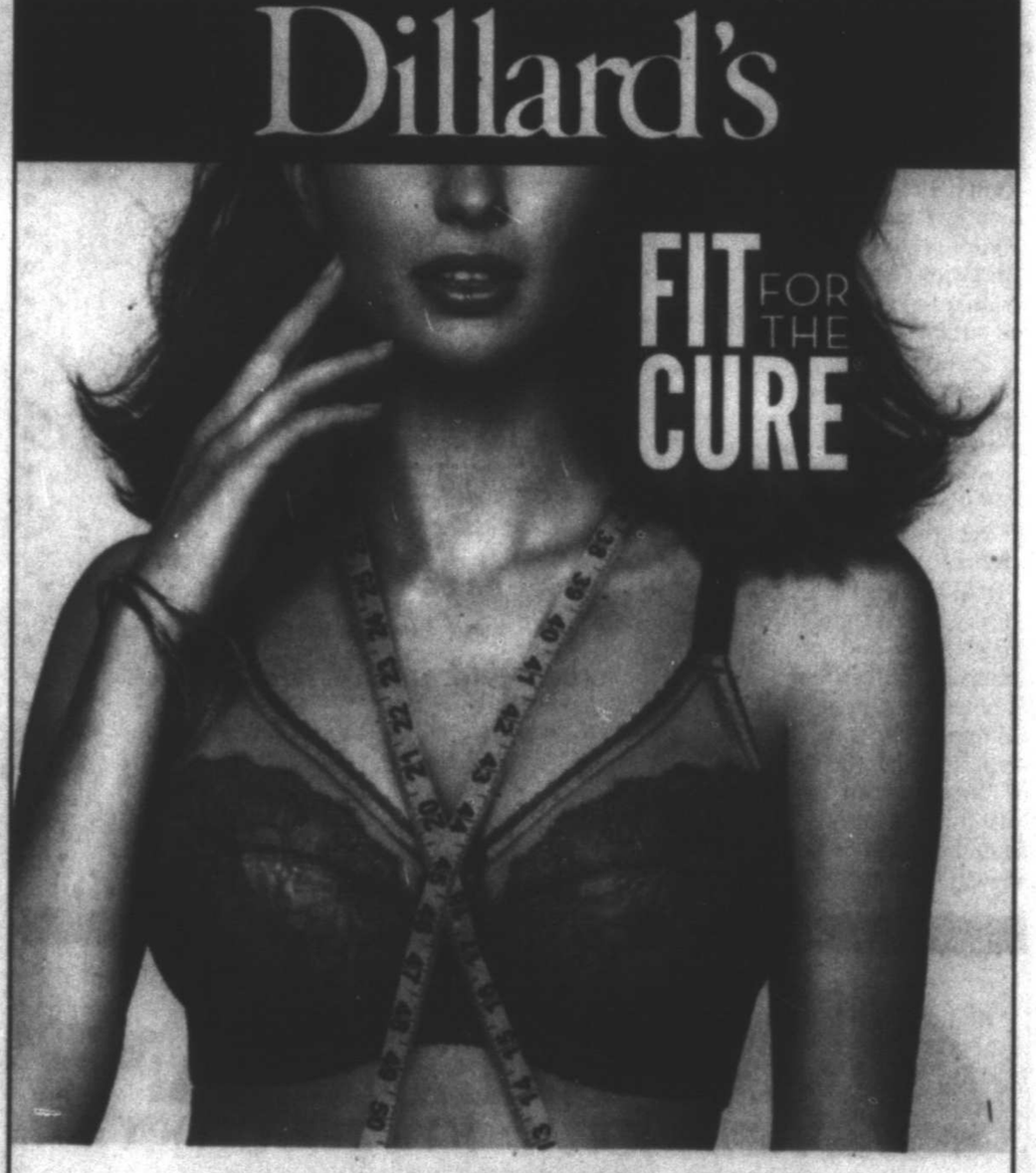

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Clinton edges out Sanders to win Nevada caucuses

By Lisa Lerer and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Hillary Clinton seized the momentum in the fierce fight for the Democratic presidential nomination, turning back a challenge from Bernie Sanders in Nevada's caucuses Saturday and pushing toward even friendlier primaries in the South.

"The future that we want is within our grasp," the former secretary of state, first lady and senator told cheering supporters after her Nevada win.

The numbers back her up in her second bid for the presidency. If Clinton solidifies her support among black voters over the next month and wins the Southern contests, she could amass a significant number of delegates in the push toward the 2,383 needed to win the nomination.

There are more than 1,400 delegates at stake in states such as South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana, and depending on the outcome and proportional allocation of delegates, Clinton could build a comfortable lead.

Wins also could drive superdelegates to her candidacy. She currently holds a sizable lead among those elected leaders and party officials.

Still, Sanders told his supporters after his Nevada loss: "The wind is at our backs. We have the momentum."

After a devastating, double-digit loss to Sanders in New Hampshire, Clinton prevailed in Nevada with the backing of women, union workers, minorities, moderates and voters who are certain she will have a better shot at winning in November, according to entrance polls.

A large majority of blacks supported Clinton, an outcome that bodes well for Clinton in South Carolina on Feb. 27.

Alma Lopez, 45, was among a group of housekeepers from the Bellagio waiting to enter a caucus site at the nearby Caesars Palace hotel. Lopez and her coworkers broke into chants of "Hillary!" as they waited.

"She understands what it means to be a woman, a mother, a human being," Lopez said.

The 57,000-member Culinary Workers Union didn't endorse in the election, but it circulated literature ensuring its members knew where and when to caucus and had staff ensure they were able to get to their sites Saturday.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., called casino bosses to ensure workers would get paid time off to caucus. He also reached out to the union to try to encourage the group to push its members to caucus, even without a formal endorsement, according to aides.

The state party's initial estimates were that 80,000 Democrats caucused Saturday, about 10,000 more than most expected but still well below the nearly 120,000 who showed up in 2008.

Clinton's win in Nevada means she will pick up most of the state's delegates. With 35 at stake, Clinton will gain at least 18, Sanders will pick up at least 14.

Three delegates remain to be allocated, based on votes in the congressional districts.

Entrance polls of Nevada voters found that a third said the economy was their major concern, while a quarter cited income inequality — the centerpiece of Sanders' campaign.

Whites were split between the two candidates. Sanders did well with self-identified independents and two-thirds of those participating in a caucus for the first time.

The polling survey was conducted for AP and the television networks by Edison Research.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump smiles during a South Carolina Republican primary night event Saturday in Spartanburg, S.C. *Associated Press*

Donald Trump wins South Carolina primary

■ Jeb Bush ends White House bid

By Jill Colvin and Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Donald Trump tightened his grip on the mantle of Republican presidential front-runner on Saturday as South Carolina voters seething about Washington and career politicians propelled the billionaire businessman to a comfortable primary win.

One of Trump's favorite targets, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, finally threw in the towel, suspending his campaign after a dismal finish. "Thank you for the opportunity to run for the greatest office on the face of the earth," an emotional Bush told his supporters.

Trump looked ahead to Nevada and then the 10 primaries and caucuses on Super Tuesday as he tries to increase his delegate advantage.

In a family-affair victory speech, Trump ticked off his policy promises, vowing to terminate President Barack Obama's health care law and get Mexico to pay for a wall at the border.

"We're going to start winning for our country because our country doesn't win anymore," said Trump, with his wife, Melania, and daughter Ivanka at his side.

Two freshmen senators — Ted Cruz of Texas and Marco Rubio of Florida — were battling for second place, which would give them bragging rights but might not get them any delegates in the march to the nomination.

Rubio declared, "This has become a three-person race."

Cruz evoked his win in the leadoff Iowa caucuses as he urged conservatives to rally around his campaign, saying, "We are the only candidate who has beaten and can beat Donald Trump."

The two-three finish of Cruz and Rubio undercut the value of some coveted South Carolina endorsements. Rubio had the backing of Gov. Nikki Haley, Sen. Tim Scott and Rep. Trey Gowdy; Cruz got the support of former Gov. Mark Sanford, now a House member.

Exit polls showed 4 in 10 voters angry about how Washington is working, and more than half saying they felt betrayed by politicians in the Republican Party.

Trump's victory capped a week in which he called rivals liars, blamed House Speaker Paul Ryan for the GOP's loss in the 2012 presidential race and even tangled with Pope Francis.

He was backed by nearly 4 in 10 of those who are angry at the federal government, and a third of those who feel betrayed. He did best with men, older voters, those without a college degree and veterans.

About three-quarters of Republican primary voters support a temporary ban on Muslims who are not U.S. citizens from entering the United States. Nearly 4 in 10 of those voters backed Trump, while a third who oppose such a ban preferred Rubio.

Trump won a majority of the delegates in the South Carolina primary — at least 38 of the 50 — and has a chance to win them all.

Trump leads the overall race for delegates with 55. Ted Cruz has 11 delegates, Marco Rubio has 10, John Kasich has five, Jeb Bush has 4 and Ben Carson has three.

It takes 1,237 delegates to win the Republican nomination for president.

While the real estate magnate scored a decisive win in New Hampshire, his second-place finish in Iowa to Cruz illustrated gaps in his less-than-robust ground operation, and questions remain about the extent to which he can translate leads in preference polls and large rally crowds into votes.

Trump's win Saturday could answer some of those questions, adding momentum going into the collection of Southern states that will vote March 1.

The exit polling of voters was conducted for The Associated Press and the television networks by Edison Research.

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Rent	33 families	$22,214.08
Transportation	1 family	$ 880.62
Medical	2 families	$ 1,000.00
Home Repairs	1 family	$ 88.75
Food		$ 473.39
Total		$25,763.41

A small basket was left on our desk recently. It was left there anonymously, and contained toothpaste, a toothbrush, lotions, body sprays and other bath items that would delight a woman.

A few days later we met with Latrisha. She called our helpline in need of assistance with rent. She had recently been released from prison, an offense she said she had committed in trying to cover the cost of rent for her and her children. Latrisha was doing her best to start anew and to take care of her family. She had a job with a fast food restaurant and had gotten a small house for her family. When we met with her we found out that with careful budgeting she would be able to afford the house on her salary. She needed help with move-in expenses. She had saved up enough money for the deposit and we were more than happy to help her cover the first month's rent.

As we spoke with her we were saddened by her brokenness. She was up against such a hard time, with establishing a new life, renewing relationships with her children, and simply paying the rent and putting food on the table. She seemed so tired. On impulse, as she was leaving, we handed her the basket of toiletries and told her it was a gift from an anonymous friend. She was dumbfounded. As she carefully looked over each of the tubes and vials tears streamed down her face.

"Why?" she asked. "Why would anybody do this for me? I've done so many things wrong. Why should someone I don't even know care about me?"

We assured her that while she may not have made the best choices in her life, wanting to provide a home for her children hardly made her an evil person; and there were many people out there who loved and cared for her. That someone cared enough about her to purchase a few luxury items was nothing less than Jesus showing His love and compassion for a person in need. Blessedly, Jesus can be everywhere!

We thank the person who donated that basket, and we thank all of you who donate the financial support needed to help people like Latrisha rebuild their lives. Yes, Jesus is alive and well in our community! Thank you so very much for helping us do His work!

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Examining the Apple vs. FBI standoff: Is my iPhone safe?

Associated Press

NEW YORK — On Wednesday, a federal judge ordered Apple Inc. to help the FBI hack into an encrypted iPhone used by Syed Farook, who along with his wife, Tashfeen Malik, killed 14 people in December. Specifically, the government wants Apple to bypass a self-destruct feature that erases the phone's data after too many unsuccessful attempts to guess the passcode. Apple has helped the government before in this and previous cases, but this time Apple CEO Tim Cook said no, and Apple is appealing the order.

What's the big deal? Why isn't Apple cooperating, and what does this mean for ordinary iPhone users? AP explains:

Why all the fuss?

The clash brings to a head a long-simmering debate between technology companies whose business relies on protecting digital privacy (except, ahem, where advertising is concerned) and law enforcement agencies who say they need the ability to recover evidence or eavesdrop on the communications of terrorists or criminals to do their jobs. This is the first major case that requires the two sides to present their arguments in court, so it could ultimately affect millions of smartphone users.

It's just one iphone. And this could help catch terrorists. So what's the big deal?

While the judge on the case says the government is only asking for help unlocking one, single iPhone, Apple says the case is much bigger than that and sets a dangerous precedent. Cook says the company doesn't have a system to bypass the self-destruct one. And if it creates one, the technology it creates could eventually be used to work against other iPhones. Then everyone's iPhone would potentially be less secure. As Apple CEO Cook said, "Once created, the technique could be used over and over again, on any number of devices. In the physical world, it would be the equivalent of a master key, capable of opening hundreds of millions of locks — from restaurants and banks to stores and homes."

Is my iPhone still secure?

Yes. The technology being debated doesn't even exist yet. So what does this mean for your iPhone? In the short term, nothing. The case is likely to drag on for months — even years, if it works its way through appeals to the Supreme Court. But ultimately, the case could set the standard for just who has access to private data — the private message, photos and other data you store on your phone — and could cause millions of smartphones users to rethink what they store on their phones.

Will my disgruntled ex or former boss be able to hack into my phone?

Not likely. Even if the technology is ultimately built and ruled legal, it would only be used by governments, or maybe cybercriminal masterminds. But probably not the average Joe next door — though you might want to watch out for his brilliant, disaffected hacker kid. (Also, all bets are off if you're talking about a phone provided by your employer, who already has the right to any information stored there.)

Protests planned across US to back Apple in battle with FBI

SAN FRANCISCO — Protesters are preparing to assemble in more than 30 cities to lash out at the FBI for obtaining a court order that requires Apple to make it easier to unlock an encrypted iPhone used by a gunman in December's mass shootings in Southern California.

The protests organized by the Internet rights group Fight for the Future are scheduled to occur Tuesday outside Apple stores in the U.S., the U.K., Hong Kong and Germany.

The U.S. protests will be in cities scattered across more than 20 states, including in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Washington, where protesters plan to express their discontent outside the FBI's headquarters.

The gatherings will come a week after the FBI went to court to force Apple to weaken the security built into most iPhones to help a terrorism investigation in San Bernardino, California. The FBI wants Apple to remove a feature that erases the information stored on an iPhone after 10 unsuccessful attempts to enter a password, preventing unauthorized users from accessing the device.

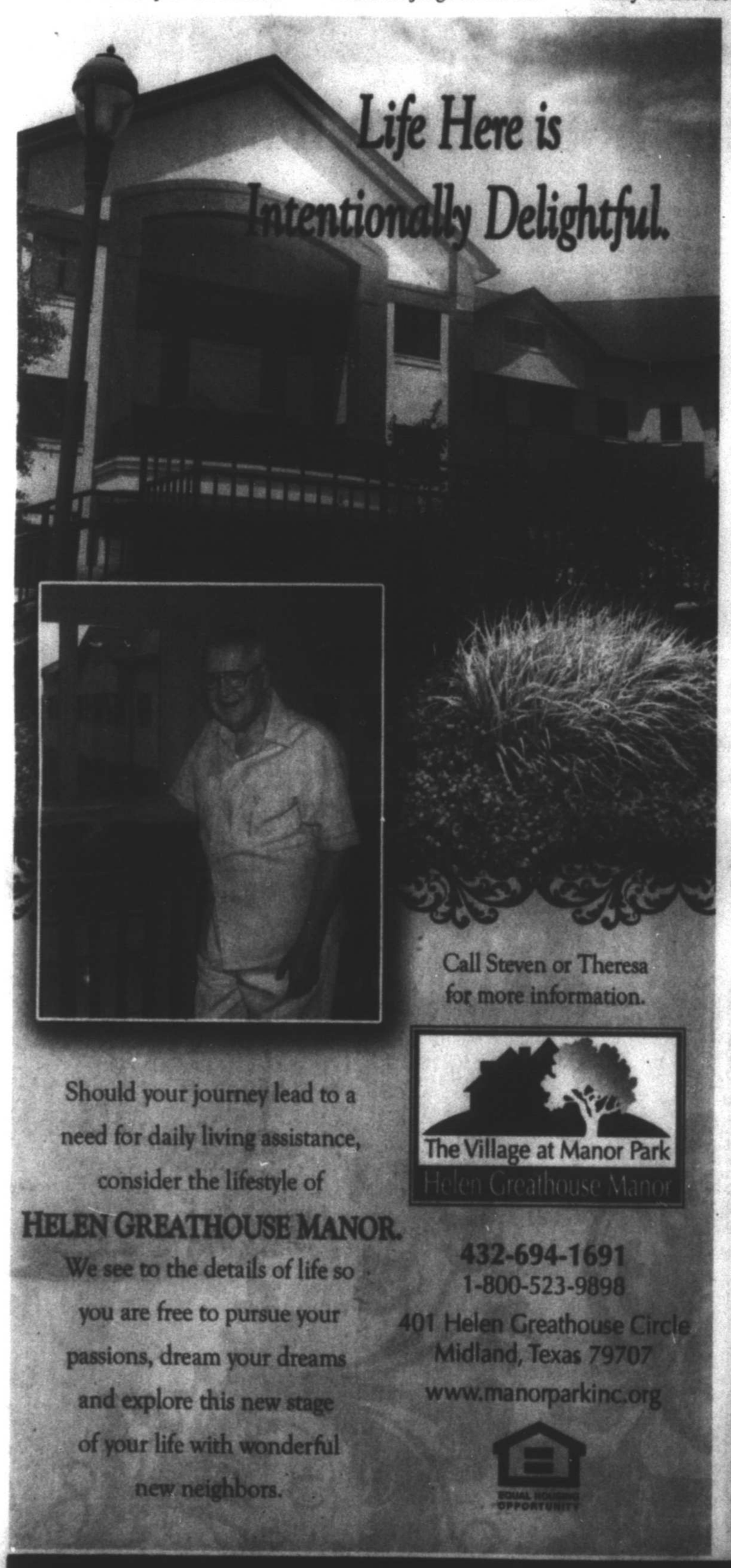
The iPhone that the FBI is trying to examine was used by Syed Farook, who, along with his wife, killed 14 people in December.

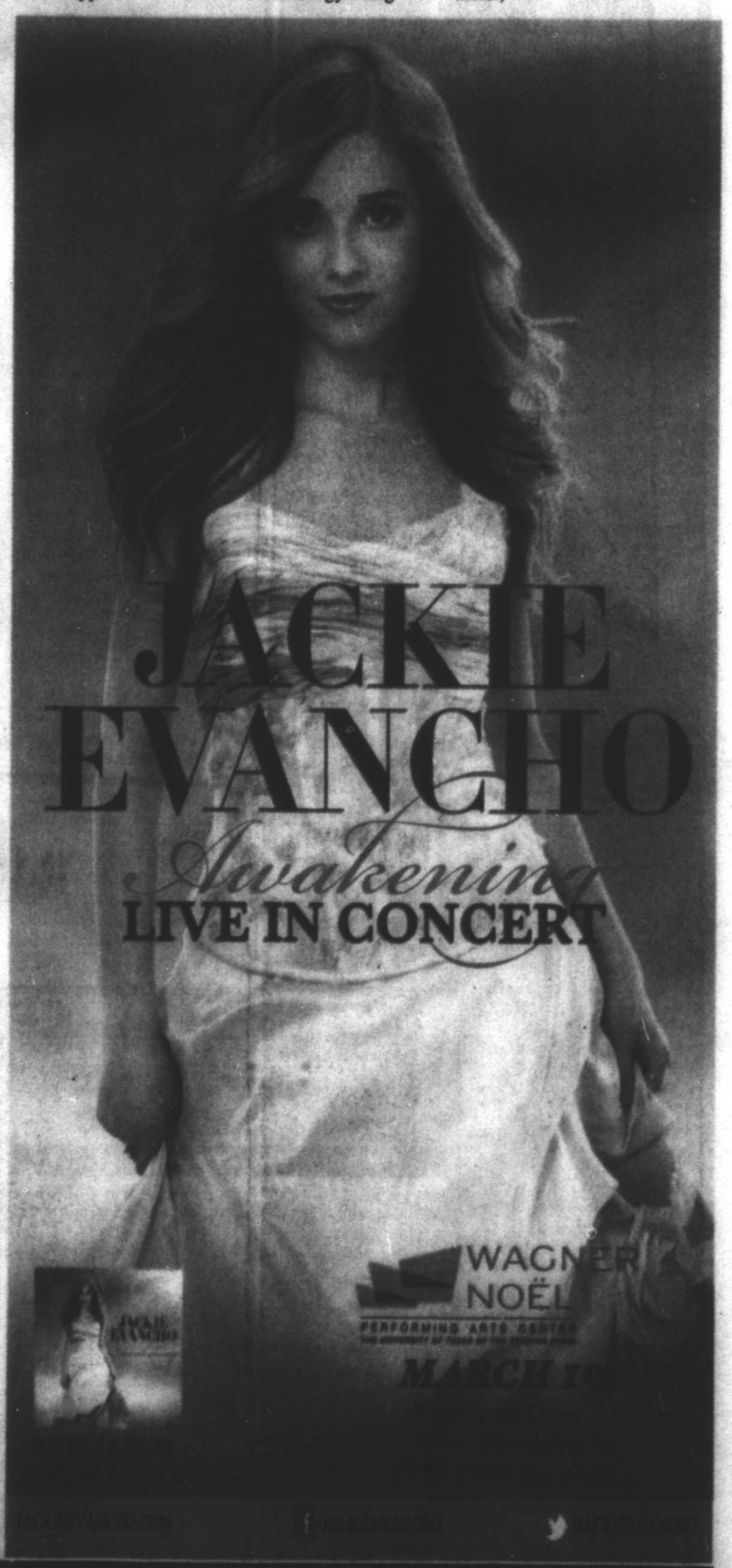
Apple is fighting the court order issued in the case, arguing that the special software sought by the FBI could be used to break into millions of other iPhones. The FBI contends Apple is exaggerating the security risks of complying with the court order in a marketing ploy aimed at selling more iPhones.

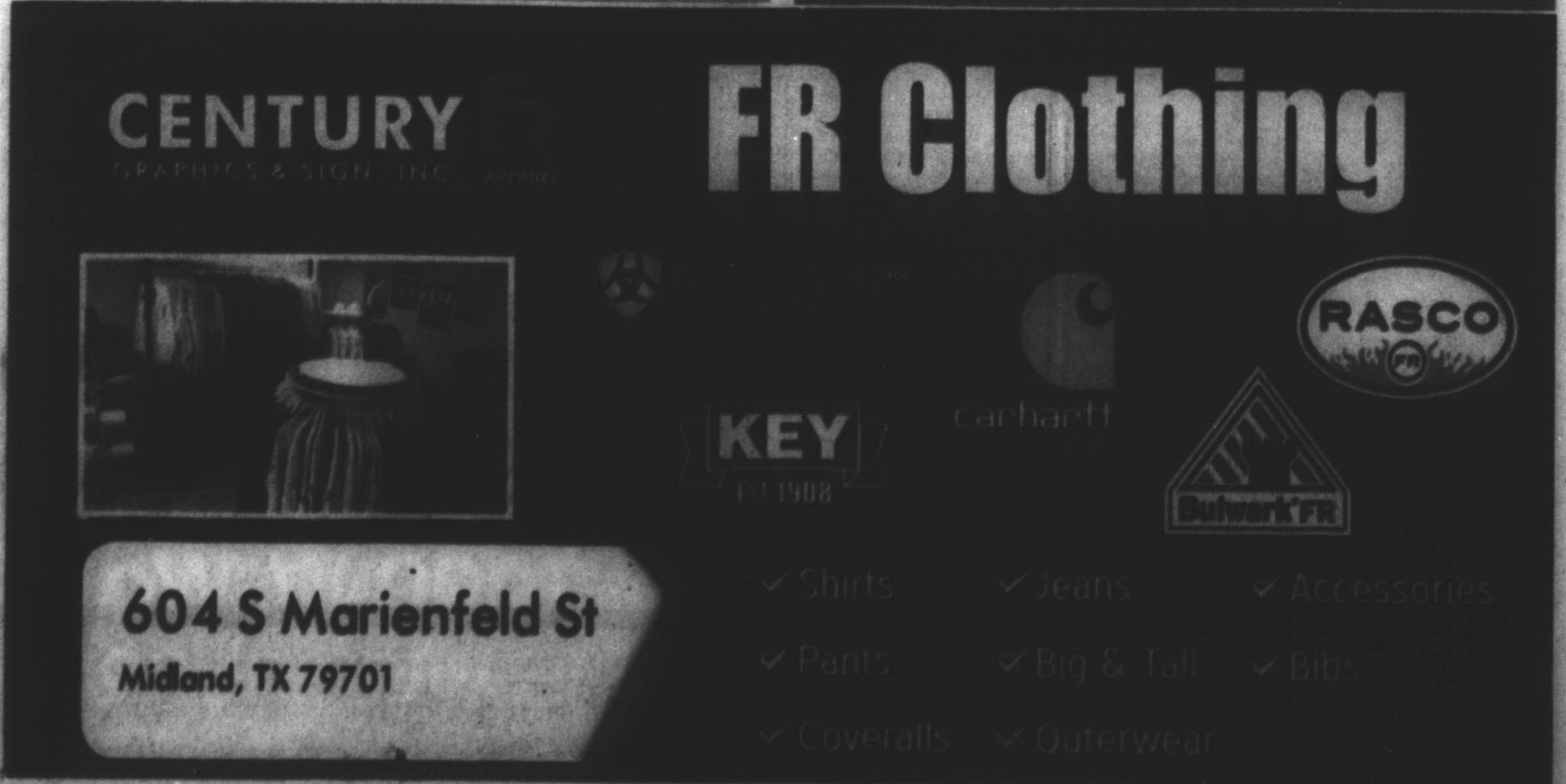
Fight for the Future believes Apple's concerns are warranted and is hoping the protests will persuade the Obama administration to take a stand against the way the FBI is trying to break into Farook's iPhone, said Evan Greer, the group's campaign director.

The White House so far has stood behind the FBI in its battle with Apple Inc.

Associated Press







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Low: 34

THURSDAY: Sunny
High: 68
Low: 39

FRIDAY: Sunny
High: 72
Low: 40

Local forecast

The chance for storms happens today and Monday. The National Weather Service is calling for a 20 percent chance of storms today, tonight and again Monday. The high temperatures also is expected to drop by around 17 degrees, compared to the almost record-high temperature on Saturday.

The record high for Feb. 20 is 86 set in 1986. The record low is 18 set in 1955. On Feb. 20 of last year, the high was 79 and the low was 45.

Precipitation

Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.18 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.08 in.

Saturday's temperatures

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Normal high	63
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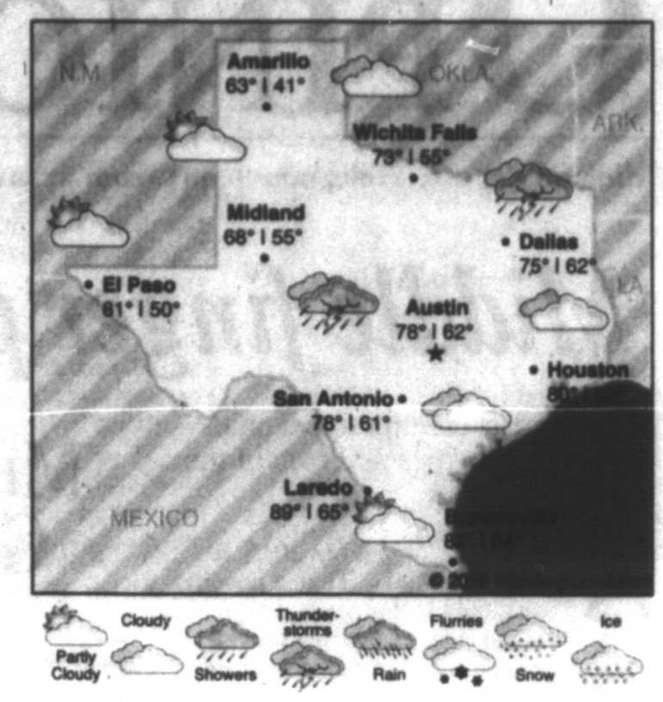

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OPINION

Middle finger politics threaten to change GOP

■ Extremists attempt to become the dominant voice and face of the Republican Party

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

At first, in the summer of 2015, it seemed like a joke. Then a novelty. Then a bubble that must surely burst. Then a spectacle, overshadowing all the earnestness and experience of the Republican presidential field.

Now Donald Trump seems on the verge of primary victories concentrated in the South that would establish him as a formidable front-runner. And this has happened in spite of a series of disqualifying comments — ridiculing a war hero, employing misogynist humor, mocking a disabled reporter, displaying ignorance on basic policy matters, slandering the last Republican president — that were not disqualifying at all.

Why has this happened? Trump is not leading because he has masked his ideas, which have been consistent and forthright. He would (he says) build a Mexican-funded wall across the continent, expel 11 million undocumented immigrants, blow up the global trading order, send Syrian refugees back into a war zone, ban the immigration of Muslims to America and consider a Muslim registry. No one who supports Trump can say they didn't know the ethnically and religiously charged content of Trumpism.

Yet it is Trump's style, his defiance of convention and political correctness, which seems to explain the intensity of his support. "We're voting with our middle finger," explains a Trump supporter in South Carolina. All the institutions that have failed — failed to stop Barack Obama, failed to save America from adulteration, corruption and destruction — should be overturned. Burn, baby, burn.

This approach to politics has not normally been associated with conservatism, which teaches prudence, proportion and respect for institutions, even if they require reform. Stepping back a moment, it is necessary to say that America, even after seven years of Obama as president, is not North Korea. And American political structures have not failed like those of Weimar Germany. Even as there is much to improve about our country, there is much more to love. And there is much to fear in faces that would appear eager and exhilarated when lighted by the bonfire of American institutions.

The political philosophy of the middle finger — captured by Trump in all its vulgar, taunting, divisive glory — requires an ethical leap. It assumes that practices we know are wrong in our private lives — contempt, mockery, cruelty, prejudice — are somehow justified in our political lives. It requires us to embrace views and tactics that we would never teach our children — but do, in fact, teach them through an ethically degraded politics. Imagine your teenage son (or daughter, for that matter) calling a woman a "fat pig," "dog," "disgusting animal" or "bimbo." Imagine your child labeling someone he or she knows as a "loser," "moron" or "dummy."

This is the evidence of poor character, in any context. For Christians, the price of entry to the Trump movement is to abandon their commitments to kindness and love of neighbor. Which would mean their faith has no public consequence at all.

And Trumpism is an existential threat to conservatism. It is not a theory of limited government. It would use government, with augmented powers, to enforce a vision of ethnic nationalism, constructing a wall visible from space and conducting one of the largest forced expulsions in history.

Our circumstance is sometimes compared to William F. Buckley Jr.'s public shunning of the John Birch Society — the extreme conservatives of their day. But we have moved well beyond that precedent. No Bircher contended seriously for the Republican nomination. Until recently, nativists like Tom Tancredo (who referred to Miami as a "Third World Country" and proposed to send Obama back to "his homeland" in Kenya) seemed like a fringe element. Now this extreme threatens to become the dominant voice and face of the Republican Party.

Many Trump supporters believe that Obama has changed the country in destructive ways — which I believe is true. But they also would change our country, in ways that should make us sick to the heart. For all our faults, we are a nation that prizes civility and respect. We give our neighbor the benefit of the doubt. We stand up for the little guy. We are grateful for our flawed and wonderful country. And we know our flag stands for shared ideals, not someone's idea of shared bloodlines.

All this is now at stake. It is time to stand up, to leave nothing that is necessary unsaid or undone, and to give our children an example of braveness and boldness in defending the decent, honorable, generous soul of our nation.

GUEST VIEW

Improving education requires call to action; Midland must respond

Community Editorial Board

In the next few months information about how our community's school district has underperformed will come to the forefront.

For many, we expect, it will be a surprise. We know it was for us. Superintendent Ryder Warren warned our community about how bad it appears to be, and the facts bear this out. However, we are not going to dwell on where our school district has been but where we expect it to go — and that is in a new direction.

We plan to provide more information in future editorials. Today, we offer our expectations for a community that has seen how its district's education system measures up.

First and foremost, this is a community problem that has been developing over many years, and our whole community must be committed to leading our education system to higher performance. We are happy to see the conversations taking place with business and foundation officials, community leaders and residents concerned about education.

Second, our deficiencies in education can't be blamed on the teachers working hard inside the classrooms. We have serious concerns that the community is going to use teachers — who have been drowning in a sea of the latest and greatest programs — as the scapegoat for the district's problems.

Third, our community and education leaders must come forward with a completely different mindset than we have had in the past. When a community comes forward to reclaim its education system the result will mean changes that many people haven't experienced before.

Fourth, there are programs in our community that are working very well. We must celebrate our successes and replicate them when possible.

Lastly (for this article), we must hold ourselves accountable. In the private sector, when things go bad, change happens. Unfortunately, we looked the other way for way too long, and this community ultimately deserves a great deal of the blame for its lack of interest as the education system declined.

Moving forward, we are waiting to see the timeframe for a system set up by community leaders working with Educate Texas. This is a call to action, and we want to see our community, education, business and foundation leaders all demonstrate that buy-in is needed when taking on a project like this. Without that buy-in, how do we expect Midland's residents to follow?

Whether we are talking about educating tomorrow's leaders, developing an educated workforce, making sure all Midlanders have a chance for a quality education or proving tax dollars are being spent on an education system Midlanders expect, this community has to step up and fix the problem.

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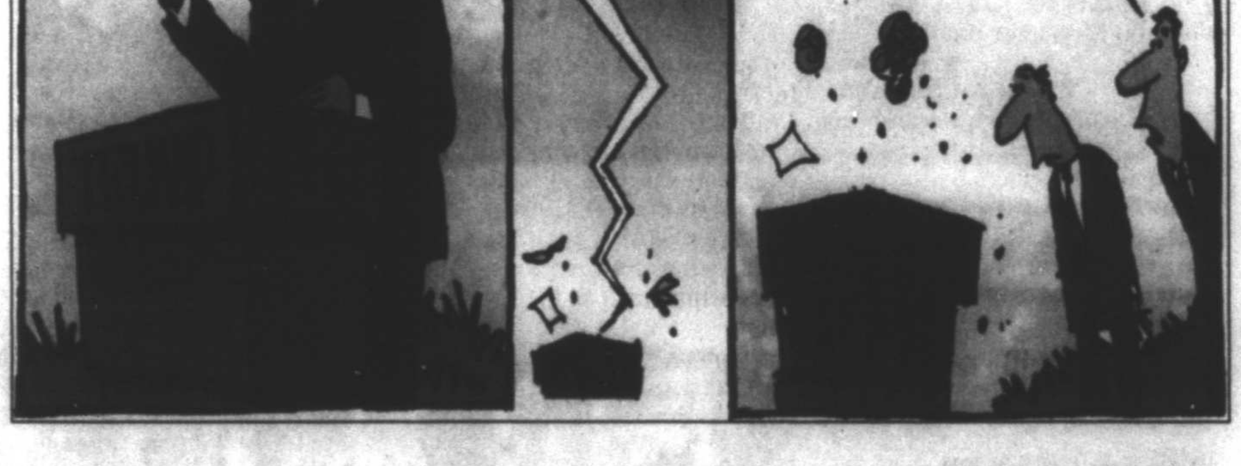

Here comes Trump the destroyer

■ His supporters have no problem with his destruction.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Donald Trump is running riot in the GOP china shop and gleefully tearing the place up.

Consider the strength of Trump's position: If he wins South Carolina by a big margin, he goes into Nevada with momentum, and the latest poll there has him leading by 26 points. If he enters Super Tuesday a week later having won three out of the past three states — and with Ted Cruz diminished by a South Carolina loss and Marco Rubio having won nowhere — he could easily win, say, 10 contests that day.

It might still be possible to beat Trump at that point if the field is narrowed (states don't become winner-take-all until March 15), but doing so would involve wrestling to the ground a candidate who will have cut a formidable swath through the first month of the nomination battle.

Even now, it's hard to imagine a happy outcome for the party from the three likeliest scenarios:

■ If Trump wins the nomination outright, many Republican voters may stay home, and senators and members of the House up for re-election will scurry for cover.

It is certainly possible that Trump will prove a better general-election candidate than expected, just as he has proved a much more potent candidate in the primaries than nearly anyone thought. But it also is likely that the general public will be less enamored or forgiving of those qualities in Trump that have charmed or at least not bothered a plurality of the Republican electorate — the lack of political experience, the foul mouth, the constant psychodrama, the spotty business record.

■ If Trump is dragged to an open convention and leads in delegates, but falls short of a majority and is denied the nomination, there will be a bloodbath. Trump will make Andrew Jackson's angry cry of a "corrupt bargain" after Old Hickory lost the presidency in the House of Representatives in 1824 — despite leading in popular and electoral votes — look like a measured, coolheaded response. Trump will stomp off, and no doubt take a lot of his supporters with him.

■ If Trump is beaten prior to a convention, it will presumably require an all-out war against the mogul. Well-heeled Republican donors will have to pour money into a thermonuclear advertising campaign to destroy his image. The party will have to do everything in its power to bolster a Trump alternative. Such an effort will no doubt strike Trump as "unfair," and he will do all he can to delegitimize it and find targets to sue over it. Needless to say, none of this would be conducive to keeping Trump voters inside the Republican tent.

Has any political party ever had a candidate who is such a wrecking ball, and who isn't a fringe candidate, but a dominant one?

The Republican front-runner is threatening to sue one of his challengers. The Republican front-runner thinks the last Republican president was guilty of impeachable offenses and lied the country into war. The Republican front-runner routinely attacks his own party for its perfidy — he claims the Iowa caucuses were stolen from him and the debate audiences are stacked against him — and insults his competitors in the harshest, most personal terms.

We've grown used to how Trump has treated Jeb Bush in the debates, but that doesn't make it any less appalling a breach of basic decency. The faces he makes while Bush talks, the constant interrupting, the petty put-downs — all of this would have been thought unworthy of the lowest political guttersnipe but have become an accepted part of the landscape thanks to Donald J. Trump.

The key to Trump's strength, which buttresses all his outrageousness, is that his supporters want someone to blow up the system. So there's almost nothing he can say or do that will discredit him in their eyes, and the least destructive scenario for his defeat — Trump blows himself up — will take some doing on his part.

It's all very entertaining — but so are demolition derbies.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consider DA candidates' skills, abilities

I would like to thank the voters of Midland County for giving me the honor of being your district attorney since August 2007. It has been a privilege that I have taken very seriously. For that reason, I feel that I must set the record straight regarding the current political race to fill my position. I did not seek office again to give the citizens of Midland County the opportunity to decide who should be the next district attorney rather than the governor appointing a successor.

Because of the wording of some of Will Lundy's campaign presentations and campaign material, several citizens have continued to express to me that they have gotten the impression that I hired Mr. Lundy in December 2014 anticipating and encouraging that he run for the office when I retired. This unfortunate impression was never intended by Mr. Lundy and is not accurate. I hired Mr. Lundy to be an assistant district attorney in the felony section of the office. His position has no supervisory or administrative duties.

Further, some other voters are also under the impression that I hired Laura Nodolf, intending that she be my successor. This impression was also not intended by Mrs. Nodolf and is not accurate. Al Schorre, my predecessor in the office, hired Mrs. Nodolf straight out of law school 13 years ago to be a misdemeanor attorney. He later promoted her to be a felony prosecutor. I continued her employment in the office when Mr. Schorre retired in July 2007. I promoted her to a felony trial team chief and later to be my first assistant in the area of general office administration in 2012 and later in supervising the trial team chiefs and attorneys.

I hope this helps in clearing up any questions you might have as you cast your votes. In deciding who should be the next Midland County district attorney, please look at the candidates' skills and their abilities to manage the Midland County District Attorney's Office, one of the largest law offices in Midland County.

Teresa J. Clingman,
Midland district attorney

Candidate letters (Candidate letters have a 200-word limit)

District Attorney

Lundy will ensure fair treatment

I am supporting Will Lundy for district attorney. I have known Will for many years. I can assure you that Will can and will work hard to see that all are treated fairly and without favor.

More importantly, as with most of us, he has matured over the years to become a man of sound judgment.

Please join me in voting for Will Lundy for our next district attorney.

Todd Westmoreland

Nodolf has executive experience

Seven and a half years ago, we elected a president that had no executive experience. It is an understatement to say it has not gone so well.

We in Midland have the same sort of election choice this year in our next district attorney. Laura Nodolf has over five years of executive experience. Her opponent, Will Lundy, has zero executive experience. Mr. Lundy has 29 years of experience in law, yet much of that experience is in civil litigation. Ms. Nodolf's experience is exclusively in criminal prosecution. Mr. Lundy admits he has little technological experience. Ms. Nodolf is very technologically savvy and, in fact, has helped develop the software the District Attorney's Office currently uses. Mr. Lundy claims his age gives him maturity. In my experience, neither age nor maturity translate into good judgment or effective management skills.

If elected, Ms. Nodolf will bring a smooth, seamless transition to the DA's office. Cases will continue to move efficiently through the system. Mr. Lundy will bring a heavy learning curve if he is elected.

Midland's citizens deserve to have an experienced district attorney, not an unproven leader. I urge you to vote for Laura Nodolf.

Rebecca Buffum

Lundy has experience, mature judgment

I will be voting for Will Lundy for District Attorney. As a parent and an owner of a business in Midland County, I am mindful of the critical role played by the office of the district attorney.

I believe Will Lundy has the broad experience and mature judgment to fulfill that role. It seems important that, although Will has vast experience as a prosecutor, he has also served as a lawyer in the oil and gas business (with Texaco), a business vital to our community.

I believe Will is the right person at the right time to be our next district attorney.

Joe Schwalbach

Nodolf served many positions in DA's office

I proudly endorse Laura Nodolf to be our next Midland County district attorney.

As a native Midlander and having known Laura for most of the 13 years that she has worked for the Midland County DA's office, I can attest that her values and character align with those of West Texans.

In addition, Laura is a principled prosecutor that has a record of pursuing justice for those she represents. While recently serving as a member of the grand jury in the 441st District Court, I have a first-hand account to Mrs. Nodolf's judgment and temperament in the courtroom and can honestly say that hers is beyond reproach.

Finally, the past 13 years Mrs. Nodolf has held most positions and worn many different hats within the Midland County DA's office. This tenure has provided Mrs. Nodolf with invaluable experience, and I submit the right experience to lead the DA's office beginning day 1.

In closing, Laura Nodolf possesses the right values, character, principles, judgment, temperament and experience that Midlanders need in our next chief prosecutor.

Join me in supporting and voting for Laura Nodolf, as the next Midland County district attorney.

M. Devin Phiffer

Lundy best-suited to tasks of DA

I have known Will Lundy for most of his life. He is a native Midlander, and he is committed to this community. I am recommending your vote for Will for district attorney.

The job of district attorney requires the ability to work with all constituencies in the community to see that cases are fairly presented and tried well. Will Lundy is the candidate best suited to this task.

James M. Alsup

Nodolf operates with fairness, integrity

As a native of Midland, it is without reservation that I proudly endorse Laura Nodolf to be our next Midland County district attorney. I can attest that her invaluable experience as a leader in the Midland County DA's office, along with her unyielding commitment to justice, makes her the most qualified candidate. In her 13 years of service and dedication to Midland and its residents, she has tried more than 200 jury trials, supervised attorneys and support staff, and was instrumental in the adoption and application of innovative technology to enhance the operations of the District Attorney's Office.

I have personally witnessed Laura's tenacity in the courtroom where, as a prosecutor, she pursues justice with determination, diligence, discipline and refined legal expertise. Laura has a strong moral compass and operates both personally and professionally with fairness, careful consideration and integrity. She has a track record for sound decision-making and sage direction.

Laura is committed to serving our community and ensuring our safety. She will instill confidence in those she supervises and the citizens she serves. As a fellow constituent committed to justice, I implore you to vote for Laura Nodolf for Midland County district attorney.

Jennifer Hochman Yeager

Lundy's leadership will keep city safe

I am supporting Will Lundy for district attorney and encourage all Midlanders to cast their vote for him. I have known Will and his family for more than 20 years and know him to be a tough prosecutor.

Will has the maturity and judgment to make an excellent district attorney. Will's leadership will keep Midland safe for our children and grandchildren.

Please join me in voting for Will Lundy to be our next district attorney.

Daria J. Fisher

Nodolf has skills, knowledge for job

Recently, I retired from Midland Police Department after 30 years of service. During my career, I have had the privilege to work with Laura Nodolf on cases including murders, sexual assaults and crimes against children in preparing for prosecution. Laura always gives sound advice. Laura gives 100 percent to her job and her family.

She makes herself available not only to law enforcement but to the citizens of our community. Laura has the knowledge and skill to be the most effective and efficient district attorney for Midland County. I urge the voters of Midland County to elect Laura Nodolf as the next district attorney.

Lt. B.J. Land

Lundy has maturity, judgment to fill role

I write urging all Midlanders to vote for Will Lundy for district attorney. I grew up in Midland and only recently moved back. In the meantime, I had the privilege of serving 29 years as the district attorney of Brazos County (Bryan/College Station).

The single most important role a district attorney fills is the ability to discern those cases where there was a mistake made from those cases that pose a real threat to the community. Will Lundy has the maturity and judgment to fulfill this role.

As a former district attorney and someone who knows Will, I invite you to join me in voting for Will Lundy to be our next district attorney.

Bill Turner

Nodolf is hard-working, tough, fair

I believe Laura Nodolf will make an outstanding district attorney for Midland County. As a criminal prosecutor, I know her to be hard-working, tough and fair. She has tried more than 200 jury trials in her 13 years in the Midland County DA's office, a trial experience level that few attorneys in Midland can claim.

In the community, I know her to be generous with her time, devoted to charitable work, community improvement and sharing her faith. As a neighbor, I know her to be generous and kind to her friends and their children.

Laura is an asset to Midland on any level and I could not recommend her more highly as Midland County's next district attorney.

Sean Guerrero

Lundy will be dedicated to community

John and I have known Will Lundy for more than 30 years and know him to be a man of integrity who loves Midland. He grew up here and will be dedicated to making this community a better place to live.

We can wholeheartedly endorse Will as our next district attorney and believe that he deserves your vote on election day.

Nancy Bergman

Nodolf has skills, concern for community

I moved to Midland five years ago, and one of the first people to welcome me was Assistant District Attorney Laura Nodolf. We didn't meet in a professional capacity but because our kids attended the same preschool. We quickly became friends, and I learned about her passion for serving Midland and making it a safer place. I witness her care firsthand through service at Junior League of Midland where she gives tirelessly, while being an amazing wife, mother and ADA. She devotes time to nonprofit organizations; March of Dimes and Bynum School are just a couple that have benefited from her voluntarism. Laura is dedicated to MISD and is a member of two elementary PTAs.

Like me, Laura wasn't raised in Midland, but she has made Midland her home and has been vested in the betterment of our community for more than 12 years. Many people know that Laura is a talented litigator and tough ADA. Because I know Laura personally, I am blessed to see the softer side of her and believe that, combined with her legal skills, her concern for our community is what will make her a great DA. Please cast your ballot for Laura Nodolf.

Nicole Rogers

Lundy has experience, judgment

I ask all citizens to join me in voting for Will Lundy for district attorney. The office of district attorney is vested with great discretion, and mature judgment is critical to the role. Trial and managerial skills are a given, but judgment comes with maturity and experience.

Will Lundy has the breadth of experience and judgment to see that justice is done in each case. Please vote for Will Lundy.

Dr. Karen M. Carr

Nodolf promotes transparency, efficiency

I would like to take this opportunity to endorse Laura Nodolf in her candidacy for Midland County district attorney. I have known Laura since she began working in the District Attorney's Office 13 years ago. Through the years, I have found Laura to be a skilled advocate and concerned about her ethical obligation to seek justice, not just convictions.

Laura has pushed for transparency in her office long before she became the first assistant, and well before it was mandated by the Legislature. Laura has proven to be a firm but fair prosecutor. As the first assistant, she has pushed for the creation and introduction of technology into the office to further promote transparency and efficiency in the office. She has worked on both the administrative side, as well as the advocacy side of the office, which have prepared her to handle all aspects of this demanding position.

I believe Laura is the best candidate for the job and would encourage you to vote for her, as well.

Raymond K. Fivecoat

Nodolf is innovative, accountable, driven

The city of Midland is truly fortunate to have Laura Nodolf as a candidate for the office of district attorney. Laura has spent the past 13 years of her career practicing law here in Midland. She has more than 200 jury trials under her belt and currently serves as the first assistant district attorney. Laura has the experience needed to lead the District Attorney's Office effectively. Laura is innovative, persistent and accountable.

I was president of the Junior League of Midland last year and had the privilege of serving on the board of directors with Laura. In her role as public relations vice president, Laura implemented a social media campaign and changed the face of the way the league will advertise going forward.

I have seen for myself the passion with which she brings to every obstacle she encounters and I am faithful in my belief that she is the right choice for this office. Laura is tenacious, driven and makes everyone around her want to be a better person and a harder worker. Laura will serve the county of Midland well in the office of district attorney. Please join me in supporting Laura Nodolf.

Michelle Dinger

County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Ramsey has necessary knowledge, experience

I am writing to offer my wholehearted support for Scott Ramsey, the Republican candidate for Midland County commissioner Precinct 1.

I have known Scott for three years as a welcoming neighbor first, and more recently in a business context. Scott is a 30-year resident of Midland and has been an outstanding resource for my family, introducing and exposing us to his knowledge of Midland's culture and citizens. Scott's broad experience across business, management and land negotiation through numerous economic changes in the energy sector makes him a candidate prepared to help manage Midland County's budget and ongoing projects through the current downturn.

As a man, Scott holds strong family values and a worldview that mirrors that of the constituents in our precinct. As a commissioner, he will represent the people of Precinct 1 honorably and ensure that our voice is heard and priorities are met.

Scott has the common-sense approach and drive needed to make a difference in the future of our region. I cannot stress enough my confidence in Scott Ramsey.

Ezra Yacob

Texas Supreme Court Place 3

Massengale best-qualified for seat on court

Don and I are supporting Justice Michael Massengale for the Texas Supreme Court Place 3. Judge Massengale presently sits on the Houston-based First Court of Appeals. He has the endorsement of Texas for Lawsuit Reform PAC, a nonpartisan group that advocates civil justice reform. He is a conservative Republican that also has endorsement of Texas for Fiscal Responsibility, Texas Right to Life PAC, Texas Medical Association Tex PAC, in addition to several other conservative organizations.

Don and I have met with him and discussed his knowledge concerning oil and gas issues that affect our area should they reach the Texas Supreme Court. We believe he is the best-qualified candidate on most issues including oil and gas. Therefore, we encourage Midlanders to vote for Michael Massengale for Texas Supreme Court Place 3.

Gwyn Sparks

President

Cruz has success as principled conservative

There were two editorials critical of Ted Cruz in the Feb. 7 Reporter-Telegram. Michael Gerson, a sometimes conservative columnist, described Ted as self-serving because, according to Gerson, Cruz only fought against Obamacare for personal gain. His leadership of the Senate fight and the shutdown that occurred in Gerson's analysis were disastrous for the GOP. Typical of the "inside the beltway" crowd, he can't understand that the Cruz stand against Obamacare inspired the grassroots and led to a record win for the GOP in 2014.

Turns out Gerson's hit piece was almost a positive compared to the diatribe by the left wing, Washington Post columnist, Dana Milbank. He starts by calling Cruz anti-Semitic using unbelievably twisted reasoning to arrive at that conclusion. It continues as Milbank, without citing any names, says "those who know him best seem to despise him most." Strange that this "despicable" man could have won a large majority election to the U.S. Senate. Despite endless attacks from all sides, including the longest serving governor and the ethanol lobby, the man everyone hates, Ted Cruz, won a solid victory in Iowa.

Milbank slanders Cruz with unsupported charges of misrepresentation in various situations regarding numerous individuals. He also distorts the facts regarding the Carson incident that Rich Lowry, also in the Feb. 7 edition, does a fairly good job of explaining.

Ted Cruz is achieving success on the national level because he is a principled conservative who understands the frustration of millions of us who have seen GOP majorities fail time and again to do what they promised to do. We have lost conservative elections with two "moderates" but the establishment just can't come to grips with the fact that a principled conservative can generate majority support.

Ernest Angelo Jr.

Clinton is not presidential material

I am writing in response to David Rosen's letter in the Feb. 14 edition. How long have you had your head in the sand?

Hillary Clinton has 150 FBI agents investigating her. She has lied to the American people about her emails. Some of her so-called nonclassified emails were beyond top secret that she put on a common server. She allowed four wonderful men, including the American ambassador, to be killed in Benghazi and did nothing to stop the terrorists from killing them. She then paraded around Washington blaming a video made in California for the attack. The FBI has an email that she sent to her daughter, telling her that it was a terrorist attack, not the video. She must have forgotten to tell the American people that.

I remember the Whitewater trials in Arkansas where she sent two innocent women to prison for five and eight years, lying to save herself. She walked away with only a fine.

She has been Obama's puppet on a string. She greatly needs to go to a come-to-Jesus meeting so she will tell the truth for once. She is definitely not presidential material.

Loretta Schneider

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Constitution is clear; Texas, nation doesn't need 4-4 decisions

ARNOLD H. LOEWY
Texas Tech School of Law

In the days since the tragic death of Justice Scalia, there has been much debate over the propriety of President Obama's nominating his replacement, and the Senate's duty to hold confirmation hearings. Frankly, the debate has had little to do with principle and everything to do with politics. For example, in 2007, Senator Mitch McConnell argued against delaying hearings for President Bush's judicial nominees. But in 2016, the same Sen. McConnell is threatening to deny any hearing for any Obama nominee for the Supreme Court. Unsurprisingly, in a similar unprincipled way, Democrats who were in no rush to hold hearings for outgoing President Bush nominees are quick to urge a full and fair hearing for whomever President Obama nominates.

In my view, the correct constitutional thing to do is to hold the hearings. The Constitution could not be clearer. Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 provides in relevant part that the President "shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint ... Judges of the Supreme Court. ..." Discretionary words like "may" or "can" are not used, rather the strong imperative "shall" is used to describe the President's duty.

Consequently, a strict construction of the Constitution, like that championed by the late Justice Scalia, would mandate, not merely allow, the president to nominate somebody to fill his seat. Surely there is no sensible construction of "shall nominate" or "shall appoint" with the qualifier "unless he is in his last eleven months of office." Similarly, it should not be the privilege of the Senate to deliberately hamstring the President's solemn duty under the Constitution.

Furthermore, from a purely practical perspective, failure to nominate and approve a Supreme Court Justice until the arrival of President Clinton, Sanders, Cruz, or Trump would leave the Supreme Court with eight Justices for probably more than a year. If all decisions were unanimous or nearly unanimous, that would not be a major issue. But many are not, and where the Court is divided 4-4, the lower court decision would be allowed to stand although it would have no precedential value.

Let's see what that would mean for Texas. Currently, the court is considering Texas's recent abortion laws, specifically the requirement that all abortion facilities meet the standards of other ambulatory surgical centers and that doctors who perform abortions have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic.

The lower court held that these standards were constitutional for the El Paso clinic because El Paso women can get abortions at Santa Teresa, New Mexico, a short distance away. However, they were unconstitutional for the McAllen clinic because women would have to travel a greater distance to obtain an abortion. If the Supreme Court were to divide 4-4 on this question, that dichotomy would remain indefinitely. And frankly, whether one is pro-choice or pro-life, that seems like an unsatisfactory solution.

I am aware that some people believe that a more conservative president (were that to happen in the next election) would appoint a justice more to their liking. Historically that has not proven to be the case. Conservative President Eisenhower appointed Chief Justice Warren and Associate Justice Brennan, both among the most liberal Justices to ever sit on the Court. President Reagan appointed Justices Scalia (not the most conservative Justice on the Court despite popular opinion to the contrary) and Kennedy. Those two Justices were part of a 5-4 majority that invalidated Texas's flag desecration statute, thereby allowing a Communist flag burner contemptuous of America and the Republican party to go unpunished. Clearly that was not a conservative vote.

Similarly Justice Stevens (a Ford appointee) and Justice Souter (a George H.W. Bush appointee) were among the most liberal Justices on the Court on which they sat. It works the other way too. Liberal President Kennedy appointed conservative (as it turns out) Justice White to serve on the Supreme Court.

The reason this happens so frequently is because justices are not beholden to the president who appointed them. They are, as they ought to be, independent thinkers. And that is what we need; not a conservative, not a liberal, but an independent thinker who will decide each case according to his or her best judgment.

Let us hope that we get such a justice, and get him or her soon before the country is harmed by a spate of 4-4 decisions.

DAVID ROSEN
Midland County Democratic Chair

GOP, MRT should remember elections and consequences

Let's start with Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution. "... he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, ... Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for ..."

We constantly hear from Republicans that President Obama does not follow the Constitution, and yet, the Constitution explicitly says "he shall nominate" — not maybe, not except in an election year, not if Republicans tell him not to nominate.

What we have here is the partisan hypocrisy of hate. Republican senators are saying, "We despise President Obama so he shouldn't do something that the Constitution calls for him to do." Republicans have set up arbitrary and false equivalents that are pure applesauce. Justice Scalia himself would see no exception for an election year.

It was said that no president in 80 years has presented a nominee to the court during an election year. That is untrue. Over the entire history of the country, there are over a dozen examples of presidents nominating justices in their last year in

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ERNEST ANGELO JR.
Former Republican National Committeeman for Texas

For GOP, political, principle tactics point to the same solution

The hottest political issue today was ignited by the tragically unfortunate death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. President Obama immediately made it political with his pledge to quickly submit a nomination to replace Scalia. Historically, a lame duck president has seldom been able to have a nominee for the Supreme Court submitted and approved in the last 12 months of his term. It has been more than 80 years since that has happened.

Despite the historical precedent, the news is full of statements from Democrat leaders and left-wing commentators attempting to put pressure on the GOP Senate majority to approve an Obama nominee. The hypocrisy of Democrat Sen. Chuck Schumer is particularly worth noting. In 2007 he vowed to stop any judicial nominee submitted by President George W. Bush, nearly 18 months before the end of his term.

The Democrats totally politicized and ultimately destroyed Robert Bork when he was nominated by President

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Editor's Note

In an attempt to provide more voices to the discussion about the process following the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

The Reporter-Telegram Editorial Board asked the chairmen of the Midland County Republican and Democratic parties, a law professor at Texas Tech University, a government professor at Midland College and a Midlander with years of experience in the political arena to weigh in on the subject.

We appreciate the help from Midland County Republican Chairman James Beauchamp, Midland County Democratic Chairman David Rosen, Texas Tech professor of Criminal Law Arnold H. Loewy, Midland College Associate Professor of Government Sondra Richards and Ernie Angelo, a former Republican National Committeeman and also a former mayor of Midland to give their takes.

We hope this provides more points of view to the discussion.

Associated Press

Honor guards salute the flag-draped casket containing the body of the late Justice Antonin Scalia in the Great Hall of the Supreme Court in Washington on Friday where Scalia's body lies in repose.

Expect both parties to use a politicized process to gain an electoral advantage

SONDRA RICHARDS
Midland College Program Chair of Government

The death of Antonin Scalia has put the Supreme Court, politics and ideology on center stage for the 2016 presidential election. Before we get lost in the political fray, we should reflect on the historical context of Supreme Court nominations. Fundamentally, it is a two-step process. The president nominates a qualified candidate. The Senate holds hearings as part of its authority to consent (or not) to the president's nominee. Ideally, the consent is based on the merit of the nominee, since a position on the Supreme Court is for life (during good behavior).

As difficult as it is to imagine today, the confirmation process was not always burdened by political considerations. Essentially, with a few exceptions, until 1969, the confirmation process was relatively brief and friendly. Nominees were confirmed by large margins. This peaceful pattern of confirmations to the Supreme Court ends in 1987 with Robert Bork's confirmation hearings. A Ronald Reagan appointee, Bork is a particularly well-qualified nominee based on his legal expertise. However, he is not confirmed because of his extremely conservative record. With Bork, we initiate an era of highly politicized Supreme Court confirmation battles, where ideological orientation trumps professional merit in the confirmation process. As politicians and the public have realized the growing role of the Supreme Court in significant policy decisions, the ideological makeup of the Court becomes a high-stakes political game.

Fast forward to the current vacancy on the Supreme Court. At the risk of borrowing a tired cliché, the unforeseen death of Antonin Scalia creates a perfect storm in American politics. Replacing Justice Scalia represents a critical choice for American democracy. After all, the new justice could result in a significant shift in the court's ideological make-up, switching a primarily 5-4 conservative majority to a potential 5-4 liberal majority. A shift in ideological orientation is not just an academic matter. It is meaningful to the American public, as any ideological shift in the court makes a real difference in our lives — from money in political campaigns to same-sex marriage.

In many ways, the Supreme Court has become another member of the political class. And, while I believe they have played an important role in advancing democracy, particularly in the civil rights arena, the increasing emphasis on ideology — in a highly charged and politically polarized environment — undermines public trust in judicial decision-making. While the court is partially responsible for their growing role in the political fray, the primary responsibility must be placed on elected officials — presidents and senators — who have politicized the nomination and confirmation process. Unfortunately, this political season will do little to return us to the Founding Fathers' vision of a court insulated from political passions.

Unfortunately, I believe, the nomination process will likely be dominated by the political calculus, rather than professional merit and substantive concerns. Politically, the Democrats want a nomination process that will hurt Republicans in the upcoming presidential and congressional elections. Since the public will be paying more attention than usual to the Supreme Court nominee, the right nominee has the potential to increase turnout by motivating Democratic voters, particularly minority voters, to show up at the polls. Additionally, a Republican majority that plays the role of "obstructionist" again may be damaged as they enter the general election season. After all, past obstructionist moves have not particularly benefitted Republicans among the electorate.

Similarly, the Republican party will use the confirmation process, or lack thereof, to motivate turnout on their behalf. After all, if a Republican

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JAMES BEAUCHAMP
Midland County Republican Chair

Hold fair hearings, don't compromise conservative values

As we bid farewell to Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, there has been a lot of heated exchanges about the process to fill his seat. But rather than wade into those controversies, perhaps we should take a moment to reflect on the man himself, the longest-serving member of the current court, and why those with whom he served, had such admiration for him. Even Justice Ginsberg, widely held as one of the most liberal members of the court, called him her "treasured friend."

It is important to understand that while many consider him one of the more "conservative" members of the court, Justice Scalia did not really use that term. Instead, he more commonly spoke about the role and importance of "textualism" and originalism" on the court.

He believed that the Constitution should be interpreted as it was originally adopted and not through some modern-day vantage point. He was often quoted saying, "The Constitution is not a living organism. It's a legal document, and it says what it says and doesn't say what it doesn't say."

In several interviews, he made clear that the role of the court was to review the laws and statutes in correlation with the Constitution. He also made clear that a good judge must be open to and able to listen to the arguments of counsel and render decisions based on the actual text of those laws and statutes and the actual text of the Constitution.

While he was certainly opinionated, he seemed to distance himself from the politics of conservatism versus liberalism and instead made decisions based on the letter of the law. He even remarked once that a good judge must be willing to accept that, if they do that job well, they themselves might not always like their own decisions.

As the process to replace Judge Scalia moves forward, there will be many conservatives who seek to replace him with another conservative. Similarly, there will be liberals who try and use this opportunity to shift the court back in their own favor.

On a personal level, as a conservative, I certainly understand the rationale behind the desire of fellow conservatives to ensure a staunch conservative replaces him on the court. However, just as he shied away from labels, perhaps we should too. As I look back on his career, what impresses me most about Justice Scalia, is not that his decisions reflect my own opinions but rather his commitment to fairness as a jurist and his commitment to upholding the constitution.

Justice Scalia himself commented, "As long as judges tinker with the Constitution to 'do what the people want,' instead of what the document actually commands, politicians who pick and confirm new federal judges will naturally only want those who agree with them politically."

It is clear that, following his death, we will be bombarded by these attempts. While there are those in my party who have adamantly stated that they will block the process and have even indicated that we should block all judicial nominations, until after the next administration is sworn in, I would offer a slightly different perspective.

The courts, from the Supreme Court to local courts are important. They serve a critical function. And we certainly don't need a bunch of federal district courts with drug, immigration, and criminal cases brought to a stand-still, because of

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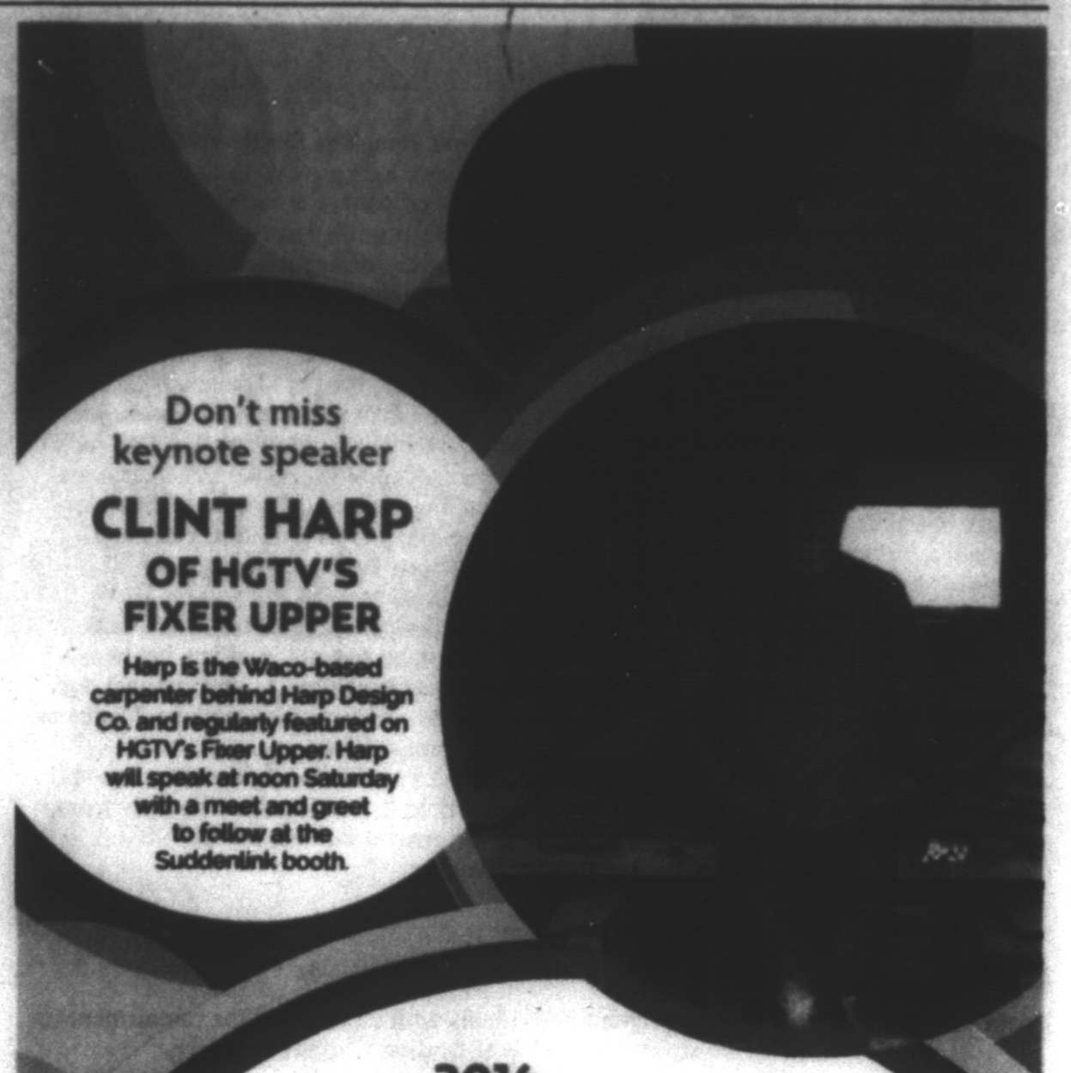

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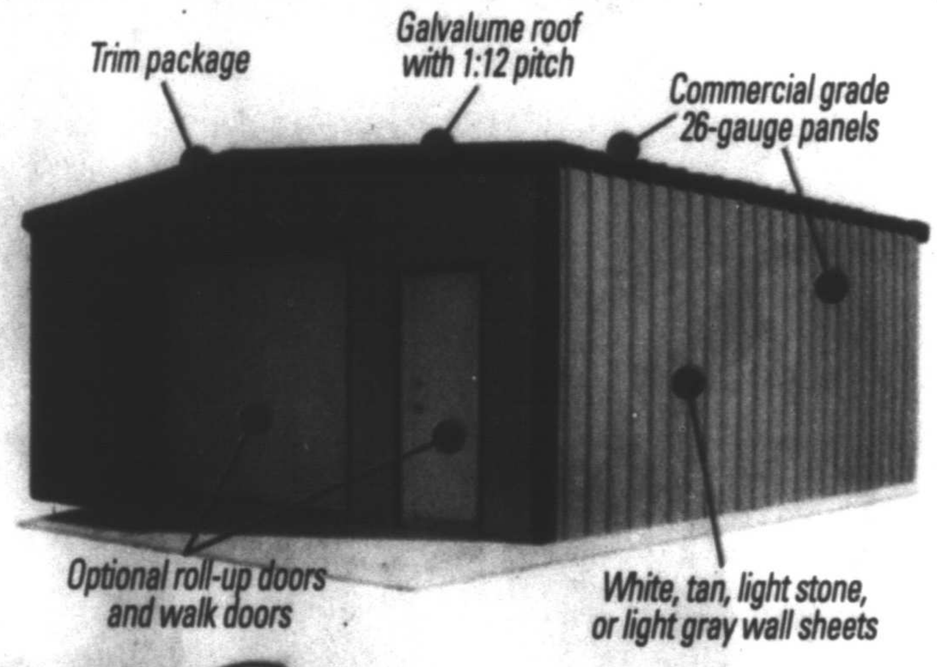

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office. Rather than include all the examples, I refer you to the national newspapers where there are extensive articles about who was nominated when and whether they were confirmed.

Elections have consequences. Whether we personally approve of the person in the White House, that person is president for their constitutionally prescribed term of office, four or eight years. Not three or seven years. President Obama would be shirking his duties as president not to nominate a justice.

As for the Senate majority leader declaring that he will not allow any Obama nominee to be approved, that is pure partisan politics of the worst kind. When a nominee is turned down by the Senate, there has always been a good reason having to do with the nominee, not with who selected that nominee. Whether the nominee has a racist past, has sexually harassed people or has openly flouted the law, these are things that usually stand in the way of a nomination. The Senate should review a nominee's background and not reject them because of who nominated them. This is their constitutional duty.

I was very disappointed to read the Reporter-Telegram's editorial saying we should let the voters decide who gets to appoint the next Justice. As Scalia would say, "That is argle bargle." The voters did decide. We are part of a nation. The majority rules in the U.S., not the media. The people of the United States spoke three years ago when they reelected President Obama by a clear majority of 5 million votes and an Electoral College majority with 332 electoral votes. Is he not still in office? The Reporter-Telegram editorial board may wish he was not in office, but he is. President Obama has a constitutional duty to decide who to nominate a new Justice to the Supreme Court.

Note: Punctuation and spelling quoted on Article II, Section 2 are directly from the original document per the US Archives.

ANGELO

From 12A

Reagan, thereby radically changing the process of selecting Supreme Court Justices. The advice and consent role of the Senate was never totally free of partnership before Bork. Since then it nearly always has been bitter and contentious, particularly when the White House and Senate were each controlled by a different party as they are today.

The Democrats have made ideology an overriding criteria in stopping GOP nominees and in choosing their own nominees. Litmus tests on issues like abortion have been rigorously pursued. Subsequent court rulings have demonstrated their success in achieving the desired results. Democrat appointees on today's Supreme Court almost always rule in lock-step agreement on issues of national import.

On the other hand, the GOP has continuously appointed individuals with strong judicial qualification while too often inadequately examining their past records to determine with certainly that they are believers in strict interpretation of the constitution. The result has been GOP-appointed judges who often join with the activist Democrat appointees to invent new laws and twisted interpretations of existing laws, as most recently demonstrated by the two Obamacare decisions. In contrast, Justice Scalia was the rock-solid advocate of strict interpretation of the Constitution.

Consequently, we now find ourselves with a sharply divided court. The stakes are huge, with issues such as the Second Amendment, abortion, religious liberty, presidential overreach, and immigration hanging in the balance. A liberal appointee to the court almost guarantees massive erosion of the Second Amendment, further expansion of abortion and the impairment of religious liberty.

The replacement of Justice Scalia therefore becomes a clear cut issue for the Republican Party. There can be no compromise. The GOP electorate is overwhelmingly out of touch with its base and can't seem to get anything right. Capitulation to President Obama by approving his nominee to replace Antonin Scalia, regardless of who that nominee might be, would be the final straw.

First, there is no chance the president will appoint a Justice sharing Scalia's views. Second, the GOP has no legal obligation to approve a nominee and third, it would be political suicide. Accusations of obstructionism, racism, gender bias must be ignored as the farcical ranting of the left that they are. This is a time when the correct political tactic also is the correct principled tactic.

BEAUCHAMP

From 12A

political posturing.

Republicans need to provide a hearing to each and every nomination brought forward. The process should be rigorous and thorough. If the current administration is willing to nominate high-quality judges who like Judge Scalia, have a real love of the constitution, believe in the letter of the law and have a strict interpretation of the constitution, as written, then we should give them a hearing and fair consideration. If, on the other hand, the administration, simply wants to nominate individuals who fit their own political leaning, then we should simply vote them down.

While I know a lot of folks have a lot of fears about the future composition of the court, I also believe there are excellent judges out there. Maybe even a future Judge Scalia. The only way we will find them is to give them a fair hearing.

Although I am not optimistic we will get the types of nominees we would seek or support from the current administration, we can give consideration to potential nominees without compromising our ultimate vote or our conservative values. Because when we do find that future Judge Scalia, we will want them to be afforded that same consideration.

RICHARDS

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president is not elected, then the risk taken by the Senate in not following through (or half-heartedly entering a meaningless confirmation process) on their constitutional obligation for consent will be of no consequence. If Republicans lose the presidential election, they also lose the court. That could be a strong rallying cry to get Republicans to the polls.

While I may long for the days when professional merit took priority over political calculus, the current process will likely be a hyper-politicized continuation by both parties to gain electoral advantage. Furthermore, with an aging Supreme Court, this nomination and confirmation is just the beginning of what may be a battle over the ideological heart of the court.

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Cubans pouring into Texas get helping hand, full benefits

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske
Los Angeles Times

LAREDO — Scores of Cubans crossed the border bridge here from Mexico on a recent weekday, pregnant women in fluorescent rhinestone-studded T-shirts, men in tight jeans towing suitcases — all in search of Alejandro Ruiz.

Many of the migrants find Ruiz via his cellphone or by navigating his Facebook page. But on this day, those searching for Ruiz came up empty when they reached his storefront office. He was on the other side of town, busy helping new arrivals at one of two temporary shelters he operates.

Ruiz, 49, a Cuban-American auto body shop owner, noticed the need here years ago as the influx was just starting. He encountered Cuban migrants at the border checkpoint who seemed to have no idea what to do once they stepped into America, the same overwhelming feeling he had when he flew from Havana to New Jersey in 1992. Back then, a Cuban women's group helped him navigate the system.

Now a citizen, Ruiz founded Cubanos en Libertad, a nonprofit that provides transportation, shelter and assistance to Cuban migrants.

The number of Cubans arriving in the U.S. has steadily increased since 2009 but nearly doubled in the fiscal year that ended in September to more than 43,000, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

At Ruiz's transit shelter, a white corner house on a run-down stretch of Hidalgo Street near the San Augustin de Laredo historic district, new arrivals chatted in rapid-fire Cuban Spanish in a rear courtyard. On the living room couch, next to a pile of luggage, teenagers listened to "Dos Copas de Mas," by the pop duo Ha*Ash, on Spanish-language radio on their cellphones. In a darkened back bedroom, two women slept.

In the kitchen, a cook served Cuban fricase de pollo, stewed chicken and potatoes with black beans on rice, and a desert of dulce de toronja, candied grapefruit rind sprinkled with Mexican white cheese.

"I only help the people who don't have money. I have a little house, and I help them get documents," Ruiz said as he sat down at the kitchen table for lunch.

Of course, it's more complicated than that. Thanks to the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966, Cubans who arrive in America are granted permission to stay legally. Unlike the tens of thousands of Central Americans who have poured into south Texas in recent years, the immigrants from Cuba are also eligible for federal welfare benefits and permanent residency, a path to citizenship.

But as relations between the U.S. and Cuba began to normalize in 2014, thousands fled toward America, afraid their window of opportunity would close.

Most of the Cuban migrants fly to Ecuador, then travel north through Central America and Mexico to this Texas border town. It's a longer trip than the traditional overseas route to Florida but considered a better bet.

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HELPING KIDS HELP THEMSELVES

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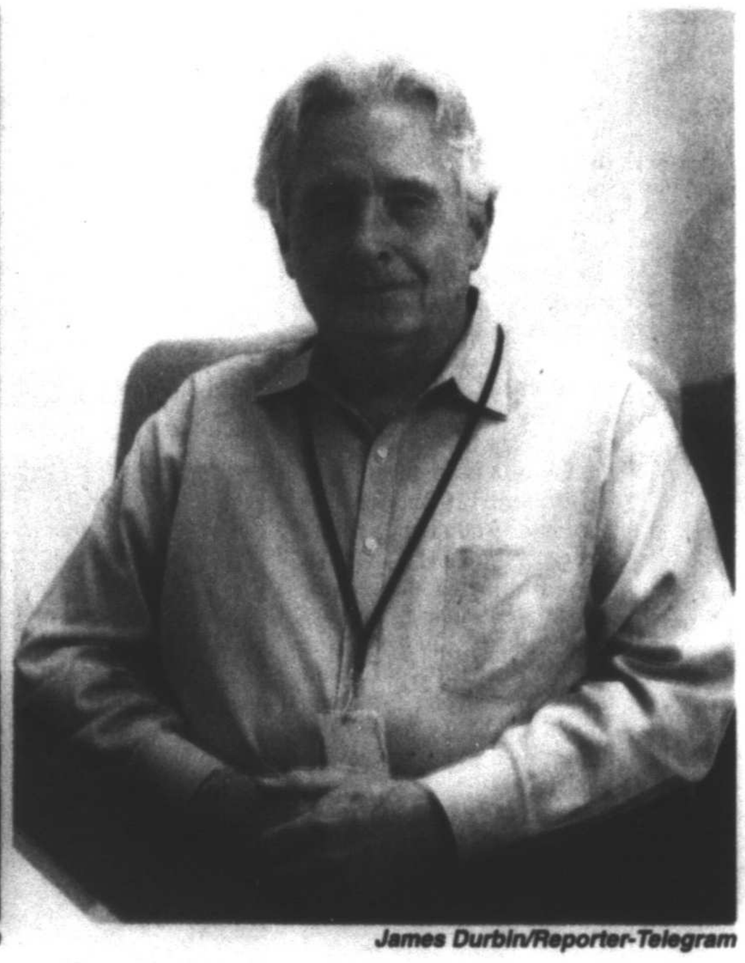
David Gutierrez is shown in portrait Feb 11. Gutierrez, former gang member and addict, is now a teen counselor at Palmer Drug Abuse Program.



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Forest Hanna is shown in portrait Wednesday, Feb. 10 in his office at the Barbara Culver Juvenile Justice Center.

Program offers support to youth probationers

Midland County System of Care provides services across multiple disciplines

By Erin Stone
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Midlander David Gutierrez certainly has a story to tell. He grew up in a gang-infested neighborhood in the greater Los Angeles area; his mother was an alcoholic; his dad wasn't around. His brother was in and out of prison, and his sister was a drug addict. He started drinking and doing drugs at age 12, was addicted to meth and marijuana by 14 and arrested by age 15.

Now 36, he is three years sober and a substance abuse counselor for troubled teens at Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP). About half of the kids he works with are court-ordered to attend the weekly meetings with him — their probation officers call him often to make sure they've been showing up. It's common for the kids he sees to be on probation or to have been at one time.

"A lot of times people think drugs are the problem," Gutierrez said. "Drugs are rarely the problem, with kids anyway. A lot of times they're using that drug to block out whatever the real problem is. Most of them are not addicted; they're just experimenting or got caught. The danger is that they're teaching their brain at an early age to self-medicate. 'This goes wrong, OK, get high.' It becomes their coping mechanism."

Gutierrez often stresses to his kids that they can avoid the long path he took.

"I've been down that road, and it's an ugly road," Gutierrez said. "I'll tell them, 'I'm not a cop, I'm not a (probation officer), I'm here for you. I'm here to help you help yourself.'"

The juvenile probation system has shifted to a similar point of view. For those kids in trouble with the law, punishment was seen for a long time as the only way to "fix" them. But now, probation is going a different route: rehabilitative care.

"That was a pattern for a long time here in this town," said Chad Small, older group counselor at PDAP. "You slip up once, you catch a couple more years on paper. You slip up twice, they revoke you and send you to the penitentiary. But I've been here at PDAP for almost five years now and I've noticed a huge difference from how they were doing things then, to now."

The Midland Juvenile Probation Department has led the effort to create the Midland County System of Care, which received nonprofit designation in December. The organization strives to provide wraparound services — support across multiple disciplines such as mental health care, substance abuse treatment and trauma-informed counseling — for youth on probation. To provide these wraparound services, the MCSOC has collaborated with other local agencies such as Permian Basin Community Centers and Centers for Children and Families.

MCSOC arose out of the Texas System of Care, a statewide initiative that recognizes the importance of collaboration between systems that serve children and older youth, such as child welfare, juvenile justice, education and mental health.

"The research is showing that 90 percent of the kids coming into our system have experienced at least one, but on average six significant traumatic experiences," said Forest Hanna, director of the Barbara Culver Juvenile Justice Center. "The probation department will be identifying kids shown to be high-risk to re-offend and children with significant trauma. Those are the kids we'll target for wraparound programs."

The juvenile probation department already has started building wraparound plans for two families with kids in the system, Hanna said. They have one coordinator for the MCSOC, funded by the Robison Excelsior Foundation.

But that's not enough. Last fiscal year, about 400 kids came through Midland juvenile justice system, Hanna said.

"Of those (400), we had 72 that were put on court-ordered probation," Hanna said. "And of that 72, I think anywhere between 40 or 50 would have been considered for wraparound services. Currently, we don't have the resources to meet that level of need."

High-fidelity wraparound services require a ratio of 1 to 10 facilitators to clients and a typical wraparound lasts from nine months to a year, Hanna said. They currently are in the process of applying for additional grants, and with the support of the local leadership and agencies, Hanna believes that need can eventually be met.

Flexible funding is key, though.

"For non-traditional things like if a parent wanted to go back to school to get a certification that would help their family, if a kid needs school clothes in an emergency situation, whatever it may be, but it's flexible funding that enables a wraparound plan," Hanna said. "Typically, money has a lot of strings attached to it. We want to develop mentoring programs, parenting programs, and trauma-informed care across all agencies."

Building resiliency across communities

The offense sending the most Midland teens to juvenile probation right now is possession of marijuana at school. In fact, more than two-thirds of all the drug cases in the county happen at school, Hanna said.

"We have a lot of substance abuse," Hanna said. "And about one-third of the kids that come into our system are suffering from some kind of mental illness. 100 percent of the time we look at the social histories of our kids, and the mental health assessments we do, 100 percent of the time trauma is there."

Most of the trauma involves a whole

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MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

Age is taking its toll on the world's largest Chihuahua

The Hubs and I hadn't been married very long when I dragged him into PetSmart for one of their adoption days. I just loved to see all those precious little faces.

"Let's just go look at the dogs," I said.

"We are not getting a dog, Melanie," The Hubs said.

We passed a big puppy playpen filled with these tiny little butterscotch love nuggets. I asked the shelter volunteer if I could pet one. She obviously saw a sucker, and told me I could even walk around with one of those golden little puppies if I wanted to. I was smitten immediately. This puppy was all ears and shakes and whippet tail and I noticed he fit right into my husband's hand when I asked him to hold the dog for a minute. By the time we had perused the cats and dog beds, I knew the puppy would be mine. Hey, I also know a sucker when I see one.

We went back to the dog pen and started the adoption process. The woman from the shelter told us our little boy puppy was part Chihuahua and part terrier. She promised he would never get to be more than eight to 10 pounds, which I thought was a perfect size for toting about.

We got him home and after much debate, named him Milo. Milo Aaron to be exact. My biological clock was ticking, and I was held captive by his liquid amber eyes, silky fur and puppy breath. He was instantly my baby, and I couldn't wait to dress him up and carry him in a dog purse. Milo, however, had his own ideas about what kind of dog he was going to be. He wanted to be a cat.

Milo loved to stalk bugs and butterflies through the grass, front crouched, head hunkered down, butt in the air. He slept all the time, especially if he could find a patch of sunlight to sprawl in. He also had amazing jumping skills. From a standstill, he could easily jump from the floor straight up onto the back of the couch, then proceed to walk along the back of the couch like I have seen so many other kitties do. He certainly refused to wear outfits and was having none of the purse parade.

As the years of childlessness dragged out, the more obsessed I became with him. I carried him around in my arms a lot, took him in the car even though he hated it. I made The Hubs padlock all the fence locks so no one would steal him, and I was frantic when we left town, my stomach in knots about whether he was safe. Had we closed the garage door? What if he got out somehow? We lived a block away from Wadley Avenue, and Milo was not exactly a rocket scientist. I was not sure whether he would understand that he should avoid oncoming cars. Eventually, Milo began to lose his puppy cuteness and started to look like the world's largest Chihuahua, coming in at more than 1 foot tall and a healthy 28 pounds. His silky coat now was just all prickly hair. But I loved him still.

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Obituaries

C.E. Long III, M.D.

C.E. Long III, M.D., passed peacefully away on February 2, 2016, in his home in Novato, California, surrounded by his loving family.

C.E. was born on December 16, 1943, on the U.S. Army base in Ft. Lewis, Washington. He was raised in West Texas where his parents, C.E. Long, Jr., and Mary Scoates Long, had relocated after the war. C.E. III attended Stanford University after graduating with the Midland High School class of 1961. At Stanford, he met the love of his life, Karen Fong, whom he married in 1967. After graduating Yale School of Medicine, interning at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, TX, and completing his residency at Stanford Medical Center, where he was appointed Chief Resident of Orthopedic Surgery, C.E. served two years' active duty with the U.S. Army Medical Corps on Okinawa, Japan. He returned to California to become Assistant Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine, then practiced as an orthopedic surgeon in Novato, California, before spending most of his career with Permanente Medical Group (Kaiser Permanente) in Novato. He concluded his career as an "at large" orthopedic surgeon, accepting stints of locum tenens work, mainly in Maine, especially at Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor.

C.E. delighted in the practice of orthopedic surgery. He and a friend and colleague, reminiscing together, estimated that C.E. had performed upwards of forty thousand surgical procedures over the course of his career. He cherished all of the talented and loving people he worked with and met, both in private practice and in his subsequent employment with Kaiser Permanente, where the sound of his cowboy boots echoing down the halls announced his presence. Off duty, he raised llamas, piloted small airplanes, and explored the out-of-doors. Once ill health had set upon him, the two activities he missed most were flying a light plane and performing surgery.

In his passion for art and music, he amassed an ever-expanding and remarkably diverse collection of paintings and albums, and his unique sense of humor generated a never-ending collection of jokes and whimsical cartoons. His full and colorful life, and a natural talent for storytelling, equipped him with an inexhaustible well of stories he enjoyed sharing with everyone he encountered. Through his medical talents and charm, he touched countless lives.

C.E. is survived by his sons Michael and David, his grandchildren Vincent and Isabella, his sister Ann Arminen (Vaino), and his stalwart feline companion "Cat". Mrs. Arminen may be reached at P.O. Box 1943, Midland, TX 79712.

In honor of his wishes, funeral services will not be held. C.E. hoped, rather, that his passing would inspire happy memories in the conversations of old friends and colleagues. Memorial donations may be made to the Parkland Foundation of the Parkland Health and Hospital System at *istandforparkland.org*, or to the Save the Redwoods League at *www.savetheredwoods.org*.

Dr. Dennis Keith Neely

Dr. Dennis Keith Neely died on February 17, 2016 after an extended illness. He was an advocate for his patients both in the exam room and through his work to improve access for patients to eye health care. Dr. Neely grew up in Odessa and graduated from Odessa High School, Odessa College, and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. After a time spent in the eye research laboratory of Dr. Don Allen, Dr. Neely applied and was accepted to the University of Houston, College of Optometry graduating in 1984. After graduation he practiced with Doctors Leach, Slider and Hembree in Odessa for 2 years before going into his own private practice. In 1999 after joining Doctors Gould and Cook that practice combined with Doctors Grigsby and Sheets to create Vision Health Specialties. In 2005 he also began practicing in Odessa with Dr. Maria Ceballos at Advanced Eyecare of Odessa. Dr. Neely enjoyed seeing patients. His patients loved his zest for conversation, his mastery of many subjects, and the care he provided them. The thing he missed most during his illness was his daily interaction with patients. Dr. Neely was also a very active volunteer. Locally, he saw patients at Casa de Amigos and the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He served as local president of Prevent Blindness and the West Texas Optometric Association. On a state level he served on several different committees of the Texas Optometric Association (TOA) and served as its president in 2004. With TOA, Dr. Neely was often found in Austin as an advocate for legislation to improve patient care in Texas. For many years he was the Texas Chair of Vision USA an organization providing eye care to those unable to afford it. An active supporter of the University of Houston, College of Optometry he also served on the board of the Foundation for Education and Research in Vision (FERV) an organization dedicated to educating future eye doctors and providing research assistance for worthy projects to enhance our knowledge of eye health with the goal of maintaining and improving vision. He was also a member of the American Optometric Association. His other passion was cars and racing. He was an active member of "The Permian Basin Hot Wheels" and "The Oil Burners" in Odessa. He was also a member of "Classic Memories" associated with AACA in Midland.

Dr. Neely is survived by his wife Marguerite Miller Neely of Midland; his sister Carol Herrington and nephew Robert Herrington of Las Vegas, Nevada; his step-son Trevor Buzbee of Midland; his step-daughter Morgan Knight of Odessa, Texas; and numerous cousins and loving family.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to the Foundation for Education and Research in Vision, 4901 Calhoun Road, Houston, Texas 77204-2020 in memory of Dr. Dennis Neely.

Memorial Service will be Saturday February 27, 2016 2PM at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa, Texas.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home

Dignity 621 North Alleghaney Odessa, TX 79761 (432) 332-0991

Condolences may be offered at www.hubbardkellyfuneralhome.com

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

Elizabeth "Libby" Ann Kersey

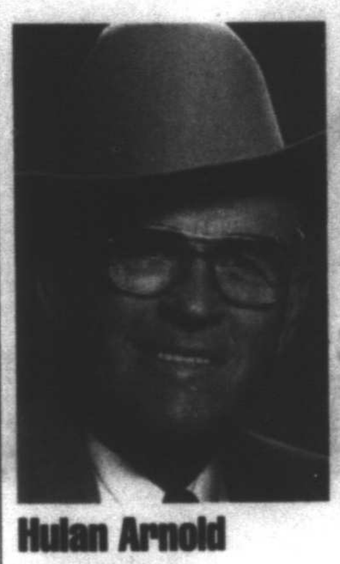
Elizabeth Ann Kersey, 47, of Midland, TX was called home February 18th 2016.

"Libby" was born on September 23, 1968 to Robert and Carlotta Kersey of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughter, Lacey Kersey-O'Steen and son in law, Blake O'Steen of Midland TX; her mother, Carlotta Kersey; brothers, Robert and Jerry Kersey; two sisters, Angie and Lara and nephew Christopher. She is preceded in death by her father Robert Kersey and her grandmother Cora Sweet.

A celebration of life is scheduled for February 23, 2016, 10am at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, TX. Friends & family gathering to immediately follow at 5317 Bella Pl Midland, TX 79707.

Ellis Funeral Home
Funerals & Cremations
Dignity 801 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-5555



Hulan Arnold Harrison

Hulan Arnold Harrison, 96, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, February 19, 2016. The family will be accepting guests from 3:00pm-5:00pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Saturday, February 27, 2016. Graveside services will be held at 1:00pm on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at Terrace Cemetery in Post, Texas.

Hulan was born on July 2, 1919 in Mt. Vernon, AR. to Sarah Lugenia and George Alexander Harrison. He was a WWII Vet from the Army Corps branch. He loved hunting and woodworking. Hulan married Virginia Sharp on April 4, 1953, and out of this union they bore four children; Kathy, Patti, Leland, and Jay.

He is survived by his daughters, Kathy Smith (Gary) and Patti Higgins; sons, Leland Harrison (Laurie) and Jay Harrison; and three grandchildren; Becca Higgins Arons, Caleb Higgins, and Beth Harrison.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Harrison; parents, George and Lugenia Harrison; brothers, George Coris and George Alexander Harrison; sister, Thelma Harrison Jones; and son-in-law; James Higgins.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards Home Hospice of Midland and Home Instead of Midland.

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

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

John Leonard Frazar

On Wednesday, the 10th of February, 2016, Senior Chief John Leonard Frazar, Unites States Navy, Retired, passed away at his home in Midland, Texas.

John retired after serving 30 years in the United States Navy and retired from the National Weather Service after 25 years of employment.

While serving in the Navy, he was on 28 different ships, served in the Vietnam War, Korean War, Bay of Pigs, and other emergencies. He received two letters of Commendation for his 50 years of service to his country from Presidents Bush and Clinton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Celia "Ceil" Frazar. John was a loving husband, a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. John always had a friendly smile and a kind word for everyone.

Visitation will be held at Colonial Funeral Home on Monday, February 22, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with a Rosary recited at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Chapel One Randolph Air Force Base. Interment will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 1:15 p.m. with military honors. Please sign the guestbook at *www.colonialuniversal.com* .

Mary Mae Rowton

Mary Peppard Rowton, 83, passed away February 18, 2016 . She was born to Eugene and Ella (Sanders) Peppard in Canyon, TX Mary attended Southwestern Assemblies of God Bible College, where she met and later married James Lee Rowton. Rev. and Mrs. Rowton pastored churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, & New Mexico. Mary loved the ministry and enjoyed playing the piano and was faithful to her calling as wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. James L. Rowton; son, Jim (Lindy) Rowton; daughters, Beth Ann Rowton, and Nancy (Brian) Smith; sister, Shirley Mills; eight grandchildren, Brooke Ferris, Joshua (Leslie) Rowton, Caleb Rowton, Lacy (Michah) Hensley, Lindsey (Cody) Eidson, Brian, Lauren and Brice Smith; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Monday 6:00-8:00 PM at Bethesda Assembly of God Church, 3101 SW 89 St, OKC. Service at 10:30 AM Tuesday February 23, 2016, at Bethesda Church, with burial in Resthaven Cemetery. Condolences online at *andersonburris.com*.

Death Notices

Jesusita Ruiz

Jesusita Ruiz, 58 of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

A viewing will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016 from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral Service is set for Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 2:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her three sons, Jose Angel Ruiz Jr., John Michael Ruiz and Anthony Ruiz; one daughter, Maria Ruiz; four brothers, two sisters, two half-sisters, and seven grandchildren.

Thaddeus "T.E." Gill, Jr.

Thaddeus "T.E." Gill, Jr., 85, passed away on February 19, 2016. The family will receive friends 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Monday, February 22, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland. Private services were held at Resthaven Memorial Park.

T.E. is survived by wife, Martha Jane Smartt Gill; daughter, Ginger Torsell; and sons, Richard Gill, and Greg Gill.

Cubans

From 1B

Once they arrive, Ruiz — a heavyset man with gray hair and a goatee — is there to help. He provides temporary shelter and arranges drivers and vans to ferry many of the new arrivals to Miami, a top destination. Others stay for months at one of the houses while he helps them get Social Security numbers, food stamps, work permits, Medicaid and other benefits.

"Then when they get their permit for work I say, 'You're on your own!" Ruiz said.

Many arrive hoping to join relatives, some of whom came during past mass migrations.

Those who don't go to Cuban enclaves in Florida migrate to Houston, Los Angeles, Las Vegas or Louisville, Ky. — the last the home to a host of immigrant resettlement groups. Others go to New Jersey or to Omaha and slaughterhouses that are hiring.

About 600 arrived two weekends ago, Ruiz said, clicking through emails on his smartphone. A friend was emailing him updates from Costa Rica, where an estimated 8,000 Cuban migrants have been stranded since late last year after Nicaragua closed its border.

Central American leaders announced a deal last month that allowed the stranded Cubans to fly from Costa Rica to El Salvador, then travel by bus to the border for $550. On Feb. 9, officials added the first direct flight to Laredo's sister city, Nuevo Laredo.

But many of the migrants Ruiz was aiding were not on that plane.

"When they said they were going to have only two flights per week, the Cubans said we will be here another six months. So they contacted coyotes to cross," Ruiz said, adding to the influx here.

One of them was Ernesto Rosales, 23, a barber with rhinestone studs in his ears who fled Matanzas, Cuba, in early December, leaving behind his mother and 18-year-old brother. After landing in Ecuador, he traveled to Costa Rica, where he was stuck for months, working as a barber.

When Rosales heard about the new flight limits, he knew it was time to go. He paid a coyote $650 to get him to Honduras, another $300 to reach southern Mexico.

"I didn't want to be stuck another five months," he said.

This week, Rosales and three other men will go with Ruiz to get Social Security cards, Medicaid and food stamps.

Rosales plans to find work as a barber in Miami or New Jersey, become a citizen and bring the rest of his family to America.

Sulen Marrero, a 15-year-old bottle blond wearing a pink tank top, also turned to a coyote after spending three months stuck with her mother and 27-year-old sister in Costa Rica, living in a partitioned room with more than 100 others and working as a stylist. Now they're headed to Miami to join her stepfather.

Marrero recalled the most dangerous part of the trip was traveling through Colombia, where she saw armed men in the streets.

"There were some others who got kidnapped, robbed. They just want money. If you don't give it, they kill you," she said.

Another migrant, one of the first passengers from the Costa Rica flight, is six months pregnant and said she has yet to see a doctor.

"I want it to be free," Janey Saque, 27, said of her unborn baby.

Saque said she spent three months in Costa Rica and that she and her mechanic husband paid $38,000 for the trip after leaving Havana.

On the plane with them from Costa Rica were about 40 other pregnant women, she said.

That worried Ruiz. He has been trying to get the government to provide more assistance here and in Florida, where at least one lawmaker has proposed a job training and placement program for them. He is meeting with officials from a local Methodist church who may help.

"If more people start coming," Ruiz said, "we are going to be in trouble."

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Support

From 1B

family — be it incarceration of a family member, sexual abuse orviolence in the home and community.

"(The trauma) could be something that could happen to any of us," Hanna said. "You can have two kids that go through the same adverse childhood experiences and one comes out as a fairly functional adult and the other gets into drugs, alcohol, violence, and ends up in the adult system. The resiliency factor could be strong family support, support of faith-based community, or some kind of skill they can hang their hat on. The difference is that support mechanism, a way to go through healing and grieving, and a lot of these kids just don't have that."

Gutierrez was good at sports and for a while that kept him out of trouble.

"I got into sports, but one thing was missing: I had all the coaches' high fives at the end of the game but once season was over, it was gone," Gutierrez said.

By the time he was 13, he was in a gang.

"I really did feel that belonging after they jumped me in, then picked me up, dusted me off and said, 'You're gonna be with us forever, man,'" Gutierrez said. "My dad wasn't there and that male connection was there at a time I was looking for it. When I felt that, it was real. But it was the wrong kind of love."

With that came a lot of marijuana, meth use and drinking. Gutierrez was addicted before he turned 14. He was a smart kid, but stopped caring about school. When he got arrested at age 15, things really went downhill.

His experience in prison hardened him further and made him angrier. He was on probation for a year, and during that time he became closer and more loyal to his fellow gang members. There were fights, shootings, armed robberies and lots of drug use.

Things continued to escalate until a night in August 1996 when Gutierrez was shot in the back of head by a police officer. He lost the use of his legs and today uses a wheelchair.

When he got out of the hospital, he went back to marijuana and eventually meth. The spiral of addiction continued for almost a decade.

Perhaps if Gutierrez had had the support of a wrap-around program when he was 15, things would have been different.

"I think a lot of it is just recognizing the feelings," Gutierrez said. "I was just angry — angry all the time. I used (drugs) to cope like a lot of kids do. I'll ask my kids what's goin' on and they'll be like, 'I don't know.' Then it'll come out of them eventually. I got some that say, 'Oh, my mom's not there. My dad's in prison.' Then a friend comes along and says try this. So they get introduced to the substance and it's like 'Hey, I really don't give a crap when I'm high.'"

Almost all of the people who are on adult probation in Small's group at PDAP were on paper as adolescents as well.

"I know scores of people that have gone away for three, 10, 15 years and within a week of getting out of prison they're back doing the same thing because they never really learned how to deal with the actual problems that were causing that, plus they had that genetic tendency," Small said. "If we don't address the mental issues, childhood issues, self-esteem issues, all this stuff, then you're almost doomed to go back to it. Probation around here is getting that."

The cycle of addiction, violence and incarceration is often generational and the Midland County System of Care is a strategy to break that cycle, Hanna said.

"It's not to make an excuse for that kid's behavior, but to try to understand where it comes from and how to support that kid in going through whatever trauma they've experienced," Hanna said. "We want to support activities that create resiliency in the individual kid that allows them to survive and thrive. Then at a community level, we want to build through parenting programs, trauma-informed care-skill-based programs for kids and families that will help build resiliency throughout the community."

Houstonians hope it's not too late to save Freedmen's Town

By Claudia Feldman
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Dorris Ellis Robinson tried almost everything to stop the city of Houston from digging up the historic brick streets of Freedmen's Town. Phone calls. Community gatherings. Even a meeting with then-Mayor Annise Parker.

The morning contract workers thrust their picks into the street and dislodged the first two or three dozen bricks, Robinson lay down in the coffin-sized hole. All eyes were on her, suddenly the central character in a decades-old story marked by racism and greed.

"I didn't know what else to do," the 65-year-old, who believes the bricks were laid by former slaves and have spiritual significance, told the Houston Chronicle (http://bit.ly/1QKgIL0). "I thought maybe I'd just lie there and slow the process down."

Robinson succeeded, at least for now. But the battle over the bricks, which has moved to the courts, is just the latest chapter in a long-running conflict over the survival of Houston's oldest African-American community. A long string of city bureaucrats and developers said it's too late to save Freedmen's Town — it's already gone. Activists and preservationists insist there are still historic structures worth saving if the city will mobilize immediately.

Robinson and the group that filed a lawsuit to stop the city and the contractor from further brick removal won a temporary injunction in state district court. The contractor then asked the First Court of Appeals to reverse the trial court. Those justices have heard oral arguments, and a written decision is expected any day.

It's time for black and white Houstonians to pull together and save Freedmen's Town, Robinson saids. "You don't have to be African-American to celebrate the idea that even in the toughest of circumstances, you can start a new life. I can take my children and my grandchildren to Freedmen's Town, and said, 'You can do anything, baby.'"

Adds Vanessa Sampson, executive director of the Fourth Ward Redevelopment Authority, "How did we let Freedmen's Town slip through the cracks? If we destroy our history, what are people going to come to Houston to see? A shopping mall? The Galleria?"

Most vociferous is activist Gladys House, who was born in Freedmen's Town more than 50 years ago and still lives there today. Outraged, she watches what may be the nation's only freedmen's community still populated by founders' descendants slowly melting into Midtown and downtown, Houston's bigger and more politically powerful neighborhoods.

"Most white people don't care about black people's history," she saids.

Freedmen's Town sits within the old Fourth Ward, which functioned like a city council district between 1839 and 1905. Formerly enslaved men, women and children moved into the area in 1865 and settled on land just south of Buffalo Bayou.

The area was swampy and flooded frequently, but against the odds, it flourished and became the center of African-American life in Houston. Residents inspired by Rev. Jack Yates, the dynamic leader of early Freedmen's Town, built churches, businesses, a school. Recognizing the importance of education, they trained to become the city's first black professionals.

At its peak in the early 1900s, Freedmen's Town was booming, practically a city in its own right. By the middle of the century, though, it was a splintering community divided by Allen Parkway, the old Jefferson Davis Hospital, Interstate 45 and San Felipe Courts, a new public housing project for white defense workers. As the city slowly desegregated, even more families moved away. Freedmen's Town Fourth Ward, as people often said in one breath, became synonymous with renters, poverty and crime.

But that view, if prevalent, certainly wasn't unanimous.

Growing up in the '60s, House understood that she lived in a close-knit and historic neighborhood. What puzzled her was that she couldn't read about it at school or the public library. At age 14, she interviewed family and friends, wrote the community's history herself and scattered copies like seeds.

About a decade later, in 1977, Houston filmmaker James Blue also tried to raise awareness. He made

Please see SAVE/8B

James Nielsen/Houston Chronicle via AP

Jacqueline Bostic sits in front of Bethel Park on Nov. 25, 2015 in Freedman's Town in the Fourth Ward of Houston. Bostic, a great granddaughter of Jack Yates, a freed slave who was instrumental in settling Freedmen's Town, helped turn the damaged church into a park. Freedmen's Town sits within the old Fourth Ward, which functioned like a city council district between 1839 and 1905. Formerly enslaved men, women and children moved into the area in 1865 and settled on land just south of Buffalo Bayou.

STATE CRIME BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

VAN

Clues sought after suspected East Texas road-rage killing

Investigators are seeking clues leading to an armed motorist after what witnesses say appeared to be a fatal road-rage shooting of a male motorist on an East Texas interstate.

A statement from the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office said it's withholding the identity of the man found dead with a gunshot wound to the head.

The shooting happened shortly after 3 p.m. Friday on Interstate 20 eastbound about five miles west of Van, almost 70 miles east of Dallas.

According to the statement, a witness saw unknown occupants of a gray or light-colored four-door sedan shoot at the man.

HUNTSVILLE

Hit man in 1992 San Antonio murder plot set to die

A convicted hit man on Texas death row for carrying out a murder-for-hire plot that left a San Antonio woman dead more than 23 years ago has received an execution date.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark said Friday 43-year-old Rolando Ruiz is scheduled for lethal injection July 27. The U.S. Supreme Court last May refused to review his case.

Evidence showed Ruiz collected $2,000 to kill Theresa Rodriguez in 1992 at the request of her husband, Michael, and a brother-in-law in a life insurance scheme.

Ruiz got within an hour of execution in 2007 when a federal appeals court gave him a reprieve.

Michael Rodriguez also wound up on death row as one of the notorious Texas Seven gang of escaped inmates. He was executed in 2008.

CRYSTAL CITY

Corruption-ridden city's new woe: undrinkable water

After weeks of turmoil and the arrests of all but one top city official, residents of Crystal City have a new problem: undrinkable water.

Black water came out of the pipes in homes in the tiny Texas city, where a sweeping bribery and conspiracy indictment has ensnared the recently resigned mayor and most other city leaders. Volunteers handed out donated bottles of water on Friday, as state environmental officials test the water for bacteria.

Man allegedly threatens bar staff with knife

A Midland man was arrested Thursday for allegedly brandishing a knife at Lone Star Bar, according to court documents.

Sean Michael Ramirez, 26, was being held Friday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Ramirez

Officers were dispatched to Lone Star bar in reference to a disturbance with weapons, according to the affidavit. Ramirez and another man had gotten into an argument in the bar and were escorted outside by the bouncers, according to the affidavit.

Once outside, the argument escalated to the point where Ramirez pulled a knife from his pocket and brandished it at bar staff, according to the affidavit. A bouncer slapped Ramirez's hand, making him drop the knife, at which point Ramirez fled on foot, according to the affidavit.

After a short search, officers located Ramirez hiding on a fire escape at the Midland ISD administration building, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Ramirez could face up to 20 years in prison.

NICHOLAS

From 1B

And then we had Little Son, and poor sweet Milo finally became a dog. He spent a lot more time outside or gated into the laundry room. And before you write me hate mail, it was a big laundry room and he had a nice bed and food and water and a doggie door to the back. Once the kids finally got the hang of soft touches, Milo reintegrated into the uncomfortable role of family dog. No one took his picture anymore, and the only time he got to ride in the car was if it was a vet or groomer trip. The kids made him an unwilling playmate when they played school. He was unceremoniously kicked out of every bed in the house. Bodacious said his breath stank and his feet smelled like Fritos. She started locking her bedroom door so Milo couldn't bust in after she was asleep. She took it a step further last year when he developed the foulest smelling gas, and renamed him King of Toots.

This year, I've noticed that he can't jump up onto the bed any more. Is there anything so sad as a dog trying to scramble up onto the bed, desperately clawing at the covers only to slide down to the ground again in defeat? Little cataracts are forming in his eyes and he can't hear anymore. He has developed Cushing's disease. Last week, his legs kept going out from under him, like Bambi on ice. My once-agile little dog tumbled down the stairs, and we knew it was time to see the vet.

A kajillion dollars later, the vet said Milo has a huge mass in his spleen and the dose of his Cushing's medication was too high. Milo is 15, and the vet did not think a surgery to remove the mass would be our best course. "He is an old dog, Melanie. This won't buy him any real time. He is not in any pain, and he still seems very happy. Let's see how his balance improves after we adjust his medication."

I just stood there and cried. These are the kinds of things I generally leave to The Hubs; he's a better grown-up than I am. I texted my girlfriend Posh Spice. She and her husband are true pack animals, and always have a herd of dogs. Strays, abused animals, rescues and fosters — they all have a home with them. She has lost five dogs over the last several years and her heart breaks every time.

I asked her what she thought I should do. Thinking about losing Milo, about having to let him go, is a grief unlike any I have known before.

"It is honestly the most grown-up thing you have to do, deciding when to put your dog down," she said. "You have to know and accept when they are in so much pain that they need to be relieved of it. Trust your gut."

Right now, my gut is in knots and I want to bury my head in the sand. Milo's walking has improved greatly in just a few days, and he is back to being his deaf, underfoot sweet self. We are letting him get away with murder, too. Why is something so much sweeter when you feel it slipping away? We are putting him onto the bed, letting him lay on the good couch pillows, his stickery hair everywhere. He doesn't seem to hurt, and he's eating pretty well. But I am not ready, and nothing I can do will help me prepare for the eventuality of what surely is coming. Please, oh please, Lord. Let him truly be a cat. I need him to have nine lives.

You can see my handsome little dog on my blog, www.TheBathwaterBlogs.com. If you have any words of wisdom, please share them with me.

Melanie Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two ubmazing children, Parksalot, 7, and Bodacious, 5. You can follow her amazing adventures fighting grime and insecurity on Facebook, Twitter and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Her column appears in the Midland Reporter-Telegram every other week.

Crime Stoppers fugitive

RACHAEL FLOYD

DOB: 9-26-1986
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Charge: Counts I & II Burglary of Habitation w/Intent to Commit Theft

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- $500 Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself.

Subject may be armed or dangerous.

Floyd

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help in identifying two people involved in an aggravated assault.

In the early morning hours of Jan. 1, a woman left an Odessa nightclub with a black man and a black woman. They left in a white sedan. The couple then took the other woman to an unknown apartment complex on the westside of Midland where she was severely assaulted.

The woman was then placed in a "work truck"-type vehicle and left at Champions Drive and Tradewinds Boulevard in Midland.

The woman said that the male assailant was wearing a scarf.

(Surveillance photos the suspect can be viewed at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com).

If you are the first person to provide information on this suspect and it leads to an arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and NO caller I.D. is ever used.

How to submit a secure tip

- **Hotline:** 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP
- **Online:** www.midlandcrimestoppers.com
- **Text:** Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
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Veronica Portillo-Reyes, PhD, of the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and her colleagues provided omega-3 capsules or placebos to 59 children, ages eight to 12 years, for three months. The children underwent 18 neuropsychological tests at the beginning and end of the study.

Each omega-3 capsule contained 270 mg of eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and 180 mg of docosahexaenoic acid (DHA).

By the end of the study, 50 percent of the children taking the omega-3s had greater improvements in 11 of 18 neuropsychological tests. Furthermore, more than 70 percent of the children had improvements in mental processing speed, hand-eye coordination, perceptual integration (such as recognizing patterns), and executive function (a more complex problem-solving ability).

Although the study was conducted in Mexico, it is relevant to children around the world and, particularly, in the United States, where almost 15 percent of families are considered "food insecure."

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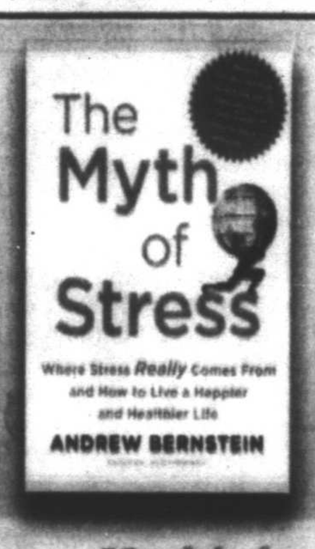

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New Antone's bring blues back to downtown Austin

By Peter Blackstock
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — "I wanna hear Derek O'Brien play some guitar."

It's a Friday night at the new Antone's, and one of the club's co-owners, Gary Clark Jr., is savoring his first visit to the Austin institution he helped revive. Just back from an Australian tour, he's at ease in the freshly christened downtown bar that is once again the city's Home of the Blues.

For most of the night, Clark watches from the crowd, catching up with friends and fans that turned out on a mid-January night partly to welcome him home. But even when he inevitably slips onstage to sit in with the house band, what he really wants is to just watch and listen, as O'Brien and fellow guitarist Denny Freeman let loose with solos that cut straight to the heart of the blues.

Clark may be the star of the moment, but he's well aware that this rebirth would not have happened without the musicians who helped realize founder Clifford Antone's dreams four decades ago. When Clark and his high school friend Will Bridges got involved with the effort to bring Antone's back after a two-year absence from Austin's environs, it was to make sure the city once again had moments like this.

"Blues does something at a cellular level where you can't keep your feet from stomping, and I've got that bug," Bridges told the Austin American-Statesman. "That's like the root, and people from country and indie-rock and folk and jazz can all meet on that common ground. They can all speak that common language. And because it is such a simple language, it leaves all this headroom for expression. That's what the blues is really all about."

He sums up his feelings in a few simple words: "I don't want to live in an Austin without Antone's."

The new Antone's occupies the old Maxey Glass building at 305 E. Fifth St., between Eddie V's seafood restaurant and the Russian House bistro, and across from the new Westin hotel. It's four blocks east of the club's 16-year home at Fifth and Lavaca streets, which was followed by a few doomed months on East Riverside Drive before the club shuttered at the end of 2013. The building dates back to the early 20th century, at one point housing a Cadillac dealership with a showroom of cars on the second floor.

This is the sixth location in the 40-year history of Antone's. The club's heyday, spanning the 1980s and most of the '90s, happened just north of the University of Texas campus on Guadalupe Street, across from where Antone's Record Shop still stands. A brief stopgap farther north on Great Northern Boulevard near Anderson Lane filled the year between Guadalupe and the original bar that Clifford Antone opened in 1975 at Sixth and Brazos streets, just two blocks from the new place.

Kelly West /Austin American-Statesman via AP

Austin nightclub Antone co-owner Will Bridges, left, and the club's music booker Zach Ernst, right post for a photograph on Feb. 4 in Austin. Blues master Gary Clark Jr. helped revive Austin's fabled blues club Antone's two years after club closed in 2006, 5 years after death of founder Clifford Antone.

The venue's fate since Clifford's death in 2006 has been marked by frequent turmoil. His sister, Susan, has remained a constant grounding presence on the club's board of directors, but from 2010 to 2013, Antone's was managed by former Emo's owner Frank Hendrix. After the East Riverside misadventure, Hendrix departed and an ownership group headed by geneticist Spencer Wells took control.

But it wasn't until after Bridges and Clark became involved in August 2014 that the push to reopen Antone's finally began to take shape. While Clark's celebrity lent cachet and credibility to the process, the real nuts-and-bolts player was Bridges, a budding entrepreneur who had experience both in reviving classic Austin institutions — Arlyn Studios, Deep Eddy Cabaret — and in creating new ones, like Lamberts Barbecue.

That was important, because balancing the old and the new proved central to relaunching Antone's. Bridges said he and his partners wondered, "'Are we being too nostalgic of the city?' We used this analogy of trees in the forest: The old trees are decaying and dying, and we're spending so much time crying about the old trees that we're not planting new ones."

Bridges points to a conversation with Clark at Deep Eddy as a turning point. "I was giving him the full lowdown and saying, 'What do you think — are we being too nostalgic? Should we just move on without it, or do we have to save that name?'

"And Gary, when he wants to, he can be incredibly articulate. He really thought about it and said, 'I think the answer is both. Yes, we've GOT to save it. Because the name represents the culture we inherited from Clifford, we wouldn't be doing this without him. But we've got to reinvent it in a way that is a rebirth, not just a continuation.' He told me kind of what I wanted to hear."

Open the stately wooden doors to the new Antone's, and you're latching on to a reminder of what came before. The handles are shaped in the letters "CJ," an inner-circle nickname for Clifford, whose middle name was Jamal.

Inside, the club is a long rectangle with the stage at the other end, the classic red Antone's logo sign centered behind it. A spacious bar lit by four hanging Parisian streetlamp globes runs along the east wall, with bathrooms across the way. Near the stage, the space opens up to accommodate about a dozen tables with chairs.

The feel of the place is modern — "we wanted the design to be kind of industrial, kind of subtle art deco," Bridges said — but the walls reveal the history. Posters for historic appearances by B.B. King, Bo Diddley and James Brown hang alongside photos by Susan Antone and John Mintz of blues greats such as Buddy Guy and James Cotton, in action onstage or hanging out after hours.

One fascinating flier for the club's first anniversary in 1976 boasts an unfathomable list of artists who played the inaugural year: Muddy Waters, Jimmy Reed, Willie Dixon, Albert King and John Lee Hooker, to name but a few.

"I had a young guy last night say, 'Man, it looks like an art gallery in here!' Bridges said with a sense of satisfaction. "He was like, 'I never went to Antone's so I really don't know what it's all about, but when I look at all this stuff, I kind of get it.' And that's exactly what we wanted. It tells a story; it gives you a sense of what it was like back in those days."

A lot of time, effort and expenses went into making the room sound good. "We're so used to hearing blues and roots genres in kind of rough-and-tumble sound," Bridges said. "But when you give it the clarity that it wants, and when those guys can hear themselves, it really shines. Blues deserves the highest caliber of sound, and people are going to appreciate that."

Upstairs is a whole other dimension that hasn't yet been seen by the public, as construction crews are working feverishly to complete it in time for a slew of special events booked for South by Southwest in March. The centerpiece is a 320-capacity room with windows looking out over Fifth Street that will be a hub for catered banquets and private parties.

So far, the venue appears to have been quite well-received by the public, even as the crew is still working through some details. On the afternoon of our visit, engineers from Arlyn Studios were working to fine-tune the sound system. The bar counter could benefit from the addition of a courtesy water cooler at one end. One wonders whether a wooden floor might be more warm and welcoming than the current concrete slabs.

But significant care has been taken to enhance the Antone's environment and "make it a club again," Bridges said. "All

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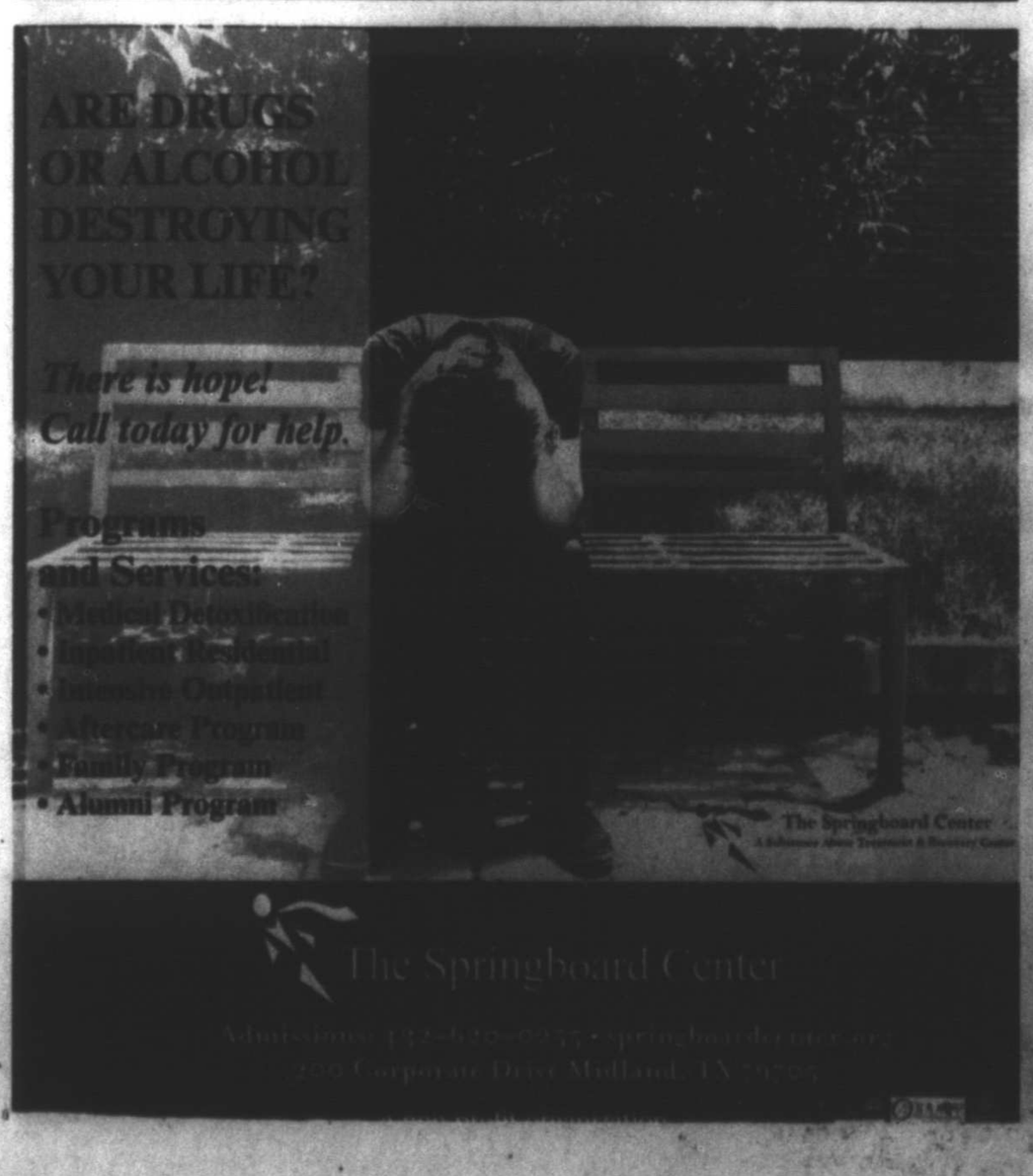

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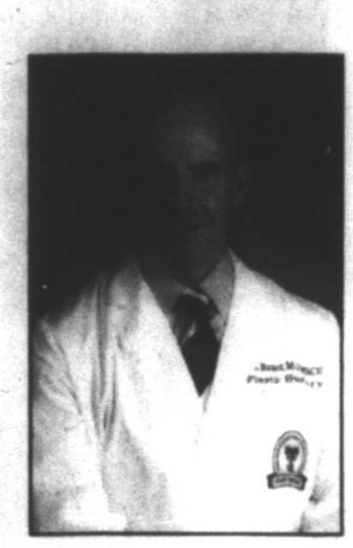

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clubs are venues, but not all venues are clubs. The most cherished iterations of Antone's were without a doubt Sixth and Brazos, and Guadalupe. Fifth and Lavaca was a great venue, but it wasn't really ever a great club."

Those efforts are apparent especially in the front of the space. A small gift shop carrying Antone's merchandise — and soon, Bridges said, a "mini Strait Music shop" with strings, tuners and the like — adjoins an airy front foyer where patrons can come in from the sidewalk and gather before longtime door person Ilse Haynes admits them. On a recent weekend night, House Park Barbecue set up a stand there, echoing back to the days when the late C.B. Stubblefield sold Stubb's barbecue out of the Guadalupe location.

The foyer also houses a three-seat antique shoeshine stand from Chicago that was salvaged from an antique dealer in Round Top. When longtime Antone's shoeshine veterans Preston Carroll Jr. and Billy "Huggie Bear" Flores signed on at the new location, Bridges took it to heart.

"They're very passionate about this trade, and the culture of it," he said, with a tone of reverence in his voice. "They've got day jobs and other gigs, but they do this because it's what they grew up with. And when Huggie Bear introduced himself to me — he was kind of like, 'All right, I'm allegiant to you now' — it was the most real thing. I felt like I was being handed the controls."

Bridges, in turn, has handed the controls of the club's most important aspect — booking the music — to precisely the right steward. Destiny must have intervened a decade ago when a young UT student from College Station named Zach Ernst enrolled in Clifford Antone's blues history class.

"That was when I really became a junkie for this kind of music," said Ernst, who first became active in the Austin music scene playing guitar with Black Joe Lewis & the Honeybears. "I'd look at the syllabus and read ahead of what we were talking about next week, and then go study up. It was his class that got me into this stuff on a deeper level."

The gig with Lewis eventually led Ernst down subsequent avenues playing with Dallas gospel band the Relatives and R&B singer Bobby Patterson, but he also got interested in presenting music. He booked a series of Continental Club shows in 2012 and 2013 at the invitation of owner Steve Wertheimer — who in 2014 helped to fill the blues-scene void after Antone's closed by opening C-Boy's Heart & Soul.

The big break for Ernst came when Austin's historic Paramount Theatre hired him as its music booker in late 2013. His schedule only got busier when Scottish rocker Mike Scott enlisted Ernst to tour extensively with his band the Waterboys in 2015. But when Antone's came calling, it was an opportunity he just had to find a way to accept.

"I think I probably said, 'Hey, I have no free time right now, because I'm on the road all year, and busy with the Paramount as a full-time gig. But if there's anything I can do to help, this is the one thing that I'm into adding to my plate,'" Ernst recalls. "Because when I heard it was Will and Gary doing it, I had a lot of faith in them doing it the right way. Those guys don't really miss when they go after something.

"So we just kept in touch over the course of last year. I guess it was early this past fall when I broached the subject with the Paramount folks and let them know about this opportunity. And we figured out a way for me to do both."

In an unusual arrangement that suits the unusual circumstances, the Paramount has kept Ernst in his full-time role while also allowing him to do Antone's-related work from the theater's office. With a 1,200-seat room and generally pricier tickets comparing to a 400-capacity standing-room bar with more modest cover charges, Ernst sees little concern for conflicts — though he also books the Paramount's smaller Stateside space.

"I'm not going to be going after the same acts that play the Paramount" for Antone's, he said. "But adding this club will, if anything, bolster both venues, because I have more to talk about with agents."

Ernst also sees a cultural synergy that could foster a rising tide to lift both boats. "Since I've been at the Paramount, I've focused more on the aesthetic of it being a roots room," he said. "And I think that Antone's is another classic roots venue. There's a natural connection between the two, being these kind of historic downtown places. But they're not really stepping on each others' toes if I can manage it right."

Out of the gate, Ernst doubled down on acts that represent the core identity of Antone's, with artists such as Chicago blues great Bobby Rush and Louisiana zydeco master C.J. Chenier playing the club's first month. Coming weeks herald a modest broadening of scope: Country band Crooks booked its farewell show on Feb. 13, and Bob Schneider, a regular during the Fifth and Lavaca years, makes his debut at the new location on Feb. 26.

A fortuitous break came when soulful 62-year-old guitarist and singer Carl Weathersby, who'd been playing Chicago blues clubs for decades dating back to a 1980s stint in Albert King's band, moved to Austin in early January. Ernst quickly booked him into several slots. "That is the most exciting blues artist I've seen in years," he raves, marveling at the kismet of Weathersby's arrival on the scene.

But the heart of the Antone's experience will reside in its residencies, which feature world-class homegrown blues talent for a modest $5 cover. Many of them are early shows that start at 6:30 p.m., including O'Brien's revived "Blue Monday" series and Freeman's "Antone's Trio" shows on Tuesdays. A welcome new addition starting this week is a 6:30 p.m. Sunday residency for soulful singer Miss Lavelle White, who at 86 is one of Austin's most valuable living connections to the history of Texas blues.

A surprise addition on recent Wednesdays has been an early show with Double Trouble bassist Tommy Shannon, who has come out of semi-retirement for trio gigs with guitarist David Holt and drummer Tommy Taylor.

And Wednesday's late shows have been rotating between Eve & the Exiles and the LeRoi Brothers, both of which include Antone's Record Shop co-owners Eve Monsees and Mick Buck.

Bringing in such local blues mainstays was a priority for Ernst. "I wanted to make sure they were welcome and knew they could play in here as often as they want," he said. "Antone's is about the people, and the musicians and the artists, and making sure they all have a home here."

Monsees uses precisely that word when speaking to American-Statesman videographer Kelly West: "It just feels like you're home. There's some great bars in Austin, but there's something about Antone's that's really special.

"There's a real sense of community with everyone, and I feel like you don't see that with a lot of things anymore. I think it's more apparent, now that Antone's has reopened, how much of that was missing. Somebody like Derek, I used to just pop into Antone's and he was there all the time, on the stage. And I haven't really seen him that much the past couple of years."

Monsees became an Antone's regular in her teen years, when she and her schoolmate Clark would come to the club and hope to sit in with blues legends such as Hubert Sumlin and Pinetop Perkins. "The first big thing we ever got to do was play Antone's," she reminisces, never dreaming back then that both of them would end up having ownership stakes in the Antone's legacy.

Blues-rock guitarist and singer Ian Moore, who grew up in Austin before moving to the Pacific Northwest two decades ago, also cottoned to Antone's as a kid. "I spent countless nights as a young player outside the front door when I wasn't old enough to get in," he said by email. "I would listen to the music, and the waitresses would kindly bring me water from time to time."

Michael Ciaglo/Houston Chronicle via AP

Freedmen's Town Preservation Coalition President Dorris Ellis Robinson sits at the intersection of Wilson Street and Andrews Street on Feb. 12 in Houston. She has been leading the effort to save the brick streets in Freedmen's Town and at one point laid down in the road to prevent crews from removing them.

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a documentary titled, "Who Killed Fourth Ward? A Nonfiction Mystery in Three Parts."

Blue is dead but Rick Lowe, the founder of Project Row Houses in the Third Ward and a 2014 MacArthur Fellow, remembers the film well.

"The heart of the Fourth Ward (Freedmen's Town) was ripped out, it's truly been ripped out," Lowe saids. "In the film, politicians and developers said it was progress. It's progress for some but not progress for the cultural heritage of Freedmen's Town. There are always winners and losers, and in this case, Freedmen's Town lost."

In 1984, not ready to admit defeat, a group of determined activists including House and late Congressman Mickey Leland pressed to have one portion of what remained of Freedmen's Town listed on the National Register of Historic Places, about 45 blocks within West Gray, West Dallas, Interstate 45 and Genesee. But the new designation offered no protection from city officials or developers more interested in building new than preserving the old.

One obstacle in the path of gung-ho developers was San Felipe Courts, the public housing complex that had been renamed Allen Parkway Village. Residents and activists there and throughout Freedmen's Town and the rest of Fourth Ward wanted to save it — not only as an example of early modernist architecture but also as low-income housing.

After nearly a decade of wrangling, 70 percent of the complex was bulldozed in the mid-'90s. The remaining 30 percent was saved and renovated, and new "affordable" housing was built on the same spot. Still, the community viewed the demolition as a major defeat, and the amount of low-income public housing was much reduced.

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By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — It's been 23 years since Joe Gibbs celebrated a Daytona 500 victory. Standing in his way now is a lineup as formidable as Howie Long, Marcus Allen and the 1983 Raiders.

Gibbs

Gibbs has four strong chances Sunday to earn a second Daytona 500 victory, and his stable of Toyotas has been among the strongest cars during Speedweeks. The main competition comes from Daytona's favorite son — two-time 500 winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. and his Hendrick Motorsports teammates.

Denny Hamlin and reigning Sprint Cup champion Kyle Busch already have given Gibbs a pair of wins this week at Daytona International Speedway. But the three-time Super Bowl winning coach has had his heart broken nearly two dozen times since Dale Jarrett took Joe Gibbs Racing to victory lane at Daytona in 1993.

Gibbs isn't used to losing — his only Super Bowl defeat was to the Raiders a decade before he won NASCAR's version of the big game — and he has made it clear he wants a win in NASCAR's season opener.

"There's always pressure from Coach," Carl Edwards said. "Coach wants to win everything."

JGR's lone defeat during Speedweeks came in the first qualifying race, with Earnhardt passing Hamlin with ease for the victory. Afterward, Earnhardt raved about his car — nicknamed "Amélia Earhart" because he feels unbeatable in that speedy Chevrolet. Amelia has won four of six races over 13 months and never finished lower than third.

"This car is something special," Earnhardt said.

It's often difficult to figure out who is the class of the field leading into the 500 because no one knows who may be playing it close to the vest. But JGR and Hendrick have the most speed, and proved it when rookie Chase Elliott put Jeff Gordon's famed No. 24 Chevrolet on the pole next to Gibbs driver Kenseth.

Elliott, the 20-year-old son of Hall of Famer Bill Elliott, could have his hands full in his first 500. He raced against teammate Earnhardt in the qualifying event, and Earnhardt warned him to be selfish on the track.

"I told Chase on the starting grid, 'I'm not going to be helping you. Don't help me,'" Earnhardt said. "'Don't worry about where I'm at. If I'm behind you in one of the lines, don't jump in thinking you're trying to help me. Do everything you can to keep the lead. Don't give the lead up no matter what.

"'I'm going to do what I need to do for me. You do what you need to do for you. You just got to be selfish.'"

Elliott, part of a new youth group moving into NASCAR's elite series, isn't alone in having to prove his mettle during the biggest race of the year. Ryan Blaney has proven to be fearless in restrictor-plate races, but the 22-year-old had trouble getting other drivers to trust him enough to draft with him last fall at Talladega.

It was a struggle as well in Thursday's qualifying race, when he came from a lap down in the Wood Brothers' famed No. 21 Ford to finish third. But he's a de facto teammate to Team Penske drivers Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano, the defending Daytona 500 winner, and should the

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Bulldogs sweep Rebels

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Midland High's Brian Natividad (2) kicks a tiebreaker shootout goal for the win against Lee on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

MHS prevails in physical game with Lee

By Will Korn
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Bulldogs	0 (4-1 on PKs)
Rebels	0

In their first meeting of the District 3-6A season, the Lee and Midland High boys soccer teams battled hard to a scoreless stalemate after 80 minutes of regulation on Saturday.

But it was the Bulldogs who took home the victory and two key points with a 4-1 edge in penalty kicks in what was an extremely physical affair at Grande Communications Stadium.

Sophomore forward Brian Natividad scored the clinching goal in the PKs for the Bulldogs.

With the win, MHS (11-5-0, 1-2-0-1-7 pts) claimed sole possession of second place in the district, three points behind leader Odessa High. Lee (8-5-2, 1-1-1-1-6 pts) managed to salvage a point in the defeat and is now in a two-way tie for third place with Abilene High.

MHS head coach Warren Cottle was not only pleased with the outcome for his squad, but also with the level of energy and emotion on both sides that characterized the entire match.

"I thought it was just two good teams who were playing really hard to try to get a victory," Cottle said. "They (Lee) came out with a good game plan and they played it in an effective way. It was a good match and this would be

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Fricker's late goal lifts MHS girls past Lee

By Oscar LeRoy
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Lady Bulldogs	2
Lady Rebels	1

Midland High girls soccer coach Meagan Lasley couldn't have been more proud of how her team responded against rival Lee in the final few minutes of Saturday's match.

The Lady Bulldogs controlled the ball for most of the day but Lee was able to tie it late. It wasn't until Claudia Fricker scored a goal off an Adrienne Almodova free kick with a little more than four minutes left in the contest that MHS could celebrate a 2-1 District 3-6A win at Grande Communications Stadium.

"Whether it's a tie game or we're losing, I need them to respond in a positive way by scoring goals, and that's what they did," Lasley said. "I couldn't be more proud of my girls for getting the three points today."

Combined with the win and Abilene High defeating San Angelo Central, 2-0, on Saturday, MHS (6-9-0, 3-0-0-1, 9 points) is now tied with the Lady Bobcats for first place in the district standings. Lee (7-5-1 overall) fell to 1-0-0-3, 3 points, in district.

It was a frustrating defeat for the Lady Rebels, but head coach Alan Castillejos was proud of the fight his team showed.

"The girls played their hearts out there today," he said. "I told them that if you leave it all on the field, I'm not going to be mad at you. I liked the energy. It was a great finish by Midland High at the end."

MHS had plenty of opportunities in the first half and even had two shots hit the crossbar. Despite Lee not getting any shots on goal, the Lady Rebels kept the game scoreless at the half.

"It was frustrating. With the heat, the

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Claudia Fricker (22) goes up for a header against Lee's Jenna Gonzales (18) on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

MHS girls doubles team wins Tall City title

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The Midland High girls doubles tandem Kate Daugherty and Allison Stewart have been on a mission this tennis season.

The MHS pair was on the doorstep of a state tournament berth in 2015, falling short with a fouth-place finish at regionals.

Midland High tennis coach Alan Biel says the sting of the shortcoming stuck with the pair over the summer, and the girls have been determined to prove their mettle this season.

On Saturday, Stewart and Daugherty captured a noteworthy win on their current quest by claiming the girls doubles championship of the Tall City Invitational at Bush Tennis Center.

Daugherty and Stewart improved their 2015-16 doubles record to 24-0 after beating a strong field that included seven of the top eight Class 6A teams in Region I.

"It's a confidence booster in that we beat the majority of the teams that are going to be at regionals," Daugherty said. "It's real encouraging for the rest of the season."

Saturday's triumph didn't come without tension for Stewart and Daugherty.

In the championship match, Daugherty-Stewart had Lubbock Coronado's Reagan Collins and Jessica Young on the ropes with two set points in the first stanza.

But Stewart and Daugherty couldn't put the Coronado pair away and Collins-Young bounced back to take the first set with a 7-6 margin after winning the tiebreaker.

Several times during the first set, Young and Collins made impressive shots to win hotly contested volleys.

"When they would hit those good shots, you can't do anything about it," Stewart said. "So we just have to say 'good shot' and get on with the next point."

The first set loss didn't affect Daugherty and Stewart as they fired back to win the second set, 6-2 and the third set, 6-3.

Daugherty said the conversation remained positive after they dropped the first set.

"(We said) just keep the energy up," Daugherty said. "We didn't do anything wrong in the first set, we just didn't make the shots that we needed to make, and we just kept going for those shots in the second set, and it started working better."

One of Daugherty's signature traits is her powerful serve; one that she used to overpower her combatants Saturday to record aces and poorly hit returns.

As for Stewart, she flustered her foes with her precision and high velocity shots which are created off her forehand.

In order to take the next step in their progression, the pair realizes they need to enhance their weaknesses.

"From last spring, I know I have been working on my ground strokes," Daugherty said. "Allison has been working at the net. What our strengths aren't, we've been working on just to become more well rounded as a team."

In Saturday's semifinal match, Stewart and Daugherty defeated Southlake Carroll's Taylor Reusche and Cameron Wang, 6-2, 6-2, to advance to the championship.

The MHS duo have six weeks of preparation left before postseason play begins with the District 3-6A Tournament on April 7 at Bush Tennis Center.

Biel likes the progress they've made since last spring.

"They're on the right track," Biel said. "I think we need to do a little bit more of what we've already been working on, which is being consistently aggressive and smart with our shot selection on the court. Kate and Allison put the hard work

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BASKETBALL

CBA Quarterfinal, Gm 4: Beijing vs. Xinjiang, 5:30 a.m., OWSPN

CBA Quarterfinal, Gm 4: Shandong vs. Guangdong, 7:30 a.m., OWSPN

BOWLING

PBA: Players Championship, Noon, ESPN

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Washington at Baylor, 1 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP

UNLV at Texas, 1 p.m., LHN

COLLEGE TENNIS

Iowa at Oklahoma, 11 a.m., FCSC

COLLEGE WRESTLING

Boise State at Oregon State, 1 p.m., P12 OR

NWCA National Duals Championship, 2 p.m., BTN

GOLF

PGA: Northern Trust Open, 3rd Round, Noon, GOLF

PGA: Northern Trust Open, 3rd Round, 2 p.m., CBS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Seton Hall at St. John's, 11 a.m., FS1

La Salle at George Washington, 11 a.m., NBCSN

Boston U at Bucknell, 11 a.m., CBSSN

Michigan at Maryland, Noon, CBS

Northeastern at Hofstra, 1 p.m., NBCSN

East Carolina at SMU, 1 p.m., ESPNews

Tulsa at UCF, 1 p.m., CBSSN

George Mason at UMass, 3 p.m., NBCSN

Wichita State at Indiana State, 3 p.m., ESPNU

San Diego State at San Jose State, 3 p.m., CBSSN

UAB at Middle Tennessee, 5 p.m., CBSSN

Utah at USC, 5 p.m., P12, P12 LA, P12 Mtn

Boston College at Wake Forest, 5:30 p.m., ESPNU

Temple at Houston, 6 p.m., ESPNews

Illinois at Wisconsin, 6:30 p.m., BTN

California at Washington State, 7:30 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S SOCCER

Eredivisie: Ajax vs. Excelsior, 7:20 a.m., UDN

FA Cup: Blackburn vs. West Ham, 8 a.m., FS2

Bundesliga: Bayer Leverkusen vs. Borussia Dortmund, 8:30 a.m., FSP, FXDEP

La Liga: Malaga vs. Rai Madrid, 8:50 a.m., beIN, beIN2

FA Cup: Tottenham Hotspur vs. Crystal Palace, 9 a.m., FSN (FSSW, FSSW+)

FA Cup: Chelsea vs. Manchester City, 10 a.m., FS2

Bundesliga: FC Schalke 04 vs. VfB Stuttgart, 10:30 a.m., FSP, GolTV

Italian Serie A: Frosinone Calcio vs. Lazio, 10:50 a.m., beIN

La Liga: Athletic vs. Real Sociedad, 11:10 a.m., beIN2

Liga MX: Pumas de la UNAM vs. Santos Laguna, Noon, UNIV, UDN

La Liga: Atletico Madrid vs. Villarreal, 1:20 p.m., beIN2

Italian Serie A: Roma vs. Citta di Palermo, 1:40 p.m., beIN

Brazil: Sao Paulo vs. Rio Claro, 2:30 p.m., GolTV

Superliga Portuguesa: Porto vs. Moreirense, 3 p.m., UDN

Brazil: Fluminense vs. Flamengo, 4:30 p.m., GolTV

Liga MX: Puebla vs. CS y D Dorados de Sinaloa, 4:50 p.m., UDN

Uruguay: Penarol vs. Defensor Sporting, 6:30 p.m., GolTV

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

UFC: Cowboy vs. Cowboy, Prelims, 6 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

UFC: Cowboy vs. Cowboy, 8 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

MOTORSPORTS

Sprint Cup: Daytona 500, Noon, FOX, FXDEP

NBA

Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 2:30 p.m., ABC, ESPNDEP

San Antonio at Phoenix, 4 p.m., FSSWSA

Philadelphia at Dallas, 6 p.m., FSSW

LA Lakers at Chicago, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

NHL

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 11:30 a.m., NBC

Chicago at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m., NBC

Detroit at NY Rangers, 6 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS

ATP: Open 13, Final, 8 a.m., TENNIS

WTA: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships, Final, 10 a.m., TENNIS

ATP: Delray Beach Open, Doubles Final, Noon, TENNIS

ATP: Delray Beach Open, Singles Final, 2 p.m., TENNIS

ATP: Rio Open, Final, 3:30 p.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Memphis at USF, 11 a.m., ESPNU

NC State at North Carolina, Noon, ESPN2

Florida at Georgia, Noon, SEC

Minnesota at Michigan State, Noon, BTN

West Virginia at Texas, Noon, FSN (FSSW)

Duquesne at Dayton, Noon, SNY

Tennessee at LSU, 1 p.m., ESPNU

DePaul at Creighton, 1 p.m., FS1

Washington at Arizona State, 1 p.m., P12, P12 AZ, P12 WA

California at Colorado, 1 p.m., P12 Mtn

Maryland at Rutgers, 2 p.m., ESPN2

Arkansas at Kentucky, 2 p.m., SEC

Purdue at Nebraska, 2 p.m., BTN

Syracuse at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m., FSSW

Texas Tech at Kansas State, 2 p.m., FCSC

Drexel at Elon, 2 p.m., SNY

Stanford at Utah, 3 p.m., P12, P12 BAY, P12 Mtn

Mississippi State at Ole Miss, 4 p.m., ESPN2

Texas A&M at Vanderbilt, 4 p.m., SEC

UCLA at Oregon State, 8 p.m., P12, P12 LA, P12 OR

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Olympic Qualifying: CONCACAF Champions, 4 p.m., NBCU

ON RADIO

NBA

Philadelphia at Dallas, 6 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

Junior college

BASEBALL

Seward College at Midland College (DH), noon

LOCAL SPORTS

HOPPEL HELPS LCU BEAT UTPB

ODESSA — Midland High grad Kelsey Hoppel was one of four Lubbock Christian University players to score in double figures in a 109-56 blowout of UTPB on Saturday at the Falcon Dome.

Hoppel, an LCU senior, scored 17 points to help the No. 1-ranked Lady Chaparrals improve to 24-0 overall and 16-0 in the Heartland Conference.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Bobby Parnell on a minor league contract.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Released LHP Luis Cruz.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Released LHP Christian Friedrich.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with OF Matt Joyce on a minor league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with RHP Casey Janssen on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

PHOENIX SUNS — Signed G Phil Pressey to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DETROIT LIONS — Released DT C.J. Wilson.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled G Daniel Altshuller from Florida (ECHL) TO Charlotte (AHL).

MINNESOTA WILD — Recalled D Guillaume Gelinas from Quad City (ECHL) to Iowa (AHL).

American Hockey League

LAKE ERIE MONSTERS — Recalled F Derek DeBlois from South Carolina (ECHL).

ONTARIO REIGN — Assigned RW Scott Sabourin and D Zach Leslie to Manchester (ECHL).

STOCKTON HEAT — Signed D Mike Vernace and Gabriel Verpaelst to professional tryout contracts.

TORONTO MARLIES — Returned F Rylan Schwartz to Orlando (ECHL). Assigned D James Martin to Orlando.

ECHL

INDY FUEL — Claimed F Casey Thrush off waivers from South Carolina.

COLLEGE

WISCONSIN — Named Jim Leonhard defensive backs coach.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Fri 5:26 am machine groomed 27-40 base 70 of 78 trails 90% open, 7 of 7 lifts. Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Pajarito — Sat 5:38 am hard packed machine groomed 24-36 base 40 of 44 trails, 91% open 5 of 7 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Wed-Sun

Red River — Sat 7:14 am variable machine groomed 50-50 base 56 of 58 trails 97% open, 7 of 7 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Sandia Peak — Fri 6:39 am packed powder machine groomed 20-35 base 35 of 39 trails 90% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Sipapu — Sat 5:37 am spring snow machine groomed 34-44 base 42 of 42 trails, 100% open 10 miles, 200 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Fri 4:24 pm machine groomed 44-158 base 53 of 55 trails 96% open, 9 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Fri 8:46 am variable machine groomed 86-98 base 79 of 79 trails 100% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Sat 5:29 am powder machine groomed 87-87 base 105 of 110 trails, 95% open 1294 acres, 13 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sat 5:52 am packed powder machine groomed 59-56 base 106 of 129 trails 97% open, 980 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Sat 5:55 am packed powder machine groomed 55-71 base 122 of 122 trails 100% open, 1053 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Aspen Mountain — Sat 5:53 am packed powder machine groomed 46-49 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Sat 5:16 am packed powder machine groomed 47-47 base 150 of 150 trails 100% open, 1832 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Breckenridge — Sat 5:20 am packed powder machine groomed 59-59 base 187 of 187 trails 100% open, 2908 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Sat 5:54 am packed powder machine groomed 41-55 base 39 of 44 trails 89% open, 434 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Cooper — Sat 5:47 am powder machine groomed 42-48 base 38 of 39 trails, 97% open 26 miles, 375 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Copper Mountain — Sat 5:26 am powder machine groomed 53-68 base 141 of 143 trails 99% open, 2465 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Crested Butte — Sat 12:49 am powder machine groomed 53-53 base 118 of 121 trails 99% open, 1091 acres, 15 of 16 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Echo Mountain — Operating, no details

Eldora — Sat 6:16 am packed powder machine groomed 45-45 base 54 of 54 trails, 100% open 680 acres, 11 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Keystone — Sat 5:23 am packed powder machine groomed 50-50 base 131 of 131 trails 100% open, 3144 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Support for athletics is a big hallmark of the Permian Basin

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We already know that Midland is unlike other West Texas, or even other American cities, of similar size.

Yes there are the drawbacks: The high cost of living, the sometimes crazy and irresponsible drivers (someone blew past me on Andrews Highway on Saturday to pull into Taco Bell) and the dust that comes with the wind.

But make no mistake, there are a lot of things that are great about living in this area, and one of those things is the support sports teams get here.

That is especially true for Texas Tech athletics.

While the university is a short drive away for West Texans' standards, in recent years the Red Raiders, under the leadership of Texas Tech Director of Athletic Kirby Hocutt, have made it a point to make the Tall City a regular stop.

That's why within a four-day span in early April, Red Raider athletics will be making Midland their home as the football team returns to Grand Communications Stadium for a scrimmage on April 2, while the baseball teams play Abilene Christian University at Security Bank Ballpark on April 5.

"We say thank you for opening your doors to the Red Raiders," said Hocutt during his press conference opening remarks at Security Bank Ballpark this past week. "When the Red Raiders are here, the Midland and Odessa communities have been here to support us. As long as that continues, we're going to continue to be here. The more exposure we can get in this community, the better for us. As a long as the invitation remains there and you all don't kick us out, we're going to come every year."

That says a lot about this community and I applaud you for once again welcoming Texas Tech athletics with open arms.

Other communities in West Texas don't get that opportunity.

■ In addition to serving as Texas Tech AD, Hocutt also has the privilege of serving on the Football Playoff Selection Committee and was recently appointed as the committee's chairman, meaning he will not only have greater responsibility but be under a brighter spotlight during the college football season.

Hocutt said he has enjoyed the experience and is looking forward to serving as the chairman. He added that he doesn't foresee any major changes in the way teams are selected for the playoffs, although there are always going to be gripes from fans and media nerds like myself at times.

"Two years it's proven that the process works," Hocutt said. "I think the first two years have shown that we have put forward the best four teams in the country. At the end of day, that is our responsibility to rank the top 25 teams and assign the four best teams for semifinal games. I'm very pleased with the process."

Sounds like Hocutt is already ready for those weekly on-air ESPN interviews.

■ And finally, congratulations to the Lee, Greenwood, Grady, MCA and Midland Christian girls basketball teams for moving on in the playoffs.

Lee's 61-53 win over Amarillo Tascosa on Friday was big, in my opinion, as it's not always easy for Permian Basin teams to get past Panhandle teams in the larger classifications.

It only gets tougher for each remaining team in this round but a big shout out for carrying the Permian Basin banner during your respective quest for a state championship.

The boys playoffs for most begin this week.

Unfortunately we couldn't get any of the Midland ISD teams to qualify, but that's the way it goes sometimes.

I will be interested to see how far Grady can go this season after making to the Class 1A state title game last year.

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Lee diver Campbell wins bronze at state meet

From staff reports

AUSTIN — The third time is a charm for Lee diver Charlye Campbell.

Campbell earned a bronze medal with a third-place finish (457.00 points) in girls 1-meter diving during the UIL Class 6A State Swimming and Diving Championships on Saturday at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center.

It was Campbell's first trip to the podium at the state meet after placing sixth as a sophomore in 2015 and seventh as a freshman in 2014.

"Her performance was very consistent," Midland ISD diving coach Jennifer Mangum said of Campbell. "She was really pleased. Her goal was to get a state medal so she was very, very happy with it."

"She really didn't miss anything," Mangum added when referring to Campbell's dives.

In boys swimming, MHS sophomore Braden Vines just missed a medal as he finished fourth (1:49.90) in the 200 individual medley for the second consecutive season. Despite falling short, Vines garnered All-American honors with his swim.

Midland High junior Garrett Martin placed fifth (460.95 points) in boys 1-meter diving one year after finishing ninth in his UIL state meet debut.

Mangum said Martin's score was boosted by a dive that scored over 63 points.

MHS sophomore Logan Hillman placed seventh (420.75 points) in the girls 1-meter during her first state meet.

Mangum said all three MISD divers earned first-team, all-state status and All-American status with their performances.

Midland High junior Kile Carriger turned in a seventh-place showing (1:05.27) in the girls 100 breaststroke.

MIDLANDCOLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BASEBALL SPLITS WITH COLBY COUNTY

The Midland College baseball team splits its home-opening doubleheader against Colby County (Kan.) Community College on Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

The Chaparals scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning of the first game to win 4-3. But in the second game, Colby scored the go-ahead run in the sixth inning and held on for a 2-1 victory.

In the first game, MC trailed 3-2 going into the final inning when Eric Senior singled to score Nolan Rattai. Yahir Gurrola then punched the game-winning single to right field to score Hill Alexander.

Gurrola was 2-for-4 in the game with a home run and two RBI while Rattai and Daily Burney each added two hits for the Chaps (1-4). Jesse Borden got the win in relief.

Rattai and Senior each had two hits for MC in the second game.

Zach Murphy suffered the tough loss despite only allowing two runs on five hits in six innings of work.

MC host Seward County College in another doubleheader, beginning at noon today.

Game 1

MIDLAND COLLEGE 4, COLBY COUNTY CC 3

Colby	011	000 1	–3	5	0
Midland	100	100 2	–4	8	0

Jeremy Geinn, Ben Dalke (7) and Cole MacLaren. Tucker Davidson, Jesse Borden (7) and Tony Beam. W — Borden. L — Dalke. 2B — MC: Nolan Rattai. HR — MC: Beam, Gurrola.

Game 2

COLBY COUNTY CC 2, MIDLAND COLLEGE 1

Colby	001	001000	–2	7	1
Midland	000	010000	–1	6	0

Nicholas Priola, Greg Laban (7), Tanner Broussard (7) and MacLaren. Zach Murphy, Collan Johnson (8), Ryan Minnix (8), Jason Conway (9) and Alex Salcido. W — Priola. L — Murphy. 2B — Colby: Dalke 2, Reid Fritzke; MC: Rattai. HR — Colby, Fritzke.

Records: Midland College 1-4; Colby County CC 8-1

Next: Seward County CC at Midland College (DH), noon today

SOFTBALL TEAM SPLITS IN ODESSA

ODESSA — The No. 15-ranked Midland College softball team experienced the extremes of winning and losing as it went 1-1 during two games on Saturday at the Odessa Classic Tournament.

In their first game, the Lady Chaparrals coasted to an 8-1 win over Otero (Colo.) Junior College behind a 13-hit effort.

Later in the day, MC was clobbered by No. 1College of Southern Idaho in a 17-2 loss that was called after five innings due to the run rule.

The Lady Chaparrals (15-4) were plagued by seven errors and were crushed by a 14-run third inning by the Golden Eagles.

Alexis Sullivan-Aguilar homered for MC in the first game.

Game 1

MIDLAND COLLEGE 8, OTERO JUNIOR COLLEGE 1

Midland	410	110 1	–8	13	2
Otero	010	000 0	–1	5	2

Kaitlyn Durrett, Sanae Nakoa (3) and Rebecca Hernandez. Aspen Atkins, Brett Johnson (3), Katelyn Ellis (5) and Nohea Raphael. Taylor Hansel (5) W — Nakoa. L — Atkins. 2B — MC: Hannah Howard, Lilyan Bermudez, Otero: Kelcey-Ann Taguchi, Raphael. HR — MC: Alexis Sullivan-Aguilar

Game 2

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO 17, MIDLAND COLLEGE 2, 5 INNINGS

Midland	010	01	–2	4	7
So. Idaho	10(14)	2x	–17	8	2

Sanae Nakoa, Cassie Sistaga (3), Nakoa and Rebecca Hernandez. Kelsey Christensen and Abby Toller. W — Christensen. L — Nakoa. 2B — MC: Sistaga, Alexis Sullivan-Aguilar, Southern Idaho: Jaci Bishop, Cassidy Basinger; 3B — Southern Idaho: Erin Emanuel. HR — Southern Idaho: Toller, Haylee Eskelson.

Record: Midland College 15-4

Next: MC at Glendale (Ariz.) CC, March 10

Vonn's latest title overshadowed by social media gaffe

Associated Press

LA THUILE, Italy — Apologizing for a gaffe on social media, Lindsey Vonn had little to celebrate after clinching a record 20th World Cup crystal globe title and surpassing Swedish great Ingemar Stenmark on Saturday.

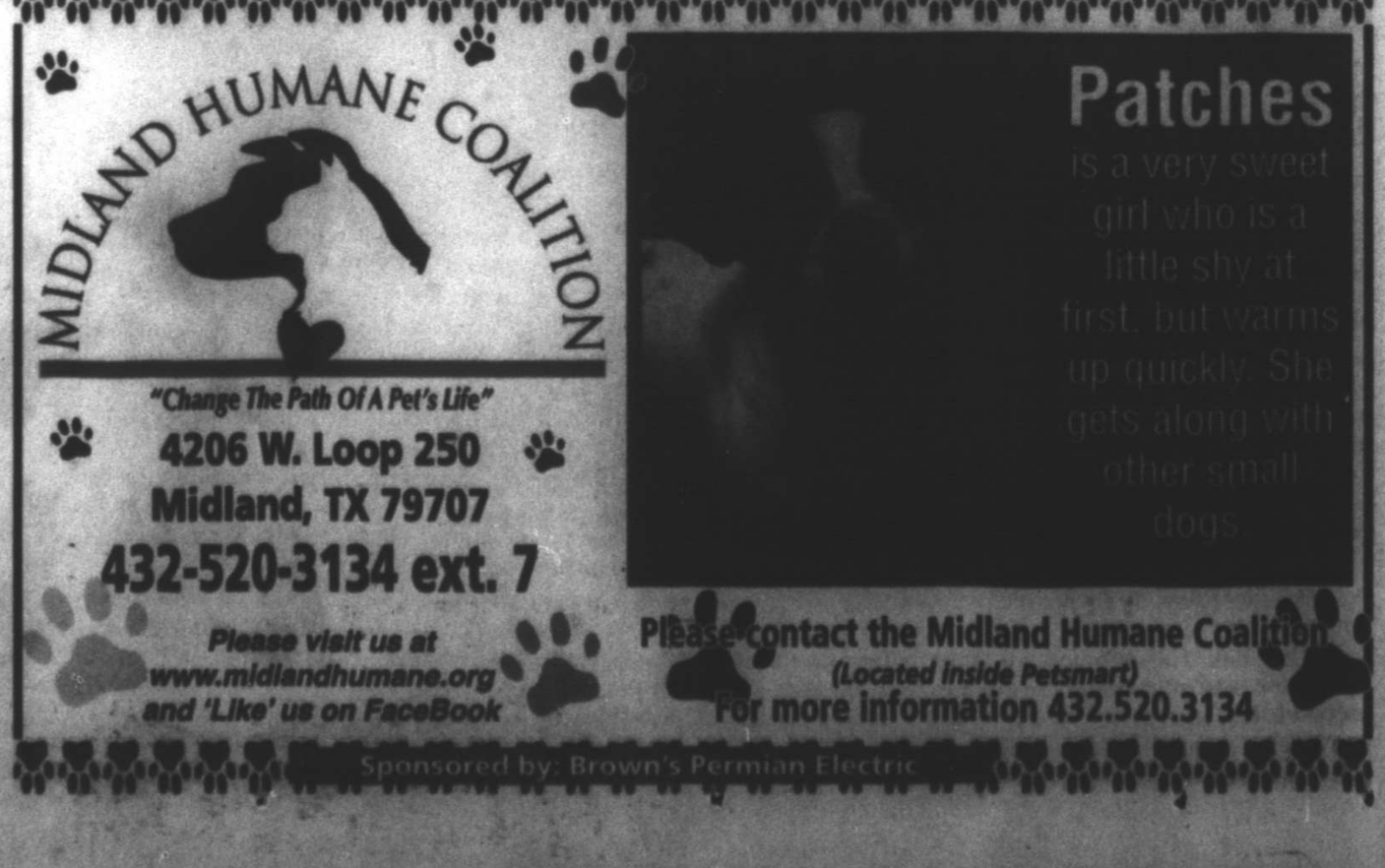
A day earlier, Vonn posted a video of an angry outburst in which she destroyed her bindings with a hammer following a race where one ski detached.

After erasing the post from her Facebook page, Vonn spent the night drafting an apology with her Los Angeles-based agent and called Johan Eliasch, chairman of the Head group that supplies the American's equipment.

"I made a mistake and everyone does that. I am human. I had a lot of emotions yesterday and I should have just done boxing with my trainer," Vonn said after bouncing back to finish second Saturday and wrap up the season-long downhill championship.

"I'm always usually careful with what I do and say on the social media platforms and I just didn't really think it through," Vonn said. "I was a little bit too emotional. It was a good lesson for me. I just have to remember that I have a lot of people looking up to me and I can't let my emotions get the best of me."

Nadia Fanchini of Italy won with a 0.14-second margin ahead of Vonn in a race shortened by winds.



Permian wins the Bobby Dunn Invitational tourney by 13 shots

By Will Korn
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After building a three-stroke lead following Friday's first round, the Odessa Permian boys No. 1 golf team ran away with the Bobby Dunn Tall City Invitational championship by 13 strokes on Saturday at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Wolfforth Frenship finished second with a total team score of 595, edging third place San Angelo Central (595) in a playoff. Lee's top team completed the weekend in fourth place with a score of 622.

Saturday's victory was sweet redemption for a Panthers team that lost to San Angelo Central by one stroke in last year's Invitational.

This time around, Permian made sure to lock up the title by shooting an impressive 290 in the second round.

Senior Parker Beaty paced the Panthers in the second round with a card of 68. He finished the tournament second in the individual medalists standings with a two-day score of 138.

For Beaty and his teammates, it was a nice feeling to come back this year and get the job done after narrowly missing out on last year's title.

"It felt good," Beaty said. "Anytime you can win in a bigger tournament, especially by 12 (strokes), it's pretty good. Twelve strokes is quite a bit. One stroke can make it or break it, so to win by 12, I'm pretty satisfied."

Permian head coach Shawn Mahan said it's always a challenge trying to finish ahead of both Central and Frenship on consecutive days in tournament play.

But the Panthers' consistency on Friday and Saturday allowed them to do just that in this tournament.

"Frenship is always good and man, Central, they are really good," Mahan said. "We played in Big Spring last week and the guys shot 290 and 295. That's kind of where we need to be at for regionals. I'm very proud of them. They did great and hopefully we can keep it going."

The Panthers placed two of their players in the top 10 overall and three in the top 15.

Abilene Cooper's Riley Casey won the tournament with a 68-66—134 showing. Central junior Jeff Maciejewski — last year's Bobby Dunn Invitational champion — placed third with a score of 68-71—139.

Rebels finish strong

On Saturday, the Rebels matched their first round score of 311 and finished the weekend in fourth place.

Jared Valdez (76-74—150) cut two strokes off his first round score and finished in a three-way tie for ninth place overall out of the 93-player field.

Lee teammates Brayden Workman and Ethan Hobbs both shot a 155 over the two days and finished in a tie for 22nd place.

Trinity's Escamilla cracks top 10

One year missing a medal by eight strokes, Trinity sophomore Austin Escamilla (78-72—150) completed the tournament in a three-way for ninth place overall.

Escamilla's first round score of 78 placed him just outside the top 10 following Friday's action. He cut six strokes off his score to earn a medal.

MHS, MCS in the middle

The MHS No. 1 team (341-323—664) and Midland Christian (341-342—683) finished this year's tournament in 11th and 12th place, respectively.

Brinson Vitello (80-77—157) carded the lowest score among all Bulldog golfers, while Robby Massey (80-83—163) paced the Mustangs for the weekend.

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Bobby Dunn Tall City Invitational
Friday-Saturday
Final results
Team standings

1. Odessa Permian, 292-290—582; 2. Wolfforth Frenship, 308-287—595; 3. San Angelo Central, 295-300—595; 4. Lee I, 311-311—622; 5. El Paso Franklin, 317-311—628; 6. Snyder, 315-323—638; 7. Lubbock Coronado, 319-326—645; 8. Odessa Permian II, 327-320—647; 19. Abilene Cooper, 329-323—652; Abilene High, 326-326—652; 11. Midland High I, 341-323—664; 12. Midland Christian, 341-342—683; 13. Odessa High I, 341-348—689; 14. Trinity, 354-337—691; 15. Lee II, 360-337—697; T-16. Pecos 417-382—799; Odessa High II, 403-396—799; 18. Midland High II, 400-408—808

Top 10 individuals

1. Riley Casey, Abilene Cooper, 68-66—134; 2. Parker Beaty, Odessa Permian I, 70-68—138; 3. Jeff Maciejewski, San Angelo Central, 68-71—139; 4. Tripp Wallace, Wolfforth Frenship, 72-67—139; 5. Will Adams, Odessa Permian I, 70-71—141; 6. Jansen Smith, San Angelo Central, 69-74—142; 7. Bear Bailey, Abilene Cooper, 71-74—145; 8. Aiden Willcoxon, Lubbock Coronado, 74-75—149; T-9. Jared Valdez, Lee I, 76-74—150; Austin Escamilla, Trinity, 78-72—150; Trevor Wilson, Odessa Permian II, 79-72—150

Team results

Odessa Permian I (292-290—582) — Parker Beaty, 70-68—138; Will Adams, 70-71—141; Dalton Anderson, 78-73—151; Matthew Trotter, 75-79—154; Jaden Chavez, 77-82—159

Wolfforth Frenship (308-287—595) — Tripp Wallace, 72-67—139; Thad Willeford, 79-73—151; Jack Still, 78-74—152; Zach Aguirre, 80-73—155; Christian Zuniga, 80-75—155

San Angelo Central (295-300—595) — Jeff Maciejewski, 68-71—139; Jansen Smith, 69-74—142; Flynn McNabb, 81-72—153; Sergio Soto, 78-83—161; Parker Sharma, 91-82—163

Lee I (311-311—622) — Jared Valdez, 76-74—150; Ethan Hobbs, 76-79—155; Brayden Workman, 79-76—155; Cason Vitello, 80-83—163; Jared Arias, 82-82—164

El Paso Franklin (317-311—628) — Viraj Bhakta, 76-76—152; Hayden Lucy, 76-78—154; Jacob Howes, 81-73—154; Will Chapa, 84-84—168

Snyder (315-323—638) — Jake Leatherwood, 71-82—153; Clayton Galyean, 84-75—159; Kyle Shrum, 80-80—160; Logan Presley, 80-88—168; Jay Ramos, 87-86—173

Lubbock Coronado (319-326—645) — Aiden Willcoxon, 74-75—149; Collin Sprous, 78-78—156; Jay Hitt, 81-80—161; Jake Low, 86-93—179; Ziad Qubbi, 107-98—205

Odessa Permian II (327-320—647) — Trevor Wilson, 78-72—150; Alek Sifuentez, 79-84—163; Jonathan Alvarez, 88-80—168; Karson Meinkowsky, 85-84—169; Keliahn Poston, 85-86—171

Abilene Cooper (329-323—652) — Riley Casey, 68-66—134; Bear Bailey, 71-74—145; Jayton Evans, 83-81—164; Rusty Flores, 97-92—189; Vandon Burton, 99-96—195

Abilene High (326-326—652) — John Rhodes, 84-68—152; Anthony Browning, 78-78—156; Bobby Johnson, 80-82—162; Ryan King, 84-80—164; Kyle Curnutt, 85-97—182

Midland High I (341-323—664) — Brinson Vitello, 80-77—157; Caleb Douglas, 84-82—166; Blake Rasmussen, 85-82—167; Cory McCurdy, 92-82—174; Carter Petty, 97-87—194

Midland Christian (341-342—683) — Robby Massey, 80-83—163; Joe Smith, 78-88—166; Tanner Henry, 92-86—178; Zant Holloman, 94-85—179; Trennon Parish, 91-100—191

Odessa High I (341-348—689) — Kristian Robles, 82-88—170; Anthony Maldonado, 86-84—170; Oscar Hernandez, 84-86—170; Zach Iniguez, 89-90—179; Wade Westfall, 93-94—187

Trinity (354-337—691) — Austin Escamilla, 78-72—150; Chesley McDonald, 85-81—166; Chris Palacios, 89-90—179; Thomas Beal, 103-94—197; Peyton Herrington, 102-108—210

Lee II (360-337—697) — Hayden Williams, 88-81—169; Nathan Lopez, 92-83—175; Ross Krottlie, 85-91—176; Derek Thomas, 95-82—177; Gabe Castaneda, 102-103—205

Pecos (417-382—799) — Nano Mendoza, 92-84—176; Kaleb Valenzuela, 101-83—184; Brandon Armendariz, 106-102—208; Caleb Hoyt, 118-113—231; Ryan Herrera, 136-139—275

Odessa High II (403-396—799) — Alex Maldonado, 87-88—175; Hunter Gray, 101-92—193; Abel Alvarez, 105-100—205; Jacob Rodriguez, 110-116—226

Midland High II (400-408—808) — Sebastian Cruz, 84-85—169; Matthew Tubbs, 99-102—201; Garrett Modawell, 107-109—216; Dino Lara, 110-112—222; Mark Madrid, 127-135—262

10. Madison Cabellero, Wolfforth Frenship 89-77—166.

Team results

Lee (325-311—636) — Rebecca Reed 69-67—136; Chloe Bice 86-77—163; Alexis Adkisson 83-81—164; Ryleigh Stump 87-86—173; Alex Sparks 90-88—178

Odessa High (321-318—639) — Reygan Rodriguez 77-72—149; Hailey Cernoch 76-80—156; Lexi Carter 80-82—162; Caitlyn Thomas 88-84—172; Aumbree Cox 89-95—188

Odessa Permian (331-316—647) — Briana Venegas 80-75—155; Jordan Digby 83-73—156; Emily Serrano 85-82—167; Shelby Knighton 83-86—169; DaAnna Flores 89-86—175

Wolfforth Frenship (338-313—651) — Haley Vargas 75-73—148; Madison Cabellero 89-77—166; Kaylin Raney 89-79—168; Stefflanie Roldan 85-84—169; Hallie Oden 92-87—179

San Angelo Central (295-394—787) — Olivia Tobias 89-90—179; Taylor Boyce 94-84—178; Hallie Walker 105-108—213; Karleigh Rivas 105-112—217; Erica Peddy 134-125—259

Abilene High (435-398—833) — Allie Rodriguez 97-75—172; Keslie Willcoxn 112-102—214; Brei Embers 112-106—218; Chloe Boyd 114-115—229; Laci Davis 115-115—230

Other medalists

Wolfforth Frenship: Landrie Thomas 89-97—190

Odessa High: Iris Ramirez 108-101—209

Odessa Permian: Katelynn Winchell 95-95—190; Kayla Gonzales 95-97—192; Adrianna Hernandez 98-99—197

Lee comes back to win ECISD tourney

From staff reports

ODESSA — With a second round team score of 311, the Lee girls golf team captured the Ector County ISD Invitational title by three strokes over Odessa High on Saturday at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links.

The Lady Rebels trailed by four strokes after Friday's first round, but rebounded on Saturday to take home the championship.

After carding a 69 on Friday, Lee's Rebecca Reed shot a 67 on Saturday and took first place overall. She finished 12 strokes ahead of second-place Haley Vargas of Wolfforth Frenship.

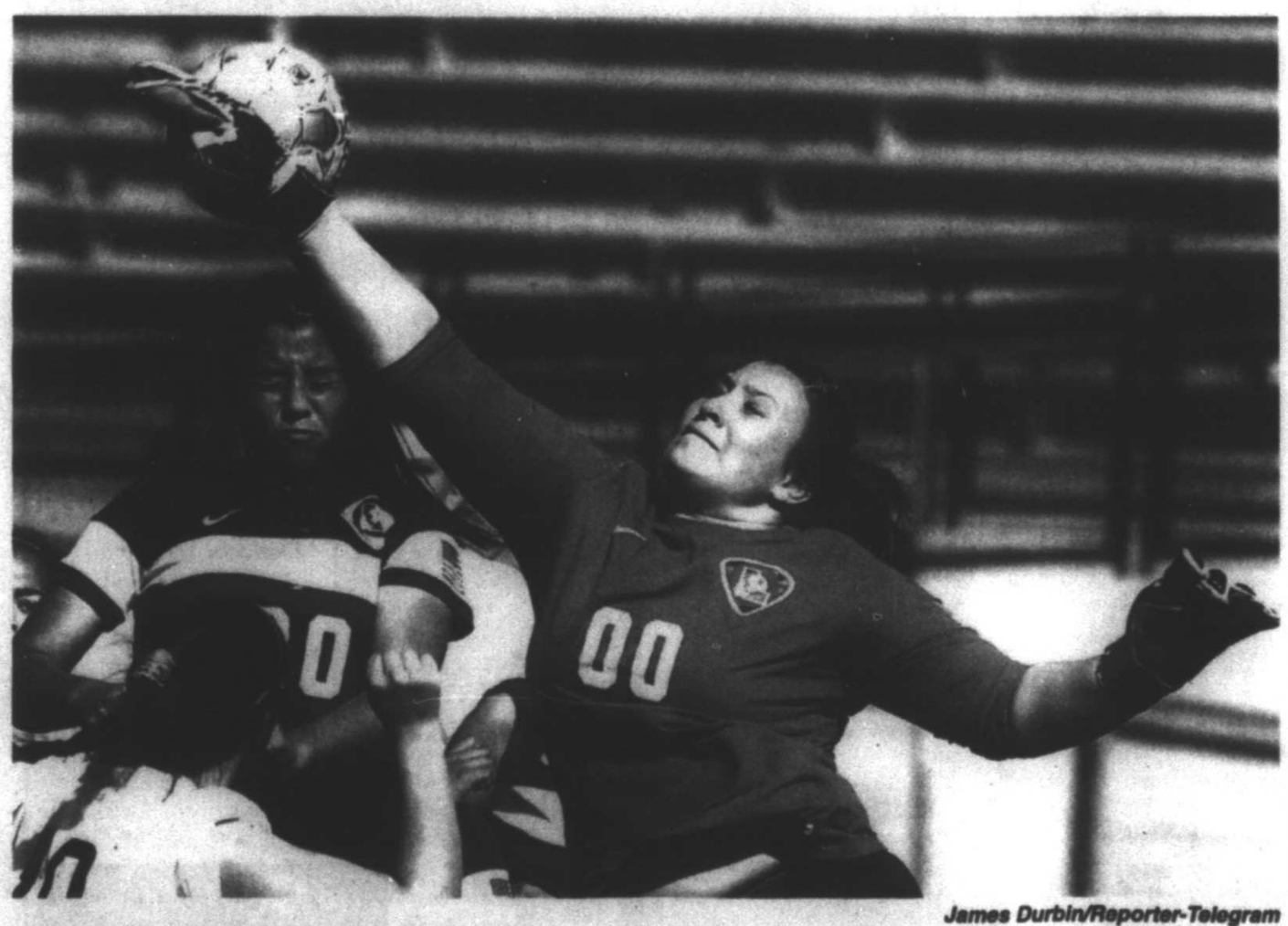
Lee teammates Chloe Bice (86-77—163) and Alexis Adkisson (83-81—164) finished the weekend in eighth and ninth place, respectively.

ECISD GIRLS INVITATIONAL
at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa
Saturday's final results
Team Standings

1. Lee 325-311 — 636; 2. Odessa High 321-318 — 639; 3. Odessa Permian 331-316 — 647; 4. Wolfforth Frenship 338-313 — 651; 5. San Angelo Central 393-394 — 787; 6. Abilene High 435-398 — 833

Top 10 individuals

1. Rebecca Reed, Lee 69-67—136; 2. Haley Vargas, Wolfforth Frenship, 75-73—148; 3. Reygan Rodriguez, Odessa High 77-72—149; 4. Briana Venegas, Odessa Permian 80-75—155; T-5. Hailey Cernoch, Odessa High, 76-80—156; Jordan Digby, Odessa Permian 83-73—156; 7. Lexi Carter, Odessa High 80-82—162; 8. Chloe Bice, Lee, 86-77—163; 9. Alexis Adkisson, Lee 83-81—164;



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee keeper Cheyenne Pearce (00) knocks the ball away on a corner kick in front of teammate Abigail Baeza (20) on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

GIRLS

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pace of the game, it was kind of hard to get acclimated to that," Lasley said. "I told the girls about playing our game and setting the tone in the second half, and that's what it was all about. I think that was the key to our success."

MHS finally converted three minutes into the second half when Almodova got past the Lee defense to punch it in for a 1-0 lead.

MHS could have extended the lead again in the second half, but couldn't convert.

Lee took advantage when it finally broke through in the 75th minute when Jessy Luna passed the ball to Andrea Ganthner, who then fed a cross to Bailee Wallace, who finished off the play with the goal.

"The fight's there, now we just got to get a few more finishes," Castillejos said. "Midland High is a good team and it takes 80 minutes to play against them."

Unfortunately for Lee, there was just enough time for MHS to get the game-winner.

While on the attack, Almodova was fouled on the Lee's side of the field, giving her a free kick opportunity from the right side of the goal. Almodova was able kick the ball in perfect position for Fricker, who came from the left to finish it off with the header.

"I got the chills when I kicked the ball. I was able to get the ball in and Claudia came off the backside to score the goal," Almodova said. "I was glad she got it.

"I'm just glad that we fought through. We were tied 1-1 and in the final five (minutes). I'm just glad that the girls didn't give up."

MHS travels to play Abilene High, while Lee hosts Odessa Permian on Tuesday.

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2016 District 3-6A girls soccer

Team	W	PW	PL	L	Pts.
San Angelo Central (14-0-3)	3	0	0	1	9
Midland High (8-6-2)	3	0	0	1	9
Odessa High (11-4-0)	2	0	0	2	6
Odessa Permian (5-6-2)	2	0	0	2	6
Odessa High (10-5-1)	1	0	0	3	3
Lee (7-8-1)	1	0	0	3	3

Note: 3 points for a win, 2 points for a penalty kick win, 1 point for a penalty kick loss

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 2, Lee 1; Odessa Permian 3, Odessa High 0; Abilene High 2, San Angelo Central 1

Tuesday's Matches

Midland High at Odessa High; Abilene High at Lee; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central. All matches start at 7:30 p.m.

HSBASKETBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls playoffs

TAPPS 4A AREA
MCS 55
TYLER ALL SAINTS 31

Behind a game-high 20 points from Megan Ashton, Midland Christian raced to a 55-31 victory against Tyler All Saints in a TAPPS 4A area playoff game, Saturday at McGraw Events Center.

The Lady Mustangs (25-13) catapulted to a 23-5 lead after the first quarter and then stretched their lead to 23 points by the end of the third quarter.

Blaire Neatherlin added nine points for MCS, which will take on Dallas Christian in the regional quarterfinal round at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Dallas.

MCS 55, TYLER ALL SAINTS 31

All Saints — Roudes 12, Johnson 6, Bracken 3, Luzzappi 6, Babeiter 4

MCS (25-13) — Megan Ashton 20, Sheridan Srively 2, Anna Galindo 8, Kayla Ackerman 6, Blaire Neatherlin 9, SkylerBennett 6, Avery McKinney 2

All Saints	5	7	9	10	—31
MCS	23	7	14	11	—55

Free throws — All Saints 7-14, MCS 7-18. 3-point goals — All Saints 6 (Roudes 2, Johnson 2, Luzzappi 2), MCS 3 (Ashton, Bennett 2). Total fouls — All Saints 20, MCS 16. Fouled out — none.

Next: MCS vs. Dallas Christian in regional quarterfinals, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Dallas Christian

GREENWOOD AND MCA SET PLAYOFF DETAILS

Greenwood (24-11) will meet Lubbock Estacado (18-15) in the Class 4A regional quarterfinal at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Lamesa High School.

Midland Classical (18-10) visits McKinney Christian (26-3) in the TAPPS Class 3A area playoff at 7 p.m. Tuesday

Boys playoffs

TAPPS 4A BI-DISTRICT
BULLARD BROOK HILL 58
MCS 50

DUBLIN — Daniel Venzant scored a game-high 38 points but it wasn't enough, as MCS fell, 58-50 to Bullar Brook Hill on Saturday in a TAPPS 4A bi-district game.

Both teams struggled in the first half, but the Mustangs (24-16) held a 14-12 lead at the break. Brook Hill (16-16) took control of the game with a 19-11 run in the third quarter and held on for the victory after a high-scoring fourth quarter.

Parker Galbraich led Brook Hill with 15 points, while Westin Elliott added 7 for MCS.

BULLARD BROOK HILL 58, MCS 50

MCS (24-16) — Daniel Venzant 38, Bryce Waters 3, Westin Elliott 7, Luke Watson 2

Brook Hill — Alex 14, Colton Adams 8, Ryan Cox 10, Parker Galbraich 15, Reed Hill 10

MCS	9	5	11	25	—50
Brook Hill	4	8	19	27	—58

Free throws — MCS 12-15, Brook Hill 17-26. 3-point goals — MCS 4 (Elliott 2, Waters, Venzant), Brook Hill 3 (Galbraich, Hill 3). Total fouls — MCS 20, Brook Hill 16. Fouled out — Waters. McCray Fletcher.

Next: Brook Hill vs. Austin St. Dominic Savio Catholic in area round, TBA, Tuesday; MCS has completed its season

MHS' Boyce shines at Andrews meet

From staff reports

ANDREWS — Midland High's Ariene Boyce had a banner day at the Andrews Last Qualifier Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, winning the 181-pound girls weight division and earning the event's Best Heavy Platform Lifter Award.

Beatriz Galindo, also of MHS, won the 198-pound girls division.

The Lady Bulldogs powerlifters placed third with a team score of 22 points, trailing meet champion Andrews (42) and runner-up Seminole (26 points).

Andrews Last Qualifier Meet
Saturday's results
Girls

181 — 1. Ariene Boyce. MHS, 870: 2. Claire McPherson, MHS, 585

198 — 1. Beatriz Galindo, MHS, 720

220 — 3. Markeva King, MHS, 740

MCS leaves Fort Worth on high note

From staff reports

FORT WORTH — The Midland Christian baseball team defeated Fort Worth THESA 9-8 on Saturday to finish the Texas Private School Classic with a 2-1-1 record.

MCS lost to St. Michael's (3-1), tied Argyle Liberty Christian (4-4) before defeating Fort Worth Nolan (10-3).

Against THESA, MCS was down 7-1 before it roared back to win the game.

Grant Little was 2-for-3 with a double and a triple, Blake Letcher was 2-for-4 with two RBI, Tyson Banks drove in three runs and Nolen Hester added two RBI.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 9,
FORT WORTH THESA 8

THESA	0	0	7	0	—8 11 1
MCS	1	0	4	3	—9 6 2

Spingener, Autrey (4), Roberts (4) and Bloom. Anderson Needham, Hunter Robertson (3), Nolen Hester (6) and Zach Tilton and Aaron Davila (6). W — Hester. L — Roberts. 2B — THESA: Pollock, Bloom, Thompson; MCS:Grant Little, Blake Letcher, Tyson Banks, Matt Morgan. 3B — MCS: Little.

Next: Andrews at Midland Christian, 6 p.m., Christensen Stadium.

Boys

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the game to watch, a good soccer game to see what it (the sport) is all about. This is exciting with all the passion."

Lee co-head coach Scott Hicks said he wished some of the game's bounces would have gone his team's way, but he's still satisfied with the result against a talented MHS squad.

In particular, he was happy with the way the Rebels limited the number of shots for the Bulldogs' top playmakers.

"We would prefer that when we had a really good chance of getting in, we would have put it in," Hicks said. "It just didn't go in for us. But we knew how explosive they (MHS) are on offense and we knew they are capable of scoring a lot of goals. So we just focused on trying to limit their shots of their highly ranked players and did so pretty effectively most of the time."

Added Hicks: "They had some opportunities, we had some opportunities and we'll take a point."

Both teams generated plenty of chances in both the first and second halves but just couldn't find the back of the net.

The Bulldogs threatened to score on a few occasions late in the first half and then the Rebels nearly found the breakthrough goal in the 45th minute when a shot inside the box hit the goal post. The ensuing shot off the rebound was tipped just wide by MHS goalkeeper Pedro Cereceres.

As the second half progressed, things got a little chippy as both teams ramped up their physicality in an effort to tally the go-ahead goal.

Each side made a late push in the final minutes but the match seemed destined to be decided by penalty kicks.

The Bulldogs then took control in the PK stage by converting all four of their penalty shots — the dagger coming off the foot of Natividad.

He said he and his fellow Bulldog shooters took a calm approach with the all-important second point on the line.

"We were all pretty confident about it," Natividad said. "We just said, 'We got this,' and that's all you've got to do. When you go up and take PKs, you've got to stay confident."

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2016 District 3-6A boys soccer

Team	W	PW	PL	L	Pts.
Odessa High (5-9-2)	3	0	1	0	10
Midland High (11-4-0)	1	2	0	1	7
Lee (9-5-2)	1	1	1	1	6
Abilene High (12-5-0)	2	0	0	2	6
Odessa Permian (8-9-2)	1	0	1	2	4
San Angelo Central (6-7-2)	1	0	0	3	3

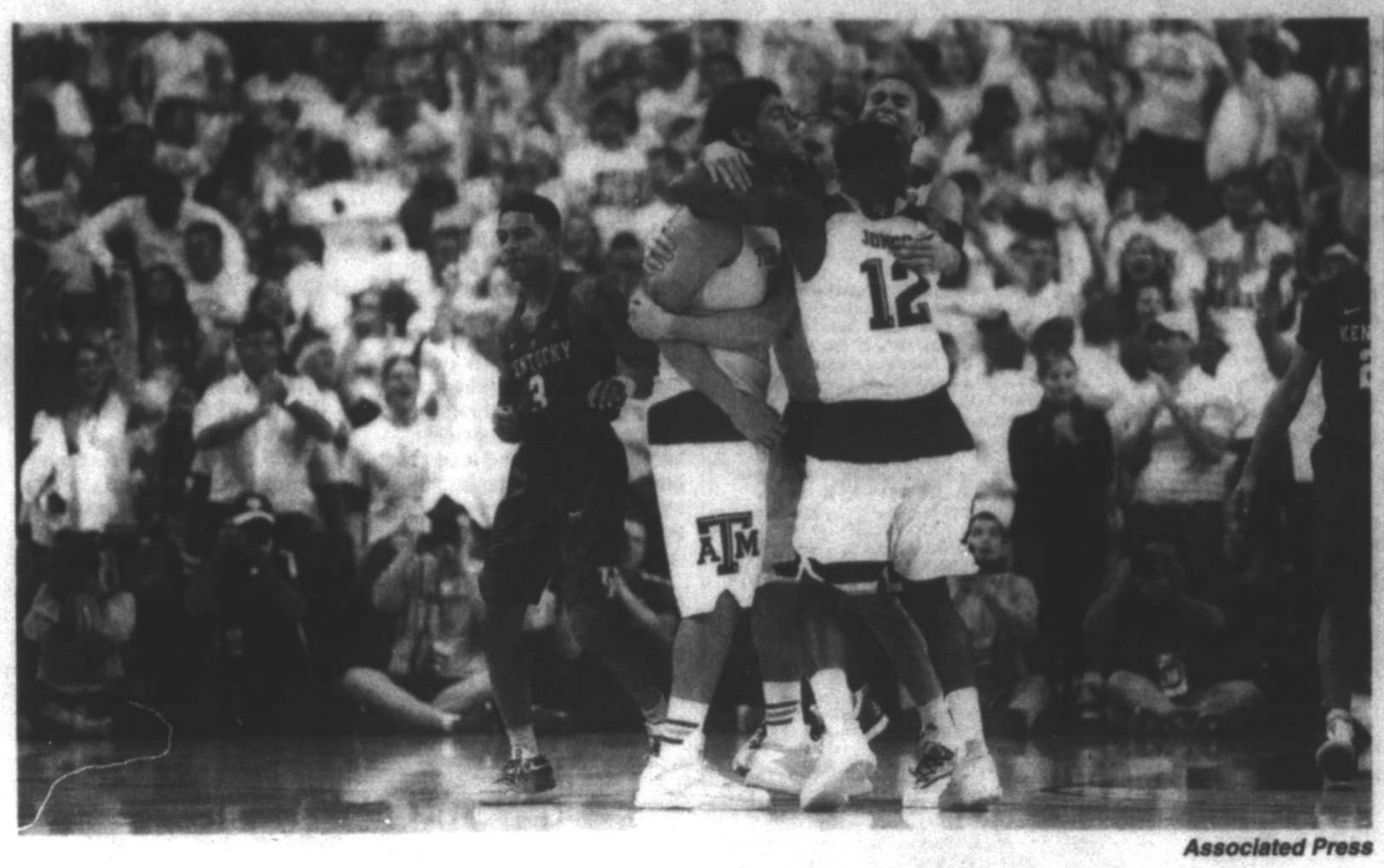
Note: 3 points for a win, 2 points for a penalty kick win, 1 point for a penalty kick loss

Saturday's Scores

Lee 0, Midland High 0 (MHS wins 4-1 on penalty kicks); Odessa High 2, Odessa Permian 0; Abilene High 1, San Angelo Central 0

Tuesday's Matches

Midland High at Odessa High; Abilene High at Lee; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central. All matches start at 5:30 p.m.



Associated Press

Texas A&M's Tyler Davis (23) celebrates his game-winning shot with teammates during overtime against Kentucky on Saturday in College Station.

TEXASCOLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS A&M 79 NO. 14 KENTUCKY 77

COLLEGE STATION — Tyler Davis' putback at the buzzer gave Texas A&M a 79-77 win over No. 14 Kentucky in overtime on Saturday after a technical foul on Isaac Humphries cost the Wildcats the lead in the final seconds.

With the clock winding down, Danuel House drove into traffic and missed a contested shot that hit the front of the rim. The ball caromed directly to Davis, who grabbed the rebound and banked in a layup as time expired.

The freshman center finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Anthony Collins missed a shot with 9 seconds left for Texas A&M (20-7, 9-5 Southeastern Conference), and Humphries pulled down the rebound with the Wildcats up by one. But after the Aggies fouled him, he slammed the ball to the court and was whistled for a technical that fouled him out.

Calipari said that play "sullied" an otherwise good game, but insisted he wasn't upset with Humphries.

NO. 25 BAYLOR 78 NO. 24 TEXAS 64

AUSTIN — The Texas Longhorns have taken a few early punches this season. They usually found a way to fight back.

Not Saturday against Baylor.

Johnathan Motley scored 24 points on 12-of-13 shooting Saturday and the 25th-ranked Bears rolled to an impressive 78-64 victory over No. 24 Texas, handing the Longhorns a rare home loss this season.

Unlike their previous game, when Texas fell into a big hole early against West Virginia and rallied to win, the Longhorns never recovered from a rash of turnovers in the opening minutes. Texas trailed by 18 points at halftime and by as many as 27 in the second half.

Motley didn't miss a shot until rimming out a 14-footer with 1:15 to play. It may have been the longest shot he took all game as the Bears crashed the basket and outscored Texas 50-32 in the paint.

"They got the best of us," Texas guard Isaiah Taylor said. "We didn't respond well at all. We've got to come out with more fight, more sense of urgency. More sense of focus as a team."

Women

NO. 4 BAYLOR 78 IOWA STATE 41

WACO — Niya Johnson might have played another minute or two had Baylor coach Kim Mulkey known that her senior point guard was so close to a triple-double.

Like the other starters for the fourth-ranked Lady Bears, Johnson was just fine with the extra rest Saturday with another game two days later at No. 20 Oklahoma.

Johnson had 13 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists while playing 26 minutes in a 78-41 victory over Iowa State. She entered as the national assists leader with 9.3 per game.

"It didn't really matter to me. I just try to get rest," Johnson said when asked about being so close to the triple-double. "I wasn't really stressing about the assists."

Nina Davis, Baylor's leading scorer, could have played more if the game was close or there wasn't another one so soon for the Big 12-leading Lady Bears (27-1, 14-1).

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HEAT 114 WIZARDS 94

MIAMI — Hassan Whiteside had 25 points and 23 rebounds in his return from a one-game suspension to help the Miami Heat beat the Washington Wizards 114-94 on Saturday night.

Whiteside was suspended for throwing an elbow at San Antonio center Boban Marjanovic's head on Feb. 9. It was the 11th time in NBA history that a player has had at least 20 points and 20 rebounds in a game off the bench. It was Whiteside's second 20-20 game in his career.

Luol Deng had 27 points a night after scoring 30 points in a victory at Atlanta, and Goran Dragic added a season-high 24 points and had eight assists and seven rebounds. The Heat played without All-Stars Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh for the second consecutive game.

Wade has a sore left knee, and Bosh is out indefinitely because of a blood clot in his left leg.

Bradley Beal lead the Wizards with 19 points. Washington played for the third consecutive day and was looking for a rare third win in as many days after beating Utah and Detroit.

KNICKS 103 TIMBERWOLVES 95

MINNEAPOLIS — Carmelo Anthony had 30 points and 11 rebounds and New York beat Minnesota to snap a seven-game losing streak.

Robin Lopez had 26 points and 16 rebounds to give interim coach Kurt Rambis his first victory since taking over for the fired Derek Fisher three games ago. The Knicks outrebounded Minnesota 51-31 and led by 24 points early in the fourth quarter for their first victory since Jan. 29 against Phoenix.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 24 points and eight rebounds, and Andrew Wiggins scored 24 points for the Timberwolves. Ricky Rubio had 16 assists, but they dropped their second straight out of the All-Star break after winning three of four going into it.

Shabazz Muhammad scored 20 for the Wolves, but Anthony's shot-making in the second half more than made up for an off night from Knicks star rookie Kristaps Porzingis, who had six points and four rebounds while battling foul trouble all night.

WARRIORS 115 CLIPPERS 112

LOS ANGELES — Klay Thompson scored 32 points, fellow Splash Brother Stephen Curry added 23 and the Golden State Warriors beat the Los Angeles Clippers 115-112 on Saturday night to avoid losing back-to-back games for the first time this season.

The Warriors were coming off a 32-point drubbing at Portland a night earlier that snapped their 11-game winning streak. They appeared highly motivated to erase that memory from the opening tip, shooting 56 percent in the first half and twice leading by 15 points in the second quarter.

Draymond Green had his NBA-leading 11th triple-double with 18 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists to help the defending champions improve to 49-5.

Jamal Crawford scored 25 points off the bench, Chris Paul added 24 and DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 21 rebounds for the Clippers.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Toronto	35	18	.660	—
Boston	32	24	.571	4½
New York	24	33	.421	13
Brooklyn	15	40	.273	21
Philadelphia	8	46	.148	27½
Southeast Division				
Miami	31	24	.564	—
Atlanta	31	26	.544	1
Charlotte	28	26	.519	2½
Washington	25	29	.463	5½
Orlando	24	29	.453	6
Central Division				
Cleveland	39	14	.736	—
Indiana	29	25	.537	10½
Chicago	28	26	.519	11½
Detroit	27	28	.491	13
Milwaukee	23	33	.411	17½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	46	9	.836	—
Memphis	32	22	.593	13½
Dallas	29	27	.518	17½
Houston	28	28	.500	18½
New Orleans	21	33	.389	24½
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	40	15	.727	—
Portland	28	27	.509	12
Utah	27	27	.500	12½
Denver	22	33	.400	18
Minnesota	17	39	.304	23½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	49	5	.907	—
L.A. Clippers	36	19	.655	13½
Sacramento	23	31	.426	26
Phoenix	14	41	.255	35½
L.A. Lakers	11	45	.196	39

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores

Miami 114, Washington 94
Milwaukee 117, Atlanta 109,2OT
New York 103, Minnesota 95
Golden State 115, L.A. Clippers 112

Today's Games

Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 2:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Detroit, 2:30 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 4 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Memphis at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Saturday's scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 84, Missouri 72
Baylor 78, Texas 64
CS Bakersfield 70, Texas Rio Grande Valley 57
Louisiana-Monroe 64, Texas-Arlington 61
North Texas 70, FAU 62
Prairie View 57, Ark.-Pine Bluff 55
Rice 86, FIU 70
Sam Houston St. 105, Cent. Arkansas 75
Texas A&M 79, Kentucky 77, OT
Texas A&M-CC 90, Incarnate Word 69
Texas St. 61, Louisiana-Lafayette 57
UTEP 91, Louisiana Tech 80
UTSA 74, Southern Miss. 53

SOUTH

Alabama St. 77, Southern U. 68
Alcorn St. 62, Alabama A&M 58
Appalachian St. 78, Troy 74
Belmont 95, Tennessee Tech 86
Bethune-Cookman 55, Florida A&M 54
Campbell 74, Charleston Southern 72
Davidson 99, Saint Joseph's 93
Delaware St. 67, Norfolk St. 64
Drexel 74, William & Mary 69
ETSU 77, Mercer 74
Florida Gulf Coast 68, Kennesaw St. 63
Gardner-Webb 81, Longwood 71
Georgia St. 69, Arkansas St. 61
Georgia Tech 63, Notre Dame 62
High Point 75, Radford 72, OT
Jackson St. 61, Grambling St. 58
James Madison 75, Delaware 50
Lamar 87, McNeese St. 76
Lipscomb 77, Stetson 74
Louisville 71, Duke 64
Marshall 82, Old Dominion 65
Mississippi 69, Auburn 59
Mississippi St. 67, Alabama 61
Murray St. 76, Austin Peay 60
NC Central 73, Morgan St. 59
NC State 77, Clemson 74
NJIT 73, Jacksonville 58
New Orleans 102, Northwestern St. 99
North Carolina 96, M&m 71
North Florida 81, SC-Upstate 78
Presbyterian 79, Liberty 73
SC State 62, Md.-Eastern Shore 58
Samford 73, VMI 67
Savannah St. 66, Howard 56
South Carolina 73, Florida 69, OT
South Florida 80, Memphis 71
Stephen F. Austin 88, Nicholls St. 53
Tennessee 81, LSU 65
Tennessee St. 61, Jacksonville St. 46
Texas Southern 98, MVSU 67
UALR 75, Georgia Southern 61
UNC Greensboro 79, Chattanooga 64
UNC Wilmington 59, Coll. of Charleston 55, OT
UT Martin 68, SIU-Edwardsville 51
Vanderbilt 80, Georgia 67
Virginia Tech 83, Florida St. 73
W. Carolina 102, The Citadel 97
W. Kentucky 59, Charlotte 54
Winthrop 81, UNC Asheville 80
Wofford 77, Furman 73

FAR WEST

Air Force 76, New Mexico 72
BYU 91, San Diego 33
Fresno St. 75, Utah St. 68
Idaho St. 89, S. Utah 71
Loyola Marymount 100, San Francisco 87, OT
Pepperdine 88, Santa Clara 76
Washington 64, Stanford 53
Weber St. 77, N. Arizona 74
Wyoming 84, Colorado St. 66

MIDWEST

Bradley 73, Drake 70
Cincinnati 65, UConn 60
E. Illinois 71, SE Missouri 68
E. Michigan 91, Toledo 85
Evansville 83, S. Illinois 71
Green Bay 107, Youngstown St. 90
IPFW 94, Nebraska-Omaha 90
Indiana 77, Purdue 73
Iowa St. 92, TCU 83
Kansas 72, Kansas St. 63
Marquette 73, DePaul 60
Milwaukee 88, Cleveland St. 54
N. Dakota St. 63, IUPUI 59
N. Iowa 75, Illinois St. 68
North Dakota 74, N. Colorado 73
Ohio 76, Miami (Ohio) 64
Ohio St. 65, Nebraska 62, OT
S. Dakota St. 87, W. Illinois 67
Saint Louis 76, Fordham 68
St. Bonaventure 79, Dayton 72
W. Michigan 92, Cent. Michigan 85
Wright St. 67, N. Kentucky 64

EAST

Army 80, Navy 78, 2OT
Binghamton 81, Mass.-Lowell 77
Buffalo 88, Bowling Green 74
Canisius 81, Marist 66
Columbia 73, Dartmouth 54
Fairfield 71, Niagara 59
Harvard 76, Cornell 74
LIU Brooklyn 94, St. Francis (Pa.) 89, OT
Mount St. Mary's 71, Bryant 53
New Hampshire 74, Hartford 63
Oklahoma 76, West Virginia 62
Penn St. 70, Rutgers 58
Pittsburgh 66, Syracuse 52
Princeton 77, Brown 66
Rhode Island 77, Duquesne 74
Sacred Heart 91, Fairleigh Dickinson 86
St. Francis Brooklyn 82, Robert Morris 72
Towson 67, Elon 56
Vermont 99, UMBC 54
Villanova 77, Butler 67
Wagner 83, CCSU 57
Xavier 88, Georgetown 70
Yale 79, Penn 58

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 78, Iowa St. 41
Cent. Arkansas 73, Sam Houston St. 63
Cincinnati 67, Houston 61
Howard Payne 74, Sul Ross St. 50
Louisiana-Lafayette 59, Texas St. 47
Mary Hardin-Baylor 77, Hardin-Simmons 74
Oral Roberts 79, W. Illinois 55
Prairie View 70, Ark.-Pine Bluff 66
TCU 79, Oklahoma St. 65
Texas A&M-CC 69, Incarnate Word 55
Texas-Arlington 40, Louisiana-Monroe 32
Williams Baptist 80, Columbia (Mo.) 68

SOUTH

Alcorn St. 81, Alabama A&M 64
Arkansas St. 85, Georgia St. 64
Austin Peay 81, Murray St. 72
Belmont 70, Tennessee Tech 49
Charleston Southern 66, Gardner-Webb 63
Charlotte 81, W. Kentucky 72
Chattanooga 67, Mercer 45
Coastal Carolina 58, Liberty 51
Coppin St. 68, Hampton 64
Delaware St. 64, Norfolk St. 61
E. Kentucky 89, Morehead St. 77
FAU 71, North Texas 61
Florida-A&M 53, Bethune-Cookman 48
Florida Gulf Coast 63, Kennesaw St. 41
Furman 71, W. Carolina 56
Grambling St. 75, Jackson St. 61
High Point 80, Winthrop 60
Jacksonville 68, NJIT 37
McNeese St. 92, Lamar 84
Md.-Eastern Shore 61, SC State 55
Morgan St. 86, NC Central 55
Northwestern St. 70, New Orleans 53
Old Dominion 77, Marshall 55
Presbyterian 64, Campbell 54
Radford 80, Longwood 64
Rice 68, FIU 62
Richmond 57, George Mason 50
SC-Upstate 75, North Florida 61
Samford 58, ETSU 51
Savannah St. 69, Howard 64
Southern Miss. 65, UTSA 53
Southern U. 57, Alabama St. 55
Stephen F. Austin 89, Nicholls St. 67
Stetson 79, Lipscomb 71
Tennessee St. 50, Jacksonville St. 40
Texas Southern 85, MVSU 30
Troy 100, Appalachian St. 89, OT
Tulane 61, Tulsa 42
UALR 50, Georgia Southern 45
UCF 66, SMU 54
UConn 84, East Carolina 41
UT Martin 86, SIU-Edwardsville 50
UTEP 72, Louisiana Tech 65
Wofford 104, UNC Greensboro 64

FAR WEST

CS Bakersfield 80, Texas Rio Grande Valley 66
Cal Poly 77, CS Northridge 66
Cal St.-Fullerton 66, UC Irvine 53
Colorado St. 62, Wyoming 57
E. Washington 70, Portland St. 57
Fresno St. 67, Utah St. 61
Idaho 107, Sacramento St. 60
Idaho St. 64, S. Utah 47
Long Beach St. 58, UC Santa Barbara 55
Montana 70, Montana St. 66
Nevada 71, UNLV 65
New Mexico 58, Air Force 36
North Dakota 59, N. Colorado 58
Pacific 84, Gonzaga 83, OT
Saint Mary's (Cal) 95, Portland 53
San Diego St. 87, San Jose St. 70
San Francisco 81, Loyola Marymount 72
Santa Clara 84, Pepperdine 50
Weber St. 85, N. Arizona 81, OT

MIDWEST

Ball St. 60, W. Michigan 54
Bowling Green 65, Kent St. 55
Cleveland St. 53, Youngstown St. 43
Denver 55, N. Dakota St. 45
Detroit 95, Wright St. 93, OT
E. Michigan 84, N. Illinois 60
Grand Canyon 65, Chicago St. 60
Green Bay 71, Valparaiso 35
Michigan 78, Penn St. 73
Milwaukee 62, Ill.-Chicago 56
Northwestern 71, Wisconsin 53
Ohio 101, Akron 73
Oklahoma 72, Kansas 66
SE Missouri 82, E. Illinois 52
South Dakota 80, S. Dakota St. 75
Toledo 81, Cent. Michigan 79, OT
Utah Valley 58, UMKC 44

EAST

Army 49, Navy 34
Binghamton 55, Mass.-Lowell 52
Bryant 86, Mount St. Mary's 52
Bucknell 72, Boston U. 59
Buffalo 58, Miami (Ohio) 39
Dartmouth 63, Columbia 53
Harvard 68, Cornell 63
Holy Cross 59, American U. 50
Lehigh 80, Lafayette 65
Maine 60, Stony Brook 43
New Hampshire 53, Hartford 42
Penn 77, Yale 59
Princeton 83, Brown 57
Sacred Heart 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 65
Saint Joseph's 74, Rhode Island 63
St. Bonaventure 70, La Salle 63
St. Francis (Pa.) 72, LIU Brooklyn 64
St. Francis Brooklyn 72, Robert Morris 65, OT
UMBC 74, Vermont 60
VCU 79, George Washington 69
Wagner 64, CCSU 63

Today's schedules

MEN

SOUTHWEST

SE Louisiana at Abilene Christian, 1 p.m.
East Carolina at SMU, 1 p.m.
Temple at Houston, 6 p.m.

SOUTH

Michigan at Maryland, Noon
Tulsa at UCF, 1 p.m.
UAB at Middle Tennessee, 5 p.m.
Boston College at Wake Forest, 5:30 p.m.

FAR WEST

San Diego St. at San Jose St., 3 p.m.
Utah at Southern Cal, 5 p.m.
California at Washington St., 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST

Detroit at Valparaiso, 1:30 p.m.
Denver at South Dakota, 2 p.m.
Oakland at Ill.-Chicago, 3 p.m.
Wichita St. at Indiana St., 3 p.m.
Loyola of Chicago at Missouri St., 3 p.m.
Illinois at Wisconsin, 6:30 p.m.

EAST

Boston U. at Bucknell, 11 a.m.
Loyola (Md.) at Colgate, 11 a.m.
La Salle at George Washington, 11 a.m.
American U. at Holy Cross, 11 a.m.
Lafayette at Lehigh, 11 a.m.
Seton Hall at St. John's, 11 a.m.
Northeastern at Hofstra, 1 p.m.
Stony Brook at Maine, 1 p.m.
Manhattan at Quinnipiac, 1 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at St. Peter's, 1 p.m.
George Mason at UMass, 3 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

SE Louisiana at Abilene Christian, 3:30 p.m.

SOUTH

Memphis at South Florida, 11 a.m.
Florida at Georgia, Noon
N.C. State at North Carolina, Noon
Oakland at N. Kentucky, Noon
Middle Tennessee at UAB, Noon
Clemson at Virginia, Noon
William & Mary at Coll. of Charleston, 1 p.m.
UMass at Davidson, 1 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Duke, 1 p.m.
Towson at James Madison, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at LSU, 1 p.m.
Missouri at Auburn, 2 p.m.
Drexel at Elon, 2 p.m.
Arkansas at Kentucky, 2 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Miami, 3 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Mississippi, 4 p.m.
Texas A&M at Vanderbilt, 4 p.m.

FAR WEST

West Virginia at Texas, Noon
Washington at Arizona St., 1 p.m.
California at Colorado, 1 p.m.
Washington St. at Arizona, 2 p.m.
Stanford at Utah, 3 p.m.
Southern Cal at Oregon, 4 p.m.
UCLA at Oregon St., 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Minnesota at Michigan St., 11 a.m.
Illinois at Ohio St., 11 a.m.
Duquesne at Dayton, Noon
Indiana at Iowa, Noon
St. John's at Butler, 1 p.m.
DePaul at Creighton, 1 p.m.
Missouri St. at Evansville, 1 p.m.
IPFW at IUPUI, 1 p.m.
Seton Hall at Xavier, 1 p.m.
Illinois St. at Bradley, 2 p.m.
Texas Tech at Kansas St., 2 p.m.
Indiana St. at Loyola of Chicago, 2 p.m.
Wichita St. at S. Illinois, 2 p.m.

EAST

Villanova at Georgetown, 11 a.m.
Louisville at Boston College, Noon
Marquette at Providence, Noon
Monmouth (N.J.) at Canisius, 1 p.m.
Hofstra at Delaware, 1 p.m.
Saint Louis at Fordham, 1 p.m.
Saint Peter's at Iona, 1 p.m.
Colgate at Loyola (Md.), 1 p.m.
Fairfield at Marist, 1 p.m.
Manhattan at Niagara, 1 p.m.
UNC Wilmington at Northeastern, 1 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Rider, 1 p.m.
Syracuse at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Maryland at Rutgers, 2 p.m.

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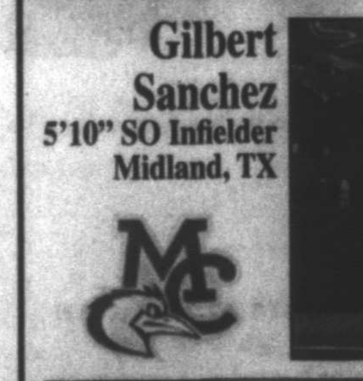

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Colby County Community College (KS)
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Midland College Chaparrals

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Midland College Chaparrals

No Admission Charged

Marchand scores 2, Bruins rally to beat Stars 7-3

Associated Press

DALLAS — Brad Marchand scored twice to help the Boston Bruins rally for a 7-3 victory over the Dallas Stars on Saturday night.

David Krejci, Matt Beleskey, Loui Eriksson, Kevan Miller and Brett Connolly also scored for the Bruins, and Tuukka Rask had 26 saves. Marchand, Krejci and Beleskey scored on the power play after the Bruins had failed on their previous 21 man-advantage chances.

Antoine Roussel had a goal and an assist, Ales Hemsky and Patrick Sharp also scored and Jason Demers had two assists for the Stars. Kari Lehtonen finished with 35 saves.

Dallas led 3-1 before Marchand scored his second goal with 6:36 left in the second period, giving him a career-high 30 goals — including 15 in the last 16 games. Miller tied it 35 seconds later, and Eriksson put the Bruins ahead for good with 52 seconds left in the second with his 21st of the season.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Florida	59	34	18	7	75	164	137
Boston	59	32	21	6	70	181	163
Tampa Bay	58	32	22	4	68	159	146
Detroit	59	29	20	10	68	151	156
Ottawa	60	28	26	6	62	172	186
Montreal	59	28	27	4	60	162	163
Buffalo	59	24	28	7	55	141	162
Toronto	57	20	27	10	50	145	172
Metropolitan Division							
Washington	57	43	10	4	90	191	131
N.Y. Rangers	58	33	19	6	72	170	150
N.Y. Islanders	57	31	19	7	69	164	144
Pittsburgh	57	29	20	8	66	150	148
New Jersey	60	29	24	7	65	133	141
Carolina	59	27	22	10	64	146	156
Philadelphia	58	26	21	11	63	144	158
Columbus	59	25	29	7	57	149	184

WESTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central Division							
Chicago	61	38	18	5	81	175	142
Dallas	60	37	17	6	80	194	169
St. Louis	60	34	17	9	77	147	140
Nashville	59	27	21	11	65	154	154
Colorado	60	30	26	4	64	161	166
Minnesota	58	28	22	10	62	150	147
Winnipeg	58	25	29	4	54	149	171
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	58	34	20	4	72	157	137
Anaheim	57	30	19	8	68	141	139
San Jose	57	31	21	5	67	168	154
Arizona	57	27	24	6	60	157	174
Vancouver	58	22	24	12	56	137	167
Calgary	57	26	28	3	55	158	175
Edmonton	59	22	31	6	50	148	181

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores

Ottawa 3, Dallas 2, SO
Tampa Bay 4, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 5, Toronto 4, OT
Florida 3, Winnipeg 1
Washington 4, New Jersey 3
Los Angeles 2, Nashville 1, OT
Boston 7, Dallas 3
St. Louis at Arizona, late
Colorado at Edmonton, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 11:30 a.m.
Chicago vs. Minnesota at Minneapolis, MN, 2:30 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

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Associated Press

Bubba Watson acknowledges the crowd after finishing on the 18th hole during the third round of the Northern Trust Open golf tournament, Saturday in the Pacific Palisades section of Los Angeles.

Bubba Watson takes the lead at Riviera

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bubba Watson has the 54-hole lead at the Northern Trust Open, and that might not even be the most fun he's had this week.

He took his 3-year-old son to hang out with Justin Bieber. The two-time Masters champion had a small part — one line that he said required four takes — in Disney Channel's show "Girl Meets World." And he couldn't wait to leave Riviera on Saturday so he could get to an NBA game between the Los Angeles Clippers and Golden State Warriors.

"That's the advantage is that I'm friends with a lot of the guys, friends with Steve Ballmer — I don't know if you know him, he's the owner of the Clippers," Watson said.

Winning at Riviera for the second time in three years? That might be gravy.

Watson put himself in prime condition on a gorgeous afternoon along Sunset Boulevard with a 4-under 67, which included an efficient up-and-down for birdie on the par-5 17th to break out of the pack and a par save from the concession area down the hill and to the right of the 18th green.

Navigating the final 18 holes against a strong pack of contenders might be tougher than traffic on the 405.

Dustin Johnson and Rory McIlroy, Adam Scott and Hideki Matsuyama were all among the 10 players within three shots of the lead going into the final round. Watson was at 12-under 201, one shot ahead of Johnson, Jason Kokrak and Chez Reavie.

"We all feel good about our chances, even the guy that's five back," Watson said. "For me, I'm going to go out and try to do the same thing, keep my head down, try to take deep breaths and try to slow it down and hopefully it works out."

Watson hit more fairways on Saturday (10) then the opening two rounds combined. He's not bothered by being in the short grass as much as having the right angle to the green, and what has really left him at ease — as much as Watson is ever at ease — is making the short putts. He has made only three bogeys in 54 holes.

"Knowing that I've won here and knowing that I can play around here, obviously I have a little bit of an advantage on the guy that probably hasn't won here," Watson said.

Kokrak, the 36-hole leader, made three birdies on the back nine to salvage a 70 and remain in the final group. Reavie had a three-shot lead at one point on the back nine, courtesy of a perfectly placed drive that led to eagle on No. 2. But he missed a pair of 8-foot par putts on consecutive holes and had to settle for a 69.

For all the birdies, the final round was shaped largely by pars on the 18th hole.

McIlroy, making his debut at Riviera, made three birdies on the back nine to reach 10 under when he pushed his tee shot too far right on the 18th for the second straight day. This time, he played too much of a fade around the eucalyptus trees, and it tumbled down the hill next to the concessions stand. His chip raced by the hole, leaving a downhill par putt form 18 feet that he made for par.

"That's one of the loudest cheers I've had in a while," McIlroy said. "It would be nice to hear something like that again tomorrow."

He shot 67 and was two shots behind, a group that included Scott (67), UCLA alum Kevin Chappell (66), the resurgent K.J. Choi (67) and Marc Leishman (68).

"Everyone is playing good, and it's whoever probably wants it the most tomorrow makes it happen," Scott said. "Not everyone is just going to fade away. It's not that brutal hard and fast stuff where your slight miss is really punished and you can't get it up-and-down."

Watson's par from about the same area was even better. He was able to clip the ball perfectly, and it checked up just 3 feet above the hole.

Matsuyama, who won in Phoenix two weeks ago, made five birdies on the front nine to get into the mix, only to put four 5s on his card on the back nine. He shot 68 and was three shots behind, along with Troy Merritt (70).

It's still wide open, even with the experience at the top of Watson and Riviera, and the experience of winning anywhere by McIlroy, who's at No. 3 in the world.

"It's one of these golf courses, if you just stay around, hang in there and not make too many mistakes, stay patient, your time will come and it will present itself with a few opportunities," McIlroy said. "And thankfully on the back nine, I was able to take some of them."

Marlins excited to have Barry Bonds as hitting coach

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton grew up a Dodgers fan and remembers attending their games when Barry Bonds would step to the plate for the Giants.

"It's one of those sounds you never forget — how loud those boos were," Stanton said.

Bonds has turned down the volume by keeping a low profile since 2007, his final year as a player. Now the polarizing home run king is back in the major leagues as hitting coach for Stanton and the Miami Marlins.

Bonds wore his familiar No. 25 and a smile as he faced a cluster of notebooks and cameras during media day Saturday at Marlins Park. The session included no boos or questions about steroids, and only one brief reference to the Hall of Fame, where Bonds is an uncharacteristic 0 for 4 in the annual balloting.

He received 44 percent of the vote in January, a career high but far short of the 75 percent needed for induction. Nonetheless, he said he considers himself a Hall of Famer.

"There's not one player that ever could say I'm not one," he said. "There's not a coach who ever coached me who says I'm not one. In my heart and soul, and God knows, I'm a Hall of Famer."

Bonds will likely hear some jeers around the NL this season. Marlins players have expressed no reservations about working with the steroids-tainted slugger, however, and Stanton sounded enthusiastic despite an inadvertent choice of words that caused a few double-takes.

"I'm going to go in the lab, get to work and see what we can come up with," he said.

Bonds will begin working with Stanton, reigning NL batting champion Dee Gordon and two-time AL batting champ Ichiro Suzuki, among others, when the full squad reports for spring training Tuesday in Jupiter, Florida.

"He can help everybody," veteran infielder Chris Johnson said. "If you can't pick something up from him, I don't know who can help you. You'd be an idiot not to be picking his brain all the chances you get."

Bonds might agree. He said he knows what will work if a player is willing to put in the time, and as a mentor, he said he can be another Willie Mays.

"It's great to be in the position I'm in, the same thing as my godfather Willie was," he said.

Dave Roberts 'in a good place' as rookie manager of Dodgers

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — That stolen base for the Boston Red Sox in the 2004 AL Championship Series will always be Dave Roberts' biggest moment in baseball, unless he can manage the Los Angeles Dodgers to a World Series title.

And maybe it's his youthful enthusiasm that makes it seem like Roberts retired as a player just yesterday.

Saturday morning, Roberts presided over the first workout for Dodgers pitchers and catchers. He stood a few feet from Clayton Kershaw as the ace threw his first pitches of spring.

Roberts, 43, hadn't managed at any level until the Dodgers hired him to replace Don Mattingly.

"I feel I'm in a good place," Roberts said a few minutes after addressing his players.

"It's exciting and I think that as a coach, or as a first-time manager, you always want to control your emotions," Roberts said. "But we just met for the first time in there and I let the guys know how excited I am, the staff is, and I'm sure they are to get going as well. Every spring training the first day is exciting, but obviously in this position it's all new to me. But it's going to be fun."

Roberts couldn't get an interview for the San Diego Padres' managerial vacancy, yet he became the first minority manager in Dodgers franchise history. He takes over a team that won three consecutive NL West titles under Mattingly, who mutually parted ways with the team in November and became manager of the Miami Marlins.

Roberts moves up in stature and up the freeway. He was on Bud Black's staff the last five seasons in San Diego, including the final two as bench coach.

After Black was fired in mid-June, Roberts managed the Padres for one game before Pat Murphy was brought in as interim manager. Murphy was fired the day after the season ended. Roberts wasn't interviewed for the job that went to Andy Green, also a rookie skipper.

The Padres apparently wanted a clean break from the Black era.

"I think initially it took me back, but at the end of the day, if it's not going to be a fit, then I do believe it's not personal," said Roberts, who was offered a chance to remain on San Diego's coaching staff. "And so, I just felt it was time for me to move on. ... I couldn't be happier."

Roberts will continue to make his offseason home in northern San Diego County, not far from where he went to high school. He played for the Padres in 2005-06, helping them win consecutive division titles. They haven't been back to the postseason since.

Players and others mention how Roberts cares about everyone around him. Mark Kotsay, the Athletics' new bench coach, is thrilled for his good friend.

"He definitely takes interest in the players and has a relationship, develops that relationship," said Kotsay, who spent the previous four seasons with the Padres, two as a player, one in the front office and then last year as hitting coach. "He genuinely cares about people, which comes across very well. I think players will respect that and understand that he definitely will have to make tough decisions during the course of the season but also care about people."

The Dodgers had baseball's highest payroll last year. They haven't won the World Series since 1988.

Catcher Yasmani Grandal, who spent three seasons with the Padres during Roberts' time as coach, says the expectations for the Dodgers go way past another NL West title.

"I think the expectation here is a championship. A World Series," he said. "I know a lot of organizations say the same thing, but I think this organization honestly believes it. I do think he is the right man for the job."

PRO GOLF SCORES

Northern Trust Open

Saturday
At Riviera Country Club
Los Angeles
Purse: $6.8 million
Yardage: 7,322; Par: 71
Third Round
a-amateur

Bubba Watson	66-68-67—201
Jason Kokrak	68-64-70—202
Chez Reavie	66-67-69—202
Dustin Johnson	65-66-68—202
Kevin Chappell	68-69-66—203
K.J. Choi	69-67-67—203
Rory McIlroy	67-69-67—203
Adam Scott	68-68-67—203
Marc Leishman	68-67-68—203
Hideki Matsuyama	69-67-68—204
Troy Merritt	66-68-70—204
Sung Kang	70-69-66—205
Brendan Steele	70-67-68—205
Steve Stricker	71-68-67—206
Ryan Moore	69-68-69—206
J.B. Holmes	71-66-69—206
Justin Rose	69-68-69—206
Justin Leonard	67-69-70—206
Tyrone Van Aswegen	68-72-67—207
Martin Laird	68-70-69—207
Jon Curran	71-67-69—207
Matt Kuchar	69-69-69—207
Padraig Harrington	71-70-66—207
Camilo Villegas	63-74-70—207
Kyle Reifers	68-68-71—207
Anirban Lahiri	72-67-68—208
Scott Brown	71-69-68—208
Harris English	69-70-70—208
Ben Martin	73-68-67—208
Cameron Tringale	72-69-70—208
Ricky Barnes	67-70-71—208
Justin Thomas	70-72-66—208
Harold Varner III	74-68-66—208
Gary Woodland	71-69-69—209
Aaron Baddeley	71-68-70—209
Jamie Lovemark	69-70-70—209
Seung-Yul Noh	70-71-68—209
Stewart Cink	70-71-68—209
Chad Schwartzel	68-68-73—209
David Toms	70-72-67—209
Francesco Molinari	69-71-70—210
J.J. Henry	69-71-70—210
William McGirt	70-69-71—210
Jamie Donaldson	69-72-69—210
Nick Taylor	70-68-72—210
Chad Collins	73-68-69—210
Fabian Gomez	72-69-69—210
Andrew Loupe	70-72-68—210
Spencer Levin	73-69-68—210
Luke Donald	68-73-71—211
Carlos Ortiz	72-68-71—211
Vijay Singh	70-69-72—211
Adam Hadwin	70-70-71—211
Ben Crane	67-74-70—211
Ernie Els	74-67-70—211
Derek Fathauer	71-70-70—211
Luke List	66-70-75—211
a-Charlie Danielson	67-72-73—212
Stuart Appleby	70-69-73—212
Billy Horschel	68-72-72—212
Brian Harman	70-72-70—212
Will MacKenzie	69-73-70—212
Charley Hoffman	71-69-73—213
Retief Goosen	69-72-73—213
Chris Stroud	69-71-73—213
Paul Casey	73-69-71—213
Mark Hubbard	75-67-71—213
Cameron Smith	72-70-71—213
Andy Sullivan	71-71-71—213
Carl Pettersson	71-71-71—213
Morgan Hoffmann	70-72-71—213
Patton Kizzire	70-69-75—214
Jason Dufner	70-71-73—214
Rhein Gibson	72-70-72—214
Mark Wilson	71-71-73—215
Charles Howell III	67-75-73—215
Jeff Overton	72-68-76—216

Maybank Champion Malaysia

Saturday
At Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 7,079; Par: 71
Third Round

Lee Soo-min, South Korea	66-68-64—198
Marcus Fraser, Australia	69-69-66—201
Nathan Holman, Australia	64-65-73—202
Jorge Campillo, Spain	65-69-69—203
Masahiro Kawamura, Japan	68-70-67—203
Miguel Tabuena, Philippines	66-68-69—203
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	71-69-64—204
Richard Bland, England	66-65-73—204
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	70-69-65—204
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	68-70-66—204
Julien Quesne, France	70-69-65—204
Romain Wattel, France	68-70-67—205
Jbe Kruger, South Africa	74-67-65—206
Chawalit Plaphol, Thailand	69-68-69—206
Danny Willett, England	65-69-73—207
Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark	70-67-70—207
Rahil Gangjee, India	68-72-67—207
Casey O'Toole, United States	71-67-69—207
Prayad Marksaeng, Thailand	71-68-68—207
Also	
Peter Uihlein, United States	65-75-69—209
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	67-70-73—210
David Lipsky, United States	68-70-73—211
Brett Munson, United States	73-68-71—212
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	71-70-72—213
Thongchai Jaidee	66-69-WD

Women's Australian Open

Saturday
At The Grange Golf Club (West Course)
Adelaide, Australia
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,600; Par: 72
Third Round
a-amateur

Danielle Kang	70-70-67—207
Haru Nomura	69-69-70—207
Jenny Shin	67-70-70—207
Lydia Ko	70-70-68—208
Karrie Webb	67-71-70—208
Paula Reto	70-70-69—209
Ha Na Jang	69-70-70—209
Caroline Masson	66-71-72—209
Catriona Matthew	67-69-73—209
Pyarn O'Toole	70-72-68—210
Stacey Keating	70-70-70—210
Xi Yu Lin	70-67-73—210
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	71-73-67—211
Nontaya Srisawang	73-70-68—211
Eun Woo Choi	71-71-69—211
Annie Park	70-72-69—211
Kylie Walker	70-70-71—211
Min Seo Kwak	69-71-71—211
Minjee Lee	69-76-67—212
Gaby Lopez	70-74-68—212
So Young Lee	69-75-68—212
Kelly Tan	73-70-69—212
Charley Hull	70-70-72—212
Beth Allen	69-71-72—212
SooBin Kim	63-77-72—212
Bertine Strauss	69-70-73—212
Nicole Broch Larsen	71-75-67—213
Karine Icher	71-73-69—213
Camilla Lennarth	72-71-70—213
Lindy Duncan	74-72-68—214
Chella Choi	71-74-69—214
Georgia Hall	71-73-70—214
Su Oh	69-75-70—214
Brooke M. Henderson	70-71-73—214
Holly Clyburn	71-65-78—214
a-Hannah Green	72-70-73—215
Dani Holmqvist	68-74-73—215
Tiffany Joh	72-68-75—215
Jiyai Shin	70-69-76—215
Mi Jung Hur	74-72-70—216
Alena Sharp	71-75-70—216
Jing Yan	74-71-71—216
Casey Grice	66-70-71—216
Katie Burnett	72-72-72—216
Ji Young Oh	75-68-73—216
Mina Harigae	73-70-73—216
Cydney Clanton	70-73-73—216
Mika Miyazato	71-75-71—217
Florentyna Parker	72-73-72—217
Christine Song	73-71-73—217
Becky Morgan	71-73-73—217
Adriana Brant	71-73-73—217
Kana Nagai	70-74-73—217
P.K. Kongkraphan	67-75-75—217
Ashlan Ramsey	75-71-75—218
Dori Carter	73-73-72—218
Kim Kaufman	69-77-72—218
Nannette Hill	73-72-73—218
Jennifer Song	72-73-73—218
Thidapa Suwannapura	71-74-73—218
Whitney Hillier	73-71-74—218
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	70-74-74—218
Sau-Chia Cheng	71-72-75—218
Daniela Iacobelli	70-73-75—218
Katherine Kirk	71-70-77—218
Mariajo Uribe	71-75-73—219
Marion Ricordeau	72-73-74—219
Pernilla Lindberg	75-69-75—219
Miki Saiki	74-70-75—219
Sarah Jane Smith	73-70-76—219
Mo Martin	70-72-77—219
a-Eun Jeong Seong	69-77-74—220
a-Hye Jin Choi	67-75-78—220
Giulia Sergas	71-75-75—221
Lee Lopez	69-76-76—221
Stephanie Kono	75-71-76—222
Sarah Kemp	72-73-76—223

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in and that's starting to pay off a little bit.

"They know that the next level (of competition) is in the next months. They'll see the next level and it will be just a matter of if they're ready for it or not."

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Tell City Invitational
At Bush Tennis Center
Team standings: 1. Allen 148; 2. El Paso Coronado 241; 3. Southlake Carroll 249; 4. Coppell 211; 5. Midland High 200; 6. Lubbock High 180; 7. Lubbock Coronado 167; 8. Amarillo Tascosa 159; 9. (tie) Amarillo High 157; Lubbock Monterey 157; 11. El Paso Franklin 148; 12. San Angelo Central 126; 13. El Paso High 98; 14. Odessa Permian 81; 15. Odessa High 75; 16. Lee 23

Saturday's main draw winner's bracket results

Boys singles
Semifinals
Arman Dave, Southlake Carroll def. Sebastian Herrera, El Paso Franklin, 6-0, 6-0; Michael Azatian, Lubbock High def. Derrick Pierson, Allen, 6-1, 6-4

Championship
Dave def. Azatian 6-0, 6-1

Third-place
Herrera def. Pierson 6-3, 6-1

Fifth-place semifinals
Vishnu Basude, Allen def. Adin Ehrlich, El Paso Coronado, 6-1, 6-2; Jaime Ramos, El Paso High def. Quentin Scherfenberg, Lubbock Coronado, 6-2, 6-1

Fifth-place
Ramos def. Basude 6-2, 6-1

Boys doubles
Semifinals
Hobbs-Cardenas, El Paso Coronado def. Welch-Kothmann, Lubbock High, 6-1, 6-4; Saralaya-Garrido, Amarillo High def. Nguyen-Kalov, Coppell, 6-2, 7-6 (3)

Finals
Hobbs-Cardenas def. Saralaya-Garrido 6-3, 6-2

Third-place
Nguyen-Kalov def. Welch-Kothmann 6-7 (3), 7-5, 7-5

Fifth-place semifinals
Cartwright-Zubayed, Allen def. Avila-Min, El Paso Franklin, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (2); Brown-Carroll, El Paso Franklin def. Pobric-Teeple, Amarillo Tascosa, 7-6 (1), 7-5

Fifth-place
Zubaya-Cartwright def. Brown-Carroll 6-2, 4-6, 6-2

Girls singles
Semifinals
Marjorie Antohi, El Paso Coronado def. Mariel DeLeon, Lubbock Coronado, 6-1, 6-1; Sindhu Rapuvula, Allen def. Melissa Coburn, Coppell, 6-2, 6-3

Finals
Antohi def. Rapuvula 6-3, 6-0

Third-place
Coburn def. DeLeon 6-1, 6-2

Fifth-place semifinals
Rebecca Ritchie, Amarillo Tascosa def. Sofia Sapien, El Paso High, 6-2, 6-2; Peyton Tabisky, Lubbock High def. Kasey Heinrich, Lubbock Monterey, 7-6, 6-1

Fifth-place
Tabisky def. Ritchie 6-0, 6-1

Mixed doubles
Semifinals
Moore-Mathews, Lubbock Coronado def. DiGiovanni-Kim, Southlake Carroll, 6-4, 6-0; Kamal-Chen, Coppell def. Juracky-Brown, El Paso Coronado, 6-1, 6-4

Finals
Kamal-Chen def. Moore-Mathews 6-4, 6-3

Juracky-Brown def. DiGiovanni-Kim 5-7, 6-3, 6-4

Fifth-place semifinals
Holt-Fung, Allen def. Cecil-Gibbs, San Angelo Central, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4

Reusche-Rippa, Southlake Carroll def. Reyschneider, Midland High, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2

Third-place
Reusche-Rippa def. Holt-Fung 6-4

Girls doubles
Semifinals
Daugherty-Stewart, Midland High def. Reusche-Wang, Southlake Carroll, 6-2, 6-2; Collins-Young, Lubbock Coronado def. Tiong-Gordiles, Allen, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1

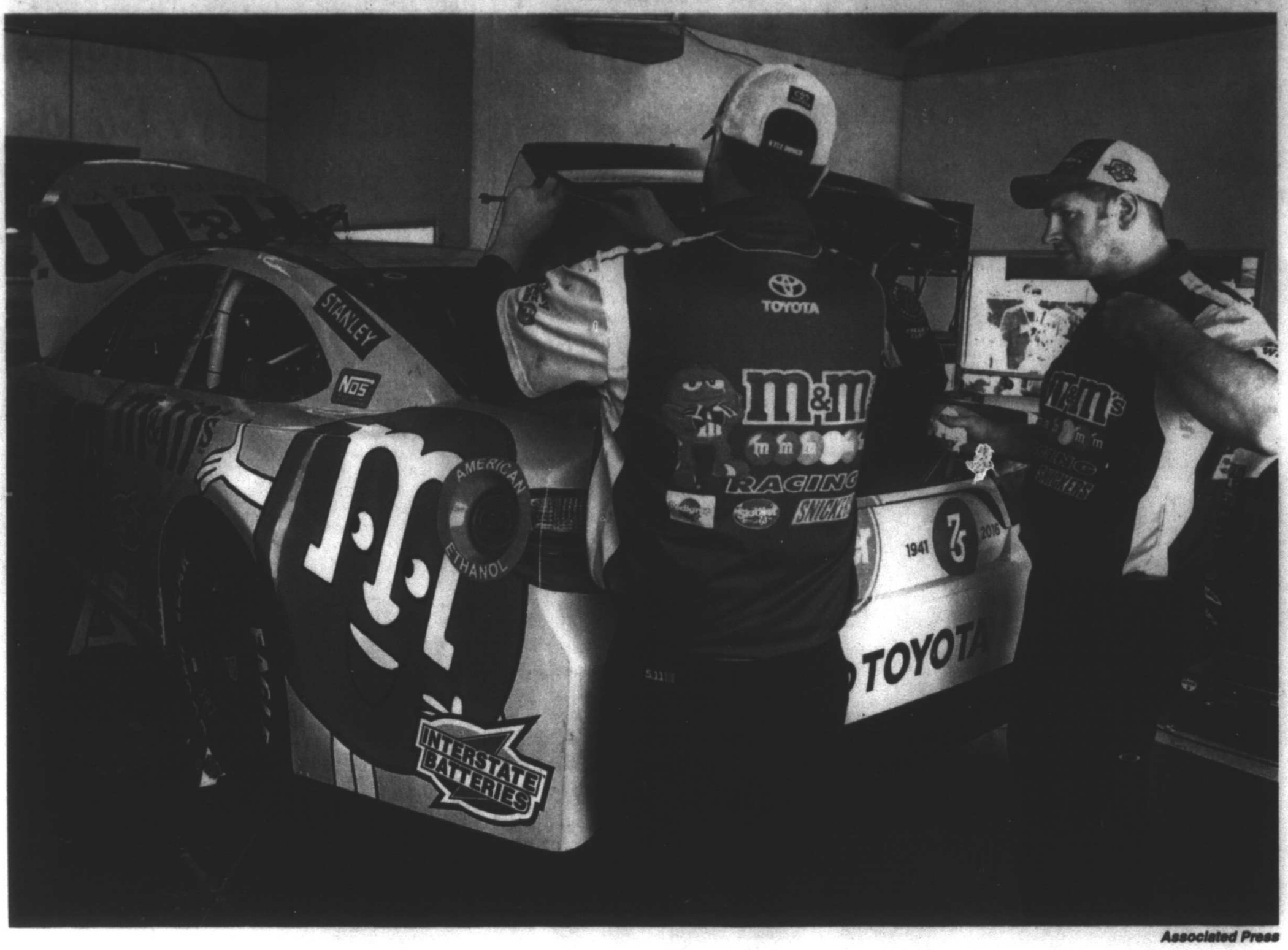
Finals
Daugherty-Stewart def. Collins-Young 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3

Third-place
Tiong-Gordiles def. Reusche-Wang 6-2, 6-1

Fifth-place semifinals
Curry-Gideon, San Angelo Central def. Pongsupale-Rao, Southlake Carroll, 6-3, 7-5

Maynizos-Crabtree, Amarillo Tascosa def. Trahan-Manchee, Amarillo High, 6-3, 6-4

Fifth-place
Maynizos-Crabtree def. Curry-Gideon 6-3, 6-1



Associated Press

Crew members work on driver Kyle Busch's car during practice for Sunday's Daytona 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Saturday.

Busch brothers back in Daytona 500 after sitting out year

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Kyle Busch was stuck in a hospital bed, the Daytona 500 just a race on TV.

Busch smiled for a photo with his dog and wife. He tweeted his support for Joe Gibbs Racing.

He was more hopeful of a comeback from broken bones than a championship.

Just a few blocks away a day earlier at NASCAR headquarters, Kurt Busch faced a final appeals panel, trying to get a suspension overturned for his role in a domestic dispute with his ex-girlfriend. He climbed into a waiting SUV that sped off, squealing its tires. Busch did not watch the Daytona 500.

Both Busch brothers were out of "The Great American Race" for the first time since 2000.

Fast forward a year, and Kurt Busch's hiatus was a bump in what would become his best season in years. He won two races and earned a spot in NASCAR's playoffs. He tweeted a photo Friday night with his fiance having a blast at a private party hosted by Jeff Gordon.

And Kyle?

"Champ! Champ!"

The 2015 NASCAR Sprint Cup champion hears the yells from fans everywhere he goes at Daytona International Speedway.

"I think if I could end up in victory lane on Sunday, then I certainly think it would kind of come full circle, essentially. I'd love to have that happen, but I'm not expecting anything from the racetrack or the racing gods to make that happen."

Kyle Busch

"I'm nowhere near Junior's (Dale Earnhardt Jr's) level, which is good," Busch said. "It's definitely not a bad thing."

It sure beats where he was this time last season.

The brothers are back, each a Cup champ and among the small group of favorites Sunday in the season opener.

Kyle will slide in the No. 18 Toyota on Sunday, a year after he crashed into a concrete wall the day before the Daytona 500 and broke his right leg and left foot.

He's still in championship form, winning a qualifying race during Speedweeks.

"I don't necessarily feel any redemption," Busch said. "I think if I could end up in victory lane on Sunday, then I certainly think it would kind of come full circle, essentially. I'd love to have that happen, but I'm not expecting anything from the racetrack or the racing gods to make that happen."

Busch withstood multiple surgeries, went through a grueling rehabilitation program and missed only 11 races. He got back in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota in late May, and NASCAR granted him a waiver to race for the title should he earn a berth in the playoffs.

He won the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway to claim the title, and knocked Kevin Harvick from his perch as champion.

"It's great to see both Busch brothers with a championship trophy," Kurt said.

Kurt Busch won the title in 2004, the inaugural season of NASCAR's Chase format. The system has been tweaked several times and starts the third year of an elimination format that sends four drivers to Homestead to race for the title. He drives the No. 41 Chevy for Stewart-Haas Racing.

Kurt congratulated Kyle on joining him to the Cup Club, but the brothers, who are not super close, did little celebrating together.

"I could tell you from times before when the championship celebration is so busy, it's hard," Kurt said. "There was one quick moment where I was able to give him a hug, tell him how proud of him I was. The schedule just keeps you grinding and grinding and grinding.

"I was real happy for him, but there wasn't much time."

The Busch's have made names for themselves through the years as much for their prickly personalities as their talent in stock cars.

Known as one of most talented drivers in the sport, Kyle's temperament often got in his own way. But he has mellowed with marriage, gained perspective after the Daytona wreck, and was determined to be on his feet in the delivery room when wife Samantha gave birth to their first child, a boy born in May — right after the driver returned to the race car and celebrated his 30th birthday.

She was by his side every step of his recovery and never complained when their bedroom underwent an extreme makeover into a hospital wing.

"It was quite chaotic and I'm sure it was tough," Kyle said, "but she's a tough cookie as well, too. I think it made us stronger, closer together."

He still texts with Todd McCall, the doctor who repaired his right leg.

"It means a lot to me that he keeps up with what we're doing," Kyle said. "And for as much as he helped me getting back on my feet."

And back with Kurt in the Daytona 500.

GIBBS

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Fords figure out an effective game plan, they may be able to disrupt the Gibbs and Hendrick juggernaut.

Blaney knows he'll have to prove himself lap after lap Sunday so someone will work with him in crunch time.

"If someone can get like a blowtorch, burn the yellow stripes off the bumper, that's going to help," Blaney said of the stripe on the back of his car that signifies his rookie status.

It wouldn't be unheard of for Elliott or Blaney to earn an upset win. Trevor Bayne pulled it off driving for the Wood Brothers in 2011 in his Daytona 500 debut. But "The Great American Race" is no longer considered the wide-open shootout most everyone once considered the hectic pack race.

The best plate racers have separated themselves from the field, and those usual suspects are typically the ones in contention.

"At every other race track we go to, you're single-minded, you're selfish and you're a jerk," Earnhardt said. "You're a jerk on restarts. You're a jerk every time you're battling for position. You're not doing anybody any favors out there. You're not trying to help anybody. That's racing. That's the way it's always been, right?

"That's why you see the same guys up there, because they understand the mentality. Different styles work. Denny and mine is real similar. He's aggressive. Logano, he's aggressive. But Kenseth does well, and he's not quite as aggressive. He's real smart. It's a mentality, I guess, where you just have to be a selfish jerk."

Chase Elliott wins Xfinity Series season opener

By Mark Long
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — One Daytona win down, the big one to go.

Chase Elliott won the Xfinity Series season opener at Daytona International Speedway on Saturday, edging Joey Logano for his first victory at NASCAR's most famous track.

Elliott took the lead from Logano on a final restart with 13 laps to go and then blocked his fellow Sprint Cup regular on the last lap. Logano got a strong run on the outside a few hundred feet from the finish line and then banged the side of Elliott's No. 88 Chevrolet several times, but he couldn't get past.

Elliott calmly climbed out of his car, grabbed the checkered flag and then pumped his fist a few times in the air — the kind of subdued celebration outsiders have grown to expect from the son of Hall of Famer Bill Elliott.

"It means a lot man," Elliott said. "This is Daytona. I'm just happy to be here. We still have 500 miles to go tomorrow. Lot of work to do here."

Elliott, a rookie in the Cup series, will start the Daytona 500 on the pole Sunday.

He can only hope to have as smooth a run. Elliott ran near the front for most of the 300-mile race, following Logano and Kasey Kahne around the high-banked speedway and waiting for his move.

It came late, when he got in front of Logano on the final restart.

Elliott edged Logano by 0.043 seconds. It was Logano's third second-place finish in three races during Speedweeks. He also was second in the exhibition Sprint Unlimited and one of the twin qualifying races.

"Dang it. I'm sick of finishing second," Logano said. "Too many seconds."

Kahne was third, followed by Elliott Sadler and pole-sitter Austin Dillon. Elliott, Kahne and Sadler gave JR Motorsports three of the top four spots.

Darrell Wallace Jr. was sixth, just ahead of Brandon Jones and Daniel Suarez.

The race was mostly clean, with just four cautions. It was quite different than recent years. Kyle Busch broke his right leg and left foot in a hard crash into a concrete wall last year in the Xfinity opener. Three years ago, Kyle Larson's car went airborne during a last-lap crash and spewed debris into the grandstands and injured fans.

It looked as if this one could have a wild ending, too, but Elliott and Logano kept their cars straight despite all the contact.

"The plan was to make the move off of (Turn 4) and going to the top he blocked the first move and wiggled to the bottom and back to the top," Logano said. "At that point it is a little late and then we touched each other and that is the killer. Once we had that touch, it killed our momentum and I couldn't pull him back enough to get in front of him."

It was Elliott's first victory at a restrictor-plate track.

"I just barely had enough to get in front of Joey there," Elliott said.

AUTO RACING AGATE

Xfinity results

Saturday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (19) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 120 laps, 0 points.
2. (8) Joey Logano, Ford, 120, 0.
3. (15) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 120, 0.
4. (10) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 120, 38.
5. (4) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 120, 0.
6. (12) Darrell Wallace Jr., Ford, 120, 35.
7. (7) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 120, 34.
8. (2) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 120, 33.
9. (9) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 120, 32.
10. (5) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 120, 32.
11. (24) Aric Almirola, Ford, 120, 0.
12. (16) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 120, 29.
13. (1) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 120, 29.
14. (18) Dakoda Armstrong, Toyota, 120, 27.
15. (37) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 119, 26.
16. (11) Ryan Reed, Ford, 119, 25.
17. (14) John Wes Townley, Chevrolet, 119, 0.
18. (23) David Starr, Toyota, 119, 23.
19. (29) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 119, 0.
20. (25) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 119, 21.
21. (20) Matt Tifft, Toyota, 119, 0.
22. (36) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 118, 19.
23. (3) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 118, 0.
24. (30) B.J. McLeod, Ford, 118, 17.
25. (21) Jeb Burton, Ford, 118, 16.
26. (29) Anthony Kumpen, Chevrolet, 118, 15.
27. (13) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 117, 14.
28. (35) Chris Cockrum, Chevrolet, 117, 13.
29. (30) Scott Lagasse Jr., Chevrolet, 117, 12.
30. (39) Eric McClure, Chevrolet, 117, 11.
31. (5) Erik Jones, Toyota, 115, 10.
32. (39) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 114, 9.
33. (32) Ryo Black Jr., Chevrolet, 114, 8.
34. (17) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 111, 0.
35. (22) Benny Gordon, Toyota, transmission, 103, 6.
36. (26) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, rear gear, 59, 5.
37. (40) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, transmission, 50, 4.
38. (34) Martin Roy, Chevrolet, accident, 22, 3.
39. (27) Bobby Gerhart, Chevrolet, accident, 6, 2.
40. (31) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, accident, 5, 1.

Daytona 500 lineup

After Thursday qualifying; race Sunday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 195.314 mph.
2. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 195.036.
3. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 195.682.
4. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 195.207.
5. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 194.46.
6. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 193.399.
7. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 194.749.
8. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 194.51.
9. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet.
10. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 194.602.
11. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 194.323.
12. (95) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 193.936.
13. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 194.104.
14. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 192.938.
15. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 193.665.
16. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 192.291.
17. (34) Chris Buescher, Ford, 192.265.
18. (14) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet.
19. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 195.118.
20. (60) Matt Crafton, Toyota, 192.888.
21. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 194.675.
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30. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 191.583.
31. (13) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 191.248.
32. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 194.25.
33. (32) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 191.808.
34. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 195.753.
35. (44) Brian Scott, Ford, 193.332.
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37. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 193.938.
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40. (26) Robert Richardson Jr., Toyota, 190.409.

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Associated Press

In this photo taken Friday, United States' Mallory Pugh looks to shoot on goal against Trinidad and Tobago during the first half of a CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament semifinal soccer game in Houston. Pugh is just 17 years old, but she's already earning high praise from her teammates.

Youth is served with Mallory Pugh on national soccer team

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

HOUSTON — For a moment, Mallory Pugh's eyes widened.

The U.S. national team had just qualified for the Olympics, and the 17-year-old player now faced cameras and questions. But Pugh, still months away from college, seems an old hand in many ways when it comes to poise.

The Americans assured their spot for this summer's Rio de Janeiro Games on Friday night with a 5-0 victory over Trinidad and Tobago in the semifinals of the CONCACAF qualifying tournament. Pugh started and assisted on Tobin Heath's goal in the 12th minute.

"I think it's a really cool and awesome opportunity," Pugh said. "I mean, not everyone gets it. And I think making the most of it when it comes is really cool."

She is the youngest in a youth movement. The average age of the qualifying team is 25, down from the 29.5-year average of the team that won the World Cup in Canada last summer.

Eight of the players on the 20-player roster for this tournament had fewer than nine appearances with the senior national team. Other newcomers include Lindsey Horan, 21; Crystal Dunn, 23; and Emily Sonnett, 22.

Several veterans, including Abby Wambach and Lauren Holiday, have retired from the team that beat Japan 5-2 last summer in Canada for the World Cup title. Sydney Leroux and Amy Rodriguez are expecting and won't be available for the Olympics. Megan Rapinoe is recovering from knee surgery.

Pugh first came to the attention of U.S. coach Jill Ellis, who also serves as U.S. Soccer's development director, when she was 14. Pugh played on the under-17 and under-20 national teams, turning heads when she captained the team that won the CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship last year, earning the Golden Boot award for most goals with seven.

She made her debut at the senior level in the team's opening game of this year, scoring her first goal in a 5-0 win over Ireland in San Diego.

Pugh is the youngest player named to a U.S. qualifying roster. The Colorado native made two starts in the tournament, which wraps up Sunday when the Americans face Canada in the final. Canada earned the region's other Olympic berth with a 3-1 victory over Costa Rica in the semifinals.

With her speed on the left flank, Pugh held her own Friday night. Ellis decided to sit Dunn, who had five goals in the Americans' previous game, a 10-0 victory over Puerto Rico.

Carli Lloyd likes what she' sees from Pugh.

"I think she's got a lot of talent, she's really fast, she's got good pace, very smart on the ball. I think she's got to keep grinding away, and be able to continue to keep that level for an entire game. But great tournament for her so far, and she's got a lot of good years ahead of her."

Pugh will continue to play for the U-20 national team — the World Cup for that level of soccer is in November. She will also keep fit for a possible spot on the final Olympic roster by training with a boys' team back home in Colorado. Ellis can take only 18 players to Brazil.

Already qualified for Rio, US and Canada get 1 more test

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

HOUSTON — U.S. goalkeeper Hope Solo says playing Canada always "tends to be a bloodbath."

OK, so that's an exaggeration, but there is a real rivalry.

The World Cup-winning U.S. women will face Canada on Sunday in the final of the CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament. The teams secured the region's berths in the Rio Olympics with victories in the semifinals Friday night.

So the game Sunday is basically meaningless, right? Not to Solo.

"I love playing Canada. It always tends to be a bloodbath," Solo said. "It's a physical game, I get to be involved a little bit more. So, I don't think it's necessarily the most prettiest of games when we play Canada, but hopefully with this new group of players, we'll find a way around that, we'll find a way around their kind of American football style of play."

Probably the best example of the intensity of the rivalry came at the 2012 London Olympics. The United States won the hard-fought semifinal match 4-3 on Alex Morgan's goal in the 123rd minute. The match featured a controversial call when Canadian goalkeeper Erin McLeod was whistled for holding the ball too long, sparking a wild sequence that led to a questionable handball call against Canada and Abby Wambach's penalty kick to tie it late in regulation.

"We feel like it was taken away from us," Canada's Christine Sinclair said afterward. "It's a shame in a game like that, which is so important, that the ref decided the result before the game started."

The United States went on to win the gold medal with a 2-1 victory over Japan, and Canada took the bronze with a 1-0 victory over France.

It was the third straight gold medal and fourth overall for the Americans, who have never missed qualifying for the Olympics since women's soccer was introduced in 1996.

Canada earned its third straight trip to the Olympic Games with Friday night's 3-1 victory over Costa Rica. Sinclair scored twice. The Canadian captain ranks second on the international career list for most goals with 161, behind Abby Wambach's 184. Earlier in the tournament, Sinclair passed American Mia Hamm (158).

She was bothered by a sore calf in the victory over Costa Rica, so it remains to be seen whether she'll play.

"We're going to give them one hell of a fight as we always do and (we're) looking forward to it," Canada coach John Herdman said about Sunday's match.

Following the meeting in London, the rivalry was fueled a bit by Canadian-born Sydney Leroux's presence on the U.S. national team. Leroux holds dual citizenship.

Having been taunted by Canadian fans, Leroux scored in stoppage time against Canada in a 2013 match in Toronto. In celebration she seized the U.S. crest on her jersey, then held a finger to her lips to shush the crowd.

Leroux, who was on the U.S. team that won the World Cup in Canada last year, is taking time off from the national team because she's having a baby.

In its semifinal Friday, the United States beat Trinidad and Tobago 5-0. Alex Morgan had her third career hat trick.

All told, Canada and the United States have met 55 times, with the Canadians coming out on top for just three matches. The last Canada win came in 2001 at the Algarve Cup, a 2-0 shutout. The last meeting was a 1-1 draw in 2014 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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For more info: 682-2551

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For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

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Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beak Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall St., Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-264-9214

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse spring "Learn-2-Play" clinics and scrimmages
For: Boys 3rd through 8th grade
When: 2:30-4 p.m. Sundays March 20-May 8 (except Easter Sunday on March 27)
Where: Hogan Park South, 1307 E. Wadley Ave (across from Bibey Nature Center)
For more info: Go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

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When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
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Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9921 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujisu-Kempo-Kung Fu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3005 Outlook
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 498-7407 or 699-8444

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For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 81st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-0418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gasoline Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on 5th Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

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For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

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Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunegan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chaniez at 238-6947 after 5:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-694-5425

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Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
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For more info: Call 634-8474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

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For: All Ages
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When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
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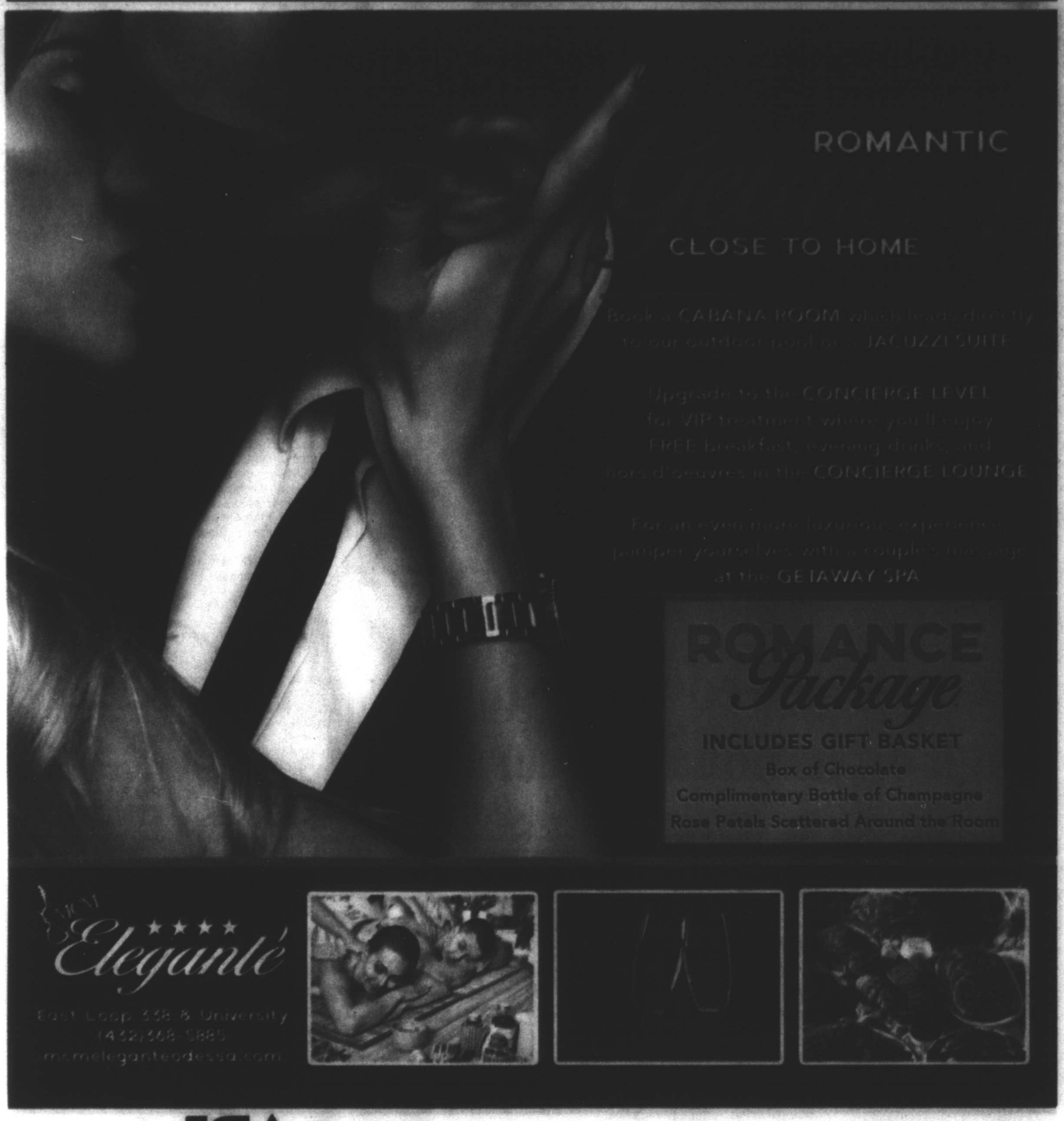

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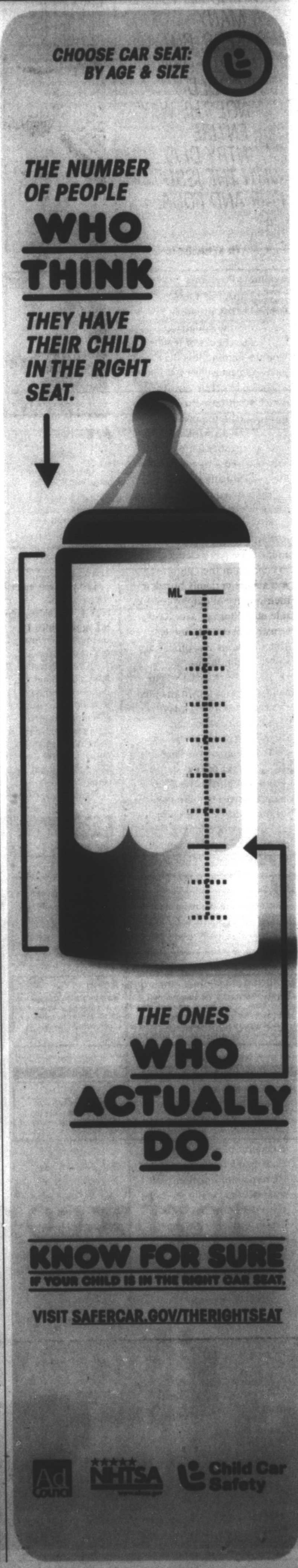

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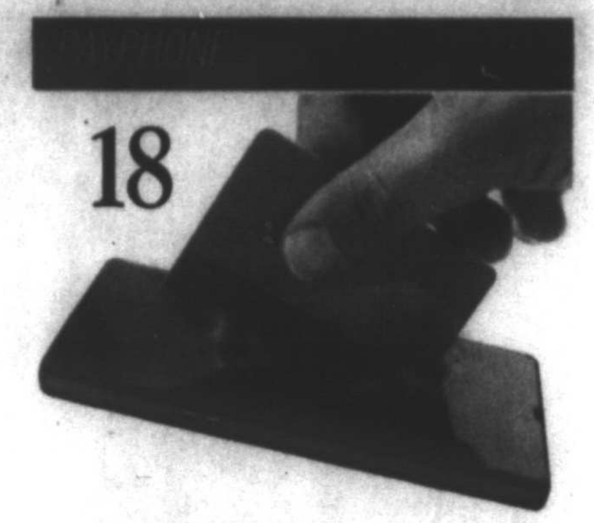

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Percentage of in-store payments made with a mobile device in 2015, up from just 5 percent in 2014. FYI: The most popular use of mobile payments is for public parking
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FAIR CALL: WHEN JOBS ARE SIMILAR, BUT NOT PAY

AT-WORK INEQUALITY REMAINS AN ISSUE FOR MANY WORKERS, BUT A NEW CALIFORNIA LAW COULD CHANGE THE WAY THE ENTIRE COUNTRY DEALS WITH THE ISSUE OF FAIR AND EQUAL PAY

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
CTW FEATURES

The impact of a new California law promises to ripple across the country, pushing up the paychecks of female workers earning less than their male colleagues.

The state's "Fair Pay Act," which went into effect at the start of 2016, requires any employer with workers in the state – regardless of where the firm is based – to pay equally for "substantially similar" jobs.

"Because equal pay between the genders is a federal requirement as well, many companies that are being forced to re-examine their pay practices due to changes in the California law will almost certainly broaden their inquiry to employees outside of California," says Gary Gansle, a partner in the Palo Alto, California law offices of Squire Patton Boggs.

The new California statute will have more punch than federal laws, says Jocelyn Frye of the Center for American Progress, because of the "substantially similar" wording.

A couple of federal statutes prohibit employers from paying unequal wages based on gender, but they address exact job titles, not work that requires basically the same training, skills and responsibilities, or require an intent to discriminate, Frye says.

Determining "substantially similar" jobs can be difficult, Frye says. But many companies are embracing the concept to attract and retain talent in a tightening job market, notes Caroline Simard, of Exponential Talent, a consulting firm.

One aspect of the new California law – firms can't penalize workers for sharing salary information with each other – promises to keep pay equity in the spotlight because employees will demand it, Frye says.

A handful of other states already mandate workers' rights to share pay information, and others will follow, she predicts.

Pay equity now has lasting effect on women's earning power, since your past pay influences the salary at a new post, Simard adds.

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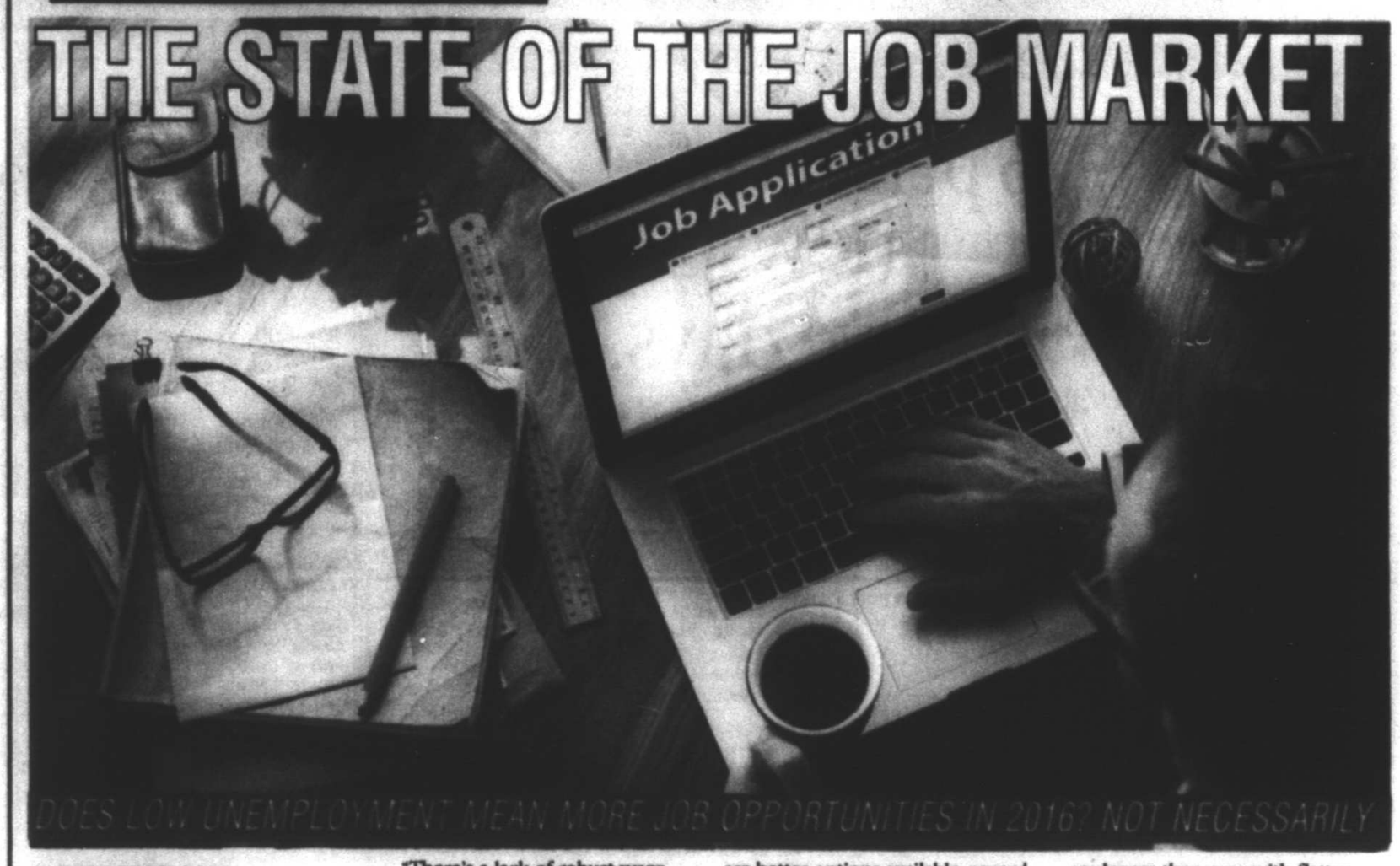

DOES LOW UNEMPLOYMENT MEAN MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN 2016? NOT NECESSARILY

By MADHUSMITA BORA
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The U.S. economy added 292,000 jobs in December and the unemployment rate held steady at 5 percent, according to data released by the government in January.

The latest job report infuses tremendous optimism in the market, despite a slowdown in China and erratic oil prices.

Last year was indeed noteworthy for job creation. The economy added 2.65 million jobs, second best hiring year since 1999. But does low unemployment mean better job opportunities?

"It's an interesting period," says John McClendon, an Associate Professor within the Human Resource Management department at Temple University's Fox School of Business. "We have had 70 consecutive months of job growth and unemployment rates have gone down from double digits to 5 percent."

Yet, there are some worrying signs.

"There's a lack of robust wage growth," McClendon says.

That indicates that although there are plenty of jobs out there, they may not be the kind that's desirable.

In December, the average hourly wage fell by a penny to $25.24. That's having ripple effects on the job market in terms of worker mobility.

A 2015 report by CEB, best practice insight and technology company, said that employees continue to hold on to their current jobs. They are less inclined to look for new jobs and are more likely to stay the course with current employers than they were a year ago, CEB said. In the second quarter last year, the number of U.S. employed workers actively seeking new jobs decreased nearly six percent from the prior year.

The good news for employers is that retention is high and nearly 70 percent of employees will go above and beyond the call of duty. But, employees may be staying in seat simply because they don't feel there are better options available, according to the CEB report.

"This makes sense because presumably workers would not be quitting their jobs unless they had better income prospects elsewhere," said a separate Deutsche Bank report.

The reduced worker mobility is affecting employers' ability to recruit quality talent. Quit rates have remained steady, leading to tightening of the job market, despite openings. Quit rate peaked at 2.9 percent prior to the 2001 recession. It dropped to 1.4 percent in 2009, and in most recent statistics, it's up to 2 percent.

Companies are struggling to fill a higher number of job vacancies than in much of the past 12 years, said a report from the Dukascopy Swiss FX Group. The number of vacant positions touched 5.43 million in November, following a revised 5.35 million openings a month earlier, according to the Labor Department.

"In a highly competitive global business environment, organizations are leaner than ever with flatter organizational structures," says Brian Kropp, HR Practice Leader at CEB. "While this flat corporate structure comes with many advantages, it also makes it that much harder for people to see a clear path for their progress up the corporate ladder."

In an effort to take the next step up, people feel compelled to look beyond their current employer, Kropp says.

"As a result, frustrations over recognition and career progression are now the key cause of workforce turnover," he says.

McClendon, the Temple University professor, says he questions that there is indeed a demand for labor.

"If there is real demand for workers, then in my opinion, we should see wages going up," he said. "Employers complain that they are not filling jobs, but the real problem is they are not willing to fill the jobs at wages that employees are willing to be paid."

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8 WAYS TO EAT BETTER AT WORK

The typical office is a place of physical inactivity, stress, ever-present birthday cakes and rampant desktop eating. In other words, a really tough place to maintain a healthy diet. But strategies like the 11 below can help anyone eat healthier and stay more energetic at work.

1. ELIMINATE VISUAL CUES TO EAT.

"Removing food so that we can't see it and have to make an effort to get to it dramatically reduces stress eating, mindless eating and boredom eating," says Kim Larson, RDN, CSSD and a spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

2. OPT FOR HEALTHY SNACKS.

If you need to snack at work, Larson recommends healthy options like fresh fruit, nuts, vegetable juices, Greek yogurt and cottage cheese. Small single-serve portions are best. "If you eat out of a big bag, you can end up eating five times more than you intended to," she says.

3. PARTY HEALTHIER.

At office parties and events, Tom Rath, researcher and author of "Are You Fully Charged?: The 3 Keys to Energizing Your Work and Life" (Silicon Guild, 2015), recommends hitting the veggie tray first. "If you fill up on those, you'll eat a lot less of the foods that you don't want to overindulge on," he says.

4. THINK SHORT-TERM.

You'll have more success if you focus on how your food choices will affect your energy level. "Don't even worry about whether the foods you eat are going to change your odds of heart disease or cancer or diabetes 20 years down the road," Rath says. "It's much easier to make good food decisions when you know it will help you to have a good day."

5. DO YOUR RESEARCH.

Websites such as HealthyDiningFinder.com can help you find restaurants in your area that have healthy menu items you might like. And apps like Fooducate can give you instant information on the health value of grocery-store foods by scanning their bar codes.

6. MAKE A PLAN BEFORE YOU EAT OUT.

"If you decide in advance where you're going and what you're going to order, it's easier to make better choices about that critical lunch period," Rath says. Take places where you only like the unhealthy foods off your list of options altogether.

7. CHOOSE HIGH-PROTEIN, HIGH-FIBER FOODS.

Larson recommends choosing lean proteins and avoiding fried foods, cream sauces and creamy soups when eating out. "I'm a big fan of bean soups because they contain vegetables and a lot of fiber," she says. "You want foods that are more filling and have fewer calories."

8. ADVOCATE FOR BETTER WELLNESS POLICIES.

Ask for healthy options in your work vending machines and for cafeteria subsidies that make healthy options as affordable as indulgent ones. Larson also recommends celebrating birthdays once a month with a potluck instead of buying a cake for every single birthday. *—Chris Gelbach*

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may b taken against you."

TO: SHAWNA STOGDILL, CHRISTINA M. STOGDILL CHERNOSKE, BOB BEVERS, TIFFANY ROBERTS, CHRISTINA ROBERTS-FABIAN, AMBER ROBERTS, N.T. NELSON, MINNIE NELSON, CHARLES P. KRIES, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, MWL TOOL & SUPPLY, (BILL KERR SR., REGISTERED AGENT), J. MAR DISTRIBUTING, INC. (JIM MARONEY, REGISTERED AGENT), AND SPI ACQUISITIONS (CT CORP SYSTEMS, REGISTERED AGENT), THEIR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, Defendants in the cause herein described.

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 238th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, in the Courthouse located in Midland, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 7th of March, 2016, then and there to answer the petition of *DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, in Cause No. CV51636, styled DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, v. SHAWNA STOGDILL, CHRISTINA M. STOGDILL CHERNOSKE, BOB BEVERS, TIFFANY ROBERTS, CHRISTINA ROBERTS-FABIAN, AMBER ROBERTS, N.T. NELSON, MINNIE NELSON, CHARLES P. KRIES, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, MWL TOOL & SUPPLY, (BILL KERR SR., REGISTERED AGENT), J. MAR DISTRIBUTING, INC. (JIM MARONEY, REGISTERED AGENT), AND SPI ACQUISITIONS (CT CORP SYSTEMS, REGISTERED AGENT), THEIR KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS,* in which DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, is Plaintiff and the above named are Defendants. The petition filed on the 23rd day of November, 2015, discloses that the nature of the suit is as follows:

An action under Section 64.091, Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, to authorize the execution of a lease covering the mineral interest of the particular Defendant (being an undivided interest therein), such lease to provide that the Plaintiff will be the lessee and authorized under such leases to explore for and produce oil and gas as therein provided. The tracts of land pertaining to the above-named Defendants are described as follows:

466.571 acres, more or less, being that portion of Section 18, Block 40, Township 2 South, Texas & Pacific Railroad Company Survey, Abstract 737 in Midland County, Texas, as described in a Survey attached as Exhibit "B" and more particularly described as:

9.83 acres, more or less, being more particularly described as "Tract 1" in a Special Warranty Deed dated May 30, 2014, recorded as Document No. 201412194 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Barley Equities, VIII, LLC, to PACMidland Holdings, LLC; **2.28 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a General Warranty Deed dated October 6, 2008, recorded at Volume 3106, Page 146 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Micem, Inc., to White Knight Properties, Ltd.; **0.510 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated April 17, 2014, recorded as Document No. 201408964 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from J. B. Hicks, Inc. to DBG West, LLC; **0.52 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Correction Warranty Deed dated effective February 3, 2010, recorded as Document No. 201003195 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ogden Sprinkler Systems, Inc. to John L. Barnett; **0.18 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described as Tract 2 in a Special Warranty Deed dated May 30, 2014, recorded as Document No. 201412194 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Barley Equities, VIII, LLC, to PACMidland Holdings, LLC; **4.92 acres,** more or less, being a 2.233 acre tract and a 2.789 acre tract, more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed dated July 13, 2000, recorded at Volume 1791, Page 652 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Stewart Acquisitions, Inc. to Midessa Television Co.; **1.26 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed dated October 31, 1991, recorded at Volume 1100, Page 658 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from James T. Taylor, Receiver, to Midessa Television Co.; 1.0 acres, more or less, being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed dated November 8, 1990, recorded at Volume 1061, Page 250 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from NCNB Texas National Bank, N.A. to Darrell Crass Drilling Co., Inc.; **0.84 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed dated February 6, 1992, recorded at Volume 1112, Page 40 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Amwest Savings Association to W.C.D. Investments; **1.16 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated September 1, 1998, recorded at Volume 1600, Page 512 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Resource Enterprises, Inc. to Rowe Management Corp.; **0.64 acres,** more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated November 3, 1994, recorded at Volume 1265, Page 576 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Harrod-Smith Properties to Carl L. Selinger; **0.67 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated effective March 1, 2010, recorded as Document No. 201202864 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from A-BCD, Inc. to West Texas Drum Company, Ltd.; **0.01 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in an Access Easement Agreement dated January 31, 2012, recorded as Document No. 201202866 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from A-BCD, Inc. to West Texas Drum Company, Ltd.; **0.58 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Corporation Special Warranty Deed dated January 30, 1991, recorded at Volume 1070, Page 321 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from F. B. Knight Restaurants, Inc. to A-BCD, Inc. d/b/a Associated Builders; **0.58 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" of a Warranty Deed dated September 1, 1998, recorded at Volume 1600, Page 523 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from WCD Investments to Rowe Management Corp.; **0.61 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Corporation Special Warranty Deed dated January 30, 1991, recorded at Volume 1070, Page 319 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from F. B. Knight Restaurants, Inc. to A-BCD, Inc. d/b/a Associated Builders; **1.3 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described as "Tract 4" in a Conveyance dated effective December 31, 1976, recorded at Volume 616, Page 292 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from James Richard Hinkle, et ux, to Harry Bowen Hinkle; **12.23 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated November 27, 1968, recorded at Volume 509, Page 170 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Hinkle Enterprises, Inc. to Warfield Truck Terminal, Inc.; **66.08 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Lease Agreement dated October 24, 1959, recorded at Volume 329, Page 653 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas; **5.64 acres**, more or less, out of a 25.69 acre tract described in a Lease Agreement dated October 24, 1959, recorded at Volume 320, Page 653 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, and a 26.69 acre tract described in a Lease Agreement dated June 1, 1951, recorded at Volume 146, Page 607 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas; **270.06 acres**, more or less, being 378.9 acres, SAVE and EXCEPT the 20 Tracts described above; **3.23 acres**, more or less, being 3.95 acres, more or less, more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed dated July 25, 1991, recorded at Volume 1089, Page 724 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Team Bank to J.P. Stroud, SAVE and EXCEPT 0.72 of an acre, more or less, described below; **0.72 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated October 25, 1991, recorded at Volume 1101, Page 404 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Montevallo, Inc. to AAA Office Coffee Service, Inc.; **0.55 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated November 17, 1989, recorded at Volume 1026, Page 434 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Team Bank, N.A. to Kenneth Lee Craft; **0.74 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Special Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated July 25, 1988, recorded at Volume 974, Page 629 of the Official Records of Midland County, Texas, from Team American Bank/Midland to Kenneth Lee Craft and wife, Letty J. Craft; **0.21 acres**, more or less, being a portion a 6.74 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas; **1.181 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Correction Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien dated July 2, 1985, recorded at Volume 879, Page 159 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Texas American Bank/Midland to La Rene Menzel; **0.06 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas, and being that portion of said 6.74 acres comprising Highway 80; **7.36 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated December 9, 1977, recorded at Volume 631, Page 496 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Fred Leggett, et al, to M W L Tool & Supply Co.; **0.49 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract being more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas; **10.53 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated November 2, 1951, recorded at Volume 158, Page 323 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George R. McDonald, to Joe W. Manning, Jr. and C.E. Ames; **0.88 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract being more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas; **10.61 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated May 31, 1951, recorded at Volume 146, Page 204 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George R. McDonald, to T.W. Cadenhead; **1.67 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas; **11.09 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Correction Warranty Deed dated February 9, 1951, recorded at Volume 138, Page 6 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George R. McDonald, to I.P. LaRue, et al; **2.42 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 6.74 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 3, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 633 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Ann McDonald and husband, George McDonald, to the State of Texas; **6.09 acres**, more or less, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed dated November 26, 1951, recorded at Volume 157, Page 466 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from N.T. Nelson and wife, Minnie E. Nelson, to A.W. George; **2.0 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 3.85 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated May 2, 1950, recorded at Volume 118, Page 631 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from N.T. Nelson and wife, Minnie B. Nelson, to the State of Texas; **9.46 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 15.7 acre tract more particularly described in a Right of Way Easement dated November 3, 1933, recorded at Volume 51, Page 466 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Goldie Dawson to the State of Texas, and being that portion of said 15.7 acres comprising Highway 80 which lies adjacent to a 74.9 acre tract more particularly described in a Quit Claim Deed dated February 19, 1948, recorded at Volume 98, Page 366 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from H.H. Dillard to Mrs. Ann McDonald; **4.19 acres**, more or less, comprising a portion of the T & P Railroad Co. Right-of-Way, from the southern line of Highway 80 to the centerline thereof; **11.02 acres**, more or less, being a portion of a 15.7 acre tract more particularly described in a Right of Way Easement dated November 3, 1933, recorded at Volume 51, Page 466 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from Goldie Dawson to the State of Texas, and being that portion of said 15.7 acres comprising Highway 80 which lies adjacent to a 13.4 acre tract more particularly described in (1) a Quit Claim Deed dated July 5, 1948, recorded at Volume 92, Page 138 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from H.H. Dillard to Floyd R. Dean, and (2) a Quit Claim Deed dated January 13, 1948, recorded at Volume 98, Page 614 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, from H.H. Dillard to N.T. Nelson; and **3.38 acres**, more or less, comprising a portion of the T & P Railroad Co. Right-of-Way, from the southern line of Highway 80 to the centerline thereof;

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court on this 19th day of January, 2016, at 12:16 p.m., Midland County, Texas.

Angela L. Gaines, Clerk
District Court of Midland County, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit by Marcelino and Hilda Armendariz dba Bourbon St., D.C. LLC, to be located at 120 N. Main Street, Midland, Midland, County, Texas 79701. Officers of said Limited Liability Company are Marcelino and Hilda Armendariz, Owners of Bourbon St., D.C. LLC.

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 2:30 P.M. Local Time, Thursday March 10, 2016. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 2:35 P.M., Local Time, March 10, 2016.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 16MCO513 - LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION FOR AMPHITHEATER

A walk-through will be held at 2pm on Tuesday February 23, 2016 at the Midland County Horseshoe.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

The RFP will be available on Thursday February 18, 2016. Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4873 or pur103@co.midland.tx.us or on the Midland County Purchasing webpage www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/purchasing

Kristy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 3:00 P.M. Local Time, Thursday March 10, 2016. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 3:05 P.M., Local Time, March 10, 2016.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 16MCO514 - FENCING FOR AMPHITHEATER

A walk-through will be held at 3pm on Tuesday February 23, 2016 at the Midland County Horseshoe.

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Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 16MCO512 - ELECTRICAL FOR AMPHITHEATER

A walk-through will be held at 1pm on Tuesday February 23, 2016 at the Midland County Horseshoe.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

The RFP will be available on Thursday February 18, 2016. Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4873 or pur103@co.midland.tx.us or on the Midland County Purchasing webpage www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/purchasing

Kristy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

General Announcements

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FOUND: CHOCOLATE colored chihuahua on Michigan street between East and West Broadway streets. Call to identify 432-689-7996 or 432-661-8533.

LOST CAT! Staples from recent surgery, needs vet! Gray and black striped. 432-638-7952.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO SELL VEHICLE
SEALED BID

Please submit sealed bids (no minimum) for 2002 Chevy Malibu Car, approximately 117,300 miles showing - Not guaranteed. Gas engine: Bench Seat: A/C: PS,PB: AM/FM Radio: As-is: Current working condition. This car is used and contains defects that are and are not immediately detectable. Text description given is meant to be used as a guide only. You may view car between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. All information provided is believed to be correct. No warranty as such is either intended or implied. The care is sold AS IS WHERE IS and with faults and defects therein.

Submit sealed bids to Midland Central Appraisal District4631 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703 by 5 p.m. March 1, 2016.

Payment must be made within 24 hours of notification of being highest bidder.

LEGAL NOTICE
Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., March 2, 2016 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 16002039

For: FY2016 Mill Inlay Project

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Trail Ridge Energy Prtnrs II, LLC, 1000 Texas Trail, Suite 280, Grapevine, TX 76051 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the San Andres (formation), Willow Lakes SWD (lease), Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 5.3 miles in a NE direction from Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Midland County, TX.

Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4200 to 5425 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 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

Request For Proposals:

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., as construction manager, will be receiving proposals for the McCamey ISD Campus Improvements Phase 1 - Building Demolition, Building Pad, Earthwork, Site Utilities, Building Slab and Structural Steel.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 2:00 PM, February 24, 2016. Proposers will meet at the McCamey ISD Administration Building, 111 E. 11th Street, McCamey, TX 79752.

Proposals are due by March 9, 2016 on or before 3:00 PM local time.

Location:
Lee Lewis Construction, Inc.
7810 Orlando Ave
Lubbock, Texas 79423
Phone: 806-797-8400
Fax: 806-797-8492
Email bids to: estimating@leelewis.com

Bid packages will be available at the following locations:
AGC Plan Rooms & Dodge Plan Rooms - Lubbock, Odessa, Midland
Lee Lewis Construction - Lubbock, Texas
www.iaqft.com

Lee Lewis Construction specifically invites Small Business Concerns and Women Owned Business Concerns and Small Business Concerns Owned/Controlled By Socially And Economically Disadvantaged Individuals to bid this project.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BUDDY JEWEL LAMB, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Buddy Jewel Lamb, Deceased, were issued to Janice Lamb, Independent Executrix, on the 16th day of February, 2016, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Buddy Jewel Lamb, Deceased", No. P18579 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executrix, at the address given below before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Said Independent Executrix's address is 600 ECR 132, Midland, Texas 79706.

Independent Executrix of the Estate of Buddy Jewel Lamb, Deceased, No. P18579 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

To THERESA PAYNE, Respondent:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The second amended petition of LINDA STONER, Petitioner, was filed in the 318th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, on February 5, 2016, against THERESA PAYNE, Respondent, numbered FM-59681 and entitled "In the Interest of ANDREW PAYNE, a child." The suit requests the custody of the minor child. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
ANDREW PAYNE	06/18/2009	Little Rock, Arkansas

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including granting custody of the child to Petitioner.

"Issued and given under my hand and Seal of the Court at Midland, Texas, February 9th, 2016.

Ross Bush
Clerk of the District Court of
Midland County, Texas

By: Kimberly Durrett, Deputy

CV51178

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO. CV51178

TO: Francisco Hernandez, III, Anthony Gomez, The Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Francisco Hernandez, Jr., Deceased, and The Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Norma Rodriguez, Deceased

You are hereby commended to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 7th day of March, 2016, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 142nd District Court of Midland County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court on 03/30/15 in this cause, number CV5l78 on the docket of said court, and styled:

Federal National Mortgage Association a/k/a Fannie Mae v. Norma Rodriguez, Francisco Hernandez, III and the Unknown Heirs at Law of Francisco Hernandez, Jr., Deceased.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Federal National Mortgage Association a/k/a Fannie Mae v. Norma Rodriguez, Francisco Hernandez, III and the Unknown Heirs at Law of Francisco Hernandez, Jr., Deceased.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff's suit seeks rescind the vendor's lien and enforce the statutory probate lien against the real property and improvements commonly known as 3913 North Tanner Drive, Midland, Texas 79703 and more particularly described as:

BEING LOT SEVEN (7), BLOCK THIRTY TWO (32), PERMIAN ESTATES, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN CABINET A, PAGE 63, PLAT RECORDS, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at Midland, Midland County, Texas this 19th day of January, 2016.

ROSS BUSH, DISTRICT CLERK
MIDLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
500 NORTH LORAINE STREET
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

By: Angela Gordea
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued by the District Clerk of Midland County, Texas, on the 21st day of December, 2015, in a certain 441st District Court cause numbered CV51605 wherein Warren Power & Machinery, Inc. is Plaintiff, and Lobo's Services, Inc. and Angel Sanchez is the Defendants, in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of $367753.96 Dollars, Plus attorney's fees in the amount of $5200.00, Plus prejudgment interest of $26393.92, together with all costs of suit, that being the judgment recovered by the said Plaintiff, on the28th day of October, 2015.

I, Gary Painter, Sheriff of Midland County, Texas on the 20th day of January, 2016, at 3:15PM, have levied upon, and will, per the Writ of Execution, sell the below listed property on the 1st day of March, 2016, at about 10:00 a.m., at the Courthouse Door of Midland County in the City of Midland, Texas within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all of the right, title and interest of the Defendants in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the Defendants, to wit:

MCAD Description: Legal: Acres: 0.289, BLK: 014, LOT: 001, ADDN: CAROL CREST, (UNRECORDED) Situs: New Jersey Ave 0 E Property ID R000012757

MCAD Description: Legal: Acres: 0.225, BLK: 014, LOT: 002, ADDN: CAROL CREST, (UNRECORDED) Situs: New Jersey Ave 0 E Property ID R000012758

MCAD Description: Legal: Acres: 0.215, BLK: 014, LOT: 003, ADDN: CAROL CREST, (UNRECORDED), SEC 1 BLK 39-T2S Situs: New Jersey Ave 0 E Property ID R000012759

MCAD Description: Legal: Acres: 0.215, BLK: 014, LOT: 004, ADDN: CAROL CREST, (UNRECORDED), SEC 1 BLK 39-T2S Situs: New Jersey Ave 0 E Property ID R000012760

MCAD Description: Legal: Acres: 0.215, BLK: 014, LOT: 005, ADDN: CAROL CREST, (UNRECORDED), SEC 1 BLK 39-T2S Situs: New Jersey Ave 0 E Property ID R000012761

MCAD Description; Legal: Acres: 0.215, BLK: 014, LOT: 006, ADDN: CAROL CREST, UNRECORDED), SEC 1 BLK 39-T2S Situs: New Jersey Ave 0 E Property ID R000012762

MCAD Description: Legal: Acres: 0.215, BLK: 014, LOT: 012, ADDN: CAROL CREST, (UNRECORDED) Situs: Wayside Dr 0 Property ID R000012765

MCAD Description: Legal: Acres: 0.257, BLK: 014, LOT: 013, ADDN: CAROL CREST, (UNRECORDED), Situs Wayside Dr 0 Property ID R000012766

MCAD Description: Legal: Acres: 0.257, BLK: 014, LOT: 014, ADDN: CAROL CREST, UNRECORDED) Situs: Wayside Dr 0 Property ID R000012767

All right, title and interest of Lobo's Services, Inc. and Angel Sanchez in and to all that certain lots, tracts or parcels of land, with improvements, lying and being situated in Midland County, Texas, and being situated on the above Midland Central Appraisal District Records.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for the above amounts in favor of the Plaintiff, together with the costs of said suit and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND this the 4th day of February, 2016.

Gary Painter, Sheriff
Midland County, Texas
By Sgt. Ken O. Colston, Deputy

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RIDICULOUS FOODS, LLC. DBA LORI'S CAFE IS MAKING APPLICATION TO THE TABC FOR A MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT, A CATERER'S PERMIT, AND A BEVERAGE CARTAGE PERMIT AT 210 E. LONGVIEW AVENUE, SUITE G, MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY TEXAS, 79701. OWNER: TIMOTHY ROGERS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frederick Earl Westmoreland, Deceased, were issued on February 16, 2016, in Cause No. P18571, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Debra Johnson Westmoreland.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Debra Johnson Westmoreland**
200 Club Drive
Midland, Texas 79701

DATED the 16th day of February, 2016

Austin L. Ramsey
Attorney for Debra Johnson Westmoreland
State Bar No.: 24073484
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Oxy USA INC is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, Mabee 139 lease, well number 4321WD. The proposed injection well is located 14.3 miles Northwest of Midland in the Spraberry (Trend Area) in Andrews County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4800 to 5620 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 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 4:00 P.M., February 26, 2016 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the Purchasing Agent City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 16001628

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Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Janet Marie Smith, Deceased, were issued on February 16, 2016, in Cause No. P18570, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Donna Jean Gift.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Donna Jean Gift**
1209 Jackson
Perryton, Texas 79070

DATED the 16th day of February, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Narvie Hill Garnett, Deceased, were issued on February 16, 2016 in Cause No. P18569, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Perthelene G. Mosley.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Perthelene G. Mosley**
3323 Medinah Court
Sugarland, Texas 77479

DATED the 16th day of February, 2016

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT FOR PERMANENT ROCK AND CONCRETE CRUSHERS

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 138251

APPLICATION. South Texas Aggregates, Inc., 4343 East Main Street, Uvalde, Texas 78801-6414 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration Number 138251, which would authorize construction of a permanent rock crusher. The facility is proposed to be located near Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706. The following driving directions were provided: from Midland, travel south on Highway 349 for 19.25 miles, turn east on East County Road 300 and travel 1.85 miles, site is located on the south side of the road. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.702777&lng=-101.976666&zoom=13&type=r. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 14, 2016. The executive director has determined the application was technically complete on January 25, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments about this application may be submitted at any time during the public comment period. You may submit public comments either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. If you choose to communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS. A written response to all relevant comments will be prepared by the executive director after the comment period closes. The response, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and requested to be added to the mailing list. The response to comments will be posted in the permit file for viewing.

The executive director shall approve or deny the application not later than 30 days after the end of the public comment period, considering all comments received within the comment period, and base this decision on whether the application meets the requirements of the standard permit.

CENTRAL/REGIONAL OFFICE. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office and the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, located at 9900 W Interstate 20 Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79706-2636, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning the first day of publication of this notice.

INFORMATION. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1 800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from South Texas Aggregates, Inc., 4343 East Main Street, Uvalde, Texas 78801-6414, or by calling Ms. Monique Wells, Environmental Consultant, CIC Environmental LLC at (512) 292-4314.

Notice Issuance Date: January 26, 2016

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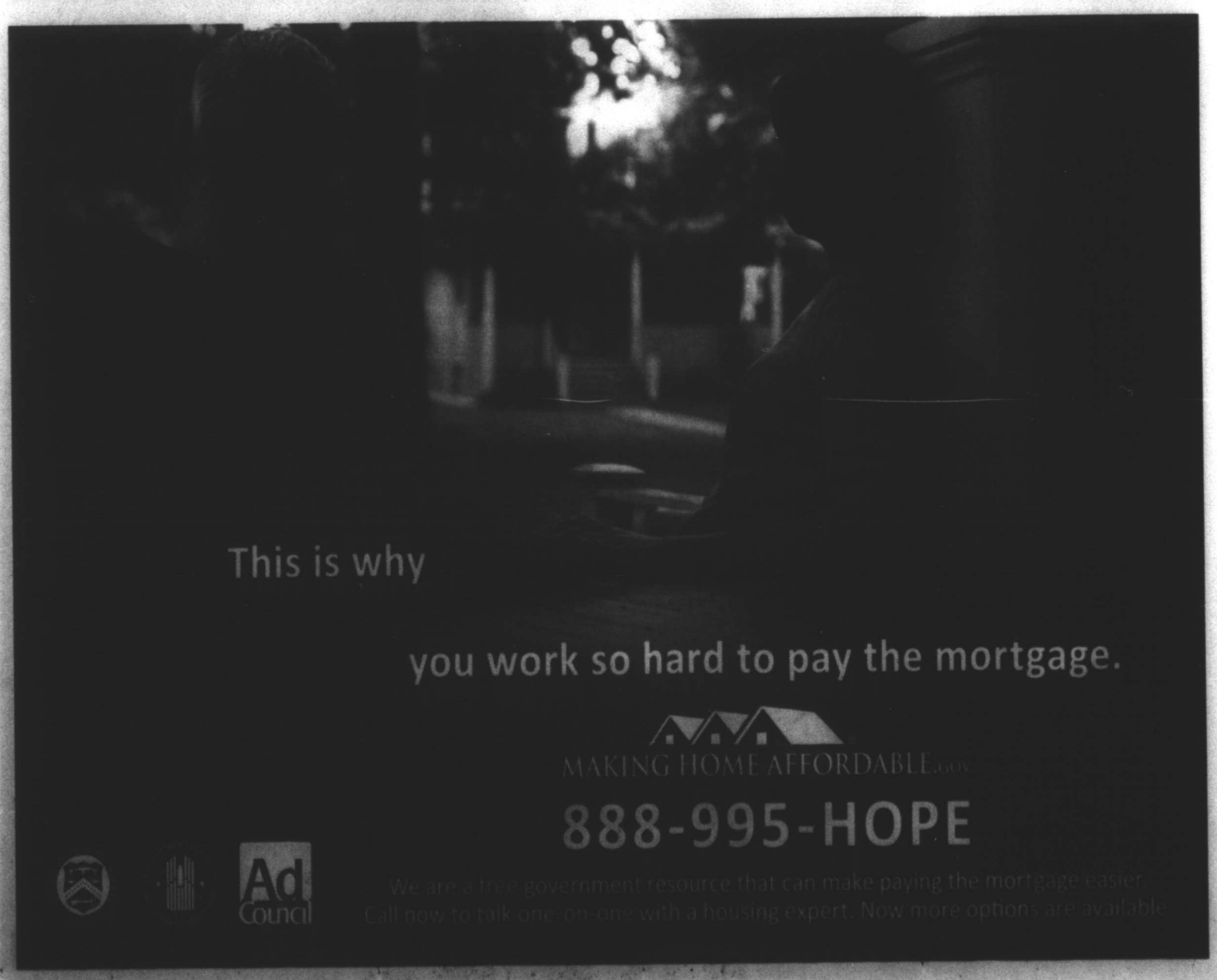

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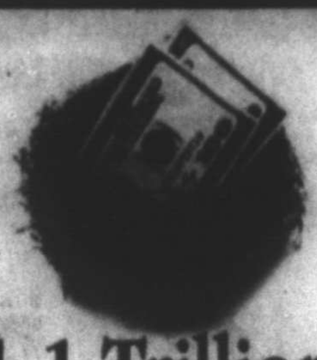

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Let's start with the three Cs: character, capacity and capital.

By character, lenders mean the manner in which you have used credit in the past – your credit history. The two main indicators of character are your credit report and credit score. You need a good credit report to generate a solid credit score. It's a good habit to review your credit report at least once a year to get rid of any old information or factual errors.

Capacity represents your ability to repay a loan. It takes a certain amount of financial heft to carry debt such as a mortgage. The best index of capacity is your debt-to-income ratio. The DTI is expressed as a percentage: your total recurring monthly debt, such as mortgage payments, car loans, student loan payments and credit card bills, divided by your gross monthly income.

Generally, a desirable DTI is less than 43 percent; the lower the better. For example, if your gross household income is $7,000 a month and you spend $2,800 on recurring bills, you have a 40 percent DTI.

Capital is the third C. Lenders want to know that if something goes wrong – if you lose your job, say – you will continue to make your monthly payments. Capital can include cash in checking or savings accounts, mutual fund balances and retirement account assets.

Those are the three basic Cs. Sometimes lenders add two more.

In the world of lending there are secured and unsecured loans. An unsecured loan can be a personal debt, such as a credit card advance, while a secured debt involves a loan tied to an asset. That asset serves as collateral for the loan – the fourth C.

For example, your home is security for a mortgage. If you really got into trouble you could sell the home and hopefully it would yield enough cash to pay off the mortgage. That's not a great choice, but it's better than a foreclosure, the loss of your credit standing and in some states maybe even a suit by the lender to recover any unpaid loan balance.

The fifth C concerns conditions. Basically, the lender wants to know what you intend to do with the money. You say you want the money for a house? Good – that's a secured loan we can tie to the appraisal of the house.

You want the money for a business? Maybe. How much of your own cash are you putting in?

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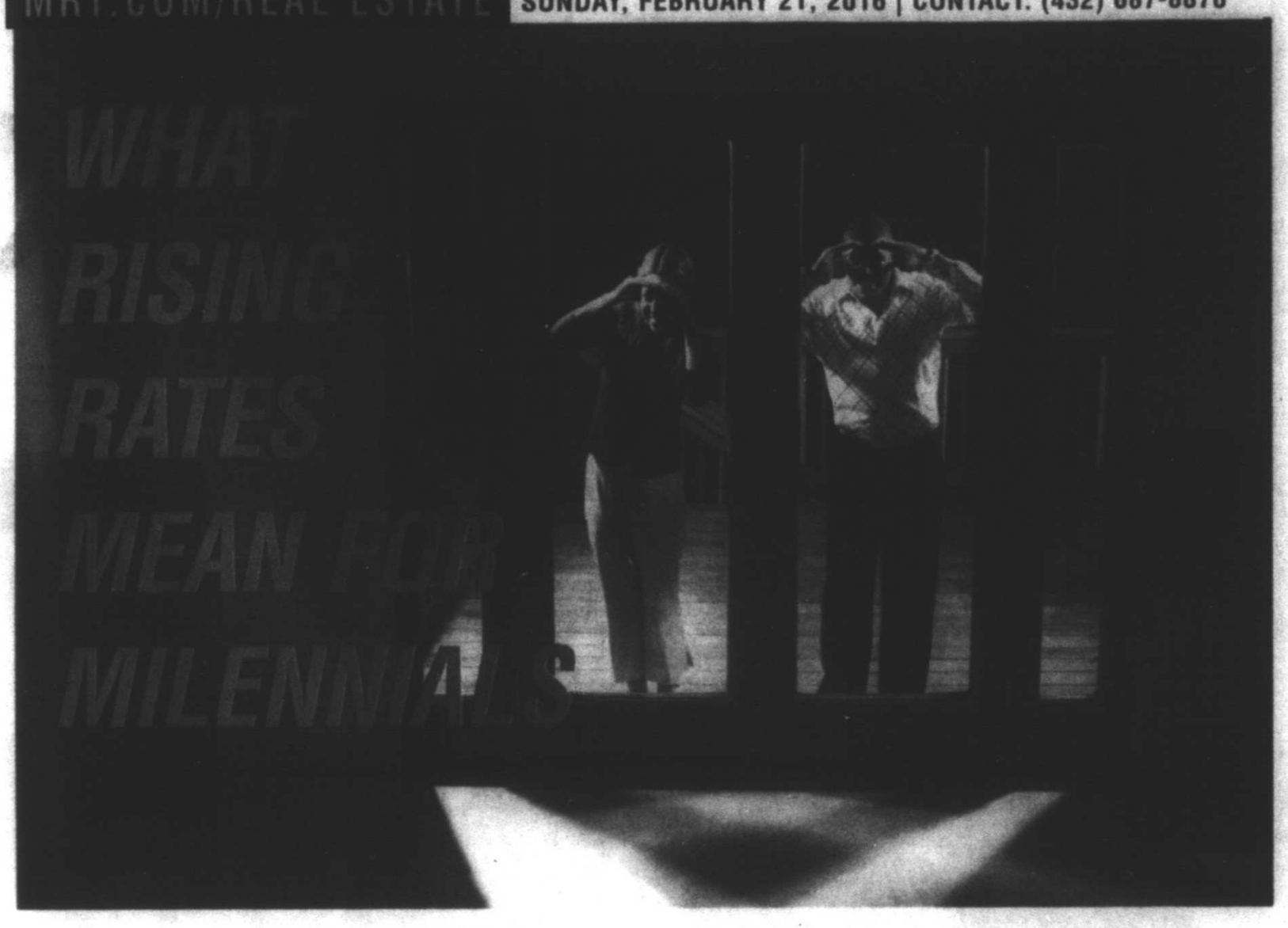

FED RATE HIKE SUGGESTS ECONOMY IS QUICKENING; MILLENNIAL BUYERS NOT SO SURE

By LAURA DEPTA
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The millennial generation – those born from the 1980s to 2000s – are, generally speaking, already slower to buy homes than their parents were. Now that the Federal Reserve has raised interest rates for the first time in 10 years, what does that mean for young, aspiring homeowners in the near future?

Despite their reputation for commitment phobia, millennials are actually quite conservative in their views on home ownership, according to Erin Lantz, vice president of Mortgages at Zillow.

"They still believe owning a home is part of the future that they aspire to," says Lantz. "That said, they are having a hard time getting into that home as early as young homebuyers once did. There's a couple of things driving that."

Lantz cites millennials' difficulty building savings due to high rental cost as one factor slowing them down. The postponement of major life decisions, including marriage and children, is the other.

Since the financial crisis of 2008, the Federal Reserve has kept interest rates low to boost the economy and put people to work.

In December, the Federal Open Market Committee opted to increase the target range for the federal funds rate to 0.25 to 0.50 percent, citing improvement in the labor market and a positive economic outlook.

"The recent rate rise can be interpreted, and should be interpreted, positively," says Bob Johnson, President and CEO of the American College of Financial Services. "The Fed believes that the economy is strong enough to withstand an interest rate increase."

In practical terms, the increase will affect several aspects of daily American life, albeit at varying paces. For instance, credit card interest rates will increase, almost immediately in some cases. Mortgage rates will rise at a slower pace with a lag of perhaps several months.

Though mortgage rates will rise, Johnson estimates it won't be by more than about one percent or so in the next year. He encourages potential home buyers to understand the increase in a historical context.

"Way back in the early 1980s, short-term interest rates were above 15 percent," he explains. "People were taking out mortgages that had 16 percent interest rates. People now can't even imagine that."

When one hears "rising interest rates," the tendency might be to feel some urgency. Millennials, and any potential homebuyers, should realize rising rates do not necessarily demand immediate action.

"There's no need for future home buyers to panic or feel like affordability is completely out of reach," says Lantz. "The most important factor to consider when buying a home – in our opinion – is not rates. It's about your personal considerations, where you want to live and if you need to move."

For millennials intent on purchasing a home soon, Lantz suggests, above all, diligent research and communication with lenders. She points to the personal variables affecting individual situations and cautions against a standard 30-year fixed rate loan as a blanket approach.

"For many millennials, 30 years is an impossibility. A 30-year fixed may not be the right option for them."

Ultimately, millennials should continue to focus on savings and do so with an eye toward prudence. According to Johnson, the interest rate increase shouldn't have a substantial effect on rates for checking or savings accounts, but millennials should think twice before making any risky investments.

"If you're saving for a down payment, and you know you're going to need that money in the very near future, you have to accept the fact that you can't put it in a risky asset," he advises. "You basically have to put it in savings that earns virtually nothing. You can't take the risk."

THE MARKET

HOME SALES GOING, HAPPILY, TO THE DOGS

Nearby dog parks a drawing card when it comes time to sell

What might cause one home, nearly identical in style and condition to another just a couple miles away, to sell faster and for more than its twin?

Anyone with a modicum of real estate knowledge can rattle off likely reasons. The quick seller is in a more popular school district, or is closer to public transportation, or is on a block with more attractive homes.

But another explanation playing a bigger role of late. The quick seller is near a dog park.

Some 45 percent of pet owners reported treating their pets "like royalty," according to the "Consumer Insights Survey" of 20,000 home shoppers by John Burns Real Estate Consulting, Irvine, California.

Properties with a dog park nearby tend to receive more viewings and offers, says Jamal Asskoumi, owner of the real estate website CasteSmart.com.

"If a property is near a dog park, a ten minute walk or less, brokers should highlight the fact," agrees Nicholas D'Addario, agent with William Raveis, a New York City realty firm.

Highlighting a dog park in a listing doesn't have any negatives, says Asskoumi. "The non-dog owners will probably glance over this feature, focusing on the actual property, while dog owners will take it into account," he says.

Canine passion is increasingly reflected in the interiors of homes. John Burns Real Estate Consulting reports that "pet suites," which can include a special dog wash area and dedicated spaces for a dog bed and food, are growing popular.

When owners sell, they should investigate how these spaces can be used for buyers without dogs, says Asskoumi.

And, it might be advisable to keep canine amenities in laundry rooms or out-of-the way spaces. "A property was listed on our site featuring a dog bath in the master bedroom that couldn't be removed," shares Asskoumi. "Many potential buyers were no longer interested." – *Marilyn Kennedy Melia*

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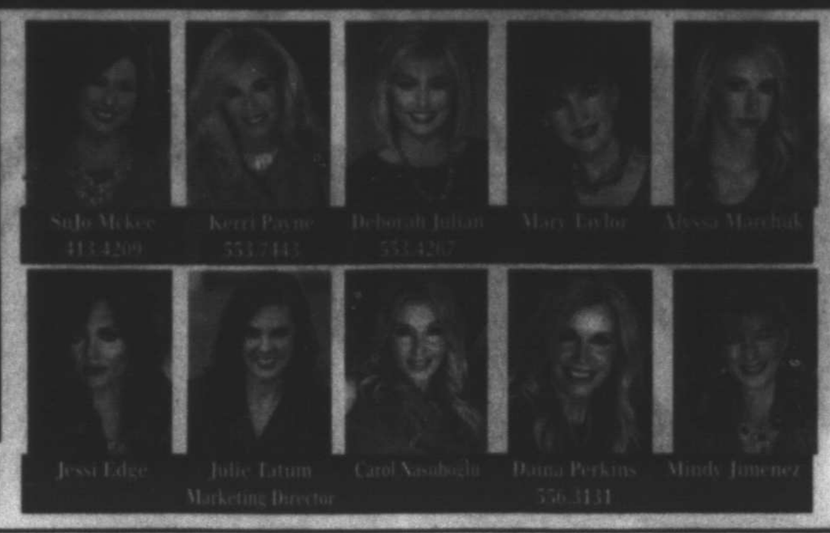

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Condos/ Townhouses

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ODESSA, TEXAS
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OPEN SUN. 1:00-2:00
4300 GUADALUPE - $286,000
Spacious 4 bed/2 bath/2 garage home with large! Entry leads to open living area with fireplace, gas logs, crown molding & big windows. Large kitchen with lots of cabinets, breakfast bar & pantry. Separate master has soaking tub, separate shower & dual sinks. Pretty wood look laminate flooring throughout. Large backyard w/large! Beautiful home!

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4616 Verenstra Dr., Midland, TX
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4300 Harlowe Dr., Midland, TX
Three bedroom with two bathrooms. Hardwood floors, sunken living room, large eat in kitchen. There is so much potential on this house. Just needs you to personalize it.
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5104 Brighton Pl., Midland, TX
Charming home in Castle Creek Section!! Living area has beautiful hickory floors, raised ceiling, textured ceiling. Kitchen has an abundance of cabinets, pantry, granite counter tops, open to the breakfast area. Formal dining area. Spacious master has sitting area with fireplace, walk in closet. Master bath has dual sinks, separate tub and shower. Landscaped yard is great for entertaining.
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3220 Marlene Ave., Midland, TX
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1700 S MAIN ST., BIG SPRING, TX
New carpet in carpeted areas, hardwood floors in living area and dining area and vinyl flooring in kitchen. New paint on all the walls and woodwork; new French doors in master. Looks really spiffy. There are newer windows throughout the house. There is a new roof on both main and guest houses. Come and see if it fits your family. $100,000.

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5306 Quicksand - $499,900
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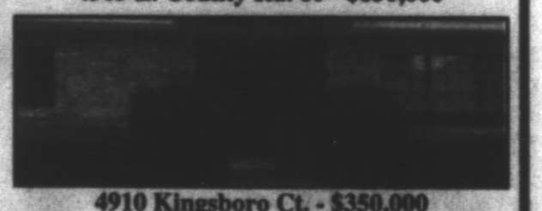
4303 E. County Rd. 60 - $650,000



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1205 Brookwoodge Dr.-Great plan in Woodland Park! $404,000
5404 San Saba Ct.-Builder's personal home & every detail was meticulously completed in this beautiful 4BR home $329,000
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5306 Quicksand Cove-Another Glenn Miller low maintenance 3BR/3BA patio home w/oversized rooms $499,000
2609 Sinclair Ave.-Tree shaded 3bdrm/2bth townhome in very established neighborhood ..... UC $280,000
Lot#1004 E. County Rd. 120-New construction 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home in The Meadows $370,000
1000 N. I Street-Wonderful location - I & Winfield. Great backyard w/sparkling pool $365,000
4910 Kingsboro Ct.-Meadow Park jewel! Lots of new in this spacious 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home! Walk to Pool and Clubhouse! $350,000
2102 Shady Ave.-Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2 bath townhouse in Old Midland! $329,000
1404 Douglas-Lovely 3 bdrm/2bth home in great neighborhood, great plan w/POOL! ..... UC $325,000
602 W. Pine Ct.-Lovely townhome in Highland Park $324,000
3609 S. County Rd. 1184-Spacious 3BR, great country property $299,000
2104 Chelsea Place-Dazzling white of Granite! Open floor plan w/beautiful living area, formal dining and bright kitchen! ..... SOLD $298,000
800 Shady Ave. - Charming 3bdrm/2bth Highland Park Townhouse with many updates! $299,000
13304 FM 307- Wonderful 3Bdrm/2Bth home with great additions $295,000
3911 County Rd. 1185-Wonderful country property close to town w/large open concept plan! ..... UC $279,000
4 Cambridge Ct.-Charming three bedroom & bonus room on quiet cul-de-sac ..... UC $275,000
3300 Shady Ave.-Great home with 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths $269,000
6103 Crystal Sky Ln.-Beautiful front entry way into this stunning 3bdrm/2bth home with granite on every surface $254,000
2507 Candle Tree Cove-3BR, 2 bath, well kept in Plantation Hills! ..... UC $240,000
1100 Dudley St.-Nothing but the best - from stately exterior to attention to detail interior plus convenient location! $239,000
4717 Boulder Ave.-Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse w/no many updates! $239,000
3600 Costante-3/2 w/2 living areas, 1 block from Travis Elementary $189,000
2409 Pagosa Dr.-Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home w/some fresh paint, a newly remodeled kitchen $185,000
2606 Stacey Ave.-Charming 3 bedroom/2 bath home with nice updates ..... UC $175,000
3223 W. Sheridan Ave.-Priced to sell. loads of potential! ..... UC $174,000
2100 Wadley #69-Large spacious Chaparelle Condo w/3 bdrms/2bths ..... UC $149,000
1309 N. Colorado St.-Great location on corner lot! Priced to sell quickly! ..... UC $57,000

FOUR BEDROOMS

510 Sir Barton Pkwy-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan $1,150,000
5400 Underhill Trail-Amazing custom home in Sobinson! Open plan w/great amenities $975,000
6310 Haywood-Gorgeous custom home in Grassland West! Beautiful pool and outside entertaining area! $730,000
1200 Brookwoodge Dr.-Great plan in Woodland Park! $484,000
6701 E. County Rd. 112-Beautiful new construction in Cowboy Estates! ..... UC $470,000
2100 Co. Rd. 1000-Beautiful custom 4bdr/3bth Tom Woodruff resale on 5 acres w/all the bells and whistles! $450,000
Lot#1004 E. County Rd. 120-home in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now such as granite, brick, etc. $440,000
811 Trinidad Place - Woodland Park/Mark Payne 4Bdrm/3Bth Beauty with lush landscaped yard, bricked beds & back courtyard ..... UC $440,000
6607 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bdr/3bth Ashington home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! $430,000
7200 E. Co. Rd. 112-Beautiful Chaney Ranch Hurry while you can still choose your selection today $400,320
2000 Parkes Way-Less than 3 year old Borrell home beautifully maintained in Mayfield Pl $385,000
7200 E. County Rd. 112-Chaney Ranch is finally ready for your Dream Home! You can make all your selections now $380,400
Lot#1004 E. County Rd. 120-New construction in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now $363,700
2701 S. Co. Rd. 1000-Better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, good plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! $330,000
1300 S. County Rd. 1000-Beautiful new construction on quiet street (dead-ends) Large open floorplan $335,000
5404 San Saba Ct.-Builder's personal home & every detail was meticulously completed in this beautiful 4BR home $329,000
6001 Diamond St.-Beautiful spacious 4/3 w/plenty of entertaining space ..... UC $310,000
2503 Calgaper Dr.-Gorgeous 4 bdrm, 2 bath, updated kitchen, fabulous landscaping plus workshop $290,000
3600 Roosevelt Ave.-Remodeled 4 bdrm/3 bth home w/2 car garage $220,000
3309 S. County Rd. 1000-Great opportunity to have an acre of land in Greenwood. 4br/3 bath w/lots of space $160,000
2107 N. Boston-Really updated 4Bdrm/2Bth home at a amazing price ..... UC $104,000

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

2001 Sinclair Ave.-Best of the best in Warwick! 7bdrms/6fbths/4hbths. WOW! ..... UC $1,500,000
9100 Alysheba-Gorgeous pool and outdoor kitchen $1,400,000
4303 E. County Rd. 60-Beautiful 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home on 2.24 acres $650,000
5300 Quicksand Cove-Another Glenn Miller low maintenance 3BR/3BA patio home w/oversized rooms $499,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision w/acreage ..... $300-$600

TOWN HOUSES AND PATIO HOMES

1020 Crescent Pl.-Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in great location $280,000
1000 Crescent Pl.-Wonderful townhome in Crescent Place $260,000
2102 Shady Ave.-Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2 bath townhouse in Old Midland $329,000
602 W. Pine Ct.-Lovely townhome in Highland Park $324,000
800 Shady Ave. - Charming 3bdrm/2bth Highland Park Townhouse with many updates! $299,000

FOR LEASE

4001-1 Lanham St.-Super nice and spacious rental in central location 3BR/2.5BA for lease $1,800
4710 Gateway-Immaculate open flowing plan! $1,700

FOR LEASE

1400 Caswell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/wholesale w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
10001-4 W. Murphy, Odessa-For sublease. 7,750 shop & 1,500 sq. ft. of office, on I-20 Service Rd ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE

Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build you dream home ..... $30-$60
S. Co. Rd. 1129-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood! $2,000,000
I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1114.25 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111 ..... $2,000,000
S. Co. Rd. 1040-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood $1,303,200
3010 Jasmine-Oasis on the Interstate! $470,000
1100 S. Co. Rd. 1209-56.39 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111 ..... $401,129
5703 E. Co. Rd. 80-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan $300,000
6701 Desert Wind-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community $250,000
W. County Rd. 123-Ready to develop! $200,000
04 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $170,000
4405 Green Tree Blvd.-Lot in Green Tree North 0.18 acres $125,000
E. Co. Rd. 120-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows ..... UC $90,000

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1400 Caswell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/wholesale w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
10 Deals Drive-For Sublease, approx. 13,500 sq. ft. of Class A office space - entire floor/Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-Approx. 9,301 sq. ft. office building, great location - near hospital Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
Continental Tower-Downtown Sublease, approx. 3,729 sq. ft., Class A Bldg, with covered parking. ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-For lease, approx. 9,301 sq. ft. of very attractive site, convenient location w/parking ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
7300 Greening-Industrial sublease, 14,000 sq. ft. on 4.74 acres. In Lease Industrial development w/city utilities ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
2211 N. County Rd. 1129-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $790,000
501 S. Garfield St.-Wonderful money making commercial building! $600,000
5000 block of N. Midkiff-2.5+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
9 Cotton Pick Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $100,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

31 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Navy get-away. 3 bdrm/2bth home located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates $240,000
3000 Beatte St.-Beautiful & meticulously maintained low-maintenance home in Odessa ..... UC $230,000

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OPEN TODAY 2:00-3:00
3802 PLACID COURT
$234,900
Updated, open plan! Beautiful kitchen! Custom built cabinets w/lazy susan, farm sink, quartz countertops, top end appliances! Corner fireplace, tall ceiling with skylights, and tile flooring throughout, new paint, RO owned, energy efficient heat pump! Huge sequestered master, 2 car garage, w/workshop area! On a cul-de-sac! This is a must see home!
Shown by
Ruth Young, 432-352-0096

OPEN TODAY 3:00-4:30
5315 GREATHOUSE
$403,000
Spectacular 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with 2 living areas, 2 dining area a fabulous sequestered master suite that you won't want to miss seeing. Home has open floor plan, beautiful wood floors, high ceilings, built-in shelving, granite throughout, huge pantry and inside utility room with cabinetry and sink. Beautifully maintained lot with back covered patio & rear attached 3-car garage. A must see!
Shown by
Minerva Rodriguez, 432-631-5679

OPEN TODAY 2:00-3:30
2906 AURORA
$248,500
Wonderfully maintained home with many updates! Four bedrooms, 2 baths with formal living area and den. Large kitchen with breakfast nook, inside utility room & huge pantry. Formal dining off of kitchen. All bedrooms are spacious with large closets. Home sits on extra large lot with BONUS guest room, man cave or shop in back. Also 3 covered patios, storage room, well room, 2 double gates & dog run.
Shown by
Stephanie Jones, 432-528-0452

OPEN TODAY 1:00-3:00
412 NOLAN RYAN
$358,410
Beautiful, large 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with open floor plan. Formal dining area, breakfast nook and breakfast bar. Huge living area with lovely fireplace. Sequestered master suite with big walk in closet and dual sinks, separate tub and shower. All bedrooms are good size. Home sits on extra large lot that has been landscaped and has a cement pad for entertaining. Two car, side entry garage.
Shown by
Cassie Hudson, 432-286-8947

OPEN TODAY 2:00-3:30
12810 FM 307
$600,000
Perfect Greenwood property with 2 homes on 5 acres. Brick home is 4 bedroom, 3 bath with a extra flex room. Home has new flooring. 10 inch walls fully insulated for efficient heating and cooling, ceiling fans in every room and sequestered master suite. Open floor plan with inviting living area that has a Pellet Burning stove and looks out onto back & front covered patio. Second home is a 2 bedroom.
Shown by
Sharon Horton, 432-853-7875

4+ BEDROOM		
1104 SILVERTON DR		$160,000
12810 FM 307	FACT ID #1072	$600,000
11802 COUNTY RD 58	FACT ID #1072	$475,000
3802 SHELL AVE	FACT ID #1062	$445,000
5315 GREATHOUSE	FACT ID #1072	$403,725
1001 RANGERS CT	FACT ID #1036	U/C
5101 TEAKWOOD		$399,900
6009 OAK CREEK DR		$395,500
805 WOODLAND PARK AVE		$387,500
3409 LEAND COURT		U/C
5802 DEVLIN PLACE		$373,900
5215 GREATHOUSE AVE	FACT ID #1061	$365,900
6104 WICHITA		$360,500
6109 INDIGO SKY	FACT ID #1066	U/C
6106 WICHITA		$358,500
4004 FRID DR		$358,500
412 NOLAN RYAN	FACT ID #1012	$358,410
301 SAYWOOD CIRCLE	FACT ID #1721	SOLD
4307 VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1036	U/C
808 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1008	$270,000
2906 AURORA	FACT ID #0941	$248,500

4+ BEDROOM		
3401 UPLAND ST	FACT ID #1005	$160,000
3313 CAMARIE AV	FACT ID #1046	SOLD
3 BEDROOM		
4109 SPRINGFIELD CT	FACT ID #1097	$418,000
908 TRINIDAD		$369,900
4821 ROSEWOOD		$339,500
604 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$314,900
1210 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1082	$299,500
5809 PEDERNALES	FACT ID #1038	$295,000
3208 FRONTIER AVE	FACT ID #1026	$235,000
3802 PLACID COURT		$234,900
3401 PRINCETON AVE	FACT ID #1089	U/C
4703 CHEROKEE DR		$215,000
4309 FERNCLIFF AVE		$210,000
1011 OLD COURSE RD	FACT ID #2041	$210,000
717 W. PINE	FACT ID #1046	$205,000
4408 TREVINO ST	FACT ID #1070	U/C
805 SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1018	$189,000
474 ELM AVE	FACT ID #1090	$175,000
4815 STOREY AVE		$151,000

3 BEDROOM		
4518 LEDDY DR	FACT ID #1057	SOLD
1370 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD		$69,900
2 BEDROOM		
715 MELTON ALLEY	FACT ID #1721	$174,900
1501 E. 17TH		$135,000
COMMERCIAL		
6203 E. CO. RD. 67	FACT ID #1029	$300,000
LAND		
13416 W COUNTY RD. 100		$198,000
3708 CEDAR SPRING	(LOT)	$28,000
ODESSA		
3321 SHERBROOK	FACT ID #1002	U/C
9040 W. VALLEY MEADOW	FACT ID #1082	SOLD
2416 QUAIL PARK PLACE	FACT ID #1056	SOLD
1708 E 53RD ST. ODESSA	FACT ID #1068	$230,000
3907 HYDEN DR		SOLD
7304 COOMBS		$85,000
2819 BRENTWOOD DR		U/C
308 99TH STREET	FACT ID #1096	SOLD
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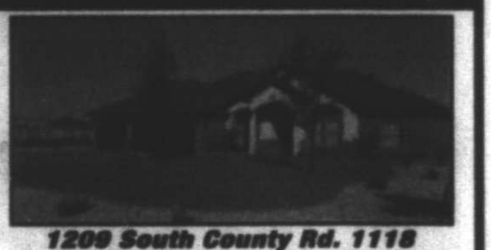

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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL		
1904 E. Pine	1 Bdrm/1 Bath/Mobile Home	$59,000
800 Canyon Dr.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	$70,000
601 Scharbauer Dr.	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$84,000
4704 Thomason Dr.	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$174,900
3409 Maines Ave.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Detached 2 Car Garage	$170,000
3400 Fairview Lane	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
7217 Raphael St.	4Bdrm/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$210,000
6010 Wagner	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
4000 Congdon Drive	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3420 E. 17th Street	4Bdrm/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$300,000
4000 Lamesa Lane	4Bdrm/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$314,900
1009 Cuthbert Rd	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$335,000
1004 Redwood	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$409,000
3700 Sandy Court	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool	$439,000
5314 Brown Heart Lane	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
NEW CONSTRUCTION		
5117 N. Weatherford	Corrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$195,000
1036 S. Mesquite St	Corrasco Homes/ 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$245,000
3414 S. Co. Rd. 1080	Michael Davis Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/Greenwood	$245,000
4302 Coronado Ct.	Stenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$387,500
7117 E. Co. Rd 90	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2+ Car Garage	$410,700
4309 San Pedro	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$429,900
7407 E. Co. Rd. 80	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$439,000
10003 S. Co. Rd. 160	Michael Davis Homes/4 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 2 Car Garage/Greenwood	$432,000
6315 Brown Heart Ln.	Diaz Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$440,000
5306 George Yard Ct.	Corrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$478,500
1209 S. Co. Rd. 1118	Elgin Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 car garage	$489,900
5309 Balfour Dr.	Aldi Home Construction/4 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	$510,000
4101 Timberglen	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$575,000
5417 Bainbridge St	Diamond Homes/5 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,250,000
SUBURBAN/ACREAGE		
10309 N. Hollyhock Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2.300 Acres	$99,000
14043 Sunflower Ave.	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Carport	$123,000
6010 Blacklight Ln.	1.007 Acres	$135,000
8007 Dunbarton Oaks	Blacklight Oaks	$149,000
14041 Sunflower Ave.	Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/7.2 Acres	$189,000
Lone Rose Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
4301 S. Co. Rd. 1105	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$310,000
2012 S. Co. Rd. 1080	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$314,900
10007 E. Co. Rd. 100	Greenwood/5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$389,000
310 Co. Rd. 210	202 Acres	$900,000
SUBURBAN HOME SITES		
Lone Rose Estates	W. Co. Rd. 20/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY		
1400 Wells Lane	Big Spring/4 Acres	$999,000
Seal Parkway	3.00 Acres	$1,475,000
3000 Elkins Rd	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,600,000
RENTAL PROPERTIES		
601 Scharbauer Dr.	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$1,000
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Take Advantage of These Low Rates Now

The headlines keep coming and rates keep dropping. Stock and oil prices continue to slide, which has brought rates on home loans down to levels not seen for a year, according to Freddie Mac's weekly survey.

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Congress Extends Tax Deduction

We also wanted to let you know that the tax deduction for mortgage insurance was extended by Congress for 2015 and 2016. This means that depending upon your income level, you may be able to deduct these payments as well as the interest on your home loan and property taxes. We recommend you discuss this with your tax advisor.

Many are using the opportunity of low rates and/or higher housing prices to eliminate their mortgage insurance payments. Want to know how? I would happy to lend some advice on this as well.

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Buyers and Sellers Benefit From Home Warranty Plans

Home sellers are discovering the benefits of purchasing a home warranty, both before and after the sale. While the house is on the market, Sellers gain peace of mind by knowing that a service contract covers most of the major built-in appliances and mechanical components of their home. For example, if the dishwasher springs a leak, most home warranties will cover these repairs during the listing period. In addition, Buyers are more attracted to resale homes that offer a home warranty plan because Murphy's Law typically means once you've spent all your ready cash on closing costs, the air conditioner will go on the blink. About 60% of home buyers ask whether a home is covered under a warranty plan, according to the National Home Warranty Association. Most plans provide coverage for a 12-month time period and cost several hundred dollars. Not all home warranty plans have the same coverage. However, it is important to review the contract with a real estate professional. Some warranty plans require that an appliance inspection be done before the policy is issued, while others offer coverage of pre-existing conditions for an additional fee. Other variables you'll want to include the amount of the deductable, payment caps for any single repair and who will make the repairs (the warranty company's service contractor or one of your own choosing.) If you have questions about home warranties and their impact on selling a home, please contact your Realtor at your convenience.

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RISMedia Top 5

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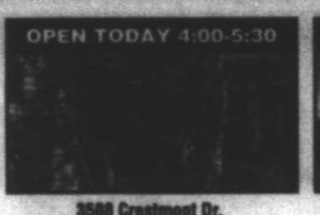
SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30

3001 Baybridge Court
Drastic price reduction! Will entertain all offers! Perfection plus on this fabulous 3bedroom/2.5bath low maintenance home!
$335,000

OPEN TODAY 4:00-5:30



3508 Crestmont Dr.
Knock Out 4bedroom/2bath with stunning in-ground heated pool/hot tub. Expect to be impressed!
$299,900

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30

2602 Culver Dr.
Super clean 3 bedroom/2 bath move-in ready home w/updates throughout! Landscaped w/curb appeal!
$199,900

OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00

1813 W. 24th, Odessa
Location! Location! Location! Come check out this 3bedroom/2bath/2living areas with fabulous front and back yard!
$199,900

OPEN TODAY 12:00-2:00

1301 E. County Rd. 130
3 bedroom/2.5 bath Austin Stone traditional family home on 1.25 acres! Phenomenal condition!
$359,900

FEATURED HOME

1202 Prairie Lane
Immaculate move-in ready 3bed/2bath/2car brick home in growing Lone Star subdivision!!
$214,900

OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00

4700 Pasadena
Spacious, elegant, amazing remodel with 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 LIVING AREAS!
$189,900

OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:30

2703 Marantha Place
Extra Special, quiet private cul-de-sac! Must see this fabulous 3 bedroom/2 bath home!
$210,900

OPEN TODAY 3:00-4:00

6803 Moosewood
Gorgeous, 4 bedroom/3 bath Almand construction home!! This one is a stunning!!
$499,900

OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30

4606 St. Andrews
Well maintained 4 bedroom/2bath home in the heart of Fairmont Park! Sunny garden room!
$209,900

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3213 PATRICK
$959,000
3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 dining areas, and three car garage. Open floorplan, high ceilings, plantation shutters, tile and carpet flooring.
Shown by Deborah Pierce
432-689-0488

OPEN 1:30-2:30

5459 JUNIPER
$408,900
Green Tree 3 Bedroom, 3 Full Bath, 2 Half, Man cave, Wet bar Low Maint. Huge Trees, Soaring Ceilings.
Shown By Shael Dunn

FEATURE HOME

6905 CATTLEMAN
$280,000
3 Bedroom 2 Bath 2 car garage. Large open floor plan.
For more information call Brenda Underwood 432-570-5300

FEATURE HOME

6213 HOMESTEAD
$930,000
4 Bedrooms 4.5 baths, 3 living area 2 dining areas, 4 car garage, putting green in backyard, Golf Course Lot
Call Brenda Underwood
432-553-0121

FEATURE HOME

4217 TANFORAN
$959,000
Amazing spacious 4 bedroom 4.5Bath, 4 Car garage, & Dazzling Pool
Call Lee Gerome
432-520-0577

FEATURE HOME

2410 DARTMOUTH
$294,500
4 Bedrooms 2 baths 2 living areas 2 dining areas, lots of storage.
Call Bill Bujanowski
For more information 432-413-0303

FEATURE HOME

1003 ECR 126
4 BR 2 BA, Pool & Workshop Gorgeous!
Call Brenda Underwood
For more information
432-570-5300

FEATURE HOME

4200 ECR Rd 63
$699,900
4 Bedroom, 3 1/2 Bath, 3 LA, 2 Dining Areas, 5 Car Garage.
Call Gregory Coldiron
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4810 YEARWOOD - $400,000
SHOWN BY LEAH WATKINS 432-599-2187

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30
5804 SABINE DR. - $385,000
SHOWN BY REECE BIVENS 432-230-8047

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30
2313 DENGAR AVE. - $275,000
SHOWN BY DARLA DAVIS 432-260-0077

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30
215 N. DEWBERRY - $155,000
SHOWN BY PAM DODD 432-413-0780

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30
4600 SEMINIOLE DR. - $185,000
SHOWN BY LISA RUSSELL 432-741-5964

OPEN TODAY 3:30-4:30
3212 SENTINEL DR. - $239,000
SHOWN BY PAM DODD 432-413-0780

OPEN TODAY 3:30-4:30
3321 CAMARIE AVE. - $215,000
SHOWN BY LISA RUSSELL 432-741-5964

OPEN TODAY 3:30-4:30
2215 HUNTINGTON ST. - $200,000
SHOWN BY REECE BIVENS 432-230-8047

ACTIVE LISTINGS

531 SIR BARTON
$1,750,000

6508 WCR 41
$600,000

1904 SCR 1121, GREENWOOD
$550,000

58 LAFAYETTE PLACE
$520,000

4481 HACKBERRY CT.
$485,000

4001 HERTIAGE OAKS
$478,500

2800 CHELSEA PLACE
$412,000

219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE
$400,000

201 SKYWOOD CIRCLE
$400,000

4506 WOODHOLLOW
$395,000

1611 W. ILLINOIS AVE.
$350,000

2909 SAVOY PLACE
$350,000

5012 WHITMAN DR.
$315,000

1201 OVERSHINE LN.
$300,000

6118 CANDLESTICK
$300,000

5713 SAN SABA AVE.
$300,000

3905 CRESTGATE AVE.
$280,000

2604 ADONIA ST.
$250,000

2607 KESWICK COVE
$250,000

2303 CAMARIE AVE.
$250,000

1408 W. PINE
$245,000

4507 NCR 1284
$240,000

917 NOLAN RYAN
$225,000

1412 SPARKS ST.
$210,000

2703 ADONIA ST.
$208,500

809 CALUMET ST.
$199,900

1110 KATHERINE
$190,000

3602 MISSION CT.
$185,000

1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE
$120,000

4700 BOULDER DR. #101
$75,000

3000 ILLINOIS #49
$54,950

UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS

SALE PENDING
2104 DEEANNA LANE - $575,000

SALE PENDING
5009 APPLE CREEK RD. - $395,000

SALE PENDING
4007 NAVASOTA - $309,500

SALE PENDING
3810 DOUGLAS AVE. - $215,000

SALE PENDING
107 CLUB DR. - $245,000

SALE PENDING
605 CHEYENNE ST. - $199,995

SALE PENDING
3213 CR 1009, GREENWOOD - $189,500

SALE PENDING
1004 DELMAR ST. - $150,000

SOLD LISTINGS

★★★★★★SOLD★★★★★★
4011 HERTIAGE OAKS - $421,500

★★★★★★SOLD★★★★★★
6003 WICHITA AVE. - $362,000

★★★★★★SOLD★★★★★★
1104 GODFREY ST. - $229,000

★★★★★★SOLD★★★★★★
5105 CONCHO DR. - $200,000

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Sunday Featured Homes!

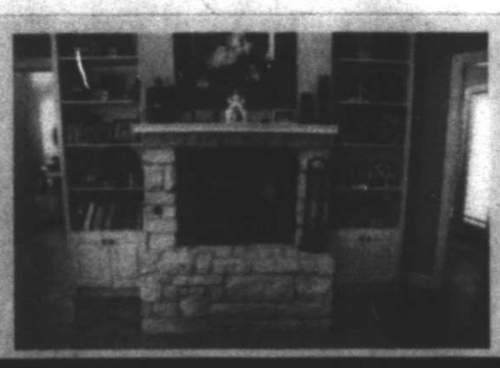
Open House Today 2-4

3305 Feldspar Ln. - $395,000

Walk into the formal living room with a double sided fireplace to radiate both the formal living and the 2nd living area. This home boasts luxury from the large ceilings, plantation shutters throughout the home, and beautiful details at every turn. A 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has a wonderful layout with the master being sequestered and there is also an in-law suite. The kitchen overlooks the 2nd living room, which is great for entertaining, or for raising your family.

Please come see us at our Open House today from 2-4!

Jerrilyn Garrison
Realtor
432-202-0276



4409 E. Co. Rd. 63 – $1,200,000
3 Bed/2.5 Bath – This is an open, custom-built home with all the extras you would expect on the inside, and the outside offers a gleaming swimming pool, a cabana, and a huge barn that can be used for a variety of purposes!

4001 Fairwood Dr. – $599,000
4 Bed/3.5 Bath – Classic 2-story home in Mockingbird Heights with granite countertops and sequestered master! Lots of space, charm and appeal!

1101 Waverly – $99,900
This home has been redone inside and outside and is a terrific 2-bedroom house! Perfect starter home!!!

2304 Holloway – $59,900
This home is oh-so close to downtown and just needs some TLC to make it shine! Don't miss this one!

5909 Llano Court – $330,000
3 Bed/2.5 Bath – This is a custom built one owner home that is light and bright and is picture perfect and is one block from the neighborhood clubhouse!!!

4702 Bowie – $89,000
The price has been slashed on this 3-bedroom, 2- bath home! Updated baths and kitchen! Ready for a new owner!

Call with questions about these homes or any others!

Danny Norwood
Realtor Associate
618-5012

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:00
2200 D ST., - $359,900
4bed/3bath, 2 story home in old Midland with many updates.
Listed by Ashley St. John

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4304 BOULDER - $252,000
3Bed/2 1/2 Bath, 2400 sq ft, Wonderful patio home w/many updates!
Listed & Hosted by Ashley St. John, Hosted by Kate Christian

OPEN 1:00-2:30
1010 W. MICHIGAN - $184,900
Old Midland completely updated 3 bed, 3 bath.
Shown by Karen Foster

OPEN 1:00-2:30
2812 DURANT - $263,900
Kimber Lea 3 bed, 2 bath, lots of updating.
Listed by Karen Foster, Shown by Donna Omar

OPEN 1:00-3:00
5313 SCOTTSBORO LANE - $364,900
Gorgeous home in Green Tree North. 4 bed, 2 bath, 2 1/2 baths, 2 LA's, 2 DA's.
Shown by Sandy J. Hanson

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4604 TEAKWOOD TR. - $429,900
Beautifully updated 4 bdrm, 2 living & dining. Gorgeous views of golf course @ Green Tree Country Club.
Listed by Cheryl Parrish

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6004 LLANO COURT - $338,000
3Bed, 2Bath, 2 car oversized garage 2,210 sq ft, Heritage Oaks Addition built 2013.
Listed Tracy Farrow

OPEN 1:30-2:30
1500 WEST MISSOURI - $304,900
4Bed, 3Bath, 2 car detached garage w/ in law suite 3,445 sq ft, Stunning Old Midland.
Listed Tracy Farrow

OPEN 1:30-2:30
5804 SABINE
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4810 YEARWOOD
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Leah Watkins

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2313 DENGAR AVE.
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Darla Davis

OPEN 1:30-2:30
215 N. DEWBERRY
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Pam Dodd

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4600 SEMINOLE
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Lisa Russell

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6806 E. CO. RD. 109 - $795,900
Haro Home Custom Build-2015, 6 acres, 3br/2.5ba/2living/2dining/3car, Gormet kitchen Huge Shop, Oak Ridge Addn. GISD.
Listed by Tracy Farrow, Shown by Tina Atkins

OPEN 1:00-3:00
4903 FOXBORO CT. - $329,900
Wonderful 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath on cul-de-sac. Low maintenance with large study and sparkling swimming pool!
Listed and Hosted by Denise Brasher

OPEN 2:00-3:00
1600 N. I ST. - $389,000
Beautiful 4 bedroom in Old Midland!
Shown by Kim Merrill

OPEN 2:30-3:30
4902 MELVILLE - $349,900
4Bed/3Bath, 2736 sq ft, Inground Pool, Hardwood Floors, Built 1989.
Listed by Ashley St. John

OPEN 2:30-3:30
3511 MEADOWRIDGE LN. - $459,900
4Bed/3Bath w/elegant updates on corner lot in Trinity Meadows. Bedrooms are enormous:15x15,16x14,20x19,22x15!
Listed by Ashley St. John, Hosted by Kate Christian

OPEN 2:00-4:00
3305 FELDSPAR LN. - $395,000
Exquisite new listing!
Shown by Jerrilyn Garrison

OPEN 3:00-4:00
5001 STONELEIGH - $389,000
4Bed, 3.5Bath, 3 car garage 3,331 sq ft, gorgeous master suite, kitchen and living. Polo Park Addition.
Listed Tracy Farrow

OPEN 3:00-4:00
10904 E. CO. RD. 109 - $389,900
Pool/shop 4 bed/2 bath.
Shown by Reannah Glover

OPEN 3:30-4:30
2215 HUNTINGTON ST.
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 3:30-4:30
3212 SENTINEL DR.
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Pam Dodd

OPEN 3:30-4:30
3321 CAMARIE AVE.
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Lisa Russell

OPEN 3:30-4:30
1603 MCDONALD ST. - $197,900
Spacious 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage.
Listed by Cheryl Parrish

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5313 SCOTTSBORO LN.

Gorgeous home in Green Tree. Located at the end of cul-de-sac. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, spacious kitchen with center island, den with fireplace & built-in cabinetry, separate formal living, separate formal dining, breakfast nook with natural lighting, 3 car garage (side-entry), spacious floor plan, plantations shutters, schools: Fasken Elementary, Abell Jr. High and Lee High school, Please verify schools as MISD as rezoned the schools districts for 2015-2016, square footage: 2943 MCAD, year built: 1993, lot size: 0.299, MLS #108193 - $364,900

FEATURED LISTINGS

8 Warwick, Odessa, Tx.	3 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, heated & cooled 7-car garage	MLS #108465		$550,000
1306 Wlc2 Co. Rd 130	2 houses, barn with 6 stalls, arena, 2 shops 12.43+/- acres	MLS #108546		$498,000
801 ECR 130	4 Bed, 2 Bath on 5.75 acres Barns, Pens, Stalls	MLS #106761		$380,000
5313 Scottsboro Lane	4 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 LA & 2 DA's	MLS #108193		$364,900
3400 Alicia Ct.	5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 LA's, 2 DA's, pool	MLS #107193		$289,000
2510 Maxwell Dr.	4 bedroom, 2.5 baths, 2-car garage	MLS #108274	UNDER CONTRACT	$259,900
3200 W. Wadley Ave.	3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2LA's, 2DA's & atrium	MLS #107277		$252,900
3300 Windsor Dr.	One Owner, 4 bedroom 3 bath home	MLS #107614		$239,900
2613 Sunburst Dr.	3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 car garage	MLS-#108380	UNDER CONTRACT	$182,000
609 S. Jackson St.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, NEW PRICE	MLS #106569	UNDER CONTRACT	$173,900
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath. On Lake Colorado City	MLS #106038		$99,400
102 Waverly Dr.	Nicely update 2 bedroom, 1 bath home	MLS #107630		$89,900
6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	.97 acres RESIDENTIAL LOT	MLS #102876		$140,000
6714 FM 715	-22 Acres	MLS #96888		$444,000
Sundridge Ranch Estate -New Homesites (Only 4 Lots)				3+ acre lots $135,000
2610 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	3.5+/- acres w/3/2 mobile home, 1500sqft bar. 10x12 storage bldg and lots of trees.	MLS #108094	UNDER CONTRACT	$74,500
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	5.5 +/- acres, non-restricted land	MLS #108091	UNDER CONTRACT	$59,900
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	3.888 acres with Caliche put on property, non-restricted	MLS #108092		$32,000

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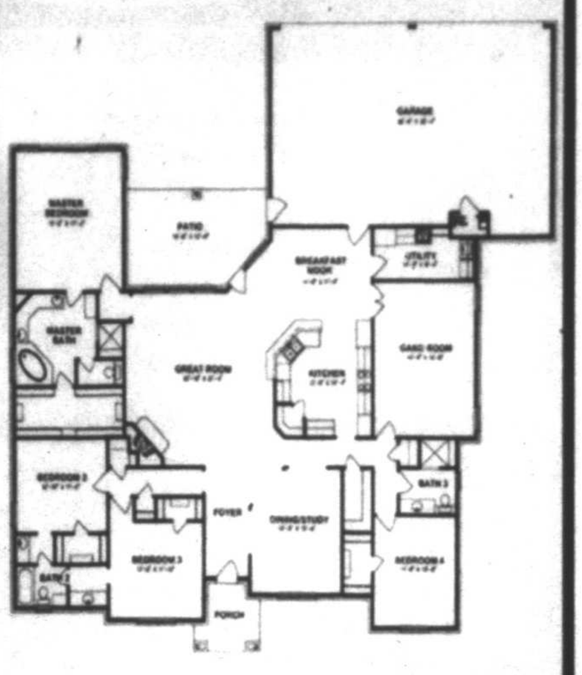
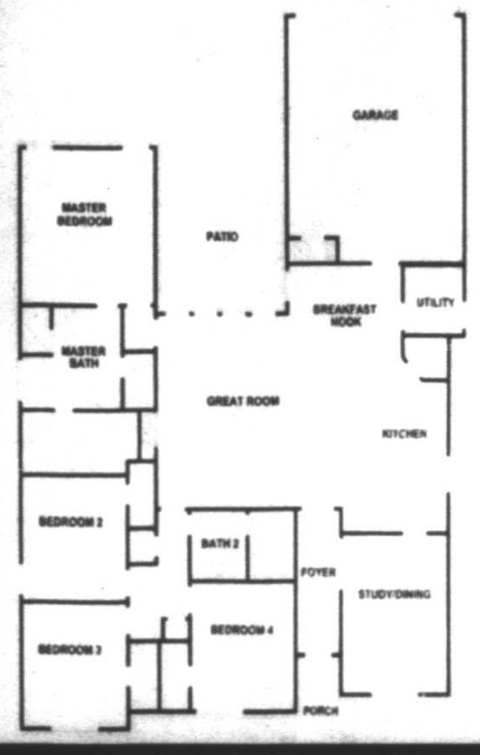


4001 Heritage Oaks
$478,500

Over 3,000 sq ft of gorgeous detail in this 4 bed, 3 bath home on a large cul-de-sac lot. Spacious kitchen features granite countertops & stainless appliances. Nearing Completion!



4013 Navasota
$329,500

This home in Heritage Oaks has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and a flex room to be used as a study or formal dining. You will love the gorgeous custom cabinetry and granite countertops in this spacious open kitchen.

Mark Payne Homes Available Homes

4007 Navasota- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage..... UC

4009 Navasota- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage..... $296,500

4011 Navasota- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage..... $282,500

4011 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car..... UC

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NEW CONSTRUCTION IN MIDLAND

6500 W. CO. RD. 41...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107734 ... $600,000
811 CHEYENNE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... $204,500

FERRUGGIA BABER CONSTRUCT HOMES
1106 E. CO. RD. 1110...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #106626 ... $325,000

FERRUGGIA HOMES, LLC
300 S. DALLAS ST...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #106637 ... $194,000

TROY HUNT
605 CHEYENNE ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106624 ... SALE PENDING
609 CALUMET ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108155 ... $199,900

HGR BUILDERS, LLC
609 S. JACKSON ST...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #106569 ... SALE PENDING

JOHN FRIDAY HOMES
7305 E. CO. RD. 96. GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #107720 ... 1 Acre/$439,500

MORGAN BUILDERS
56 LAFAYETTE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #103004 ... $620,000

QUINEZ CONSTRUCTION
1203 E. NOBLES...Josie Rendon ... $292,625

JOE CUSTOM HOMES, LLC
7303 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #106002 ... $403,915
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #105385 ... $436,000

MARK PATINE
4001 HERITAGE OAKS...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107679 ... $479,500
4007 NAVASOTA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106517 ... SALE PENDING
4011 HERITAGE OAKS...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107695 ... SALE PENDING
4010 HERITAGE OAKS...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106568 ... SOLD

MIDLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.
1202 ELM AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #108190 ... $179,000

NINO CUSTOM HOMES
13108 E. CO. RD. 116, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #107905 ... $460,000
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #105750 ... $199,900

RUSSUM HOMES
606 CARVER...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #106250 ... SALE PENDING

SE HOMES, INC.
7308 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #107825 ... $409,210
7314 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #107824 ... $405,972
7401 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #106080 ... $374,000

MASTER BUILDERS CONSTRUCTION
2604 ADONIA ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #101146 ... $260,000
2703 ADONIA ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107979 ... $260,500

HARD HOMES
13017 E. CO. RD. 110...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #106968 ... SALE PENDING

MISSION SERVICES LLC
1201 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108304 ... SALE PENDING
1203 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108305 ... $149,000

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

4004 CRESTGATE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #108522 ... $1,700,000
531 SIR BARTON...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $1,450,000
5409 SECRETARIAT ST...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #104142 ... $895,000
1010 W. CUTHBERT...Amy Barnett 352-6714 ... $699,000
7010 CACTUS TRAIL...Nathan Pinkerton ... $599,000
4001 FAIRWOOD...Danny Norwood 413-3764 ... $599,000
2104 GEEANNA LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106091 ... SALE PENDING
7303 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #108052 ... $489,915
1702 W. STOREY...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #106242 ... SOLD
3511 MEADOWRIDGE LN...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #106925 ... $474,900
2014 EVANS LANE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #106156 ... $449,900
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #105385 ... $440,745
6303 DRIFTWOOD...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #107037 ... $436,500
7308 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #107925 ... $431,172
7314 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #107924 ... $430,476
4604 TEAKWOOD TR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #108254 ... $429,900
2116 EVANS...Samantha Smith 978-3588 ... MLS #108521 ... $415,900
2800 CHELSEA PLACE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107841 ... $412,000
4810 YEARWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108709 ... $400,000
291 SKYWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107510 ... $400,000
4801 HILLTOP DR...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ... MLS #108278 ... $395,000
6003 APPLE CREEK RD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107227 ... SALE PENDING
4506 WOODHOLLOW...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... $395,000
3305 FELDSPAR LN...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... MLS #108513 ... $385,000
1000 N. 1ST...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #108058 ... $385,000
5207 MATHIS...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108186 ... $389,000
5004 SABINE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108356 ... $385,000
4008 EDGEBROOK...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #108002 ... $382,000
3104 PATRICK...Martha Manulik, 557-8744 ... MLS #103108 ... SOLD
4212 DAYBROOK...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #104745 ... $374,000
7401 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #106080 ... $374,000
5313 SCOTTSBORO LANE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108193 ... $364,900
2300 N. 0 ST...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... $358,900
2001 COLEMAN CT...Martha Manulik, 557-8744 ... MLS #107897 ... $365,000
1011 W. ILLINOIS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108581 ... $360,000
2909 SAVOY PLACE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108360 ... $350,000
4002 MELVILLE...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... $349,900
5004 GREEN TREE BLVD...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ... MLS #108233 ... $330,000
2904 SAVOY...Lisa Jansa ... MLS #106440 ... $329,900
5005 CASTLEFORD RD...Jo Keller 432-269-6319 ... SOLD
5012 WHITMAN DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107361 ... $315,000
1900 W. MISSOURI...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #108548 ... $304,900
7113 SAN SABA AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108579 ... $300,000
3204 DURANT...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #108501 ... $300,000
6110 CANDLESTICK...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #104691 ... $300,000
5000 MILE HIGH LANE...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ... MI, #108338 ... $299,000
4604 LANCASHIRE...Tina Atkins 661 0002 ... $295,000
4004 CRESTGATE AVE...Lavonne Johnson 618-5002 ... MLS #108522 ... $290,000
5100 CASTLEFORD...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #107953 ... SALE PENDING
3400 ALICIA CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #107193 ... $299,000
3906 CRESTGATE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108432 ... $290,000
2313 FANNIN AVE...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS# 107439 ... SOLD
2313 DENGAR AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107020 ... $275,000
2300 CINNAMON AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #103639 ... SALE PENDING
6003 RANCHLAND DR...Lisa Russell ... $263,000
2510 MAXWELL DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108274 ... $259,900
2602 MAXWELL DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #106719 ... $254,000
3300 WINDSOR DR...Sandy J. Hanson ... MLS #107614 ... $239,900
4002 BROOKDALE...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #104949 ... SALE PENDING
2110 BOARDWALK...Jo Keller 269-6319 ... MLS #108258 ... $229,900
2402 CAMARIE...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... MLS #104861 ... $215,000
604 W. KANSAS AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #108203 ... $189,900
606 CARVER...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #106250 ... SALE PENDING
3417 W. MICHIGAN...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #107170 ... $179,900
1202 ELM AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #108190 ... $179,000
1610 N. TERRELL...Nathan Pinkerton ... MLS # 105799 ... $149,000
1711 N. WEATHERFORD...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #107765 ... SOLD

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

727 SOLOMON LANE...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #107467 ... $799,000
4601 ANDREWS HWY...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #108126 ... $749,000
4401 HACKBERRY CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108382 ... $485,000
4100 EDGEBROOK...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #107075 ... $449,900
4531 SHADY OAK CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #107715 ... SALE PENDING
5909 LLANO COURT...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $330,000
4903 FOXBORO CT...Josie Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #108604 ... $324,900
205 CAROL LN...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #108294 ... SALE PENDING
4012 TRINITY COURT...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ... MLS #104840 ... SALE PENDING
1201 OVERSHINE LN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #105501 ... $300,000
4304 BOULDER...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $299,900
1101 OVERSHINE LANE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108041 ... $299,500
802 ELK...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #106248 ... $299,000
6000 MEDINA...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... MLS #107402 ... SALE PENDING
3220 CHELSEA PLACE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #106821 ... SOLD
802 ELK...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #106248 ... SALE PENDING
3215 SOUTHRIDGE CT...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ... MLS #107933 ... $299,900
6210 DRIFTWOOD...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108572 ... $299,000
2012 DURANT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108537 ... $293,900
1009 VENTURA AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108121 ... $259,900
2510 MAXWELL DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108274 ... $259,900
3200 W. WADLEY AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #107277 ... $252,900
4304 BOULDER...Ashley Brasher St. John 352-6254 ... $252,000
2907 KESWICK COVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108408 ... $250,000
2303 CAMARIE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106749 ... $250,000
2004 ADONIA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #101146 ... $250,000
107 CLOB DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108462 ... SALE PENDING
2509 CASTLEFORD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108301 ... SALE PENDING
3212 SENTINEL DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108118 ... $239,900
5914 WAGNER...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ... MLS #108484 ... $237,000
504 COMISKEY...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... MLS #107671 ... $233,000
3500 SEABOARD AVE...Sue Lytle ... MLS #107782 ... $230,000
2505 NEELY...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $229,900
1104 GODFREY ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107613 ... SOLD
4804 SUNSHINE PKWY...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... SOLD
4607 PINE MEADOW DR...Paul Culver 934-1021 ... $227,000
4701 TIMBER LN...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #106731 ... $226,000
917 NOLAN RYAN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107676 ... $225,000
1412 VENTNOR...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #107541 ... $225,000
3215 RANCHLAND DR...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #108596 ... $219,000
3321 CAMARIE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108492 ... $215,000
1610 NEELY...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #106443 ... $215,000
2107 BOARDWALK...Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #107012 ... SOLD
3606 JORADN...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #107636 ... $214,500
1412 SPARKS ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108649 ... $210,000
3810 DOUGLAS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... SALE PENDING
4504 PATMAN...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... $209,900
6209 CROSLEY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #107961 ... $209,900
2215 HUNTINGTON ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108225 ... $209,000
2404 HAYNES DRIVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #108211 ... SALE PENDING
1203 NOBLES AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #105412 ... $199,900
4202 VALLEY DR...Darla Davis 260-8077 ... MLS #105948 ... SALE PENDING
4402 MELVILLE...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... $199,900
1003 MCDONALD ST...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #106691 ... $197,000
3400 W. GOLF COURSE...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... $197,000
4512 PALMER...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #106693 ... $190,000
4402 WILSHIRE ST...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #108191 ... $189,900
1010 W. MICHIGAN...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108307 ... $189,000
3323 CIMMARON...Samantha Smith 978-3588 ... MLS #108451 ... $189,000
2609-B HAYNES DR...Lisa Jansa 661-3389 ... MLS #108403 ... $189,000
4003 W. DENGAR AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106917 ... SOLD
4207 VALLEY DR...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ... MLS #105776 ... SALE PENDING
3510 CAMARIE AVE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #108161 ... $186,000
1307 PECAN...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #107432 ... $185,000
1300 CHUKAR LANE...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #106547 ... $185,000
3100 TRAVIS AVE...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #107806 ... $185,000
4600 SEMINOLE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108516 ... $185,000
2106 NORTHRUP DR...Nathan Pinkerton 638-7121 ... MLS #10357 ... $184,000
3614 MONCLAVE...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108466 ... $179,900
2502 TERRACE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #108229 ... SALE PENDING
113 SOUTH TYLER...Pam Messer 432-349-3075 ... MLS #106445 ... $179,500
1400 AINSLEE...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #107202 ... $179,500
1215 E. NOBLES...Pam Dodd ... SALE PENDING
211 CARVER...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #108355 ... $179,000
1400 AINSLEE...Skye Farris 432-294-3336 ... MLS #105276 ... $175,000
409 CRENSHAW...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #10613 ... SOLD
3701 W. LOUISIANA...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... $169,900
4507 PASADENA...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #106995 ... $169,900
4720 RIC DR...Lisa Jansa ... MLS #107535 ... $169,000
313 ROCKY LANE...Lavonne Johnson ... MLS #104500 ... SALE PENDING
1605 W LOUISIANA...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #106185 ... $165,000
113 S. TYLER...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #106445 ... $165,000
2805 BARKLEY...Martha Manulik ... MLS #108205 ... $164,000
1113 GULF AVE...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #105199 ... SOLD
702 S. MARSHALL...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #107322 ... $159,200
215 N. DEWBERRY...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108405 ... $159,000
309 S. DALLAS ST...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #106637 ... $154,000
4814 R'HADYLANE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #107161 ... SALE PENDING
307 S. ADAMS...Lana Flores 385-5843 ... $150,000
1004 DELMAR ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107912 ... SALE PENDING
4001 MONTY...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #107324 ... $149,900
1201 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108304 ... SALE PENDING
1203 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108305 ... $149,000
4509 PLEASANT DR...Skye Farris 432-294-3336 ... MLS #106700 ... $145,000
2509 W. WASHINGTON AVE...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #105613 ... $118,000
4304 THOMASON...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #103796 ... $108,700

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

5005 OPAL CT...Denise Brasher ... MLS #108542 ... SALE PENDING
219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #105215 ... $400,000
2510 QUAIL POINT...Lisa Russell ... MLS #105892 ... $240,000
5105 CONCHO DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106360 ... SOLD
2105 WESTWIND DR...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #107899 ... SOLD
1306 COLLEGE AVE...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... SALE PENDING
2210 COLLEGE AVE...Skye Farris 294-3336 ... MLS #105098 ... $124,500
1101 WAVERLY...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $89,900
913 HOLLY...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #108606 ... $80,000
102 WAVERLY DR...Sandy J. Hanson ... MLS #107630 ... $60,000
4700 BOULDER #1301...Ashley St. John ... MLS #107054 ... $89,900
311 S. BENTON...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #105052 ... SALE PENDING
3207 DELAND...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #105904 ... $79,500
4700 BOULDER DR., UNIT #818...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #107967 ... $79,000
3000 W. ILLINOIS #15...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #108354 ... $60,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

4409 E. CO. RD. 63...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $1,200,000
6600 E. CO. RD. 109, OAK RIDGE SUBDIVISION...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #107880 ... $795,900
6704 E. CO. RD. 107...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #106002 ... 2 Acres/$600,000
4303 N. CO. RD. 1284...Lisa Jansa 618-3389 ... MLS #104991 ... $575,000
1904 S. CO. RD. 1121, GREENWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107015 ... $500,000
1306 W. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #106546 ... $498,000
2824 S. CO. RD. 1063...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #106536 ... SALE PENDING
2025 S. CO. RD. 1060, GREENWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #107205 ... $399,900
12900 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... 5 Acres/$399,900
10904 E. CO. RD. 109...Reannah Glover 553-5352 ... MLS #108499 ... $389,000
801 E. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #106761 ... $380,000
1106 S. CO. RD. 1110...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #106626 ... $325,000
10111 W. CO. RD. 100...Angie McKay ... MLS #106817 ... $289,000
9103 W. CO. RD. 160...Lisa Russell ... MLS #107091 ... $275,000
1408 W. CO. RD. 143...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #107427 ... 2 Acres/$240,000
4607 N CO. RD. 1284...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #106158 ... $240,000
1300 E. CO. RD. 120...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #108197 ... $235,000
1609 E. CO. RD. 140...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108279 ... $225,000
2107 S. CO. RD. 1080, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #107947 ... $200,000
4010 N. COUNTY RD. 1123...Skye Farris 432-294-3336 ... MLS #105921 ... 2.2 Acres/$199,900
2714 S. CO. RD. 1052...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #107194 ... $190,000
1201 E. CO. RD. 120...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #108266 ... $180,000
3213 CO. RD. 1060, GREENWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #107988 ... SALE PENDING
3701 S. CO. RD. 1090...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #108116 ... SALE PENDING
5402 E. CO. RD. 126...Samantha Smith 432-979-3588 ... MLS #106946 ... SALE PENDING
609 E. CO. RD. 136...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... MLS #107461 ... SOLD
3911 W. CO. RD. 116...Mark Phillibar ... MLS #93898 ... SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

8 WARWICK, ODESSA...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108465 ... $550,000
2108 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #105659 ... $299,000
17030 INDIAN BLANKET TR., GARDENDALE...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... 36.5 Ac/$379,900
309 LAMAR CT., ODESSA...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #98183 ... SALE PENDING
2907 HWY. 350 E. BIG SPRING, TX...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #106038 ... $229,000
4001 APPLEWOOD DR., ODESSA...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ... MLS #98351 ... $215,000
1110 KATHERINE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108280 ... $190,000
3221 BLOSSOM LN, ODESSA, TX...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #108148 ... $179,900
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #105750 ... SALE PENDING
3100 DUNONT DR., ODESSA...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #98643 ... $155,000
1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #102029 ... $120,000
404 S. ODESSA ST...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #107041 ... $105,000
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 250...Sandy J. Hanson ... MLS #106038 ... $99,400

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

807 E. 2ND ST., ODESSA...Sue Lytle ... MLS #107382
3114 SUNBURST...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... MLS #102751 ... $1,900,000
10204 FM 307...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #106620 ... $1,520,000
3400 W. 7TH ST., BIG SPRING...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #106813 ... $1,500,000
807 E. 2ND ST., ODESSA...Sue Lytle ... $870,000
5300 WALL ST...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #99121 ... $799,000
1002 MARIENFELD...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... $489,500
5. HWY. 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #102474 ... 7.817 Ac/$337,560
5. HWY. 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #102474 ... 11.252 Ac/$337,560
5. HWY. 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #102472 ... 9.479 Ac/$264,370
17030 INDIAN BLANKET TR., GARDENDALE...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... MLS #107346 ... 5.14 Acres/$279,900
1109 W. HWY. 80, STANTON...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #108426 ... 8.743 Acres/$250,000
313 SUMMIT AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #108163 ... $225,000
5. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #102473 ... 9.296 Ac/$200,160
401 MIDLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #103887 ... $60,000

LAND AND LOTS

5. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #103592 ... 348 Acres/$495,000
FM 715...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #96888 ... 22 Acres/$444,000
S. CO. RD. 9 3501, STANTON...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #107801 ... 134 Acres/$335,000
5. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #102471 ... 11.25 Acres/$253,170
1109 W. HWY. 80, STANTON...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... MLS #108426 ... 8.743 Acre/$250,000
5. HWY 137, STANTON...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #107799 ... 148 Acres/$219,000
5. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #102472 ... 9.47 Acres/$213,300
5. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #102473 ... 9.29 Acres/$208,160
5. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #102474 ... 7.9 Acres/$175,882
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ... 3+ Acre Lots/$135,000
6001 CO. RD. 41...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #103862 ... $125,000
7200 E. CO. RD. 111...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #103299 ... $122,000
9. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #107910 ... 66 Acres/$105,000
CO. RD. 54...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #100052 ... $105,000
CO. RD. C2701, MARTIN CO...Mark Phillibar 222-5071 ... MLS #106784 ... 21.54 Acres/$95,000
S. CO. RD. 1133, GREENWOOD...Lana Flores ... 7 Acres/$80,000
7200 E. CO. RD. 112...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #103298 ... $62,500
2010 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108094 ... 3.5+/- Acres/$74,500
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES...Tracy Farrow ... MLS# 106537 ... $60,000
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES...Tracy Farrow ... MLS 106538 ... $60,000
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES...Tracy Farrow ... MLS# 106544 ... $60,000
6007 CACTUS TR...Denise Brasher ... MLS #107064 ... 0.921 Acre Lot/$60,000
6000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #106091 ... 5.5 Acres/$50,000
4011 S. CO. RD. 1177...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #107996 ... $50,000
5200 CHICKASAW...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #107923 ... SALE PENDING
6000 W. CO. RD. 35 1,393 Acres...Kim Merrill 432-664-4702 ... MLS #106349 ... $45,000
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... 54 Lots Available/Starting At $43,500
6000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #108092 ... 3.000 Acres/$32,000
907 S. DALLAS...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108112 ... 0.101 Acres/$21,000
909 S. DALLAS...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108113 ... 0.101 Acres/$21,000
911 S. DALLAS...Susan Palmer 978-7816 ... MLS #108114 ... 0.101 Acres/$21,000
813 N. MAIN...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #107210 ... $20,000

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

1408 W. PINE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108272 ... $245,000
3602 MISSION CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108361 ... $165,000
4700 BOULDER DR. #101...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #105377 ... $79,000
3000 ILLINOIS #49...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #108227 ... $54,900

FOR LEASE

2401 DARTMOUTH...Barnett ... MLS #102010 ... $3,750/MONTH
4411 HUMBLE...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #108326 ... $1,650/MONTH
4503 FAIRGATE...Virginia elizondo ... MLS #101531 ... $1,500/MONTH
4321 A. STOREY...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ... MLS #106206 ... $1,450/MONTH
4411 HUMBLE...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... $1,350/MONTH

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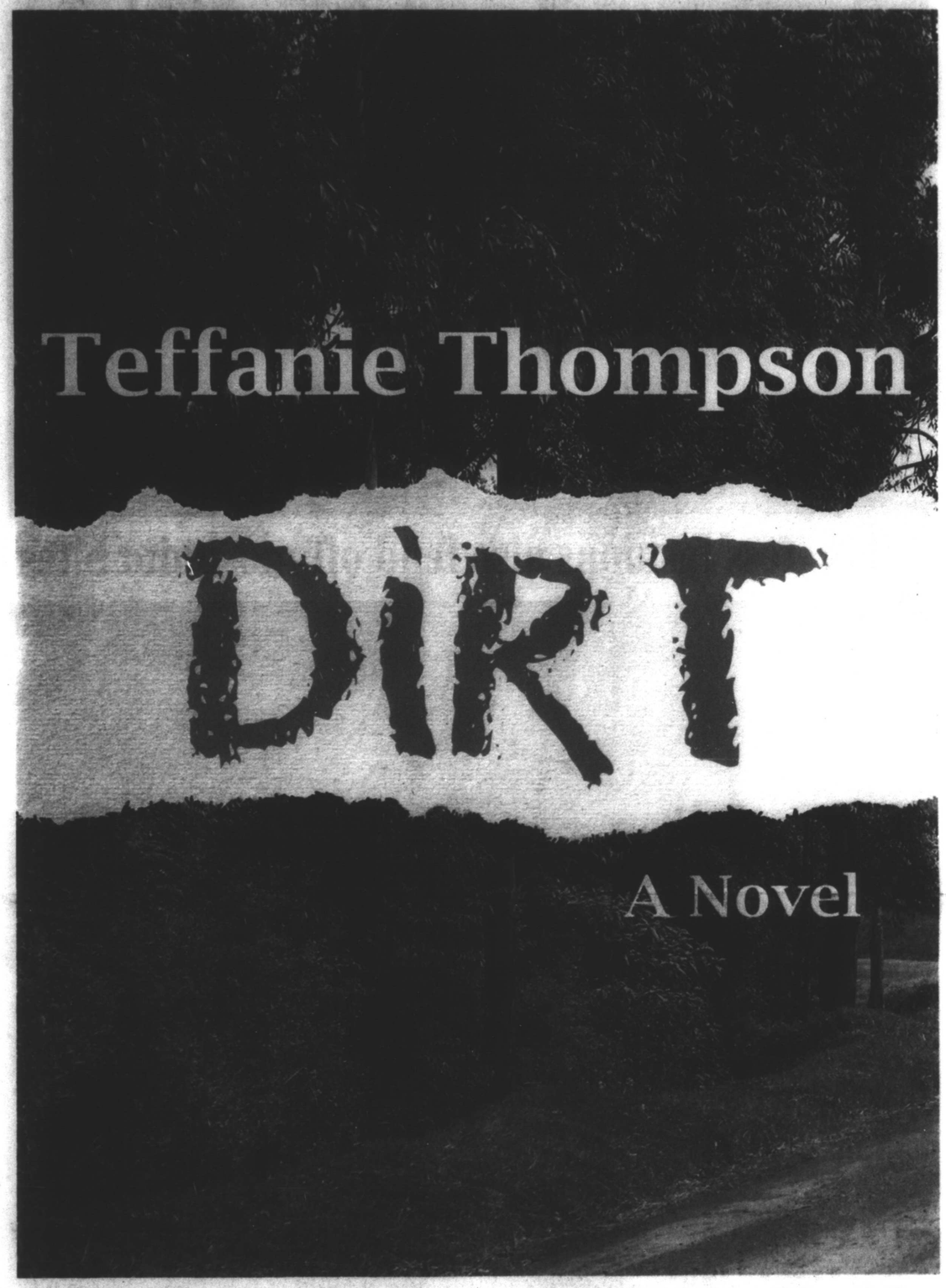

Local author reaches to young adult readers with 'Dirt'

By Rich Lopez
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Thompson

Local author Teffanie Thompson is about to embark on a new chapter in her life. She has published several children's books under the name of Teffanie T. White, but as of Tuesday, when "Dirt" is due out, Thompson will be a novelist.

Want the book?

"Dirt" will be released Tuesday by Brown Girls Publishing and will be available digitally on iTunes, amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

"Dirt" is the story of Washington, a pre-teen who'd rather do anything but read. This leads to an otherworldly experience.

"It's been crazy, but I'm so excited. The story started out as a portion of my master's thesis when I was at Seton Hill University, but then it grew into this larger-than-life novel," she said. "In the book, he travels to an earlier time in America when slavery was rampant. Washington witnesses some of the atrocities of the time and starts to piece together a puzzle."

Thompson previously targeted younger readers with her now-signature Pictureless books, which foster kids' imagination while they learn the alphabet. The target audience for "Dirt" is older readers and young male readers, although Thompson thinks the book can be read by any audience.

"Dirt" is written in the vein of other teen-focused or middle-grade titles such as "Twilight" and "Divergent," but Thompson didn't want the grand scope of those titles.

"I wanted to have a book that wasn't going to be overwhelming for readers to see. I saw the big trend of Harry Potter and other middle-grade novels. I work in education and met a lot of kids who haven't read a book. Some people wanted it bigger, but that wasn't my intention," she said.

"Dirt" achieves what many similar titles haven't. Despite the ongoing popularity of other young adult series, Thompson brings African-American contemporary voices to the genre. That it's being released during Black History Month is no accident.

"In recent years there have been many hashtags of diversity in books and publishing," she said. "So it was by some design

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Lil & Tess fashions also fend off mosquito bites

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When Kristina Leigh's youngest daughter kept having medical problems leading to constant surgeries, she knew there had to be a solution. Eventually, the mosquito was pinpointed as the major problem. The bugs plagued the young girl with tremendous pain in the form of blisters.

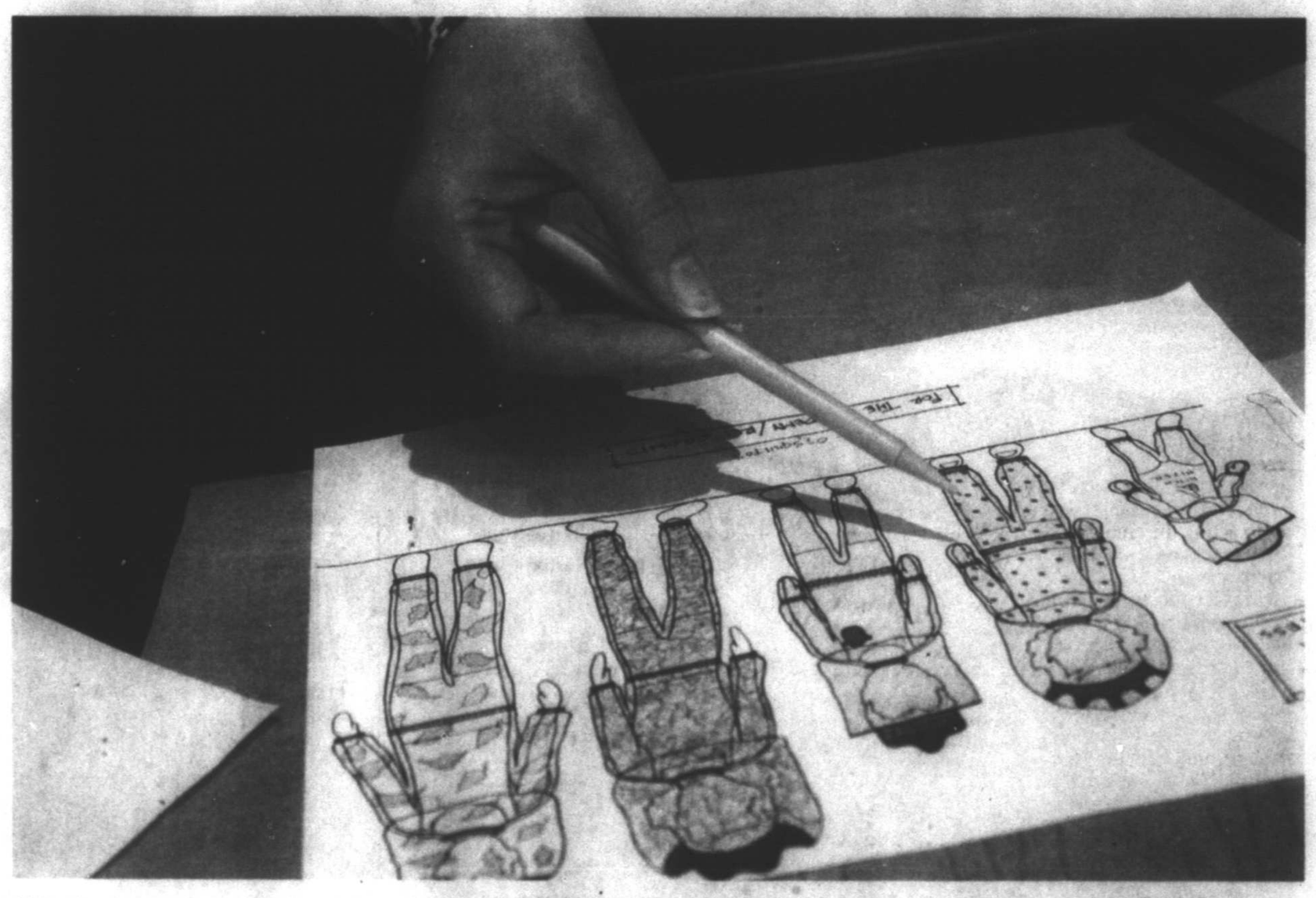
After multiple surgeries, Leigh sought protection in the form of clothing but was greeted with no direct shield for her exact issue. Instead of relying on the outdoor industry to eventually develop what she needed, the Midlander had run out of options.

"We were barely managing constant illness," Leigh said. "It was impossible for us to keep her protected all the time with only spray and long clothing. With the Texas summers, it was impractical for us to dress her in winter wear. Our only option was keeping her indoors as much as possible."

This realization and the constant visits to hospitals spurred Leigh, 36, to develop her own product and found Lil & Tess, a clothing line that makes fashions from mesh netting which is also treated for mosquitoes by Insect Shield but also with a dash of modern style. In her constant Internet searches, treated clothes were available but not in children's sizes. Plus they were unattractive. For Leigh's 5- and 8-year old daughters, the garments also have to be chic.

"The biggest fits my little girls have had in their lives were about fashion," Leigh said. "It was a huge deal. They came out of the womb and were all about clothes. Me and my husband laugh at it. I have always let them make their own fashion decisions."

At the suggestion of her husband, she began to draw and design the first concepts for a suit. As an architect, drawing wasn't uncommon to Leigh, but fashion was far different than homes and buildings.



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Kristina Leigh

"It was a lot of studying fashion drawings online even then I couldn't really master the art of it," Leigh said. "I just needed to convey the idea. It was a lot of looking, drawing and then asking people if they understood what I was doodling. Eventually I got to the point where the message was easy to understand."

After researching on the subject for nine months, she linked up with The Guild Agency in New York City. The company provided representation and assistance to a plethora of people and company in numerous sectors, one of which being Toms Shoes founder Blake Mycoskie, an inspiration for Leigh's burgeoning mission.

"She's a huge admirer of Toms and how Mycoskie built up their brand," said Catie Bradley, president of the Guild Agency. "We opened the conversation and ended up going into the project together to help her develop the ideas that she had. We wanted to help guide her in the development and creation, and to try and set up a similar social impact such as Toms."

The Guild assisted in an Indiegogo campaign with a $25,000 goal and suggest it as a way to gauge interest in the jackets and suits. Lil & Tess is even offering to provide an amount of treated mesh materials to mosquito ridden places around the world with every purchase. The signature Mozzie Net Jacket for children retails at $60, ladies jackets are $75 and an entire track suit is $110. Any purchase will be a preorder, as the suits will not be shipped until May.

"The next step is trying to figure out what production model works," Bradley said. "The response she's been getting is so powerful."

The first orders will be delivered in May. Leigh and her backers remain hopeful that their financial goal makes by the end of March. And if not, both remain excited about the brand's potential especially with the development of jackets to combat the current Zika virus problem.

"We are just at the beginning of what this will become," Leigh said. "We want to help battle mosquitos around the world, and we're so thankful for all of the support we've received so far."

DIRT

From 1E

to drop the book in February. But there are so many layers to the book. I loved the thought of legacy. That was very important to the story."

Thompson said her work as an administrator at Richard Milburn Academy helped in the crafting of "Dirt." Working with at-risk youth, she knew who her book was definitely intended for. Beyond that, "Dirt" would turn out to validate her passions.

"You know, I'm fortunate to do two things I love most: teach and write. I don't know where one begins and the other ends. They are very didactic in nature," she said. "If you're lucky enough to be able to add purpose to what you do, to connect those dots, how can there be a separation."

The title came from her research into why people eat dirt.

"But I find dirt is rather profound. We grow food in it. We bury loved ones in it. It's a matter of perspective but it's an awesome thing and it resonates within the story."

5Qs

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MRT: What would you say is your best quality and why?

Fuller: I would say my ability to remain calm when things are chaotic. People might be upset about a crisis, whether it's a big one or a small one, but I generally will rationally think it through without getting upset. It's easier to make things better when you're not in a panic.

MRT: Who is a fictional and real-life hero and why?

Fuller: I don't know that I have one particular hero, but I've always admired true courage in people. To me, a courageous act is standing up for what you believe is right even though your beliefs might not be popular and might even put you at risk of harm. People like Malala Yousafzai, who stood up for female education in Pakistan, and Tank Man from Tiananmen Square are the kind of people I admire because they have the kind of courage that so few of us have.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Fuller: I am a fanatic of candy club. I get unreasonably excited to get my monthly box of gourmet candies every month. An adult woman should not get as excited about sour jelly beans as I do.

MRT: What's in your music player right now?

Fuller: I've always been a fan of David Bowie. I grew up listening to him and watching him in "The Labyrinth," so lately I've been on a David Bowie kick. It's kind of my way of mourning his loss. That sounds morbid, but it really isn't. We always get an even deeper appreciation of great musicians after we realize what has left us.

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In memoir, Shatner admits he found Leonard Nimoy fascinating

By Jim Higgins
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

■ REVIEW

"Leonard: My Fifty-Year Friendship With a Remarkable Man" by William Shatner with David Fisher; Thomas Dunne Books (288 pages, $25.99)

Readers accustomed to William Shatner's punchy, pugnacious style on Twitter may be surprised by "Leonard," his relaxed, warmhearted appreciation of Leonard Nimoy, his "Star Trek" co-star and friend who died in 2015.

Shatner and Nimoy portrayed Capt. James T. Kirk and Mr. Spock together for just three broadcast TV seasons (and subsequent movies), but the roles defined them professionally and personally from that point forward.

The distinctive joys and burdens of being "Star Trek" heroes were far from the only common ground for Shatner and Nimoy. Both grew up in lower-middle-class Orthodox Jewish immigrant families: Shatner in Montreal, Nimoy in Boston. Unlike Shatner, Nimoy learned Yiddish and retained a fascination with it: While living in Los Angeles, he paid a Yiddish-speaking psychiatrist her regular hourly fee to converse with him in that language.

Both spent years as hard-working actors stringing a living together by taking any parts they could land. Shatner quotes Nimoy's advice to his son Adam, then a budding director: "Don't turn down work if you don't have work to replace it." As proof of the wisdom of that statement, Shatner notes that Nimoy's unpaid performance in a children's theater production of "The Three Musketeers" started a chain of work for him that continued for years.

While they had a similar work ethic, their approaches to acting differed. Nimoy practiced and taught Method acting, working to become the character from deep inside. Shatner describes his own approach as "the classic nontechnical technique: I memorized the script and played the character." Yes, it's more complicated than that, but this introversion-meets-extroversion dynamic helps explain why Kirk and Spock made such a fine pair on TV.

Shatner suggests many possible sources that fed Nimoy's creation of Spock, such as Michael Rennie's character in "The Day the Earth Stood Still" (a cool, rational, peaceful alien), Charles Laughton's performance as Quasimodo in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (a sense of alienation), Harry Belafonte's stage performance (the power of minimalism and small gestures). He also retells familiar anecdotes about Nimoy's creation of the Vulcan salute and neck pinch.

This book reflects Shatner's point of view and opinions. Some future Memory Alpha historian will have to compare his recollections against those of many other Trek people for something approaching a definitive history. But Shatner takes no shots at Nimoy; in nearly every implied or direct comparison, Nimoy comes out different but equal, or better.

They feuded occasionally. Shatner, expecting to be the star of "Star Trek," was thrown off guard by the intense public fascination with Spock; a pep talk from Gene Roddenberry helped ease Shatner out of his jealousy.

After "Star Trek" ended, each went on to other work, surprised first by the series' success in syndication, then by the growth of the convention circuit, which Shatner notes became an important source of revenue for former cast and crew: "Leonard and I probably attended at least one hundred different conventions together, and this became the glue that cemented our friendship."

Nimoy's drinking escalated into alcoholism, but he found and embraced recovery. This weakness turned strength became another covalent bond between the men. When Shatner planned to marry a woman with active alcoholism, Nimoy gently warned him of the trouble ahead, but also stood by him after her death.

"One of my greatest regrets is that Leonard and I were not as close as we had been during those last few years of his life," Shatner writes.

While Shatner had been working on his documentary "The Captains" (2011), a cameraman filmed Nimoy speaking at a convention without his permission. Upset, the actor essentially stopped speaking to Shatner, who never found out what really bothered Nimoy before he died, and who also had to fend off criticisms that he didn't attend Nimoy's funeral (Shatner was involved in a major Re... Cross fundraiser thousands of miles away, and wanted to keep that commitment).

"There are times in life when being a celebrity can be painful," Shatner writes. "The fact that rather than being able to mourn the death of my dear friend in my own way, I had to deal with this controversy was one of them."

His book is a fitting envoi to that friend.

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BESTSELLERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Here are the best-sellers for the week that ended Sunday, Feb. 14, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide, powered by Nielsen BookScan © 2016, The Nielsen Co.

Hardcover fiction

1. "Brotherhood in Death." J.D. Robb. Berkley ($28)
2. "NYPD Red 4." Patterson/Karp. Little, Brown ($28)
3. "Morning Star." Pierce Brown. Del Rey ($27)
4. "Find Her." Lisa Gardner. Dutton ($27)
5. "Blue." Danielle Steel. Delacorte ($28.95)
6. "My Name Is Lucy Barton." Elizabeth Strout. Random House ($26)
7. "Rogue Lawyer." John Grisham. Doubleday ($28.95)
8. "Breakdown." Jonathan Kellerman. Ballantine ($28.95)
9. "The Nightingale." Kristin Hannah. St. Martin's ($27.99)
10. "See Me." Nicholas Sparks. Grand Central ($27)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "When Breath Becomes Air." Paul Kalanithi. Random House ($25)
2. "Spark Joy. Marie Kondo." Ten Speed ($18.99)
3. "The Name of God Is Mercy." Pope Francis. Random House ($26)
4. "Turning the Tables." Teresa Giudice. S&S/Gallery ($26)
5. "The Road to Little Dribbling." Bill Bryson. Doubleday ($29.95)
6. "Killing Reagan." O'Reilly/Dugard. Holt ($30)
7. "Between the World and Me." Ta-Nehisi Coates. Random/Spiegel & Grau ($24)
8. "The Whole 30." Hartwig/Hartwig. HMH ($30)
9. "Originals." Adam M. Grant. Viking ($27)
10. "Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates." Kilmeade/Yaeger. Penguin/Sentinel ($27.95)

Midland County Public Library to offer various events

JOHN TRISCHITTI

Director of the Midland County Public Libraries

Spring is fast approaching, and the Midland County Public Library has a full slate of activities and offerings that need to be marked on your calendars.

The downtown branch is currently displaying "Running for Office: Candidates, Campaigns and the Cartoons of Clifford Berryman" through March 13. The exhibit includes 44 prints of exceptional pen-and-ink drawings that highlight timeless aspects of the American campaign and election process. Although faces and personalities change, Berryman's cartoons illustrate how the political process in our democracy has remained remarkably consistent. The cartoons provide relevant commentary and fascinating insight into the campaigns and elections of today. "Running for Office" was created by the National Archives with the support of the Foundation for the National Archives and organized for travel by Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Centennial Library just debuted its newest world-class exhibit "Otra Vez" by El Paso artist Wayne Hilton. Hilton uses commonly found and recycled materials to explore themes of Mexican art, culture and history. The exhibit features works on the library's exhibit floor and from the ceiling. On display through April 30, "Otra Vez" will be complemented with library programming in conjunction with the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland, Keep Midland Beautiful and Midland ISD. Program details are available on the exhibits page of the library's website.

The library will welcome award-winning author Duncan Tonatiuh on March 18. In collaboration with Midland ISD and the Hispanic Cultural Center, Tonatiuh will visit with local students. His book "Funny Bones" is a children's biography of Jose Guadalupe Posada and his influence in the contemporary celebration of Dia de los Muertos. And 2,000 copies of "Funny Bones" will be distributed to area children during the run of the exhibit. "Otra Vez" and much of the library's special programming is made possible by support from private donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations to the Midland County Public Library Foundation.

It is election season, and MCPL is honored to be of service to the community as polling locations this cycle. The Centennial Library is an early voting site from Feb.16-26, and both the downtown and Centennial branches are polling sites on Election Day, March 1.

The youth services department has a full slate of spring break activities planned to keep students intellectually engaged.

■ 1 p.m. March 7-10, Fairy Camp with Midland Festival Ballet at both locations for ages 6-8. Registration is required. Camp will be limited to first 15 participants who register at each location. Ballet shoes provided.

■ 10 a.m. March 7, science activities for ages 8-12 at Centennial.

■ 10 a.m. March 8, science activities for ages 8-12 at Downtown

■ 4:30 p.m. March 9, Fun Fit Kids with West Texas Food Bank will feature nutrition education and exercise activities at Downtown.

■ 4:30 p.m. March 10, Fun Fit Kids with West Texas Food Bank at Centennial.

■ Morning crafts on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

■ Teen Tech Week will make its return this spring break with an assortment of offerings for both drop-in and registration required.

Drop-in activities include:

■ March 7, Maker Monday
■ March 9, Upcycle tech crafts
■ March 10, Giant games in Room 113
■ March 11, Color therapy
■ March 12, Milk Art and Old Tech Exploration

Registration will be required for the following:

■ March 8, Teen and tween video game tournaments

To register, call the youth department at 432-745-7445 or 432-668-4323 or visit the teen page on the library website at www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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Leo Carlton and Judy Carr of Midland celebrated 60 years of marriage on February 4th. A dinner party was hosted by their children and spouses at a local restaurant in Midland.

The couple was married on February 4, 1956 in Beaumont, Texas.

They are the parents of Joe (Cindy) Carr of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Mark (Gretchen) Carr of Midland; Matt (Jamie) Carr of Midland; and a son, Doug, who is deceased. They also have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Both Leo and Judy are still working their jobs and do not plan on retiring anytime soon! Leo is a geologist/geophysicist and has an oil/gas company here in Midland. Judy is a research specialist.

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How effective is citronella against mosquito bites?

Last year's rains had many Texans thinking the prolific mosquito ought to be renamed the state bird. Worldwide, the tiny pest was responsible for more human health problems than all other insects combined in 2015. In West Texas, the irritating mosquito caused many people to duck indoors. Mythical stories about the effectiveness of citronella against mosquitoes send many on a search for the lemon-scented plant for all the wrong reasons.

Do citronella plants really repel mosquitoes? The truth might surprise you.

The mosquito is a winged menace, infecting an estimated 219 million people annually with malaria not to mention a host of other parasites. Mosquito-transmitted malaria alone is responsible for about 600,000 deaths each year. Most cases of malaria occur on the African continent among children under five while usually fewer than 2,000 U. S. cases are reported by the Center for Disease Control. Methods of control are targeted at both the adult and larval stages. Although the highly controversial insecticide DDT is banned in this country, many people are surprised to learn that it is still used to combat mosquitoes in other countries.

Most people are familiar with methods of protection against mosquitoes that include deterrents which are rubbed or sprayed onto skin or clothes. Only female mosquitoes bite. They need the protein found in blood for their eggs to develop. Females have receptors that can sense blood vessels just beneath the skin's surface. Citronella hides our scent from those receptors. Like citronella, synthetic treatments are designed to camouflage your scent from the flying brutes.

Several species of plants commonly called citronella contain oils that can be processed to repel mosquitoes. Those most frequently found in nurseries are the popular citrus scented geraniums and various Asian lemon grasses. These are first-rate landscape additions in their own right, thrilling the senses when their attractive leaves are rubbed or crushed. They tolerate drought and heat while adding beauty to the landscape. However, their beauty might be where the practical usefulness of these plants ends.

Canadian researchers demonstrated that citronella candles reduced mosquito bites but not by much. People exposed to citronella smoke in an enclosed room reported an average of six mosquito bites in five minutes compared to an average of 10 bites without the candles. When it comes to mosquito bites, little distinction seems to exist between six and 10 bites. The researchers concluded that, to be effective, citronella oil must be applied directly onto the skin. The unpredictable behavior of smoke virtually guarantees that, in an open setting such as a campsite or patio, some part of your body will always be exposed to mosquitoes.

What about parking the plants near your front door as a deterrent? Plants that contain mosquito repellents smell like citronella up close. They release tiny amounts of oil into their immediate surroundings. Since it's not in the best interest of plants to lose moisture easily, it turns out they don't release much citronella. In fact, people have reported mosquitoes hiding in and around citronella plants to escape the heat of the day.

However, citronella plants can be used as a repellant by crushing their leaves and rubbing the oils directly onto skin. The effect lasts for about 20 minutes. The gold standard for comparison is DEET, the active ingredient found in most over-the-counter sprays. A 10 percent DEET product repels mosquitoes more than four times longer than citronella oil used directly from crushed leaves while a 30 percent formulation of DEET is reported to last as long as 10 hours. The next time you whack at a mosquito buzzing in your ear, consider your encounter with the world's deadliest insect and how best to avoid it.

Since several species are commonly called citronella plants, it is beneficial to know the scientific name of the plant if you are planning a firewise landscape. Species of Pelargonium (geraniums) which have a citrus scent, are considered a low fire risk while Cymbopogon citratus (lemongrass), which contains true citronella oil, is considered a moderate fire risk.

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extensino will hold a free firewise landscaping seminar at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. Wednesday at the George H.W. & Barbara Bush Commemorative Hangar, 9600 Wright Drive. For more information, call the Extension office in Midland at 432-498-4071 or visit westtexasgardening.org.

To kill a chinaberry, stick with easiest method

Dear Neil: I am trying to kill a chinaberry tree. It was a young tree that was just beginning to grow a year ago. I drilled holes in the soil and in the 1-inch diameter trunk and put in some product. I don't remember its name. Today I have 10 stalks within a 4-foot diameter circle. What, can I do to get rid of it permanently?

Answer: I'm not sure what you might have used last year, but the product that would do the job is any broadleafed weedkiller containing 2, four-D. There are many of them on the market, and if you'll pour them into pencil-sized holes one to two inches into the stumps, they'll be carried throughout the root system so the herbicide can kill the roots and stump. If that's too cumbersome at this point, with all those trunks, you might find it easier just to hire someone to dig out the root system. For a tree of that size, it should not be terribly large.

Dear Neil: I have been told that the white spots on my 75-foot blueberry hedge in East Texas are scale. I did spray once. Will the spots ever go away?

Answer: Oh, if ever there were a time when I'd like to see a photo of a plant's problems, this would be it. There are indeed scale insects that attack blueberries. I'll let you look them up online. Horticultural oil sprays are the best control for scales, especially on plants that produce edible fruit. Apply it during the winter. If the oil spray does its job, the insects will become dry and dusty as they die. Just rub your finger over them in a month or two to be sure.

Dear Neil: I planted a Little Gem southern magnolia into a raised garden space that no longer gets enough sun for vegetables. It has not grown an inch in that time, nor has it branched out. It had nice flowers the first year, some the second year and then nothing since. It's been a big disappointment. I just want a small tree or large shrub to screen our deck from the neighbors' backyard. Suggestions?

Answer: Either Little Gem or Teddy Bear magnolias would be ideal. It appears that this young tree probably got too dry one or more times early on. Whether that side branch could be encouraged to develop into a new trunk or not is the question. Trim off all the dead wood and pay very close attention to water and nutrients (particularly nitrogen) for this year. Or, dig and replace it with another tree, and then take great pains not to let it dry out. You could also use tree-form Nellie R. Stevens holly, or if you want a tall shrub, Oakland holly.

Dear Neil: We have a climbing rose that is almost as tall as our house (pictured). We plan on cutting it down to the trunk in the spring. Is that a good idea?

Answer: I'm not sure what your goal is. If it's merely to reduce the plant's height, you could do that with selective branch removal and some trimming from the top down. If you want to remove it entirely, you should dig it out — trunk, roots and all. However, as the advocate for the plant, I would suggest waiting until after it blooms to do any pruning. If you prune climbers in the winter, you remove all of their flower-producing wood and they never will bloom. When people ask me why their climbing roses never flower, it's usually either that they're in too much shade or because they have pruned them in winter.

Courtesy photo

Dear Neil: My dog keeps getting ill each time I put her out in the backyard. I have fenced off the English ivy bed and the Carolina jessamine on the fence. I know they are both toxic, but she's still sick every time she goes out. I believe this is Asian jasmine (see photo). Is it toxic to animals?

Answer: Not that I have ever been aware. I did find one rather sketchy website that listed it as possibly toxic, but I believe that was just one home gardener's observation. The SPCA websites and other online sources list it as non-toxic. If you want to do any more research, botanically it's Trachelospermum asiaticum.

Dear Neil: Do you have an organic suggestion for removing cane in my backyard? I'm about to start a major relandscaping effort, and I must get rid of the cane first.

Answer: If the plants' leaves are two inches wide and 10 or 15 inches long, that would be cane. But if they are one-inch wide and only four or five inches long, that's bamboo. Cane can be dug out when the soil is moist. It may require a second pass through the area to remove all of it, or you could rototill and remove all the stubble. Bamboo is a much more difficult problem. I'll assume you do indeed have cane. But if it turns out to be bamboo, you'll probably want to hire a landscape contractor with a front-end scoop to remove it manually. Herbicides won't work effectively.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Mail it to him in care of this newspaper or e-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

Follow key principles when pruning in the rose garden

GERIANN GREEN
Permian Basin master gardener

These days, people who grow roses are likely wondering how to prepare their flowers for a healthy, beautiful year. Simply said, it begins with proper pruning at the proper time.

February and early March in West Texas are the best times to prune most varieties of roses. But be sure to wait until the last hard freeze has passed. A helpful hint on timing is to prune roses on or close to Valentine's Day.

Before starting, make sure your tools (loppers, pruners, saws) are sharp. Dull tools can cause tears and rips in the stems. If you have questions on how to sharpen those tools, call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office.

Those tools should always be disinfected. One suggestion to do this effectively is clean them with 1 cup household bleach to 3-5 cups water. I prefer to carry a can of Lysol spray to clean the tools between each rose to prevent any disease being carried among the roses.

There are several different varieties of roses, and each will appreciate being pruned differently. All roses will need the oldest, damaged and dead wood cleared out. Then, the plant's remaining limbs can be evaluated and trimmed as needed according to the variety and space provided.

Courtesy photo

The early blooming climbers such as Lady Banks, should be pruned after they finish blooming.

Trim back shrub roses just a little.

Floribundas and Grandifloras should be pruned annually by a third for a mound shape.

Tea roses require the most pruning. They need to be trimmed all the way back, leaving three to four main stems at 18-24 inches long.

The EarthKind roses, such as Double Red and Old Garden Roses, require very little trimming. They can be shaped to fit their environment, especially if they are encroaching on walkways or other plants. These roses be trimmed back by no more than a third, if needed.

Drift Roses only need a little shaping after the dead wood is removed.

Rose pruning principles

- Always prune dead or damaged wood back to healthy tissue. You will recognize the living tissue by its green bark and white pith core. Prune thin or crossed canes.
- Remove woody old canes. Saw them off as close to the bud union as you can get.
- Prune to ensure the center of the bush is open for maximum air circulation to help prevent black spot.
- Make your pruning cuts at a 45-degree angle, above a strong bud that has not opened and points outward about a quarter-inch above a leaf axil (bud). Slope the cut down and away on the opposite side. This allows excess natural sap to rise and seal the cut without interfering with the developing eye. Pruning to an outward-facing bud also promotes outward growth, opens up the plant to air circulation, creates more pleasing shapes, resists disease, and prevents the canes from becoming a tangle. Cuts closer to the eye than quarter-inch may damage it. Cuts higher than that will leave visible stubble — a haven for both pests and disease. If your rose has leafed out, prune its stems back to just above the first leaf with five leaflets.
- After you have completed pruning your rose bush, clean up debris from around the bush. Discard all foliage (do not use it in the compost heap).
- One last thing: If you are pruning those thorny roses, don't forget you gauntlet gloves.

Hopefully this will help with the challenging but rewarding task of trimming your roses. For further information and questions, call the Midland Extension office 432-686-4700.

Associated Press

Beefy, beany stew is warm, simple meal with slow cooker ease

By Melissa D'Arabian
Associated Press

There are two kinds of people — fans of slow-cookers and those who haven't tried them. I'm definitely the former.

I just love my slow-cooker. I make everything in it, from summertime ribs to baked potatoes to spaghetti squash. But in the winter, there is nothing quite as satisfying as a thick stew or hearty soup that bubbles away gently all day, slowing filling the house with welcoming aromas while I'm off at work, running errands or spending the day at my daughters' school.

My kids' slow-cooker favorite? Probably Southwestern stew. It has all the flavors they love, plus they are allowed to have (baked) corn chips at dinner, which is exciting stuff around the d'Arabian house.

I make a version that is trimmed down and healthier, full of fiber and protein thanks to the combination of black beans and chickpeas. But the star of this soup is the ground beef. I love ground turkey, and I certainly have made this soup with it, but lean ground beef is, calorie-wise, a close peer of most ground turkey.

In fact, many of the ground turkey packages offered will have higher fat and calorie count than 95 percent lean ground beef. For a 4-ounce serving, lean ground beef boasts 24 grams of protein and just 160 calories and 4 grams of fat! And, ground beef just feels more like comfort food (since I grew up in an era before we regularly ground up our Thanksgiving bird to eat it year-round).

Slow cooker southwestern stew

To make this dish even easier, you can prep it up to the step of layering all of the ingredients in the slow cooker, then refrigerate it overnight. In the morning, just pop the slow cooker insert into the cooker and walk away.

Start to finish: 4 hours on high, 8 hours on low (20 minutes active)

Servings: 6

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef (93 percent or leaner)
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon smoked or sweet paprika
- 28-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 12-ounce bottle light beer
- 1 cup prepared tomato salsa (mild or hot)
- 15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 15-ounce can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup frozen corn (do not thaw)
- 1 cup frozen chopped spinach (do not thaw)
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper

To serve:

- Crushed baked tortilla chips
- Cubed avocado
- Low-fat plain Greek yogurt
- Chopped fresh cilantro
- Chopped tomatoes
- Shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese

In a large saute pan over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the beef and cook until browned, 6 to 8 minutes. Spoon the beef into a slow cooker, then layer the remaining ingredients (except the lime juice, salt and pepper) over it. Cook on high for 4 hours or 7 to 8 hours on low. Stir in the lime juice, then season with salt and pepper. Serve with optional toppings.

Nutrition information per serving: 540 calories; 170 calories from fat (31 percent of total calories); 19 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 80 mg cholesterol; 1190 mg sodium; 49 g carbohydrate; 15 g fiber; 9 g sugar; 43 g protein.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

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A cool home for marshmallows

Dear Readers: A recent column discussed how to keep marshmallows from sticking together. Here are just a few reader responses:

Sharon E., via email, wrote: "I always freeze my marshmallows. It doesn't take long at all for them to thaw, and when they do, they are just as fresh and soft as the day I bought them."

Marie M., via email, wrote: "After opening a package of marshmallows, we close it tightly and put it in the freezer. When we want marshmallows for hot chocolate or any recipe, we simply get out what we want, reseal the package and put it back in the freezer until next time."

If you live in an area that has a high humidity level, this really works well. Oh, I just love chocolate marshmallows in a mug of hot coffee. — Heloise

Ants DOA

Dear Heloise: I very much enjoy reading your column in the Orange County (Calif.) Register. Love all your hints! Here is my hint: Recent rains have been bringing ants into my kitchen. A few squirts from my ever-ready vinegar spray bottle takes care of the problem. — Annelies in Fullerton, Calif.

Yep, vinegar (full strength or with half water) will kill the little visitors. However, do not use vinegar on marble counters. Also, try not to leave food out on the counters (especially if it's sweet). Yet another reason to keep vinegar in the kitchen! I have my vinegar pamphlet that you can order by visiting Heloise.com. Be sure to spray or wipe the "ant trails" with vinegar, too. This obliterates the ant trail, and their little friends cannot find their way into your home! — Heloise

Boil-over protection

Dear Heloise: Whenever cooking something in the oven that might bubble over, loosely wrap the bottom and sides of the dish with aluminum foil with a high collar around it. That way, if it oozes over the sides of the dish, it will flow into the foil. This is perfect for apple pie.

For baking sweet potatoes, I wrap each one in two layers of aluminum foil. Then I place the potatoes on a baking sheet with raised edges. That way, any liquid that cooks out is contained. — Margaret H., Stafford County, Va.

Easy slice

Dear Heloise: I enjoy potatoes prepared all different ways. I make several types of potato salad throughout the year, and I came up with this hint: Use an apple slicer to slice the potatoes! It makes the slicing go much faster. But even better, if the potato is hot, you have minimal contact with it and don't have to worry about burning your hands! — Linda W. via email

Leftover eggnog

Dear Heloise: Every year, I use leftover eggnog in lieu of buttermilk or milk to make delicious pancakes. — Jim D., Freeport, Texas

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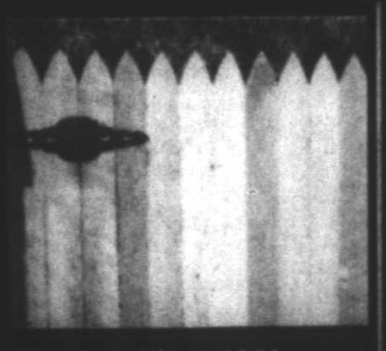
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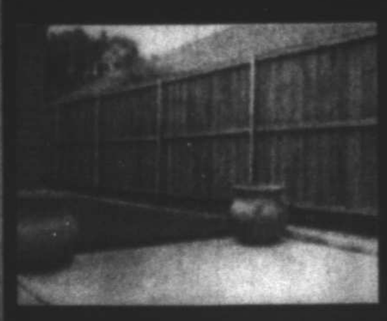
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DEAR ABBY

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Playing 'Good Dad, Bad Mom' harms mother-son relationship

DEAR ABBY: How do I connect with my son? He is 4 and he prefers his father to me. I generally "get" to be the bad guy — the one who takes him to doctor appointments, gives icky meds, enforces bedtime and keeps order.

Dad doesn't even have to try to get affection. They are best buds. My son even asked me to go away so Dad would love him more. It stings. Aren't boys supposed to love their moms? — SAD MOM IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR SAD MOM: Of course they are. Parenting responsibilities are supposed to be shared, and these days many men step forward and share those responsibilities. Your husband appears to think that being a "bud" is more fun than being a father. Making you the "bad mommy" while he is the "good guy" is unfair not only to you, but also to your son.

The two of you should have already formed a united front when it comes to discipline. If this is allowed to continue, your boy will play each of you against the other — if he isn't already — and your problems are only starting.

DEAR ABBY: I am a medical receptionist with a university medical group. It is common for people to approach my counter and "hover" next to the person I am helping, listening to the information I'm being given without any regard to it being private. When I ask them to stand back, they usually get upset with me.

I'm tired of people acting like it's me who's being rude. I could get in trouble by not speaking up because private medical information is supposed to be protected. Would you please inform your readers that standing and listening to people while they are being checked in for a medical appointment is not OK, and if they are asked to step away to not take it personally? — TIRED OF ASKING

DEAR TIRED: I'll inform them, but I have another suggestion to offer: Discuss this problem with your office manager and ask if it would be prudent to post a sign asking patients not to stand within three feet of the reception desk when waiting to sign in. That way the onus won't be on you, everyone's privacy will be protected and no one will be offended.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 12. I love dancing and singing, but my mom has told me many times that I'm not good at it. It has lowered my self-confidence.

I'm now scared to sing or dance in public, although when I was younger, I would do it happily. What can I do to feel OK about my dancing and singing abilities? — ENTERTAINER IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR ENTERTAINER: Nobody starts out being a star. Talent needs to be developed and nourished before it can blossom. If you enjoy singing and dancing, continue to do it — if only for the joy it brings you — and stop worrying about approval from others, even your mother.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Man who wrote 'Pistol Packin' Mama' had varied, successful career

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Storyteller

Albert Poindexter was a house-painter who lived near Troup and Jacksonville.

"Jacksonville people always said Poindexter was from Troup. The people in Troup said Poindexter was from Jacksonville," said Barnwell Anderson, a music historian who lives in Jacksonville.

Albert Poindexter owned a bar in the 1930s and helped promote honkytonk music. He made his first recording in 1936 for ARC Records. It was a song called "Honky Tonk Blues." He was the first to use the term "honkytonk" in a country song.

Anderson said Poindexter could play the guitar and sing his original songs but didn't know much about musical notes or arrangements or promotion, so he teamed up with a publisher of gospel songs, James B. Paris. Poindexter wrote the song, "Pistol Packin' Mama" in 1943, and Paris helped get it before the public and published a copy of the song on sheet music.

The song was an instant hit. It became the theme song of the New York Yankees. A Republic Pictures movie bearing the name of the song was made in 1943, giving Poindexter $250,000 in royalties. One of his hits from the 1940s was titled "Guitar Polka," which was on Billboard's list of Most Played Juke Box Folk Records for 16 weeks in 1946. He had other hits that were popular in the United States and Europe.

When he started getting some notoriety as a performer, he shortened his name to Al Dexter. He was the first country singer to perform on Broadway and in 1971 was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. He died in Lewisville in 1984.

"Pistol Packin' Mama" has been performed by Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters (which was the No.1 single in the country in 1944), Hank Thompson, Willie Nelson, Tex Ritter and dozens of others. The song is featured in the video game "Fallout 4." The song was very popular with soldiers during World War II.

Here are some of the lyrics:

"Drinkin' beer in a cabaret and was I havin' fun / Until one night she caught me right and now I'm on the run.

Lay that pistol down, babe, lay that pistol down /Pistol Packin' Mama, Lay that pistol down.

Drinkin' beer in a cabaret and dancing with a blonde / Until one night she shot out the light. Bang! That blonde was gone.

I'll see you every night, Babe. I'll woo you every day / I'll be your regular daddy if you'll put that gun away.

Now down there was old Al Dexter. He always had his fun / But with some lead she shot him dead. His honkin' days are done."

Tumbleweed Smith is never desperate for an interview, but he's always looking for a good story. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

Man gets tattoo of 77-year-old wife of 59 years

By Matt Elofson
Dothan Eagle

Danny Tindell/Dothan Eagle via AP

Arthur Burch shows a portrait of his wife's face tattooed on his chest Feb. 9 in Dothan, Ala. Burch recently marked his 59th wedding anniversary by getting a tattoo of her. The portrait of Patricia Burch is positioned on the left side of his chest, just above the heart, and has the date of their wedding anniversary beneath it.

DOTHAN, Ala. — Arthur Burch loves his wife.

He recently marked his 59th wedding anniversary by getting a tattoo of her. The portrait of Patricia Burch is positioned on the left side of his chest, just above the heart, and has the date of their wedding anniversary beneath it: 12-21-56.

"She was 18 when we got married, and I was 17," Burch said. "She's now 77, and I'm 76."

He visits his wife at Wesley Manor Retirement Center every day at lunch time. Patti Burch, as he has called her for over five decades, has Alzheimer's disease and can no longer live at home with her husband.

"I go every day at noon to feed her lunch. I haven't missed a day since she got there," Burch said. "She may not recognize, or know me, but she's still mine. But some days I can tell she knows me because of the way she grins. When it comes down to it, I love her."

Burch calls it his duty as a husband to take care of his wife.

"We said 'til death do us part' and we meant it," Burch said. "I've had five spine surgeries, and she took care of me for three years and eight months. Now it's my turn."

Burch moved to Dothan in late 2007, when he took care of his then recently diagnosed wife with the help of their daughter, Melanie Burch Hadley, who also lives in Dothan.

He remembered the roller rink where he met Patti like it was yesterday.

"She used to do a lot of roller skating, and I used to watch her skate," he said. "Then we just a started talking, and then we started dating."

Around a year later, Arthur and Patti Burch were married by her uncle at his home near Scottsburg, Indiana. The couple has two children, Hadley and Lisa Burch Patton, who still lives in Indiana.

"Both sides of the family said it would never last, but here we are 59 years later," Burch said. "I know nowadays people don't stay married 59 days. But I still love her just as much as I did the day we married."

Burch said they found a strategy that worked for them over the years.

"We never went to bed mad at each other," he said. "We always tried to work things out before we went to sleep, and it seemed to work out best that way. There was some times when we didn't agree, and one of us had to say we were wrong. I guess it worked because we're still together. I still love her today."

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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"WAIT, WHAT?" By NORA PEARLSTONE

ACROSS

1 Relieved reaction
5 __ fit
10 PC debut of 1981
15 Cabbage dispensers?
19 Emanating quality
20 Sadat of Egypt
21 Ring-shaped ocean formation
22 Fellow
23 Good-natured complaint?
25 Wynonna's mother
26 Olympian queen
27 "Key & __": Comedy Central series
28 Meditation class chorus
29 Everything you eat?
31 Cousin of corn
33 Computer stylus battery
35 Big strings
36 Skilled diver's advantage?
43 Exercise in a pool
46 One, to Juanita
47 Political fugitives
48 Sgt., e.g.
50 Tampico tots
51 Slap (on), as cologne
53 Attorney __
54 Flora and fauna
56 Bank material
57 Teen attachment?
59 Quincy of '70s-'80s TV et al.
60 Outfits
62 "... against a __ of troubles": Hamlet
63 Saharan dust swirlers
65 Fashion show photographer?
68 Cote call
69 Bank construction
70 Like some marked-down mdse.
71 Inept painter?
76 Book supplement
81 Angle preceder, in tests
82 Playtime
83 2016 Cactus Bowl sch.
84 Not cramped
85 Bread sometimes prepared with chutney
87 11-Down, say
88 Kama __
90 Key in
91 First name in skin care
93 Indian lentil dish
94 Limited carry-on items
96 Always, in verse
97 Key below E
99 Shore breezes caused by flapping wings?
102 Present in court
104 Garden resident
105 Gum ball
106 Potato expert?
110 "There you are!"
113 __ Alavesa: Spanish wine
117 Sitar music
118 Language that gave us "shawl"
119 Prop for the gravedigger scene in "Hamlet"?
121 Law school newbie
122 Esteemed group
123 Hides
124 Modest dress
125 Close attention
126 "The Dance Class" painter
127 Product, as of labor
128 Huff relative

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1 Winged stinger
2 "A propensity to hope and joy is real riches" philosopher
3 Pennsylvania snowbelt city
4 Smack
5 __ fever
6 Dope
7 Like some triathlon segments
8 Root beer source
9 Cen. components
10 How-to
11 Sports figure
12 Means of access
13 Early Mexican civilization
14 Did a deli job
15 Greek warrior famous for his weak spot
16 Title role for which Adrien Brody won an Oscar
17 Shopping spot
18 Body wrap offerers
24 Like "Halloween" music
29 Mountain passes
30 Tesla Motors CEO Musk
32 HUD financing go.
34 Number of good men?
36 Traitor
37 Eel, at sushi bars
38 Joe __, only MLB catcher with three batting titles
39 Cuban base, familiarly
40 Unwelcome looks
41 Sole
42 Enemy lines infiltrator
44 Martinique volcano
45 Astronomical red giant
49 Singer Redding
52 Record-breaking base stealer Lou
54 Flat hat
55 Rose pest
58 Really clean
61 Hurting more
64 Dealt
65 Quake
66 Sets in dens
67 Contrary afterthought
69 "Star Trek" regular ultimately promoted to Cmdr.
71 Worked in a shelf
72 Member of the NCAA's A-10 Conf.
73 Makeshift car door opener
74 West Point, e.g.: Abbr.
75 Label again
76 Not still anymore
77 Red pig
78 Elder statesman
79 Called on the field
80 "SNL" alum Mike
83 Ford, for one
86 7 on the Beaufort scale
88 Dozing place, perhaps
89 Once more
92 Therefore
94 Honorary legal degs.
95 Bee team
98 Swollen, with "up"
100 LPGA member?
101 They're not literal
103 Virtual transaction
106 Ray of fast food
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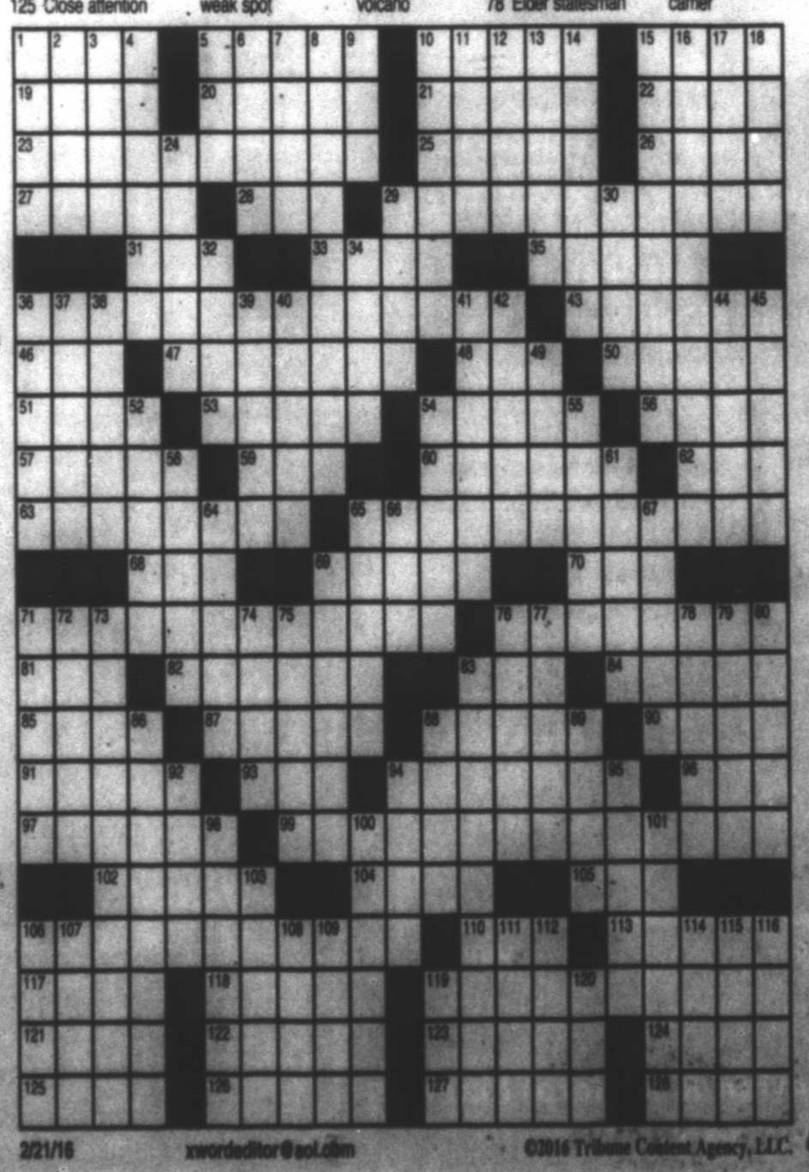

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BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

What to do?

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A 5 4 3 2
♡ Q 8 6
◊ A K 6
♣ A 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 7
♡ Void
◊ Q 10 9 8
♣ K 10 9 8 5 4

EAST
♠ Void
♡ A K J 10 7 5
◊ J 7 4 3 2
♣ J 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 8 6
♡ 9 4 3 2
◊ 5
♣ Q 7 6

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
4♡	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	4♠	All pass	

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

Today's deal is from a money game some years ago. There was much discussion as to the best opening action with the East hand. There were votes for one heart, two hearts, and four hearts. The action shown was not a success, as four spades is unbeatable when played by South.

South won the opening trump lead and drew trumps in three rounds. The ace and king of diamonds were cashed, South carefully discarding a club, and dummy's last diamond was ruffed. The ace and another club now assured the contract regardless of which opponent held the king. When it was West, as here, West was forced to yield a ruff-sluff. Should East have held the club king, he would have had the option of setting up dummy's queen of hearts. Neither defender would be able to defeat the contract.

A lower-level heart opening by East might have allowed him to show his other suit. Five diamonds by East-West would be down only one with a good guess in clubs. The winning action by East on this deal was given no consideration — pass! Had East passed originally, North-South would surely have reached four spades, but by North. With East on lead, three rounds of hearts would have scuttled that contract.

Before you decide to pass the East hand the next time you hold one like it, remember that the other hands will all be different, and so will the result.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016:
This year you become more concerned with your well-being and routine matters. You might transform your health through diet and exercise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ It is possible that in your enthusiasm about being able to spend time with a loved one, you have missed some important signals from a key person in your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You will be quite content to spend time at home, read the Sunday paper, watch a movie or visit with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Return calls. Others will be delighted to hear from you. Get together with a loved one, as long as you both can decide on the same activity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might not be up for moving around a lot, and would prefer to stay close to home. Do just that. A loved one could be set on going out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ What you choose to do needs to be in sync with what you want to do. Do not cut yourself short. Others might sense that you seem to be too into pleasing them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You might want to assume a low profile. You might feel a little down, which might be a passing phase, or perhaps it has to do with you taking on extra responsibility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ A friend's invitation might be difficult to say "no" to. You could be overwhelmed by everything you need to do. A family situation is transforming.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be difficult with someone you need to be looking up to. There will be ramifications if you don't do what is expected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Try not to rain on anyone's parade. Your negativity could take over and cause a problem, and others might be more reactive than usual. Discuss what is going on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ One-on-one relating could be difficult because there are certain pieces of information that you aren't ready to share yet. The other party could test you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be more challenging than you realize. You might want to come to terms with someone, but your efforts could fall flat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ A call to someone at a distance might be challenging, as it is clear that he or she really wants something from you. Listen well.

BORN TODAY
Actor Alan Rickman (1946), actress Ellen Page (1987)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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						6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid	This Week		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	M. Lyon	First Baptist Church		CBS Sunday Morning			Face the Nation		Messiah	First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	P. Troop	P. Troop	BackCotter	BackCotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	Brady8.	Brady8.
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		OCFC	Rain	Paid	Paid	NASCAR Pre-Race (L)	
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Light of Southwest		Walking	Mission	In Touch Ministries		Zion	R/Manusc	Chur.Way	Enarson	Nueva Vida	
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Hayes	Secrets	Mercury	8AM Min.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		Hockey	Hockey
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	D.Tiger	C/George	Cat	Sid	Rogers	Odd Sqd	Odd Sqd	Arthur	Cyberch.	Wild K.	Maya&M.
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KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	Home1.	First Baptist Church		PBR Bull Riding	
FLIX		340	575			165	(5:40) ★★ Jailbirds in Paris Nick Mole...				(6:45) ★★ Critical Care (97, Dra) James Spader.				(8:15) ★★ Nacho Libre Jack Black.		Movie	
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	(7:45) ★★★ Vertical Limit ('00, Act) Chris O'Donnell.			(9:35) ★ Furious 7 ('15, Act) Vin Diesel.						(12:15) ★★ Godsend	
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(8:00) Conch.	(9:40) Homegrown			(10:15) ★ Win Win ('11, Com/Dra) Paul Giamatti.				Gonzaga		★ Exodus: Gods and Kings	
HBO3		304	552	16	102		Movie	(7:40) ★ Step Up All In ('14, Dra) Ryan Guzman.			(9:35) ★ Kill the Messenger Jeremy Renner.				LastWeek	Vinyl "Pilot"		
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(7:35) ★ Black Sea ('14, Thrl) Jude Law.				★★★★ John Wick			(10:15) ★★★ X-Men: Days of Future Past			
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(5:40) ★★ Windtalkers Nicolas Cage.				★ The Rules Jena Malone...			(9:35) ★★ Van Helsing Hugh Jackman.			Movie	
PLEX			96			36	(5:30) ★ Beethoven.		★★ Beethoven's 2nd			★★ Beethoven's 3rd			(7:10) ★ Beethoven's 4th		Movie	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:30) ★ Jersey Girl	(7:15) M. Jackson's Journey					★ Meru (2015, Documentary)			Circus	★ In My Father's...	
TMC		336	570	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ The Discove...	(7:15) ★ ★★ Mystery, Alaska Russel Crowe.			(9:15) ★★★ Dick Tracy Warren Beatty.						★ World Trade Ce...	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	C.Minds "The Tribe"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "#6"		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "The Tribe"		C.Minds "Memoriam"	
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(6:00) ★★★ The War Wagon		★ ★★ 3:10 to Yuma ('07, West) Russell Crowe.						Call Saul "Switch"		★ The League of E...	
BET		58	-		40		D. Grier	Creflo	P. Popoff	Miracles	Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	(8:35) ★ Sparkle (12, Dra) Carmen Ejogo, Jordin Sparks.				
BRAVO		65	76		41		(6:00) ★ Big Momma...	The People's Couch			Newlyweds		Vanderpump Rules		Beverly Hills		Watch	Watch
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Bermuda Triangle		Curiosity "Plane Crash"				Gold Rush	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Miles	Sofia 1st	M.Mouse	The Lion	S.Middle	Dog Blog	★★★ Diary of a Wimpy Kid:			(7:40) ★ Diary of a Wimpy Kid:...		
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter					
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	Nine for IX "Branded"		Nine IX "Venus vs."		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	Nine IX "Swoopes"		Nine for IX "Pat Xo"	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Barefoot	Barefoot	Giada	Southern	Pioneer	Big Bite	Cooking	Giada	Dinner at Tiffani's		Dinner "Pizza Party"	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	★★★ The Smurfs (11, Child) Hank Azaria.				(9:15) ★★★ Tarzan ('99, Ani) Tony Goldwyn.						★ Sleeping Beauty	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Fishing	Thunder	Mavricks	Sports	Paid	Paid	NCAA Basketball Oklahoma at West Virginia				Game365	Polaris
FX		31	56	59	64	69	Ellen	Buffy Vampire "Spral"	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★★ Battle Los Angeles			
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	★ Valentine Ever After (16) Autumn Reeser.			
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Meteors: Fire in the Sky				Mega Disasters "San Francisco Earthquake"				Black Blizzard			
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Beyond Headlines			★ The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe (12		
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	PoliticsNation		Up		Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends Alex Witt	
NBCSN		38	43				(5:00) MatchONweek		Premier League Match of the Week				Premier League Match of the Week				NCAA Basketball (L)	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Dino	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Sponge	ALVINNN	ALVINNN
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	★ Zombie Apocalypse Vinny Rhames...					★★★★ Evil Dead 2: Dead by Dawn		Movie	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frontal	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★ ★★ Hellboy II: The Golden Army Ron Perlman.			
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	Movie	(7:45) ★★★ Night and Day ('46, Rho) Cary Grant.					★★★★ The Last Weekend		(9:45) ★★★★ Funny Girl			
TELE		20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Angel	Enfoque	Movie
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Married "Meet the Parents"			Married Mom Dad	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law&Order "Legacy"		LawOrder "Menace"		Law & Order "Barter"		Law&O. "Matrimony"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	(7:10) Chris	(7:50) G. Girls	(8:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(9:35) G.Girls	(9:10) G.Girls	(9:50) G.Girls	(8:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Paid	Turning	Miracles	J.Osteen	Colony		SVU "Chat Room"		SVU "Remorse"		SVU "Legacy"	
WGN		19	85				Lord	Creflo	Key David	Paid	★ In the Heat of the Night: Grow Old A...				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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		G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid		Paid		Paid		Count	NBA Basketball Cleveland vs Oklahoma (L)			News	Paid
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NCAA Basketb. Big-10 Wild Card Mich./Md. (L)				PGA Golf Northern Tour Site: Riviera Country Club – Pacific Palisades, Calif. (L)						News	
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Brady8.	Brady8.	Gilligan	Gilligan	HappyD.	Laverne	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NASCAR Auto Racing Daytona 500 Site: Daytona International Speedway (L)								Outdoors	Modern	Paid	Paid
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani Erfan	Z. Levitt	Restore	Light of Southwest		Light of Southwest		Joshua	Biblical	House	About Us
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:30) NHL Hockey Pittsburgh vs Buffalo (L)				Hockey	NHL Hockey	Chicago Blackhawks vs. Minnesota Wild (L)				Inside Ed.	News
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Innovati	Z.Optnion	Sit Fit	W.L.Yoga	Sewing	Beads	Nature		Nova		News.	Ireland
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Santos Laguna vs Pumas (L)				Republica deportiva		Como dice el dicho		Rosa Guadalupe		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		America	News	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	The Good Wife	
FLIX		340	575			165	(11:35) ★★ Mafia!		(2:05) ★★ Around the World in 80 Days				(4:05) ★★★ Dragonheart Dennis Quaid.				(6:55) ★ Good Morn...	
HBO		300	550	14	14		(11:15) ★ Godsend		Bill Maher		First Look /(1:15) ★ All the Pretty Horses				(3:15) ★★★ Music and Lyrics Hugh Grant.			
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(10:30) ★ Exodus: Go...		Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	(2:55) Girls	(3:25) Girls	(4:55) Girls	(5:25) Girls
HBO3		304	552	16	102		(11:00) Vinyl "Pilot"		(2:55) ★ Get on Up Chadwick Boseman.			Making	LastWeek	Vice (N)	★ True Story James Franco.			
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(2:45) ★★★ 300 ('06, Epic) Gerard Butler.			(4:45) ★★★ Jarhead Jake Gyllenhaal.				(7:50) ★ The Judge			
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(11:50) ★★ Saving Silverman		(2:25) ★★ 28 Weeks Later				(4:10) ★ Ouija Olivia Cooke.		(7:45) ★ My Big Fat Greek Wed...			
PLEX			96				(11:45) ★ Beethoven...	(2:20) ★★ Beethoven's Big Break					(4:05) ★★ Multiplicity Michael Keaton.				(7:10) ★ Leap of Faith	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	Movie	(2:45) ★ Pride ('07, Dra) Bernie Mac, Terrence Howard.					(5:55) M. Jackson's Journey			Circus	Billions	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(11:00) ★ World Trad...	(1:10) ★★★ W. ('08, Bio) Elizabeth Banks.					(3:20) ★★ The 6th Day Arnold Schwarzenegger.				Movie	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Fit, Fat, Fit "JJ/ Ray"	Fit to Fat to Fit		Fit to Fat to Fit		Fit to Fat to Fit			Fit to Fat to Fit		Intervention "Katie"	Intervention
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(11:00) ★ The League of Extraor...		★ ★★ The Fugitive ('93, Thrl) Sela Ward, Harrison Ford.								★ The Bourne Supremacy	
BET		58	-		40		(8:35) ★ Sparkle		★ ★★ Set It Off (1996, Action) Queen Latifah, Vivica A. Fox, Jada Pinkett Smith.								★ This Christmas	
BRAVO		65	76		41		Housewives Potomac		Housewives P.		Housewives P.		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Gold Rush		Rush "Oregon Gold"		Alaska "The Fall"		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Movie	Jessie	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	Dog With a Blog		Girl M.	Austin	Austin	Underc.	Underc.	Friends
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	PBA Bowling Players Championship (L)				PBA Bowling World Tour Finals				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball N.C. St./UNC (L)				NCAA Basketball Maryland at Rutgers (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)			
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Property	Journal E.	America's News HQ		MediaBuzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Kitchen	Dinner	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Kids Baking		WorstCooks	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	Movie	★ ★★★ The Princess and the Frog			(2:45) ★★★ Monsters, Inc. ('01, Ani) John Goodman.						★★★ Brave	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball West Virginia vs. Texas (L)				NCAA Basketball Syracuse vs. Pittsburgh (L)				Insider	Insider	Mavricks	Mavs Pre
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(10:35) ★ Battle Los...		★ ★★ Battleship (2012, Sci-Fi) Alexander Skarsgard, Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch.								★ ★★★ 21 Jump Street	
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	★ A Wish Come True ('15, Rom) Megan Park.				★ Chance at Romance Ryan McPartlin.						★ Anything for Love (2016, Romance)	
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Journey to 10,000 BC				Forged in Fire		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	★ The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe 2/2				★ Dangerous Lessons Louise Lombard.				★ Kept Woman ('15, Dra) Courtney Ford.			
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN		38	43				(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NCAA Basketball Northeastern vs. Holstra (L)				NCAA Basketball G. Mas./Mas. (L)				NHL Live! (L)	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	The Thundermans		Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	Henry Danger	
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(11:30) ★★★ Final Destination		★ Final Destination 2 Ali Larter.						★★ From Dusk Till Dawn ('95, Hor) George Clooney.			
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	★★★ John Carter (12, Act) Taylor Kitsch.				★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (12, Fant) Martin Freeman.							
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(10:45) ★★★ Funny Girl		★★★★ Doctor Zhivago ('65, Epic) Julie Christie, Tom Courtenay, Omar Sharif.						★ The Four Musk...			
TELE		20	-	10	20		(11:30) ★ Fernando		★ Cruzando Los Límites Pablo Lyle, Kristian Ramos.						Noticiero	Videos	La Reina Del Sur	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Married Mom Dad	Married "Cold Feet"	Married "Red Flags"		Married "I'm Done"				Married Mom Dad		Married "It's Over"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	★★★★ Frequen Rain		★★★★ Catch Me If You Can ('02, Tri) Leonardo DiCaprio.						(4:45) ★★ How You See Me			
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA		26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Manhunt"	SVU "Painless"			SVU "Careless"		LawBO: SVU "Parts"		LawBO: SVU "Raw"		LawBO: SVU "Uncle"	
WGN		19	85				In Heat of Night		★★★★ Batman Returns ('92, Act) Danny DeVito, Michael Keaton.						★★★★ The Perfect Storm George Clooney.			

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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		G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Disneyland 60 Disneyland resort celebrates 60 years. (N)				Journey to the Oscars (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Monopoly	(:05) Paid Program	(:35) Paid Program
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Madam "Right of the Boom" (N)		The Good Wife "Targets" (N)		CSI: Cyber "Fit-and-Run" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Elementary	
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "Try and Catch Me"				The Odd Couple	Honeymooners	Cheers	B.Newhart	MaryTylerM.	Taxi "Friends"
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers (N)	TheSimpsons (N)	Cooper B. (N)	Family Guy (N)	Bordertown (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Met Your Mother	Jack Van Impe	Texans 360
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Rocks/Manuscripts	Update	What's the Cost	Somebody Cares
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC				James Burrows A special celebrating director James Burrows. (N)				NewsWest 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Mercury	Whacked Out
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Globe Trekker "Food Hour: Deep South USA"		Masterp. "Downton Abbey: Season Six" (N)		Masterp. "Downton Abbey: Season Six" (N)		(:15) Mercy Street "Pilot" (N)		The Diabolical		The Inspector Lynley Mysteries "Deception on His Mind"	
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y Ahora		Nuestra Belleza Latina "Reunion de Reinas"				La y pimienta		Durmiendo mi jefe	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Nizzoli & Isles		Castle		Scandal		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Office	NameG.	Fam.Feud
FLIX		340	575			165	(6:55) ★ Good Morn...		★ ★★ The Paper ('94, Com) Michael Keaton.				★ ★★★ Parenthood Steve Martin.				(9:05) ★ Nacho Libre	
HBO		300	550	14	14		★ ★★★ Magic Mike XXL Channing Tatum.		Vinyl (N)				Girls (N)	Together	LastWeek	Vinyl		Together
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	Vinyl "Pilot"				★ A Walk Among the Tombstones				★★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road			
HBO3		304	552	16	102		(7:45) ★★ Focus ('15, Com/Dra) Will Smith...				★ Get Hard Will Ferrell.		Making		★ Kill the Messenger Jeremy Renner.			
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(6:45) ★ The Judge	(7:15) ★★★ John Wick Keanu Reeves.					★★★ 300 ('06, Epic) Gerard Butler.			★ Carnal Wishes		
MAX2		382	559	18	122		Movie				★★★★ The 50th Season Lauren Hutton.				(9:55) ★★★ The Village		Movie	
PLEX			96				(7:10) ★ Leap of Faith		★ ★★ Beethoven's 3rd		(9:05) ★ ★★ Seems Like Old Times				★ ★★ Beethoven			
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	Shameless "NSFW"		Circus (N)	Circus	Shameless (N)		Billions (N)		Billions "The Deal"		Circus	Shame.
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(6:25) ★ Sisters		★ ★★ World Trade Center Maria Bello.				(9:10) ★ ★★ W. ('08, Bio) Josh Brolin, Elizabeth Banks.			Movie		
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Hoarders		Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		The First 48		Hoarders	
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(7:30) ★ The Bourne...		Dead "No Way Out"		Walking Dead (N)		Talking Dead (N)		Call Saul "Switch"		ComicB.	(:35) Dead
BET		58	-		40		(5:00) ★★★ The Christmas		(6:55) House of Payne	(7:25) Payne			Criminals at Work		Criminals at Work		P. Popoff	Ministries
BRAVO		65	76		41		Atlanta Social (N)		Housewives Atl. (N)		Housewives P. (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta	Housew.	
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Boss "Sky Zone"		Boss "True Value"		Undercover Boss		Boss "Forman Mills"		Boss "Menchie's"		Undercover Boss	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		A. Bourdain "Cuba"		Oscar Amy Adams, Jared Leto, Lupita Nyong'o				Anthony "Las Vegas"		A. Bourdain "Tokyo"	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Alaska "Do or Die"		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier (N)		Alaska "Big Changes"		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Dunk'd	Liv/Mad	Friends	K.Middle	Dunk'd	Girl M.	Underc.	Liv/Mad	Friends	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Chicago Bulls (L)				SportsCenter				SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	SEC	30 for 30	Rugby American Championship				Fitness		30 for 30		ESPN FC	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		To Be Announced	Justice JudgeJeanine			Greg Gutfeld Show		To Be Announced		Justice JudgeJeanine	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	All-Star Academy		Guy's Game (N)		All-Star Academy (N)		Cutthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		All-Star Academy	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	★ ★★★ Brave		★ ★★★ Aladdin ('92, Ani) Robin Williams.				★ ★★★ Mulan ('98, Ani) Ming-Na Wen.			J.Osteen	Jeremiah	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Dallas Mavericks (L)				Maverick		WPT Poker		RDOHou	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(6:30) ★ 21 Jump S...		★ ★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.						★ ★★ The Call ('13, Crim) Sandra Bullock.			
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	(6:30) ★ Chance at Romance				When Calls Heart (N)		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		Ax Men (N)		Ax Men (N)		(:55) Forged in Fire		Join_Die	Join_Die	Ax Men	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	★ Til Death Do Us Part ('14, Thrl) Hayley Duff.				★ The Wrong Cat ('16, Thrl) Danielle Savre.				★ Til Death Do Us Part Hayley Duff.			
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	(5:00) CaughtCamera	CaughtCam "In Peril"		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad			Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN		38	43				NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at New York Rangers (L)				(4:45) NHL Overtime (L)		Shootout		CONCACAF Soccer Olympic Qualifier			
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Cat Nolr	Nicky	Nicky "Go Hollywood"	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Bikini Best"		Bar Rescue		Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Bar Rescue	
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	★ You're Next ('11, Hor) Sharni Vinson.				★ ★★★ The Conjuring ('13, Hor) Patrick Wilson.						★ ★★★ The Haunting	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		★ ★★ You See Me Jesse Eisenberg.			
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(6:30) ★ The Fan		★★★★ The Sting ('73, Com) Paul Newman.				★★★★ Tom Jones (U.S. Cont) Albert Finney.					
TELE		20	-	10	20		(5:00) La Reina Del Sur	Gran Hermano			Ya era hora				Thalores	Videos	★ Acusados para...	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Married Mom Dad	Medium	Medium	L.I. Medium (N)			Married "Happily Ever After?" (N)		(:35) L.I. Medium		Married	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	★ How You See...		★ ★★★ Blind Side ('09, Dra) Sandra Bullock.						★ ★★★ The Express ('08, Bio) Dennis Quaid.			
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Secrets Exhumed"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WGN		19	85				Reba	★ The Perfect...	★ ★★★ Big Bang ('04, Act) Denzel Washington.				Outsiders			Mother	Mother	Mother

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CALENDAR

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TODAY

MOSC: From Winter Winds to Shades of Summer, 3 p.m. at Rea-Greathouse Hall at Wagner Noel, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

Clifford the Big Red Dog: A Big Family Musical, 4 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $19-$50. wagnernoel.com. $19-$50.

Trout Fishing in America, 3:30 p.m. at The Yucca Theatre, 208 North Colorado St. troutmusic.com.

MONDAY

Ailey II, 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $24-$44. wagnernoel.com.

Shrimpfest 2016. The annual fundraiser for the Ellen Noel Art Museum is in its 30th year. The event incdlues food, drinks, dancing and a silent acution with proceeds benefiting the museum's exhibitions and educational programming. 6:30 p.m. Ector County Coliseum, Building G,4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $45. noelartmuseum.org.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the colledge. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

Building Bots Volunteer Training. For those interested in helping students with robotic and electronic equipment, the Petroleum Museum will hold two training sessons. 2-4 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. 1500 I-20 W. RSVP by calling 432-683-4403 or email shanna@petroleummuseum.org.

La Chaux Lime Paint Class workshop. Students will make a decorative all plaque to take home. Apron or paint clothes encouraged. Drinks provided and snacks and brown bag meal are welcome. Class is open to up to six students. 5:15 p.m. at Found Furnishings, 428 Andrews Highway. $95. foundmidland.com.

Tuesday Night Open Mic Comedy hosted by Cesar Udave and Willy Olguin. 7 p.m. weekly at Wyndham Garden, 3100 W. Wall St.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephens Ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Palette Club Painting session from 9 a.m.-noon weekly. Meeting and demonstrations on the second Tuesday of the month. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio-Every Tuesday -Thursday at 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.: KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Midland Arts Association Meeting, noon at Midland College, Room 185. midlandartsassociation.org.

MusikGarten classes for infants 3-5 years. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1412 W Illinois Ave. Call 432-683-4207 for class times and registration.

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

THURSDAY

Diana Ross, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $78-$112. wagnernoel.com.

Opera 101 is a continuing education class offered by Permian Basin Opera at Midland College. The class will study Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." Classes are on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. Through April 30. midland.edu.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music. 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

FRIDAY

#Hamlet is a modern take on Shakespeare's classic tragedy by Permian Playhouse's Kaleidoscope Company. Opens Friday and runs through March 5. Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odesssa. permianplayhouse.com.

"Disney's The Little Mermaid" runs through March 5 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Author Signing: Joe Willis. The local author will be signing copies of his book "Teaching Lessons" from noon to 3 p.m. at Centennial Library, 2503 Loop 250. joewillis.net.

"The Carpenter's Son" is the first show of Ragtown Gospel Theater's new season about the early years of Jesus Christ. 3 p.m. Saturdays through May 7. Ragtown Gospel Theater, $24. ragtowngospeltheater.com.

ON DISPLAY

NEW: "Otra Vez" featuring works by Wayne Hilton. Using recycled materials, Hilton focuses his works on Mexican arts and culture. The works were commissioned specifically for the Centennial branch's public gallery space. The art will display through April 30 with a series of programming. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us.

Nathan Barnes: "Strangely Familiar" through at McCormick Gallery in the Allison Fine Arts Building. Monday - Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield Road. midland.edu.

The works of Phyllis Cappadonna Short throughout February. Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"Billy Schenck: A 45 Year Retrospective" exhibition through March 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. Odessa. Free admission. noelartmuseum.org.

"Texas Native Wildflowers Exhibition" at Sibley Nature Centre, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. On display through March 26. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 432-684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Winter Exhibit featuring artists from ArtQuest, ArtiZen, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland, MARC and Rays of Hope. The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. A. St. midlandss.org.

Artizen Outlet, 436 Andrews Highway. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 432-770-3494. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios, 700 Andrews Highway. 432-664-3197. artquestbx.com,

Biskamore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. . Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 432-685-1112

Haley Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 432-682-5785. haleylibrary.com.

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Admission currently free. highskywing.org.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Diane K. Browne, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during February. midlandartsassociation.org.

Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 432-682-5447.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. petroleummuseum.org.

Scarborough-Linsbery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7366. midlandtexas.gov.

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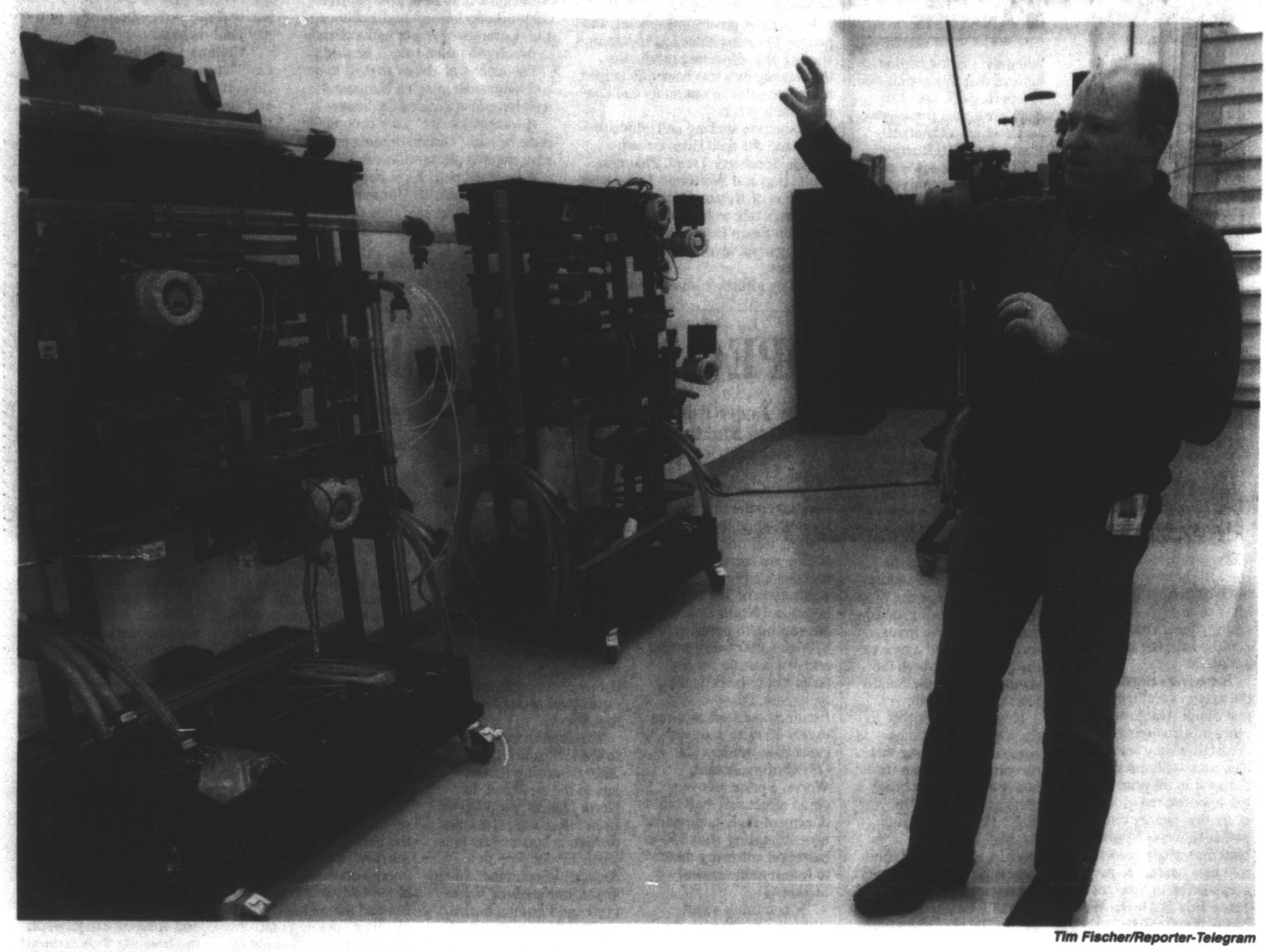

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Matt Henwood, Oxy technical training manager, talks about the equipment available for hands-on training Feb. 10 at Occidental Petroleum Training Center.

Occidental shows off new training center

By Mella McEwen
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Like oil and gas producers around the country, Occidental Petroleum has cut back its activities as oil prices continue their decline.

But the company is taking a long-term view of oil field economics, as illustrated by the recent construction of its new training center north of Midland Country Club.

Matt Henwood, technical training manager with Occidental, said the center's goal is to provide the company with a trained workforce and convince new workers they have a place and a career with the company.

The center, built on Occidental's South Curtis Ranch holdings, contains state-of-the-art infrastructure that allows for both theory-based and hands-on training.

"It's not just the how to do it, but the why we do it," Henwood said.

Electricians, mechanics and equipment operators can spend a day in the center's classrooms — which can be reconfigured to accommodate different class sizes — undergoing audio-visual training. They can then move on to its labs, where cut-away examples of mechanical or electrical equipment lets them safely get hands-on experience.

Simulators show how gauges and pumps actually work, and the students can actually manage pressures, he said. "They can see it; they can do it."

"(Petroleum) engineers can come in for some training; they need knowledge of how field operations actually work," Henwood said.

The center's layout includes mock-ups of tank batteries.

"They can see what happens inside that vessel. It removes all doubt around what they're doing," Henwood said.

"It's the same approach with downhole. They can't see what's happening inside a well, with casing, submersible pumps or sucker rods," he said. "If they can see the gaps in safety, gaps in performance, they can correct it."

A step outside the building leads to a collection of pumping units and well heads.

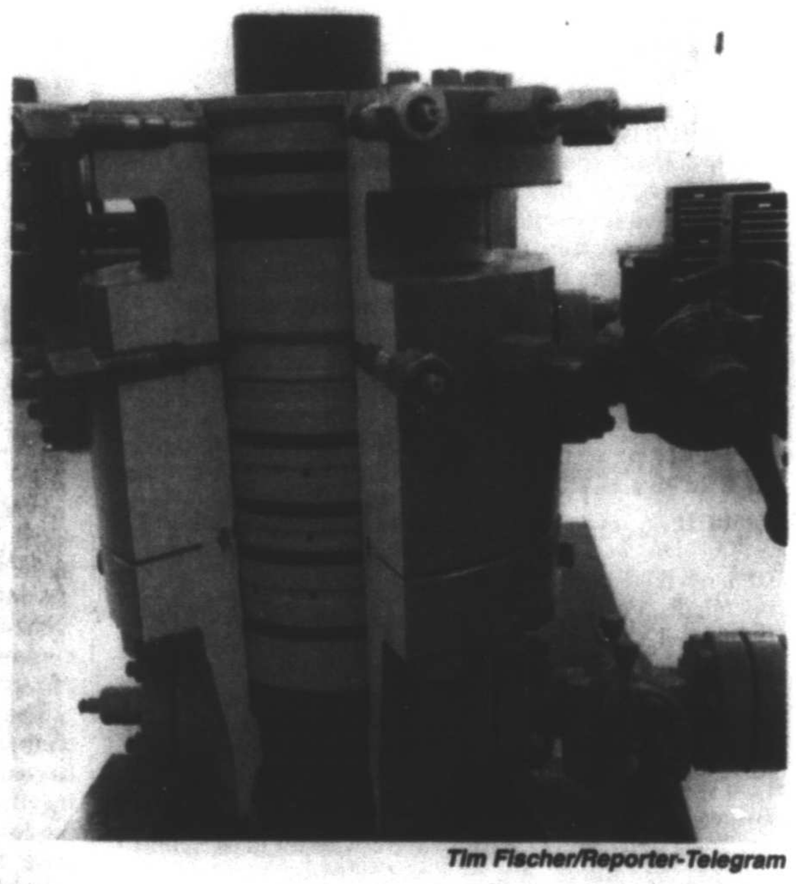
"We have three types of pumping units representative of what's in the field," said Kent Dykstra, supervisor, technical training.

"We have a header that enacts how the oil comes into the battery so they can see the flow systems into the tanks so they can practice gauging or opening the tanks for safety," Dykstra said.

He is building the outdoor collection with oil field company donations, which can be slow going in today's tough budget environment, he said. But, companies are being supportive of the training efforts, Dykstra said.

Occidental committed to the new facility when oil prices were $100 a barrel, Henwood said. But even in today's low oil price environment, "our directive is to offer as much training as we can for the future," he said. The industry will rebound and "it's the responsibility of the company to have a well-trained staff."

The center sits on 1.4 acres with sufficient space to add a second training facility identical to the existing one, he said.



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Much of the equipment found in the field has been made with cutaways to allow trainees to see how the equipment works at the Occidental Training Center.

Permian Rail Park opens to serve Midland Basin, eastern region

By Mella McEwen
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Amid the economic turmoil caused by sub-$30 oil prices, Twin Eagle Sand Logistics LLC has begun operation of its Permian Rail Park, 8 miles west of Big Spring.

"It's an adventure," said Jason Jennaro, senior vice president, fracturing sand and oil field logistics.

Even so, he said his Houston-based company is optimistic and still believes in shale.

"I believe in the future of the park. Twin Eagle believes in shale and, more importantly, believes in efficient infrastructure to serve shale," he said. Today, more than ever, lower break-even prices and cutting costs are paramount for the company's clients, he said in a phone interview.

The first phase of the 530-acre park is more than 33,000 feet of rail track to be initially used for rail-to-truck fracturing sand trans-loading services. It is anchored by a sand fracturing-loading contract with an anchor tenant that is a major exploration and production company. Jennaro said securing the anchor tenant has opened the door to talks with other, smaller customers, "and we're having discussions with a few more."

Putting the first phase into operation will pave the way for a second phase that calls for developing a loop track capable of supporting the crude-by-rail market as well as infrastructure to handle trucking solutions for both crude and fracturing sand. Jennaro said having the initial infrastructure will make expansion easier.

The efficiency of the park and its ability to handle large numbers of rail cars is a key to its success as operators continue their laser focus on efficiency and cutting costs, Jennaro said.

"The terminals of yesteryear were makeshift, not located in very optimal locations and were too small," he said.

Today, fracturing jobs can require sand delivered by hundreds of rail cars, he said. With the drastic drop in activity, those large fracturing jobs may not occur very often, but they need large terminals when they do occur, he said. The new terminal can hold more than 500 cars.

"The rail parks of yesteryear that only handled 15 cars is not sufficient today. Wells today are larger, laterals are longer, there are more fracturing stages and more sand per stage," he said.

Permian Rail Park was built to service the Midland Basin, and "big players on this side of the Permian are still investing a lot," Jennaro said.

Twin Eagle "builds these large terminals with a strategy of not only serving individual basins but of building a network of terminals that can improve efficiency," he

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MC: Oil downturn shouldn't slow down safety training

By Mella McEwen
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Rigs may be stacked and trucks may be parked as the region's oil and gas industry copes with sub-$30 oil prices, but that doesn't mean the industry shouldn't be preparing for the next upturn.

"Now is the time to train. When the industry rebounds, those employees will be ready" said Woody Hill, vice president, safety services at Texas Mutual Insurance Co.

Lyndolyn Pervier, director of workforce continuing education at Midland College, agreed.

"If they're trained now, they're ahead of the game," she said.

Hill was at MC's Advanced Technology Center on Thursday to present the school with a $100,000 grant for its Risk Management Institute.

It is the 11th grant Texas Mutual has made to Midland College since 2006, he said.

"We let Midland College decide how to use it," but the grant is for safety training courses, he said.

Since the institute began, more than 5,000

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How the world's great oil powers became so powerless

By Chico Harlan
The Washington Post

■ ANALYSIS

To get a sense of how much more oil the world has than it needs, look to the world's oceans. Everyday, supertankers carrying 2 million barrels apiece sit idle, in hopes that the price of oil one day will rise again. Or look at the line of ships being turned away from ports at the Gulf of Mexico, the North Sea and everywhere in between. In some parts of the world, there is no more land left to store oil. Or, perhaps, look at the United States' largest oil storage facility — a series of massive drums across the plains of Oklahoma — which is storing more crude than at any point in the past decade.

Oil has been so cheap for so long that seemingly everybody is trying to wait it out. And, perversely, that's just perpetuating the rout. Right now, at least three billion barrels of oil — a record — is just sitting there. That oil alone could power the world for a month.

The excess illustrates the massive challenge that Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing nations confront if they want to halt a one-and-a-half-year collapse in oil prices that has upended the global economy: energy companies in the U.S. going bankrupt, sharp austerity in Saudi Arabia, economic combustion in Venezuela. Since July 2014, the West Texas Intermediate price of oil has dropped from $105 per barrel to $30.

To push up the price of oil, Saudi Arabia and other oil-exporting countries would have to shrink the supply of oil to the point that reserves are tapped. This is no easy task. Right now, the planet needs about 94.5 million barrels of oil per day, according to the International Energy Agency. It's producing nearly 96.5 million barrels per day. That's the greatest imbalance of the 21st Century, and for every day this gap persists, up to two million more barrels wind up in this overflow stockpile.

Prices will only rise when the market begins to believe that this abundance is tapering off, said Jim Burkhard, vice president and head of oil market research at IHS Energy.

"The overall sense of the market, certainly since last summer, is that we are a world awash in oil," Burkhard said. "Oil supply is in excess of demand by a significant measure. So it's created this sense that, gee, this is a world of glut and abundance."

Ever since the mid-1980s, when Saudi Arabia last flooded the oil market, the kingdom has cut production in order to push prices up. Other OPEC members contributed some relatively minor cuts to help. But this time, when prices began to fall due to a number of factors including China's slowdown and the burst of new energy resources in the United States, the Saudis held back, hoping the drop in oil prices would squash the U.S. fracking industry. That spurred a race to the bottom, one both the Americans and the Saudis felt they could win.

Now, the risk is that the low oil prices have persisted for so long that no country, not even the heavyweights, can bring them quickly back to "normal." This week, Saudi Arabia and Russia — the world's second- and third-largest producers — gave it a try, and the market basically laughed back at them. The plan essentially said that those two countries, along with Qatar and Venezuela, would freeze production, though it had many caveats. Oil investors had said the only way to push up prices was for them to cut production, but much as countries like Saudi Arabia dislike low prices, they're also fearful of losing market share.

"A nothing burger," Robert McNally, president of the Rapidan Group, a consulting firm, called the deal.

Forcing prices back up is going to require a far more significant step, analysts say, adding that more

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Industry advances outpace regulators' ability to update production sharing

By Mella McEwen
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Texas' oil and gas industry is outrunning the Railroad Commission's ability to oversee its booming drilling activity and technological advances in horizontal drilling.

From rules governing spacing and production allowables to production sharing and allocating production, the state agency has been challenged to update rules so operators can continue their work.

Production sharing and allocation wells and the field rules governing the Spraberry Trend, Phantom Wolfcamp and Wolfbone Trend were the focus of Austin Attorney Brian Sullivan's talk as he addressed the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's general membership luncheon this week.

Led by efforts from Pioneer Natural Resources, Sullivan said the Railroad Commission in 2014 updates Spraberry Trend rules to accommodate the growth of horizontal drilling.

"The problem is the Delaware Basin," home to the Phantom and Wolfbone fields is so new, "the Railroad Commission has not had a chance, and operators have not had a chance, to develop rational rules," he said.

The technical ability to drill longer and longer laterals in a horizontal well have also created challenges.

Allocation wells "have become an issue because certain organizations have made it an issue," said Sullivan.

A licensed petroleum engineer and former Railroad Commission counsel, Sullivan said that, to his mind, it's clear the right to drill "is in Texas law."

The question of "how to properly pay people is the issue," he said, especially as development of resource plays has grown in the state.

"In order to develop a resource play well, if you don't drill long enough to expose the reservoir, you won't make money. A one-mile lateral may not be enough, but a two-mile lateral may be enough," he said. But that raises the question of how to pay land owners.

"All of us would like for the Texas Legislature to enact legislation that says 'If you drill an allocation well and you pay a certain way, it's the right way,'" he said, citing similar legislation in Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

"Drilling an allocation well means there's not as many drilling pads, operators use less water and recover more hydrocarbons," he said.

As of Feb. 1, 1,737 allocation well permits had been issued by the Railroad Commission.

OPEC unable to broker a deal in Texas

By Javier Blas and Dan Murtaugh
Bloomberg News

Saudi Arabia and Russia have taken the first step to stem the slide in oil prices. There's just one problem: If they are successful — and that's a big if — the wildcatters of Texas, Oklahoma and North Dakota are waiting to pounce.

With 4,000 wells drilled and just waiting for better prices to be brought on stream, the so-called frac-log could act as a cap to any oil rally, industry executives, traders and OPEC officials said. Worse, a price recovery could effectively bail out dozens of shale companies now struggling with $30-a-barrel oil, allowing them to return to the capital market.

"If you think about making a production cut as OPEC, prices rise and these producers can get oil online in 80 days," Jeff Currie, Goldman Sachs Head of Commodities Research, said on Bloomberg TV. "It makes any type of price rally self-defeating."

The search for a grand bargain among oil producers shifted to the Iranian capital Wednesday as Venezuela and Qatar energy ministers started talks with Iran and Iraq to try to expand an agreement to freeze crude production to shore up prices.

The risk of meaningful output cuts for Saudi Arabia, Russia and others is that they backfire. Slowly but surely, low prices have been bringing the U.S. shale industry to its knees. Bankruptcies have mounted while company after company slashed spending, laid off roughnecks and idled drilling rigs. As many as 74 North American producers face significant difficulties in sustaining debt, according to credit rating firm Moody's Investors Service.

The drop in U.S. oil rigs to the lowest level since 2010 is starting to translate to the wellhead. In North Dakota, production from the prolific Bakken formation suffered its first year-on-year drop in a decade in September. In Texas, home of the Eagle Ford and Permian basins, output in November fell on an annual basis the first time since 2010.

"Saudi Arabia needs to be assured that U.S. shale wouldn't bounce back quickly," said Bob McNally, president of consultant Rapidan Group in Washington and a former senior oil official at the White House.

With shale groups struggling, U.S. production is set to decline this year by 740,000 barrels a day to 8.69 million, according to the latest government forecast. A rebound in oil prices could alter that math.

Shale output will come back if oil prices rise to $50 a barrel, Ian Taylor, chief executive officer of Vitol Group, the world's largest oil trader, said in an interview before the Saudi-Russia deal was announced. "It looks clear that a lot of the oil that's probably going to be shut down in the next year or so because it is simply too low a price, some of it could come back," he said.

Once oil rises, shale companies can lock in prices, insulating themselves against any market weakness and attracting lenders. "If the price of oil goes back up to $50, the banks will respond quickly," said Ed Hirs, an energy economics lecturer at the University of Houston and managing director of private drilling company Hillhouse Resources. "Shale companies will buy a new round of hedges, and banks will not be calling their" loans, he said.

So far, the prospect of a price rebound seems limited. U.S. oil futures fell back below $30 a barrel on Tuesday after the deal was announced on speculation that it wouldn't reduce the current glut. Futures were up $1.73, or 6 percent, to $30.77 a barrel Wednesday morning.

Some shale companies may not be inclined to dive back in. Bill Thomas, chief executive officer at EOG Resources Inc., the largest landholder in Texas's Eagle Ford shale formation, told attendees at an industry conference in Houston last week that his company won't start boosting output the first time oil hits $60 a barrel.

"We're going to make sure the market is in good shape, it's balanced, and we've got a future," Thomas said. "We don't want to ramp it up and drive the price of oil down again."

The cheapest and quickest way for shale companies to increase output would be to tap the frack-log. Almost 4,000 wells have been drilled but are still waiting to be hydraulically fractured so they can produce, according to Bloomberg Intelligence analysts William Foiles and Andrew Cosgrove. If the fracklog were reduced by just 170 wells a month, it could add 400,000 to 600,000 barrels a day, Cosgrove said.

It wouldn't be as quick as stepping on an accelerator, because companies have laid off so many roughnecks that it would take time to rebuild the work force in order to take on the projects, he said. "It's not an immediate snap-back, but it is waiting in the wings," Cosgrove said.

Anti-fossil fuel movement gains momentum

By James Osborne
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — The anti-fossil fuel movement — "Keep It in the Ground" — has been inching toward the mainstream as prominent Democratic politicians ramp up their commitment to combating climate change.

The shift follows an intense and well-funded activist campaign that has mixed closed-door Washington meetings with petition drives during the Iowa caucuses, all attempting to make the case advances in renewable energy technology now allow a radical shift away from fossil fuels.

In November, the Obama administration announced it was putting a moratorium on new coal leases for federal lands, pending a review of the program. Earlier this month, Hillary Clinton was videoed at a campaign rally telling an attendee she wanted to put a moratorium on oil and gas drilling on federal lands — the clip quickly spread across the internet.

"The initial reaction was we're going to need some time to wrestle with this," said Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., who introduced legislation last year to halt new fossil fuel leases on federal lands. "But this has moved so fast I think we're going to see more of the Democratic Party signing on. I think it's very helpful for Hillary Clinton to declare her intentions."

Until recently, "Keep It in the Ground" — as in leave alone those so far undeveloped deposits of oil, gas and coal — struggled to gain ground even with mainstream environmentalists.

Too impractical, skeptics said. The world has been almost entirely dependent on fossil fuels for almost a century now. Transitioning to clean sources like wind and solar would probably take another century.

"If you do this too quickly, you're talking a monumental blow to the economy," said Fadel Gheit, an oil and gas analyst with the investment bank Oppenheimer & Co. "This cannot happen overnight. The economy is not ready for it. We went from horse drawn carriage to automobile over a period of many decades."

Whether the moratoriums on fossil fuels come to pass, Democrats' recent willingness to take a tougher stance on climate change leaves the oil industry the prospect of downsizing in this country. Already the flood of political donations coming from environmentally minded and wealthy investors is getting attention within corporate offices in Houston and beyond, said one U.S. oil executive, who agreed to speak only on the condition of anonymity.

"You have billionaires like Tom Steyer and George Soros putting enormous amounts of money into this," he said.

Steyer, a now-retired hedge fund billionaire in San Francisco, and his wife are the largest individual political contributor in the country, according to the Center for Responsive Politics — not counting the uncountable sums donated to political campaigns through nonprofits since the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling.

Since 2014, his group, NextGen Climate, has pumped more than $89 million into political campaigns, pushing candidates to commit to getting the U.S. power supply to 50 percent renewable by 2030. Both Democratic presidential candidates already have signed on, and Steyer appeared to be lobbying for more pledges during a closed-door meeting in Washington last month with Senate Democrats.

Steyer declined a request for an interview. But a spokesman for his group cited recent polls that show Americans shifting towards greater action on climate change. An ABC/Washington Post poll in November showed 63 percent of the country believes climate change is a "serious problem."

"Across the nation, voters are asking for a plan to address the climate crisis, and presidential candidates are listening," the group said in a statement.

But would voters go so far as to dramatically shift away from fossil fuels in a matter of 14 years, potentially raising energy costs and devastating the economies of fossil-fuel rich regions like Texas?

Last year, the British bank HSBC issued a report warning investors that moves by governments to limit carbon emissions, along with improving renewable technology and current economic uncertainty, posed the threat that many oil and gas reserves around the world would have to go undrilled.

At the same time, there is plenty of skepticism that the campaign largesse of billionaires like Steyer will translate into actual votes in Washington. Right now, the country remains dependent on oil. Even as wind and solar makes gain on the power grid, the fuel supply of the country's transportation system — cars, trucks, planes and the like — is more than 90 percent petroleum-based products.

Louis Finkel, executive vice president at the American Petroleum Institute, said as he's watched the "Keep It in the Ground" movement over the last two years and sees little to indicate they've moved beyond the liberal fringe of the environmental movement.

"Just because you have the backing of a couple of billionaires like Tom Steyer doesn't mean there's a broad movement. It means they're well-funded," he said.

Any carbon reduction scheme faces significant hurdles in the United States. The Republican Party has pushed back against such measures, with many prominent members like presidential candidate Ted Cruz questioning the science of climate change itself. And last week the U.S. Supreme Court temporarily blocked the Obama administration from a plan to cut carbon emissions from power plants, while the legality of the president's action is decided in the courts.

When Merkley and five other senators introduced what was dubbed the "Keep It in the Ground" bill in early November, it seemed the sort of symbolic legislation that would never again see the light of day. What little news attention it garnered focused on the support of presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. But two days

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students have participated in courses, Pervier said. In 2013, 420 students participated in 50 courses; in 2014, 595 students took 68 courses, she said.

Staple courses such as H2S certification, hazardous material training, confined space and OSHA training are offered. A standard class is CPR, which can be applied to the health care industry, she said.

Safety courses, while important to the oil and gas industry, are important to other industries as well, whether it's construction or retail, she said.

One new topic to be addressed is workplace violence. "We just had a huge exercise and found out what we didn't know," she said.

The school also plans to offer defensive-driving courses and other-hands-on courses.

"We hear from electricians they want to be able to see the wires and the voltage," she said.

The grant can help provide training equipment such as respirators, which are important for the school's automotive training, she said.

The support of the institute is critical to smaller companies that don't have the financial means or facilities to offer such safety training, Pervier said.

"We couldn't get the quality of instructors we have without these grants," she said.

Safety has long been a focus for Texas Mutual, the state's largest provider of workers' compensation insurance, said Hill. He said the company has conducted a safe-driving campaign for the last two years. Texas drivers are coping with increased distractions, increased traffic and sharing the road with heavy oil field trucks, he said.

"We try to get people to think about the people who care about them. If a truck driver thinks about how his family depends on him and cares about him, he may drive more carefully," Hill said.

"Our policy is that all Texans should go home at the end of the day in the same condition as when they went to work," he said.

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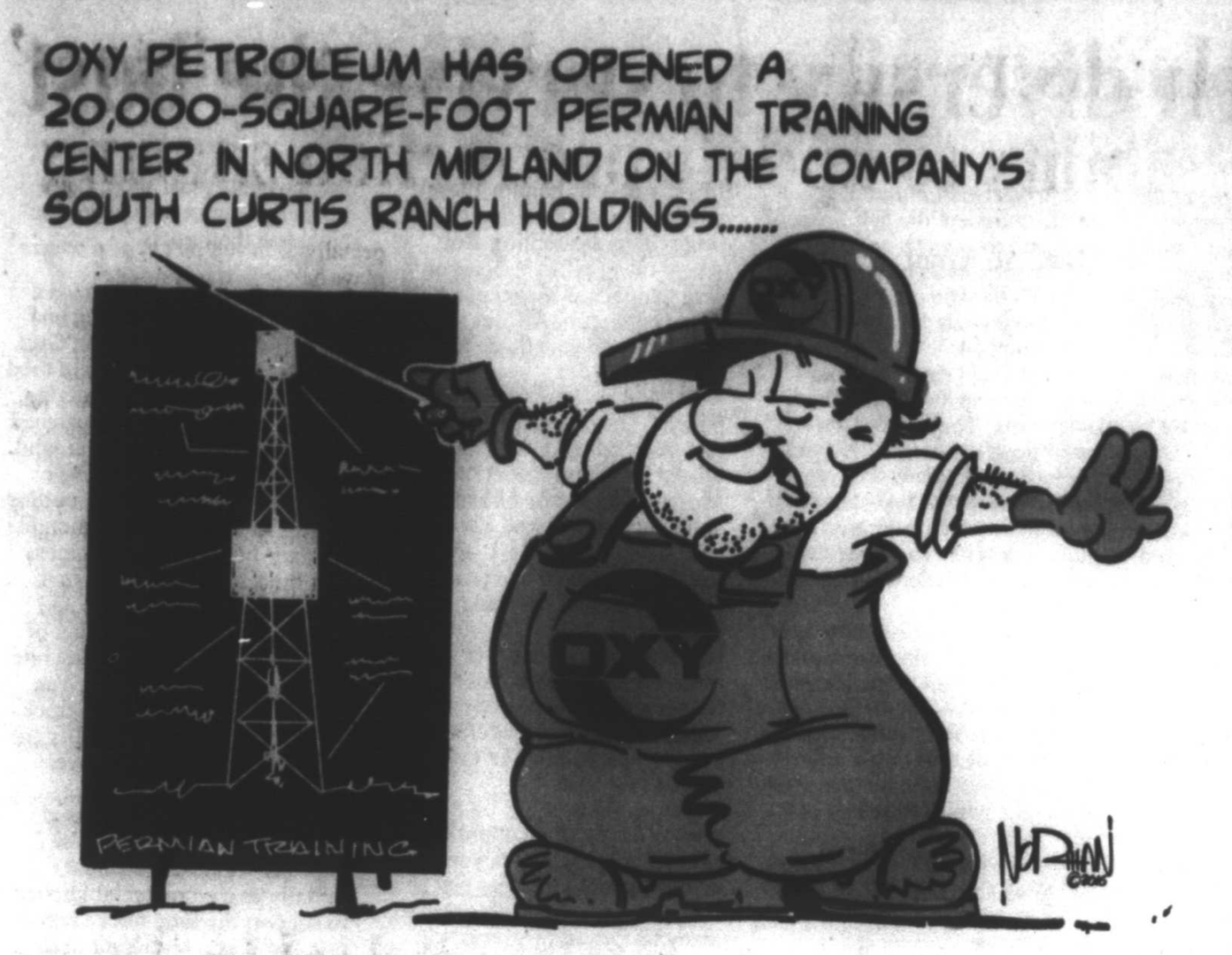
said. The company has two terminals in the Eagle Ford — the Mission Rail Park, which set a record in July for largest landing of fracturing sand with 140 rail cars — and the Laredo Rail Park. Other terminals are located in the Powder River Basin in Douglas, Wyoming, and the Evans Terminal to serve the Denver-Julesburg Basin.

"We are optimistic and we believe in our business model," Jennaro said.



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$25.40	Sunoco*	$27.25
Flint Hills Resources*	$27.25	Nymex futures	$28.96*
Phillips 66	$27.28		
Plains*	$27.00		
Shell Trading	$27.30		

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of Feb. 17

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price Feb. 17	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	$2.189	$1.942	$2.759
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$2.030	$1.680	$2.475
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$2.005	$1.620	$2.294
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$2.033	$1.650	$2.382
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$2.030	$1.645	$2.345
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$2.043	$1.682	$2.436
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$2.148	$1.844	$2.694

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EIA: Oil to average $38 as stock builds outpace production

Global oil inventories could keep rising in 2016 and 2017 faster than oil production outside of OPEC can drop, the U.S. Energy Information Administration says.

The EIA believes worldwide crude stocks could increase by an average 1 million barrels a day this year even as crude production outside the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries declines by 600,000 barrels a day — its first overall drop in eight years.

Next year, inventories could keep growing by 300,000 barrels a day while non-OPEC falls by 200,000 barrels a day, the EIA said. Meanwhile, the International Energy Agency believes the oil market has underestimated OPEC's ability to ramp up crude production, and noted Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran all pulled up more oil in January, boosting the group's output by 280,000 barrels a day.

"Continuing increases in global oil inventories are expected to keep oil prices under $40 a barrel through August," EIA Administrator Adam Sieminski said in an emailed statement.

Cash-hemorrhaging Key Energy swaps out CEOs

Houston-based Key Energy Services will appoint a new CEO on March 1 as the financially suffering company faces a potential de-listing from the New York Stock Exchange.

Dick Alario is giving up the CEO title to President and Chief Operating Officer Robert Drummond, who just joined the company in June. Last year, Key split the CEO and chair roles with independent board member Mark Rosenberg taking over as the new chairman. Prior to joining Key Energy, Drummond was the president of North American operations for Schlumberger, which is the world's largest oil-field services firm.

The struggling oil field services company has traded for less $1 a share since the end of July. In September, Key received a de-listing warning from the NYSE. The company's stock value closed at 26 cents a share on Wednesday.

"Current commodity prices have left the U.S. oilfield services industry dealing with the most precipitous and sustained activity collapse in multiple decades," Alario said in a prepared statement. "Key has aggressively reshaped its organizational structure and resized its cost structure to address the realities of today's market. Key has continued to adopt the mantra of 'control what we can control' and took another meaningful component of costs out of the business in the third quarter."

Key reported a net loss of $152 million for the fourth quarter of the year, worse than a $52 million loss during the same time a year prior. For the year, suffered a net income loss of $918 million, compared to a $179 million loss in 2014.

In an analyst note, Simmons & Company International called it a "messy quarter" for Key, but also a sign that it is beginning to show positive impacts from aggressive cost cuts.

A year ago, Key said it was cutting a quarter of its support staff and consolidating and closing service facilities. The company has made more undisclosed cuts since then. Key was investigated in 2014 by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission regarding questionable business activities in Russia.

Diamondback, Dawson Geophysical begin seismic testing in north Midland

Diamondback E&P LLC and Dawson Geophysical are alerting north Midland residents that a 3-D seismic program has begun on a small portion of north Midland with the placement of recording equipment around homes and property. The area will be north of Wadley Ave. between Holiday Hill Road and Big Spring Ave.

Residents may notice the recording equipment, in the form of yellow boxes, black cable and attached geophones, placed on the ground. Residents may also notice Dawson personnel and vehicles in the area. Dawson crew members will be wearing orange safety vests with the Dawson name on the back.

In most cases the equipment has been placed on easements that are controlled by the City of Midland. Diamondback negotiated this access with city officials and permits have been granted.

Both Dawson and Diamondback stress that the equipment poses no risk to the homeowner, their families, their property or pets.

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Fluid Delivery Solutions acquires Midland firm

2016 Fluid Delivery Solutions LLC, a provider of oilfield water management services in the Permian, Eagle Ford, Marcellus and Utica basins, has acquired Water Transfer LLC, a water transfer and equipment rental business focused on the Permian Basin.

Based in Midland and founded in 2013, Water Transfer works with top tier operators to deliver cost effective water transfer and equipment rental services.

Water Transfer will relocate all personnel to FDS's Midland office. The Water Transfer team will retain their roles within the expanded organization.

FDS is a portfolio company of Trilantic North America, a private equity firm.

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later Obama announced he would not approve the Keystone XL pipeline, a seemingly straightforward project to transport Canadian crude to U.S. refineries that galvanized the environmental movement.

Then, in December in Paris, world leaders agreed to work toward dramatic reductions in the amount of carbon mankind pumps into the atmosphere. Add in a primary season where presidential candidates work to appeal to the more ideological wings of their respective parties, and climate change seems to have found its political moment.

Will it last? So far, support for "Keep It in the Ground" among U.S. politicians largely is limited to the liberal wing of the Democratic Party and presidential candidates from that party. Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, said for now a radical shift away from fossil fuels simply isn't practical, and he expects the current wave of pledges will fade away.

"I don't oppose renewables. But I know the world is still going to run on hydrocarbons, and I'd rather we produce them here than buy them from Venezuela," he said. "We're in the middle of campaign season. Times will change."

For now, politicians supporting the "Keep It in the Ground" movement are eager to capitalize on the momentum. Earlier this month, as Obama was preparing to announce a $10.25 a barrel tax on crude oil, his administration was criticized by ten Democratic senators from coastal states for a plan announced last year to expand offshore drilling into the Atlantic Ocean, as well as within the Gulf of Mexico.

"Given the prevailing science and critical need to quickly reduce carbon emissions, we believe it is imperative that the federal government does not offer new leases, and make every effort to terminate existing, nonproducing leases," the senators wrote.

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February 23-24, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$430; Out of State, $455

Managing Sucker Rod Lift Well Failures
Instructor: Kent Gantz
February 23, Tue, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $375

An Introduction to Coiled Tubing
Instructor: Jeff Harris
March 1, Tue, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $375

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 6 of 6 Modules
Title: Federal Laws that Impact the Oil and Gas Industry
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 1; End Date: March 26 - Registration Deadline: 12:00 Noon, March 1st
Returning Registrants: $599; Out of State, $624 (purchased book for previous modules)
New Registrants: $649; Out of State, $674; (includes $50 manual (AAPL Land Reference Guide).
If you plan to register for additional modules, the $50 materials fee is a one-time charge

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Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 1; End Date: March 26 - Registration Deadline: 12:00 Noon, March 1st
$599; Out of State, $624
The required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

I.A.D.C. Well Control Drilling/ Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
March 14-18, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$1,350, Out of State, $1,375

Fundamentals of Directional Drilling
Instructor: Mark Bland
March 15-17, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
$1,295; Out of State, $1,320

Basic Oilfield Operations Training
Instructor: Albert Garza
March 16-17, Wed-Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$475; Out of State $500

Natural Fractures in Hydrocarbon Reservoirs
Instructor: Scott Cooper
April 5-6, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$800; Out of State, $825

PETRA Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
April 7-8, Thu-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$625; Out of State, $650

Completions and Stimulation for Geologists (and other non-petroleum engineering discipline)
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
April 12, Tue, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$375; Out of State, $400

Petroleum Engineering for Non-Engineers
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
April 13-14, Wed-Thu, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$695; Out of State, $720

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dramatic action is unlikely. That's why a lot of banks now predict oil will hang for the year in the $20-$30-per-barrel range.

One cure for cheap oil would come in the form of a stronger global economy — and stronger demand for fossil fuels. That is, of course, the most palatable fix. It's also a long shot, given the slowing of China's manufacturing machine and stagnation from Japan to Europe.

The excess might also be erased if oil-producing countries — the U.S. or Saudi Arabia, for instance — break under the pain of low prices. But neither, so far, seems to be in the offing. To the surprise of economists, U.S. drillers have so far managed to largely maintain production by focusing their efforts on the best and most efficient wells. Despite 50-some bankruptcies and an oil price drop of more than 70 percent, U.S. output has climbed from 9.1 million barrels per day in November 2014 to 9.2 million this month. Some industry forecasters, though, do say U.S. oil output could drop this year after severe investment cutbacks in 2015.

Meantime, the Saudis have pumped full-on. The Saudis can stomach a period of low prices because their oil is relatively cheap to access and (perhaps more important) they've built a treasure chest of savings, usable for a rainy day. That money will eventually dwindle, but it figures to last several years and hasn't yet influenced the Saudis' strategy.

The cutback in production could also come from another country. Roughly 15 nations produce more than 2 million barrels per day. Any of them, in theory, could close the gap between supply and demand. But why would they? Pumping and getting some cash, however scant, may be viewed as better than letting your investments rot.

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Wyoming oilmen diversify to survive the bust

Associated Press

CASPER, Wyo. — Branden Wagner, co-owner of Kustom Koncepts, has spent much of the last five years churning out oil tanks and drilling motor components from his shop in Mills.

But with oil prices 70 percent below their June 2014 peak, Wagner has taken to using the shop's $1 million laser cutter to fashion a new line of products out of scrap metal: earrings, porch ornaments and walkway lanterns — all adorned with Wyoming's bucking bronco.

"Right now we're working with customers in construction, transportation; wind is still big. Our transportation customers are still busy. But of course our direct oilfield-related stuff — that business is really no longer there," he said. "To stay relevant, to stay alive as a company, we've got to hit a little bit of everything."

Wagner is not alone. Casper businesses were the hub for Wyoming's oil fields during the boom years. Today, they are rewriting business plans, reassigning machines for jobs outside the oil patch and experimenting with new product lines.

Moser Energy Systems in Evansville makes natural gas generators used to power pumps at well pads. The slowdown has helped attract new oil field customers interested in cost savings, but the company has also opened its machine shop to contractors, manufacturers and customers looking to make athletic trophies and bucking bronco shaped coat hangers.

Kurtis Van Houten, one of the owners of the Flat Iron Grill in Casper, closed his oil field food truck business in January. He is now installing a drive-thru at his east-side restaurant, preparing prepackaged meals for busy families and catering events for community groups and health care providers.

"What everyone is doing in the downturn right now is trying to find a way to stay relevant," said Jakob Norman, president and CEO of Mesa Natural Gas Solutions, which has partnered with Moser Energy Systems to sell the Evansville firm's generators. "Our focus is to always be relevant no matter the price of oil."

The Wyoming oil field has fallen hard from the dizzying heights of 2014, when the number of rigs drilling for oil peaked at 42. Last week, the oilfield service firm Baker Hughes reported six oil rigs working in the state.

Wyoming economists recorded what they termed a "significant" increase in unemployment between November and December, with the number of people out of work rising from 4.1 percent to 4.3 percent.

Counties at the center of the oil boom have been hardest hit. Natrona County saw the percentage of people without work increase from 3.9 percent to 5.5 percent, year over year, while unemployment was up 1.3 percent and 1.1 percent in Converse and Campbell counties, respectively. The unemployment rates of both counties now stand at 4.3 percent.

The numbers are still below the national average, but they are a far cry from recent years when drilling reached a frenetic pace and unemployment seemingly fell every month. In the 60 months between 2010 and 2014, Wyoming unemployment rose three times, and in each instance, the jump was minor.

Kustom Koncepts illustrates the roller coaster ride Casper businesses have witnessed in recent years. The company was founded by Wagner, 32, and his brother Cameron, 30, a decade ago. Natural gas production in the Pinedale Anticline was booming, and companies needed drilling mats, wood and steel beds that sit beneath drilling rigs.

The brothers figured they would complete the first order of mats and then work on race-cars — Cameron competed regularly at the Evansville track — until their money ran out. Yet the work never stopped.

In the years since, the pair of Casper natives did a little of everything. They made bear-proof trash cans for Yellowstone National Park, outfitted a brush truck for the U.S. Forest Service and helped a transportation firm move a dragline from one coal mine in the Powder River Basin to another.

But the oil field accounted for much of their business. By 2010, natural gas around Pinedale was giving way to oil in the Powder River Basin. The brothers moved Kustom Koncepts into a new building, then built another next door, and then another and another. Their workshops became crowded with heavy machinery, including a robotic arm to weld oil tanks and the $1 million laser to cut metal.

Their payroll swelled to 22, with two shifts of employees working nearly around the clock. Demand was so great crews worked five Thanksgivings in a row to keep up with orders.

By the time oil prices started falling, the brothers were contemplating scaling back.

"Actually, this doesn't sound good business-wise, but we were relieved," Branden Wagner said, describing his initial reaction to the slowdown. "We were planning on cutting down our workload so we weren't managing weekends and double shifts."

He added, "it slowed down more than we were wanting it to slow down."

The company has since trimmed its payroll from 22 to seven.

The slowdown hasn't been universally bad for oilfield business. In Moser's case, it's presented something of an opportunity.

Most well pads employ diesel motors to power the pumps that bring oil to the surface. But where many oil wells flare or vent natural gas associated with crude production, Moser's generators use raw methane to power the pumps.

There is an environmental benefit. The company estimates that one customer, which replaced 393 diesel generators with Moser motors, saved 81 million cubic meters of flared gas and eliminated more than 17,000 fuel truck deliveries in one year. But for oil companies looking for any way to save on cost, the generators offer perhaps an even greater incentive: They save money. Moser reckons the same client that switched to its generators saved an estimated $67 million in annual fuel costs.

Before the bust, the company often faced an uphill battle convincing potential buyers that natural gas motors were just as reliable as the diesel counterparts many had used for years, Norman said. Today, he estimates roughly 50 percent of Wyoming oil companies are using natural gas generators while in south Texas that figure has reached 52 percent.

"Prior to the downturn, we used to hear things like, 'We don't care about price, I care about reliability,' Norman said. "Now we hear, 'If you can't save me money, I'm not talking to you.'"

Moser and Mesa, he noted, have not been forced to lay off any of their 100-plus person workforce as a result of the slowdown. Nevertheless, the companies have had to contemplate new ways to drum up business, ultimately prompting the decision to open their shop to contractors, manufacturers and even a customer in need of trophies.

"That is one way we've found to remain relevant," Norman said. "We have these great tools. We have this great shop. Let's open them up to help people accomplish their goals."

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The bust could not come at a worse time for Van Houten and his partners at the Flat Iron Grill. The trio launched an oilfield food truck business, Energy Catering, in June of 2014. They dispatched food trucks to businesses around Casper — Halliburton, Power Service, Schulmberger — pulling up just as workers were emerging for their lunch breaks. Business was brisk for much of the first year. But as 2015 wore on and layoffs mounted, the number of laborers in need of a midday bite dwindled. By New Year's, Van Houten decided to call the trucks in. He could no longer justify the expense of sending out drivers and food every day.

The partners had purchased the Flat Iron Grill, the site of a former Chinese restaurant, initially as a commercial kitchen to support the food trucks before opening it as a restaurant in its own right last March. The restaurant recently installed a drive-up window offering breakfast burritos and sandwiches to morning commuters. Van Houten plans to launch a new prepackaged meal service aimed at busy families with little time for cooking. And he branched out his catering business to local high school sports teams and health care providers.

"We're holding our own now," he said, noting the business did not take on a lot of debt to finance its launch.

Back at Kustom Koncepts, Brendan Wagner had long toyed with the idea of making something "interesting" with the machines the company had acquired. He just never had the time given the amount of oilfield business. Now he's hoping that something interesting could evolve into a new source of revenue.

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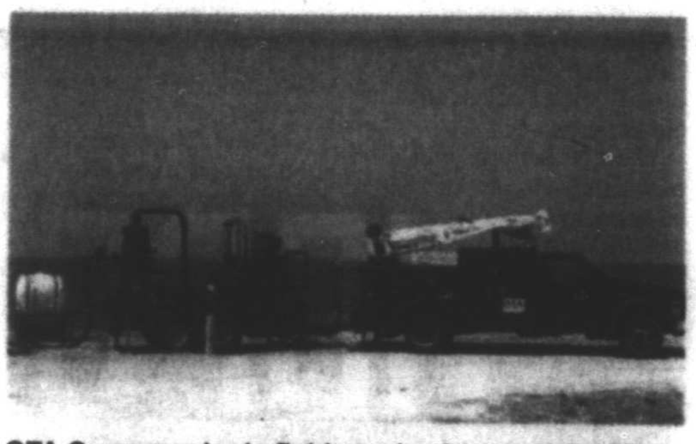

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Victaulic's Series 713 swing check valve line now includes 2-4 inch sizes

For years upstream companies have relied on the speedy installation and security of connection that Victaulic's Series 713 check valve line provides for smaller lines. Now Victaulic has expanded these reliable valves to include sizes ranging from 2 to 4 inches (50-100 millimeters).

The larger sizes enable the grooved-end check valves to be used on even more high-pressure piping systems than ever before. This offers operators expanded options for quick, simple installation and maintenance of check valves in demanding and constantly evolving environments.

In addition to larger sizes, the Series 713 also offers higher working pressures than earlier designs, allowing for more versatility in installation. Designed for headers that feed upstream facilities as well as other high-pressure services, the valve can be used in applications requiring Class 300 pressure ratings. The 2-inch (50 mm) valve is rated to 1,000 psi (6895 kPa), while the 2-1/2, 3- and 4-inch sizes (65-100 mm) are rated to 750 psi (5,170 kPa).

Featuring grooved ends, the Series 713 swing check valve is joined using Victaulic couplings, enabling quicker and easier installation and maintenance than flanged valves. The valve can be joined to pipe with Victaulic Original Groove System (OGS) grooved ends. A standard Style HP-70 or Style 107N coupling is used for the closure coupling, simplifying access.

The Series 713 swing check valve is available with grade 'E' EPDM or grade 'T' nitrile seat material, which have corresponding temperature ranges of -30 to 230 degrees Fahrenheit (-34 to 110 degrees Celsius) and 20 to 180 degrees Fahrenheit (29 to 82 degrees Celsius) respectively. The valve is designed for use in horizontal installations and can be coated for use in corrosive services.

Victaulic's grooved joining system allows pipe and other components, such as valves, to be connected up to 10 times faster than with other methods. The system also creates extremely secure connections, which can be easily disconnected when needed, then reconnected when pipe is moved, extended or otherwise changed.

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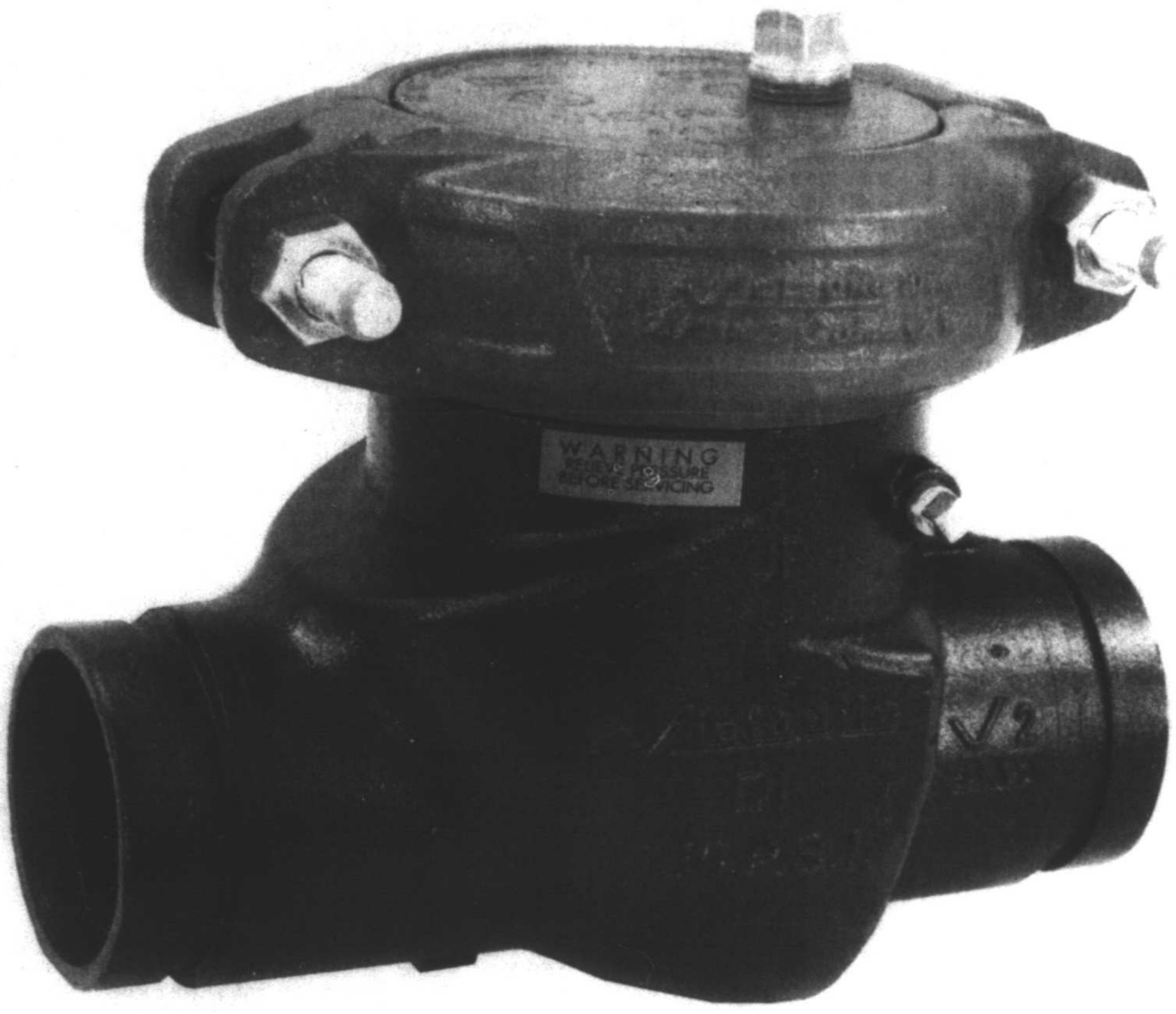

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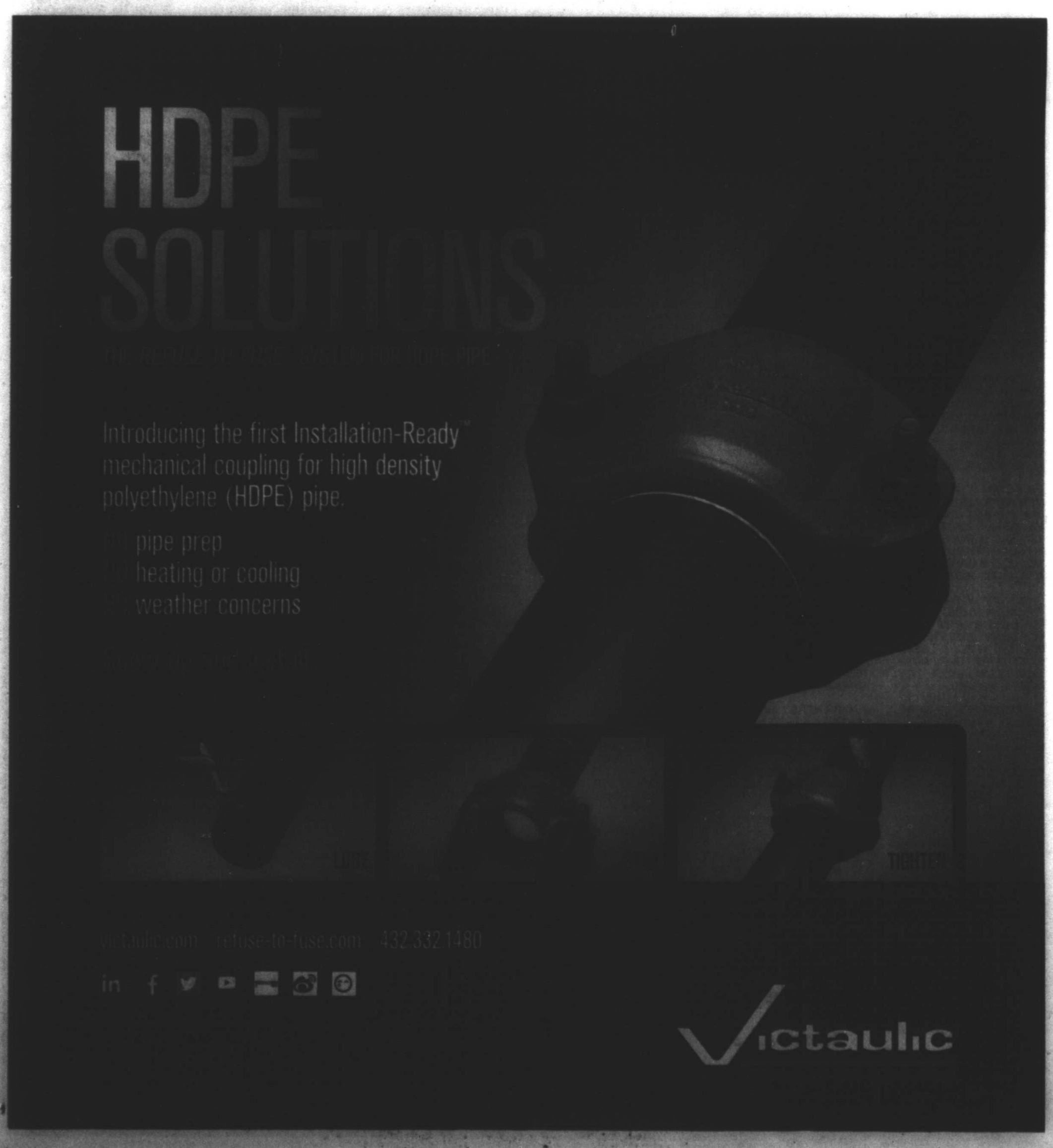

COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Elk Meadows Resources LLC
J. D. Biles "125" #1H
Dempsey Creek (San Andres)-Horizontal; 650 fsl, 1300 fel, Sec 9, Blk A-31, Abst. 867, PSL, 24 nw Andrews; TD 4555 TVD, 10032 MD; Comp 1/28/2016; producing from 9924 -9925, fracture stimulated; pump 138 BO, 4161 BW, 33.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47278

Glasscock County

Apache Corporation
Braddock "47" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 2240 fel, Sec 47, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 335, T&P RR, 7.2 w Garden City; TD 11192; Comp 1/25/2016; producing from 8192 -8283, fracture stimulated; pump 10 BO, 73 MCF, 201 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-35682

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Hughes & Talbot "75-24" #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 467 fswl, 650 fsel, Sec 13, Blk 75, Abst. 1252, PSL, 17.75 ne Mentone; TD 12264 TVD, 17770 MD; Comp 1/14/2016; producing from 12772 -17593, fracture stimulated; flow 1359 BO, 2086 MCF, 1965 BW on 21/64 inch choke, 43.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-32659

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Blacktip State "42" #7H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 575 fsl, 1510 fel, Sec 31, Blk 29, Abst. 1194, PSL, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11681 TVD, 17171 MD; Comp 1/15/2016; producing from 12147 -16990, fracture stimulated; flow 497 BW, 960 MCF, 2765 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 3661 psi, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-32258

Texas RRCD 8A

Gaines County

Strand Energy LC
Higg Ranch "3O" #1
Russell (Clearfork Consolidated); 467 fsl, 467 fsl, Sec 30, Blk AX, Abst. 968, PSL, 10.6 sw Denver City; TD 7850; Comp 1/13/2016; producing from 6090-7652; pump 16 BO, 6 MCF, 122 BW, 36.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37724

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #948
Burch Keely; Sec 23 T17S R29E; 1630/N & 335/E. BHL: 1678/N & 361/W; EL 3592 GL, TD 9437 MD, 4913 TVD, PBTD 9353; Spud 9-6-15, Comp 10-30-15; production is through treated perfs: 5153-9333. Treat: Acdz 13 stages w/52,290 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/1.550,480 gals gel, 99,540 gals Water Frac R3, 117,140 gals Water Frac R9, 159,852 gals trt wtr, 3,246,385# 20/40 white sd, 629,992# 20/40 CRC. IP: 11-15-15 Pump 24 hrs 574 BO, 1050 BW, 495 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 264 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 950 w/550 sx, 7 @ 4314 w/2300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9412, 2 7/8 @ 4246; API #30-015-42723

Apache Corp.
NFE Federal #29
Cedar Lake; Sec 6 T17S R31E; 985/S & 155/E. BHL: 983/S & 333/W; EL 3753 GL, TD 9580 MD, 5324 TVD, PBTD 9580 MD; Spud 3-10-15, Comp 11-5-15; production is through treated perfs: 5686-9548. Treat: 2456 bbls total acid, 2,659,660# sd. IP: 11-21-15 Pump 24 hrs 705 BO, 2527 BW, 587 MCF, GOR 832, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 420 w/470 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3500 w/1500 sx, 7 @ 4809 w/610 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5066; API #30-015-42585

COG Operating LLC
Sherman "4" Fee #6
Atoka; Sec 4 T19S R26E; 150/N & 190/E. BHL: 384/N & 2237/E; EL 3348 GL, TD 7541 MD, 3036 TVD, PBTD 7538; Spud 5-21-15, Comp 7-7-15; production is through perfs: 3280-7498. IP: 7-28-15 Pump 24 hrs 257 BO, 1382 BW, 61 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1200 w/1100 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7541 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2641; API #30-015-41666

COG Operating LLC
Crapshoot 13 Federal Com #2
Parkway; Sec 24 T20S R29E; 230/N & 1140/E, BHL: 344/N & 1973/E; EL 3520 GL, TD 13562 MD, 8417 TVD, PBTD 13480 MD, 8417 TVD; Spud 6-8-15, Comp 10-16-15; production is through treated perfs: 8900-13455. Treat: N/A. IP: 11-15-15 Pump 24 hrs 582 BO, 1612 BW, 875 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 345 w/1321 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1770 w/1730 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3498 w/1250 sx, 7 @ 7779 w/2450 sx, 5 12 @ 7780-13550, 2 7/8 @ 7915; API #30-015-43158

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Burton Flat Deep Unit #61
East Avalon; Sec 2 T21S R27E; 2050/S & 100/W. BHL: 2194/S & 297/W; EL 3211.8 GL, TD 12361 MD< 7441 TVD, PBTD 12312.7; Spud 5-27-15, Comp 10-24-15; production is through treated perfs: 7688-12303. Treat: 13,734 gals 15% HCL acid, 6,905,000# 20/40 Ottawa sd. IP 10-27-15 Pump 24 hrs 354 BO, 922 BW, 591 MCF, GOR 1669.49. Csg: 20 @ 300 w/900 sx, 13 3/8 @ 760 w/985 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2844 w/785 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12361 w/1245 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6893; API #30-015-43136

Chevron USA Inc.
Rustler Bluff 34 24 29 Fed Com #1
SE Willow Lake; Sec 3 T25S R29E; 276/N & 2205/E. BHL: 149/N & 2284/E; EL 2979 GL, TD 14000, PBTD 13852; Spud 1-10-15, Comp 7-2-15; production is through treated perfs: 9303-13717. Treat: 72,861 bbls clean volume, total proppant-4,622,024#. IP: 10-27-15 Flow 24 hrs 1240 BO, 477 BW, 1878 MCF, GOR 1514. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 409 w/460 sx, 9 5/8 @2893 w/1100 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13979 w/2455 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8130; API #30-015-42671

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
North Brushy Draw Federal 35 #6
Wildcat; Sec 35 T25S R29E; 175/N & 2290/E. BHL: 230/S & 1910/E; EL 3014 GL, TD 15,027, PBTD 14,912; Spud 7-19-15, Comp 9-26-15; production is through perfs: 1046-14862. IP: 9-30-15 Flow 24 hrs 210 BO, 685 BW, 511 MCF, 64/64" Ch, CP 380. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 667 w/580 sx, 9 5/8 @ 7382 w/2425 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15007 w/1150 sx; API #30-015-42293

Chevron USA Inc.
Midnight Sun 2 26 27 #5
Delaware River; Sec 2 T26S R27E; 175/N & 775/W. BHL: 288/S & 542/W; EL 3222 GL, TD 14,126, PBTD 13,894; Spud 6-9-15, Comp 8-18-15; production is through treated perfs: 9412-13,824. Treat: Frac w/clean volume-2,754,603 gals total proppant-4,514,415#. IP: 10-17-15 Flow 24 hrs 490 BO, 2624 BW, 1460 MCF, GOR 2979. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 496 w/605 sx, 9 5/8 @ 7539 w/4100 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14101 w/1160 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8456; API #30-015-43040

Lea County

XTO Energy Inc.
Perla Verde 31 State #3
Lea; Sec 31 T19S R35E; 170/S & 1860/W. BHL: 192/N & 1880.4/W; EL 3704 GR, TD 15675, PBTD 15579; Spud 6-30-15, Comp 8-18-15; production is through treated perfs: 11400-15450. Treat: N/A. IP: 8-29-15 Flow 24 hrs 483 BO, 1467 BW, 338 MCF, TP 581, GOR 699.79, Gty 40.99. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1840 w/1625 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3950 w/1138 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15675 w/2395 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10495; API #30-025-41862

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
Paloma 21 Federal Com #1
South Lea; Sec 21 T20S R34E; 200/N & 675/W. BHL: 2318/N & 444/W; EL 3737 GL, TD 18153 MD, 11060 TVD, PBTD 18132 MD, 11060 TVD; Spud 9-13-14, Comp 6-18-15; production is through treated perfs: 11278-18124. Treat: Frac w/6120293 gals slickwater & acid. IP: 6-29-15 Flow 24 hrs 208 BO, 301 BW, 273 MCF, 10/64 CH, P 2400, GOR 1313, Gty 45. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1620 w/1362 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5218 w/2350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 18136 w/3700 sx; API #30-025-41993

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
Paloma 21 Federal Com #2
South Lea; Sec 21 T20S R34E; 200/N & 1650/W. BHL: 2363/N & 1871/W; EL 3639 GL, TD 18130 MD,11121TVD, PBTD 18113 MD, 11121 TVD; Spud 12-18-14, Comp 7-21-15; production is through treated perfs: 11364-18070. Treat: Frac w/5,849,582 gals slickwater, 44,498 gals acid, 5,005,380# sd. IP: 7-30-15 Flow 24 hrs 489 BO, 1057 BW, 617 MCF, 15/64" Ch, CP 2200, GOR 1262, Gty 45. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1640 w/1335 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5240 w/2200 sx, 5 1/2 @ 18130 w/3600 sx; API #30-025-41994

Apache Corp.
West Blinebry Drinkard Unit #211
North Eunice; Sec 9 T21S R37E; 510/N & 1310/E; EL 3467 GL, TD 6950, PBTD 6905; Spud 9-2-14, Comp 12-4-14; production is through treated perfs: 5614-6017, 6122-6364, 6473-6668. Treat: 7263 gals acid, 284,908 gals pad, 503253# sd, 15,722 gals gel. IP: 12-4-14 Pump 24 hrs 85 BO, 258 BW, 183 MCF, GOR 2153, Gty 37. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1320 w/450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6950 w/1200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6818; API #30-025-41875

Regeneration Energy Corp.
Try Try Again #1
Antelope Ridge; Sec 23 T23S R34E; 230/S & 380/W. BHL: 330/N & 380/W; EL 3416 GR, TD 15,878, PBTD 15,876; Spud 12-26-14, Comp 10-29-15; production is through treated perfs: 11852-15725. Treat: 4,062,588# 100 mesh, 2,448,042# 30/60. IP: 10-30-15 Flow 24 hrs 172 BO, 1402 BW, 100 MCF, 10/64" Ch, CP 4000, GOR 581. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 891 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5008 w/1500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15875 w/2580 sx; API #30-025-41841

COG Operating LLC
Gunner 8 Federal #6
Wildcat; Sec 8 T26S R34E; 190/S & 2625/W. BHL: 351/N & 2296/W; EL 3351 GL, TD 19640 MD, 9769 TVD, PBTD 19568 MD, 9769 TVD; Spud 6-11-15, Comp 10-20-15; production is through treated perfs: 10102-19543. Treat: Acdz w/192932 gals 7.5%, Frac w/18,927,810# sd & 19,125,133 gals fluid. IP: 11-17-15 Flow 24 hrs 245 BO, 2705 BW, 561 MCF, TP 440. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 815 w/660 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5393 w/1710 sx, 5 1/2 @ 19640 w/4265 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10034; API #30-025-41181

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Reagan County

AMERICAN ENERGY-PERM BASIN LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2HA COPE 79-80, 1690 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 79 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-609 9000', 17 NE STILES API# 42-383-39505

AMERICAN ENERGY-PERM BASIN LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 25HS TURNER AR UNIT A, 5575 FNL 3836 FWL, SEC 1, A ROACH SUR., A-401 9000', 16 NE RANKIN API# 42-383-39508

AMERICAN ENERGY-PERM BASIN LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 26HA TURNER AR UNIT A, 5555 FNL 3836 FWL, SEC 1, A ROACH SUR., A-401 9000', 16 NE RANKIN API# 42-383-39507

OXY USA WTP LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1406BU MERCHANT, 2528 FNL 1606 FEL, SEC 14 BLK B, L&SV/ WJ CUTBIRTH SUR., A-757 12500', 22 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-39504

OXY USA WTP LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1414BU MERCHANT, 1846 FNL 1611 FEL, SEC 14 BLK B, L&SV/ WJ CUTBIRTH SUR., A-757 12500', 21 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-39501

OXY USA WTP LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H POLO 1604BU, 230 FSL 1616 FEL, SEC 16 BLK B, L&SV/ CM REYNOLDS SUR., A-395 12500', 23 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-39506

OXY USA WTP LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1404A MERCHANT, 2340 FNL 2430 FEL, SEC 14 BLK B, L&SV/ WJ CUTBIRTH SUR., A-757 12500', 22 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-39500

OXY USA WTP LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1406A MERCHANT, 2486 FNL 1606 FEL, SEC 14 BLK B, L&SV/ WJ CUTBIRTH SUR., A-757 12500', 22 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-39503

OXY USA WTP LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1414A MERCHANT, 1886 FNL 1611 FEL, SEC 14 BLK B, L&SV/ WJ CUTBIRTH SUR., A-757 12500', 21 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-39502

OXY USA WTP LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1404BU MERCHANT, 2380 FNL 2430 FEL, SEC 14 BLK B, L&SV/ WJ CUTBIRTH SUR., A-757 12500', 22 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-39499

Schleicher County

EAGLE PRODUCTION, INC., SW CODY BELL (WLFCMP) (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 1 MEADOR-HENGST ET AL, 1100 FEL 1600 FNL, SEC 5 BLK LL, TC SUR., A-564 8000', 10 W ELDORADO API# 42-413-32857

Tom Green County

BANNER OPERATING, LLC, JUNE ANN (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 TURNER RANCH TD 25, 1373 FWL 858 FSL, SEC 25 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-913 9000', 21 NW SAN ANGELO API# 42-451-32842

ELCO OIL & GAS, INC., STRINGER (SAN ANGELO) (O) DRILL Well# 2 SAS, 470 FSL 972 FWL, SEC 896, C ZIEHEN SUR., A-4213 2000', 2 NW CHRISTOVAL API# 42-451-32841

Upton County

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2603P POWELL 26 H2603, 438 FSL 568 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/J WINDHAM SUR., A-1511 9285', 24 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40212

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2602P POWELL 26 H2602, 461 FSL 559 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/J WINDHAM SUR., A-1511 9285', 24 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40211

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Andrews County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3209SH CASSELMAN, 214 FNL 639 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/ HA MASSEY SUR., A-778 9300', 24 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47274

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3208SH CASSELMAN, 214 FNL 609 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/ HA MASSEY SUR., A-778 9300', 24 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47273

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., FULLERTON (DEVONIAN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 21 TEXAS UNIVERSITY M, 762 FSL 661 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 13, UTL SUR., A-U423 11050', 12 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-04683

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 6127 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1312 FSL 2395 FWL, SEC 7 BLK A32, PSL/ CW LOGSDON SUR., A-1975 7500', 18 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47265

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 2334R FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 611 FSL 2199 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U396 7250', 15 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47263

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 4366R FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 661 FNL 1981 FEL, SEC 3 BLK A32, PSL/JW HARPER SUR., A-599 7500', 19 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47272

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 2134R FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2005 FNL 2139 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U396 7250', 16 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47260

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 1032 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1953 FSL 164 FEL, SEC 7 BLK A32, PSL/JW HARPER SUR., A-591 7500', 18 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47259

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 5422 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 164 FNL 754 FEL, SEC 5 BLK A32, PSL/ WG JONES SUR., A-1400 7600', 19 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47258

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 5338 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1331 FSL 496 FEL, SEC 23 BLK A26, PSL/ ODESSA RANCH CO SUR., A-2021 7600', 19 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47251

Crane County

BURNETT OIL CO., INC., SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT) (RECOMP)(INJ) Well# 1012 MCKNIGHT SAND HILLS UNIT, 1200 FWL 2250 FNL, SEC 10 BLK B-21, PSL SUR., 3700', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-33639

Culberson County

CAPITAN ENERGY, INC., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H STATE MATTIE 2, 467 FSL 2267 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 59 T2S, T&P SUR., A-2733 10200', 48 NE KENT API# 42-109-32894

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) DRILL (INJ) Well# 9 ASSAULT 14 FEE SWD, 1400 FSL 250 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 59 T1S, T&P/ PV HOLLEBEKE SUR., A-5559 16200', 16 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32895

Ector County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1504 AUGUSTA BARROW, 600 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 42 T1S, T&P SUR., A-91 12200', 10 N ODESSA API# 42-135-43388

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3921H PARKS BELL, 2481 FSL 1220 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-65 12000', 9 NE ODESSA API# 42-135-43389

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3922H PARKS BELL, 2481 FSL 1180 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-65 12000', 9 NE ODESSA API# 42-135-43390

SAGA PETRO. LLC OF COLORADO, S COWDEN (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 6 HS FOSTER, 672 FWL 1989 FSL, SEC 10 BLK 43 T3S, T&P/ JJ HENDERSON SUR., A-568 4750', 8 SW ODESSA API# 42-135-04887

SUNDOWN ENERGY LP, GOLDSMITH (O) DRILL Well# 6 TXL B, 990 FNL 930 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 44 T2S, T&P SUR., A-296 6200', 9 NE NOTREES API# 42-135-43391

Glasscock County

CINNABAR OPER., LLC, JAILHOUSE (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 501 ANDREWS, 467 FSL 2300 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-219 11000', 9 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37264

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 3 DRIVER 43A, 660 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-142 10480', 3 NE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-35531

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SHAWN (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 1504 LAZY E, 2275 FWL 946 FNL, SEC 15 BLK 34 T2S, T&P SUR., A-202 5500', 15 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37265

OGX OPERATING, LLC, FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 SLING BLADE 14, 330 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 35 T5S, T&P/ RL MCCAMANT SUR., A-893 10500', 11 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37249

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 CURRIE-NEAL 47, 495 FSL 883 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-414 11300', 14 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37266

Loving County

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BRUNSON 47, 150 FNL 2145 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 76, PSL/ GS BRUNSON SUR., A-1019 14000', 14 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32739

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BRUNSON 38, 151 FNL 2115 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 76, PSL/ GS BRUNSON SUR., A-1019 14000', 14 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32738

MATADOR PROD. CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 212H DICK JAY 92-TTT-B01 WF, 170 FSWL 1434 FSEL, SEC 90 BLK 1, W&NW/ JG ALLEN SUR., A-470 12000', 2 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32737

MATADOR PROD. CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 204H DICK JAY 92-TTT-B01 WF, 140 FSWL 1404 FSEL, SEC 90 BLK 1, W&NW/ JG ALLEN SUR., A-470 12000', 2 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32735

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H UNIVERSITY 20-4 LOV, 291 FNWL 1344 FSWL, SEC 9 BLK 20, UL SUR. 12400', 15 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32740

TEMA OIL & GAS COMPANY, GRICE (DELAWARE) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW SID M KYLE ETAL, 2167 FEL 2598 FSL, SEC 26 BLK 54 T1, T&P/ CF CARMINE SUR., A-1266 6750', 16 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32734

Midland County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8SH CASSELMAN 10, 402 FNL 981 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ BM AYCOCK SUR., A-1386 9350', 9 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40541

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 9SH PECAN ACRES 22A2, 250 FNL 610 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ BM AYCOCK SUR., A-1391 9300', 6 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40518

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 10SH CASSELMAN 10, 372 FNL 1011 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ BM AYCOCK SUR., A-1386 9350', 9 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40543

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 9SH CASSELMAN 10, 432 FNL 1011 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/ BM AYCOCK SUR., A-1386 9350', 9 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40542

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 807WB OAKTREE B UNIT, 1673 FEL 1800 FNL, SEC 8 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-17 10000', 5 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40510

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H O BRIEN B, 2166 FNL 1108 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 36 T2S, T&P SUR., A-536 10500', 16 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40469

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 330TH SHACKELFORD G, 275 FSL 1690 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 37 T3S, T&P SUR., A-140 10500', 18 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40521

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H CUNNINGHAM 37C, 1212 FWL 2443 FSL, SEC 37 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-105 9700', 18 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40429

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H O BRIEN B, 2166 FNL 1063 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 36 T2S, T&P SUR., A-536 10500', 16 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40468

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3225SH NOBLES, 2310 FEL 345 FNL, SEC 29 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-255 9700', 10 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40538

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3128SH NOBLES, 424 FEL 1113 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/C QUINN SUR., A-818 9700', 11 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40527

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3126SH NOBLES, 1130 FEL 551 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/C QUINN SUR., A-818 9700', 10 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40520

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3301BH NOBLES, 478 FWL 356 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/C QUINN SUR., A-817 10200', 10 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40522

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1206BH BRADFORD TRUST B UNIT 2, 1664 FEL 340 FNL, SEC 24 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/ FM WOULLARD SUR., A-1109 9610', 25 SE ODESSA API# 42-329-40532

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3228SH NOBLES, 339 FEL 359 FNL, SEC 29 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-255 10200', 9 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40540

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1205BH BRADFORD TRUST B UNIT 2, 2609 FEL 738 FNL, SEC 24 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/ FM WOULLARD SUR., A-1109 9970', 25 SE ODESSA API# 42-329-40509

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3222SH NOBLES, 733 FWL 350 FNL, SEC 29 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-255 9700', 10 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40530

Mitchell County

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., WESTBROOK (O) (RECOMP) Well# 621 WESTBROOK SOUTHEAST UNIT, 991 FSL 1721 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 28 T1N, T&P/ EC MORRISON SUR., A-1541 3300', 11 W COLORADO CITY API# 42-335-01428

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., WESTBROOK (O) (RECOMP) Well# 535 WESTBROOK SOUTHEAST UNIT, 1893 FSL 562 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 28 T1N, T&P/ EC MORRISON SUR., A-1541 3300', 11 W COLORADO CITY API# 42-335-33781

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., WESTBROOK (O) (RECOMP) Well# 812 WESTBROOK SOUTHEAST UNIT, 1663 FNL 989 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 28 T1N, T&P SUR., A-573 3300', 12 W COLORADO CITY API# 42-335-00311

Pecos County

BRIGHAM RES. OPER., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H KELLEY STATE 22, 1600 FSL 620 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 46 T9, T&P/AM MOR CO & 1ST REAL EST & INV C SUR., A-3322 16000', 21 NW FT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39361

Reeves County

COG OPERATING, LLC, HOEFS TK (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5001H THUNDERBIRD UNIT, 1457 FNL 1355 FEL, SEC 190 BLK 1, HATCH/W ANDERSON SUR., A-6238 12000', 12 NE SARAGOSA API# 42-389-35044

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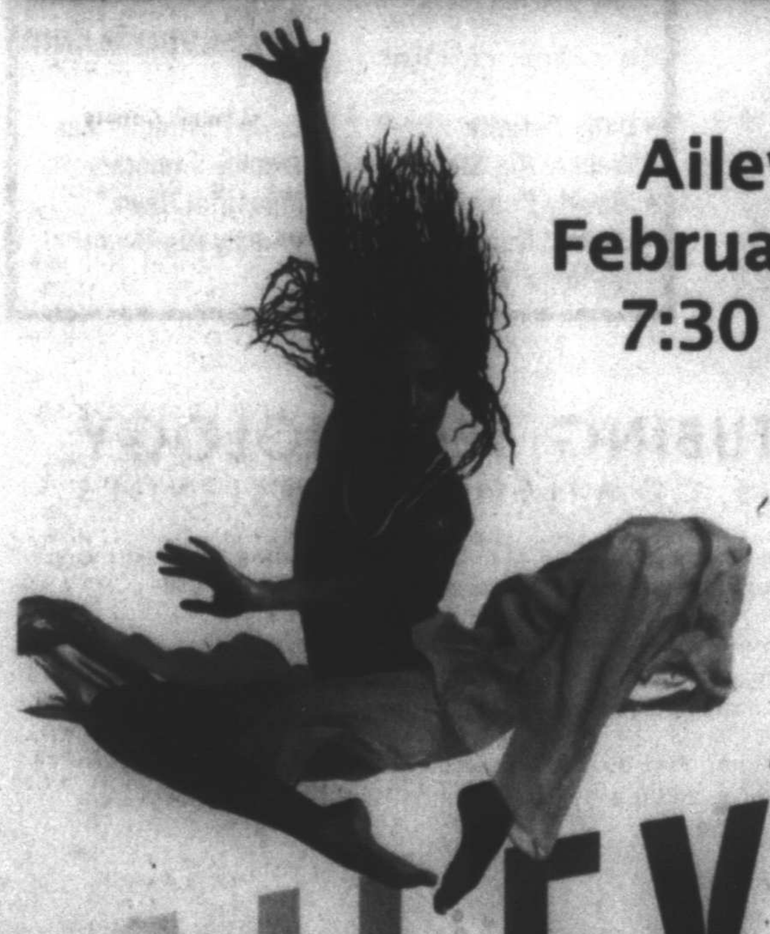

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PANTHER EXPL., LLC, ARNO (DELAWARE SD) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 MONROE STATE SWD, 2640 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 32 BLK 55 T4S, T&P/ SG BARROW SUR., A-4202 5800', 17 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35043

PELAGIC WATER SYSTEMS, LLC, HAMMERING HANK (DEL) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 007 SWD, 600 FSL 2047 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 51 T8S, T&P SUR., A-765 7000', 21 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35041

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Dickens County

CHOLLA PETR., INC., E CROTON CRK (TANN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 DICK'S LAST RESORT UNIT, 2100 FWL 1586 FNL, SEC 272 BLK 1, H&GN/J BUTT SUR., A-594 5999', 10 E SPUR API# 42-125-31351

Scurry County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., COGDELL (AREA) (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 6371 COGDELL CANYON REEF UNIT, 1283 FWL 142 FNL, SEC 614 BLK 97, H&TC/ C COPPINGER SUR., A-2271 7500', 14 N SNYDER API# 42-415-30589

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Yoakum County

MANZANO, LLC, PLATANG (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H HAIR SPLITTER 454, 210 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 454 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ GW MCCONNELL SUR., A-1203 9000', 11 SW PLAINS API# 42-501-36620

MANZANO, LLC, PLATANG (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H HAIR SPLITTER 454, 210 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 454 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ GW MCCONNELL SUR., A-1203 9000', 11 SW PLAINS API# 42-501-36621

WISHBONE TX OPER. CO. LLC, CLAIRE-ALAFAIR (DEV) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1W WISHBONE FARMS 710, 467 FEL 660 FSL, SEC 710 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ J MCCRARY SUR., A-1065 12000', 13 SW PLAINS API# 42-501-36622

New Mexico

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COG Operating LLC
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Burch Keely; Sec 12 T17S R29E; 215/S & 1022/E; 3 1/2 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 4683 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43512

Apache Corp.
NFE Federal Com #47
Cedar Lake; Sec 5 T17S R31E; 2535/N & 175/W; 6 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 8992 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-43507

Apache Corp.
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Cedar Lake; Sec 5 T17S R31E; 2510/N & 715/W; 6 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 9447 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-43508

Apache Corp.
NFE Federal Com #51
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Apache Corp.
Tony Federal #65
Cedar Lake; Sec 19 T17S R31E; 159/N & 2510/W; 4 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6437.5 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-43506

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Viper 29 32 WOLM Fed #1
Forehand Ranch; Sec 29 T23S R27E; 2455/S & 450/W; 6 mi W Loving; Rot 16796 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43498

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Whitesnake 2021W2BC #1
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 20 T23S R28E; 354/N & 2395/E; 1/2 mi E Loving; Rot 14615 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43497

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Loving Townsite 21 W2PA Fee #1
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 28 T23S R28E; 220/N & 450/E; 1/2 mi S Loving; Rot 15395 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43496

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Loving Townsite 21 WOPA Fee #2
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 28 T23S R28E; 220/N & 600/E; 1/2 mi S Loving; Rot 14935 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43495

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Foreigner 33/4 W2JO Fee #1
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 33 T23S R28E; 2450/S & 2310/E; 1 mi SE Loving; Rot 17620 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43499

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Foreigner 33/4 W2LM Fee #1
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 33 T23S R28E; 2450/S & 450/W; 1 mi SE Loving; Rot 17640 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43494

Matador Producing Co.
Tiger 14 24S 28E RB #123
Pierce Crossing; Sec 14 T24S R28E; 1608/S & 330/E; 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13100 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42501

Matador Producing Co.
Tiger 14 24S 28E RB #203
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 14 T24S R28E; 1638/S & 330/E; 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43502

Matador Producing Co.
Tiger 14 24S 28E RB #207
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 14 T24S R28E; 1578/S & 330/E; 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43503

Matador Producing Co.
Tiger 14 24S 28E RB #223
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 14 T24S R28E; 1668/S & 330/E; 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43504

Matador Producing Co.
Tiger 14 24S 28E RB #227
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XTO Energy Inc.
Lago Real Federal #1
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Poker Lake Unit #482
NE Corral Canyon; Sec 16 T25S R30E; 382/N & 2067/W; 13 mi SE Malaga; Rot 17144 Delaware; API #30-015-43511

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AB PAD 10 State #1
Leamex; Sec 10 T17S R35E; 490/S & 330/W; 7 mi SE Maljamar; Rot 7500 Paddock; API #30-025-42978

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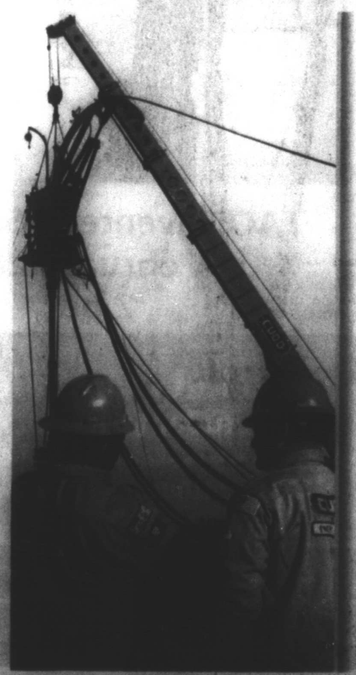

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